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American Legion Auxiliaries In Conference Here Today

Farmville Unit Hostess Group For First Area; Department President To Address Morning Session

The First Area Conference, American Legion Auxiliary, Department of N. C., in annual session here today will open its meeting at 10 a. m., with Mrs. R. Jennings White, Chairman, presiding.

Advancement of Colors by Misses Lola Grey Kemp and Elsie May of the Farmville Unit, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by the Weldon Unit and prayer by Rev. C. B. Mashburn, pastor of the Farmville Christian Church, in which the meeting is being held, will begin the program. The National Anthem, will be rendered as a solo by Mrs. J. W. Joyner.

The Preamble will be led by Mrs. Mary W. Harris, president of the Elizabeth City Unit. Miss Mamie E. Davis, president of the local unit and Carl Tyson, commander of Farmville American Legion Post will extend greetings, to which Mrs. Charles Davenport, of Jamesville, Fourth District committeewoman, will respond.

Brief Achievement talks will be given by Mrs. Davenport, and Mrs. I. M. Reeves, Edenton, Mrs. E. G. Hudnell, Chocowinity, and Mrs. Fred Pirkey, Rocky Mount, Committeewomen of the first, second and fifth Districts, respectively.

Telegraphic Roll Call of Units by Mrs. S. R. Motzno, Area Membership Chairman; Presentation of Name of 1946-47 Area Chairman, and Place of 1946 Area Meeting will follow the business period after which Miss Joyce Tyson will render a musical program.

The principal address of the day will be delivered by Mrs. O. S. Slomwhite, Department President. Department Officers will bring greetings. Mrs. E. G. Joyner, Past Area chairman will present the Attendance Award, given by Mrs. White, present Chairman.

Problems and Questions will be discussed in an Open Forum after which Mrs. James R. Worsley, President of Greenville Unit will give a report from the Courtesy Committee.

Following adjournment, a luncheon will be served in the banquet hall of the church.

ATTEND O. E. S. MEET

The 2nd district Eastern Star meeting was held in New Bern on Tuesday of this week with 240 members present. The business meeting was held at the New Bern Armory with a turkey luncheon served at the Masonic Temple.

Members of the Farmville chapter took part on the program "Exemplifying the Balloting." Mrs. J. W. Parker made a short talk concerning the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Goldsboro.

Those attending from Farmville were: Mrs. Lynn Eason, Miss Mamie Davis, Mrs. Bill Rollins, Mrs. G. L. Gilchrist, Mrs. Ted Albritton, Mrs. Curtis Flanagan, Mrs. O. G. Spill, Mrs. C. L. Ivey, Mrs. Robert Rouse, Mrs. Milton Eason, Mrs. Herman Baker, Mrs. Marvin Mercer, Mrs. Dixie Barrett, Mrs. J. W. Parker.

ON LEAVE

J. E. "Doc" Russell, Machinist's Mate 2/c, who recently returned to the States after 11 months service in the Admiralty Islands, arrived home Saturday for a 30 day leave, his first visit home since June '44.

He will report Nov. 9 in Sampson, N. Y. He wears the Asiatic-Pacific and Philippine Liberation ribbons and a bronze battle star.

HOME CASUALTIES

Chicago, Oct. 17.—Total war casualties for the United States, including killed, wounded, missing and prisoners, were 1,070,524, but the home front accident toll during the war reached 36,355,000, according to the National Safety Council.

The figures cover the period from Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, to V-J Day, August 14, 1945.

Of the total war casualties, the council listed 281,608 killed, 651,911 wounded, 32,811 missing and 124,194 prisoners. On the home front, 358,000 were killed in accidents and 36,000,000 injured, including 1,250,000 disabled permanently.

The traffic toll alone was 94,000 killed and 3,200,000 injured. Of the injured, 270,000 cases involved permanent disability.

Home accidents killed 118,000 and injured 17,500,000.

The council said it released the report with no thought of implying that wartime activities on the home front compared in danger with actual fighting.

"The figures are presented merely to show the enormity of the accident toll and to emphasize the importance of preventing accidents in war or in peace," the council said.

KIWANIS CLUB

Bob Fiser, chairman for the Kiwanis Club this week, presented as his guest speaker, James Matthew Gibbs, who made an excellent and most informative address.

"Skinney," as he is known to his many friends and associates in Farmville, has recently received his honorable discharge from the Army, at which time he was attached to the Fifth Corps of the First Army and held the rank of Technical Sergeant. Choosing as his subject, "The Army As An Organization," he showed how an army was built from two men to a squad, a platoon, a company, a battalion, a regiment, a division, and to an army.

