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THE FINAL DRIVE FOR UNITED CLOTHING COLLECTION MONDAY

Solicitors Meet At High School 2:45 P. M.; Paper Salvage To Be Collected Also; Boy Scouts Assisting

In an effort to collect all available used clothing for the United National Clothing Collection, the local committee composed of representatives of Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs have extended Farmville Township's final drive, originally set for Wednesday of this week, to Monday, April 30, at 3:00 p. m., thereby giving housewives further opportunity of checking through all closets and wardrobes.

The regular first Wednesday Paper Salvage Pickup will be combined with the Clothing Drive, and you are requested to tie same securely in the usual neat bundle and have ready Monday.

Solicitors include Kiwanians Ted Albritton, R. E. Pickett, George Moore, Andy Martin, Edgar Barrett, Pat Ruffin, Bob Fiser, Dick Harris, and Rotarians W. H. Duke, C. W. Blackwood, Lewis Creech, W. A. McAdams, R. D. House, E. S. Costen, R. N. Freeman, John Lewis, Walter Jones, R. A. Joyner, George W. Davis, James Monk, C. H. Flanagan, Frank Williams.

These men are asked to meet at the High School at 2:45 p. m., to join the Boy Scouts who are assisting them.

It is announced that 1,800 pounds of clothing have already been collected, sorted and packed, but it is hoped that the final drive will yield more, and make it possible for Farmville to ship at least 7,500 pounds. The goal of the National collection is 5 pounds per person.

Fannie Hurst, noted author, says "Americans, take time out to dig into those closets and attic places for the wealth of clothing that has been cast off before its usefulness has been exhausted.

"You, in your blessed well-being, can turn away from these garments according to the whims and dictates of fashion. The liberated areas and our allies are not concerned with fashion. They won't mind if the coat is a bit too long or the flare of the skirt is last season's. They need your cast-off garments in order to survive!"

Cornelia Otis Skinner, actress and author says, "one hundred and twenty-five million human beings are in desperate need of ordinary fundamental clothing and of this number thirty million are children. Think of this Mrs. Housewife, the next time you go through the hall closet and see that extra warm jacket, Sonny has outgrown. Think of this, Mr. Business Man, when you come across that nice substantial suit you so seldom wear. Think of it, Junior Miss, when you go over your collection of sweaters, some of which you haven't had on in months. Contribute to your destitute fellow-man! Send warm, useful clothing, blankets and shoes. Send what you yourself would need if you were in the same plight (and it's only by the grace of God that you're not). Contribute generously and proudly to the United National Clothing Collection."

Ella Maxwell, noted columnist says "Give those old clothes new, every stitch you own spare, in the largest single-clothing drive ever launched in this great, big, God's country of ours."

People in Farmville, clear your closets and your closets and then if you want to feel better still, buy something new for a baby or a small child and send it to one world neighbor's families NOW.

Farmville Boy Reported Missing In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel R. Jones were notified this week by the War Department that their son, Lt. Douglas R. Jones, 23, has been reported missing in action since April 4, over Germany.

New Indictments

Greenville, April 26.—In Superior Court Tuesday the Pitt County grand jury returned four additional indictments against Dr. John R. McAdams, former president of East Carolina Teachers' College, involving alleged selling approximately \$9,738. The former president of ECTC is already under indictment on several charges of embezzlement of \$18,536.34 and false statements.

George W. Davis Elected President Parents-Teachers

Mrs. Mabey Pollard, president, presided at the April meeting of the Parents-Teachers Association Thursday opening the program with the hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King." Rev. E. C. Chamblee gave the devotional which was related to disease, the most dreadful of which is sin. He spoke of Jesus, as the Great Physician, healer of both the body and the soul.

Dr. John M. Mewborn presented the program on Cancer. He reminded his audience that statistics show one out of every eight who have died in the United States died from Cancer, which is second only to heart disease as a cause of death, and that we now have 600,000 suffering from Cancer. He expressed the need for research work in this field, as yet there has been no cause or cure for Cancer found. Dr. Mewborn was introduced by Mrs. J. M. Hobgood, chairman of the local Cancer Control Campaign.

