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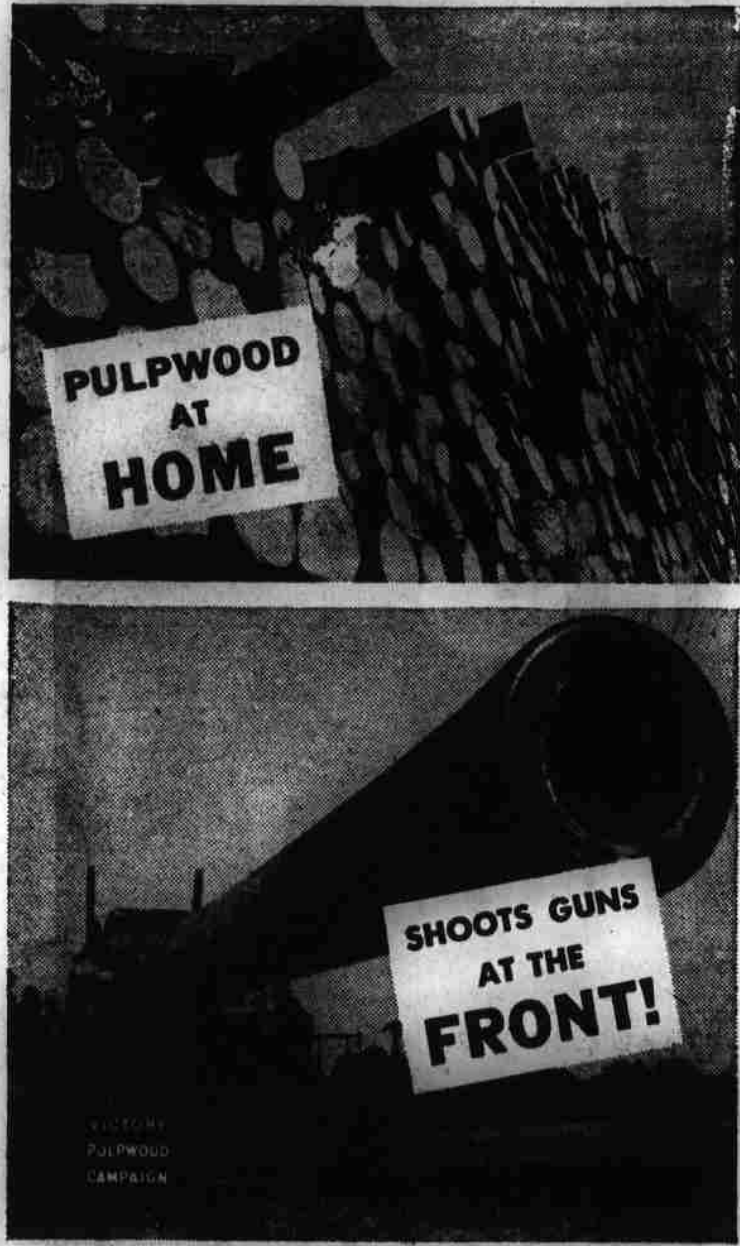
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Italy Surrenders

Gigantic Battle in Prospect Despite Italy's Withdrawal From War—Russia Approves Surrender Terms Imposed On Badoglio Government—Surrender Follows Armistice Signed In Sicily Friday.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Sept. 8.—War between the United Nations and Italy ended at 6:30 p. m. (12:30 p. m., EWT) tonight as Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower accorded a military armistice following unconditional surrender of Marshal Pietro Badoglio's government.

Eisenhower's announcement was coupled with an appeal to the Italian people to drive the Germans from their soil, and a promise of help from the Allies in so doing.

But there is a powerful German army in Italy, giving prospect of a gigantic battle and no hope that all Italy itself will fall like a plum to the Allies.

There is every likelihood that the Nazis will fight desperately to hold the country and that one of the most critical phases of the battle of Europe is about to begin.

Badoglio in a proclamation called on Italian soldiers to cease fighting the British and Americans anywhere, but to "oppose attacks from any other quarter"—to fight Germans if they attack Italians.

To read it over Rome radio at 7:45 p. m. (1:45 p. m., EWT)—a signal to Allied chiefs here that up to then the Germans had not molested him, nor attempted to keep him from notifying his people.

Possibility of German seizure of power in Rome was considered in arrangements for putting the armistice into effect—and since the Allied command chose tonight as the propitious moment for it, there may be swift and decisive developments in the coming hours.

The military armistice, approved also by Russia, actually was signed in Sicily last Friday on the day Italy was invaded, with the stipulation it would "come into force at the moment most favorable to the Allies."

"That moment has now arrived," headquarters asserted.

Thus was Hitler's continental bastions breached, and the war shortened by this greatest of all Allied triumphs.

