

MAYOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION

Citizens of Shelby are asked to assemble at the courthouse within one hour after the official surrender of Germany in a proclamation issued this morning by Mayor Harry Woodson. At this meeting a special prayer service will be held. Mayor Woodson also called on beer and wine dealers to refrain from the sale of either of these beverages.

If the surrender proclamation comes at night, the meeting at the courthouse will be held at 10 o'clock the following morning.

The full proclamation follows: "Whereas, all evidence and information point to the rapid approach of V-E Day, at which time all hostilities will cease in the European Theatre of War; and

"Whereas, on that day a great many of our people will feel inclined to celebrate and to let go of their pent up emotions in various and sundry manner, some of which will undoubtedly prove to be not only untimely, but disgusting, irreverent and unparliamentary; and

"Whereas, it is the earnest desire of most of our good people to observe this day in a prayerfully thankful manner;

"Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Woodson, Mayor of the City of Shelby, do proclaim V-E Day as a day to be observed in a respectfully quiet and prayerful way and I, therefore, call on all places of business selling wine and beer to show their reverence and patriotism on this day by refraining from the sale of either of these beverages. I call also on all the ministers in the city of Shelby, and all the citizens who care to attend, to assemble at the court house within one hour after the official announcement of the surrender of Germany, there to hold a meeting and offer prayer to Almighty God for the merciful cessation of the European phase of this bloody conflict.

"Done at the city hall of the City of Shelby, this the third day of May in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred forty-five."

Three New Members On Hospitals Board

RALEIGH, May 4.—(P)—Three new members have been appointed by Governor Cherry to the advisory committee of the State hospitals board of control. They are: Dr. Oscar L. Miller of Charlotte, Dr. C. Orr of Asheville, and Dr. J. B. Robinson of Wilmington.

BIG FOUR

said afterward there may be a agreement this weekend.

This is one of the big gaps left in the plan worked out at Dumbarton Oaks last fall. Chief American interest focused on finding a way to allow this country to retain control of military bases built or to be developed on Pacific islands won from Japan with American lives.

Paralleling the nine American objectives announced by Stassen yesterday for changes in the Dumbarton Oaks plan, the British were reported to have these six objectives in mind for amendments:

1. A preamble to the Dumbarton Oaks charter to set forth the high moral purposes and endorsements of human rights to which the world organization would be committed. (For this the British favor a statement proposed by Prime Minister Jan Christian Smuts of South Africa.)

2. A provision to make certain that the organization has enough flexibility to handle any troublesome international situations which arise. (The United States proposal to give it specific power to review treaties probably will serve the British purpose.)

3. A provision to allow scope for regional action to maintain peace without impairing the prestige of the security council or weakening the Dumbarton Oaks principle that the security of all nations can best be maintained on a world-wide rather than a regional basis.

4. Elevation of the social and economic council to have equal importance with the security council. Under the Dumbarton Oaks plan, the economic council is subordinate to the general assembly of nations; the security council outranks the assembly.

5. A provision allowing a world organization, once it is set up, to work out some rule whereby the so-called middle powers—like Australia, Canada and Brazil—would be assured of places on the security council in recognition of their military prestige.

6. A system of trusteeships for dependent territories which are considered international responsibilities.

Lay Heavier Rails On Seaboard Track, Shelby To Bostic

Repair crews on the Seaboard Airline Railway have completed laying heavier rails between Bostic and Shelby. The old rail weighing 75 pounds per foot has been taken up and replaced with new 100-pound rail.

This completes the heavier rail laying on this branch of the Seaboard from Bostic east through Charlotte. From Shelby east the heavier rail was laid some years ago and is being done in order to provide for the use of heavier engines and perhaps eliminate the necessity of using lighter double-header engines, carrying coal shipments east which are picked up from the Clinchfield at the Bostic yards.

New Employment Offices Planned

WASHINGTON, May 4.—(P)—Four additional U. S. Employment offices are to be set up in North Carolina, Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt has informed Sen. Clyde R. Hoey.

Sen. Hoey said the offices will be established at Elkin, Chapel Hill, Carthage and Belmont.

SILVER STAR

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The enemy, deceived as to the disposition and the size of the forces facing them because of Sgt. Martin's skillful placement of fire, quickly moved their main body to the rear. This maneuver allowed Sgt. Martin's comrades to rush forward and capture twenty prisoners.

Sgt. Martin's gallant efforts removed a serious threat to his company's position. His combat skill, courage under fire and devotion to duty exemplify the high traditions of the Infantry and the United States Army.