The report of the nominating committee was heard and the following officers unanimously elected: George W. Davis, president; Mrs. R. T. Williams, vice-president; Miss Annie Perkins, second vice-president; Mrs. Walter B. Jones, secretary and Mrs. John M. Mewborn, treasurer.

The executive committee submitted plans for spring cleaning the school. The P.T.A. will sponsor this project. Room Roll Call was won by Mrs. Speight's grade.

BROTHERS-DIXON VOWS SPOKEN IN WALSTONBURG

Miss Iris Dixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lafayette Dixon of Walstonburg became the bride of Clarence Lynwood Brothers, son of Mrs. William Jarvis Brothers and the late Mr. Brothers of Fountain, on April 9 at the Walstonburg Methodist Church with the Rev. Key Taylor officiating.

Nuptial music was presented by Mrs. Carlos Walston, pianist, and Miss Payne Sugg, soloist. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white satin gown designed with a lace yoke and fitted bodice. Her full skirt extended into a train, and the bride's fingertip veil of illusion fell from a pearl coronet. Her bouquet was of white carnations and lilies of the valley centered with an orchid and tied with white satin ribbon.

Miss Marguerite Johnson of Hooker and Washington, D. C., was maid of honor. Miss Pauline Dixon of Walstonburg and Miss Hazel Owens of Fountain were bridesmaids. Herman Owens of Fountain was best man, and ushers were Eric Copeland, Earl Travathan, and Dawson Jefferson of Fountain and Trust Lang of Walstonburg.

Mrs. Brothers is a graduate of Mars Hill Junior College. Mr. Brothers attended Richmond Barber College and is owner of Brothers Barber Shop and Beauty Salon in Fountain.

Following the ceremony the bride's parents entertained at a reception, after which the couple left for a wedding trip. For traveling, the bride wore a cadet blue gabardine suit, black accessories, and the orchid from her bridal bouquet. The couple will be at home in Fountain.

At one time Mrs. Brothers was associated here with Farmville Beauty Shop.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The Beanoke Association Baptist Training Union meeting held Tuesday at the Farmville Church was well attended with over three hundred and fifty participants.

In the Adult Bible Readers' Tournament George W. Davis was selected to represent the Beanoke Association in the State Tournament. Miss Joyce Turner was selected alternate representative of the Association for the Intermediate Sword Drill Tournament.

AT REDISTRIBUTION STATION

Miami Beach, Fla., April 18.—Pvt. Harry S. Joyner, 25, husband of Mrs. Mary Louise Joyner, of Farmville, N. C., has returned from service in the continental United States and is now being processed through the Army Ground and Service Forces Redistribution Station in Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be determined.

Pvt. Joyner served 36 months as a seaman in the Southwest Pacific theater of operations. While there he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon. Before entering the service Pvt. Joyner was employed as a carpenter in the local community.

Town of Farmville Primary Election Tuesday, May 1

Polls Open 7:30 a. m. to 7:30 p. m.

The stage is set for the municipal primary in Farmville on Tuesday, May 1. No new candidates can enter and after Saturday voters will be restricted to those already registered.

Registration books will be open on Saturday, April 28. There is no new registration, but be sure you are registered so you may vote on Election Day. C. A. Tyson is Registrar.

Polls will be open at the Fire Station from 7:30 a. m. to 7:30 p. m.

A great deal of interest is being manifested in the campaign, and a large vote is anticipated and expected.

The Offices of Mayor and commissioner are responsible positions at all times but especially now in the war years as we plan for Post War Progress. Choose your candidates on the basis of their capabilities as leaders for our community, leaders who will work untiringly to keep Farmville Progressive.

Vote the courage of your own conviction but by all means VOTE. Do your part in making this election truly representative of the entire town. It is the duty of every citizen to exercise the right to vote.