Eisenhower pledged the aid of the United Nations to Italians who help to "eject the German aggressor."

Allied bombers immediately began roaring over the war-weary nation, dropping pamphlets declaring that "Backed by the might of the Allies, Italy now has the opportunity of taking vengeance on the German oppressor and of aiding in the expulsion of the eternal enemy from Italian soil."

PLANE CRASHES NEAR DEPOT

An Army Observation Trainer plane carrying two persons crashed near the coal chute at the Southern Railway yards here Sunday afternoon after a takeoff from the Selma airport.

One of the occupants—a member of the Women's Army Corps—received a severe cut across the nose, but the other occupant, who was piloting the plane, escaped without injury. Their names were not learned.

The plane was not badly torn up. A wreckage crew from Seymour Johnson Field moved the plane from the scene of the crash Tuesday. The propeller was broken and the wings were partly smashed.

The plane, said to have been from the Charlotte air base, landed at the Selma airport late Saturday afternoon and the pilot and the Wac spent the night here.

After taking off Sunday afternoon, the plane never gained much altitude and plunged to earth near the coal chute beside the Southern railway tracks about 300 yards east of the union depot. Cause of the crash could not be learned.

Revival Now In Progress At Methodist Church

The meeting at the Methodist church here opened Wednesday night, with the pastor, the Rev. Geo. W. Blount, doing the preaching for the first three nights. The services are at eight o'clock. The subject for tonight (Thursday), will be "Repentance", and for Friday night, "Belief".

The Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw of Durham, will speak Sunday night and then each morning and evening throughout the week. The hours of service will be nine in the morning and eight at night. The Rev. Mr. Bradshaw, who is Secretary of Christian Education of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, and leader of Methodist Youth Work, is a strong and devoted Christian leader, and has unusual talent and ability.

New fall goods began arriving yesterday at Norton's 5c to 35 Store. He will tell you all about it in our next week's paper.

BUY MORE BONDS TODAY!

One of Selma's Oldest Citizens Died Friday

Hardy Parker Bailey, one of Selma's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at his home here Friday morning, September 8th, at 1:30 o'clock, at the age of 84 years, and within less than two months of his 85th birthday. He had been a sufferer from rheumatism for the past several years, and contracted pneumonia about two weeks prior to his death.

The deceased was born in Johnston county, the son of the late Ruffin and Mrs. Katherine Bailey, on October 25, 1858, and had resided in Johnston county all of his life. He was married on November 24, 1886, to Miss Smithie Pittman, also of Johnston county, who died March 2, 1938. To this union was born seven children, five of whom survive, as follows: Three daughters, Mrs. John T. Adams, Mrs. L. F. Stout and Mrs. Nan-nie Woodard; two sons, Oscar R. and Ormond R. Bailey, all of Selma.

Funeral services, which were largely attended, were held at the home Saturday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by the Rev. D. M. Clemmons, pastor of the First Baptist church of Selma, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Worley, also of Selma. Burial took place in the city cemetery.

Pallbearers were: J. H. Talton, Raleigh Griffin, E. V. Deans, M. L. Stencil, J. M. O'Neal and Marcus Bailey.

"What Would You Do With Hitler" Program

Program Chairman L. O. Davis put on an interesting program at the Selma Kiwanis club on last Thursday evening. Kiwanian Davis' program began with the singing of two patriotic numbers by Miss Jean Davis, after which all joined in singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Mrs. D. M. Clemmons was the accompanist.

Slips of paper were passed out and each one present was asked to write an answer to the following question: "What would you do with Hitler if he was placed at your disposal?"

Kiwanian Davis announced that the answers would be read aloud before the club and the one receiving the greatest applause would be awarded a prize. There were many splendid solutions offered, but the one getting the greatest applause was offered by Mrs. D. M. Clemmons, which read, "Hang him by the neck to the sour apple tree." She got the prize, a \$1 bill, given by L. O. Davis.

The attendance prize, given by L. O. Davis, went to C. E. Korngay.

Selma Boy Is Father Of New Invention

Lawrence E. Deans has disclosed his invention, accepted by The Glenn L. Martin Company, of a very delicate tool used for calibration and checking of Secret Direction Finding Radio Equipment. Mr. Deans worked on the idea for nine months before actually putting it on a blueprint. The tool, though not extremely complicated, took 27 days to draw up and blueprint.

Mr. Deans disclosed that through the use of the invention that approximately 20 man hours of work can be saved per aeroplane, which would run into several thousand hours in a few months time. Because of the secrecy surrounding the invention and Direction Finding Equipment, full details cannot be forwarded.

Though the Tool is not yet in use it is thought, however, that its construction will be completed and the Tool put into service within a few weeks.

In the invention disclosure the Tool is said to be of such a nature that it can (upon manufacture) be used with any aeroplane employing similar type of equipment, though its present use will be limited to the Martin made, British, A-30 Bomber, Aircraft.

