

Plans Are Announced For Seventh War Loan Drive For This Area

ENTERTAINMENT READIED HERE STATE THEATRE

Meeting Held At Dobson Tuesday Evening NAME LOCAL CHAIRMAN Variety And Fashion Show To Be Presented On Thursday, May 24th DRIVE STARTS MAY 14

Following a county-wide meeting of interested Surry county citizens at Dobson Tuesday evening, plans for the Seventh War Loan Drive in Surry county, which is to get under way May 14, were announced. Garland Johnson, Elkin banker, who served as chairman of the Sixth War Loan Drive here, will again serve in that capacity with Miss Mattie Mae Powell, secretary of the Elkin-Jonesville Building and Loan Association as co-chairman. Plans have already been mapped here for a combination amateur or variety show and fashion show to be staged at the State Theatre on the evening of Thursday, May 24, under the direction of Mrs. Edith Neaves Folger and Alan Browning, Jr. Dr. W. B. Reeves, owner of the State theatre, has generously agreed to permit the use of the theatre and to provide a short motion picture to precede the home talent program. Plans for this show, which have not been fully completed, call for a prize of a \$25.00 War Bond for the winner of the fashion show, and two \$25.00 War Bond prizes for winners of the amateur show, one Bond to go for the best comedy act, and the other for the best musical act. Anyone who wishes to enter the (Continued on page eight, 1st. sec.)

YEP, ELKIN WAS PLENTY EXCITED

False News Of German Surrender Spread Like Wild-fire All Over Town

TERRIFIC LET-DOWN

There's no use of denying it, Elkin got just as excited last Saturday night as any other town when the news came that an announcement of unconditional surrender of the Germans was expected at any moment. And Elkin was just as let down, too, as any other town when President Truman's announcement came that the news was without foundation. Elkin's excitement didn't take the form, however, that was displayed in a number of other towns. One North Carolina town, it was said, closed up shop, blew sirens and opened the churches. In many towns throughout the nation newspapers issued extras that Germany had quit. The Tribune, immediately on the job when the first reports started coming over the radio, was bombarded with telephone calls and offers of help in getting out an extra if any. Then, like a bubble bursting, the excitement was over and everyone went home.

Lions Are To Collect Waste Fats Sunday

The Elkin Lions Club will conduct a town-wide collection of waste fats Sunday afternoon beginning at 2:00 o'clock. All persons who have been saving waste fats and greases for the war effort, are urged to place the containers on the porch, front walk or at some place where it will be convenient for those making the drive to collect it. Everyone is urged to save fats so that it may be collected each first Sunday of the month.

Surry Man Is Named Highway Commissioner



RAYMOND SMITH

Raymond Smith, of Mount Airy, furniture manufacturer and former state senator, has been named by Governor Cherry as highway commissioner for the eighth district to succeed Virgil D. Guire, of Lenoir. Naming of the Surry man marks the first time that the county has ever been given an important highway post. Governor Cherry also named A. H. (Sandy) Graham, Hillsboro attorney and a former lieutenant governor as chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission. Both Chairman Graham, Mr. Smith and nine other commissioners, five of whom are succeeding themselves in office, were sworn in Tuesday. At its final meeting Monday, the retiring board gave its approval to a newly-drawn map of a proposed secondary road system for North Carolina. The system, which, it was said, has been approved by local governing units throughout the state, would be completed over a period of 10 years and would cover over 6,000 miles. All appointments announced Monday were four-year terms.

COCKERHAM IS FREED BY JURY

Yadkin Man Charged With Assaulting Elkin Officer Is Found Not Guilty

IS TRIED AT DOBSON

Guy Cockerham, Yadkin county man who was charged with resisting arrest, and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill on the person of Elkin Policeman T. B. Sams, was found not guilty of both counts following trial in Surry superior court at Dobson last week. The case, which went to the jury Wednesday afternoon about 3:30, was decided the next day at 11:00 a. m. when the jury reported its verdict. Cockerham was arrested here on the night of April 9 at a local cafe by Officer Sams, who claimed the man was drunk, that he resisted arrest, and that it was necessary for him to use force to arrest him. He claimed that Cockerham attempted to cut him with a knife after taking his blackjack away from him, and that the knife, in addition to nicking his throat, cut a long gash in the shoulder of his uniform. According to testimony given at the trial last week, Cockerham was in the local cafe drinking beer when the officer came to the (Continued on page 8, 1st sec.)

