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## Lincoln County Subscribes \$440,958.00 To Second War Loan

### L.H.S. Commencement Exercises Announced For May 25th and 27th

Will Deliver Literary Address To Seniors



DR. RALPH McDONALD

### MAY BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

(By Scout Jack McQuinn)  
The May Court of Honor was attended by a fairly large number of Scouts, almost all of whom made advancements. Chairman W. M. Glenn opened the meeting with the Scout Oath. The floor was then turned over to Mr. W. G. Bradey, of Gastonia, who assured Lincolnton Scouts that regular Courts of Honor would be held throughout the summer months. Mr. Fred Rudisill will be official Scout Secretary for the summer sessions with Mr. Z. R. Burris as an able assistant, in absence of regular Scout representatives from Scout headquarters in Gastonia. Mr. Bradey also announced that the camp will be opened June 21, a week later than usual. It was made quite clear that no ration points would have to be surrendered by those Scouts staying only one week.

Those serving as examiners on the Court were: W. M. Glenn, Chm., W. A. Bradey, Scout Representative; C. Duncan, C. Y. Coffey, S. A. Lockman, W. L. Bookout, Z. R. Burris, Fred Rudisill, J. A. Burris.  
The following advancements were made:  
Tenderfoot Rank: Ed Radford, Howard Wehnt, Troop No. 4; Lee Roach, Jr., Troop No. 1, Rhodes Rhyme; Steve Gabriel, Troop No. 1, Roger City; Hugh Bracket, Troop No. 1.  
Second Class Rank: Benny Joe Ross, Earl Smith, Troop No. 1; Yates Cashion, Everett Cloer, Bobby Fulwood, Troop No. 4; Howard Norwood, Jack Weaver, Troop No. 1, Rhodes Rhyme.  
Merit Badges: Animal Industry, Miles Beam, Troop No. 4; Bird Study, (Continued on page two)

### U. S. PLANES DOWN 16 JAPS IN FIGHT

Washington, May 15.—United States fighter planes shot down 16 Japanese Zeroes, the Navy reported today, when a flight of about 25 of the enemy craft ventured into the southeastern Solomon islands area.  
Two more Zeroes, speedy, highly maneuverable fighters, were reported probably destroyed. A Navy communique said that while five American craft were lost, two pilots were saved.  
The air battle took place Thursday in the vicinity of the Russell islands, lying northwest of the main American base on Guadalcanal. The Russells were only recently occupied by American forces and an advance air field has been constructed there.  
The purpose of the enemy foray into American territory was not apparent, since the American fighters evidently intercepted the attack group before it had time to carry out its mission. The Navy communique said that of the 16 planes shot down, 15 were accounted for by American Vought Corsair fighters, the navy's newest type in combat.  
On the same day as the big air fight, the communique reported, a Liberator heavy bomber dropped explosives on Japanese installations at Kahili air base and another, attacked Ballale island, but results were not observed. Both Kahili and Ballale are in the northwestern Solomons.

Dr. Ralph McDonald to Deliver Literary Address; Rev. Yancey Elliott Sermon

Commencement exercises in the city schools will be held May 25 and 27, according to announcement made today by Supt. S. Ray Lowder. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday evening, May 23, by the Reverend Yancey C. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist church.

Dr. Ralph McDonald, who is vice president of the North Carolina Education Association, will deliver the address to the graduating class Thursday evening, May 27, at which time diplomas to the graduates will be presented.

Class day exercises will be held Tuesday afternoon, May 25. There are around one hundred members of the graduating class.

### CLOTHES RATION SEEN BY NELSON

Washington, May 15.—Congress received from Donald M. Nelson, war production chief, a warning today that rationing of clothes and textiles in the United States "is imminent unless we can use the best brains of the industry and so utilize all the facilities as to get the most out of them."

Testifying before the House Appropriations committee on a deficiency bill reported today, Nelson said he believed clothing rationing could be avoided, but added:

"There are many who think that I am wrong."  
The WPB textile division, Nelson told the committee, is doing everything in its power to avert rationing, which he said would be "one of the worst jobs we have ever had to tackle."

While rationing of clothing has been resorted to in all European

## Officials See Little Hope For Increased Gasoline Supply For Civilian Use

Pressing War Needs Demand All Applicants Be Granted On Basis of Necessity

The pressing war needs for limited gasoline supplies in the East demand that all applications for supplemental and special rations be granted on the basis of bare necessity, J. L. Proctor, of the Lincoln county War Price and Rationing Board reported here today following a conference in Charlotte Wednesday with representatives of the Office of Price Administration.

