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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Hal Winders Elected President; Maynard Thorne, Vice-President; 27 New Members Recognized; Post War Projects For Farmville Community Discussed

The annual meeting of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association was held Wednesday night, April 11, at the Farmville Country Club, with over a hundred in attendance. J. W. Munden, President, presided, and opened the meeting with the singing of "God Bless America." Rev. Edwin Coates gave the invocation.

President Munden brought words of welcome to all present, and introduced special guests. These included Mrs. M. E. Pollard, president of the Parents-Teachers Association; Mrs. Frank Allen, president of the Junior Woman's Club; Mrs. J. W. Hobgood, president of the Senior Woman's Club; Miss Annie E. Perkins, chairman of the Community and Library Building Fund; Leslie Yelverton, representative of the Farmville Post American Legion; B. O. Turnage, Postmaster; L. T. Lucas, Chief of Police; Rev. M. Y. Self, Mrs. Richard Harris representing the local press, and D. B. Malone, new manager of the Chandler Store, here.

Dr. R. T. Williams, president of the Kiwanis Club, Paul Ewell, president of the Rotary Club, Mrs. J. W. Joyner, Kiwanis accompanist, and members of both clubs, which joined in the meeting, and members of the Town Board of Commissioners, including Jim Joyner, acting mayor, Curtis Flanagan, John Stansell, Dr. R. T. Williams and R. O. Lang, were also recognized.

President Munden welcomed the twenty-seven new members into the Association recognizing each firm individually. These include Blackwood's Wholesale Co.; Bullock's Shoe Store; Chandler's 5-10-25 Store; Colonial Ice and Coal Co.; E. C. Carr Grocery Co.; Cressel's Cash Store; Nassif Cannon; K. Cannon; Dupree's Department Store; Eason Brothers Service Center; East Carolina Railroad Co.; Farmville Trading Co.; Farmville Blacksmith and Machine Shop; Farmville Flower Shop; Farmville Bonded Warehouse; Home Security Life Insurance Co.; Walter Jones, Office Supplies; Kemp's Barber Shop; Lottie's Beauty Shop; Leona's Beauty Shop; Langley's Jewelry Co.; D. R. Morgan Jewelry Co.; T. T. Moore's Service Station; Pitt County Insurance Co.; Robert's Jewelry Co.; N. Thomas, and Wholesale Drug Co.

L. E. Walston voiced the opinion of the Association when he congratulated President Munden on his service as president and for his efforts in increasing the membership over 60 per cent. Total membership is now 68.

Mr. Walston, treasurer of the Advertising Service, presented each one present an itemized report of disbursements made in boosting Farmville and the Farmville Tobacco market. He reported the following receipts: Balance Cash on hand April 4, 1944, \$1,467.45; donations by citizens of the Town of Farmville, \$936; Independent Tobacco Buyers and Drying Plants, \$325; Knott's Warehouse, \$600; Monk's Warehouse, \$600, totaling \$3,928.45. Disbursements totaled \$2971.79, leaving a balance cash on hand April 1, 1945 of \$1,066.66.

Post War Plans
In response to a request of the Town Commissioners, expressed recently in a letter to the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, for a discussion of Post War plans for the Farmville community to be held at some meeting of representative citizens, the program of the evening was conducted along this line, with John B. Lewis presiding.

Those taking part in the discussion were Leslie Yelverton who recommended a joint airport for Farmville, Fountain and Walsenburg; Dr. J. M. Newborn, who admonished property owners to sell their desirable property so that citizens wishing to build may do so, expressed the dire need of public toilets and adequate parking space for out-of-town shoppers, and in connection with a community building spoke of the need for game rooms and other recreational facilities for our children; and young people; Mrs. J. M. Hobgood and Miss Annie Perkins who told of plans already under way for a joint library and Community Building and reminded all present to remember the Public Library and the Building Fund when making out contributions for charity; Irvin Morgan and Dr. Paul E. Jones, who spoke of the need of a hospital for the community and for adequate facilities for the colored school children; Jack Freeman, who recommended the modernization of the entire business district of the town, adequate parking space, wide way, and Robert Joy-

ner, who asked that Farmville may have a well-equipped bus station; Mr. Lewis who mentioned more paving and the possibility of extending water lines at the Golf course to maintain grass greens and for the general beautification of the course; Rev. E. C. Chamblee, who sighted the need for organized recreation for all ages, with a paid director during the summer months.

It was announced that a Post War Planning Council will be organized, to be made up of representatives from all civic organizations, which are requested to select the name of their representatives immediately and report to R. A. Joyner, not later than May 1.