YADKIN MAN IS FACING CHARGE

Tom Steelman, Election Board Chairman, Alleged To Have Sold Coupons

HEARING ON MAY 7TH

Tom Steelman, of near Yadkinville, chairman of the Yadkin County Board of Elections, will appear in federal court next Monday, May 7, to answer to a charge of selling gasoline ration coupons in Yadkinville at the highest rate they have known to be sold on the black market — \$1.25 each. Steelman was arrested after OPA officials from Charlotte had sworn out a warrant for him. He was carried before U. S. Commissioner M. W. Mackie who bound him over to federal court under bond of \$500. It all started on Saturday, April 14 when Sheriff A. L. Inscore was informed that Steelman was selling the coupons and that he had a 14 year-old boy hawking them for him on the streets here. Sheriff Inscore immediately marked three \$1.00 bills and gave them to the informant and asked him to buy some stamps, and then he watched the transaction himself. He later retrieved the marked bills and arrested Steelman. Sheriff Inscore then went to Magistrate J. E. Shew, who has a connection with the Pation Board and informed him what had happened. The Charlotte office of the OPA was called and a man sent here to complete the job. The 14 year old boy selling the coupons was Jack Williams, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Williams, who live three miles east of town. He said Steelman asked him to sell the coupons for him, but so far had given him nothing but paid for his supper. Steelman himself said he intended to pay the boy later. Steelman said he received the coupons from his son-in-law, Allen Chamberlain, and investigation showed the coupons were issued in Chamberlain's name. No charges have been filed against the young Williams boy or Chamberlain. Steelman admitted everything to Sheriff Inscore and members of the investigating force. Mr. Steelman, a Democrat was appointed chairman of the elections board last summer when D. L. Kelly resigned and served through last election. He made an agreeable chairman and gave satisfaction to both parties.

AWARDED PURPLE HEART—Staff Sergeant Billy H. Phillips, of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Phillips, of this city, has recently been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in Belgium on January 12. He has just returned to the United States and is now spending a furlough with his parents, after serving for five months in England, France, and Holland, in addition to Belgium. At the end of his furlough he will report to an Army hospital at Rome, Ga.



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LATE NEWS IN BRIEF From the State and Nation

STATE

RALEIGH, May 1.—The newly-appointed state highway and public works commission at its first meeting today voted to retain Vance Baise as chief engineer and to raise his salary from \$6,000 to \$7,500 a year. This action was in line with recommendations made by Governor Cherry this morning, when the new commission chairman, A. H. (Sandy) Graham, of Hillsboro, and five new commission members were sworn in. The increase in salary, Cherry told the commission members, would be in line with newly adopted pay schedules for all highway employees.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Withdrawal of German troops from Yugoslavia, Denmark, western Czechoslovakia, and other countries was forecast by a responsible Washington military expert today as a prelude to unconditional surrender by the Nazi high command. He said that delay in Germany's surrender probably is due to a desire to evacuate first their troops from unfriendly territory. Should they be left stranded amid hostile populations when the top commanders quit, it was the opinion of the military observers that the populations might turn on them and mow them down.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—New government mine seizures impeded today as walkouts of 72,000 anthracite miners and thousands of bituminous workers cut into the war fuel supply for the second time this spring. Interior Secretary Ickes said he was ready, as solid fuels administrator, to take over both bituminous and anthracite mines. Anthracite operations were reported completely suspended in Pennsylvania today with 190,000 tons of production already lost, while contract negotiations in New York between operators and John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers were deadlocked. The hard coal workers quit work last midnight, disregarding a war labor board order to continue work under the old terms until a new agreement is reached.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—The United Nations conference ordered day and night sessions today, trying to catch up on (Continued on page 8, 1st sec.)

Berlin Falls To Red Army As Germans Surrender In Italy; Truman Believes Hitler Dead

TOWN ELECTION MONDAY, MAY 7

Elkin To Vote On Mayor And Five Commissioners At Polls At City Hall

FACE NO OPPOSITION

Next Monday, May 7, Elkin voters will have the opportunity to go to the polls at the city hall and cast their ballot for a mayor and board of five commissioners who were recently nominated at a town mass meeting, and who face no opposition insofar as is known. Garland Johnson is the candidate for mayor, while candidates for commissioners are C. C. Myers, R. C. Freeman, J. W. L. Benson, C. N. Myers and Joe Bivins. The latter three will be new in office, the other two being candidates to succeed themselves.