Mr. Gibbs compared the army to a large company with its several departments operating individually but under a supreme commander. He told how each branch of the army was dependent on the complete cooperation and efficiency of the other branches in order to make a safe and orderly movement. He mentioned how impossible it would be for the man who actually fired the gun to operate without the complete coordination of the Signal Corps and the Supply battalion and the other various units, which make up a complete army.

The former Sergeant spoke highly of the system which existed in his outfit and explained how it was possible for any man in the army to voice his opinion and for this opinion to eventually reach the Supreme Commander. The most impressive part of the talk came near the end when "Skinney" spoke of the supreme loyalty which existed in his outfit which was unquestionably backed up by several letters written by the Supreme Commanders and passed down to officers and men of the First Army.

George Moye, of New York City, a guest of the Club Monday, was presented by his brother, Howard.

The date for the semi-annual Ladies' Night has been changed from October 26 to November 2. W. E. Debnam, War Correspondent and Commentator, will be the principal speaker. The program next week will be under the direction of Dick Harris.

SERIES OF SERVICES

Rev. J. W. Hassell, of Goldsboro, will conduct a Series of Services at Carraway's Chapel, beginning Sunday, Oct. 21, running thru the week. He will be assisted by the pastor, Rev. Edwin S. Coates. Song services will be conducted by C. F. Baucom.

NUMBER NINE PLAYS IMPORTANT PART IN THIS SOLDIER'S LIFE

Cpl. Charlie Russell Caraway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raeford Caraway, of Snow Hill, entered service on April 9th, 1943; was transferred from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., to Camp Lee, Va., June 9th, to Camp Reynolds, December 9th. Sailing from New Orleans he arrived Feb. 9th, 1944 in Panama, where he was stationed twenty months.

Leaving Fort Randolph, Canal Zone, by plane Sept. 29th, 1945 to return to the United States. He arrived in Miami, Fla., Oct. 2 and reached home on the 5th for a 90 day furlough. He was married Oct. 9 to Miss Frances Virginia Cobb of Farmville. After a furlough he will go to Camp Lee for reassignment.

RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Camp Walters, Texas.—Sgt. Allen Darden of Farmville, formerly stationed at this Infantry Replacement Training Center, has been separated from the Army at the Camp Walters Separation Point.

FARMVILLE 4-H CLUB

The October meeting of the Farmville 4-H Club was presided over by the vice-president, Miss Reba Gold Morgan. Pledges to the American and 4-H Club flags were given and the group sang, "A Song of Health," led by Miss Ella Ruth Bizzelle. Miss Emma Sue Nanney, secretary, read the minutes. Beginning in November, the group will meet at 7:30 p. m. Announcement was made of Achievement Day in Greenville, Nov. 16.

The program, "Making Biscuits," demonstrated by Miss Bizzelle provided very interesting and helpful to club members, both boys and girls. Entertaining games were played with the assistance of Miss Doris Bizzelle. Refreshments were served by the hosts, Allen Parker and Billy Ray Allen.

New officers will begin their duties at the next meeting.

Recent floods caused great losses of feed crops in Lee County, and Farm Agent J. A. Marsh and neighborhood leaders have begun a campaign for the seeding of supplemental grazing crops.

Tobacco Prices Reach New High

With the demand for all types continuing exceedingly strong, prices continued to rise on fine cured tobacco markets this week, with the Eastern Belt average already comparing favorably with the highest mark ever reached, the Federal-State Market News Service reported.

While the average increase noted yesterday was very light when compared to Tuesday's average, the averages on all belts were the highest of the season. Eastern Belt markets reported normal fluctuations of from \$1 to \$2 per hundred, but the increases more than offset the declines.

The market report Wednesday for the Eastern Belt was:
Fair orange and common orange leaf grades increased \$1 per hundred, and best thin nondescript was up \$2. Common red leaf dropped \$1 per hundred for the only loss of the day. The majority of sales was made up of low to good leaf, low fair cutters, and nondescript. Quality was about average for this late in the season. Tuesday's average set a new high mark for the season. 45 per hundred pounds. This was 70 cents per hundred above the former high average, which was established last Friday. The 9,020,590 pounds sold brought the season total of 305,301,672 pounds at an average of \$43.36.

