

By Henry Willis

Announcement of Tom Q. Ellis for the U. S. Senate gives us one good man to choose from anyway. Nobody has ever had anything to say against his good name. He is clean, earnest and able. He has a wide acquaintance over the state among the best people. The jobs he has had have been well handled, completely lined. There is no reason to believe he would be less than an excellent senator.

Congressman Will M. Whittington has no opposition in the best informed man in the house on flood control matters and is chairman of that very important committee. George Davis has served so well for so many years as Circuit Judge there just isn't anybody else to consider. He is renominated unopposed. That is true also of Chancellor M. A. Montgomery, one of the best chancellors on the bench. He is usually Supreme Court member and we may hope to see him a member of that body in time.

If Everybody Outside of Town was broke it would be just as good sense for town citizens to provide money to start them off again. That would enable them to trade in town, support its businesses, all to mutual profit of town and country. Stripped of all its petty jealousies that is exactly what the loan to Britain means. For many months the British stood alone between the Huns and world domination. It was exhausting, they are broke and tired. Self interest calls on us to make them the loan as quickly as it can be done. The Americans who negotiated the loan agreement were completely patriotic and well informed. We cannot do better than trust their work.

"Mother's Day" is a Beautiful Sentiment. It has been so diligently commercialized that we are not allowed to think of love and reverence and little things to do to lighten her burdens or honor her memory. No, we have to remember to "buy something" to give her—then forget it for a year.

Alcatraz Island Prison is where the most desperate Federal Prisoners are confined—robbers, killers. In just about every case they are men who should have been sentenced to death. Soft hearted (soft headed) juries or judges moved by silly sentiment have given less than a death sentence. These desperadoes surprised a guard, armed themselves. So far two prison officials are killed; 14 wounded. The leader murdered a U. S. Marshal and was sent to prison—instead of having his neck stretched. It should convince even the sentimentalists but won't; they are incurable.

The Palestine Trouble is something we got ourselves into, nobody asked us to meddle. It's a very hot potato the British drew, after World War I, in the shape of a mandate over Palestine. It seemed to the British Prime Minister of the time that it would be just the thing to hand it over to the Hebrews and he promised that without considering the Arabs who had been in control for so many centuries. When they heard of the promise the Arabs entered strenuous objection and the situation got hotter and hotter. Then we butted in, suggested to the English what they should do about it. "Fine," said they, "let's send a joint committee to suggest a solution." It was done, the joint American-British commission have announced a "solution." The Jews are tremendously displeased. The Arabs even more so. The Jews propose to assert their rights in the country by force of arms. The Arabs say they will resist with every means in their reach and will have the aid of the powerful Mohammedan nations and peoples. The situation is highly explosive. The British, quite logically, suggest that we send several combat divisions to help them keep the peace. There is plenty of fuel to start the dread Holy War and a new conflagration. The Russians will certainly back the Arabs. You take it from there.

Mississippi Sportsmen, Men and Women, from all over the state will meet in Jackson at the City Auditorium tomorrow—May 10th, Friday—for the purpose of forming an organization that will have for its object to conserve the dwindling game and fish supplies and work in co-operation and harmony with the State Game and Fish Commission. An end of open hunting and fishing is in sight unless we take better care of our seed game and fish and fur bearers. In addition to efficient, informed and non-political Wardens we need a public sentiment that will back up the regulations and insist on observance of seasons and limits. If we do not get it our children cannot have the outdoor pleasures even in the skimpy measure we have had. YOU are invited.

## Notice

The U. S. Army is calling for boats that were loaned in the flood district through the Red Cross and this notice is to request that these boats be returned to the distribution points by Monday, May 13th. Also all boats that were loaned must be returned.

A. P. CARROLL, District Chairman, Holmes County Chapter American Red Cross.

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## Vets Given Preference On Ford Automobiles

Memphis, Tenn.—Almost one of every three new 1946 cars delivered through March 20 by Ford Motor Company dealers in the Memphis branch area have gone to veterans of World War II, H. Y. Ingram, branch manager, disclosed today.

