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Talk Of Liberated Japanese Prisoner Will Be Highlight Of Kick-Off Meeting At First Christian Church

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Captain William (Billy) Gentry of Harrodsburg, who recently returned home after a long period of imprisonment with the Japanese on the Philippines, will speak to local War Bond drive workers at a special meeting Monday night.

Mr. Hulin Mattingly, chairman of the Boyle county War Finance committee, announced this morning that Captain Gentry has been secured to address the local "kick-off" meeting, and all persons of the city and county are invited to hear him.

Since his return to Harrodsburg several weeks ago, Captain Gentry has been greatly in demand for meetings of this kind, and his addresses have been greatly appreciated by all persons who have heard him speak.

The local meeting will be held at 8 o'clock Monday night at the auditorium of the First Christian church. The auditorium will seat about 1500 people, and Chairman Mattingly is anxious to have an overflow crowd. All the public is invited.

Captain Gentry was a member of the Harrodsburg tank company which entered the service shortly before America's entry in the war. The company landed in the Philippines just before Pearl Harbor, fought heroically in the Philippines campaign and fell into Japanese hands with the fall of Bataan. Captain Gentry was credited with leading the first tank battle in that invasion by the Japanese.

During his period of imprisonment Captain Gentry served as leader of his group of prisoners, numbering about 2,000. He dealt with the Japanese officials as spokesman for the group, and has many interesting and startling experiences to relate of his long imprisonment.

All the members of local civic clubs and all solicitors in the Boyle county drive are urged to attend the meeting Monday night. The active solicitation for the Seventh War Loan in this county will be started immediately after the meeting.

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