

# The Mighty 7th War Loan Drive Starts Monday, May 14th

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## B. A. Henry Reelected Mayor For Third Term

There were 425 votes cast in the town election here last Tuesday, 25 less than was cast two years ago. There was no opposition against Mayor Henry, and yet he received 321 votes for re-election.

Voting was spirited among the eleven candidates for town commissioner, which resulted in the election of two new men on the board.

The official vote stands as follows:  
FOR MAYOR

B. A. Henry	321
COMMISSIONERS	
J. C. Avery	204
C. S. Hicks	192
R. E. Suber	193
R. H. Griffin	194
E. J. Sasser	160
E. V. Deans	156
L. O. Davis	134
G. C. Hinton	70
Robt. L. Ray	75
Ira T. Rains	30
Leon Ricks	15

The two new men on the board are J. C. Avery and C. S. Hicks, replacing E. V. Deans and E. J. Sasser.

### LEADS TICKET FOR TOWN COMMISSIONER



J. C. AVERY

## Mrs. J. C. Stencil Found Dead In Her Home

Mrs. J. C. Stencil was found dead in her home in Smithfield shortly after eight o'clock Wednesday evening and she is thought to have suffered a heart attack around 8 o'clock. She was 67 years old the 6th of last November. She was the widow of the late J. C. Stencil, who died from a heart attack several years ago.

Mrs. Stencil was up all day Wednesday and her friends who saw her say she was busy with her household duties. She was seen sitting on her front porch about 6:30 P. M.

Due to the uncertainty of the arrival of some of her children, funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. N. L. Perkins, of Smithfield; five sons, John L. Stencil of Richmond, Va., Norwood Stencil, thought to be a prisoner of the Japanese in Shanghai, China; James Stencil, a surgical doctor in a federal hospital at Colon, Panama; Mose Stencil, with the army in Kansas, Charlie Bill Stencil of Denver, Colorado; two sisters, Mrs. Katie Stallings, of Selma and Mrs. J. H. Benson.

Mrs. Stencil was a sister-in-law of M. L. Stencil, editor of this paper.

## May Day Festival At Selma High School

Observance of May Day festivities is being planned for Thursday, May seventeenth, at ten o'clock in the morning. The program embraces the primary, grammar, and high schools and includes the toy orchestra, folk dancing, the minuet, various dramatizations in costume, many choruses. There will be the crowning of a May Queen elected by the high school students.

Festivities will be staged on the lawn. This program is presented in the absence of the traditional commencement exercises, there being no graduating class here this year. Patrons and friends of the school are cordially invited to attend.

## Sgt. Robt. G. Parker Promoted To Staff Sgt.

Robert G. Parker, son of Mrs. R. L. Parker, Selma, N. C. was recently promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He is a ball turret gunner on a B-24 Liberator and has been with the 8th Air Force operating out of England since last November. Before going overseas, Sergeant Parker received training at Keesler Field, Miss., the Univ. of Vermont, the A. A. F. Training School, Nashville, Tenn., Buckley Field, Denver, Colo., Laredo Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery School, Laredo, Texas, Hamilton Field, Calif., and Walla Walla, Washington. He received his wings at Laredo, Texas.

### No Difference

San Francisco, May 9.—Surrender of Nazi Germany, the Japanese cabinet announced today, will not make the "slightest change" in Nippon's war objective, which "lies in the interest of her (Japan's) self-existence and self-defense."

The cabinet reached this conclusion at a special meeting convoked by Premier Kantaro Suzuki, the Tokyo radio said.

## Charter Night Observed By Kenly Kiwanis Club

Last Friday night was Charter Night for Kenly's new Kiwanis club, when high Kiwanis officials from the neighboring club gathered at the Kenly high school gymnasium for a full program. There were around 250 visiting Kiwanians present including their wives and other lady friends.

The program started off with a barbecue supper, served by the Kenly home demonstration club.

The invocation was given by the Rev. Howard F. Newman, Presbyterian pastor of Kenly and Selma Presbyterian churches.

