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Seaman. Trevathan who operate

Liberated

Mrs. Melvin G. Price, the former

Promoted

New Address

On New Cruiser

Aboard a New U. S. Cruiser Some

where in the Pacific, March 18 De

# Superforts Return To Attack Smouldering Center of Japanese War Industry

21st Bomber Cammand Headquarters, Guam, May 17 .- More than 500 giant B-29 Superfortresses turned 16 square miles of Nagoya into a sea of flame early today, dumping more than 3,500 tons of fire bombs in their second devastation assault on that third largest city of Japan in three days.

The new assault raised to 11,500 tons the weight of fire bombs heaped on Nagoya in four mighty attacks in a little more than two months and made it the most heavilv-bombed city on the Nipponese mainland.

Fire-swept wreckage caused by Monday's 500-plane daylight attack still was smouldering when the huge bombers, -each carrying approximately seven tons of bombs, swept over Nagoya shortly before dawn and attacked in waves from low ily under Allied orders. levels.

#### Aircraft Targets.

The raiders, out to obliterate the core of Japan's dwindling aircraft production facilities unloaded their bombs into a 16-square-mile concentration of industry, some of it already partially ruined by previous raids. Among the targets was the Mitsubishi aircraft plant-largest in Japan.

The three previous saturation hands, now nearing the same pitch as those which wiped out Germany's war industries, had destroyed approximately eight of Nagoya's 16 square miles and it was possible that when today's damage is assessed, that upwards of half of the city will have been destroyed.

Nagoya, a thickly-populated city of 1.326,000 interlaced by canals, was battered by 4,500 tons of fire bombs on the nights of March 12 and 19th and received its heaviest blasting Monday when more than 500 planes-a new record-delivered the first of many assaults now designed to destroy Japanese war industry and soften the country for ly. Only an adult member of the invasion.

The Superforts now have hit Nagoya a total of 14 times. Tokyo has

WAR IN BRIEF Americans on Okinawa tighten pin cers upon keystone of Jap defenses at Shuri City as bloody fighting con-

tinues. More than 46,000 Japa killed so far on Okinawa, with American deaths nearing 4,000 mark.

MacArthur's men on Mindanao ad vance toward central airfield agains tough resistance. Fighting continue on Borneo and Luzon. Giant Superforts return to smould-ering Nakoya to deal another terrific fire-bomb blow to Japan's great-est war industrial center.

Navy reveals capture of Japan bound German U-Boat carrying Luft waffe officers and two Jap suicide Jap submarines also revealed to have prowled the Atlantic.

Notorious Nazi criminal Dr. Rob ert Ley captured by American 101st Airborne Division.

Allies declare Germany will placed under stern military rule for long time to come, and say present Doenitz group is operating temporar-

Allied war crimes conference consider punishment of Nazi criminals will meet in London May 21. British press again assails coddling of Nazi big shots.

Americans are ready to pr Nazi criminals, with Tar Heel attorney being named as one of prosecu-

Adolf Hitler's stenographer says Nazi fuehrer greeted news of President Roosevelt's death with hideous laughter.

tors.

### HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR CANNING SUGAR?

For all who failed to register for canning sugar in the April registration, there will be a special registration throughout Pitt County on Mon-

day, May 21. Those who do not register at this time will not receive any canning sugar until the second allottment is announced Registration will be held in the

Ration Office in Farmville from 9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. You must bring Book 4 for all members of the famifamily may register for all members.

You may apply for sugar even though you did not apply for canning

# **To Be Held Today** vice in France, Italy, Belgium and Germany, since March, 1943. In September, '44, he was knocked out

Prominent Farm ville Citizen Died At His was not wounded." He reurned to te States in Jan-Home Here, Wednes-uary, '45. He wears the Infantry Combat badge, the European ribbons

Funeral services for Lonnie T. Pierce, 52, who died at his home here Camp Lee, Va. His wife resides in Saratoga. at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoo will be held from the Presbyterian Church this morning at 11 o'clock

with the pastor, Rev. E. S. Coates een in 7 major battles participated officiating, assisted by Rev. C. in by the flagship of Admiral William Lawrence, of Falkland, and Rev. W F. Halsey. He wears the Flag ship I. Bennett, of Farmville. Intermen ribbon with 1 star; the Philippine will be in Hollywood Cemetery here Theatre ribbon with 2 stars; the Asia-Representatives from all local tic Theatre ribbon, with 4 stars, the church choirs will sing. Mrs. J. M.

