

## World War No 2. Is Just About Over

As we go to press radio reports indicated that the war with Japan is about over. Wednesday Russia declared war on Japan. Last week American scientists released the Atomic Bomb, the most devastating bomb in the history of mankind.

Yesterday, radio reports say Japan agreed to the surrender terms outlined at Potsdam, Germany, on condition that Emperor Hirohito of Japan be allowed to remain in power. Radiocasts this morning indicated the Allies were agreeable to this. Military officials said this morning that it may take two or three days to complete negotiations for full surrender.

### GRADY SCHOOL OPENS ON AUG. 15th

Due to the Grady-Outlaw Reunion to be held at B. F. Grady School on Friday Aug. 31st, the school will open on Wednesday Aug. 15th instead of the original date of Aug. 16th set for the schools of the county. This will mean that there will not be any school on the day of the Reunion.

The faculty at B. F. Grady is complete as follows: 1st grade, Mrs. Audrey A. Butler, Mrs. Effie Outlaw; 2nd grade, Mrs. Katie W. Rowell, Mrs. Florence Currie; 3rd grade, Miss Martha Perkins, Mrs. Henrietta S. Grady; 4th grade, Mrs. Elizabeth Lanier, Miss Hazel Johnson; 5th grade, Miss Edna Earle Edgerton, Miss Lena Chestnutt; 6th grade, Mrs. Nina M. Garner, Mrs. Hazel Kornegay; 7th grade, Miss Bessie Kornegay, Miss Lela McKeithan; Mrs. Bonnie Davis, History; Mrs. Pearl C. McGowan, English; Miss Geraldene Gregory, Science; Mrs. Alice G. Smith, Mrs. Frances W. Bostic, Home Ec.; Mrs. F. Bostic, Agriculture; E. D. Edgerton, Principal.

Outlaw Bridge School Faculty is: H. A. Thompson, Principal; and Misses Elithe and Rachel Outlaw and Mrs. Annie M. Outlaw, teachers.

### Teachey Soldier Is Commended

Cpl. French C. Wells, 26 son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian M. Wells of Teachey, has been commended by his battalion commander for his outstanding and untiring efforts in the performance of his duties as a Dental Technician. He is with the 131st Engineer Combat Battalion now on Luzon. Cpl. Teachey entered service in March, 1942 and has served on New Caledonia, New Georgia and Bougainville before going to Luzon.

Cpl. Wells wears two Bronze service stars on his Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon for battle participation and the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one Bronze star awarded by the Philippine Commonwealth for participation in the liberation of Luzon.

### LUMBERTON MARKET ENDS 1st WEEK

Lumberton, Aug. 7. — Lumberton's tobacco market swung into high speed this week as the first full week of the new 1945 season got under way on the heels of the high prices that prevailed at the opening. Lumberton again was setting the pace for good sales and top money, as evidenced by the opening when a market average of \$44.64 was set on the more than 750,000 pounds of tobacco that went at auction.

Lumberton's seven warehouses are taking care of the flow of tobacco with the six guaranteed sales every day. Farmers here expressed high approval of the selling system and have been greatly pleased with the prices they are getting.

Better tobacco is now beginning to flow into the Lumberton market as the farmers get their better grades in shape for selling.

### CAVENAUGH TELLS ROTARIANS WHO OWNS WARSAW

The Warsaw Rotary Club held its regular meeting on Thursday, August 9th, with fourteen members and the following guests present: Mr. Joe Best, President of the Clinton Rotary Club; Jimmy Austin and Pete Winford, also of the Clinton Rotary Club; and Sidney Apple, a local returned service man.

A. L. Cavanaugh, the speaker, gave a civil address on the ownership of our city. He stated that no one individual or group of individuals owns our city. It belongs to everybody who lives within its boundaries. Every inhabitant shares equal ownership and likewise shares equal responsibility in the matter of civic affairs.

"Man is never satisfied. He wants a better job, a nicer house in which to live, a better car, more and finer clothes, a way to provide a better education and opportunity for his children. For his personal satisfaction man wants the best possible. Fortunately, this same view-point is not projected outward to the group when man thinks in terms of his community.