Charles S. Hotchkiss, branch manager of Smith-Douglass Co., has offered a prize of \$25.00 to the person presenting the best Post War plan for Farmville and how each project may be accomplished.

Seventh War Loan plans were presented by George W. Davis, chairman for Farmville Township, who complimented J. W. Munden, the Merchants Association and Employees for the success of previous War Loan Drives, and expressed confidence that the citizens of the town will again go "Over the Top," in the Seventh, which will be conducted May 14-June 30.

Election of Board and Officers
The report of the nominating committee, composed of T. E. Joyner, chairman, R. O. Lang and L. E. Walston, was unanimously accepted and the following Board of Directors elected:

J. B. Lewis, Maynard Thorne, Joe Melton, J. B. Briley, J. Y. Monk, C. S. Hotchkiss, Walter B. Jones, R. H. Knott, Frank Williams, Hal Winders, Dr. R. T. Williams, Lewis Allen, A. C. Monk, Jr., Nassif Cannon.

Officers elected by the new board are Hal Winders, president; Maynard Thorne, vice-president; John B. Lewis, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. John C. Glenn, pastor of Duke Memorial Methodist Church, Durham, will preach at both the morning and evening services. Dr. Glenn was pastor of Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, before going to the Durham church. He has served as pastor of some of the largest Methodist churches in the Southeastern area. At the session of the North Carolina Conference which was held in November, 1944, Dr. Glenn was appointed Conference Director of Evangelism.

June H. Rose, Superintendent of the Greenville City Schools, will direct the music. There will be special music at the evening services.

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Farmville Reports Easter Seal Sale

J. H. Moore, chairman of the local Easter Seal Sale gives the following report from the Farmville High school as collected from each home room: Miss Perkins' grade, \$3.40; Miss Farrior, \$2.00; Miss Stroud, \$20.63; Mrs. Caraway, \$1.18; Miss Lewis, \$19.10; Mrs. Moore, \$13.15; Miss Baker, \$5.41; Mrs. Batchelor, \$2.00; Mrs. Pollard, \$4.00; Mrs. Shearin, \$4.00; Mrs. W. E. Joyner, \$6.30; Mrs. Roebuck, \$4.25; Mrs. Thomas, \$6.50; Mrs. Bynum, \$5; Mrs. Wheelas, \$2.50; Miss Davis, \$4; Mrs. Hart, \$3.30; Miss Lang, \$4.00; Mrs. Rollins, \$3.50; Mrs. J. B. Joyner, \$4.00, a total of \$120.82.

Prof. H. B. Surg reports that the colored school sold its quota of Seals, realizing \$18.00.

CLOTHING COLLECTION OFF TO GOOD START

The United Clothing Collection drive is in full swing here. Committees in charge announce that the drive is going well in all sections of the town, and that a useful lot of clothing of all kinds is being donated. Solicitors in Wednesday's drive report that many bundles were ready for their pick-up and all housewives, either promised to place same in the barrels designated for collection or to have them ready for the final overall collection on April 25th.

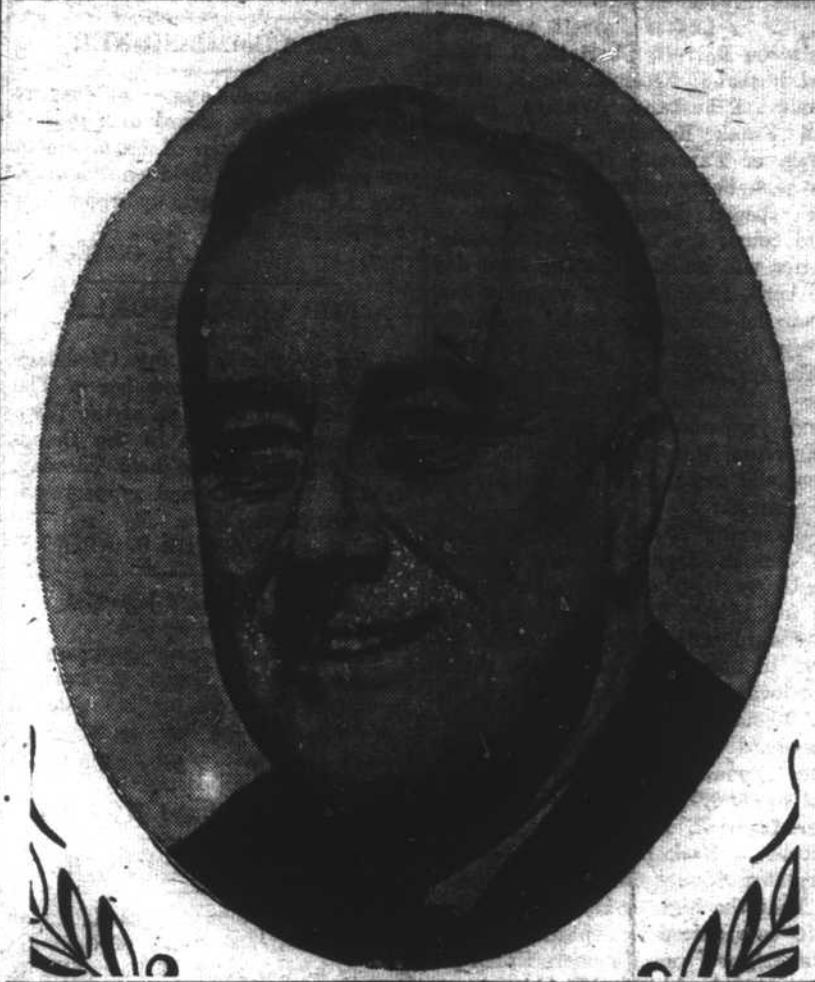
As an airplane mechanic Corporal Yelverton assists in keeping North African Division transport aircraft aloft as much as 41,000 flying hours monthly, the equivalent of five years in the air.

