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Washington, D. C. (NWNS)—Just as relatives, who may have been at odds with one another for years, are brought together by the death of a member of the family, so has officialdom here temporarily become united by the sudden death of President Roosevelt. Petty squabbling, and even major differences, have been relegated to the background while leaders of all parties and all government agencies ask themselves, "What can I do to help?"

During the short period since the President's death there has been a very noticeable attitude of greater cooperation in government. Countless conferences have been held.

President Truman, recognizing the desirability of holding onto the men who are in the know about government policies, is making a determined effort to keep all branches of government functioning along the same pattern as under President Roosevelt. He is also avoiding making any more statements than necessary to the press until he gets things more under control.

There is great speculation here on what President Truman will do eventually. There is talk of a coalition cabinet, but for the present at least there will be no changes in the cabinet. There is much discussion on his attitude toward labor, but since his candidacy for vice president was approved by Sidney Hillman, head of the CIO's Political Action committee, it is felt that he is definitely pro-labor.

President Truman's rise to the presidency is probably the most strange story in American history. He did not seek the vice presidency and, in fact, is understood not to have wanted it particularly. The same was true of his election to the senate in 1934, when he first entered national politics.

After serving for some time as a county judge, he went to Sam Pendergast, head of the Kansas po-

litical machine, and asked for a more lucrative job as collector of internal revenue. Pendergast's reply is said to have been: "The best I can do right now, Harry, is a United States senatorship." In the senate he did not bring much attention to himself during his first two terms and was reelected by only 7,000 votes in 1940. But during the war he achieved considerable fame as leader of the senate war investigating committee and last year was voted by Washington correspondents as the man, next to President Roosevelt, who knew most about the war.

Except for his work on that committee, his background would hardly seem to make him presidential timber. But, although he got to the senate, the vice presidency and now the presidency without seeking any of those offices, there is an increasing feeling here that he will do all right. He is considered the type of man who will readily admit his weaknesses and who will pick men to work with him who have the abilities he lacks. Unlike President Roosevelt, who concentrated governmental power in his own hands, President Truman will probably shift responsibilities to those whom he considers most capable of handling them.

One of the big questions debated here is how he will make out in conferences with Churchill and Stalin. The probable answer is that he will not take them on single-handed, as President Roosevelt did, but will surround himself with authorities on the subjects to be discussed and share the limelight with them.

Ever since the last election there has been a feeling of fear, in many government circles, over what would happen if President Roosevelt died. But already that fear has almost vanished and is being replaced by confidence that he will not be delayed in reaching our goals of victory and a lasting peace.

## Rev. E. W. McMurray To Preach At Plum Branch And Buffalo Baptist Churches 29th

The Rev. E. W. McMurray of Muscatine, Iowa, will preach at the Plum Branch Baptist Church Sunday, April 29, at 12 o'clock noon. Also at Buffalo at 3:30 o'clock p. m. Visitors are welcome and all members are especially urged to be present.

L. W. Riddlehoover, For Committee.

## McCormick School News

### J. H. A. Yearbook Rated Superior

Our J. H. A. girls are proud of their yearbook for 1944-45. Last fall a copy was sent to Chester, S. C., to be judged along with other South Carolina J. H. A. yearbooks. Our yearbook was rated superior! We are very happy when any department in our school gains deserved recognition. J. H. A. girls, let's continue the good work!

### Chapel, April 16

Supt. W. H. Weldon conducted our chapel exercises. After the group sang "Holy, Holy, Holy" Mr. Weldon read Psalm 117. He reminded us that we are fortunate to be Americans. We should give praise for the mercy and truth of the Heavenly Father. Then Mr. Weldon discussed Citizenship with us. The citizenship standard includes the former honor roll of the public school, with the addition of those pupils who take part in varied school activities. We believe the citizenship roll is progressive because a student who gains only high marks in school is not meeting the requirements of living. Through the citizenship roll we try to teach students to live. There are many ways of judging citizenship at school. Mr. Weldon designated these special phases of school life where good citizens may be chosen: lunch room; study hall; playground; canning and working around the school Beta Club; and other school activities.

### Items Of Interest

Supt. Weldon was called to Bishopville Friday because of his father's illness.

Did you see "The Hoosier Schoolmaster" last Friday night? Congratulations to the Senior class and to Mrs. Patterson on a fine performance!

The Agriculture boys have showed a fine citizenship spirit in their work around the school building.

The J. H. A. girls enjoyed a picnic at the lake Friday afternoon. They had plenty of food and lots of fun on the hike.

### Special Activity

The McCormick schools enjoyed "Campus Confessions" as another series of movies. This is a part of our entertainment program.

Thank you to Robert Hanvey and Bruce Jaynes for their help in setting up the equipment! Kiddie And Beauty Contest May 3

At McCormick High School Detailed announcements will follow—be sure to get your votes in!

There will be a Kiddie Contest on the night of May 3. Any child under six years of age is eligible to enter the contest. For further information contact either Mrs. Chandler or Mrs. Willie Talbert.

### Kings And Queens

First grade—Elmer Creighton, Jr., Margaret Lee Rankin.