The Enterprise Quartet of Smithfield sang Negro spirituals during the supper hour, which were greatly enjoyed.

Durward Creech, past lieutenant governor of the fourth division and a past president of the Smithfield club, presided during the business of the evening.

Governor Sam D. Bundy of the Carolinas District, whose home is at Tarboro, N. C., presented the charter and made a good toastmaster of the evening with his humor and wit.

The charter was accepted by J. Dobbin Bailey, president of the Kenly club.

The principal speaker of the evening was Dr. Charles W. Armstrong of Salisbury, past district governor and a present trustee of Kiwanis International, who made a very forceful and impressive address, during which he stressed some of the principle objectives of Kiwanis, and told those present that unless the Kenly club strives to carry out some of these objectives it had as well adjourn and never meet again.

The address of welcome on behalf of the Kenly club was delivered by Hon. Jack Hooks, Solicitor of the fourth judicial district, who is also one of the charter members of the Kenly club.

Certificates were presented to the 40 members of the Kenly club by Hector McKethan of Fayetteville, lieutenant governor of the fourth division of the Carolinas District.

Ribbons were presented to the three sponsoring clubs, Smithfield, Selma and Wilson, by Governor Sam D. Bundy.

Gifts were presented the Kenly club by neighboring clubs through their official representatives as follows: Marvin Etheridge president of the Wilson club; R. E. Batton, secretary of the Smithfield club; M. L. Stencil, president of the Selma club; and B. H. Houston, president of the Smithfield club.

Harry Johnson, field representative of Kiwanis International, was present, and told the group that the Carolinas District was leading in club extension work throughout the entire field of Kiwanis International.

Music and dancing was the order of the hour following the business program.

## CAP Cadets To Stage Dance Friday Night

The Selma Civil Air Patrol will stage a square dance tomorrow (Friday) night at the Selma Gymnasium, beginning at 8:45 o'clock. Music will be furnished by a string band. The public is cordially invited. See further announcement elsewhere in this paper.

# War In Europe Comes To Official End At 9 A. M. Tuesday

## Better Community Spirit Is Needed In Selma

By J. WADE BAKER

Selma needs a community spirit!

If this preceding statement is more abrupt than the situation warrants, let it then be said that Selma needs a better community spirit. The temper of a community is expressed like that of an individual — in thought, word, and action. So is the spirit of Selma manifested, in its interest, disposition, and activity. These are the qualities by which Selma is judged; and Selma should be willing to see itself from within just as it is seen from without.

In order to create a better spirit in the town and community, it is herein proposed that a much needed recreational and civic program be provided. Stop and think! What is done by Selma to provide recreation for its youth, and what are the facilities to make it possible? A few days ago a teen-age youth in town said that Selma did not provide means of recreation for its young people, but just let one get in trouble and all are ready to criticize and condemn. A soldier, at home from the European battle front, hearing the above statement, and recognizing certain conditions in Selma, is asking business men over town why something cannot be done about it.

The energies and enthusiasm of youth, if blocked and not directed in proper channels, will break out in undesirable ways. The means of right direction is that with which we are concerned. The gymnasium at the American Legion Hut is the only recreational facility available, and that inadequately used. It is reported that boys have broken in this gymnasium and abused it. At first glance this looks bad. But take another look. Energetic and undirected boys, seeking needed recreational activity, break into a place to play. Breaking and entering is not to be condoned, but provided and directed recreation will eliminate the jimmying of gymnasium doors and windows.

When a people lose their initiative and fail to take an objective position, they begin to rely upon secondary factors for support and well-being. This has happened in regards to recreation and amusement, in that Selma resorts to the tawdry carnivals which frequent the town, for much of its social entertainment. It is encouraging to note a growing protest among the town's people against such amusement. Certain carnival features are entirely acceptable, but unlimited gambling in a carnival is no more acceptable than gambling elsewhere in the state. Some who think it is quite permissible for the past type of carnival to visit Selma, do not allow their children to participate in many of the carnival features. Furthermore, the amount of money a carnival takes out of this town, compared to the percentage retained by local carnival sponsors, is not in keeping with good business.