However, the Corporal does manage in spite of arduous duties to visit occasionally the city of Tunis, one of the German's last escape ports from Africa.

Corporal Yelverton is no new comer overseas. He will shortly wear a fourth gold stripe to his left sleeve, having already spent 23 1/2 months overseas.

A graduate of Farmville High School, Farmville, Corporal Yelverton joined the army early in the war. He has been in uniform since July 1942.

Nation Mourns Sudden Death Of President Roosevelt



Franklin D. Roosevelt Passed Away Thursday Afternoon At Warm Springs, Ga.; Funeral Services Saturday from The White House; Interment Sunday At Hyde Park, N. Y.

The President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 63, died very suddenly Thursday afternoon at his little White House, summer cottage, at Warm Springs, Ga., from a massive cerebral hemorrhage. At 1:15, the President complained of a severe pain in the back of his head, and collapsed a few minutes later. He died without pain, at 4:35 P. M., Eastern War Time.

The President's death has plunged the nation into deepest gloom and his passing will be mourned by all freedom-loving peoples of the entire world. He had been President of the United States for twelve years, one month and nine days.

Funeral services will be held from the East Room of the White House, Saturday afternoon. Interment will be Sunday, near his ancestral home at Hyde Park, N. Y.

The President had been in declining health since his return from the conference at Yalta, but it was not realized that the end would come so soon. He went to Warm Springs March 29th, for a three weeks rest before proceeding to the San Francisco Conference, which opens, April 25th, as scheduled.

Mrs. Roosevelt said, "I am more sorry for the people of the country and the world than I am for us."

News of the President's death was announced in England at midnight. Shkellet Britons said, "It is the heaviest blow the Allied cause has yet suffered."

President Roosevelt, who brought the nation through one of its greatest crises, and who has guided it through over 3 years of war, will go down in history as one of the greatest men the world has ever known.

God grant that we, the American people, may see it that the ambitions of this great leader, who was taken at a fateful moment in our history, are fulfilled. Let us take courage and remember the words of our President, "The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself."

Truman Sworn In
Harry S. Truman, of Missouri, vice-president, was sworn in as the thirty-second president of the United States at 7:08 P. M., by Chief Justice Harlan Stone, in a quiet ceremony at the White House, in the presence of Cabinet members and other high ranking officials. Truman pledged himself to continue to support the policies of President Roosevelt.

LOCAL BOY SCOUT TROOP ACTIVITIES

Rotary Troop Is Assigned New Number; Parents' Night Planned

Rotary Boy Scout Troop No. 38 has been changed by the Scout headquarters of the East Carolina Council to number 31.

Recent plans of this troop include a Board of Review, scheduled for April 16, at the High School Gymnasium, which is to be conducted under the supervision of Dr. W. M. Willis, Advancement Chairman for the Farmville District, and his committee, and a Boy Scout parent night, scheduled just before Mothers' Day on May 13, at which time a Scout Court of Honor will be conducted with the President of the Troop's sponsors presiding.

The Troop's meeting was devoted to a close order drill conducted by Senior Patrol Leader, Marvin Horton, Jr., and Patrol Leader Milton Williamson under the supervision of the three scoutmasters.