Second grade—Billy Sharpston, Peggy Bowick.

Third grade—David Dillashaw, Rose Weldon.

Fourth grade—Jimmie Franklin, Joan Bonnette.

Sixth grade—Bobby McKinney, Phyllis Chamberlain.

## R. E. Ware To Speak To Council Of Farm Women

R. E. Ware, Food Improvement Specialist, and Miss Janie McDill, Executive Secretary S. C. Nutrition Committee, Clemson College, will speak, show slides and give a demonstration on the Enrichment of Corn Meal and Grits at the Spring meeting of the County Council of Farm Women on Friday, May 11, 10:30 o'clock, at the community house. Miss McDill will bring some extra enrichment mixture and it is hoped that everybody present will buy some.

Rev. M. E. Boozer, pastor of the McCormick Methodist Church, will bring the devotional. Members from the Young's and Meriwether clubs will give the welcome address and response.

During the lunch hour a flower show and plant exchange will be held. Everybody is asked to bring flowers and plants to enter the exhibit.

Certificates, diplomas, gold seals, and pins will be delivered to Home Demonstration Club members who completed their work in 1944.

Special music is being planned by Mrs. J. W. Bracknell, County Chairman of Music and Recreation.

All council members and friends are invited to attend this meeting.

Matilda Bell, Co. Home Dem. Agent.

## Services In The McCormick Methodist Church

Morning worship service will be held Sunday morning, April 29th, at eleven o'clock. The evening service will be at 8:30. Everybody is welcome to these services.

### V. E. Day Service

There will be a V. E. Day service in the Methodist Church as soon as the news has been confirmed. Everybody is invited.

M. E. Boozer, Pastor.

## Anderson College News

Anderson, April 21. — Martha Ballenger, freshman from Greer, has been elected president of the Baptist Student Union of Anderson College, succeeding Carolyn Williams, sophomore from Sumter. Installation services were held for the recently elected officers in the college auditorium on April 19.

Dr. F. C. McConnell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Anderson, was the guest speaker for the installation services. Carolyn Williams, who has served as president of the council during the past session, delivered a charge to the new officers.

In addition to Martha Ballenger, president, the new B. S. U. council is composed of the following officers: Hazel White, Anderson, first vice president; Gloria Gove, Delray Beach, Fla., second vice president; Jean Vermillion, Ware Shoals, third vice president; Frances Burnette, Richmond, Va., secretary; Katie Richardson, Gresham, treasurer; Louise Able, Saluda, business manager; Edna Faye Odum, Darlington, reporter; and Marianna Bigham, Columbia, music director.

The council also includes the following representatives: Annie Laura Wright, Honea Path, Baptist Training Union; Frances Dorsett, Rocky Mount, N. C., Magazine; Jackie Ballentine, Anderson, Methodist students; Mary Dewey, Asheville, N. C., Presbyterian students; Helen Bryson, Woodruff, Student Government; Edna Dawn Kelly, Townville, Sunday School; Sybil Caudell, Anderson, Town students; and Mabel Freeland, Plum Branch, Young Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Mildred B. Clinkscapes, secretary of the First Baptist Church, is the sponsor of the B. S. U.

## County's 7th War Loan Quota Is Announced

The quota for McCormick County in the approaching Seventh War Loan Campaign will be \$128,000, it was announced this week by G. J. Sanders, Jr., chairman of the county war finance committee.

The campaign will open on May 14.

Strong emphasis will be placed on the sale of E bonds, the chairman announced. South Carolina will be asked to sell \$25,000,000 in E bonds, as against \$16,000,000 in the Sixth War Loan Campaign. This means, the county chairman said, that in every county there must be an intensive campaign to sell E bonds.

South Carolina's overall quota for the campaign, for the sale of all types of bonds, is \$53,000,000.

Declaring that this a vital war loan campaign, Christie Benet, of Columbia, state bond chairman, said:

"We face in the Seventh War Loan the biggest job yet in selling bonds. Never before have we been assigned an E bond quota of as much as \$25,000,000. That will be our assignment in this job. I am confident South Carolina can meet this goal, but I know that it will require bond buying by more people, and in greater amounts, than ever before.

"South Carolina has never failed in a war bond campaign, no matter how high the goal. This time, let all of us buy bonds to the limit of our ability and buy them early in the drive. The peace for which we all pray may be near, but the enormous job of financing this war isn't over—and that is an obligation resting on all citizens."

## Speed Contacts With Your Navy Man In Pacific

Got a boy in the Pacific? If you have, here's some news of interest to you about getting mail to him. The Navy mail service suggests:

1. Since newspapers will be months old before they arrive (Okinawa is 5,280 miles from Fleet Post Office, San Francisco), families should clip items of news interest and enclose them in letter mail, rather than send the whole newspaper.

2. If a man is "guessed" to be in an invasion area, his family and friends should wait for sometime before sending any parcel post packages. And, if he is known to be in the far Pacific, packages with food or perishables should not be sent at all.

3. Send photographs, snapshots and newspaper items to your Bluejacket over seas, and send them in first class mail. Enclosures cannot be sent in V-Mail letters.