Mr. Johnson is also seeking election for the first time, and will succeed J. R. Poindexter, who has served Elkin as mayor for the past 10 years. Registration books for the town election are at the home of Registrar George Chatham, Sr. Saturday will be challenge day, with the books to be at the City Hall.

Discuss Plans Here For Day Of Victory

Stores Are To Close; Services Will Be Held

At a meeting of local merchants at the city hall Tuesday morning, it was decided to follow plans made and announced last fall as to Elkin's observance of V-E Day in Europe, with all stores to close when the announcement was flashed to the world. The following schedule was worked out to cover the situation in event the news should come on certain days or hours: If the news comes before 1:00 p. m., stores will close immediately for remainder of the day. If the news should come after 1:00 p. m., stores will close immediately and remain closed also the following day. If the news should come on Saturday evening after stores have closed for the day, stores will remain closed Monday. If news should come on Sunday, stores will be closed Monday. If news is received in the morning before store opening hour, stores will not open for that day. It was also announced that thanksgiving services will be held in local churches, immediately after the news is received, and everyone is urged to go to their own church at once. However, should the news come at night after 10:00 o'clock, church services will be held the following morning at 10:00 o'clock. Should the news happen at night prior to 10:00 o'clock, services will be held immediately at the churches. Church bells will ring when the news is received. Grocery and drug stores here will observe the same hours as other stores unless the news should happen during the day on Friday and Saturday. In that event, they will close for one hour for the church services, and then reopen. It was pointed out at the meeting that it is sincerely hoped that people will not turn the news of victory in Europe into an event for wild celebration, rather that the day will be observed as a day of thanksgiving and prayer that one phase of the war has ended.

Lieut. Ogburn Is Killed In Bomber Crash



LIEUT. R. M. OGBURN

Funeral services for Second Lieutenant Robert M. Ogburn, 21, husband of the former Miss Algine Neely, of Winston-Salem, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ogburn, of 101 Surry Avenue, were conducted Sunday afternoon at the home of the wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Neely, 429 Westover Avenue, Winston-Salem. Dr. W. A. Stansbury, of Winston-Salem, Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, and Rev. Stephen Morrisett, both of this city, officiated. Burial was in the Salem cemetery. Pallbearers were C. J. Hyslop and Russell Johnson, of this city; Frank Watson, Gene Hill, Carl and Ralph Ogburn, all of Winston-Salem. Surviving are the widow; his parents; two sisters, Misses Ella Jordan and Lucille Ogburn, and one brother, Richard Ogburn. Lieutenant Ogburn was killed in the crash of a two-engine bomber near Centerville, Tenn., last Thursday morning. An Associated Press dispatch from Centerville said the two bombers collided in midair and crashed to flaming destruction. Both planes were from the Smyrna, Tenn., Army Air Base. Lieutenant Ogburn was stationed at Smyrna and had been an instructor there for the past year. He entered the Army as an aviation cadet in July, 1943, and received his wings as a pilot at Blytheville, Ark., in March, 1944. Born and reared in Winston-Salem, Lieutenant Ogburn moved to this city with his parents five years ago. He graduated from Reynolds High School and was a student at State College when he entered service. He was married to the former Miss Neely, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Neely, February 10, 1945. Mrs. Ogburn was living with her husband at Murfreesboro, Tenn., at the time of his death. His two sisters were visiting in their home when the accident occurred.



SCOUT SPEAKER — Harry K. Eby, national director of volunteer training, Boy Scouts of America, will be speaker at a meeting of leadership training committees from the Elkin-Yadkin, Stokes and Surry districts of the Old Hickory Council, to be held here at the YMCA Friday evening.

ARE TO HEAR NAT'L LEADER

Harry K. Eby, National Scout Director, To Speak To Committees

YMCA FRIDAY, MAY 4

Leadership Training Committees from Elkin-Yadkin, Forsyth, Stokes and Surry Districts of the Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts of America, will hear Harry K. Eby, National Director of Volunteer Training, at a meeting in this city, Friday night, May 4. Tom Roth, Council Leadership Training Chairman, will be in charge of the session, which will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Eby is editor of the "Local Scout Exchange," a national scout periodical for local council leaders. He guides the development of training materials for use by Training Committees, and gives training service in all parts of the country. Mr. Eby has served in Scouting since 1923, in Ohio, Illinois and on the National Staff. While in Chicago, he supervised 75 courses where 1,500 scout leaders were trained. Representative attendance is expected from Forsyth District with Michael Strub as chairman, Stokes District with Paul Fulton in charge, and Surry, with G. K. Hale, Jr., in charge of attendance promotion.

