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A Week Of The War

The Home Front

As the war progresses, the Allies are no longer caught napping at any point, however obscure it may appear in the grand strategy of the United Nations. It is surprising that American light tanks are reported in action on the jungle-enclosed strip of New Guinea Beach, how much more extraordinary must have been the means of getting them there.

On the economic front our government must be equally far-seeing. More than 50 million pounds of seed, for example, have been destined for planting on foreign soil, under Lend-Lease arrangements. Some of these seeds are supplied to areas occupied by our troops, who will raise fresh vegetables when they aren't fighting. Grass seeds are sent to new air fields for surfacing barren strips. But the bulk of the seeds go for foods to feed the peoples of the Allied lands in desperate need of them and to replant farmlands lately freed from Axis control. And seeds take up less shipping space than produce in any other form.

Civilians Will Not Benefit

Although American farms must raise a great deal more crops of many kinds next year, civilians must not expect to benefit by the increase. Our armed forces will need much more of all that is raised, and so will our Allies, England, Russia, and the French in North Africa. For not only is food, as it supports fighting men, a direct instrument of warfare, it is an essential bulwark of civilian population in war time. The hatred felt by people of occupied Europe for their Nazi oppressors is fed by the pangs of hunger, their hopes of liberation and of ultimately getting food from us strengthen their resistance and definitely aid the Allied cause.

The plight of starving millions abroad and the fearful conditions under which many of our soldiers are fighting in jungle and desert should awaken in all of us at home the willingness to take cheerfully the slight discomforts and minor hardships which necessarily go with a war of this kind, especially the inconveniences connected with rationing and other restrictions of scarce goods.

The combined savings of millions of Americans, in motoring and heating, particularly among those living along the Atlantic Seaboard, helped our army land in North Africa and attack the Axis, but the total quantity of these products needed for a continuing campaign is enormous, and will require the service of a fleet of tankers. For this reason, the Army has sent an urgent plea to civilians to save gasoline and fuel oil in every way possible. At the same time, the Petroleum Administrator has warned that several areas in the East have only enough motor gas for essential needs—supplies in storage have been drained by non-essential driving beyond previous estimates.

Efforts Made To Conserve Oil

Although fuel oil rations have been increased 10 per cent in 13 Middle Western states, every effort is being made to conserve oil stocks throughout the entire area of 30 rationed states. In order to encourage conversion from fuel oil to coal, new coal stoves have been made available to those who will use the heaters to replace fuel oil equipment, who need to heat an unheated space for essential working or living whose present coal-burning equipment is not usable, or who are eligible for additional fuel oil and will use a coal heater instead.

Because of increased military needs for the "red meats," there'll be further reductions in civilian quotas of beef, pork, lamb, mutton and veal, but these reduced allowances will be partly made up through the release for civilian use of millions of pounds of cured and frozen beef, dried beef beef sausage

Fisher Rites At Old Field Last Tuesday

Funeral services for J. Oscar Fisher were conducted at the Whittier Methodist church, Tuesday morning, and interment was in Old Field cemetery, at Beta. Mr. Fisher, who died at the Community hospital Saturday, following a brief illness after a heart attack, was 62 years of age. He had been a prominent merchant at Whittier for a number of years, living on the Jackson county side of the river, and taking an interest in the affairs of Qualla township and the county.

Mr. Fisher was born and reared at Beta, in Sylva township, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Fisher, and lived in Sylva several years before removing to Whittier.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hattie Love Fisher, two sons, Lieut. Carl Byrd Fisher, of Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and J. O. Fisher, Jr., of Whittier; three brothers, Ed and Charlie Fisher, both of Beta, and Carl Fisher, of Franklin, Tenn.; two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Oliver of Sylva, and Mrs. Jerdie Sigmon, of Winston-Salem, and by a large number of other relatives.

Aged Woman Of Community Passes Away

Mrs. Pallie Monteith, 87 year old resident of Sylva township, died Sunday night at her home near Beta. Mrs. Monteith, born and reared in this county, had lived in Sylva township all her life. She was the widow of Thomas Monteith, well-known Sylva citizen and veteran of the Confederacy.

Funeral services were conducted at Scott's Creek Baptist church, of which she had been a member for 74 years, Wednesday morning, with Rev. T. F. Deitz and Rev. B. S. Hensley officiating, and interment was in Old Field cemetery. Pall bearers were members of the American Legion.

Mrs. Monteith is survived by six children, Mrs. R. H. Hyatt, of Bryson City, John B. Monteith, of Sylva, O. E. Monteith, Sylva, Lee Monteith, Olympia, Washington, Lawrence Monteith, Saginaw, Oregon, and Felix Monteith, Monsey, New York; by 24 grand-children, 24 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and a large number of other relatives.