African ribbon with 1 star and the Hobgood, piano accompanist will ren-American Theatre ribbon. der "Going Home" from Dvorak's "World Symphony," as the proces-sional. Chosen hymna include, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee," "How Firm A Foundation," and "Abide

With Me." A quartet composed of and appreciates so much the welcome he has had here. After a 24 day leave, Mrs. M. V. Jones, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, Charles F. Baucom and Elbert Holmes he will return to Seattle, Wash., acwill sing, "Come Ye Disconsolate." companied by his wife who has been Mr. Pierce had been in declining making her home in Pinetops. health for two years and critically ill

for the past nine months. He was a son of the late W. T. and Margaret Miss Edna Hobgood of Farmville, Smith Pierce of Falkland, and came has received word from her husband. to Farmville to make his home 30 Cpl. Price, who has been missing years ago. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, secretary of the Pitt

was liberated on April 28. His letter County Board of Elections and a loyal stated that he was to leave for the member of the Farmville Presby-States right away. terian Church, Having formerly served both as deacon and elder. He was

engaged in farming and had extensive holdings in farmlands in this section. A well-known and highly esteemed citizen, he was of a genial nature and rank of Staff Sergeant. He has been will be greatly missed by a wide in service 15 months and is with the

circle of friends. months he has been statoined in Italy. Surviving are his wife," the former Ima Pittman, of Falkland, to whom Captain B. B. Fordham, 0484078 he was married in 1916; two sons, Post Chapel, Williams Field, Chand-

Lonnie T. Pierce, Jr., of Richmond Va, and Robert Pittman Pierce, of Farmville; a brother, C. E. Pierce, of Columbus, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.

layed-James B. Briley, 23, pharmac-Active pall-bearers will be Hugh and Henry Pittman, of Falkland; Guy Smith and T. G. Basnight, of Green-ville; LeRoy Parker, of Rocky Mount; West Pine St., Farmville, N. C., help-Board of Directors of the Bank of sented to the Town Board of Com-

SERVICE MEN'S

• CENTER •

Other Commencement **Programs** Announced; **Marshals** and Senior Speakers Named

Tonight at 8:30 o'clock the curtai ises on the play, "Up She Goes," eing presented by the Senior Class with four stars and the good conduct of the Farmville High School, under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Joyner. The scene of the three acts is laid in the living room of Mrs. Burton's Boarding House, near a California Fred C. Trevathan, S.S.M.C. 1/c. was a visitor here Tuesday. He has

Characters include Rhods Rhein famous aviatrix, played by Mary Leah Thorne; Beatrice Rheims, her ounger sister, Johnsie Moore; Mrs. a quota expected to be based on his mie Allen; Eva Lang, an air hostess, Mary Elizabeth Carr; Amy Fitts, a but he said it certainly will not be young widow, Willie Winberry; Susan Botts, an air minded maid of all work

Trevathan's Shoe Shop here prior to Marvin Horton, Jr.; Chuck Lorrimer, joining the navy, has been in the another test pilot, Milton Williamservice two and chalf years. He says he is happy to be back in Farmville lionaire, Bobby Butts; Bill Hicks, a

a radio operator, Donald Walston; and Joe Boone, a radio announcer Harry Davis.

#### Ann

The following Commencement Pro since December, 1944, saying that he June 1, Graduation Exercises. L. D. Braxton is Valedictorian and

Flora Dean Johnson, Salutatorian.

Commencement marshals includ Bruce Darden, Babs Williford and Joseph H. Bynum, Jr., son of Mr. Jimmie Stocks, tenth grade; Cedric and Mrs. J. H. Bynum of Farmyille, Davis, Joyce Tyson and Dora Mae has recently been promoted to the Barrett, ninth grade; Elsie May, Ruth Moore and Helen Thomas, eighth Army Air Corps. For the past six grade.

> A hen laying 200 eggs puts about 14 times as much calcium into the eggs as is contained in her body. Seventh War Loan Drive stating that approximately \$20,000 in Bonds has Sound shells call for plenty of calcium, especially near the end of the laying season. called for volunteers to take - Boy

AUTOMOBILES

Washington, May 16.—Some 600,-000 1946 model automobiles are ex-pected to roll off assembly lines by next April I, 's was disclored officially today after the first big reconversion conference between rov rnment and industry. Henry P. Nelson, the War Prod

tion chief, told a joint WPB-industr conference that present indications are that about 200,000 cars can be produced this year and another 400, 000 in the first quarter of 1946. The

exact figure could go up or down lepending on military needs. Each manufacturer will be give arton, a boarding house keeper, Ma- pre-war output. Nelson refused to before July 1.