RETURNS AS MANAGER OF FARMVILLE FUNERAL HOME

1st./Sgt. Charles S. Edwards, who received a discharge October 15 from Bowman Field, Louisville, Ky., following 4 years and 10 months service, arrived this week to begin his duties as manager of the Farmville Funeral Home, a position which he held previously.

Sgt. Edwards spent two years in the ground forces at Fort Bragg, and for the past three years has traveled out Miami Beach, Fla., Atlantic City, and Louisville, Ky., as liaison representative from Headquarters of the Personnel Distribution Command to its subordinate stations.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY FOR LOCAL GIRL SCOUTS

At the Parent-Teacher Association meeting Thursday, the Investiture Ceremony for local Girl Scouts will be held just prior to the regular program.

The twenty-five Scouts, dressed in uniform, will be presented their certificates of membership and tenderfoot pins.

All interested in Girl Scouts are invited to be present.

The Troop has been asked to attend the Girl Scout Rally in Greenville, Monday, Oct. 29, and to give a stunt.

RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Cpl. Alfred H. Lewis received a discharge Oct. 15 at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga., and arrived home Tuesday. He will resume his duties at the Farmville Furniture Co., next week. Cpl. Lewis was in service forty-three months, 21 of which were spent overseas in the Pacific Theater, on the Fiji Island and Guadalcanal. He has the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with 3 bronze stars and the Good Conduct Medal.

RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Flight Officer Emerson Smith was separated from the Army Air Corps, on Oct. 12 at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho, after 2 years, 7 months service.

He enlisted with the Army Reserve in the fall of '42, while a student at Davidson College, answered his call in April '43, and received his commission in Nov. '44 at New Roswell Field, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith arrived in Farmville Tuesday and are making their home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Leslie Smith.

SERVICE MEN'S CENTER

Visitors at the local Center the past week were: Farmville—J. B. Tyson, Jr., S. S. T. A. A. S. Pungo, Norfolk, Va.; Alex G. Craft, S. S. T. F. P. O. New York.

Cpl. Charlie Russell Caraway and Mrs. Caraway. Cpl. Caraway, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raeford Caraway, of Snow Hill, recently returned from twenty months in Panama.

Cherry Point—Sgt. Alfred Christianso, Racine, Wis.; T/Sgt. Dale B. Martin Knightville, Ind.; Cpl. Jerry A. Peck, Lake Placid, N. Y.; Cpl. O. L. Montgomery, Lisbon, Ohio; Cpl. Jimmie Glatas, Baltimore, Md.; Pfc. John H. Hope, Hunter, Kansas.

Assistant hostesses were Mrs. Jack Smith and Mrs. Joe Jones. Donations included chocolate cake and fruit, milk by Mrs. B. A. Norman; pecans by Mrs. Jack Smith; and three dollars from the Town of Farmville; flowers from Mrs. B. S. Shappard; Mrs. Bob Joyner prepared pecans.

Farmville Veteran Chosen For Nat'l Army Publicity

L. B. Johnson, Jr., Named Typical Veteran Studying At Typical College

The University of North Carolina was chosen as the typical American University as representatives of the Fort Bragg Public Relations Office photographed the "typical" Carolina veteran today as he entered and went through the daily routine of a typical Carolina day.

L. B. Johnson, the typical veteran, was chosen because he took basic training at Fort Bragg. He was photographed in eight poses to constitute a picture story of the GI's return to the campus, to be distributed to all Army camps in the United States. Copies will also be sent to Army Ground Forces Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Picture number one shows Johnson talking to Mr. Ben Husbands, Carolina Veterans Administration Representative, inquiring about the benefits to which he is entitled under the GI Bill and Public Law 16. He is convinced that a Carolina education is what he wants, so

Picture number two takes us to the office of the Registrar, where Mr. Plennons duty registers him. Losing no time, out ex GI in

Picture number three is seen with two pretty coeds working industriously on a calculator in the Statistics lab in Bingham Hall. Carving refreshment, we find him in

Picture number four, with Capt. and Mrs. Charles Murray, (Capt. Murray is a Congressional Medal of Honor holder who will return to the Carolina Campus this November), with another two pretty coeds, drinking cocoa-cola at the Y bar. (It's a secret, but the two pretty "coeds" were Barbara Jones and Winnie Cheek, Y secretaries.) Striking an academic pose, we find our veteran at the Old Well, with a textbook. Johnson is the manager of his fraternity's (Kappa Sigma) dining hall, and in

Picture number six he confers on the next day's menu with the chef.

