

### Work Of Observer At The Local Post Cited By McClure

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area, Mr. Spruill explained his problems and apologized for not doing a better job, but finished by saying, "If it is working a hardship on me, I realize we are all going to have to sacrifice for the duration of this emergency. I am willing to do my part."

Another case from Major Butler's files is that of Charlie Stevens. Charlie wrote in to explain why he had been reported for "not doing his duty." It seems he had volunteered for the work and when he was called for observer duty he had not shown up regularly. Charlie wanted to help at night, as that was the only time he could give. His wife was very ill and he had to do her work on the farm as well as his own, for he didn't have any help. He tried to get his neighbor to drive him the five miles to the station but his neighbor always "forgot" and besides that he couldn't get anyone to stay with his ill wife while he was away. Even so, Charlie would have walked the five miles except—"My physical deformity made it impossible for me to," he said. So, even with the work of two people to do on a farm, a physical deformity that handicapped him, and lack of cooperation from his neighbors, Charlie wanted to help out. He just couldn't make it.

Another story is that of an elderly woman who came up to Major Butler's office. She was almost blind and was quite deaf, but she wanted to do something to help in the work they were doing. Of course, she couldn't see an airplane spotter for she couldn't see or hear the planes, so Major Butler sent her down to the Civilian Defense Committee and she is contributing as much as she can to the war effort there.

There are many problems that beset these country stations. The most universal of these is the poor rural service of the phone companies. Some of them "close up for the night" around 2:00 a. m. and when spotters who stay up night after night without seeing a plane finally do have one to report they can't get a line through to the information center. Other times the line gets out of order and it may take several days to have it repaired. Still, the spotters stay on duty, but some of them report, "It gets mighty discouraging." Other telephone troubles could be easily remedied by a little cooperation from other civilians. J. S. Elks wrote a letter to Major Butler in which he told how "Several times" he could not report planes "on the reason counting people had the line and would not give it up." You see, Mr. Elks had to use a party line in order to get his reports in and these young lovers did not realize they were a serious hazard in the way of our national defense.

But that's not all that makes their duties tougher. Several cases of frozen hands and feet have been reported in the winter months by observation volunteers who had to walk several miles in the snow to take their posts. A rarer hazard was overcome by a post in Hawley, Pa., last winter. It was closed temporarily when raging flood waters isolated it. The men volunteers were busy saving their homes and crossing was too dangerous for the women spotters to attempt alone. However, a foot bridge was erected and it wasn't long before the post was again reporting regularly.

Now that tire and gas rationing is in effect a new problem arises for the volunteers are not given any more gas than the rest of us and they often have to travel more than ten miles in going to and from their posts. Even so, records are being reported like that of the 12 posts under Major Van Winkle in the Tenth New Jersey district. These posts were unmanned a total of only 1-2 hours out of 100,608 man-hours of watch from December 7, 1941, to June 7, 1942, and their record of planes reported correctly and on time was equally as good. Recently these people have been given up precious rubber and fuel as well as their time and the suffering of inconveniences to keep up that record.

Day by day the list of heroes from the ranks of the observation volunteers grows—an elderly couple who kept a post going 24 hours a day, just between the two of them—a Negro bishop who has members of his "flock" to help him keep his post going—many who put out their own money to have telephone posts erected and wires strung to stations they built with their own hands. This list could go on and on, but all of the sacrifices, both physical and financial, are being made without complaint by thousands of volunteers. They are performing a thankless job and they are doing it well. Although they will never receive medals, these people are genuine heroes and patriots.

### Salvage Organization To Get Desired Results

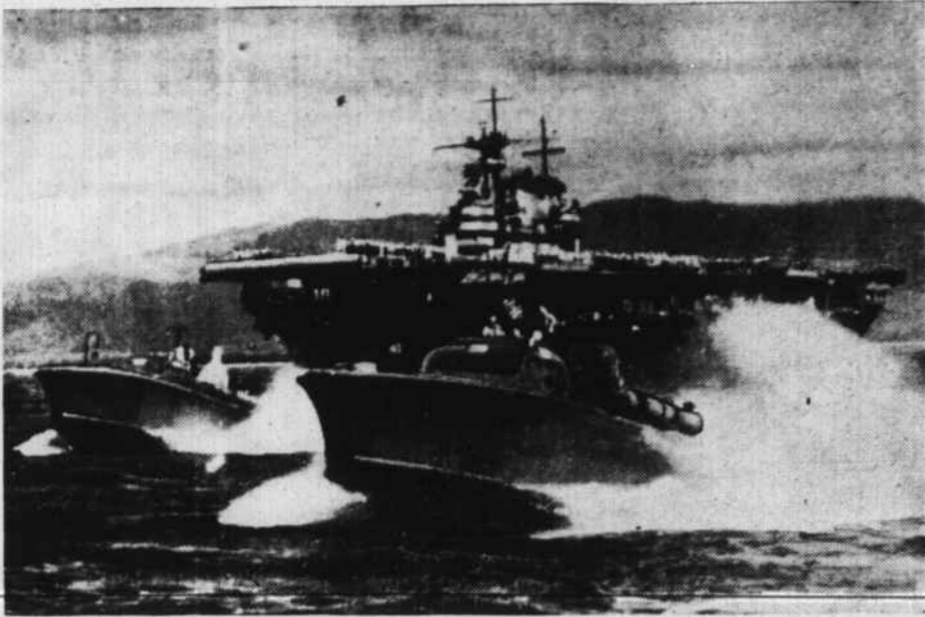
The Transylvania County Salvage organization promises to reach out to even the remotest parts in the gathering of vital scrap materials, says Farm Agent J. A. Glazener.