Presents Oddities To The Johnstonian-Sun

R. F. Lee, Selma, Route 1, who lives on the farm of J. W. Thorne, was a visitor to The Johnstonian-Sun office Saturday and brought with him a leaf of tobacco that grew in cup shape. Mr. Lee said that while this leaf of tobacco was growing every time it rained the water would stand in this leaf as though it was a large cup.

He also brought with him an egg that had been laid by a Black Giant hen, which has a shell almost as rugged as a black walnut after being hatched.

Boys Overseas Are Sent Cigarettes From Selma

The Selma Kiwanis club is in receipt of a letter from the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company of Winston-Salem, N. C., advising that they have made shipment of 20,000 cigarettes to our boys overseas.

Some time ago the Selma Kiwanis sponsored a campaign to raise money to pay for cigarettes for our boys in the foreign service. Cups were placed at several public places in the town for the collection of funds for this purpose. With each 5c donated a package of cigarettes was to be shipped overseas, provided enough funds were collected to pay for a shipment of 50,000 cigarettes, but when the cups were taken up it was found that the total contributions amounted to only \$28.00, whereas it would have required \$50 to pay for 50,000 cigarettes. The \$28 was sent to the Reynolds Tobacco company some time in August, and on September 1, notice came that 20,000 cigarettes had been sent to the Port of Embarkation for shipment overseas.

The Selma Kiwanis club wishes to thank each and everyone who had a part in making it possible to have these cigarettes sent to our boys in foreign service, each pack of which carries a notation that they were donated by the Selma Kiwanis club and the people of Selma and community.

Farmer Killed By Auto Near Benson

Benson, Sept. 5.—Kennie B. Raynor, 49, farmer of near Benson, was accidentally killed when struck by a car while walking on Highway 50 near his home late Saturday night.

The automobile was driven by a neighbor, Carson McLamb. The accident occurred about 11:30 p. m. about five miles from Benson.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Minnie Raynor; three sisters, Mrs. R. A. Tart, Mrs. Rossie McLamb and Mrs. Betsy Parker, all of Benson; four brothers, Aubrey, Aaron, John O., and Isaiah Raynor, all of near Benson.

Funeral services were held from Banner Chapel Church Monday at 3:30 p. m., conducted by the Rev. N. W. Harrison of Four Oaks. Interment took place in the Beasley cemetery near the home.

Navy Recruiter To Be In Selma September 14

Navy Recruiter John Stallings will be at Benson postoffice Monday, September 13; at Selma Tuesday, September 14, and at Smithfield Wednesday, September 15. He has some special news of interest to young men 17 years of age, who are interested in serving their country, at the same time learn a skilled trade. There are 55 trades to choose from. The Navy means travel, adventure, good pay, good clothes and a good job to young men. Young men of Johnston county are urged to see the recruiter on the dates named, or they can apply any day to Room 817, Postoffice Building, Raleigh, N. C. Women interested in the Waves should also see the Recruiter.

Selma Boy Promoted In Camp Beale, Calif.

Pvt. M. E. Parker of the 13th Armored Division at Camp Beale, Calif., formerly of Selma, was recently promoted to the rank of Technician 5th Grade in the Army of the United States.

His keen interest and untiring efforts during the period of training led his Commanding Officer, Maj. Malcolm C. Benadum, to name him to the higher rank.

The outstanding qualities of leadership exhibited by T-5 Parker will no doubt, be an asset toward further advancement.

T-5 Parker attended the local schools, and his wife, Mrs. Minnie Parker, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Parker, reside at 705 Oak St., Selma, N. C.

Revival To Begin At Stevens' Chapel

A series of revival meetings will begin at Stevens' Chapel, Missionary Baptist Church, on Sunday, September 12. The pastor, the Rev. Arthur Creech, will be assisted by the Rev. L. E. Godwin, who will do the preaching.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services, which will continue for a week or more.

Johnston Schools Opened Thursday



CONGRESSMAN COOLEY

Cooley At Work For Postoffice Building Here

The Johnstonian-Sun force was delighted to have a visit from Congressman Harold D. Cooley Wednesday afternoon, and were especially glad to see our Congressman looking so fine. We told him we guessed he would be glad to get back to Washington so he could quit loafing, but he reminded us that he had not done much loafing as he had been very busy since Congress recessed some time ago.

Mr. Cooley said he had made a visit to our local postmaster H. E. Eary, and that he thought Selma needed a new postoffice about the worst of any town he knew of, and that as soon as he got back to Washington he was going to recommend to the Post Office Department that a new building be provided for the Selma post office just as soon as conditions will justify such action. He told us that by making application now he believed Selma would be among the first places to get a new postoffice building when the war is over and a new building program is inaugurated.