The Memphis branch area consists of all of the State of Arkansas, with the exception of two northwestern counties; Dunklin and Prentiss counties, Missouri; Fulton county, Kentucky; 21 counties in the western section of Tennessee; 14 counties in northwestern portion of State of Alabama; and the Northern half of Mississippi, excluding Jackson.

"Contrary to persistent rumors that veterans are experiencing difficulty in obtaining new cars unless they have trade-ins," Mr. Ingram said, "we find almost three-fourths of all the cars sold have been delivered without a trade-in. This is a very high percentage, considering the circumstances."

The percentage of veterans receiving cars was determined from detailed reports submitted by dealers.

Delivery to veterans represent 26.2% of total car sales, Mr. Ingram pointed out.

In a recent radio talk, J. R. Davis, director of sales and advertising for the company, described the policy as follows:

"It is first come, first served. There are only two exceptions. People who must have cars to perform essential public services will receive priority. And returning veterans who genuinely need a car will receive preference wherever possible. This is as close as we can come to a policy of absolute fair play."

Mr. Ingram pointed out that the policy of giving veterans preference does not imply an early delivery on orders recently placed. Many veterans have orders on file which were placed with dealers some time ago, and which the dealers have not been able to deliver because of production interruptions due to causes beyond the company's control. Nevertheless, Mr. Ingram emphasized, almost one of every three cars have been delivered to a veteran.

## Holmes Junior College

The revival meeting held at the Methodist church during the week of April 28 was attended nightly by the college students at Goodman. The octette and choir rendered numerous selections as specials for the morning and evening services. Considering the end-of-school rush, there was a large attendance of students to hear Mr. Jones' very beneficial sermons.

The Holmes choir and Glee Club gave their yearly program at Winona, April 28, and at Water Valley, May 15. They were served delicious refreshments after the program at the Winona Baptist Church. At Water Valley the troupe sang at the Methodist Church and afterwards were served a delicious supper at the Masonic Temple.

The Octette, Nell Williams, Jean Watson, Barbara Ann Gerrard, Janie Land, Carolyn Sissell, Julia Guidry, Mary Rhea, and Helen King, entertained the PTA meeting May 2, in Pickens. They sang a program of seven or eight numbers and Jane Wilburn offered a beautiful rendition of Polishaise.

Mrs. Martha Tye McKie gave her annual Voice Recital, Friday afternoon, May 3, in the Band Hall. The public was cordially invited to enjoy this entertaining review of vocal talent. Aside from the Holmes voice students, Mrs. McKie presented two of her pupils from Pickens. The octette sang between numbers, and the entire program was enjoyed by all who attended.

Miss Jean Watson, sophomore, gave her voice recital Monday night, May 6, in the college auditorium. She had a large audience who thoroughly enjoyed her beautiful program.