KFWANIS CLUB

F. A. "Rip" Hodges, Lt. Governor of the Seventh Kiwanis District, and professor at Atlantic Christian College, gave a splendid talk at the local Kiwanis meeting Monday evening on the "Underprivileged Child."

Reports from the Clothing Collection were heard and it was announced that the final collection will be on Monday, April 30.

On next Monday evening, Kiwanian Ed Ravi, vice-president of the Greenville Club will talk on "Your Profession." Ravi has lent his untiring efforts in helping to organize and sponsor the local Club and a full attendance is urged to hear him at this the last meeting under sponsorship of the Greenville Club.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The war in Europe is slowly drawing to an end. All eyes are on the Peace Conference which is now being held in San Francisco, California. Let everyone pray that this Conference will be able to lay plans that will lead to a just and righteous peace.

While many rainbows hold aloft their beautiful colors and inspire us with a new hope, not all are rosy. There are some disappointments ahead for many. How are we going to meet them, Rev. Mashburn's topic for Sunday morning will be "What If He Doesn't Come Back?"

There will be no evening services as we join with the other churches in the Union Services at the Methodist Church.

SCOUT MEET

Rotary Scout Troop 31 was called to order Friday night by acting Senior Patrol leader, Frank Dupree, who with the assistance of the three Scoutmasters, held personal inspection. A business session followed under the supervision of scribe Cedric Davis.

Close Order Drill was conducted with the boys showing definite improvement over preceding weeks. Troop officers are particularly anxious that their scouts be able to drill in a military like manner.

Troop 31 is now making definite plans for its Parents Night, May 11. Senior Patrol Leader, Marvin Horton, who is in complete charge of this meeting requests Parent's cooperation in making plans to attend. Scoutmasters are happy over the progress this Troop is making. At the present time a large per cent have complete uniforms and are looking forward to many useful and happy experiences in scouting.

Recent activities participated in by Farmville Scouts include assistance in the Cancer Control Campaign and the United National Clothing Collection. They would like it to be known that they are anxious to assist in any way worthy cause and to help in any way for the betterment of the community.

A Board of Review is scheduled for Monday, May 7, at the gymnasium under the supervision of Dr. W. M. Willis, Advancement Chairman for the Farmville District.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

It is necessary that all over due subscriptions, which expired in March and April, be taken from the list by May 1.

3rd Army Tanks Smash Towards Australian Border

American Spearheads Clean Up Regen To Cut Last Direct Route To Nazi Redoubt In Southern Germany; Resistance Extremely Light At Some Points; Americans Within 15 Miles of Austria

Paris, April 26.—U. S. Third Army tanks punched within 15 miles of the German-Austrian border last night as other American and French forces raced almost unchecked across southern Germany, threatening Munich and Hitler's Berchtesgaden retreat, which the RAF attacked yesterday with 12,000-pound "earthquake" bombs.

The Third Army spearhead, already east of Berlin although 250 miles to the south, cut the last direct route to the Nazi's so-called national redoubt by mopping up the rail and highway center of Regen and then drove straight for the frontier of Austria at Passau. This column was 76 miles north of Berchtesgaden.

German Army Smashed

To the west the American Seventh Army broke through German positions and fanned out on an 80 mile front along or across the Danube River within 45 miles of Munich and the French First Army completely smashed Germany's veteran 19th Army in the Black Forest.

The Allied armies—estimated at nearly 600,000 men and thousands of tanks—were charging into the Alpine foothills along a 200-mile front in a determined effort to crush any last-ditch Nazi stand in the northern redoubt before it could get started.

Resistance at most points was extremely light, bearing out an official announcement from General Eisenhower's headquarters that "The German army has ceased to exist as an integrated fighting force." An Associated Press field dispatch of Munich, birthplace of the Nazi party, was shaping up swiftly.

Leading the rapid surge of Allied forces today was the 11th Armored Division of Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army, which stabbed 18 miles southeast beyond captured Regen to a point only 15 miles from the Austrian border and 76 miles due north of Berchtesgaden.

