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FIRST STOKES WAR CASUALTY

JERRY R. DODSON REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION IN NORTH AFRICA—FIVE DODSON BOYS IN SERVICE.

Jerry R. Dodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry R. Dodson of Sandy Ridge, is reported by the War Department as missing in action in the North African war zone since Feb. 17.

It is presumed that the Sandy Ridge young man was probably captured by the Rommel forces in their big drive against the Americans and British in February.

Stokes county has upwards of 900 men in the service now, and this is the first casualty reported among our boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Dodson have now five sons in the service, counting the missing one and Guilford Wayne Dodson, who left today for Camp Croft, S. C.

J. A. Mitchell Dies In Ohio

J. A. Mitchell of Lima, Ohio, brother of the late Jerry M. Mitchell, of Stokes county, and uncle of W. R. Mitchell of Pilot Mountain, died at St. Ritee Hospital, Lima, Ohio, Saturday night at 10 o'clock.

He had been employed by the State of Ohio for the past 29 years.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Brim Grove Baptist Church in the Pilot Mountain community with Rev. Dennis M. Larkins officiating. Burial followed in the church graveyard.

New Business For Walnut Cove

E. O. Creakman, well-known Walnut Cove business man, has opened a restaurant and confectionery in Walnut Cove in the corner next to Riley Turner's Store.

Mr. Creakman cordially invites his friends to call when in town. He has a very convenient and attractive place.

Death Of Yancy Sams

Yancy F. Sams, aged 89, of Pinnacle, Route 1, died at his home Monday night at 11 o'clock.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Brim Grove Baptist Church. Rev. Fletcher Manuel and A. Z. Shumake officiating ministers. Burial in the church graveyard.

Survivors include the wife and the following children: Mrs. J. R. Hicks of Rural Hall; Mrs. J. S. Hicks, Mrs. M. H. Hill, and Mrs. C. R. Combs, all of Winston-Salem; and Mrs. J. W. Caudle, E. R. Sams, and Mrs. J. W. Hicks, all of Pinnacle; and James Sams of the home place.

Changes Made In Sales, Distribution Of Beer In State

Raleigh, March 9.—Several changes in the laws regulating the sale and distribution of beer in North Carolina were made by the 1943 General Assembly.

A compilation of the new statutes, prepared by the North Carolina Committee of the Brewing Industry Foundation, follows: Sale of beer between the hours of 11:30 p. m. and 7 a. m. is prohibited. This statute also stipulates that no beer shall be consumed on the premises of the dealers between midnight and 7 a. m.

Municipal governing boards and county boards of commissioners may regulate or prohibit sale of beer on Sundays. Municipalities have exclusive jurisdiction within their municipal boundaries, the statute provides.

Retail "off-premises" license fees were reduced; county from \$25.00 to \$5.00 and municipal from \$10.00 to \$5.00. No change was made in other retail license taxes.

An amendment to the Beverage Control Act makes it a violation of the law and grounds for revocation of a retail dealer's license to

1. Sell beer to any person under 18 years of age,
 2. Sell beer "to any person while such person is in an intoxicated condition."
 3. Sell beer or permit its consumption upon licensed premises during illegal hours.
 4. Permit any disorderly conduct, breach of peace, or any lewd, immoral, or improper entertainment, conduct or practices.
 5. Sell, offer for sale, possess or permit consumption on licensed premises of any kind of alcoholic liquors not authorized by law.
- This amendment also permits revocation proceedings to be filed with the State Commissioner of Revenue, and clothes him with authority to revoke or suspend retail beer licenses. The law does not change the provision permitting local governing boards to revoke licenses.

These changes in the laws were approved by the organized beer industry of North Carolina which has conducted a self-regulation program in this state for four years.

Meadows Artist

Young Wilson Johnson, 14-years-old, in the 9th school grade, possesses fine talent in drawing. His father, Clem Johnson, of Walnut Cove, Route 1, was here Tuesday and showed some samples of his boy's work which evidenced marked ability which should certainly be developed. Wilson has in him unquestioned artistic ability.

STOKES IRON DEPOSITS MAY BE DEVELOPED

The State Department of Conservation has recently, probably at the suggestion of the federal government, started a movement for the development of the State's mineral wealth, which will be of special interest to a great many Stokes County people.

H. A. Brassert, world-famed mineralogist and engineer, has been employed to make a thorough survey of the State's mineral possibilities.

Mr. Brassert and several eminent associates are expected to begin the survey this week, starting with the coal fields in Lee and Chatham counties and working westward to the mica, copper and iron beds of the mountains.

Along Dan river from Clemmons ford to Danbury, and in quite a wide area elsewhere, there is some of the finest quality of iron ore as well as manganese and other minerals.

In the days of the Civil War iron in large quantities was taken from the profuse beds in this section of the county and manufactured into pigs or ingots in catalan forges. One of these forges operated at Danbury and another at Clemmons.

The mica deposits in the Sandy Ridge and Brown Mountain sections are now being developed.

U-BOAT IS LOSING THE FIGHT

The German submarine has wreaked terrible havoc with the allies' shipping since the war began, but is now rapidly being overcome.