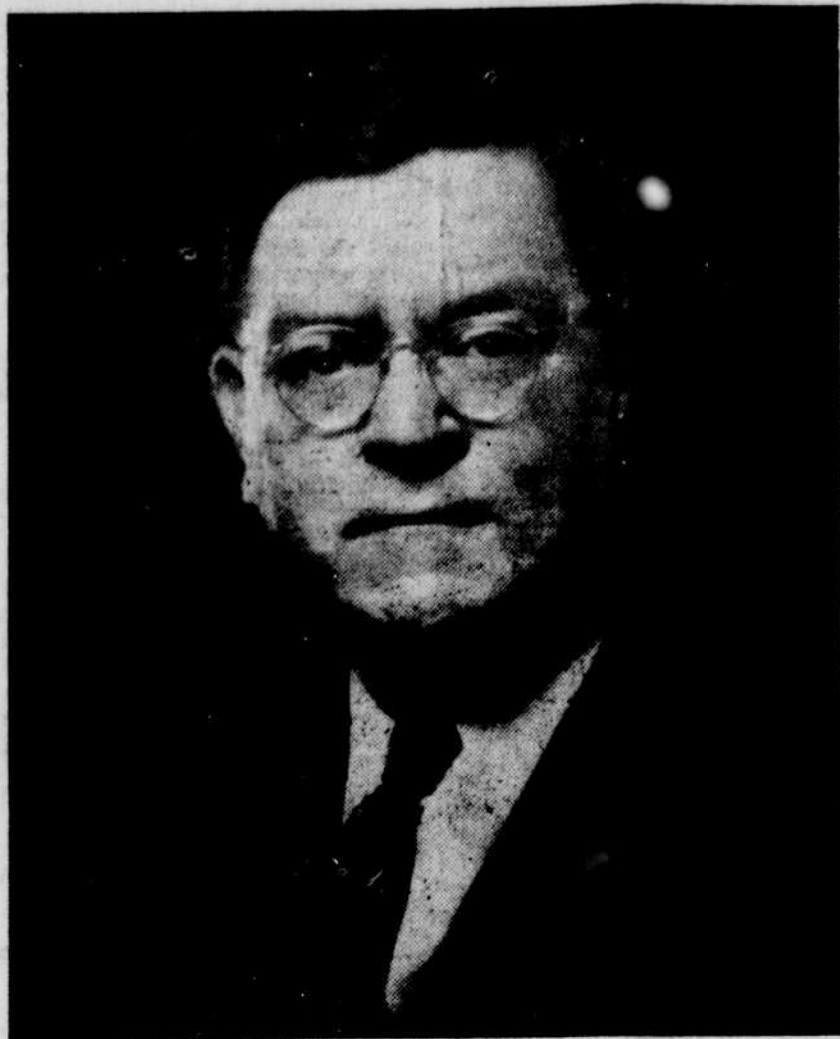
## Patients In The Hospital

**White**  
J. E. Ham, Durant.  
Mrs. J. H. Wilburn, Durant.  
I. L. Jones, Black Hawk.  
Mildred Griffin, Memphis.  
Mrs. Sidney Stewart, Lexington.  
Ed Thurmond, Lexington.  
Roy Grantham, Lexington.  
Mary Lois Grantham, Lexington.  
J. A. Jones, Lexington.  
Linda Lou Gage, Lexington.

**Colored**  
Dorothy McGee, West.  
James Anderson, Lexington.  
Sallie Bell, Tchula.  
Mattie Louise Day, Goodman.  
Flossie Pinkston, West.  
Lemmie Edwards, Tchula.

Mr. and Mrs. Teddie Stout of Jackson, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Rhyne.

## For U. S. Senate



Tom Q. Ellis, native Holmes countian, at present serving as Supreme Court Clerk, speaks here Friday night, May 17, in the interest of his campaign for U. S. Senate. He opens his campaign in Water Valley, May 10th.

## Tom Q. Ellis Enters Race For Senate

Mr. Ellis is a native son of Holmes county, his parents were the late Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Ellis. His father served for twenty-six years as pastor of the Baptist Church in Goodman. Tom is the brother of Guy E. Ellis of Camden, and W. L. and W. R. Ellis of Lexington. He has one sister, Mrs. Zilpha E. Mansell of Goodman.

He was educated in the public schools of Holmes county and graduated from Durant High School. He began his services with the L. C. Railroad as a youth in Durant as a telegraph operator. His promotions were rapid. At this time, he was elected Supreme Court Clerk of Mississippi. He has completed twenty years of service with the railroad and at the time of his announcement for U. S. Senate was Chief Train Dispatcher of Water Valley. He has been Supreme Court Clerk for sixteen years, being elected to that office by the greatest majority ever given a candidate for a state office at that time. His last two terms were unopposed. His experience in this office has given him a wide and varied experience in all public affairs.

Mr. Ellis has held all of the principal offices in the Masonic Fraternity of Mississippi, including Grand Master of Grand Lodge, and Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star. At the present he is General Grand Royal Arch Captain of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.

He has served in many civic organizations of Jackson and is a deacon of the First Baptist Church there.

The reaction to Mr. Ellis' announcement for the office of U. S. Senator has been overwhelming.

## Nelson T. Levings To Speak May 17

Nelson T. Levings, candidate for U. S. Senator, will speak in Tchula Friday, May 17th, at 2:00 p.m. and in Lexington at 4:00 p.m. and in Durant at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Levings is a native Mississippian and a veteran of World War II.