Sgt. Martin, who made his home here with his uncle and aunt, by whom he was reared, entered the Army in November, 1942 and after completing his training in the United States sailed for an overseas station in February, 1944. Prior to entering the service, Sgt. Martin was employed by the Seaboard Railway Co. He has also been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for meritorious achievements in combat against the enemy.

HAUSS

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Salem, Candler, Greensboro, Ramseur and Shelby. For the past four years he has been president of the Western North Carolina conference and for four years prior thereto was its secretary.

Mr. Hauss' new duties will find him working in the churches, schools and women's clubs. He will do both organizing and lecturing. His record on the local circuit has been exceptionally favorable. Officials of the Allied church league said they regarded themselves as unusually fortunate in securing him for this new work.

Memorial Service At Pleasant Hill

The Pleasant Hill Baptist church will hold its annual memorial service Sunday, May 6, beginning with Sunday School at 11:00 o'clock, a sermon by the pastor, the Rev. Lawrence Roberts, at noon, then dinner will be served on the grounds.

In the afternoon a program of singing has been arranged in which several quartets from surrounding communities will participate, and there will also be congregational singing. The quartets that will sing at this service are the Victory Boys from Spartanburg, Smith's Quartet from Spartanburg, the Borders' Quartet from Shelby, and the Carolina Melody Boys from Gastonia. Garland Thompson, a member of the Carolina Melody Boys' Quartet, will conduct the singing service.

Cpl. Howell V. Cash Is In Army Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Cash of route 2, Kings Mountain, have received word from their son, Cpl. Howell V. Cash, that he is recuperating in an Army hospital in Augusta, Ga., having been wounded in action while serving in the European theater of operations in January. Prior to coming to the United States he was hospitalized in England.

Cpl. Cash entered the Army in February, 1943, and received his training in Michigan before going overseas. He is a graduate of Bethware high school and was employed by the Neisler Mills prior to entering service.



LIBERATED—Pfc. Walter Hershel Elgin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Elgin of Cranmeron, has been liberated from a Guam prison camp on April 16. His wife, the former Miss Grace Falls, who is making her home on route 1, Kings Mountain, received a letter from her husband May 1, stating that he would be a patient in a hospital in France for about 30 days and that he hoped to be home sometime in June.

Pfc. Elgin entered service in January, 1943, and sailed for an overseas station in June, 1944. He was reported missing in action in Germany since January 20, 1945, while serving with the 76th division of the Seventh Army. Word was received from him on April 7 stating that he was a prisoner of the German government.

Rutherford Dairies Gets Charter

RALEIGH, May 4.—(P)—Three certificates of incorporation filed today with the secretary of state included one for Rutherford Dairies of Spindale, to deal in dairy products at wholesale and retail; subscribed capital stock \$100,000, authorized stock \$3,000,000, with William T. Carpenter, J. J. Hamlin, Jr., both of Rutherford, and D. D. Moss and B. G. Moore, both of Forest City.

CAPTURE

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Admiral Karl Doenitz, was reported to have fled to Kiel, where a Stockholm dispatch said he, his new foreign minister, Count Ludwig Schwering von Krozig; Werner Best, German minister to Denmark; and Josef Terboven, Nazi commissioner for Norway, were in conference.

The Swedish central news agency quoted "usually reliable sources" as saying that Doenitz and Field Marshal Montgomery would meet or already were meeting at Kiel or in Denmark, and that Best, Terboven and Col. Gen. Georg Lindemann, Nazi commander in Denmark, possibly were there. Reuters also carried a report to this effect.

IN COPENHAGEN But the BBC said it had reliable information that the Doenitz government had moved to Copenhagen and that Doenitz was there. A similar report was carried in a broadcast attributed by Allied Monitors to the Luxembourg radio.

The Paris radio said both Doenitz and Heinrich Himmler, chief of the vanishing Gestapo, had approached the Allies again, offering to surrender what is left of the German army to Britain, Russia and the United States.

Of Germany proper, all that the Allies could not call conquered was a little bulge in the Elbe river area east of Magdeburg, and a tightening salient around the last of the northwest German cities and the Schleswig Holstein peninsula which leads to Denmark.

These either were corridors of retreat or pockets of surrender—surrender at so vast a rate that the Allies were losing count.

U. S. FLAG

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wage negotiations last month. Ickes told the hard coal miners to get back on the job "producing fuel to avert cold homes and shops which would seriously handicap the war with Japan next winter."

In directing Ickes to act President Truman said "the war effort will be unduly impeded or delayed" by continued idleness.