Paul Ewell, president of the Rotary Club and member of the Board of Review, gave a short, interesting talk to the Scouts about the workings of the Board of Review, urging all Scouts not to be frightened when they appear before the Board for advancement. He assured them that it was the wishes of the Board that all Scouts might pass, but according to regulations in the handbook, it was their duty to "sorta" go over each particular advancement making sure Scouts, in the opinion of the Board of Review, should be allowed to advance to the rank and wear the new badge or award.

In conclusion, he assured the boys that he wanted a warm and friendly feeling to exist between the two separate organizations and he expressed the hope that all Scouts would advance at each opportunity.

The Senior Leaders were excused as is customary at 8:15, after which a test passing period was conducted and basket ball was enjoyed.

Special Services Methodist Church Begin Sunday 15

Revival services at the Farmville Methodist Church will be held April 15-22 inclusive, with services at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and 8 o'clock in the evening.

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Farmville Legionaires Hear Rev. E. S. Coates

Farmville Post American Legion held its regular meeting in the Legion Hall Friday night, April 6, with a very good attendance.

The post was honored by the presence of two service men, our own Captain Bob Baker and Ensign Biggs Johnson. Captain Baker, who has been flying a heavy bomber in the Italian theatre of war for many months, spoke briefly on the joy it brings a returned service man to receive a hearty welcome home such as he is receiving in his own community.

Ensign Johnson, who is the son of Comrade Hardy Johnson, of Fountain, has just recently received his wings as a navy flier, and is expected to get into the thick of the battle at an early date.

Comrade L. T. Lucas brought to the attention of the post the nationwide brake-checking campaign now on asking the members of the post to assist in any way possible to promote this very worthwhile enterprise which is being sponsored by the Chiefs of Policemen all over the nation.

The principal speaker of the evening was Rev. Edwin S. Coates, pastor of the Farmville Presbyterian Church, who brought a very timely talk on the subject, "This World Needs Men Who Live Like Men," admonishing all of us not to sanction things in our community which will not go toward making it an improved community. He said, "We need to be honest in our convictions and stand up for same." He cautioned all legionaires as leaders of our respective communities, that we be a moral influence for good with all whom we come in contact, especially our young men and women.

Prior to the program, the Legion Auxiliary served a delicious and appetizing meal with all the trimmings which was greatly enjoyed.

Highest in Rank Is Major General Allen H. Turnage

Ten Generals and One Admiral Among 8,000 UNC Alumni in Armed Services

Chapel Hill, April 9.—Ten generals and an admiral are among the more than eight thousand University of North Carolina alumni now serving with the armed forces.

Highest in rank of the alumni now on active duty is Major General Allen H. Turnage, formerly commanding officer of the Third Marine Division, who is at present chief of personnel of the Marine Corps and is stationed in Washington.

A native of Farmville, General Turnage went into the Marines soon after leaving Chapel Hill in 1911. His class was '12.

For his leadership of the Marines in the successful assault on Guam, he has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. Previously he had been awarded the Navy Cross as head of the Third Marines in the Bougainville campaign.

Prior to the outbreak of the war in the Pacific, General Turnage commanded Marine garrison units in China.

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Americans Now Only 57 Miles From Berlin



PROF. JUNE H. ROSE
Superintendent of the Greenville City Schools, who will direct the music during Revival Services at the Farmville Methodist Church, April 15-22. Prof. Rose is active in religious and civic life and promotes character building education. He is the son of a minister.

New Stories Of Nazi Atrocities Revealed

Prisoners Who Could Not Be Evacuated As Americans Approached Were Murdered By Elite Guards

Ohrdruf, Germany, April 11.—Col. Hayden A. Searl, whose armored forces discovered scenes of horror at the Ohrdruf concentration camp, thought it would be a good idea for the German citizens of this town to see what SS (Elite Guard) brutality had done in their midst.

The Chestnut Hill Mass., officer rounded up 40 leading citizens for a tour of the camp, where several hundred bodies of slain foreign workers are still in evidence.

They saw bodies sprawling in the open space between the barracks, and piled like timber in one building, and heaped in a tangled mass in a wide pit in still another place where apparently some effort had been made to burn them.

At first the Germans expressed disbelief, insisting "The SS isn't like that." Later they voiced disgust, with one doctor saying "It's the work of beasts."

The next morning the Nazi mayor of Ohrdruf and his wife were found hanged. The Army said it was suicide.

Ohrdruf, said by foreign workers to have the reputation of being a different slant on their former rulers. Allied military government officials who found it difficult to get Ohrdruf citizens to cooperate said that now there are plenty of volunteers.

News of the camp's discovery has spread up and down the front, and many hundreds of American soldiers who can get away from their war chores are visiting it. They leave in a grim mood.

