

ITALY LAYS DOWN ARMS

THIRD WAR BOND DRIVE OPENS TODAY

Eisenhower Grants Military Armistice

Appeals To Italians To Help Drive Germans From Italian Soil At Once.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 8.—General Dwight D. Eisenhower today announced the unconditional surrender of Italy in the greatest victory for Allied arms in four years of war.

Gen. Eisenhower announced he had granted a military armistice—approved by Russia as well as Britain and the United States—to the war-sick, tottering junior Axis partner being chewed by invasion.

Hitler's "European Fortress" was cracked, the way was opened for new offensives, the course of World War II immeasurably shortened.

Surrender of Italian armed forces "unconditionally" was made by the government of Marshal Pietro Badoglio, successor of Benito Mussolini, the architect of Fascism.

Thus the Casablanca "unconditional surrender" ultimatum received its first application.

Announcing the brilliant news, Eisenhower, who led the Allies triumph in Tunisia and Sicily as well, declared:

"The Italian government has rendered its armed forces unconditionally."

"As Allied commander in chief I have granted a military armistice the terms of which have been approved by the governments of the United Kingdom, the United States and the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics. Thus I am acting in the interests of the United Nations."

The Italian government has bound itself to abide by these terms without reservation.

"The armistice was signed by my representative and the representative of Marshal Badoglio, and it becomes effective this instant," Eisenhower said in a broadcast at 12:30 p. m. (ewt).

"Hostilities between the armed forces of the United Nations and those of Italy terminate at once. All Italians who now act to help eject the German aggressors from Italian soil will have the assistance and support of the United Nations."

The truce actually was reached last Friday at Allied advance headquarters in Sicily—the very day that British and Canadian troops swept across Messina Strait to invade the Italian toe—but it was agreed, a special announcement said, "that the armistice should come into force at a moment most favorable to the Allies, and be simultaneously announced by both sides. That moment has now arrived."

The possibility of a German move to forestall publication of the armistice by the Italian government was discussed during the negotiations.

"To meet this eventuality, it was agreed that one of the senior Italian military representatives should not return to Rome. He is now in Sicily."

"Further, Marshal Badoglio arranged to send the text of his proclamation to Allied headquarters."

Badoglio issued a proclamation requesting the armistice had been requested and granted, and called on all Italian armed forces to "cease all acts of hostility against Anglo-American forces wherever they may be met."

Badoglio instructed the Italians however, to "oppose attacks from any other quarters"—a warning that German attempts to interfere would be met by arms.

"The announcement came as dispersed Italian troops by the hundreds surrendered to British Canadian troops advancing up the Calabrian peninsula, where the Allies landed last Friday on the heels of a 38-day Sicilian victory which sent the Germans fleeing to the mainland."

The capitulation came from the government of Marshal Pietro Badoglio, who succeeded Ben-

TO SPEAK AT BETHPAGE



MRS. MABEL FENNER

Mrs. Mabel Fenner, a member of the Parish and Church School Board of the United Lutheran Church of America is scheduled to speak at Daniel's Lutheran Church on Monday evening September 13th, and again on Tuesday evening the 14th, at Bethpage Lutheran Church at 8:00 o'clock. Mrs. Fenner is the Field Secretary for the Children of the Church. She comes as the representative of the Parish and Church School Board and will present the work of that board giving special emphasis to some phase of the children's work.

All of the Lutheran Churches in this section are expected to be represented at one of these two meetings. The following churches are expected to be well represented at Daniel's Church on Monday evening: Grace, Trinity, Sardis, Cedar Grove and Emmanuel. Those expected to be represented at Bethpage are as follows: St. Paul's, Bethel, St. Mark's, and St. John's. A free will offering will be received at each place.

Mrs. Fenner is well known throughout our church, having served at one time as a promotional secretary of the Women's Missionary Society, going into every Synod in our church. She is especially qualified for children's work, having been a trained kindergarten teacher. Her activities in the children's work of our church have been many and varied.

The church also knows Mrs. Fenner through her primary text books of the Christian Life Courses, Children of the Church literature, and various articles in our church magazines.

REV. R. L. FISHER.