Sgt. Rutledge Sends Tribune A Nazi Flag

Staff Sergeant Bill Rutledge, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rutledge, of Yadkinville, the former publisher of The Yadkin Ripple, this week sent a Nazi flag to The Tribune from Germany, where he is with the American Sixth Army division. No message accompanied the flag, which is about two by three feet in size and was evidently made to hang above a doorway or for other decorative purposes. Sergeant Rutledge also sent a Nazi flag to his draft board in Yadkinville, with which was the following note: "Having wonderful time—wish you were here."

Lieut. John Martin Is Killed In Action

Lieutenant John Vernon Martin, husband of the former Miss Frances Darnell, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Martin, of Pleasant Hill, was killed in action in Germany on March 19, according to a message received here Friday. Lieutenant Martin was reported as missing in action on the same date some time ago, and no other information has been received until last week. He entered the Army in November, 1943 and trained at Fort Knox, Ky., Fort Benning, Ga., and Camp Van Dorn, Miss., before going overseas in November.

Dr. Beale's Brother Wounded In Action

Dr. Seth M. Beale was informed by the War Department this week that his brother, Corp. Loyd G. Beale, United States Marine Corps, was wounded in action April 1, at Ryuku, Okinawa Isle.

Pvt. David Lawrence, Seriously Wounded

Private David Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence, was seriously wounded in Germany on April 17, according to a message received from the War Department Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence reside at North Elkin.

WORLD DOUBTS GERMAN REPORT RIBBENTR'P OUT

New German Government Is Being Formed

PROBABLY ACCEPTABLE

Developments Come Thick And Fast As European War Nears Climax

DOENTZ NAMES KROSIGK

News developments from the European theatre of war were coming thick and fast Wednesday afternoon when the announcement was made that Berlin had fallen, the German forces fighting on the Italian front had surrendered unconditionally, and that Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, who succeeded as head of the German government after the announcement that Adolf Hitler had been killed in the defense of Berlin, was forming a government believed to be acceptable to the allied governments for peace negotiations. It was also announced by President Truman at a press conference Wednesday afternoon that insofar as information now in possession of the United States government was concerned, Hitler is actually dead. The surrender of German troops in Italy came after it was announced by the allies that German officers could surrender their forces to allied commanders in the field. It is hoped that this announced policy on the part of the allies may bring about the surrender of German units elsewhere on the continent. The surrender of the German Italian forces included all troops and all naval force under the German command on the Italian front. Few details on the fall of Berlin were learned other than Premier Stalin's announcement that the bitterly resisting Nazi capital had fallen and that the Russian flag was flying over the city. It was also learned that Admiral Doenitz had ousted Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop and had appointed Count Ludwig Schwerin, 58-year-old nephew of the late Kaiser to succeed him.

Sgt. H. R. Southard Killed In Action

Sergeant Henry R. Southard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Southard, of Mountain Park, was killed in action in Germany on April 18, according to an official War Department telegram received by his parents, Tuesday. Sergeant Southard was serving with the 7th Army at the time he was killed.

Sgt. Sanford White Killed In Action

Sergeant Sanford White was killed in action in Germany on April 11, according to an official War Department telegram to his wife, the former Miss Rachel Baucom. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. White, of Dobson, Route 2. Sergeant White had been in service for the past four years, and had been serving overseas duty for a month.

DRAFT STATUS CHANGES MADE

Large Number Of Men Are Put In Class 1-A By Surry No. 2 Draft Board

SOME ARE IN CLASS 4-F

The following classifications of selective service registrants have been announced by Surry county draft board No. 2 at Dobson: Class 4-F: Clyde L. Jenkins, William A. Swift, Odell B. Hodges, Amos L. Haynes, Claude B. Marlon, Doty E. Thompson, William C. Myers, Edward L. Wood, Charles T. Jones, Willie E. Moser. Class 1-A: James H. Hemric, Junior F. Martin, Glenn L. Atkins, John F. Noah, James E. Brown, Delma G. Matthews; (Continued on page 8, 1st sec.)