Once the go-ahead is given, manu facturers will be permitted to produce any type of car they wish, but getting along as best they can withson; Randolph Scott, a young mil- out priority assistance from the government.

interesting.

new member.

In the busin

Milton L. Eason was

AT THE BOTARY CLUB Walter Jones was in charge of the

gram has been announced by J. H. Moore, Superintendent, May 25, Plane Recital: May 27. Baccalaureate Sermon; May 29, Senior Piano Recital;

cer Control Drive, reported that Pitt County's quota of \$1,740 has been oversubscribed, with collections to date totaling \$2,700; Bill Duke, General Chairman of the local Clothin, Collection reported 2,804 pounds of

shipped to a collection depot for im-mediate shipment ovcrseas; Josh

Scouts to a Camporee near Wilson, BANK ELECTS VICE-PRESIDENT Friday.

Bloody Struggle Now Has Taken Lives of 46.505 Japs: American Losses Also Ascending. With Dead Counted at 3,781; Fight Now Centers Upon Shuri City: Americans In Philippines Advance on Mindanao In Tough Fight ing for Airfield

Guam, May 17 .--- United States in fantrymen attacking from the east and north Wednesday slowly closed a pincers upon Shuri, keysto Japan's wavering southern Okinawa defense line, while thundering naval and artillery barrages supported the bloody struggle which has taken a toll of 46,505 Japanese dead.

Stubborn resistance slowed drive toward Shuri from the northeast and American lines along the five-mile front were subst unchanged through the day.

But soldiers on the east coast above Yonbaru City opened an at-tack westward to cut behind Shuri Rotary program Tuesday evening and as the main force of American gunlead a round table discussion of the fire was brought to bear on World Conference. Several particistrongly-defended city. pated in the study which proved most

Marines made only local gains in the hand-to-hand fight for Naha City. There the Japanese resisted bitterly and were driven back at hayonet point in fierce street fight-Davis, County Chairman for the Caning.

#### Jap Toll Mounts

The Japanese death toll showed an ncrease of 5,136 killed in the past six 'ays of the most vicious campaign of the Pacific war, American casualties rose too. old and some new clothing have been

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz disclosed that the Okinawa battle has cost 3,781 American lives, while 17,-Munden told of the progress of the 004 soldiers and Marines have been wounded in the 46-day fight to win the 70-mile-long island 360 miles en sold to date; and James Monk from Japan.

The United States 10th Army has ost 2,771 soldiers and 1,010 Marines killed, 11,675 soldiers and 5,329 Marines wounded and 129 soldiers and 36 Marines missing.

Janie Kemp: Bob Burton, a test pilot, mechanic, L. D. Braxton; Guy Dear

been hit moretimes-16-but by a Remember the date-Monday, May lesser weight of bombs. The Super-21st. forts of the command and the

China-based 20th now have hit the Japanese mainland a total of 66 T. B. Clinic Being times since first swinging into action last June.

Flew In Low.

.The silvery fleets of Superfortreases went in lower today than on Monday, apparently to cross up Japanese anti-aircraft gunners. The great planes, some of them manned by veterans of the European air war who are being transferred to what they gave the Nazis, took off of Pitt County. The services from bases on Guam, Saipan and the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale

The formation might have been the largest force of B-29s ever sent along on one mission, although it Memorial Poppies was known that more than 500 hit Nagoya in the Monday mission.

ore the first elements reported "bombs away" by radio early this morning, reconnaissance plane crewmen disclosed smoke still was pourning from a nine-square-mile targe area attacked Monday.

The assault came as dis from a carrier task force flagship which had participated in a series of strikes against Kyushu and Shikoku reported that the Japanese air force was on its last legs-both from aerial beatings and destruction of its factories.

# AMERICANS ADVANCING

Calvary Division had advanced

e island from Manila. da Indies forces

mphibious landing on the bloo at tip of Tarakan Is ---troops have bee

on of some of Dutch through the rugged han 50 m

Fund.

# Held Here Today

To Be Worn May 26

The Pitt County Health Depart-Registering at the Service Men's ment advises that there will be a Center the past week were the fol-Tuberculosis Clinic held Friday, May lowing from Farmville: Major Gen-18, from 2 to 4 p. m., by Dr. R. T. eral Allen H. Turnage, Washington D. C.; Pvt. Herbert M. Gay, Cam Williams in the Williams-Winstead Clinic, Farmville.