The best proof of the fact that the U-boat is losing the fight comes out this week in the announcement of reduced premiums on shipping insurance.

The big insurance companies like Lloyds of London are now offering cheaper rates for ships plying the oceans from America and England loaded with ammunition and food going to the United Nation's battle fronts.

America and England have achieved superiority in the air over the Germans. In the Pacific the American Flying Fortresses have all but run the Japs out of all contested areas.

In Africa, caught between the British and American armies, supplemented by the Free French, Rommel is faring hard. Only a question of time before Tunisia will be cleared of the Huns and Italians.

A temporary German counter-attack has halted the Russian drive near Kharkov, but Joe Stalin has taken charge and the gain by the Huns will hardly be held for any length of time. The allied skies are steadily growing brighter.

GOVERNOR LANDON ACHIEVES FAME

Former Governor Alf M. Landon of Kansas in a speech the other day advised the Democrats to join with the Republicans in kicking out the Roosevelt administration which "has prevented us from returning to the prosperity of Hoover."

Thus the 1936 candidate against Roosevelt clearly reaches the pinnacle of fame so abruptly denied him in 1936, by establishing himself as America's prince of jokers.

Mr. Landon's sense of humor is so keen it will set the whole country grinning. In North Carolina it is the funniest gesture since the Union Republican discovered the Stokes county Gestapo.

Even the horses, if they did not envision their steak fate now so imminent, would join in with their laugh, too.

MARCH BOND QUOTA \$10,000

CHAIRMAN MISS GRACE TAYLOR APPEALS TO ALL COMMITTEES AND WORKERS TO DO THEIR BEST TO BRING UP THE COUNTY'S ALLOTMENT.

War bonds sold in Stokes during February amounted to \$17,850.

Chairman of the Stokes Committee Miss Grace Taylor, announces that the quota for March has been set at \$10,000 and she appeals to all committees and workers to use their best efforts that our allotment may be raised.

Everybody, men and women and children are cordially invited to buy bonds and stamps to the limit of their ability. This is the best and safest investment in the world and the money is to be used to clothe, feed and arm our boys in the service who are doing their whole duty.

County War Board To Aid Deferment Of Farm Laborers

In a move to relieve the shortage of farm workers, the Stokes County USDA War Board has been asked to make requests for deferment of farm workers to local Selective Service officials, according to Jacob Fulton, chairman of the board.

Under a new program announced by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard and Selective Service Director, Lewis B. Hershey, County USDA War Boards have been asked to take steps to place farm workers in deferred classifications even though the worker or his employer does not seek deferment, the chairman said.

If a local draft board finds a farm worker is not producing enough war units to warrant deferment, it must refer the case to the local war board and allow 30 days for the worker to be placed in another job before calling him for induction into the armed forces, it was pointed out. Cases of farm workers producing an insufficient number of war units for deferment previously have been referred to the U. S. Employment Service.

"This latest move by the Manpower Commission is designed to keep as many workers as possible on farms in order that the nation's food production goals may be met this year," Mr. Fulton said. "The memorandum to draft boards provides that farm workers are to be retained in deferred classifications even though it means quotas for the armed forces cannot be met immediately. The County War Board also has been given the privilege of appealing from decisions of local

RED CROSS ASKS \$5,480 OF STOKES

FIRST CAMPAIGN IN STOKES SINCE 1911.

The War Fund Drive of the American Red Cross, in its first request for contributions since 1911, is asking Stokes county for \$5,480 as its quota.

Each township in the county will be organized and workers will solicit donations from each family in that particular township.

Quotas for the nine townships of the county are as follows:

Yadkin township, \$700; Sauratown township, \$1,000; Meadows township, \$900; Danbury township, \$700; Peter's Creek township, \$400; Quaker Gap township, \$500; Beaver Island township, \$500; Snow Creek township, \$500; Big Creek township, \$500.

C. R. Wall Reminisces

C. R. Wall, the Beaver Island philosopher and the Madison Messenger's iconoclast, was here Monday, looking around for some income tax blanks. Mr. Wall said any instructions or instructors about filling out income tax blanks, didn't appeal to him. What he wanted was to fill out his out-go.

Mr. Wall while in town did some quite interesting reminiscing. He told of a visit he made to an old Baptist Association held at Old Clear Spring Church back in the old days before this church was moved to its present location at Meadows. Then the site of Clear Spring church was at a place between the Joe Blackburn place and the Reuben East place.

When Mr. Wall got there he stopped at a spring near the church where he saw a steer hitched to a one-horse wagon on which a barrel of brandy sat. The driver, he said, sold booze all day, and although there were 1500 people at the Association there was less drunkenness than he saw at a certain town the other day.

"If we had that barrel of brandy in Danbury today, cold as it is," Mr. Wall remarked, "as many farmers as there are here, I wonder how many income tax blanks would be correctly filled out."

Men Inducted Must Give Up Gas Ration

Washington, March 6. — Men inducted into the army must surrender their ration books the day they enter the service, the War Department announced.

There is one exception—the Basic "A" gasoline ration book may be kept by the soldier if he still owns his automobile and the car will be used by an authorized person while he is in the army.

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