"There are many men -- civic-minded individuals who give of their time and efforts to promote community welfare -- who think of their city in the same terms as they think of themselves. Such a man votes a bond issue to lay more paved streets in his town, erect a bigger and better school building, build paved roads and to advance his town in every way possible.

"People who seek to gain more for themselves are called ambitious. People who seek to gain more for their city are often called extravagant and visionary. Without such ambition, extravagance or vision man today would still be living in caves, dressing in skins, and going out with a club to kill his food. It is the ambition and desire for progress which has brought him from those days to these, and certainly we are not going to discourage ambition when it applies to our community life.

"We all want better things for our city, but we are not all willing to assume our obligation and responsibility as an equal owner of our city."

"In this short talk I have tried to point out three main things. One of these is that the real owners of a town are the people who live there and enjoy the town's benefits and opportunities and every citizen owns an equal share in the city. Second, that every individual as an owner should accept his responsibility to participate in civic activities and assume community responsibilities. Third, that those who are civic-minded and active should be careful not to arouse antagonisms and misunderstandings which might grow into harmful issues which would prove obstacles in the future progress of our city.

"We are all part owners of our city. Let us demonstrate that pride of possession that we show in our personal affairs and makes us want to have nice things and greater opportunities. Let us be ambitious for the city we own and try to make it present a nice appearance, have all possible advantages and provide opportunities for ourselves and all over part owners who reside within its boundaries."

"Never in the history of Warsaw was there a greater need for unity, for tolerance, and for action. This is our challenge, and it is up to the people of Warsaw to meet it."

### LI. Strickland Leaves

#### After Furlough

Lt. (jg) Edward Strickland left Monday for Alameda, Calif., to resume his duties. He was with the Iwo Jima and Okinawa operations and flew missions over Tokyo.

### Japan

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Sound photo — Captain E. M. Zacharias, of the United States Navy, who learned to speak Japanese while attached to the U.S. embassy in Tokyo in 1920-28, has demanded unconditional surrender of Japan. Speaking through O.W.I. facilities and addressing his remarks to Japanese leaders he told them that America completes its troop redeployment can save Japan from complete extinction.

### FAISON CORPORAL WINS DECORATION

Cpl. John E. Oates, son of Mrs. Laura M. Oates of Faison, has been awarded the Silver Star Medal, for gallantry in action, by his commanding general in the Philippines, when his unit was attacked by an enemy assault patrol. Cpl. Oates manned a .50 calibre machine gun alone although in an exposed location. He killed several of the enemy and drove the remainder away.

Before entering the Army Cpl. Oates was engaged in farming. He has been overseas over six months and in combat for two months. He has a brother, Joe T. Oates, who served in Germany with the mechanized infantry.

### Beulaville Seamen Now At Norfolk

Tyson Kyle Guy, 24, ship's cook, 1c, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Guy of Beulaville, recently arrived at Norfolk, Va., to train for duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet. Guy is a veteran of 60 months' duty aboard a cruiser in the Atlantic. He wears ribbons for the American Theater and the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater.

Horace Edwin Nethercutt, 18, S 2c, USN, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse W. Nethercutt, of Beulaville, Rt. 1, is also training for duties aboard a new destroyer. Both boys attended Beulaville High School.

### Harry Eccles Pridgen

Harry Eccles Pridgen, 71, of Warsaw, died at his home Tuesday morning at 12:30. Funeral services were conducted from the home Thursday afternoon at 4:30, with the Rev. A. M. Williams, Methodist pastor of Warsaw officiating, assisted by the Rev. G. Van Stephens, Warsaw Baptist minister. Interment was in the family cemetery in the Friendship community of Duplin County.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Kate S. Pridgen; eight children, Harry Eccles, Jr., of Kinston, Mrs. A. T. Wrench and Mrs. K. C. Sidbury of Wilmington, Sgt. Francis Pridgen of the Army at Mitchell Field, N. Y., Mary C. Williams of Fort Benning, Ga., Mrs. Fred Revelle and Hannah Pridgen of Warsaw, and Mrs. Travis Vick of Jacksonville, Fla.; two brothers, J. C. Pridgen of Warsaw and A. L. Pridgen of Perrey, S. C.; and two sisters, Mrs. Byrd Salley and Mrs. L. A. Salley, both of Salley, South Carolina.

