

GERMAN PLANES BOMB CZECH CAPITAL



AWARDED AIR MEDAL—Lieutenant Samuel Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Atkinson, of this city, has been awarded the Air Medal for meritorious service in the India-China division, of the Air Transport Command. The award was made at the completion of 150 hours of operational flight in transport aircraft, for the period of service between December, 1944 to February, 1945. The citation accompanying the award read "Flying at night as well as by day, at high altitudes over impassable mountainous terrain through areas characterized by extremely treacherous weather conditions necessitating long periods of operation on instruments, requiring courageous and superior performance of his duties to overcome, he accomplished his missions with distinction."

Seeking Talent For War Bond Show Here

Entertainment To Be Held At State Theatre

Plans for a combined fashion show and amateur show, to be staged here Thursday evening, May 24, at the State Theatre, are progressing rapidly, and an evening of real entertainment is assured. This show, sponsored as a part of the local Seventh War Loan drive, will be free of charge, and everyone is urged to attend. Mrs. Edith Neaves Folger, who has charge of the fashion show, said Wednesday that all models who will take part are the wives of servicemen who are now serving overseas. Names of the complete list of models will appear in next week's Tribune. Elkin department stores are co-operating wholeheartedly in the fashion show and will provide their models with the newest in smart fashions. The amateur show, which is being arranged by Alan Browning, Jr., is open to anyone with talent who wishes to take part, provided entries are made early. Due to the fact that only a limited number of entries can be accepted if the show is not to be too long, those wishing to take part should get in touch with Mr. Browning at the Tribune office immediately. A number of good acts have already been entered. Both musical and comedy numbers are wanted. Prizes will be awarded in both the amateur show and the fashion show. Twenty-five dollar War Bonds will be awarded the best musical number and the best comedy number in the amateur show, while a prize of a \$25.00 War Bond will go to the best model in the fashion show. Five dollars in War Saving Stamps will be awarded as second prize in this same department. Miss Mattie Mae Powell, who is acting as co-chairman of the Seventh War Loan here with Garland Johnson, has announced that a door-knocker canvass of the town will be made Friday evening, May 25, by volunteer War Loan workers who will sell Bonds door to door. Surry county's quota in the Seventh War Loan has been set at \$1,432,000. The county's E-Bond quota is \$756,000. It has been stressed that the war still goes cruelly on in the Pacific despite the surrender of the Germans in Europe, and that every Bond bought is further assurance that Americans fighting Japan may get the job over with that much sooner.



ATTAINS NEW RATING—Lieutenant (j.g.) Rama Blackwood of the WAVES, has just attained her present rating at Charleston, S. C., where she is currently stationed. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Turner Blackwood, of Jonesville, and has been in service for the two past years.

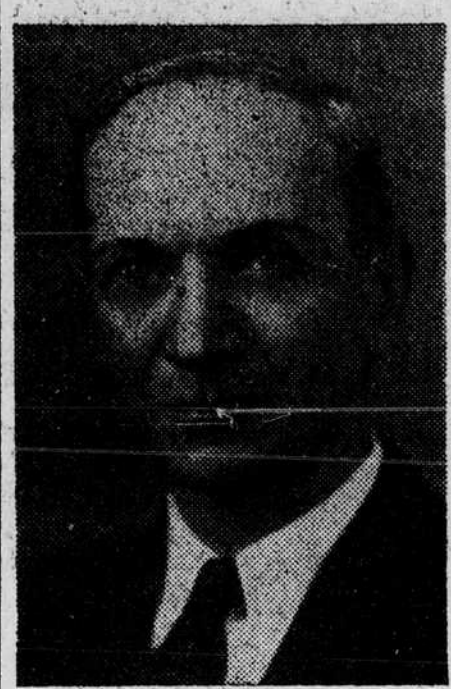
NEW OFFICIALS ARE SWORN IN OFFICE MONDAY

New Mayor And Board Named In Light Vote Here

JOHNSON HEADS GROUP, Announces Individual Commissioners To Head Various Departments

Following a light vote in Elkin's city election Monday, the newly elected mayor and board of commissioners were sworn into office at 8:00 o'clock Monday evening. The newly elected mayor, Garland Johnson, succeeds J. R. Poindexter, who served the town in that capacity for the past 10 years. Commissioners elected Monday are Joe Bivins, J. W. L. Benson, and C. N. Myers, all of whom are beginning their first term, and C. C. Myers and R. C. Freeman, who were reelected. Although only a brief meeting of the new mayor and board was held Monday evening, Mayor Johnson said Wednesday morning that each commissioner has assumed a definite responsibility in the conduct of the town's affairs. He announced that J. W. L. Benson is the commissioner in charge of water and lights; R. C. Freeman in charge of police department; Joe Bivins in charge of the street department; C. C. Myers in charge of the fire department; and C. N. Myers in charge of local schools. Each of these commissioners, Mr. Johnson said, will be in full charge of their various departments, and asked that citizens who have any suggestion, recommendation or complaint to make regarding any of the various departments listed above, to please make them to the commissioner in charge. In this way any matter may be given quicker attention. The new mayor also stated that no appointments were made at Monday's meeting, which was more or less of an organizational session. The next executive session of the board will be held on Monday, June 4.