The importance of examining these applications closely and of adhering strictly to the mileage rationing regulations in issuing all gasoline rations was emphasized at the meeting, which Mr. Proctor attended with members of other rationing boards in this area. The meeting was one of a series arranged by the state OPA office to discuss with rationing board members the various provisions of the regulations.

"It was made very clear," said Mr. Proctor, "that every gallon of gasoline we give to one man is taken away from someone else. It's up to us to see that the fellow who needs the gasoline most gets it. That's the whole idea of rationing."

The Eastern gasoline situation as depicted at the meeting offers little hope of increased supplies for civilian use this summer, Mr. Proctor said. The gasoline shortage developed in the East, it was pointed out, because tankers which normally brought in 95 per cent of the East's petroleum were withdrawn for military service. In the last year overland facilities—tank cars, barges, pipelines—have been increased until at present it is possible to bring in more than 1,000,000 barrels a day. Completion of more pipelines, and other facilities may raise this rate to an average of more than 1,500,000 barrels a day—approximately our normal rate of consumption—by the end of this year.

But this does not mean "driving as usual," OPA spokesmen emphasized, because war demands have

### U. S. Flag Flies Over Coal Mines



With coal miners back in their pits on a six-day-week work basis, the Stars and Stripes has been hoisted over coal mines throughout the country, signifying government supervision. The six-day week was ordered by Fuel Administrator Ickes throughout the coal mining industry as work generally was resumed, after a nationwide walkout. Picture shows the flag flying over the mine buildings of the Pittsburgh Coal company, Pricedale, Pa.

## Sinclair To Sponsor 'Farming For Victory' Meetings This Week

CHARLOTTE GETS REV. W. T. SMITH

Rev. William T. Smith, formerly of Lincoln county, was installed as pastor of the Wilmore Presbyterian church in Charlotte Sunday night. Rev. B. Frank Yandell, the moderator of presbytery, presided. Rev. Mr. Smith, a native of Stanly county, was ordained by Mecklenburg presbytery in the Spring of 1924, and has had charges in Roberdel, near Rockingham, Cornelius and Bethel, Unity church near Lincolnton.

countries, Nelson said, "We are trying to avoid it."

Meetings To Be Held at Union, North Brook, No. 1, and Denver During Week

"Keeping tractors and other farm machines operating at top efficiency is one way that farmers have of overcoming the labor scarcity," said Elmore Goodson, local Sinclair agent in announcing the date of the Farming for Victory meetings which will be held at Union High school, Wednesday night, May 19, at 8:45 o'clock; North Brook high school No. 1, on Thursday night, May 20, at 8:45 o'clock, and Denver High school Friday night, May 21, at 8:45 o'clock.

All Lincoln county farmers and their families are invited to these meetings which will be both entertaining and informative, according to Mr. Goodson. The main feature will be a motion picture, "Farming for Victory" which was made especially for these meetings. Also shown will be an entertainment picture.

These meetings are part of a "Farming for Victory" campaign being conducted nationally. The main purpose of this campaign is to keep farm tractors and trucks operating efficiently and to give all farm equipment longer life, according to Mr. Goodson.

SLEEPING SICKNESS  
Farmers are urged to be on their guard against sleeping sickness among horses and mules. It is believed that biting insects carry the disease, says C. D. Grinnells of N. C. State College.

DAIRYING  
Five more registered bull calves from Biltmore Farms will make a great contribution to the growing dairy industry of Rutherford county, reports Assistant Farm Agent J. J. Hamlin.

## Hitler Is Reported Ready To Abandon Italy To Her Fate

King Vittorio Emanuele, It Is Rumored, Will Abdicate In Favor of Son

London, Monday, May 17.—Two London dailies reported this morning that Hitler is preparing to abandon Italy to her fate, leaving her to face the threat of Allied invasion unaided.

A front-page story by the Daily Mail's diplomatic correspondent, headlined "Hitler Withdrawing from Italy," said that German officials and Gestapo men now were returning to Germany and that there were unmistakable signs that Nazi troops in Italy might soon withdraw, establishing defenses at Brenner Pass.

