

TUESDAY TO BE V-E DAY!

Lincoln Masons Pay Visit To City Sunday

Some Eighteen Members of the Various Lodges Are Here to Visit Masonic Home.

Sunday a group of some eighteen members of the Lincoln Masonic bodies paid a visit to the Nebraska Masonic Home where they made a thorough inspection of the Home and inspected the plans made for the extension of the home in the future.

There were masters and wardens present from Lancaster lodge No. 54; Lincoln lodge No. 19; West Lincoln lodge No. 210; Northern Star No. 227; Cotner lodge No. 297; George Washington lodge No. 250; Liberty lodge No. 300; Craftsman lodge No. 314; College View lodge No. 320.

The members of the party had a very pleasant time in meeting with the Plattsmouth Masons at the home and had a very interesting representation of the plans that have been made for the enlargement of the Home in the future.

The plans were shown by the means of slides and gave the various enlargements of the different sections to accommodate the larger number.

Raymond Cook gave a talk on the importance of the enlargement of the Home facilities in the near future.

During the afternoon and illustrated song, "The Holy City" was given by Frank A. Clويد with the accompaniment played by E. H. Westcott.

Chris Metzger Visits in City

Saturday afternoon Chris Metzger, prominent member of the Omaha Live Stock Exchange of which he is a former president and member of the board of directors, was in the city.

Mr. Metzger has long been engaged in the live stock business and is a great booster for this important Nebraska industry. He has also been recently named by Governor Dwight Griswold as a member of the Omaha power company commission.

Mr. Metzger states that his son, First Lieutenant William A. Metzger is now in Germany, being sent to the European theatre of war several months ago from Camp Hood, Texas.

Major and Mrs. R. D. Green Here

Major and Mrs. R. D. Green, of Lincoln, were here Saturday afternoon to spend a few hours and visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howard for a short time.

Major Green is the commanding officer of the U. S. Veterans hospital at Lincoln and has been one of the outstanding hospital men in the government service.

Major and Mrs. Green are the parents of Mrs. Grant Howard, whose husband is in the armed service.

Weather Forecast

High—64
Low—46
Nebraska forecast: Partly cloudy and windy today, except scattered showers extreme southeast before noon. Cooler today. Much cooler east and central portions. Fair tonight and Tuesday. Cooler east portion tonight, low temperatures 30-40 west and north, 40-45 southeast with frost or freezing temperatures most of the state. Warmer Tuesday west and north portion.

Thanksgiving at Holy Rosary

If the V-E Day is officially announced this afternoon, Thanksgiving Services will be conducted in the Holy Rosary church as soon as the Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the American Legion is over. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for public adoration. The day of Thanksgiving will end with a Holy Hour at eight p.m.

White House Give No Report Monday Morning

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Jonathan Daniels, White House press secretary told reporters at 9:15 A. M. cwt., the White House had nothing to announce at that time regarding the situation in Europe. He said that President Truman planned, as was announced a week ago, to make a radio broadcast to the nation "in the event of cessation of hostilities."

Shortly before Daniels talked with reporters he conferred with Elmer Davis, director of the office of war information.

Davis said he had gone to the White House to get some documents that "I will need in my business." Davis did not identify the documents. It seemed the fair assumption that they included a textual matter to be broadcast to the world by OWI once VE Day is proclaimed officially.

Concerning new peace reports from abroad Davis confined himself to the statement that "the fact is that there is no official announcement at the White House at this moment."

Daniels was unresponsive to reports that the official VE Day announcement would come in simultaneous statements by Mr. Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin from their respective capitals. The White House was jammed with a tremendous crowd of reporters.

Wayne Clark to Locate in West

Wayne Clark of this city, one of the world war two men discharged from the service, departed Monday morning for the west where he expects to be located.

Wayne has secured a position with a signal force of the Union Pacific railroad and is expecting to be stationed in Utah for some time at least. He spent some three years in the armed forces before his discharge on physical disability.