Active pallbearers were: Ben Swinson, Oscar Best, Leslie Brown, R. L. Minton, John Pridgen and J. R. Grady.

Mr. Pridgen is believed to have been the oldest member of Friendship Methodist church. He joined the church at the age of 11. His membership was for sixty years.

## Kenansville Soldier Writes of Encounter With A Fighting Jap

### Lt. Basinger Helps One 'Son of Heaven' To Join 'Honorable Ancestors'

IN THE PHILIPPINES -- "I'm lucky to be able to tell this story in person," said Lt. (jg) Ronald A. Basinger, USNR, here today, "because only a miracle saved me from death at the hands of a sword-wielding Jap."

Lt. Basinger, Kenansville, N. C., has just returned from the invasion of Labuan Island, Borneo and the Brunel Bay operation, where he was attached to a mobile communications unit of the 7th fleet.

"Entering the rear of my tent, where I crouched behind a sea chest, the Jap lifted his sword and swung at me, but the first blow was deflected by the sea chest."

"His second blow," related Lt. Basinger, "severed the stock of my Tommy gun and cut two fingers on my right hand, but I finally managed to raise the gun and emptied it into him. Then another 'son of Heaven' joined his honorable ancestors."

Lt. Basinger has been cited for a commendation by his superior officer for his "bravery and cool and deliberate action under fire." He also qualifies for the Purple Heart.

The American officer escaped luckily with slight finger wounds. But he now carries the dead Jap's sword used in the attack as a more lasting souvenir of the encounter.

None of the Japs were expected to survive the attack. They used firecrackers and chilling "Banzai" cries in order to create panic among the Americans, but their efforts were useless.

One of Lt. Basinger's fellow officers was instantly killed while fighting near him and one enlisted man in the unit was killed.

Lt. Basinger, whose wife, Mrs. Marie Basinger, lives at 925 Hackberry Lane, Tuscaloosa, Ala., is the son of P. W. Basinger, 39-14 55th St., Woodside, L. I., N. Y. He was employed by the Wells-Oates Lumber Co., of Kenansville, before entering the Navy in 1943.

He has been overseas for seven months and prior to that time attended the indoctrination school at Princeton University and the communications school at Harvard University.

Lt. Basinger is a graduate of the University of Alabama.

### Seven Springs Boy Honored With Dinner

A dinner was given in honor of Robert Stroud, Seaman 2c, USN, on Sunday at the home of his mother, Mrs. C. S. Thompson. The family was present including Mr. and Mrs. Lester Britt and children, Mr. and Mrs. Needham Stroud and child, Mrs. and Mrs. Earl Stroud and child, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Outlaw and infant and Sgt. Woodrow Stroud, who has received his discharge from the Army.

Robert had a 16-day leave. He has been on the USS Trenton in the Southwest Pacific. He said that was the best dinner that he had had in a long time.

All the family enjoyed the dinner and hope that Robert can soon come home to stay and that Victory will soon be here. Robert left for the Navy in April, 1944.

### SGT. TORRANS HOME FROM EUROPE

Sgt. Kenneth Ray Torrans, son of Mrs. G. L. Torrans of Baltic, has arrived home for a 30 day furlough. He was with the 44 Division of the 7th Army and with 5 years in service. Was overseas 13 months in France, Belgium and Germany.

### ABOARD THE U. S. SHIP WISCONSIN IN PACIFIC

Eldon Rose Jackson, 17, son of Henry S. Jackson of Rt. 1, Faison, has been advanced to seaman first class, aboard the U. S. Ship Wisconsin. He is attached to the communications department. Jackson reported aboard the "Big W" for the commissioning, April, 1944.

