

Church Members Express Thanks

In dedicating their new house of worship last Sunday, the Macedonia Church of Christ members were not unmindful of the encouragement and material aid so graciously extended by members of other denominations and other friends from all walks of life.

"We sincerely appreciate the efforts and support of everyone who so willingly participated in our church building program and who encouraged us with kind words and material deeds and contributions," a representative of the congregation said, adding that there was great satisfaction in and cause for rejoicing when a people in a community and others in nearby sections could join together in their efforts and support with their material possessions an undertaking for the promotion of Christ's way of life and everything that is good in the sight of the Creator and righteous men.

In recognition of the aid so liberally extended, the Macedonia Church of Christ membership extends a most cordial and hearty welcome to all men to share the spiritual benefits and fellowship of the church at any and all times.

Home And Contents Destroyed By Fire Here Tuesday Night

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could move to Washington, fired the house, possibly without realizing the seriousness of the act. The little fellow entered the home a short time after 9:00 o'clock and went to his room. About five minutes later he joined members of the West family on the first floor and kept insisting that none of them should go to bed and to sleep. During the meantime, the fire had burned through the roof and a neighbor, detecting it, rushed into the home and gave the alarm. Other neighbors were able to save a few pieces of furniture. Delay was experienced in sounding the general alarm, and by the time volunteer firemen reached there and laid nearly 1,000 feet of hose the fire was burning in all parts of the building and through the roof. Firemen poured water on the burning structure for more than an hour to keep the fire from spreading to other buildings a few feet away.

The West woman, with the help of



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CAR RATIONING

Raleigh — State Civilian Defense Director T. S. Johnson said today that general rationing of new automobiles would not start before February 26th.

New automobile business will open again February 12th, he said, but deliveries will be confined to purchases made before January 1st and undelivered because of frozen stocks.

Johnson said all such transactions must be completed by February 26th. After then, no new cars may be purchased without priority certificates, issued by rationing boards.

March Of Dimes In Colored Schools

Heading the "March of Dimes" in the colored schools, Principal E. J. Hayes this week turned over to W. I. Skinner, chairman of the drive in this county, a total of \$17.15. The Dardens graded school raised and contributed \$2.00 of the amount.

Most of the money was raised in the classrooms, the plea for funds to combat infantile paralysis having received a liberal support among the teachers and pupils.

Chairman Skinner is preparing a complete report on the campaign for the entire county and will release it within the next few days. It is fairly apparent that the county will exceed its quota.

Campaign For Paralysis Fund Complete In County

Offering a program in the Hamilton school, sponsors of the anti-infantile paralysis movement completed their work in this county last evening. The local high school band appeared in a concert and Attorney Hugh G. Horton, chairman of civilian defense in the county, addressed the group of about 125 persons.

The meeting raised about \$15 for the infantile paralysis fund. Chairman Iversen Skinner said this morning. A complete report on the movement will be released shortly.

S. S. Brown Continues Quite Ill In Hospital

Taken ill at his home nearly two weeks ago, Mr. S. S. Brown, former registrar of deeds for this county, was removed Wednesday to the Brown Community hospital where he continues quite ill today. Members of the family, including his son, S. S. Jr., are at his bedside today.

Brown, Jr., of Norfolk, and daughter, Mrs. E. L. Lowe, of Gastonia, are at his bedside today.

her small son, had gathered scattered pieces of lumber over a period of possibly five years and built the big eight-room house to a large extent with very little help. She complied with all building regulations, but used wall board and papers inside and they are believed to have caused the fire to spread rapidly.

About eight years ago, a house owned by William Rogers and located on the same lot, was destroyed by fire.

The fire Tuesday night was the second costly one reported here within a twelve-hour period, the home of William Speller having burned completely down that morning on the street paralleling the Plymouth branch of the railroad. Two families in the first fire and six persons in the second were made homeless.

Two other homes caught fire during Tuesday morning, but the damage was negligible in both instances.

Working in freezing weather, firemen had to thaw out hose connections before the equipment could be put away.

Daylight Saving Is Nothing to Grumble About, Writer Says

Cows and Humans Should Be Patriotic Enough to Adopt New Schedule

However dark the situation might be at getting-up time next Monday morning, Miss Dorothy Knox, writing in her Charlotte News daily column, "I Believe Everything" says, in effect, that daylight saving time is nothing to grumble about and goes on to look at the bright side.

Miss Knox says, in part:

Bring on your day-light saving—I love it. I wake up early and get sleepy early. "Pardon me for mentioning it," said the Managing Editor with genteel brutality, "but all old people do."

A youthful member of The News' staff, now in the Army, used to groan every time he saw me wheeling along the street before noon. "I wish I had your energy," he'd say. The truth of the matter was that he had much more than I, we merely used it at different hours. I put out from 8 A. M. to 4 P. M., and then I'm whipped. He didn't get started until 8 P. M., but he could whop it up until 4 A. M.