Graham Resigns Job With Mill; Ill Health Cause



A. L. Butler, president of the Chatham Manufacturing Company, announced Tuesday that H. C. Graham has resigned as secretary of the company, effective May 1, on account of continued ill health. He will be succeeded by James A. Booher. Mr. Graham has been with the company for 31 years and has been secretary since 1941, prior to which he was assistant treasurer for 19 years. Mr. Butler stated that Mr. Graham had rendered valuable and loyal service to the Chatham organization for these many years, and that he expressed the sentiment of Commander Thurmond Chatham and all of Mr. Graham's associates in the company in expressing distinct regret that the company has lost the benefit of his services. In announcing the election of Mr. Booher to succeed Mr. Graham as secretary, it was pointed out that he has been with the company since 1933, and has recently been in charge of cost accounting.

VICTORY DAY IS OBSERVED QUIETLY HERE

Brown-Out Of Display Lighting Is Lifted

MANY ATTEND CHURCH, Chief Of Police Wall States Tuesday Is Even Quieter Than Average Sunday

Elkin observed Victory-in-Europe Day Tuesday very quietly and soberly, with no celebration. Local churches, which opened their doors immediately after President Truman announced over a nation-wide radio hookup that the Germans had surrendered unconditionally, were filled to capacity by citizens who went there to express their thanks that at last organized killing on the continent of Europe had ceased, and that one phase of the global war had ended in total victory. Although there was no lack of joy here over the ending of the European war, Elkin citizens remembered that other Americans are still fighting a terrible war in the Pacific, and are reserving their day of celebration until the surrender of Japan. Chief of Police Corbett Wall stated Wednesday morning that as far as his department was concerned, V-E Day was quieter than Sunday. However, the business section of town, darkened at night under the ruling which prohibited the burning of lights in show windows and theatre marquees, is now showing evidence of the great news from Europe, the brown-out ban having been lifted Tuesday afternoon and permitting the lights to go on again. Other lifting of war-time restrictions are expected to be announced from time to time as the nation frees itself from the shackles imposed upon it by the fighting of a two-front war. But until Japan is whipped, many restrictions, it is said, must necessarily remain in effect. As the news came Tuesday morning, stores, which had just opened their doors for the day, as quickly closed again, and a majority of the store personnel attended thanksgiving services at the church of their choice. Local schools also closed for the day, with many students also attending the church service. During the remainder of the day, other than for small groups of citizens who could be seen on Elkin streets quietly discussing the news, there was little activity in the downtown section.

Surrender Order Is Ignored As Certain Units Keep Fighting

Will Take Lead In Series Of Church Services



REV. WALTER L. LANIER

Beginning Sunday night, May 13, and continuing through Friday night, May 18, the Rev. Walter Lee Lanier, pastor of the Main Street Methodist church, Belmont, will be the visiting minister in a series of special inspirational services at the Elkin Methodist church. Mr. Lanier is a graduate of Duke University and of the Duke Divinity School. Among the younger ministers of the Conference, he comes with a background of varied pastoral experience in rural, industrial, and educational communities. Popular with his own people, he is in demand elsewhere as speaker for civic and youth groups. In addition to speaking at the Methodist Church, he will address the Jaycees on Monday and the Elementary school on Wednesday. The public is cordially invited to attend the services at 8 o'clock each evening.