What should Selma do? The following are some suggestions for providing facilities and a recreational and civic program:

1. Buy a lot or grounds large enough to provide a softball diamond and to house certain recreational equipment.
2. Build a swimming pool.
3. Buy and operate a merry-go-round. (This could be done for five cents a ride instead of the present twenty cent carnival price).
4. Erect swings, seesaws, and other similar equipment for play and exercise.
5. Build booths and stands for concession on special amusement and festival days.
6. Hire a recreational and amusement center director.

Initial cost and maintenance would come from the operation of facilities at a nominal price.

A combination recreational and amusement center would be for the good of all in creating civic pride and initiative. There are organizations in town, as Kiwanis, American Legion, Woman's Club, and others which find it necessary to promote certain attractions in order to raise money.

With a town amusement center, these organizations could sponsor festivals and attractions, with concession on amusement facilities. The use of local talent in creating amusement would help develop civic spirit and initiative. Also the town should sponsor a community fair once a year that would be of interest to the whole district. This would be vital to the promotion of business and in making Selma a center of attraction.

With post-war planning, the government, national and state, is taking into consideration the need of recreational activity. This is necessary to combat juvenile delinquency that is increasing now and will continue to do so after the war. Already in North Carolina a Recreational Committee has been appointed by the Governor. In all probability this Committee will later become a Recreational Commission. At such a time appropriations will be made and funds available for the towns and communities that have taken steps to promote recreational activities. Selma should be ready for such appropriations. If juvenile delinquency becomes prevalent in Selma, it will be due to Selma's delinquency in meeting the situation. A well-known motto says, "It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness." Let Selma light a candle! Let this community eradicate the undesirable by creating that which is good.

## Dr. Lassiter Tackles Disease On Okinawa

From James B. McCumber, Lt. Colonel, CAC Commanding all personnel, 504th AAA Gun Bn. in the Pacific theatre of war, come the following commendation of Capt. Will H. Lassiter of Selma and Smithfield:

1. A rather complete survey of the personnel of one battery of this battalion was recently made with a view to determining the extent of a Schistosomiasis Infection. The survey was made by the Battalion Medical Officer, Capt. Will H. Lassiter, Md., with the assistance of local Clinical Laboratories and malaria control units.

2. Capt. Lassiter is to be commended for his initiative, patience, and labor in this work which was prompted by his interest in the health of officers and men of this battalion.

3. A report submitted by Capt. Lassiter has been forwarded through command channels and it is expected that the survey will be expanded and carried to a conclusion as soon as the military situation permits.

## Negro High School Here To Present Debate

On Thursday evening, May 10, at 8:30, the Eleventh Grade of Richardson B. Harrison School will present a debate. The question is, Resolved that, The Legal Voting Age Should Be Reduced To 18 Years.

The debaters are: Affirmative, Mary Batts, Evelyn Eason, Virginia Hastings, Negative, Mammie Debnam, Willie Mae Barnes, and Vivian Powell. Sherman Eatman is chairman of the debate. There is no admission, and the public is invited.

### War in Brief

Russians captured Prague; last German armies try to flee to Americans.

American casualties on Okinawa mount to 16,425; Marines and soldiers mass for final assault on Japs' southern line.

Allied forces in Borneo seize hill north of Tarakan airdrome, move toward Djoeja oil fields.

Americans make amphibious leap from Davao area of southern Mindanao to Mambal Island in Davao Gulf; continue mop-up in northern Luzon.

## Truman Proclaims Nazi Defeat, Serves Notice of Japan's Doom — President Emphasizes Half Victory as He Calls Nation to Crush Japan.

Washington, May 8.—President Truman, in words of stern triumph and dedication today proclaimed defeat of a crushed Germany and served grim notice upon Japan that her doom is sealed.

A nation at war—picking up the cue from its President—went on with the matter-of-fact business of making war without breaking stride to celebrate the victory in Europe.

"This is a solemn, but glorious hour," said the Chief Executive in a 9 a. m. Eastern War Time, radio address as he joined Prime Minister Churchill in announcement of Germany's defeat. Premier Stalin, who had been expected to speak simultaneously, was silent.

