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## Nearly Million Enemy Troops Surrender In Italy and Austria

### Long War In Italy Ends With Unconditional Surrender of All Axis Troops In Italy and Western Austria—Opening The Way For Bloodless Conquest Of Most of Nazi Mountain Redoubt

Rome, May 2. — Nearly 1,000,000 German and Italian fascist troops made the first unconditional surrender of the war in Europe today, yielding without a shot the mountainous heart of the Nazis' "national redoubt" in the Alps and exposed the south flank of the fragments that remain.

## ALBERT LEROY BARRETT LAID TO REST HERE

### Funeral Services Held Wednesday for Greenville Businessman

Albert Leroy Barrett, 48, prominent businessman and farmer of Greenville, died at Medical College of Virginia Hospital in Richmond at 10:30 a. m., Tuesday following a major operation. He had been critically ill since last Wednesday.

## James W. Joyner Elected As Mayor of Farmville

### Primary Election Held Tuesday, May 1; J. M. Stansill, only Commissioner Running for Re-Election, Lead Ballot With 496 Votes

The Town of Farmville held its Primary Election Tuesday, when 644 ballots were cast, the second highest vote recorded in any previous town election. Two hundred and forty-nine new registrants were listed for this election.

### ROTARY CLUB

W. A. McAdams program chair for Tuesday evening's meeting of the Rotary Club gave a splendid talk on "The Forgotten Man," speaking not of the man who is endowed with exceptional brains and ability and a place in life that promotes easy accomplishments, but of the man who goes about his work day in and day out expecting little and getting practically no praise, but who in his own way contributes so much to the world's welfare; the man who is proud of his workmanship and gives his all to his job, no matter how small it may be, asking nothing but opportunity to serve his fellowman.

## CORRECTION

Apologies to Dr. John M. Newbern whom we quoted incorrectly last week in the P. T. A. meeting article. The information should have read: "Cancer can be cured by surgery, X-Ray, and radium treatments if taken in time. One of the chief purposes of the National Cancer Committee is to impress upon the public the importance of seeking diagnostic advice and taking recognized treatment during early stages when cancer can be cured."

## Plans For Farmville's Participation, 7th War Loan Drive May 14th

An organizational meeting for Farmville's part in the Seventh War Loan Drive was held Thursday afternoon. Those present included George W. Davis, local chairman; L. E. Watson, vice-chairman of the Pitt County War Finance Committee; John B. Lewis and J. W. Menden, representing the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association; Mrs. Cherry Easley, local chairman of the Women's Division and James Yates representing the local theatre.

## Japs Pushed Back In Night Assault

### Americans Open Hard Drive on Okinawa; Australians Gaining on Borneo

Guam, May 3.—Attacking in darkness with tanks and flamethrowers, U. S. Tenth Army troops opened an intensified drive on southern Okinawa yesterday, Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold's veteran Seventh Division on the east coast drove a salient 1,400 yards into tough Japanese positions.

## V-E Day Service Has Been Planned For Farmville

### Union Services Will Be Held In The Baptist Church

The Farmville Ministerial Association has planned a special service in observance of V-E Day to be held in the Baptist Church at 8 p. m. of the awaited date. The service will be held as scheduled whether weekday or Sunday. An announcement comes on Sunday, all previous plans for individual services will be cancelled and all denominations will gather in the Baptist Church.

## Report of County's Total Seal Sales

A total of \$735.84 has been received by Donald H. Conley, Treasurer of Pitt County League for Crippled Children from the sale of Easter Seals, according to an announcement by K. T. Futral, County Chairman.

## ATTENTION COAL USERS

The Solid Fuels Administrator has issued SFWA Order No. 23 which provides that any dealer requiring an additional supply of bituminous coal for use in a brooder, hatchery or for tobacco curing for new users may obtain the additional coal if a separate order is filed with this office on or before May 15, 1945.

## ATTENTION KNITTERS!

Knitters are urged to get wool for sweaters. Please see Mrs. Ned Howard and get wool for sweaters.

## Berlin Surrenders To The Russians

### NEWS OF OUR BOYS IN SERVICE COMPLETES POST GRADUATE COURSE

Lubbock Army Air Field, Lubbock, Texas, May 2. — Capt. James H. Darden, Jr., son of Mrs. Sarah C. Darden of Farmville, N. C., and a veteran of many months of overseas combat duty, has completed a "post-graduate" course of instruction in instructing pilot training at this special AAF Instrument Instructors School and has returned to his base station to train other flyers in the latest methods of "all weather" instrument flying.