Daylight saving makes my whole day pleasanter. I don't have to lie there waiting for time to get up. I can get my work done while the day is still fresh. I love long twilights. And I can get to bed before I'm unconscious from fatigue. Why I may be able to hold out to hear Elmer Davis.

As far as I can figure out, the only creatures who will be irked by daylight saving time are the night-owls and the cows. Folks who are night-owls will sit up anyway, and that leaves only the cows. And I'm going to speak to the cows about it. I asked a country boy why the farmers objected to daylight saving and he said because the cows refused to push the clock back an hour. They are used to being milked at 4 A. M. and refuse to give at 3 A. M., in spite of the clock saying it's four. "What makes the cows so stubborn about it?" I asked. "Oh, it's just habit," said the country boy.

If the guy wasn't kidding me, a lot of cows had better change their habits. Of all hang-overs from the Gay Nineties, a cow is it. Back in the days before ice-boxes, it was necessary for folks to get fresh milk before breakfast every morning. So it was a wonderful thing for cows to cooperate and shoot the works at 4 A. M. But then days are over. What difference does it make now what time the milk goes in the refrigerator? Why should milk trucks go rattling and banging around at 5 A. M.? Every person on our street takes milk from a different dairy. And all milk is noisy. It seems to be about the noisiest food we have. Well, why can't it be boisterous later in the morning or in the afternoon? Will some dairyman please tell me why a cow insists upon being milked before daylight? I have a feeling I don't understand the facts of life.

When I was a kid milk was delivered twice a day. Then they cut down and began delivering it once a day, in the morning. Why can't it be delivered now in the afternoon? You could just go ahead and deliver it in the afternoon and say nothing to the cows about it. I can understand why a cow has to be milked twice a day to keep her from busting her brassiere. But would she know the difference if her milk was delivered after the afternoon milking, instead of after the morning milking?

How smart is a cow anyhow? Couldn't you make her wait ten minutes later to be milked every day, and gradually shift her schedule? I can't bear to think about America having millions of discontented cows. Don't you think if you explained the situation to them, and told them that if we didn't lick Hitler and the Japs they'd be chopped up for steaks to feed the Axis, that they'd be patriotic enough to adopt daylight saving time? Lots of us will have to adjust ourselves to changed situations. Why can't the cows?

Simple Air Raid Instruction Are Cited In Leaflet

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Keep away from windows. Don't look out. Shut off gas furnaces, ranges, or water heaters, and their pilot lights. Shut off electrical connections. Put out all lights you cannot closely screen, so no light reaches the street—the light that's out or covered tight will never guide a Jap.

If an incendiary hits your house, go put it out with a spray (never a stream, jet, or splash) of water. It will burn out rapidly under a fine water spray—a splash or stream makes it scatter molten metal. When it is out, go back to shelter.

The chance your home will be hit is very small. Keep cool. Stay off the streets. Again we say—keep cool!

Appoint one member of the family for your home warden to remember all rules. Mother makes the best.

Stay quiet indoors or under shelter till the "all clear" sounds.

Don't believe wild rumors. Don't crowd. Don't scream. Don't telephone. Don't start disorder or panic. Do what the Air Raid Warden tells you to do. Be strong, be calm, be orderly. Lick the aggressors—every one can help. Do your share!

Two Recovering From Auto Wreck Injuries

Injured recently in an automobile accident near Old Ford in Beaufort County, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Roberson are recovering from their injuries following treatment in a Washington hospital.

The Roberson car was in a head-on collision with another driven by a man named Perry who was accompanied by a man named Leggett. Mr. Roberson, while suffering no broken bones, was badly injured in the chest. Mrs. Roberson lost several teeth and one of her legs was badly mashed.

Judge Robt. Coburn Calls Twenty-Five Cases In His Court

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for the State until next Monday.

W. T. Currie, charged with failure to pay dog tax, failed to answer when called, and papers were issued for his arrest.

The case charging D. D. Gardner with an attempted assault with a deadly weapon was continued.

Charging violation of the health laws, county health authorities turned to the court this week to prosecute those alleged to have ignored the warnings of the department and who failed to take prescribed treatment. Fifteen defendants were carried before the court, and in each case the court suspended six months road terms and withheld cost levies upon condition that the defendants take the prescribed treatment. All of the defendants pleaded guilty. Names of the defendants in the case charging violation of the health laws are, as follows:

Johnnie Harris, Emma Lee, Geo. Barfield, Zenia Nichols, Roosevelt Stokes, Mary Mitchell, Herbert Davis, Billie White, Elsie Moore, Dora Lee Jones, Hampton Coffield, Arthur Morgan, Arthur Spruill, Joe Ed Purvis and J. D. Everett.

Assistant Civilian Defense Officer Will Observe Compliance

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heard today, several of the towns in the district have not made any definite plans for participating in the test, but they are urged to arrange the necessary signals and be ready to comply with the order to be flashed some time between eight and ten o'clock next Monday night.