Picture number seven and eight portrays Mr. Johnson's typical delight: drinking beer with his girl and fellow veterans. Our story ends on a solemn note as we find our veteran with his sweetheart in the Arboretum. — (from an article by Dick Koral, published in "The Tar Heel," Chapel Hill)

Final Rites For Mrs. Ellen Hill

Farmville Woman Passes Made In Snow Hill Cemetery

Mrs. Ellen Warren Hill, 79, widow of the late A. D. Hill, a highly esteemed Farmville woman and one of the town's oldest citizens, passed away quietly in her sleep, Wednesday night, at the home of her adopted daughter, Mrs. Haywood Butler, in Norfolk, Va. Mrs. Hill, who had been in failing health for several months, was apparently as well as usual when she retired.

Funeral services were conducted from the Edwards Funeral Home, in Snow Hill, Thursday afternoon, at 3:00 o'clock, by Rev. M. Y. Self, pastor of the Farmville Methodist Church, and interment was made in the churchyard of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church there.

She is survived by her adopted daughter, Mrs. Haywood Butler, formerly Alms Duke Hill, a sister, Mrs. Lon Edwards, of Kingston, and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Hill, a native of Snow Hill came to Farmville in early womanhood, having married A. D. Hill on November 21, 1894. Mr. Hill was postmaster of Farmville for many years. His first wife was Miss Louisa May.

Mrs. Hill was born June 23, 1866, the daughter of the late Richard and Arrena Wood Warren, of Snow Hill.

She was a faithful and loyal churchwoman and a zealous worker in the Methodist Church from early girlhood. She invited the Rev. A. D. Betts, of the Ayden circuit to preach in Farmville in 1901, was instrumental in perfecting the organization of the Farmville Methodist Church in the fall of that year and was among the eight charter members.

ENTERS SERVICE

George Robert Smith, Jr., who enlisted in the U.S.N.R., in July, received his call Oct. 13, and left Tuesday for Raleigh where he was assigned to Camp Peary, Magruder, Va.

2-Day Dedication Ceremony Planned

Raleigh, Oct. 18.—Veterans of the Wildest Division of World War I are planning, in operation with the State Department of Archives and History, a dedication ceremony of the exhibit of war trophies which the Wildest Division of World War II has forwarded from the Palau group of islands in the Pacific. It was announced today by Mr. Banks Arendell, National Commander of the Wildest Veterans Association, and Dr. Christopher Crittenden, Director of the State Department of Archives and History. The exhibit comprises some 500 articles, including a cannon, machine gun, trench mortars, shells, land mines, rifles, maps, and other equipment of the Jap soldier.

The exhibit is being assembled in the Hall of History, just off Capitol Square in Raleigh, and will be dedicated by Governor R. Gregg Cherry at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, November 4, in ceremonies on Capitol Square.

The veterans and their ladies have arranged a two-day program for the dedication ceremonies, Saturday and Sunday, November 3 and 4. On the third there will be a formal dinner at 5:30 p. m., followed at 7:30 by a patriotic mass meeting, with a program of addresses and music. The next day there will be a meeting at the courthouse at 11:30 a. m., a brief memorial service at the Wildest marker on Capitol Square at 2:00 p. m., and the dedication of the Jap trophies at 3:00 p. m.

Following the dedication the exhibit will be opened to the public in the Hall of History. At the ceremonies Brigadier General Charles D. Roberts of Washington will represent Major General Charles J. Bailey, Commander in Chief of the Wildest Veterans Association. After the exhibit has been viewed a dinner will be served.

All Wildest veterans planning to attend should write the Wildest Veterans Association, 501 Lawyers Building, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Bishop Vincent Waters To Officiate Here At St. Elizabeth's Church

Confirmation Ceremonies To Be Administered At The Catholic Church, Sunday Evening At 7:30 o'clock

The Most Reverend Vincent S. Waters, D. D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh will officiate at the beautiful ceremonies of Confirmation that will be administered to a class from Farmville and Kinston.

The Most Reverend Bishop is a native of Roanoke, Va., where he received his early education. After his ordination to the priesthood in Rome he returned to his native state of Virginia where he held many important posts and assignments. He was consecrated May 15th in the Sacred Heart Cathedral as the Roman Catholic Bishop of Raleigh.