4. Use V-Mail as often as possible. Write short, frequent letters. Remember V-Mail has all priority over all other classes of mail in an effort to increase the volume.

## Royal Ambassadors Recognition Service May 2nd

There will be a very important service at the McCormick Baptist Church Wednesday night, May 2nd, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Members of the A. T. Green Jr. and the David Livingston Royal Ambassador Chapters will have a Recognition Service conducted by the State Royal Ambassador Sec., Rev. A. T. Green Jr., of Columbia. You will want to be present to see these boys given the rank which they have attained through their work in R. A. activities and in studying missions through the Bible and their current mission literature. Every one is cordially invited.



## REBELS . . . meat

A United States senator recently said he was going to get meat for his family "no matter how."

In a New Jersey community the food panel of the ration board recently resigned in a body because the town wouldn't back them up in trying to enforce ceiling prices.

A neighbor of mine who has tried to live according to OPA instructions, indignantly announced that she was through trying when she heard that German prisoners had ham for Easter dinner when she could get no meat at all for her family.

A printer told me that he couldn't see why he should "play ball" on the paper situation if our government continued to send tons and tons of paper to Europe.

The head of a war plant said it seemed absurd for him to save scrap metal when a company which delivers synthetic rubber to him in steel barrels refused to take the barrels back as a gift.

And a little boy told me that he didn't see how it was fair for Pete's daddy to get gasoline to take Pete fishing every week when his daddy never could get gas to take him fishing.

## SUPPLY . . . demand

Throughout the war we have all heard dozens of stories like these. But as the end of the European war approaches, it seems to me that a rebellious attitude against restrictions is becoming much more widespread. And most all of the people who do rebel can give you plenty of reasons which they think justify their actions.

A United States senator ought to know better than to set an example for black market patronage by indicating that he would go to one himself if necessary. But there is no reason why a housewife should not become incensed over prisoners getting better food than she does, or why it should not be hard for a boy, or even a man, to understand the apparent unfairness of individual cases of gasoline rationing. But even though we may feel like rebelling on many occasions, it is important that we try to think of each situation in the broad view of what would happen if everybody refused to obey a restriction which particularly annoys us.

Take meat as an example. The meat situation is especially bad. Plenty of people are buying meat in black markets and are paying above ceiling prices for it. But if all of us finally decided to give up all pretense of trying to get meat at ceiling prices—and if OPA enforcement broke down altogether—there is no doubt that meat would become almost impossible to get and would go sky high in price. As long as the supply of anything is considerably less than the demand—and if people have money—rationing and control are necessary. The people who patronize black markets weaken the rationing program, but under the present circumstances we are better off with a weak program than we would be with no program at all.

## FREEDOM . . . orders

We must obey orders for the time being whether we like it or not.

But the growing public impatience with rationing and regulations of all kinds should act as sufficient warning that the people will refuse to be regimented just as soon as the emergency is over. And the people undoubtedly will be quick to decide for themselves when an emergency no longer exists.

A lot of officials in Washington have probably learned to enjoy issuing orders to the multitudes, and they would probably like to continue to direct our lives even after the war ends. But if they have any notion of being able to do this, they had better start now to get rid of it. For there is no doubt in my mind that wartime restrictions, which have been hampering the free action of our people for four years, will be so fervently attacked by the people the day after the Japanese surrender that enforcement will be impossible.

Soldiers and civilians alike, in the postwar era, will probably insist on less regulation than we have had in many years. Fed up with taking orders, they will want a good taste of this freedom and liberty we have been fighting a terrible war to preserve. Later, after things get back to normal, various groups may turn again to government for answers to their problems. But during the first year or two we will demand all-out freedom.

"Malnutrition is more a human equation than a dollar equation and is one of our great problems." —Dr. D. Mercier, Corinth, Miss.

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**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**  
April 26th and 27th, 7:15 P. M. and 9:15 P. M.  
STARRING LUCILLE BALL  
in  
**"BEST FOOT FORWARD"**  
with  
HARRY JAMES AND HIS MUSIC MAKERS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH**  
Show starts at 2 p. m. and runs continuously  
WILD BILL ELLIOTT WITH GEORGE GABBY HAYES  
in  
**"OVERLAND MAIL ROBBERY"**

**SATURDAY NIGHT, LATE SHOW 10:30**  
KAY KISER AND HIS ORCHESTRA  
WITH MARILYN MAXWELL  
in  
**"SWING FEVER"**

**MONDAY AND TUESDAY**  
April 30th and May 1st, 7:15 P. M. and 9:15 P. M.  
ANN SHERIDAN—JANE WYMAN  
IRENE MANNING—JACK CARSON  
in  
**"THE DOUGHGIRLS"**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2ND**  
7:15 P. M. and 9:00 P. M.  
MATINEE 3:30 P. M. Adults 24c  
MARGARET O'BRIEN—JAMES CRAIG  
in  
**"LOST ANGEL"**

ADMISSION: Adults, 30 cents; Children up to 12, 12 cents; Children 12 to 15, 18 cents, including tax.