Jackson attended Piney Grove High School for three years. He wears the American Theater ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific ribbon, with one star, and the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one star. He joined the Navy when he was 16.

### JURORS NAMED FOR AUGUST CIVIL TERM

The following named persons were drawn to serve as jurors for August Civil Term; second week:

A. B. Fussell, Thomas Carter, T. M. Rogers, Coy Carter, R. J. Farrior, Jr., R. R. Dempsey, J. M. Holland, J. W. Rhue, Johnnie Smith, L. F. Byrd, Jr., J. S. Miller, D. H. Sholar, Veston Basden, D. G. Simmons, Henry Wilson, Ralph B. Hunter, J. W. Ritter, Alton Mercer, C. E. Chestnutt, W. D. Kilpatrick, J. C. Bishop, A. M. Howell, J. Lester Mathis, Q. L. Quinn, W. F. Pickett, H. E. Blackmore, E. L. Quinn, C. W. Holmes, H. H. Hall, Raymond Mercer, B. W. Graves, S. T. Bradshaw, R. C. Teachey, A. G. Brinson, Osborn Thigpen, and S. E. Judge.

### DOBSON CHAPEL HOMECOMING AUG 12

The annual Homecoming will be observed at Dobson Chapel on Sunday, August 12. Miss Katie Murray will speak at the morning services and there will be other interesting speakers throughout the program.

Dinner will be served. All present, and former church members and the community at large are invited to be present for the day.

### Sgt. Taylor Home Home On Leave

Sgt. Bill Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Taylor is home on a 7 day pass from Lincoln Field, Nebraska. He has been in service for nearly three years.

### RECEIVES PROMOTION

James F. Strickland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Strickland, has recently been promoted to 1st Sgt. His wife and son are residing for the present with his parents in Warsaw.

### News From Our Warsaw Boys

Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Blackburn have received a letter from their son, Pvt. Bertie J. Blackburn, Jr., that he is well and getting along fine.

He also writes he has seen friends from Warsaw. Fred Gaylor, Ernest Grady and Dunnie Smith since he left the States. They were well and he had the pleasure of spending afternoons with them. Fred gave him one of "The Times", which he was glad to get.

B. J., as he is known, graduated from Warsaw High School with the Class of 1944. Joined the USMC in September. Was called December 27th, receiving training at Parris Island, S. C., and Camp Lejeune. He sailed from Norfolk, Va., on April 12th, was in action on Okinawa and is now somewhere in the West Pacific.

### RESEARCH EXPERT



DR. FREDERICK T. PEIRCE

Dr. Frederick T. Peirce, former head of the Testing Department of the Shirley Institute of England, has assumed his duties as director of textile research at the School of Textiles at N. C. State College. The new faculty member, a native of Queensland, Australia, will have the double task of teaching at both the under-graduate and graduate levels and of developing the college's expanding program of research for the benefit of North Carolina's textile industry. Dr. Peirce was educated at Sydney University and at University College in London.

### Wesley Soldier Is Transferred To Norfolk

William Hampton Grady, 25, chief radioman, USN, of Kenansville, arrived at Norfolk, Va., recently to train for duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet.

Grady, a veteran of six years in the Navy, has just returned from 25 months abroad. He wears ribbons for the American theater, the European-African-Middle Eastern theater, the American Defense and the Good Conduct Medal.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Grady of Rt. 1, Kenansville, and is married to the former Miss Claudine B. Lee, 195 Pickett St., South Portland, Me. They have a daughter, Donna L. He attended East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, N. C.

### MT. OLIVE BOY NOW ON TINIAN

Cpl. Daniel J. Waller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Waller of Rt. 2, Mt. Olive, is now located on the island of Tinian, in the Marianas, with the 58th Bombardment wing, pioneer Superfortress unit which was recently transferred from the India-China theaters.

Cpl. Waller is a machinist and has been serving overseas for more than a year.

### XMAS IS COMING

Packages May Be Mailed All Year Round To Navy, Marine and Coast Guard.