## Holmes Health Clinic Schedule Listed

The following is a schedule for the Holmes County Health Clinics to be held each week in Holmes county:

Monday—1:00 to 3:00 p.m., West.  
Tuesday—1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Ebenezer.  
Wednesday—1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Goodman.  
Thursday—9:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Durant.  
Friday—8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Lexington.  
Saturday—8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Lexington.

## Methodist Church Observes Family Day

The pastor of the Methodist church is designating Sunday as Family Day in the local church. Each family is urged to attend the church services as a family group. Families are to be seated together as far as is possible.

On this Mother's Day let's all honor motherhood and attend church and Sunday school.

## Durant Chenille Plant Reopened This Week

The Durant plant, which burned on March 19th, is now back in full operation on production lines on scheduled time.

The reconstructed plant containing an upper floor is much more spacious and comfortable. The upper floor contains the office, supply room, cutting department, seaming department, first aid room, rest rooms. Walls in the office are finished in Stratosphere gray and rose tan, supply room in sand, cutting and sewing departments in eyerest green and suntone, first and rest rooms in rose tan. These are the most modern in color dynamics.

The lower floor, containing the chenille department, inspecting, dye, trimming and packing departments and reception room, is done in the same colors.

Improvements made in building reconstruction are in line with Mr. Sanders' policy in improving working conditions in all plants for the betterment of employees.

Mrs. Minnie Mae Irving, floor supervisor, states the plant is much more comfortable and that all operators are well pleased with their new surroundings.

As soon as outside construction work is completed, a day will be set aside for Open House, at which time, we will be glad for the public to visit the plant.

## Correction

By mistake, Edith Ann Moss' name was omitted from the Piano Honor Roll which was listed last week.

MRS. L. C. LIPSEY.

## Ration Reminder

Sugar stamp No. 49 good for 5 pounds. Expires August 31.

Spare stamp No. 9 good for 5 lbs. of sugar for canning. Expires October 31, 1946.

## New List On Meat Prices

New meat retail price lists, the strongest weapon of retailers and housewives in fighting the meat black market, are now posted in all Mississippi butcher shops, OPA Director W. E. Holcomb said today.

These price lists, already familiar to millions of housewives, are printed in green ink for easy identification, Major Holcomb said. They show the new increased retail prices for every cut and grade of meat, he added.

Major Holcomb pointed out that through effective use of these price lists by shoppers, black market overcharges can be eliminated.

He listed three methods of which "effective use" of the list can be made:

1. Look for the lists when you buy meat.
2. If you don't see them, ask your meat dealer to display them where you can see them.
3. Check the prices you pay with those shown on the price lists.

"If the consumer will help comply with ceiling prices at the retail given, he will help keep prices stable along the entire line of distribution," Major Holcomb said.

## New Controls For Slaughterers

Class II slaughterers who may have lost or misplaced the slaughter permits issued them by OPA were reminded today by OPA district director that they have until May 15 to apply for a duplicate from their district office. After this date such slaughterers are not permitted to continue operations without a permit showing their quotas, he added.

Under the joint slaughter control program by the Department of Agriculture and OPA now in effect, slaughterers are permitted to kill as many cattle and calves during any monthly period as they did for the same time in 1944, Major Holcomb explained, but will be restricted to 80 per cent of the 1944 hog slaughter.

Major Holcomb pointed out that all classes of slaughterers subject to quota restrictions are required to keep complete records of their slaughtering operations. Federally inspected plants are required to report to the Department of Agriculture, while every non-federally inspected plant other than farm slaughterers must, within 10 days after the end of each quota period, file a report with the OPA district office.

Class II slaughterers were defined by Major Holcomb as those who slaughter, or have custom slaughtered, calves, cattle, or hogs in non-federally inspected plants. Class III slaughterers, farmers who sell or transfer no more than 6,000 pounds of meat per year from their own livestock.

## Berries Freed

All processed (canned and frozen) berries and berry products and fountain fruit, but not cranberries and cranberry products are now suspended from price control, OPA District Director W. E. Holcomb said today.