The ancient Christian ceremonies of confirmation is most impressive and solemn in the liturgy of the church. The services will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Assisting the Bishop will be the Rev. John A. Bryson of Pinhurst, and assistant Chancellor of the Diocese together with several priests from surrounding localities. A large group of the members of the clergy will attend this function. The clergy to be present are the Reverend Fathers Arthur Racette, Laurence Neumann, J. Ragan, Edward T. Gilbert, Thomas Williams, David Gannon, S. A. Maurice Tew, c.p., Dominic Cohee, c.p., Julian Endler, c.p., John Maye, c.p., Ernest Welch, c.p., Daniel McDevitt, c.p., Timothy Shannon, T. O. R., Phillip Russo, T. O. R., Gerard Fredericks, M. S. S. T., Jude McCauley, M. S. S. T., Jerome Hovance, M. S. S. T., and Cajetan McCarty, M. S. S. T.

The men of the parish as well as other members of St. Elizabeth's parish will officially welcome Bishop Waters to Farmville. The women of Saint Elizabeth's Guild will honor the Bishop at a dinner to be held at the Rectory before the ceremonies.

A talented choir from St. Teresa's Church in Wilson will be present to enhance the services with all the musical and choral accomplishments.

A cordial invitation to attend this service is extended to the people of Farmville by the pastor, Reverend Benedict Mahon.

WALSTONBURG METHODIST REVIVAL

The Reverend B. O. Merritt, formerly pastor of the Snow Hill Methodist Church, will be the preacher in the Walstonburg Methodist Church Revival, October 22 through October 28. The Reverend McClure Meredith of Duke University will be song leader and soloist. Mrs. Curtis Walston will be choir director and pianist.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services. The services will be at 7:30 o'clock Eastern Standard Time each evening and 11 o'clock and 7:30 o'clock Sunday, Oct. 22.

Japan Takes Four Major Steps Toward Democratic Government

UNITED WAR FUND

Mayor J. W. Joyner states that Zone leaders and their committees have put forth a splendid effort and are nearing their goal, with 85% of the quota already subscribed. It is hoped that full success of the canvass may be reported by next week.

ROTARY CLUB

Curtis Flanagan was in charge of the Rotary Club program Tuesday evening and had as speaker, Rev. G. B. Mashburn, pastor of the local Christian Church.

Rev. Mashburn discussed "The Church in Post War Planning," pointing out that the Church, in order to save the World from further destruction must assert itself and take an active part in national and international affairs, that the Church of Jesus Christ is the only agency left that can evaluate man for his true worth. He voiced a pessimistic view of the negotiations that have taken place up to this time, stating that the Allies are still distrustful of one another.

The true Christian outlook will have to prevail if there is to be a just and lasting Peace. The Church must also take knowledge of local conditions that exist and interest itself in the spiritual life of all mankind both rich and poor, weak and strong. In conclusion, he said the Church is composed of just such men as those present and that it is up to the laymen to make the Church the vital factor in the life of all men that it should be.

Rotarian Eli Joyner, Jr., at present a Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, and Herbert Acton were guests. Manly Liles had as his guest, Fireman 1/c Douglas Kemp, U.S.N.

The Club had all members present, except one. Attendance recently has been excellent, an average of 92%. John B. Lewis was awarded attendance prize donated by W. A. McAdams.

COLTRANE LAUDS FARM GROUPS

Raleigh, Oct. 18.—Declaring that the State Grange and the State Farm Bureau Federation are both conducting membership drives in this State, Assistant Agriculture Commissioner D. S. Coltrane has outlined the following 10 "pertinent reasons" why farmers should join a farm organization:

"In union there is strength; farmers must be organized to hold their own with other organized groups; farm organizations work toward securing for farmers a fair share of the consumer's dollar; farm groups watch over the legislative interests of farmers; farm organizations give farmers a voice in state and national affairs; farm organization is the most effective way to register support for the various agricultural agencies; farm organizations work effectively for better rural schools; they stand on the principal that taxes should be levied on the basis of ability to pay; farm groups strive to raise the standard of farm living; and the leading farmers of North Carolina are found in farm organization memberships."

HONOR RETURNING SONS AT BARBECUE DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Holloman entertained their friends and relatives at a barbecue dinner Sunday, Oct. 7. The dinner was given in honor of their sons Bob, Dink and Marion Grey, who recently returned from the European Theatre of War. Another son, Thomas, who also participated in the European Campaign, was not at home to enjoy the occasion, but he hopes to be back soon.