Sicilian Children Meet U. S. Battle Vets



Naive children of a North Sicilian town present gifts of grapes to Private Roy Kirkland and Corp. Hulon Whittington of the American army. Whittington was awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star for his part in the Sicily campaign.

Woman's Club To Hold First Meeting

The Cherryville Woman's Club will meet at 3:30 o'clock next Thursday afternoon, September 16th at the Clubhouse. All members are invited and urged to attend this first meeting of the new year. New members will be welcomed.

Committees for the year 1943-1944 will be as follows:

- Program and Arrangement—September—Topic "Music"—Miss Minnie Coleman, Mrs. H. H. Allen, Arrangement—Mrs. John Beach, Mrs. Dewey Beam.
- October—Educational—Mrs. W. F. Starnes, Mrs. D. R. Mauney Sr. Arrangement—Mrs. W. D. Browne, Mrs. J. D. Thornburg.
- November—Health—Mrs. T. A. Carter, Mrs. H. R. Harrelson. Arrangement—Mrs. S. M. Butler, Mrs. C. A. Rudisill.
- December—The American Home—Miss Katherine Stamey, Mrs. J. Ben Dellinger, Arrangement—Mrs. J. M. Crocker, Mrs. Yates Homesley.

- January—Civics and Gardens. Mrs. R. C. Sharpe, Mrs. Victor Stroup, Arrangement—Mrs. Webb McGinnis, Mrs. Marshall Beam.
- February—Citizenship—Miss Fannie Farris, Miss Sara Workman, Arrangement—Mrs. D. A. Rudisill, Mrs. Ed Stroup.
- March—Art—Mrs. J. D. Hobbs, Mrs. E. E. McDowell, Arrangement—Mrs. M. A. Stroup, Mrs. W. G. Cobb.

- April—Literature—Mrs. D. R. Mauney, Jr., Mrs. Troy Carpenter, Arrangement—Miss Kate Whitworth, Miss Altonia Beam.
- Governing Boards—Mesdames C. A. Rudisill, Chm., D. R. Mauney, Sr., George S. Falls, Victor Stroup, and Julia Hall.
- Welfare Committee—Miss Irene Sox, Chm., Mrs. W. H. Houser and Mrs. A. H. Huss.
- Membership Committee—Mesdames D. P. McClure, H. H. Allen, D. R. Mauney, Jr., Grier Beam, Ralph Hoyle and Emmett Houser.

- Health Seals—Miss Mary Mosteller, Mrs. Hunter Carroll, and Mrs. Ralph Hoyle.
- The Victory Committee—Mrs. George S. Falls, Chm., Mrs. Garland Sherrill, and Mrs. E. S. Elliott.
- Flower Committee—Mrs. Garland Sherrill and Miss Louise Adair.
- Lions Club supper—Mrs. Julia Hall, chairman.
- Chaplain—Mrs. J. W. Payne. Reporter—Mrs. Hunter Carroll.

THIS IS CONSERVING PAPER FOR DEFENSE

Believe it or not, but this is what you would call conserving paper for defense. Last week the Harrelson Table Supply had two grocery orders sent in from two different families, living in different homes and the orders were given on the same piece of paper, one on one side of the paper and the other on the other side.

GASTON MAKES PLEA FOR COTTON PICKERS

Prospect of Large Part Of Crop Going Unharvested Unless Organized Assistance Is Received

GASTONIA, Sept. 3.—Unless organized assistance on a large scale is secured promptly a large portion of Gaston county's 12,000 acres of cotton will go un-picked, according to County Agent Maury Gaston who today issued an appeal for help for the growers.

One of the county's major crops despite the fact that the boll weevil in a wet July and exceedingly dry weather in August cut it short, cotton produced in Gaston county this year will amount to 10,000 bales or considerably more than \$1,000,000.

Gaston county says Mr. Gaston has only two reservoirs of labor the high schools and a large number of people both white and Negro who are not working. He will appeal to the school authorities to let the hundreds of high school pupils in the county off for some two weeks so they may pick cotton and he will seek the aid of the county "Work or Fight" committee headed by County Commissioner Bates B. Gardner in order to get these folks into the cotton fields.

The average Gaston county farmer, according to Mr. Gaston has practically no help and, unless assistance is given him, the vital war materials represented in the fleecy staple scattered over the county in these 12,000 acres will be in large measure lost.