Strikes among the 72,000 anthracite workers began Tuesday morning under the union's "no contract, no work" policy.

LEWIS NOT PRESENT Lewis did not attend a Tuesday WLB hearing, and a bituminous district president, John Owen, said the board's contract extension ordered would have to be considered by the tri-district scale committee in New York.

There, where negotiations were barely kept alive yesterday with a 14-minute session, UMW Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Kennedy said no meeting of the scale committee was scheduled. Another negotiating session was set for 2 p. m. (EWT) today.

At Wilkes Barre, Pa., local UMW President John Ginko said the miners would "continue to sit tight" until Lewis instructs them to return to work.

HEADS TEMPERANCE UNION MONROE.—(P)—Mrs. H. A. Rouzer, Salisbury, yesterday was reelected president of the south central district of the North Carolina Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Carolínians Freed From Prison Camp

Altenrgraw PRISON CAMP, Germany, May 4.—(P)—Three North Carolina servicemen and two from the Palmetto state were listed among liberated American prisoners of war as the 63rd infantry division began the release of 1,200 imprisoned Yanks at this German prison camp.

The Carolínians listed as being released included: Pvt. Boyd B. Byrd, Yanceyville, N. C.; Pfc. Thomas C. Rice, Mars Hill, N. C.; Pfc. William C. Thompson, Waresboro, S. C.; Pfc. Clyde C. Nance, Marshville, N. C.; and Pfc. Walter Watson, Bishopville, S. C.

Lattimore Baptist To Have Memorial

Memorial service will be held Sunday morning at the Lattimore Baptist church with Rev. C. C. Crow, pastor, delivering the main address. Friends and former members of the church are invited to attend.

Sons, Daughters Of Liberty Cancel Meet

DURHAM, May 4.—(P)—The annual council meeting of the sons and daughters of liberty, held in June, has been cancelled in compliance with ODT regulations. State Councilor Tom Whitfield announced yesterday.

The organization's board of directors has approved a motion that all officers and committees serve for another term.

CHANCELLERY

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flame it is impossible to see much." Hermann Goering's air ministry likewise was abashed. The dispatch said "It is impossible to get a fix on it, but the gigantic scale is intact."

Flames still licked at other buildings, and in the Tiergarten trees crackled and swayed in the heat blasts. Izvestia's correspondent said: "I have been asking the question 'Where is Hitler?' of German prisoners. They all answer 'Hitler and Goebbels committed suicide.'"

There was no way of telling what the population of Berlin was at the moment, but unofficial estimates put it at not much under 5,000,000 for the metropolitan area. The Red army set up army bakeries for the people and put thousands of prisoners to work clearing the streets.

AFTER SURRENDER Red Star Correspondents Lt. Col. Leonid Vysokostrovsky and Pavel Troyanovsky gave graphic pictures of Berlin after the surrender. "Ruins, craters, smashed streets, street cars on their sides, fresh graves, German bodies still not buried, white flags, throngs of gloomy, starving inhabitants. Such is Berlin today," they wrote.

The Wilhelmstrasse, the street which was lined by government buildings, was piled high with surrendered German arms and down it were moving columns of German prisoners.

"One can't walk or ride on Unter Den Linden," they added. "Nine rows of fallen trees were placed across it at one place with sandbags stacked behind them. Through this we saw Red flags flying from the Soviet and French embassies."

Dispatches said the Reichstag still was smoking, with the roofs of the halls caved in but the skeleton of the Cupola still standing and atop it the Red banner. "I saw an old German digging in ruins," said one of the Izvestia correspondents, "and asked what he was looking for. 'My family,' he replied. Fairly soon 10 persons came crawling from the ruins."

WORK NIGHT, DAY The Russian reporters said registration of Nazis had commenced in Berlin and Russian experts were working night and day to get gas, water, light and communication services working. Soviet specialists were being landed at Tempelhof airfield to push repairs.

Correspondents entering the underground headquarters of the German general staff said they found evidence that the officers left but one telegrapher to answer calls when they fled. At the machines where he worked they found the ribbons bearing his last messages which told in a unique manner the story of the last hours of the capital. Some of them were:

"I have an urgent message for Oslo."

"Very sorry, we are not transmitting any more. You see in a few hours we shall be closing down."

"Is there nobody in Berlin who could be sent with a dispatch?"

"No."

"ALL RATTLED" "My God, what is happening?" "We've fought ourselves to a standstill."

"Here's an urgent message for Gen. Wiessel."

"I told you we are not accepting anything else."

"I should like to know what your situation is."