Among those who attended the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Holloman, Mr. and Mrs. Will Walston, Mr. and Mrs. James Walston, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Holloman, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Holloman, Sgt. and Mrs. Dink Holloman, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nichols, Miss Linza Holloman, Cordell Holloman, Mr. and Mrs. G. Holloman, Pfc. William R. Hogwood and Mary Tyson. Fifteen grandchildren were also present.

FARMVILLE BOY VOLUNTEERS FOR MARINES

Harry Lee Lovic, son of Mrs. R. W. Lovic, State Sanatorium, N. C., enlisted in the Regular Marine Corps, at the Raleigh Recruiting Office, October 16, to serve for a period of three years.

While at home Lovic attended the Presbyterian Church and Farmville High, where he participated in basketball and other activities.

Upon enlistment Lovic was transferred to the Marine Recruit Depot at Parris Island, S. C., where he will undergo a six week period of training after which he will probably be transferred to overseas duty to relieve a marine who has completed his tour of foreign service.

Hirohito Grants Amnesty To Million Japs, Four Giant Business Firms Offer Stock To Public, Jap Cabinet Repeals Religious Control Law and MacArthur Frees Jap Movie Industry from Govern- ment Rule

Tokyo, Oct. 17.—The Japanese nation took four important steps toward democracy today.

They were:
1. Emperor Hirohito granted amnesty to nearly 1,000,000 Japanese as an openly avowed move to unite the country "in meeting a great change in history."

2. Four major Japanese industrial holding companies, Mitsu, Mitsubishi, Sumitomo and Yasuda, decided to offer all their shares for sale to the public, the newspaper Yomiuri Hoshi said.

3. The Japanese cabinet, in further compliance with General MacArthur's directive for freedom of thought and speech in Japan, decided to repeal the religious organizations law established as a wartime control, Domei news agency reported.

4. General MacArthur issued a directive freeing the Japanese motion picture industry from all government domination to allow it to "reflect the democratic aspirations of the Japanese people."

Action of Japan's four great industrial companies—with their tight grip upon the nation's economic and political life already an avowed target to United States occupation policy—is "not enough," Yomiuri Hoshi said, advancing ownership as the only solution of this problem.

Similarly "meeting a great change in history," Emperor Hirohito, in an imperial rescript, today restored voting rights to nearly 1,000,000 Japanese. Some 320,000 who had been imprisoned or under police surveillance were pardoned; sentences of 87,000 others were reduced and civil rights restored to both groups as well as to 600,000 others who had lost them—provided they had lost their rights at least five years prior to September 2, 1946.

Political Freedom.
The amnesty rescripts affected principally political prisoners, whose freedom General MacArthur had decreed.

Japan's new cabinet, in a matching step toward freedom of thought and speech, decided to repeal the wartime religious organizations law which had provided close government scrutiny of all religious orders. It also approved elimination of the cabinet board of information, reduction of government employees from 300,000 to 150,000 and elimination of the wartime labor service (forced-labor) bureau.

United States Eighth Army headquarters meanwhile reported the arrest of Lt. Gen. Shigeru Sasada, charged with complicity in the executions of some of the Doolittle fliers who raided Tokyo April 18, 1942.

Other headquarters reports disclosed recovery of buried fortunes in diamonds, platinum, gold and silver cached by Japanese admiral and generals, and said that United States Marines have taken control of labor-rioting coal mining camps near Hakata, where at least two Chinese workers were killed.

Reveal New Atrocity.
American authorities reported the torture-slaying by Japanese of 22 Allied nationals on Tarawa, in the Gilbert Islands, in September, 1942, and disclosed that Japanese agents in Tokyo illegally had searched the prowar diplomatic pouches of the American embassy.

Accused as "Tokyo Rose" of wartime propaganda broadcasts, American-born Iva Toguri was returned to custody of United States authorities today. Eighth Army officers announced. They reassumed authority over her case on the grounds that she was an American citizen.

Nearly 2,500 Japanese army and navy personnel arrived today from long-isolated Marcus Island. Their commander said that only supplies left by Americans early in the war kept most of them from hospital.

In Chungking, Chinese cabinet spokesman P. H. Chang said today that 850,000 of the 1,100,000 Japanese effectives in China already had been disarmed. Disarmament in the Japanese home islands already is complete, MacArthur has announced.

MASONIC DISTRICT MEETING

The 5th Masonic district will meet with Griffin Lodge No. 243 at host lodge on Wednesday, October 26th.

The district is composed of lodges at Ayden, Bethel, Farmville, Robersonville, Grimsland, Grifton and Greenville.

Several grand lodge officers are expected to attend.