Lee, Va., son of Louis Gay, Route 2; The Clinic will serve both white Pvt. Archie G. Cayton, Oliver Genand colored patients from any part eral Hospital, Augusta, Ga.; Fred C. Trevathan, S.S.M.C. 1/c, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif., and

> Cherry Point: Pfc. Dale B. Mar tin Knightsville, Ind., and Cpl. Frank Damyanovich, Lincoln Park, Michigan, guests of Miss Lucille May, Sat

Once again on Poppy Day, May 26, the members of the American Legion ner guest Sunday of Mrs. S. G. Gard-Auxiliary will dedicate their best efner and supper guest of Miss Tab forts to the distribution of memorial M. Devise nti: Pfc. Edwin M. Str Washington and Cpl. Theo poppies to the citizens of Farmville. It is one of the ways in which they dore F. Zacherny, Amana, Iowa, Sunpay tribute to and keep faith with day night guests of Miss DeViscont se who died in the nation's ser-C.

Camp Lejeune: Pfc. Glen C Crough, Lakeland, Fla., and Tucson Arizona, and Col. N. E. Lehmann "The wearing of the poppy has be

"The wearing of the poppy has be-own reported that the Japanese in force was on its last legs—both rom aerial beatings and destruc-on of its factories. IMERICANS ADVANCING IN MINDANAO FIGHTING Manila, May 17.—Veteran infantry-nen of the United States 31st Divi-

gging out a five-mile gain assure them that we remember our ten May 1st, says everything is goin the tenchest flichting of The promise." the toughest fighting of The lippines campaign, have reached a nt within eight miles of the big base at Valencia, Gen. Douglas rArthur announced today. IscArthur also announced that manning and the have blackoute. These little memorial flowers will be offered to everyone. There is no fixed price for a poppy—whatever is given is welcome. The little boy's Cross Clubmobile visited his Comny The two women were very cArthur also announced that pennies and the business man's dol-ng elements of the American Calvary Division had advanced miles northward along the m coast of Luzon to within miles of the Port Lampon ane anchorage south of In-py goes toward the rehabilitation of The suchrage lies in a tide to the children of the dead and dis-cted cover due east of shd of the children of the dead and dis-

J. Y. Lassiter, Extension culturist of State College, abled. These victims of war's disc-ter will be glad to see the poppies provers make more money when the ing on lapels again this

Boys from Dixie" have gr ion just north of the

W. Leslie Smith and Dr. C. E. Fitzinto battle for the first time t oday against the W. Davis was elected as Vice-Presi gerald, of Farmville, and Dr. E. E Jananese. Pittman, of Oak City.

ler, Arizona.

Her guns sent two Japanese bomb ers crashing into the sea not far from Board since January 1937. Japan, and the carriers she defended J. I. Morgan, Jr., was elected so well are free, to launch their succeed his father, as director.

The Jap is aware that a new ship VETERAN OF 30 MONTHS has joined Uncle Sam's first team. Awarded Oak Leaf Cluster

Headquarters, XXth Bomber Comand Indila-Award of the Bronze Private First Class Julius L. Erwin, First Lieutenant William C. Briley, of Route 2, Farmville, N. C., veteran of Farmville, N. C., has been announc-of 30 months of Jap and jungle fight amount of supplementary salary that ed by Headquarters of the 20th Bomber Command, pioneer B-29 Su-the Marine guard at the Naval Air And whereas, the members of the perfortress organization. Station here.

member of a lead crew on bos ember of a lead crew on bombing Peleliu campaigns. H ssions against Kuala Lumpur, Ma-to an artillery outfit.

Iaya," during which his plane drop-ped a high percentage of bomos car-ried on the assigned target." In his three Pacific affensives, which totaled over a year of front line action, 22-year-old Erwin fought the Japs in 10 major battles, four on

Lt. Briley is a flight engineer with was on Bloody Nose Ridge, Peleliu. the "Billy Mitchell" Group. Graduates

Camp Lee, Va., May 11.-Lt. Letha L. Holloman, niece of W. A. Pollard, Jr., Farmville, N. C., was among the 200 graduates of the Nurses Basic Training Center at The Quartermaster School here today.

Commending "the patriotism which brough you into the Army" Col. L. L. DISTRICT SCOUT Cobb, Commandant of The Quarter-ter School, told the class that "your volunteering in your country's hour of need is a capsuled history of the heritage that is America. The uni-form which you wear clothes Ameri-

The 200 graduates, who have un dergone four weeks of intensiv training in basic military subject and Army Medical Corps technique and procedures, will be assigned to aspiitals in the Third Service Com and before going overseas.