RED TANKS ARE NOW IN PRAGUE TO FREE TOWN

Troops From Italy Moving To Pacific Area

SOME WILL COME HOME

Japan Serves Notice On World That Despite Nazi Fall, She Will Fight On

BROADCAST IS HEARD

London May 9.—Radio Prague said today that German planes were bombing the capital and two other liberated Czechoslovak cities in open defiance of Germany's unconditional surrender. The broadcast came only a few minutes after the same station reported that Russian troops had entered Prague and with Czechoslovak Patriots fully cleared the city of German troops. German planes began bombing Prague at 12:10 p.m. (6:10 a. m., e.w.t.), the broadcast said, and also had bombed Nuenburg, 25 miles east of Prague, and Melnik, 18 miles north. The broadcast urged inhabitants to take shelter. The last German ground resistance in Southern Europe had been virtually crushed. In addition to entering Prague, the Russians linked up with the American Third Army south of the Danube in Austria. In Northern Europe, diehard Nazis still held out on the Baltic island of Bornholm and 100,000 other troops in northwest Latvia announced they, too, would ignore Germany's unconditional surrender. Meanwhile from Rome came the news the Allies already have begun shipping combat and service troops from Italy directly to the Pacific for the war against Japan, as revealed by General Joseph T. McNarney Wednesday. McNarney, Deputy Supreme Commander in the Mediterranean theatre, said other troops will be sent from Italy to the Pacific by way of the United States. It generally was known that

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

STATE

NORTH CAROLINA quietly and reverently observed V-E day Tuesday as citizens thronged to churches and met in town squares for thanksgiving services. Here and there sirens and whistles sounded but mainly people gathered in small groups, where nearly all rejoiced that friends and relatives would be leaving Europe. Attention turned to the Pacific. Many expressed the belief that the tempo of war in the Pacific would quicken. A long, hard war is still expected but North Carolinians think final victory is much nearer. Governor Cherry issued a victory-in-Europe proclamation. Stores, schools, and in a few instances, factories closed. The state resumed its normal schedule Wednesday.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The lights of American cities winked on tonight in token of Europe's liberation and the government made ready to tell the public its homefront policies for the war against Japan. Director Fred M. Vinson of the office of war mobilization and reconversion set a news conference for tomorrow (11 a. m. EWT) to release his chart for the future, wrapping up the plans for 26 war and civilian agencies. The war production board lifted the lighting "brownout" immediately after President Truman's victory broadcast. With that action, the capital looked to Vinson for a decision on the midnight curfew, the racing ban and other minor check reins on the national life. WASHINGTON, May 8.—The government has spent \$275,703,000,000 on this war, as of May 5, the treasury reported today. This included both the German and Japanese wars. SUSPENSION of the Associated Press' European filing privileges as a consequence of Edward Kennedy's news story of Germany's surrender was described by the American press and its leaders as a challenge to a free press. SHAEF lifted the suspension of AP staff privileges on the continent after the AP's protest was supported by a mounting tide of editorial comment, appeals to President Truman, and statements from the nation's press. The suspension lasted nearly seven hours. Supreme allied headquarters however, retained the ban as it applied to Kennedy. Many of the statements termed the suspension "unprecedented" and a "disgrace to the

FINE STEELMAN \$250 AND COST

Yadkin County Man Pleads Guilty To Selling Gasoline Coupons

ELECTION BOARD HEAD

Tom Steelman, 48, and the father of 12 children, was fined \$250.00 in federal court at Winston-Salem Monday after he had plead guilty to selling a number of gasoline coupons for \$1.25 each to parties in Yadkinville. Through his attorney F. D. B. Harding, Steelman plead guilty to the charge and asked the mercy of the court. He stated that he only sold a few of the coupons which were given him by his son-in-law, Allen Chamberlain. Judge Johnson J. Hayes, after hearing his plea and a number of character witnesses gave him the fine and placed him on probation for two years. Steelman is chairman of the Yadkin county board of elections and lives three miles west of town.

Pfc. S. L. Sizemore Wounded On Okinawa

Private First Class Sam L. Sizemore, son of Mrs. Ollie Sizemore, of State Road, was seriously wounded in action on Okinawa Island on April 11, according to an official War Department telegram to his mother Sunday.

CALHOUN WILL GO TO GERMANY

Former Resident Of Elkin To Assist In Rebuilding German Industry

WAS WITH CHATHAM CO.

Charles D. Calhoun, for a number of years a resident of this city, and at present a salesman for the Chatham Manufacturing Company, will leave this week for Paris, France, as one of the first civilians from this country to be employed by the government to help rebuild industry in occupied Germany. Mr. Calhoun, who has been associated with the Chatham Company for several years, signed a 12-month contract in Washington recently to go to Germany to supervise rebuilding textile plants there and to get them back in operation as soon as possible. Regarding his assignment, Mr. Calhoun stated that the object of reconstruction of German industry is not to revive industry in that country but rather to provide clothing for some 15 million slave laborers there. The tables will be turned, he said, for German civilians will be forced to work for the slave laborers who have been made to serve Germans during Hitler's regime. While in Germany, Calhoun, who served as a captain in the army until he was honorably discharged, will be in charge of the reconstruction of the textile industry in that country.

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