## V-E Celebration In Durant Big Success

A crowd estimated to be around 4,000 turned out from five surrounding counties at Durant Wednesday, in attendance at a V-E Day celebration and homecoming day sponsored by Preston Hudson Post No. 10, Department of Mississippi, American Legion.

The affair started off at 1:30 p.m. with a large street parade, consisting of twenty-four units, which included the Kosciusko and Lexington High School bands, string bands and sound trucks, some twelve floats decorated by local business houses and civic organizations.

S. R. King, local Legion Post Commander, acted as Marshal of the parade and Master of Ceremonies for the day. Assistant Marshals of the parade were: C. A. Knott, of Durant; W. A. Thomas, of Goodman; Prof. R. L. Patterson, of Durant; Wilridge Odom, of Durant; and W. T. Hand, of West.

The float prize winner was Durant Floral Co., which received the trophy cup presented by the local Legion Post.

Immediately after the parade a patriotic ceremony was held at the bandstand in Railroad Park. The crowd was welcomed by Mayor W. E. Howell of Durant, with responses by Norman Weathersby, Mayor of Lexington, and John Clark Love, Mayor of Kosciusko. Col Sam Barr, at native of Leland, and a former member of the Eighth Air Force in Europe, gave the principal address.

The annual awards were presented. Outstanding Scholarship Awards, Louise Logan and Jimmie Dye Odom, Durant; Jimmie Hand and Reba Gelston, West; Fannie Lynn Young and Howard Smithson, Goodman.

Outstanding Citizenship Awards—D. J. Gullledge, Goodman; A. J. Stevens, West; Foster V. McCullar, Durant.

Outstanding Heroism Awards—Johnny A. Dumas, and Robert Horace Bowie, Durant.

The Kosciusko and Lexington bands rendered concerts in the afternoon, after which the crowds attended a free ball game and free picture shows. The Durant and the Tchula High School teams played a hard fought game, the Durant team winning with a score of 7 to 5.

During the afternoon a reception was held at the Durant Public Library for some twenty distinguished guests of the occasion, which was largely attended by the public. Mrs. W. E. McCune presided over the reception and was assisted by the presidents of the various women's clubs of the city in serving refreshments to the gathering. The ladies serving at the reception with Mrs. McCune were: Mrs. H. E. Herrington, Mrs. Charles Doster, Mrs. John Dale Alsbury, Mrs. Walter Odom, Mrs. J. W. Howell, Mrs. R. E. Ross, Jr., and Mrs. Matthew Baine.

The celebration closed in the evening with a street dance on Front Street, which was well attended, closing about 1:30 a.m. The affair was orderly with no traffic accidents of any consequence.

## Church of the Nazarene

"Think on these things," Phil. 4:8. A few years ago, I was on my way to the washwoman's house after the clothes. On the road going over there I met a colored woman coming down the road with a handful of dry shucks from the ears of corn. Behind her came running a poor old cow, she was tooling her to the pen.

On my way back I stopped and spoke to her and said, "Auntie you remind me of the devil." She said, "how is that Reverend?" I said, "Satan is fooling the people of this world like you were fooling that old cow. Just shaking a handful of dry shucks, and here they come, leading them right on down to hell." The old colored woman laughed and went on.

Yes, so it is the devil has his hands full of shucks and shakes them before the eyes of the people as he goes along. He knows how to suit his temptation to each one so as to lead them astray.

The broad ways today are strewn with his allurements, the theater with its bright lights, and lustful pictures, the dance halls with the lights turned down low, the saloons with its repeal liquor etc., are leading multitudes from the blessed way of holiness, down to perdition.

Shame on America when we have all of the great events celebrated with a big dance or show or something. Last year when the news came of German's defeat, many got drunk, and danced and carried on as they do in a heathen land when victory was won. And many will do the same today. It is time for all God loving, God fearing people to take their stand against these things and not participate in them. And come out and let the world know which side you are on.

Sunday is Mother's Day, we welcome all the mothers of Durant to come and worship with us at the Church of the Nazarene. Sunday school at 10 a.m., worship at 11 a.m., Evangelist service 7:30 p.m.