Local Air Corps Officer Receives Promotion to 1st Lt.

Word was received here today that 2nd. Lieutenant Ben. R. Rudisill has been promoted to the rank of 1st. Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. Lt. Rudisill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Rudisill, entered the army in February of 1942 when he reported to the infantry camp at Fort Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas. In May Lt. Rudisill was transferred to the air corps and he began his basic training at Kelly Field, later being transferred to the air corps school at Corsicana, Texas. He returned from there to Randolph Field and received his Wings at Kelly Field on December 13, 1942. Upon graduation Lt. Rudisill was assigned to the Ferry Command and was first stationed at Long Beach, California.

J. C. Carpenter Fatally Injured Monday Night

J. C. Carpenter, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Carpenter was fatally injured Monday night about eight o'clock while playing on the Bessemer City-Cherryville highway near Hullenders Garage.

From information gathered the boy, together with two other play mates were riding sticks for horses out in the highway and dartsed from behind one automobile into the front of another oncoming car. The driver of the fatal car was a colored man, named Oates, and the lights of the passing automobile blinded the driver which prevented him from seeing the boys.

The Carpenter boy was rushed to the Gordon-Crowell Memorial Hospital, Lincolnton, where he died about two hours after the accident. The colored man was released this morning from all blame. The accident was considered unavoidable after all evidence was produced.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon from the home with Rev. E. S. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist church in charge.

Active pall bearers and flower girls were his class mates in school.

Interment was made in the New Memorial Cemetery. The parents are the only immediate survivors.

Every American Urged To Do His Part At Home

E. V. Moss, Chairman Announces List Of Committees Appointed For Drive

At Fort McClellan



Pvt. Hurley D. Crocker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Crocker of Cherryville, R-2, was inducted into the service June 30th, at Fort Jackson, S. C., and later transferred to Fort McClellan, Ala. His address is Pvt. Hurley D. Crocker, 3477690 Co C 26th Inf 6 Reg. U. S. Army, Fort McClellan, Alabama.

At Fort McClellan

Pvt. Paul Allmond of the U. S. Army has just spent a few days at home with his wife and little son.

He entered the service on June 30, 1943, inducted at Fort Jackson, S. C., where he was transferred to Fort McClellan and sent to Fort McClellan. He would like to hear from all his friends. His address is: Pvt. Paul Allmond, ASN 34776908, Co. C 26th Bn. 6th Reg. Ft. McClellan, Alabama.

On U. S. S. Barnett

C. E. Mauney, U.S.N. U. S. S. Barnett is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mauney and a brother of Miss Lona Mauney. He joined the Navy in 1922 and served sixteen years. He stood in reserve after getting out and was called back to duty about two and one-half years ago. At present he is stationed on the U. S. S. Barnett and has been in the Naval Hospital. His address is: C. E. Mauney, U.S.N. U. S. S. Barnett, Fleet Post Office, New York, N. Y.



ICE CREAM SUPPER AT TRYON SATURDAY

The Junior Class of the Tryon High School will sponsor an ice cream supper Saturday night, September 11, 1943, at the Tryon High School at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Cherryville Circuit Rally Day

The annual Rally Day of the Cherryville Circuit was held Saturday, August 28, at Bess Chapel Church. The morning program began at 10:30 o'clock. Miss Jessie Eaker, president, took charge.

Rev. E. M. Jones, District Superintendent of the Gastonia District, conducted a very inspiring devotional. This was followed by the programs by the Sunday Schools in the order as named, Bethlehem, Beulah, St. Paul and Bess Chapel. These programs were a very interesting feature of the program.

Rev. J. E. B. Houser then introduced the speaker, Rev. L. D. Thompson, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Lincolnton, who made a very interesting and helpful address, using as his topic "The Value of the Sunday School."

During a short business session the nominating committee presented the following names for election as officers for the next year: President, Miss Jovce Heavner; Secretary, Miss Hilda Eaker. These were elected unanimously by acclamation.

After the business session we were dismissed for the lunch hour. During this time a delicious picnic lunch was served.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference was held at two o'clock with Rev. E. M. Jones in charge. The officials from the four churches were present.