# TO FORT BRAGG

Jimmie Parker, son of R. A. Parke Farmville, who was recently ted left Wednesday to report ort Bragg. Prior to induction, hi tended Edwards Military Institute here he was a freshman in the Colage Department. Jimmle spent sev

men are ready to die

dent, to succeed the late J. I. Morga

Sr. Mr. Davis has served on the

Cecil Field, Fla., May 17 .- Marin has not be Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Erwin letic coach trained and equipped to First Lieutenant William C. Briley, of Route 2, Farmville, N. C., veteran coach atheletics in the school at the

Peleliu campaigns. He was attacked

which totaled over a year of front facilities of the Town of Farmville line action, 22-year-old Erwin fought the Japs in 10 major battles, four on Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester and High School and to direct the activiactions great damage was caused to enemy installations." Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester and two on Peleliu. His last combat duty munity during the summer months; BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED Private Erwin enlisted in Augus

A native of Farmville, Erwin at-action they may take athletic coach and recre ended Arthur High.

**GUESTS OF KIWANIS** 

ing Kiwanis Club meeting was a talk nade by John Hackney of Wilson, Divisional Scout Executive. Mr. Jackney gave to the Club an analysis

be said that all who heard him were of only enthused, but were cager to matribute their bit in pushing on-rard the Scout movement in this dis-operation of the personal owning fuer of tonacco currers by the Pitt County War Price and Rationing Board. Applications will be accepted on OPA Form R-1102 at the county of-

Givanis Glub might contribute dvancement of scouting. te to the J. Y. Monk, District Cou gave his status in Scouting ined the objectives of this

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Whereas, the Town of Farmville, through and by their duly elected officials, own recreational grounds and equipment, including a golf course, club house, swimming pool, play-grounds and parks valued at several thousands of dollars; and whereas, the boys and girls of Farmville do

IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC not have adequate supervision of their recreation during the entire

Town of Farmville, to employ some mpetent person on a year ro

basis to supervise the recreational ties of the boys and girls of our com-

1940. He wears the First Marine Division Presidential Unit Citation 1940. He wears the First Marine Division Presidential Unit Citation, the Pacific ribbon with four stars and the American defense ribbon for his overseas service.

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIALS

everally; that this resolution is not ffered as criticism of the past, but nly as encouragement for the fu-The feature of the Monday ev

**Farmers Urged To** File For Fuel Oil Now

of the history, purpose, and the activities in all it's branches of true Scout The week of May 14-19 has be g. His talk was concise, illustra- declared Tobacco' Registration Week we, and to the point and it can well for persons owning fuel oil tobacco

Mr. Hackney was introduced by J. T. Sutton, Program chairman of the evening, who previous to the intro-duction spoke briefly as to how the

It was

than half of the estim enemy troops originally on the land. But the remainder of Japanese garrison, com the gradually dwindling sector, were waging a death-fight which is costlier than any other Pacific campaign.

Shuri City.

Battleships, cruisers and destroyer year; whereas, the Farmville School of the United States Pacific Fleet en able to secure an athe- standing off Okinawa trained then guns on Shuri City to aid the ground advance. Massed Marine and Army artillery behind the American lin pinpointed the defenses guard northern approach

Farmville Rotary Club believe that it would be to the best interest of the Infantry Division, driving southward people of the Town of Farmville and after capturing strategic Chocolate The citation commends Lt. Briley A member of the famed First Ma-for "outstanding and meritorious achievement while participating as a the Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester and the Farmville School District for the Drop Hill yesterday, were less than 1,500 yards northeast of Shu were engaged in an uphill against nd caves honevoo hing the many ridges in that sector. The First Marines northwest of

Shuri were reported within 500 yards of Shuri, according to field dispatches

The westward attack by the 96th Division on the east coast appart was aimed at swinging behind Shuri and Naha City to envelop the fortified Japanese strongpoints. The ex-tent of their progress was not pecified. secure an

thietic coach and recreational super-son for the Town of Farmville, The smashing three-day carries attack on Japanese mainland fields last weekend had result r they take action jointly or a sharp drop in suicide against United States shippin

Planes of Vice Adm. Mare litscher's carrier task force Japanese airfields on Kyu hikoku Saturday night, 19 Jan nd Monday. They iy in the ten ir attacks against Oh

Only A Desen. Nimits reported today that

12 enemy aircraft approached line

Air attacks throughout us and over Koroan and

o temptation is so triffin can afford to triffic with it

C. B. FLANAGAN

OFA Form R-1102 at the county of-fice or the registration sites through

the number and size of barns, the type of curers, and the estimated amount of fuel oil needed for this