GIVEN SURPRISE

The Louis Eaton family of Union had a pleasant surprise when on the first birthday anniversary of their son, Charles. Mr. and Mrs. George Edmiston and Donnabelle of Nebraska City and their house guests, Nell Francis and Sarah Ritterbush came to join the Eaton family for the observance of the birthday.

The visitors brought an angel food cake as well as candy bars and treats for Charles and his sister, Marian.

Names Are Omitted

In the listing of the Red Cross contributors appearing in the Journal Saturday the names of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tritsch who had donated \$10 to the cause was omitted as was that of their daughter, Mrs. Florene Palack.

Journal Want Ads Sell Goods

Closing Hours for V-E Day in Plattsmouth

If Announcement Comes Before Evening Stores to Close for the Rest of day

The announcement of V-E day will be followed by the closing of the stores for the remainder of the day and joining in the observances at patriotic meetings.

If the announcement comes in the afternoon the stores will close until the following noon, but in case the announcement comes at night the stores and business houses will be closed on the following day.

Tavern by their own agreement sometime ago agreed to close for a twenty-four hour period following the V-E day.

If the announcement comes before 6 p. m. the American Legion program will be given at the Cass theatre one hour after the sounding of the siren. In case the announcement comes after 6 p. m. the program will be given at 9 a. m. the following day.

The program of the ministerial association will be held at the First Methodist church to which the public is invited to attend. All churches will be open during the day for worship and prayer.

FEDERAL TAX CALENDAR for May, 1945

May 10—Withholding tax: Tax withheld from wages during April 1945, if more than \$100, payable to an authorized depository.

May 15—Corporate income and excess profits tax: Return due and one-fourth of tax payable for fiscal year ended February 28, 1945. One-fourth of tax payable for fiscal years ended May 31, August 31 and November 30, 1944.

Personal income tax: Return due and tax payable for fiscal year ended February 28, 1945.

Nonresidents: Income tax returns of foreign partnerships due; foreign corporations' and aliens' returns due and one-fourth of tax payable for fiscal year ended November 30, 1944. One-fourth of tax payable for fiscal years ended February 29, May 31 and August 31, 1944.

Partnerships: Return due for fiscal year ended February 28, 1945.

Fiduciaries: Return due and one-fourth of tax payable for fiscal year ended February 28, 1945. One-fourth of tax payable for fiscal years ended May 31, August 31 and November 30, 1944.

Exempt corporations: Information return on Form 990 due from certain exempt corporations with accounting periods ended December 31, 1944.

May 31—Excise taxes: Returns for April 1945 due and tax payable.

SATURDAY EVENING GUESTS

Saturday evening guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith and three children were S. Sgt. Jack Hunt of Sioux Falls, S. D., his mother, Mrs. Henry Hunt of Continental, Wyo., Mrs. M. E. Smith, Miss Ethel Smith, and Mrs. Arnold Mihollan of Omaha, Mrs. Jay Smith of St. Joseph, Mo., Mrs. Nellie Newhouse of Benson, and Mrs. George Kenney of this city.

When lunch was served a birthday cake, honoring Sgt. Hunt, was cut and served together with ice cream and coffee.



FIGHT FIRE ABOARD CARRIER.—As Navy pilot lands his fighting crew. The pilot died in the plane. (U. S. Navy photo from NEA Telephoto)

German U Boats Ordered Back To Their Ports

Admiral Doenitz Calls for Sub Out at Sea to Return to Lay Down Activities

LONDON.—(AP)—Fuehrer Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz today ordered Germany's U-Boat fleet most potent weapon left the shattered Reich, to cease hostilities and return to port.

The order, revealed by the German-controlled Flensburg radio, said continuation of submarine warfare was impossible from the bases that remained in German hands in Norway and France.

Some 300 or more U-Boats probably were immobilized by the order, most of them in Norway and the remainder in isolated French ports. Upwards of 600 others carrying crews totalling 20,000 men have been sunk by the allies during the war.