Lend-Lease commitments to Great Britain and other allies in 1942 called for large increases in the acreages of the four principal canning crops—tomatoes, peas, beans, and corn material, and various domestic cuts not suitable for military diets.

Farm Labor Presents Big Problem

The supply of farm labor will be one of our major problems next year. The War Manpower Commission expects that some 7,900,000 persons will be employed in year-round farm work, and additional millions will be needed seasonally in the various agricultural areas. In December of this year farm hired labor showed a decided drop over the same time two years ago. A large part of the loss was due to enlistment in the armed forces, the rest to the attractions offered by war industries. The deficit in farm labor must be met by keeping labor on farms and by enlisting the services of an army of volunteers throughout the country to help harvest next year's crop.

Additional labor, too, is needed to meet our lumber production goal of 1943, set at 32 billion feet. While our civilian lumber requirements will be about 40 per cent less than for 1942, we'll need far more lumber for aircraft, ship decking, pontoon construction, ship and boat tim-



MRS. E. L. MCKEE
Senator from the 32nd. Senatorial District

Mrs. E. L. McKee, State Senator, and Dan Tompkins, representative, will leave on Monday for the 1943 session of the General Assembly, which convenes in Raleigh next week.



DAN TOMPKINS
Representative from Jackson County.

Many observers in the capital are of the opinion that the session will be the shortest on record. It is hoped by leaders that the assembly can be adjourned within six weeks after it opens, or about the middle of February.

New Books Have Been Added To Library In Sylva

Mrs. May Stalcup, librarian, has announced the addition of a number of new books to the library here, and has furnished us with a list, which we publish for the benefit of the patrons of the library:

Fiction: "Drivin' Woman", by Chevalier; "Assignment in Brittany", MacInnes; "The Gay Sisters", Longstreet; "Lieutenant's Lady", Aldrich; "Flare Path", Claymore; "Hostages", Heym; "The Dollar Gold Piece" Swain; "Time of Peace", Williams; "Especially Babe", Annett; "Look to the Mountain", Cannon; "Gentleman Ranker" Jennings; "Big Doc's Girl", Medearis; "The Seventh Cross" Seghers; "Marling Hall", Thirkell; "The Cup and the Sword", Hobart; "Sound of an American", Ormsbee; "Coffee Cream", Overstreet; "No Brighter Glory", Sperry; "The Man Who Went Away", Wright; "House of the Roses", Baker; "The Robe", Douglas; "The Day Must Dawn", Turnbull; "Mrs. Miniver", Struther; "How Green Was My Valley", Llewellyn; "Pied Piper", Shute; "Mrs. Tim Carries On", Stevenson; "Valiant Dust", Mackay; "No Surrender", Albrand.

Mysteries: "Payment Deferred", Forester; "Pinch of Poison", Lockridge; "Rio Casino Intrigue", Mason; "Toast to Tomorrow", Coles; "With This Ring", Eberhart; "Affair in Death Valley", Knight; "Case of the Empty Tin", Gardner; "Evil Under the Sun", Christie; "Fourth Bomb", Rhode.

Non-Fiction: "Our New Army",

ber, and structural timbers.

'Seal Lips—Save Ships'

No one can reckon what ships, or how many, have been torpedoed through chance remarks of relatives or friends of sailors and others, or what vital information about war production, war equipment or other confidential matters has leaked through to Axis through careless gossip. A safe rule, applicable to all such matters, is expressed in the saying, "Seal Lips—Save Ships". Fruit and vegetable growers and shippers are urged to stock up on used wooden boxes, crates, baskets, barrels and hampers for 1943 crops, and cotton growers should save and recondition old cotton bale ties. . . . The telegraph industry will abandon its special services to customers, but low-rate form messages may still go to members of the armed services. Production of alarm clocks will be resumed early next year. . . . The nation's castor oil supply is at low ebb. . . . The Director of Transportation urges the abandonment of all meetings and conventions, requiring travel, that do not contribute in an important way to winning the war.

Andrews; "My Friends, the Apes" Benchley; "Stump Ranch Pioneer" Davis; "Bluenose" Duncan; "The Long Ships Passing", Havighurst; "Commando Attack", Holman; "Red Hills and Cotton, Up Country Memory", Robertson; "Small Town South", Byrd; "A Time For Greatness", Agar; "My Father in China" Burke; "See Here, Private Hargrove", Hargrove; "I Flew for China", Leonard.