Col. Searl says the Army is too busy to clean up the mess and that it may serve a good purpose if as many American soldiers as possible see the unmistakable evidence of Nazi concentration camp management.

A body of one slain worker, almost like a highway sign, points the way to the main entrance of the camp, which lies at the edge of this pleasant town. The presumption was he attempted to flee and didn't make it.

Most of the bodies lying scattered in the open have bullet holes in the back of the head. In one spot the victims were apparently made to kneel in a 40-foot circle, and were killed by an executioner who walked behind them.

One survivor said the executioner was an SS medical major.

One Russian survivor asserted that 4,700 internees were killed or died of mistreatment in the camp, most of them in recent weeks. American officers expanded that figure as high, but estimated that 1,500 to 1,700 was conservative.

The SS tried to evacuate as many internees as possible when American armored columns made their swift approach, but there was little transport and great confusion, survivors said. Those killed were the ones who had to be left behind, many of them sick.

The camp, known only as Nord Lager of Ohrdruf, was understood to have taken the overflow of internees from the notorious Buchenwald concentration camp.

Link-up With Soviet Army Is Expected In Few Days

Ninth Army Column Marches To Elbe River At Magdeburg In 50-Mile Dash, and Crossing Is Believed Imminent; 30th Division Men Fight At Brunswick; Third Army Men Fight Into Erfurt; Essen Falls to Paratroopers

Paris, April 12.—Armored columns of the U. S. Ninth Army swept within 67 miles of Berlin and within 115 miles of the Russian front yesterday in a startling advance of more than 50 miles that carried to the Elbe River at Magdeburg. A crossing of this last water barrier before the German capital was believed imminent.

The sensational eastward drive, longest single day's thrust yet made on German soil, was accomplished by the Second (Hell on Wheels) Armored Division, which by-passed the manufacturing city of Brunswick and roared through the heart of the Reich against practically non-existing opposition.

Encounter Expected Soon.

A late front dispatch said the river could be bridged within a few hours unless unexpected resistance developed. This would set the stage for an early junction with the 8th Army. Correspondents said the link-up might be made within a few days.

Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's Ninth Army troops were 67 miles away from the southwestern limits of greater Berlin, which includes Potsdam, and the Russians were 32 miles from the capital on the east with the city itself stretching some 25 miles between these two points.

Essen Captured.

Essen and Bochum, great armament cities in the Ruhr trap, fell to other Ninth Army troops, and tonight the Paris radio said Dortmund also had been cleared in the crumbling pocket.

First Army forces to the south sped within 120 miles of a juncture with Russian troops while the Third Army, springing to the attack again after five days of comparative inactivity, blazed ahead along a 60-mile front, capturing Coburg and encircling Erfurt.

On the southern end of the front the U. S. Seventh Army lost some ground but at the same time stormed to a point only 29 miles northwest of the big Nazi convention city of Nuremberg.

British troops in the north punched to within 45 miles of Hamburg, but were still held four miles outside the port of Bremen; to their west the Canadians crossed the Labe River deeper into Holland, where storms of thousands of Germans were trapped.

30th at Brunswick.

In making its spectacular dash to Magdeburg, the Second Armored Division by-passed on the south the big aircraft center of Brunswick and plunged eastward on a solid 10-mile front, meeting only scattered opposition throughout the remarkable day. The Nazi Brunswick garrison still was fighting bitterly through the streets against Doughboys of the 30th Division.

Farther south the 33rd Division stormed ahead 20 miles and reached Halberstadt, 24 miles southwest of Magdeburg. A huge airplane factory at Halberstadt was overrun.

The Germans lacked the manpower even to slow Gen. Simpson's wave of men and armor. An occasional pocket of resistance were encountered the American avalanche simply built up before them and burst around both sides, leaving the Nazi garrisons to be cleaned out at leisure.

"South of Brunswick there were not even any pockets, and old 'Hell on Wheels' was moving like it did through Sicily," said Associated Press Front Correspondent Wes Gallagher.

Another front dispatch declared the Elbe could be bridged within a few hours—"unless the Germans decide to fight, something they hadn't really done for two weeks."

The Ninth Army troops apparently reached the Elbe on both sides of Magdeburg, and just to the north of that big city is a wide autobahn, or super military highway, leading to Berlin.

The swift First Army drove across the Thuringian plain south of the Harz Mountains, crushing the small opposition in its path and outstripping its communications with headquarters.

Already the headlong advance of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' forces and the flanking Ninth and Third armies, threatened to bar German forces in the north from their last-ditch fortress in the Alps south of Munich. Yank industry was moving up behind the fast-moving armies.