Doenitz's action ended nearly six years of what probably was the most destructive sea offensive ever waged.

Exact allied tonnage sunk by U-Boats has not been revealed, but it probably was in eight figures. Victims ranged from tramp freighters to the British battleship Royal Oak.

Many ships were sent to the bottom within sight of the east coast of the United States, but an intensified air and sea patrol finally drove the raiders back to Mid-Atlantic.

The offensive reached its first peak just before the allied invasion of North Africa and its second in the months preceding the allied landing in Normandy.

A brief resurgency followed last winter with the introduction of a "floating lung" that enabled the U-boats to re-charge their batteries beneath the surface.

Radio Flensburg said Doenitz's order was dated last Friday. Doenitz, first as a submarine commander and later as commander in chief of the German navy, was the master-mind behind the U-boat campaign. He sent his crews out with orders to "Kill! Kill! Kill!"

In an order of the day to U-Boat crews, radio Flensburg said, Doenitz told his men that they had "Fought like lions."

The Illinois Library Assn. reports that 90 per cent of persons living in rural Illinois are without library facilities.

Associated Press Lose Filing Files

Suspended Throughout the Entire European Theatre of Operation Says Headquarters

Allied supreme headquarters, announced today that the filing facilities of the Associated Press has been suspended throughout the entire European theatre of operations.

Earlier an announcement was made that the AP's filing privileges at SHAEF had been suspended. AP headquarters in New York said they had no immediate statement to make.

Farewell Tea For Mrs. Aller

Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock the Fellowship room in the First Presbyterian church was the scene of a very lovely tea given in honor of Mrs. Edith Aller, who has made her home here for the past three years, and is leaving in a short time for California where she plans to make her home.

The room was very attractive with the decorations of the spring flowers and tapers, this feature being arranged by Mrs. John Sattler and Mrs. Carl Schneider.

In the receiving line were Mrs. Aller, Mrs. George L. Farley, Mrs. W. A. Robertson, Mrs. S. A. Wiles, Mrs. Nellie Spangler. The tea was prepared by Mrs. H. F. Goos and Mrs. Etta Gorder while the serving was in charge of Mrs. Searl S. Davis and Mrs. Glenn Valley who presided over the tea urn.

Mrs. Oscar Gopen, Sr., cut the cake for the tea.

A very interesting program was given that comprised two vocal numbers by Miss Anna Jane LeSeur with the accompaniment by Mrs. H. F. Goos; Mrs. R. O. Cole gave two very fine piano solos; Mrs. Catherine Burdig gave two vocal selections with the accompaniment by Mrs. R. W. Knorr.

On behalf of the ladies of the church Mrs. T. P. Heineman, presented Mrs. Aller with a gift of remembrance from the old friends in Plattsmouth.

Mrs. Oliver Meisinger, president of the federation, gave a few words of appreciation of the service of Mrs. Aller to the church while a resident here.

Mrs. Frank A. Clويد was receiving at the door.

Read Journal Want Ads

Cost of Europe War Heavy to United States

United States Has 800,000 Casualties and Costs of \$185,000,000,000

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The victory in Europe cost the United States about 800,000 casualties and more than \$185,000,000,000. These are the best conservative estimates available now. It will be a long time before the final figures are worked out.

A United Press survey showed today that this country's share of the cost of crushing the Nazi bid for world domination will exceed by three or four times the cost of World War I and its aftermath—whether the measuring standard is casualties or dollars.

The cost in money will be increased in future years by many billions of dollars through interest on government borrowings and benefits to veterans. The cost in broken lives, too, will be paid over a long period.

Most of the government experts consulted in the survey believed that at least two-thirds of the dollar outlay since defense preparations began in 1940 went directly or indirectly into the war against Germany and Italy. This is based on the allocation of men to the two major spheres of combat. On the basis of the best available information, two U. S. fighting men were sent to Europe for each one sent to the Pacific.