"I only wish that Franklin D. Roosevelt had lived to witness this day," the President said.

## Killed in Action



Pvt. Julian Roy Godwin, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Godwin of Benson, was killed in action in the Pacific. His parents have been informed. He entered service in May, 1944.

Memorial services will be held in the Benson Baptist Church Sunday, May 13th at 3:30 o'clock.

## Selma Kiwanis Club Enjoys Fine Program

The Selma Kiwanis club enjoyed a very fine program on last Thursday evening, put on by Program Chairman H. H. Lowry.

Besides Kiwanis members present, special guests of Mr. Lowry included about 15 lady friends, most of whom were wives of local Kiwanians. Also present to take part on the program was M. L. Wilson, principal of Richardson B. Harrison high school, who was introduced by Superintendent O. A. Tuttle.

Since all the Kiwanis Clubs in the United States and Canada were observing "Music Week" last week, Prof. Wilson's talk was on that subject. At the conclusion of his talk he introduced the members of his faculty, who gave the club members and guests one of the most delightful musical programs heard here in a long time.

### RATIONING GUIDE

PROCESSED FOODS: H2, J2, K2, L2, M2 . . . . expire June 2. N2, P2, Q2, R2, S2 . . . . expire June 30. T2, U2, V2, W2, X2 . . . . expire July 31. Y2, Z2, A1, B1, C1 . . . . expire August 31.

MEATS & FATS: Y5, Z5 A2, B2, C2, D2 . . . . expire June 2. E2, F2, G2, H2, J2 . . . . expire June 30. K2, L2, M2, N2, P2 . . . . expire July 31. Q2, R2, S2, T2, U2 . . . . expire August 31.

SUGAR: Sugar Stamp 35 . . . . good for five pounds . . . . expires June 2. Sugar Stamp 36 . . . . good for five pounds . . . . expires August 31.

SHOES: Airplane Stamps 1, 2, and 3 now good.

FUEL OIL: Period 4 and 5 (last season) and Periods 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (this season) valid for 10 gallons each.

RENT CONTROL: All persons renting or offering for rent, any living quarters whatsoever must register each dwelling unit with rent control office in their rent area. Persons who feel that they are being overcharged for rents may submit complaints to OPA. Complaint forms are available at the local War Price and Rationing Board if your area does not have a rent control office.

Rationing rules now require that each car owner write his license number and state on each coupon in his possession as soon as it is issued to him by his local rationing board.

Throughout the President's words, in a brief speech, an official proclamation and less formal remarks to newsmen in the White House beforehand he treated the day's history-making event as only a half victory. Repeatedly he put it in precise words:

In the speech—"Our victory is but half won."

In the proclamation—"The whole world must be cleansed of the evil from which half the world has been freed."

A statement, issued at the news conference, but not read on the air, emphasized the same point with an implied call to the Japanese people to follow the Nazis in surrender before it is too late.

"The longer the war lasts," the statement said, "the greater will be the suffering which the people of Japan will undergo—all in vain."

The President emphasized the benefits of freedom from the domination of tyrannical leaders and from "present agony and suffering" which the Japanese would gain from laying down their arms. He asserted that "unconditional surrender does not mean the extermination or enslavement of the Japanese people."

The President's words throughout were read carefully, solemnly, without oratorical flourishes.

One Departure.

His one departure from a tone of measured gravity—and that only a mild one—occurred in the news conference. There he mentioned that issuance of the victory proclamation was a happy way to celebrate his 61st birthday. He joshed reporters who have been complaining about his early office hours which get them out of bed at unaccustomed times, telling them he had really gotten them up early today.

Turning grim again, he commented that the Nazis once called us soft and weak, and he wondered what they think about us now.

The capital took its V-E Day cue from the President, with nothing of jubilation in the observance. Government workers sloshed through a dismal rain to a regular day's work while Mr. Truman spoke. Sudden flags drooped at half-staff, silent tribute to the memory of the late President Roosevelt.

Mr. Truman's proclamation was the signal for a one-night relighting

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