### RECEIVES COMMISSION

James D. Grady, husband of the former Miss Martha Turnage Rabbery, of Farmville, was commissioned a second lieutenant at Fort Benning, Ga., Thursday, April 26, and has been assigned to Camp Fanning, Texas.

### Completes Training

Chanute Field, Ill.—S/Sgt. Linwood E. Quinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Quinn, Route No. 1, Farmville, N. C., has completed training and has been graduated from this school of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

## WAR IN BRIEF

Stalin announces complete conquest of Berlin, 12 days after Red Army troops entered Nazi capital; Soviet communique reports suicide of Hitler and Goebbels, quoting captured German propaganda official; Russians take Baltic port of Rostock.

## ATTENTION

Second Stalin order announced capture of Germany's last Baltic ports, Rostock and Warnemunde, in a 44-mile drive by the Second White Russian Army.

## HITLER COMMITTED SUICIDE, SAYS HIGH GERMAN CAPTIVE

### Furious Battle For German Capital Ends With Surrender Of 70,000 Die-Hard Nazis; Russians Also Take Rostock on Baltic; German Ninth Army Destroyed by Red Soldiers

London, May 3.—Berlin, greatest city of the European continent, fell yesterday afternoon to the Russians, who quoted a high prisoner as declaring that Adolf Hitler had committed suicide along with Propaganda Minister Goebbels at the capital of the blood-drenched Nazi empire tumbled around them.

## DEADLY BATTLE ENDS

The Soviet triumph after 12 days of history's deadliest street fighting, was announced last night by Premier Stalin in an order of the day and in the Soviet communique broadcast from Moscow this morning.

## SEARCH FOR BODY

There was no word of a search for the bodies, but it was a certainty that the Russians literally would leave no stone unturned in all the junk-heap that is the German capital in an effort to verify that Hitler actually was dead and, if so, how he died.

## NAZI SLAUGHTERED

First Stalin issued an order of the day announcing destruction of the German Ninth Army trapped southeast of Berlin, with capture of 120,000 of its men and slaughter of at least 50,000.

## STALIN ORDER

A second Stalin order announced capture of Germany's last Baltic ports, Rostock and Warnemunde, in a 44-mile drive by the Second White Russian Army.

## PROCLAMATION

Then Stalin proclaimed the fall of Berlin. It capitulated at 5 p. m., Moscow time, and by 9 p. m., 70,000 of its staggering defenders had been rounded up and counted by the Russians.

Then, this morning, came the communique and the report of Hitler's suicide.

## Big Territory Freed

Two German plenipotentiaries signed for Germany in the presence of American, British and Russian officers.

## Another Shoe Stamp Effective On Aug. 1

Washington, April 26.—A new shoe ration stamp, the number of which has not been chosen, will become effective Aug. 1st, and Office of Price Administration announced tonight.

## TERMS OF SURRENDER

Field Marshal Alexander in an order of the day to Allied troops said that "Today you stand as victors of the Italian campaign. You have won a victory which has ended in the complete and utter rout of the German armed forces in the Mediterranean."

## Another Shoe Stamp Effective On Aug. 1

The announcement was made well in advance so consumers can budget their remaining stamps over the intervening months.

## HENRY SUTTON

Funeral services for Henry Sutton, 65, of Farmville, who died at his home Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock after a lingering illness were conducted from the home Monday at 4 p. m. Rev. C. B. Maaburn and the Rev. E. C. Chambliss officiated. Interment was in the Joyner family cemetery in Farmville.

## AMERICANS OPEN HARD DRIVE ON OKINAWA; AUSTRALIANS GAINING ON BORNEO

The 77th Infantry Division under Maj. Gen. Andrew D. Bruce, bolstered by the First Marine Division under Maj. Gen. Pedro A. Del Valle, pushed ahead in the center, and on the right flank.

## AMERICANS ADVANCING IN INVASION OF BORNEO

Manila, May 3.—Veteran Australian troops have landed on Tarakan Island off Dutch Borneo, one of the world's richest oil-producing areas, and are advancing toward the Japanese stronghold, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.