"Fine as ever. If you could see me now, I am sitting here in full uniform with my greatcoat and tommygun. They have all rattled. I am the last. Spirits below zero. x x x There is a noise around my neck."

"Have you got contact with Prague?" "Idiot, of course not. I'm telling you I am the last. Ivan is here on my neck. I'm going to cut the wires. Lord, what we have come to. It's all over with Germany. Ivan is at the door. I'm cutting the wires."

Today's Markets

Furnished by J. Robert Lindsay and Company Webb Building Shelby, N. C.

Table with columns: N. Y. COTTON AT 2:00, Today, Prev. Day, March, May, July, October, December.

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Table with columns: STOCKS AT 2:00, Amn Rolling Mill, American Loco, American Tobacco B, American Tel and Tel, Anaconda Copper, Beth Steel, Boeing Air, Chrysler, Curtiss-Wright, Elec Boat, General Motors, Pepsi Cola, Greyhound Corp, International Paper, Nash Kelly, Glenn L. Marti n, Newport Ind, N Y Central, Penn R R, Radio Corp, Reynolds Tob B, Southern Railroad, Stand Oil N J, Sperry Corp, U S Rubber, U S Steel, Western Union, Youngstown S and T.

Table with columns: STOCKS IRREGULAR, NEW YORK, May 4.—(P)—Market customers still liked peace-rated stocks today but many displayed a preference for the cashing of profits and the result was considerable irregularity.

Trends, fairly steady at the start, slipped here and there as the session proceeded. Bonds were uneven. Commodities improved.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK CHICAGO, May 4.—(P)—Salable hogs 4,000, total 9,000; actively traded; good and choice barrows and sows 140 lb. up at 14.75 culling; good and choice sows at 14.00; complete clearance.

Salable cattle 1,500, total 1,500; salable calves 500, total 500; very moderate supply of steers and heifers here, steady; steers selling at 13.50-16.50 and heifers at 13.00-15.00 mostly; best mixed offerings 16.50; cows steady with recent 50 to 75 cents decline; beef cows bulking at 9.75-13.00 and canners and cutters at 7.25-8.50; no reliable outlet for sausage bulls at 13.00 down; beef bulls steady; moderate active at 12.75-13.75; vealers steady at 16.00 down; weak moderate supply stock cattle well cleaned up at 13.50 to 15.50.

N. C. HOGS RALEIGH, May 4.—(P)—(NCDA)—Hog markets steady with tops of 14.55 at Clinton and Rocky Mount and 14.85 at Richmond.

N. C. EGGS, POULTRY RALEIGH, May 4.—(P)—(NCDA)—Egg and poultry markets steady to very firm.

Raleigh—U. S. grade A extra large 38; hens, all weights, 27 1-2. Washington—U. S. grade A large 41; broilers and fryers 34.3.

ENEMY

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Swedish reports said that the British Second Army—which captured 500,000 of the routed enemy in the last two days—had invaded that kingdom. The Germans themselves proclaimed Kiel and Flensburg open cities and indicated their fall was near.

One unconfirmed report from the Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet said it was believed that Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz was negotiating with Field Marshal Montgomery at Flensburg for surrender.

What Germans survived that catastrophe in the north were attempting a hurried land and sea flight toward the uncertain refuge of Norway.

The Seventh Army of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch joined Lt. Gen. Lucian Truscott's victorious Fifth Army at Cipteno in the Brenner pass ten miles south of the snow-heaped Italian frontier.

The Seventh army captured Innsbruck, capital of the Tyrol and fourth largest city of Austria. The Cactus (103rd) division received a tumultuous ovation there last night before rolling on south through the Brenner pass to join the Fifth Army in Italy.

Half a million Germans had surrendered in 48 hours to the British Second Army and at least three attached American divisions in the north.

The Germans who had not surrendered north of fallen Hamburg were in chaotic flight by land and sea toward Norway, where the shadowy Doenitz regime may make its last stand about the bases of the submarines the admiral once commanded.

Planes and tanks and artillery all turned the German flight into a debacle of burning ships and wrecked land transport. Diehard Nazis were driven into the sea.

Virtually all of Germany was conquered. The last Nazi holdings were shrinking pockets, untenable and beyond hope of relief.

Hal Franklin Leigh Dies, Was Long Ill

Hal Franklin Leigh, 73, son of D. W. Leigh of Shelby, died Thursday morning in the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem, following an illness of over two years. His body was taken to the home of Walter Leigh, at 518 Dover St., and the funeral service is to be held this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at the Patterson Springs Baptist church, conducted by the Rev. D. F. Putnam, pastor of the church. Interment will take place in the church cemetery.