Joining in the giant squeeze on the enemy's vaguely defined southern redoubt were Russian forces hammering westward across Austria, last reported within 90 miles of Berchtesgaden, and two Allied armies pursuing broken German troops beyond the Po River in northern Italy. The latter Allied force was within 96 miles of the Brenner Pass through the Alps, southern gateway to the Nazi "fortress."

Munich Highway Cut

Closest to Munich was the 12th Armored Division of Lt. Gen. Alexander N. Patch's Seventh Army which plunged to a point eight miles south of its bridgehead across the Danube at Dillingen and seized a five-mile strip of a super highway leading to Munich 45 miles to the southeast.

WAR IN BRIEF

Soviet troops encircle crumbling Berlin; Nazis battle in subways. Patton's tanks sweep to within 18 miles of Austria, set Regenburg aflame.

British Bombers smash Hitler's mountain hideout at Berchtesgaden with six-ton "earthquake" bombs; Americans hit vital targets.

Two Allied armies in Italy swarm toward Verona, gateway to Brenner Pass.

Yugoslav troops fight into Fiume. Admiral Tanager says Japan's ability to launch large-scale air and naval attacks against U. S. operations nearly finished. Tokyo complains that B-29 bombings are systematically destroying Japanese race; Americans advance on Okinawa and in Philippines.

Japan fling over five divisions into drive on American airbase at Chiling.

British troops seize Yenangyung, second largest Burma oil center.

BIRD CLUB

At the Bird Club on Saturday the members walked around the yard studying the names of each bird and many games were played and then Bechall Barrett read "The Parade of Life Through the Ages," a story on the earliest prehistoric life of animals. Twenty-five pictures of these prehistoric animals shown, most of them from the Smithsonian Institution.

ATTEND ZONE MEET

Mrs. B. O. Turnage, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, Mrs. Ed Nash Warren, Mrs. Curtis Flanagan, Mrs. M. Y. Self and Rev. Mr. Self attended a Zone meeting of the Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service, held at Evansdale, Thursday.

Security Conference Opens; Determined to Succeed

President Truman Tells Representatives of 46 United Nations They Have Choice Between Chaos or Enforced Peace

The World Security Conference opened at San Francisco, Wednesday, a day that millions of people over the earth have waited and worked for through the years of fighting to the verge of victory. It dawned bright with expressions of hope for lasting peace, yet darkened by one cloud—the Anglo-American dispute with Russia over Poland.

Barring some dramatic move by Premier Marshal Stalin of Russia, that dispute on Polish representation at the conference is as deadlocked as ever—splitting the ranks of the Allied powers in the moment they strive for unity.

Otherwise there is evidence of close big-power cooperation which members of the American group interpret to mean that Russia is determined to help the conference succeed and is already making concessions for that purpose.

President Truman opened the conference and solemnly dedicated to the representatives of 46 United Nations the task of forging a permanent peace, to becoming "the architects of a better world."

Stettinius holds the temporary chairmanship of the meeting. He is slated later to be elected permanent chairman, the position which he held at Dumbarton Oaks, in Washington, when the United States, China, Russia and Britain drafted the plan of world organization here placed before all the United Nations.

Prospects are that this plan may be considerably changed, although not in its main provisions for a court, an assembly of all nations and an 11-member security council empowered to prevent aggression by force when the five big powers—Russia, America, China, Britain and France—agree.

In a broadcast to the nation and the world, Stettinius said the "beginning we are going to make here at San Francisco" is toward "sure and just peace—peace that man can trust."

ROTARY CLUB

At Tuesday's supper meeting of the Rotary Club, R. A. Joyner gave an inspiring talk concerning sacrifices being made on the War fronts and what we at home can do to make a better world. In mentioning Post-War Planning, he emphasized as the first step a revival of interest in the church and a concerted effort on the part of every man, woman and child towards regular Church and Sunday School attendance and participation in all religious activities.

Josh W. Menden, chairman of local committee for Rotary Foundation received several voluntary donations for this fund which will help reestablish Rotary Clubs in war torn countries, aid Rotarians and their families made refugees by the war, and take care of emergencies arising in either war or peace time.