Farm Security Helps To Boost Raising Of Food

"Christmas presents to Uncle Sam, 12-months to 5-years in the making" is the apt description of food production increases on the part of Jackson county farmers, as their part in the war effort.

Presents of Farm Security Administration borrowers consist of production increases ranging from 10 per cent to more than 100 per cent, according to County FSA Supervisor, William G. Davis, in announcing year-end figures.

"A great tribute to patriots of the small farms and family-type farms of the county is the fact that every Farm Security borrower has increased his production of vital war foods, such as dairy, pork, poultry products and family gardens," said Davis.

These are families who have been getting ready—through better equipment, better stock and better farming practices—to do a better job of production. Some started the "getting ready" process four or five years ago. A few got their first FSA loans under the "Food for Freedom" drive a year ago, soon after Pearl Harbor, it was pointed out. There are 299 families in the county who have been getting themselves in better shape to contribute to the war effort through Farm Security loans and planning assistance said Davis.

"War loans for purchase of additional cows, hogs, machinery and other operating goods are still available through FSA to farm families without adequate credit resources," Davis said.

"All-out production of war foods not only means helping win the war but adds to the family income as indicated in repayment of FSA loans. Over 25 families in this area have paid their FSA loans in full, while many others are making payments in advance, as they attain full production for their units."

FSA goals for the new year will be to help place every good heifer calf and every good milk cow being sold for beef with a farm family, help find tenants for all idle farm land, encourage sharing of scarce farm machinery and equipment, and help plan fullest use of all farm labor for production of food and fibre needed in the war effort, Mr. Davis explained.

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Arvil Stephens Dies; Sister-In-Law On Bond

Arvil Stephens died in the Community hospital, Sunday night, of pneumonia, following gun-shot wounds he received a week before, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Howell Stephens, was released from jail under \$1,000 bond, for her appearance at the February term of Jackson county superior court, to answer to the charge of having fired the fatal shot.

Bond was made by John Coward, uncle of Mrs. Howell Stephens, and father-in-law of the deceased.

Stephens was shot near his home in the East La Porte vicinity, on December 19. The only eye witness to the shooting is said to be his widow.

Funeral services for the 29 year old man were held at Cowarts, Tuesday afternoon.

Both the dead man and his sister-in-law are members of well known Jackson county families.

Rites For Aged Citizen Held At Big Ridge

Funeral services were conducted, Sunday afternoon at Big Ridge church by Rev. Jonathan E. Brown, for James E. Pruitt, 91 year old prominent citizen of the county, who died at his home on Big Ridge, Saturday.

Mr. Pruitt, for nearly a century a well known citizen of the county, is survived by four sons, Ben, Will, David and Jason Pruitt, five daughters, Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mrs. Lee Fisher, Mrs. Sam Fisher, Mrs. S. C. Fisher, and Mrs. Lon Pruitt, by 39 grand children, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Credit Corporation To Elect Officers On January Ninth

Stockholders of the Asheville Production Credit Association will hold their annual meeting in the Court House in Asheville, on Saturday morning, January 9th, at 10:30 o'clock, it was announced today, by John A. Huggins, of Hendersonville, President of the association.

Complete and detailed reports on the operations of the organization for the past year will be submitted by the officers. Plans will be discussed for further developing the services the association has to offer the farmers, upon whom the war has placed the responsibility of carrying on the greatest agricultural program the world has ever known. At this meeting two directors will be elected and other business will be transacted.

The Asheville Production Credit Association, a farmers' cooperative organization, makes short-term loans for agricultural and livestock purposes to farmers of Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey counties.

Springer Transferred

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Private Springer was stationed at Camp Butler, North Carolina before his transfer to Camp Carrabelle. Under the command of Colonel Walter E. Smith, Camp Carrabelle is located on the Gulf of Mexico, 50 miles southwest of Tallahassee, Fla.

Jackson County Will Send Eighty-Three Men As Quota For January

Little Girl Dies From Head Injuries Here

Linda Coward, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Coward, died in the Community Hospital tonight, a few hours after she was kicked in the face and forehead by a horse on her father's place at Webster.

It is reported that the little girl and a small companion had started to meet Mrs. Coward, who had gone to a neighbor's home, and it is believed that they got too close to the horse, which was running loose in the pasture, and that the animal became frightened and kicked backward, striking the child in the face and forehead and crushing her skull.

The tragedy came to the Coward home and the Webster community this, Thursday, afternoon. An ambulance was summoned from Sylva and the little girl was rushed to the hospital; but never regained consciousness.

Surviving her are an older brother, her father and mother, her grandmother, and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Coward are well known in Sylva, having lived here for several years.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, at 2 o'clock and interment will be in the cemetery here.