Surviving the youth are his father, D. W. Leigh of Shelby; one brother, Walter Leigh of Shelby; three sisters, Mrs. Brice Henson and Miss Edna Leigh of Shelby, and Mrs. Catherine Blanton of Kings Mountain.

NAZIS

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drome to push repairs of the city's public utilities.

Berlin's buildings and the city's comparative quiet was broken every few moments by exploding mines or delayed action shells. Prisoners were still being brought into Berlin from the outskirts of the city.

Wooded areas yielded hundreds of unshaven, starved and exhausted Germans. Developments were expected at anytime from the Dresden direction and news was also expected from troops of the Third Ukrainian army west of Vienna, where patrols had been reported within 10 miles of the American forces.

VON KLEIST

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the presence of common retreating German soldiers." The 63-year-old marshal gave up to the 26th division's 328th infantry when it reached Mittelfeld, where he occupied a small dwelling.

Von Kleist, who said he had left the eastern front eight days ago before the advancing Russians, was the planner and the spearhead of the invasion of Poland in 1939, and commanded the troops which pierced the Maginot line and permitted the Nazis to overrun France in 1940.

Europe's greatest zinc deposit lies north and east of Beuthen, in upper Silesia.

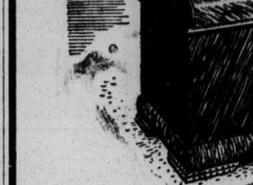


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Mrs. Paul Heads Library Board; Librarian Named

Mrs. Dan Paul has been elected new chairman of the Shelby public library succeeding Mrs. S. S. Royster, who has served in that capacity for the past 16 years. It was announced this morning. The board at its re-organization meeting also approved the selection of Miss Verona McRary of Greenville, S. C., as new Shelby librarian. Miss McRary will come here October 1 from Purocellville, Va., where she has been serving as librarian. The library work is now being directed by Mrs. Grace Cummings and Miss Virginia McMurry. Miss McRary is a graduate of the Library school of the University of North Carolina and comes to this city highly recommended by the state library commission.

Members of the library board are Glee A. Bridges, of Kings Mountain, by virtue of his office as chairman of the board of county commissioners; Harry S. Woodson, by virtue of his office, and Horace Grigg, superintendent of county schools, by virtue of his office; Miss Selma Webb, Mrs. B. T. Falls, Mrs. S. O. Andrews, Mrs. Paul Webb, Sr., Mrs. J. S. Dorton, Mrs. S. S. Royster, Mrs. J. H. Austell, Mrs. Dan Paul and Mrs. J. W. Harbison.

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enhower, on the other hand, has vigorously protested proposed reductions in order to get increased shipments off to MacArthur.

"Norway, Denmark and sections of Holland remain unliberated and are occupied by strong and fanatical forces of the enemy x x x. It is urgently necessary to start an increased flow of replacements to the Pacific ocean area over and above those required to replace battle losses. Many veteran soldiers have been through several hard-fought campaigns in that area under very trying climatic conditions. We should return these men for release from the army as quickly as possible. To accomplish this, a pool of replacements must be built up there."

May's committee began closed-door discussions today with military leaders on demobilization and postwar army plans.

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Dr. Wall Will Preach Sermon For Nurses' Finals

Baccalaureate sermon for the class of graduating nurses of Shelby hospital will be preached Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the First Baptist church by Dr. Zeno Wall. It was announced today.

The graduating exercises will take place on the evening of May 12 at the Presbyterian church with the address to be delivered by President Phil Elliott, of Gardner-Webb College.

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to Rangoon, where he was told that all but a few Japanese stragglers had fled the city April 25.

SAILED DOWN RIVER The airman then got into a sampan and sailed down the Rangoon river to advise amphibious forces making their way northward after landing at the river mouth.

Allied prisoners liberated by the combined operations forces said the Japanese began evacuating Rangoon three weeks ago by land and sea and only light opposition was expected. American pilots who flew over the city reported a large sign on one building saying "Japs gone."

To the north, British 14th army forces closing in on Rangoon from south of Pegu were overcoming remaining enemy resistance. In the Irrawaddy sector the capture of Prome on the east bank of the great, muddy river has cut off large forces of Japanese to the west.

Air activities were greatly reduced by bad weather, but heavy bombers attacked four Jetties and the railway siding at Moulmein while other planes dropped medical supplies to Allied prisoners of war in the Rangoon central jail. Henzada railway station on the city's outskirts was bombed and strafed and rolling stock was destroyed.

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