Bill Duke, general chairman of Farmville Township's part in the United National Clothing Collection, reported on the progress of the local drive and announced the final drive for Monday at 2:45 P. M.

It was decided to combine the regular Paper Salvage Drive with the drive on Monday.

R. A. Joyner was appointed to represent the Rotary Club on the local Post War Council.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All parents who will have children to become six years of age on or before October 1, 1945, are requested to bring them to the school building at 9:30 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, May 2nd for the annual pre-school clinic.

There is a State Law which requires that all children, before being permitted to attend school, must present a certificate to the principal showing that they have been vaccinated against diphtheria, whooping cough, and small pox. If you would like to have these vaccinations free at the school, you must send a note requesting that these vaccinations be done.

Russians Encircle Doomed Berlin

Dr. Jones Resigns From Chairmanship

At a supper meeting of the Pitt County Democratic Executive Committee at Proctor Hotel in Greenville Monday night Dr. Paul E. Jones, of Farmville, resigned as chairman of the committee after long and valuable service.

After Vice-Chairman Mrs. J. Brooks Tucker took the chair the Executive Committee elected Dr. Jones a member of the Pitt County Board of Education to fill the unexpired term of John T. Thorne, of Farmville, resigned, who had faithfully served on the board for 25 years.

Members of the county board of education are named at primary elections. Mr. Thorne was re-elected some months ago. Recently he decided to resign on account of his health. The state law prescribes that the County Democratic Executive Committee fill vacancies occurring on the board.

The Democratic Executive Committee will meet shortly to elect a chairman. In the meantime Mrs. Tucker is acting chairman.

SERVICE MEN'S CENTER

Visiting the Center the past week end were: Paul D. Allen, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Allen, of Fountain, and grandson of Paul Allen, of Farmville, Route 1. He has been in service ten months, made one trip overseas and been in one major battle. Seaman Allen wears two ribbons—the American theater and the Asiatic Pacific.

Camp Lejeune, Cpl. Victor Sanders, Toledo, Ohio, and Sgt. James L. Thompson, Cld Hickory, Tenn., Sunday guests of Mrs. Redden Lewis; Pfc. John C. DeLaney, Harvill, Missouri; Pfc. Philip DiPietro, Audubon, N. J.; Cpl. Anthony N. Sacco, West Springfield, Mass.; and Pfc. Almon H. Stewart, Sanford, Maine.

Pfc. Virginia Gardner, Freedonia, N. Y., and Fountain, N. C.; Cpl. Joseph D. Gardner, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and Fountain, N. C. Cpl. Gardner was formerly employed in Farmville. Pfc. Dale B. Martin, Cherry Point and Knightsville, Indiana.

The menu for the week end consisted of potato salad, tomato sandwiches, deviled eggs, sliced ham and strawberry shortcake. Interested friends donating to the Center were Mrs. B. A. Norman, milk and cream; Mrs. W. M. Willis, strawberries; Mrs. George Thomas, oranges, apples, sugar and pecans; Mrs. Bernice Woodson, milk; and Hal Winderz, milk and magazines.

A letter from H. P. Norman says he is now an M. P. and thinks it is a good outfit but many of the boys do not like it. He says he is anxious for mail, that they have been traveling so fast that the mail has not caught up with them.

Paul V. Hemmer writes that he has been promoted to Sergeant and that things in Burma are rolling along all right. Easter Sunday was a lovely day there and he went to Mass twice. The temperature is 135 in the day but is cool enough at night for sleeping. They have all sorts of amusements, three movies a week, a couple of U.S.O. shows a month, baseball teams, basketball teams and a chance to swim every day. These activities keep him in great physical shape. Sgt. Hemmer has been overseas fifteen months and was the second service man to register at the Center. He sends his regards to all his friends here.

Special Services At Catholic Church Begin Sunday 29th

Revival Services at Saint Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Farmville, will begin Sunday, April 29th to May 6th inclusive. With services at 10 o'clock in the morning and 8 o'clock in the evening.