1942 Is Banner Year In Producing Dairy Foodstuffs

Despite many difficulties, 1942 was a banner dairy year in North Carolina, says John A. Arey, Extension dairyman of N. C. State College. Production was high, but costs were great and labor problems were many.

As for the future, Arey said: "Milk is an essential war food. It is the greatest builder of body resistance to disease of all foods. The need for it in this State during 1943 will be greater than in 1942. The supply, on the other hand, will be governed by the price received for it by the farmer. An unfavorable price will make it impossible for him to pay present high prices for labor and feed without a supply of both, milk production will drop."

The Extension man said that scores of dairymen had either a large or complete turnover in labor during 1942. Much of the new labor, when any could be secured, had been high priced, green and inefficient. "This condition," said Arey, "together with the ceiling price on milk, has in some instances eliminated all profit from the dairy business and resulted in the dispersal of a number of herds."

Yet, interest in dairy farming was at a peak in North Carolina during the last 12 months. During August, the top month in milk production, dairy processing plants in the State received 11,869,870 pounds of milk. This is 1,836,930 pounds more than the 1941 August receipts and is the largest on record.

Arey said that the annual cattle sales fostered by the state Ayrshire, Guernsey and Jersey breeding associations in 1942 were tops. Through these sales 361 purebred animals, many of them heifers, were sold for a total of \$72,801.72. At least 380 cows, most of which were Holsteins, were purchased from without the State by local dairymen.

Hunters are expected to add 135 million pounds of meat to the nation's food supply in the next 12 months.

A group of eighty-three young Jackson county men will leave next week for an induction center for examination and induction into the United States Army. Those who pass the examination will be inducted immediately and then granted short furloughs to come home and wind up their affairs, before receiving orders to report for duty.

The list follows: Sherman Phillips, John Robert Nations, Henry Lee Miller, Harold Lexington Jones, Clyde Hooper, William Harley Bishop, Roy Ralph Golden, Estes Webster, Earl Finister Fesperman, James Richard Cunningham, John Lewis Hooper, Roy Frank Green, Richard Lee Jones, Clifford Weaver Buchanan, Columbus Allison Crisp, Henry Watson, Zachariah Houston, William Clyde Painter, Frank James Williams, Wayne William Dills, Benjamin Alfred Bowers, Clarence Brown, Fred Hooper, Luther Mills, Edney Robinson, Clarence Rufus Nations, Fred Bigwitch, Hopper Delos Price, John Coleman Dillard, Alex Lee Whitaker, Henderson Guy Crisp, Kenneth Carey Moore, Jay Ward Farley, Jr., William Clarence Browning, Harding McKinley Locust, William Perry Lark, Loyce Mac Nash, Walter Burke Painter, Raymond Mace, Richard Littlejohn, Julius George, Charlie Coleman Buchanan, Alex Wilson, Wilton DeWitt Aiken, J. C. Franks, Thomas Gaston Harris, Sam William Watson, Charlie Jeter Hall, Jeremiah Toineeta, Coyie Shelton, Fred James Buchanan, Claude Moore, Albert Brown, William Raymond Ashe, Arthur Burke Painter, Ernest Guy Buchanan, Harold Truett Greer, Troy Davis Martin, Boyd Littlejohn, David Hugh Mills, Dee Shook, Calvin Wikle, Janle Ray Franks, Samuel Isaac Fisher, Van Frank Childers, Ray Lee Blanton, Wallace Winfred Carter, Andy Asque Frady, Lonnie Melton, Ray Cleveland Hunter, Kellie Carl Frizzell Grover Melton, Ernest William Jamison, Jr., John Paul Moss, Jerry Benjamin Parker, Robert Earl Fisher, George Walter Hoxit Pearson Woodard Henry, Parson Wesley Kincaid, Jr., Jesse Louis Dills, John William Crawford, Jr., and Charlie Tillman Dills.

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James Wood Killed In Duty At Army Camp

Corporal James Wood was killed in an accident in a jeep, near Macon, Georgia, and his body was returned to Sylva and then to his home on Caney Fork for funeral and interment. Sergeant Austin, of the same camp, accompanied the body to the home of the young soldier.

Corporal Wood, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Early Wood, of Caney Fork, entered the army as a private, and was promoted to a corporal in an armored division.

He was a member of a prominent Jackson county family, and had many friends here. It is not known just how the jeep got out of control of the driver. Corporal Wood was in command, and he was the only casualty of the accident.

HIGHER

Because of increased prices for farm products, Henderson County farmers are making a higher percentage return on their investments this year than usual.