The cost estimate includes not only guns, bullets, planes and tanks, plus the plants to make them, but also such items as lend-lease expenditures, training costs, merchant ships, transportation, subsistence and literally thousands of articles and services that never appeared on the field of battle but were vital to victory. Here are the results of the survey:

Cost in Money—Defense and war expenditures total more than \$277,600,000,000 since July 1, 1940. Assisting two-thirds of this to the European war gives a figure of \$185,066,000,000. This compares with the \$55,345,000,000 cost of the last war. The figure for the last war includes continuing expenses for many years after the war and unpaid war debts. The figure for this war is just the cost up to now.

Cost in Casualties—Approximately 800,000 men killed,

Date for Announcement to be at 8 a.m. Central War Time--Leaders to Speak

Bun. London, U. P.—The British Ministry of Information said tonight that tomorrow will be treated as Victory in Europe Day.

Prime Minister Churchill will broadcast at 3 p. m. double British summer time (8 a. m. cwt.) the Ministry of Information said.

The text of the ministry of information announcement: "It is understood that in accordance with arrangements between the three great powers an official announcement will be broadcast by Prime Minister Churchill at 3 p. m. tomorrow, the 8th of May."

In view of this act, tomorrow, Tuesday, will be treated as Victory in Europe Day and will be regarded as a holiday. The following Wednesday, May 8th, will also be a holiday.

His Majesty the King will broadcast to the peoples of the British Empire and Commonwealth tomorrow, Tuesday at 9 P. M. D. B. S. T. (2 p. m. cwt.) Parliament will meet at the usual time tomorrow.

By United Press.—The German win von Krosigk, German foreign radio at Flensburg said today that minister.

fuehrer Karl Doenitz had unconditionally surrendered "all German fighting troops to the allies."

The radio speaker, identified himself as Count Ludwig Schwer-

At allied supreme headquarters in Paris this statement was issued: "Shaef authorized correspondents at 4:45 P. M. Paris time (9:45 A. M. cwt.) to state that SHAEF has made nowhere any official statement for publication up to that hour concerning complete surrender of all German armed forces in Europe and no story to that effect is authorized."

CBS correspondent Edward Murrow broadcast from London that President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill had been prepared to broadcast the official news of the German surrender at 11 A. M. cwt, but that they were delayed because Premier Stalin who was to speak at the same time was not ready. Murrow said the Truman-Churchill statement has been postponed indefinitely pending word from Moscow that Premier Stalin is ready with his statement.

In Washington, Democratic leader John W. McCormack Mass., told the House that nothing definite can be said now, concerning the surrender situation in Europe "although it is hoped some official proclamation might be made sometime this afternoon."

In a statement to the House, Speaker Sam Rayburn said that although he had been in communication with the White House he "knew nothing more than any other member of the House." In event of a presidential proclamation during the day, Rayburn said, the broadcast would be carried on the loud speakers in the House chamber.

Replying to a question by House Republican leader Joseph W. Martin, jr., Mass. McCormack said the House would not recess the rest of the day should an official announcement of the end of the European war be made.

"It is my viewpoint that the House should set an example for the rest of the country and carry on with its regular work even after this important announcement is made," McCormack said.

Tons of confetti, ticker tape and waste paper were thrown from New York skyscrapers. In the business districts the sidewalks were ankle-deep in paper in some places.

The greater proportion of German forces already was in allied hands following piece meal surrenders along the western front. The German armies in northern Italy surrendered last Wednesday, those in western Austria Sunday.

Indicative of the announcement to come, radio Paris said a truce had been arranged at LaRochele, German-occupied French port on the Bay of Biscay.

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Army casualties compiled here by theaters as of March 31 showed a total of 685,247 for the European, Mediterranean, Middle East and Caribbean theatres—all part of the European war. The figures included 133,284 killed, 431,965 wounded, 67,008 missing and 52,990 prisoners.

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