Father Maurice, C. P., of Greenville, N. C., will preach at the morning and evening services. Father Maurice has held many important posts in missionary and preaching appointments. He has served as director of some of the largest Revival groups in the state of North Carolina, Pennsylvania and several New England States. In coming to Farmville Father Maurice comes with a wealth of information for those in search of Truth. Any spiritual doubts or perplexing questions of the soul can be brought to his attention and these questions will be answered during the course of the Revival.

The Farmville Community, as well as surrounding communities, are cordially invited to join with us during these days of prayer and enlightenment. This is an opportunity for you to take advantage and first-hand experience.

Pvt. Herbert Norman In War Front News

In Signal Corps photos appearing in recent issues of leading newspapers is that of the Staff Sergeant Herbert Norman, of Farmville, in uniform wearing recently captured German and Nazi POWs.

Germans Report Russians Have Reached Center of Capital; Perhaps 500,000 Nazi Troops Trapped In Berlin; Red Army Spearheads Cross Elbe River Toward Link-Up With Americans

London, April 26.—Doomed Berlin was completely encircled by two mighty Soviet armies yesterday and, as the Russians fought in subways and streets toward the city's blazing heart, Red Army spearheads to the southwest swarmed across the Elbe River toward an imminent link-up with American forces.

Perhaps 500,000 Nazi troops were trapped in the historic encirclement of the wrecked capital, and late German broadcasts reported that smashed through jungles of twisted steel and stone and had reached the "center" of the half-conquered city. Fuehrer in Berlin.

There was a possibility that Adolf Hitler and Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels had been caught in the Red Army trap at Berlin. Throughout last night the Hamburg radio—principal Nazi station still operating—began every report with the slogan: "The Fuehrer is in Berlin."

No less momentous than Premier Stalin's triumphant announcement of Berlin's encirclement—three years and 10 months after Hitler's legions invaded the Soviet Union on command's disclosure that Red Army forces were pouring across the Elbe.

There, in the narrowing waist of Hitler's "Fortress Europe," Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian Army surged across the water barrier and captured the west bank fortress of Reisa, 22 miles northwest of the Saxony capital of Dresden. These forces were 22 miles west of American positions on the Mulde River—but only 18 miles from German-reported American bridgeheads across the Mulde.

German broadcasts said that Konev's troops had reached the Elbe on a 24-mile front between Reisa and Torgau and indicated that Russian engineers were pouring men across the Elbe along the entire sector at points less than 17 miles from the Americans.

East Prussia Cleared. On top of these victories on the central front, Marshal Alexander Vasilenovskiy's Third White Russian Army captured the East Prussian port of Pillau and cleared the East Prussian mainland of the last German hold-out troops.

Far to the south, Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army was fighting in the oaks of the Czechoslovak arsenal city of Brunn (Brno), one of Hitler's last war production centers, after capturing the suburbs of Lison, Cernovice and Prizenice on the east and south.

The Moscow radio, meanwhile, announced that nearly 2,000,000 German troops had been killed or captured on the Eastern Front since January 1, raising to more than 11,000,000 the vast toll of German casualties announced by the Red Army in nearly four years of war.

Paris Battles. As the fantastic battles above and below ground inside Berlin increased in deadly fury, the burning German capital was encircled in swift wheeling movements around the western suburbs by Konev's First Ukrainian and Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian Army.

Even as Nazi propaganda Minister Goebbels was broadcasting empty promises that reinforcements were on their way and was exhorting Berliners to hold out, the combined Soviet armies slashed across Berlin's last westward communication links with Brandenburg.

Zhukov's tankmen thrust 11 miles south from captured Nauen and seized the Havel River fort of Marquand, five miles northwest of the great southwestern suburb of Potsdam.

Nazi Officials Fleeing. The dramatic encirclement ended all Nazi hopes of rushing reinforcements to the trapped Berlin garrison except by air, and Berlin's airfields reportedly were filled with planes evacuating high Nazi officials.