Mr. Cooley mentioned numerous other towns in his district that have been provided new postoffice buildings during his administration and that he has had Selma on his list for a new building for quite a while.

We certainly hope Mr. Cooley's recommendations meets with the approval of the Postoffice Department, for we all know a new building is badly needed here.

Opportunity For High School Graduates

I have a communication from the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice asking that I send in the names of any high school graduates who are not in college or otherwise employed.

This agency of the Government wishes to employ high school graduates at a base salary of \$1400 per year plus overtime pay, which at the present time makes the salary \$1750 per year. Applicants must be at least 16 and under 40 years of age. Employment is available only in Washington, D. C.

Any high school graduate of good character is eligible and I shall be glad to certify their names in if they will report the fact to me at once.

H. B. MARROW, Supt.

Cpl. Edward E. Stencil Promoted To Sergeant

Sergeant Edward E. Stencil, who has been in the U. S. Army for the past seventeen months, writes from somewhere in the North Pacific that he has been promoted from Corporal to Sergeant. Sgt. Stencil is a half-brother of Editor M. L. Stencil of The Johnstonian-Sun. His mother lives near Benson.

Free Will Orphanage Class Coming To Selma

The Free Will Baptist Orphanage Singing class will be at the Selma Free Will Baptist church on Saturday night, September 11, at 8:30 o'clock. Miss Faustina Shearon is the manager of the class. Public is cordially invited to this service.

School Children of County Again On the March — Schools Open At 8:30 and Close At 1:00 To Aid Farm Work—Only One Faculty Member Short In The White School Here.

The school children of Johnston county are on the march again, the schools of the county having opened for the fall term this (Thursday) morning.

O. A. Tuttle, superintendent of the Selma school, said the schools would open each day at 8:30 o'clock and close at 1 o'clock in the afternoon until further notice, in order for the country children to assist in housing the crops, and for those children in town who can do so, to go to the country and work.

Prof. Tuttle says he feels that he is more fortunate than many school heads this year, as he only has one vacancy on his faculty staff—that of one music teacher. Many principals, he said, are still short of teachers and are still looking in vain for help. The faculty for the Selma white school is as follows:

- FIRST GRADE**
Aethia Fant—Warsaw, N. C.
Rebecca Strickland—Selma, N. C.
Vara Woodall—Selma, N. C.
Irma Herring—Clinton, N. C.
- SECOND GRADE**
Roberta Spiers—Richmond, Va.
Nora Blackmore—Warsaw, N. C.
Hattie Perkins—Selma, N. C.
- THIRD GRADE**
Rebecca Jane Pittman—Scotland Neck, N. C.
Celesta Boyette—Kenly, N. C.
Mary E. L. Washington—Balfour, N. C.
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Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

When OTHO DAVIS got up and told the members of the Kiwanis Club on last Thursday evening that he was going to sing a solo, well, for a few minutes it looked like everybody was going to pick up their hats and leave, in fact JOHN WIGGS did leave, but he had to attend a "rationing" board meeting in Smithfield—OTHO then changed his mind and announced that his daughter, MISS JEAN DAVIS, would do the singing, and that put quite a different slant on the boys faces—this young lady, who possesses a splendid voice, sang several patriotic numbers, accompanied by MRS. CLEMMONS at the piano, and judging from the applause she got, they were well received—the teachers are back, now things will be a little livelier on the Maindrag—they are to be given a "welcome" by the local Kiwanis club at an early date—the merchants are really giving them a welcome in this issue of The Johnstonian-Sun—read what each one has to say—MRS. G. H. EASON was given quite a surprise this week—both of her sons, JACK and JERRY arrived unexpectedly—JACK is in the Army and JERRY in the Navy—neither brother knew the other would be here, consequently they were also given a surprise—no word has been received from ALTON STENCIL, son of the editor, since he sailed for some foreign port more than six weeks ago—no doubt is in Iceland, North Africa, or some other foreign land—the editor and ALTON'S mother are anxiously awaiting word from him—glad to see ERNEST WOMACK looking better these days—ERNEST has been on the sick list for some time—his friends are glad that he is beginning to look like his old self again—RA LEIGH GRIFFIN has a good joke on ye editor—get him to tell you about it, we are a little afraid to tell it in this column, as he is a bigger man than this scribe—but when it comes to bowling, we are not so scared of him—P R E A C H E R BLOUNT and family are back after a vacation spent in this and other states—we are anxious for another try at him in bowling, for he licked the stuffin' out of the Selma bunch the last time the crowd bowled—just as we were finishing this column, in walked Congressman Harold D. Cooley—and talk about big boys, the Congressman is a corker—he sure was looking good Wednesday when in our office—he says he is making application for a new postoffice building in Selma just as soon as he gets back to Washington—and here's hoping he gets it, too—we are always glad to see you MR. COOLEY—come again.