Earlier, the Morocco and Algiers radio reported what they termed "A sensational rumor" in Rome that King Vittorio Emanuele would abdicate in favor of Crown Prince Umberto. Rumors of imminent invasion are sweeping through Italy, said the broadcasts, heard by the Ministry of

### CHURCHILL SAYS ALLIED INVASION HOUR IMMINENT

Declares He and Roosevelt Are Planning Ahead of Armies Now Moving Forward

Washington, May 15.—Prime Minister Churchill said today the time is approaching when troops concentrated in Britain will advance across the seas "for the assault on the stronghold of the enemy's power."  
The British leader's intimation of an imminent continental invasion came in a broadcast in which he also said he and President Roosevelt are planning "well ahead of the armies who are moving swiftly forward."

"It is no good only having one march laid out," he continued. "March after march must be planned as far as human eye can see. Design and forethought must be our guides and levers. We owe it to the fighting troops. We owe it to the vast communities we are leading out of the dark places; we owe it to heroic Russia, to long-tormented China; we owe it to the captive and enslaved nations who beckon us on through their prison bars."

The global nature of the strategy plotting in which the Anglo-American leaders and their military advisers are engaged was emphasized, too, by the disclosure during the day of some of Mr. Churchill's activities, since he arrived here last Tuesday.

The White House made known that he has conferred with T. V. Soong, the Chinese Foreign minister, who is in the United States, and Herbert Evatt, Australian minister of external affairs. He also has talked with President Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia.

The widespread belief here that the planning covers major campaigns against the Japanese was heightened by the word of the meetings with Soong and Evatt. Also adding to this was publication of a message from Mr. Churchill to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. It said: "I send you warm thanks for your message of congratulation on the great Allied victory which has crushed the last resistance of German and Italian forces in Africa. The day will come when we shall rejoice at similar feats of arms of the United Nations which will surely drive the Jap invader from the soil of China."

President Roosevelt indicated at a press conference earlier in the day that the conferences have not yet reached the stage of making decisions. He said there was nothing helpful he could tell reporters about them because they were still in the conferring stage.

There would probably be no developments of a news nature, he added, until Mr. Churchill's visit is about over. How long the Prime Minister intends to stay here has not been revealed, and for security reasons of course, will not be.

Mr. Roosevelt did disclose one matter which has been discussed. He said that it is what to do with the large number of Axis prisoners taken in North Africa. Many probably will be brought to this country, he said, although plans are not complete.

## Hitler Is Reported Ready To Abandon Italy To Her Fate

The Morocco radio, in a broadcast recorded by the Federal Communications Commission in New York, said in a Bern dispatch that the King "is alleged to have abdicated, and the Roman cabinet to have offered its resignation to Mussolini, who refused it."

Qualified London sources took scant stock in the abdication rumor, adding that the King's prestige was now higher than at any time since the Fascist march on Rome in 1922. It was recalled that Rome radio accounts of the final fighting in Tunisia closed with "Long Live the King—Long Live Italy," conspicuously omitting Mussolini's name.

The Daily Mail story declared it "seems fairly certain that Hitler is getting ready to leave Mussolini and his gang in the lurch in the same way that Rommel deserted his Italian colleagues on the desert."

"It is regarded as significant that the Germans have not paid anything more than lip service to their partner (Continued on page two)

## April War Bond Sales Almost Double Quota Assigned To County

Reports to Chief



Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commander of the U. S. forces in the India, China and Burma theaters of war, is shown as he left the White House after a conference with President Roosevelt. General Stilwell also had several conferences at the war department.

### WOMEN'S DIVISION SELLS \$133,467.25 WAR BONDS IN APRIL

Many Sacrificed Luxuries They Otherwise Could Have Enjoyed to Invest in Bonds

The Women's Division of the War Finance Committee and the War Savings Staff, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. C. H. Hinson, Chairman Finance, and Mrs. Walter Costner, County Chairman Women's War Saving Division, are to be commended for the outstanding success of the Second War Loan Drive. Through this division every home in Lincolnton and throughout Lincoln County was invited to participate in the great drive. Realizing the tremendous stakes involved in fighting this war, citizens were not only willing, but eager, to lend their money.

Many citizens did not wait to be asked to aid in the cause, but approached workers here and there and offered their money in exchange for bonds. They realized without being told, that the investment would pay two great dividends—buy war equipment NOW, and provide a safe "nest egg" for the future. Many fine people in Lincolnton, and in the county, bought bonds to the very limit, sacrificing luxuries they otherwise could have enjoyed—for the "Four Freedoms" of tomorrow. Thanks are due all the women whose untiring efforts made the success of this drive possible—also to the citizens who responded so liberally.