Overseas gift packages for the fighting men of the Navy, Coast Guard and Marines may be mailed all year round, Rear Admiral Jules James, USN, Commandant of the Sixth Naval District and the Charleston Navy Yard, reminded families and friends of the fighting men today.

There is no deadline by which Christmas mail must be posted, but the Navy urges packages be mailed NOW to insure delivery by Christmas since the fleet is operating 5,000 miles beyond the Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

Gift packages must not be over five pounds in weight, no more than 15 inches in length, nor more than 36 inches in length and girth combined.

In mailing gift packages to the Navy, Marine and Coast Guard personnel, Admiral James called attention to these recommendations: Use a strong box, use shredded paper inside the box, use strong wrapping paper, and use strong wrapping cord.

### JURORS NAMED FOR SPECIAL CRIMINAL TERM AUGUST 27, 1945

The following named persons were drawn to serve as jurors for Special Criminal Term Aug. 27:

Paul J. Fountain, D. W. Swinson, Roscoe Pierce, C. F. Hanchey, Rufus Carr, J. B. Southerland, J. E. Johnson, A. E. James, W. E. Wells, Paul Williams, R. C. Davis, J. M. Sumner, Edgar Brinson, T. C. Crow, D. F. Odom, J. Henley Carr, Jas. A. Hardy, L. C. Miller, H. B. Brown, T. C. Watkins, W. A. Kivett, Z. J. Jones, E. F. Jones, C. D. Evans, R. A. Oates, W. C. Puckett, W. R. Kennedy, R. H. Maready, S. W. Cavanaugh, J. G. Reece, R. J. Johnson, J. P. Owens, Robert Grady, O. A. Mathis, D. S. Wells, Wright Smith, C. G. Miller, J. M. Cottle, R. C. Powell, Tilden Summerlin, L. J. Scott, Geo. W. Sumner, Oscar Brown, P. E. Wood, Willard G. Smith, Albert Kennedy, G. O. Parker, L. G. Turner, Ben Stroud, Harry Grady, J. L. Quinn, Rodolph Futral, Frank Rhodes, C. E. Hall, Fred S. Brock, A. S. Quinn, E. P. Blanchard, J. W. Evans, Jr., Alton Lanier, J. H. Marshburn, D. W. Maready, A. D. Hunter, Owen Carter, J. H. Murphy, W. A. Thigpen, A. M. Benton, J. B. Parker, W. D. Bradshaw, E. A. Moore, and E. R. Carlton.

### KENANSVILLE MARINE IN CALIF. HOSPITAL

Marine Pvt. Susa Leland Grady, recently returned Okinawa veteran, son of John J. Grady, of Kenansville, is recuperating in the U. S. Naval Receiving Hospital in San Francisco. He expects release for furlough home or transfer to a naval hospital nearer his home for further medical treatment.

## Chats Of Interest

"The Newcomer" has had some very interesting "Chats" with the people of Duplin County, and the one subject which the conversation usually reverts to is the returning Service man.

Everyone has become afraid of the fact their son isn't going to be the same boy that he was when he left Duplin County. Their "fears" are correct in one sense of the word. These boys are going to be different but not "different" in the sense so many people use the word. So many folks think that their son, and every other serviceman, is going to be some type of a psycho-neurotic; or in other words, just a "quip". This is a very false conception and has no basis at all. It is true that some of the fellows will suffer from some form of psycho-neurosis. That is just one of those tragic things that happen in Modern

Warfare. I say there will be some, but their number will be comparably small.

Your son will be different in the sense that he will be a more mature person. He probably won't be the "Boysish" type that you have always known, but will have matured more quickly, physically, mentally, socially and spiritually than he normally would have if he had been left at home. He has lived under abnormal conditions and as an object of these abnormal environmental conditions, he has advanced more rapidly. Basically speaking, though, he has not changed, and you can rest assured that these "Johnnies" and "Tommys" that you used to know five years ago are basically the same "Johnnies" and "Tommys". They are the same "Duplinites" that left this county many months ago. "The Newcomer"