The attention of local people is directed to the special civilian defense ordinance passed by the Williamston Board of Commissioners earlier this week and which appeared in public print last Tuesday. They are required by law to follow the instructions set forth in the ordinance during the test blackout just as though German and Japanese bombers were operating directly over their heads.

School Principals Back Book Drive

Meeting here yesterday afternoon principals of the several schools pledged their support to the victory book drive scheduled in the county for next week. The school men will urge their pupils to contribute books and deliver them to the schools for distribution among the men in the armed services.

Tentative plans were also discussed for promoting the sale of war savings stamps, the group agreeing that a prize should be given the school or grade making the largest purchases between now and the end of the school term.

Appearing before the meeting, a representative of the WPA stated that a movement is underway to consolidate the individual school lunch room gardens into one big garden. The proposal, according to one report heard after the meeting, was not favorably considered by the school men, one stating that it was economically unsound, impossible, and a foolish procedure if not absurd.

Dependency Offers No Sure Basis For Service Deferment

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of living for his wife and or other members of his family. However, the ruling points out that the proposed law will partly offset the loss, and it also reminds the registrants that a general lowering of the standard of living or meaningful sacrifices can be expected.

Unofficial reports state that some draft boards are already calling in married men, that one county is said to have included seventeen married men in a list reporting for physical examinations recently. In this county it is understood that there are many men in Class 1-A, that it is reasonable to believe that the classification will be exhausted before married men are called. To date, 2,800 registrants in this county have been classified, and 1,556 order numbers have been exhausted in filling draft quotas. There are approximately 3,500 registrants, more than half of whom will be called for possible military service before the married group is touched. However, it is possible that the Selective Service will

ACCEPTS

Appointed to the board of town commissioners the early part of this week, Roy T. Griffin formally accepted the office yesterday and subscribed to the oath before Mayor John L. Hassell. The induction was held without ceremony.

Mr. Griffin succeeds M. Luther Peel, who resigned several months ago to accept the appointive office of Martin County tax collector.

Japanese Drive In Pacific Continues Toward the South

French soil during three years in the first World's war, the traveler was optimistic over the final outcome of the war, "but it will take several years, possibly five, to win back all that has been lost already," he said.

General Douglas MacArthur and his men, the heroes of the war to date, are having it easy for the immediate present after repulsing numbers of bloody attacks. Further to the south, large concentrations of Jap troops were reported moving into Malaya apparently to take part in the siege of Singapore. The Japs have advanced in Burma, but the defenders are still confident. The movement of Chinese troops on a large scale has been reported, and important developments for the Allies are hoped for and expected.

While the Japs continue their southward movement, the Germans continue their trek westward over Napoleon's road at the strong bidding of the indomitable Russians. Addressing the Russian people yesterday, President Michael Kalinin said that the hour was near when all of Russia would be free of the German hordes. He added that Hitler's dream of conquest "now is pursuing him like a black shadow" across the snowy and frozen battlefields of Russia.

The greatly augmented Red army, he said, now is approaching the borders of White Russia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, while in the south "every day more occupied places in the Ukraine return to their country."

In some sectors the Germans have been hurled back 175 miles since the mighty counter-offensive began at the gates of Moscow early in December, and this, "despite a fierce fight for every inch of ground," he said.

As rapidly as General MacArthur and his fighters wipe them out, the Japanese send more soldiers to the Philippines, a late report stating that large movements were being centered in that area.

The Japs may hold numerical strength in the air over Rangoon in Burma, but they are really paying a big price in hanging around the British and American volunteer pilots. Ten Jap planes were downed and ten others were damaged in recent fighting there.

In Libya, the Germans are still holding the initiative, late reports indicating that they have pushed the British back to within 100 miles of the Egyptian border.

America's war expansion program is being echoed on two fronts today, late reports stating that American aircraft is being used, presumably by Russians, on the central front in Russia against the retreating Germans, and in the Pacific area where fighter planes are scoring successes in the defense of the Dutch Indies.

While still operating off the Atlantic coast, German submarines are apparently slowing down. However, the destruction of an oil tanker off the Canadian coast was reported today. Six men were picked up after more than 55 hours in an open life boat. Forty-two men were reported missing.

Reports coming from the Japs and claiming the destruction of two Dutch destroyers and an American cruiser were given little credence today.

County Agricultural Leaders And Others Hold Meeting Here

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Whitehead, home economics teacher, Oak City; Mrs. Emelyne E. Griffin, FSA home supervisor; John W. Williams, county health officer; B. T. Wigley, agriculture teacher, Robersonville; J. L. Hassell, agriculture teacher, Oak City; V. B. Hair, agriculture teacher, Jamesville; J. C. Eubanks, FSA supervisor, and Cleopatra Tyner, colored home agent.

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