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NEWS OF GERMAN SURRENDER CALMLY HERE; NO PUBLIC CELEBRATION

'Surrender Day' News Received Joyfully But Calmly In Charlotte



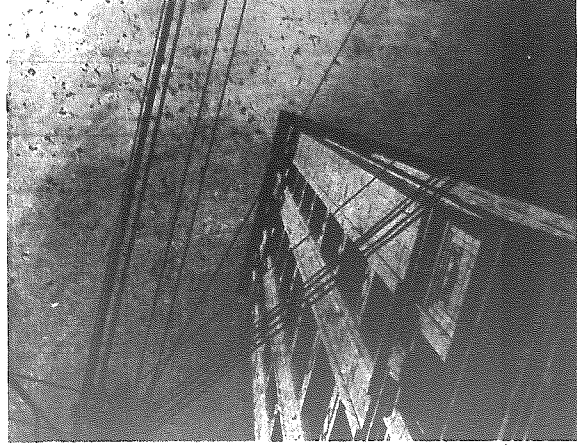
THE RUSH FOR THE NEWS—People who couldn't wait for the busy newspaper boys to get to them this morning dashed into The News building and clamored for the "War is Over in Europe" editions.



GOOD NEWS FOR EX-ETO MAN—First Lt. William H. Franklin, who flew missions in the European Theater of Operations for ten months, was glad to see "Newshy Joe" today.



GI FORM OF ENTHUSIASM—Two young soldiers, perhaps the most enthusiastic persons seen on the streets early today, grabbed two pretty young Charlotte maids and smooched them.



STREETS PEPPERED WITH PAPER—Excited employees in the taller buildings in Charlotte tossed bits of paper in the air today as a material sign of their happiness over the unconditional surrender of the Germans.

Mayor Urges All To Stay At Their Jobs

Thanksgiving Service Held Today At Second Presbyterian Church

By THE NEWS STAFF
Charlotteans today reacted calmly, prayerfully and with quiet joy to the news of Germany's unconditional surrender.

On April 28 Mayor Baxter issued a proclamation in which he solemnly requested all churches to open their doors for prayer and meditation as soon as possible after the announcement of victory in Europe and that all industries and businesses, both essential and non-essential, carry on their daily tasks throughout the day of victory.

People rushed the newsboys as soon as they swarmed into the streets, ready to shout the headlines that were printed in bright red across the front page of The News.

Workers in the buildings in the second block of S. Tryon began to appear in the streets, to the request of the Federal Government to continue routine activities.

The lack of merriment couldn't keep one little boy from shouting her joy, however. She was Mrs. W. O. Simms, her husband, Sgt. Simms, is in Germany.

Collection Successful

Members of the Charlotte Junior Chamber of Commerce and a host of volunteer helpers yesterday collected 251,000 pounds of paper and ink and approximately 100,000 pounds of clothing in the city and county-wide drive.

Overshadowed By News Surrender Dims Election Light

Overshadowed by the news of the end of the war in Europe, Charlotte's biennial municipal election was today pushed still farther into the background as leaders of the opposing tickets resubmitted their pleas for getting out a representative vote in tomorrow's balloting.

Board Gets Resolution

The Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners received a resolution adopted recently by the Optimist Club of Charlotte protesting the use of public buildings by the sect known as Jehovah's Witnesses.

New Development Tax Rate Increase May Be Necessary

The possibility developed today that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners may have to increase the 1945-46 tax rate from the proposed 33 cents per \$100 valuation to take care of City School needs which apparently were omitted from the City School budget request.

Demonstrative, Noisy In '18 Armistice And Surrender Days Celebrated In Different Ways

By J. A. DALY
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Creation of hostilities in Europe in two World Wars presented almost unbelievable contrasts in public reaction at Charlotte.