Through the Lincolnton schools there was a total of \$66,979.10

Wards:	
Ward 1: Mrs. Zeb Keever, Chairman	\$ 30,164.25
Ward 2: Mrs. J. L. Linberger, Chairman	\$ 12,208.25
Ward 3: Mrs. Nick Sappanfield, Chairman	\$ 10,560.50
Ward 4: Mrs. Guy Cline, Chairman	\$ 8,075.00
	\$127,926.60

Mrs. Annie Biggers, (Col.), Chairman	\$ 318.25
	\$128,244.85

Miss Elizabeth Francis, County Chairman of the drive, and her crew of faithful workers, are to be commended for their success in the drive. County clubs reported as follows:

Denver	\$ 656.25
Hickory Grove	150.00
Howard's Creek	375.00
Machpelah	75.00
North Brook No. 3	225.00
Salem	206.25
Union	168.75
Vale	2,212.50
County Line	56.25
Iron Station	862.50
Oak Grove	150.00
Anne Priest	18.75
	\$5,231.25

### TERRACING

Roy D. Jones of Bullock figures that the \$200 he spent in terracing has increased the value of his farm by \$3,000.00, says W. B. Jones, assistant farm agent of Granville county.

Treasury Department Pleased With Wide Distribution of Purchasers of E Bonds

War bond sales in Lincoln county during the recent Second War Loan drive reached a total of \$440,958.00, according to final Federal Reserve figures just released. The county's quota was \$237,400.00.

"From the very first day of the Second War Loan Drive in April, the only question that confronted the Lincoln County War Finance Committee was how much more than our quota of \$237,400.00 will be. Well, everybody just put their shoulders to the wheel, worked up the best War Bond chatter anybody ever heard, and by golly, when the U. S. Treasury Department tabulated the returns, the citizens of Lincolnton and Lincoln County had loaned Uncle Sam nearly half a million dollars. Mighty fine record of which to be proud," said Chairman W. C. Henderson. But he also added that "This was just a dress rehearsal for more drives to come. The Government expects every person to invest every cent, after providing for only the necessities of living, in War Bonds. And of course it is not a gift—it is an investment; first, to rid the world of the enemies of this country, and second, for those 'rainy-days' that are sure to come later on."

"The following facts about the purchase of War Bonds during April are of unusual interest. \$140,958.00 represents 37% of the total purchases since Pearl Harbor and 50% as much as bought during the sixteen months previous to April.

"The accomplishments of the citizens of Lincolnton and Lincoln County has received high praise from the Treasury Department, especially in regard to the wide distribution of purchasers of E Bonds—those that the average person buys.

"The April purchases of E Bonds amounted to \$144,525.00, which was three times more than the monthly average since Pearl Harbor. Also that this accounted for 61% of the quota and 33% of the total April purchases.

"Of the total sales, the Women's Division, with Mrs. C. H. Hinson, General Chairman, and Mrs. Walter F. Costner, Chairman, and Miss Elizabeth Francis, Assistant Chairman, of the War Savings Staff, accounted for the amazing amount of \$133,467.25. This figure is reported separately to the State and National Women's Division of the War Savings Staff.

"It is worthy of re-emphasizing the splendid job that every person performed, and special recognition is made at this time for the outstanding publicity and valuable assistance rendered by both the local newspapers.

"There is a solid proud satisfaction for each one in a fine job that has been done.

"The May quota for the Lincoln County War Savings Staff, of which Henry W. Rudisill is chairman, is \$51,390.00."

### ROUNDUP OF WAR

The great Pacific war theater flamed with sharp and perhaps decisive fighting from the Aleutians to New Guinea and China over the weekend, while in Europe the Allies maintained aerial stabs to bleed the strength of the Hitlerian continent.

Over Burma, heavy United States bombers smashed at Lashio, railroad of the Burma road and other Allied bombers ranged wide to hammer other Japanese positions.

The Russians in another offensive thrust carved out a second bridgehead on the western bank of the Donets river, and pushed onward. The bloody battlefield near Novorossisk was still the scene of bitter fighting.

While the Tunisian battleground was being cleared of the debris of war, Allied planes struck from North Africa at Axis defense in Europe.

Fighter-bombers and fighters ranged along the Atlantic coast of Europe to disrupt enemy shipping and rail transport.

Mussolini appeared virtually convinced that Italy would be the scene of the second front in Europe, and Bern dispatches said he was tightening his control on economic life and rushing coastline defenses.