### Farmers Are Harvesting Crimson Clover Seed

A large number of Henderson County farmers are harvesting crimson clover seed for the first time this year, reports D. W. Bennett, assistant farm agent.

Latest figures of the U. S. Department of Agriculture reveal that there were 223,000 more persons employed on American farms on June 1st than on the same date a year ago.

### Torpedo Boats Escort a U.S. Aircraft Carrier



Official U. S. Navy Photo

Presenting an impressive sight as she steams majestically out to sea, this U. S. aircraft carrier is escorted part of the way on her journey by two speeding torpedo boats. Carriers, since the battle of Midway, are playing increasingly important roles in keeping open our far-flung, numerous sea supply lines. The Navy Department, which just released the photograph, did not reveal the name of the giant vessel.

### USO Fund In This County Well Over The Original Goal

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The contribution was large or small, we thank you. Our hats are off to you all! You have helped to lighten the load of the men who are freely offering their all to save us.

In the tabulation of the names of the donors it may be that some mistakes will be made. Be patient with us. We are doing our best to keep them to a minimum, and will most gladly correct any such mistakes as they are brought to our attention. Donations made locally and not previously reported are, as follows:

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### Judge R. L. Coburn Runs His Court on Strictly Cash Basis

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fendant registered under the name of Robert Woolard. He came home from an army camp last July and officers could find no trace of the Robert Woolard wanted for deserting the army. The case has been called to the attention of the army and final judgment was postponed by the court until a report could be received. It is quite possible that the man will draw a road sentence and that the army will pick him up later at the prison camp and return him to his post of duty and the usual punishment.

The only other case called in the court Monday was the one charging Homer Gee with disorderly conduct and interfering with the officer while in the performance of his duty. Adjudged guilty over his own plea of innocence, Gee was sentenced to the roads for a term of ninety days. Notice of appeal was given and bond in the sum of \$100 was required.

### THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists traveled to and fro over this county last week without accident, the reports showing a perfect score for the wreck-out box during the period. The count so far this year is trailing that for the 1941 corresponding period, but even the figures this year are indeed impressive.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

29th Week Comparison		
Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge		
1942	0	0 0 0 000
1941	1	0 0 0 50

Comparison To Date		
1942	44	27 1 5,943
1941	53	44 2 17,175

### Thirty-nine Tires Allotted in County By Ration Board

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Obsolete tires were allotted as follows: J. L. Gibson, RFD 1, Williamston, two tire and tubes for farm. Van G. Taylor, Everetts, two tires and tubes for farm. Carroll Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, four tires and four tubes for farm.

Applications Pending The following applications were filed since the last meeting and were carried over for later consideration: Bennie Reeves, Williamston, two recapped car tires for blacksmith work. Wheeler Peaks, Williamston, two recapped car tires for farm. Milton E. Bennett, Oak City, two truck tires and two tubes for farm. John W. Green, Williamston, two recapped truck tires for farm. Willie Mayo Gardner, two trailer tubes for farm. Daylight Bakery, Rocky Mount, three truck tires and three tubes for delivery of bakery products. Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co., Williamston, three tires and tubes for hauling lumber. Geo. A. Oglesby, Hamilton, one tire for farm work. Lester House, Robertsonville, one tractor tube for farm. Otis Taylor, Williamston, six tires for general hauling. Dennis Bunting, Oak City, two tires for general hauling.

Finding their allotment from a special war board inadequate, the Robertson County Transfer Co., Robertsonville, applied for three new tires and three tubes and two recapped tires.

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### Supplemental Cards Will Not Be Ready Before Next Week

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have a value of four gallons each. Supplemental B ration coupons, carrying a value of four gallons each, are to last for not less than three months and in some cases must last for six months. The supplemental C ration coupon, for three gallons each, is to last three months. The supplemental D ration coupon, for five gallons each and are issued on a four months basis.

Non-highway ration books are to last for six months, the E book coupon being good for only one gallon, and the R book being good for five gallons.

Coupons in the D books held by motorcycle operators are each good for one and one-half gallons. Studying the applications for supplemental rations Wednesday and yesterday when they were not busy with applications for tires and tubes, the board found what may be called obscure claims. It is quite certain that the real meaning of gas rationing will be explained to many car and truck owners when final action is taken and the results are released to the applicants. Quite a few applications for extra quotas have been or will be rejected, it is fairly certain, and most of the claims have been "tailored," "pared" or otherwise reduced.

Handling so many applications, the board may make mistakes, and they will be cheerfully corrected but not until valid claims are established.

### Former Williamston Boy Captains Student Officers

Bill Edwards, former Williamston boy, was honored in the Army recently according to the following story appearing in the High Point Enterprise: W. W. Edwards, known to many friends here as "Bill" Edwards, has just been appointed captain of the student officers who were selected for officer training at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., according to word here.

Thirty-four of the 900 men in the squadron were selected for officer training and Bill's appointment as captain of the student group is looked upon as a high honor. He is the son of Mrs. E. A. Edwards of 1102 Blain Avenue here. He was inducted at Fort Bragg and was sent from there to Sheppard Field, where he remained until his transfer to Lowry Field on May 1st.

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### The 32nd Week Of The War

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persons to 53,300,000.

The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill authorizing the Census Bureau to issue birth certificates based on its vital statistics to persons unable to obtain them through normal channels. The 54,000,000 persons in the country whose births are not recorded could obtain a certificate upon making a sworn application to a postmaster (or his subordinate), which would be forwarded to the Bureau to be checked. After verification of the application a birth certificate would be issued so the persons would work in War Production Plants and receive old age pension benefits.

### Rationing

The OPA announced that East Coast motorists in localities served by subways, elevated or suburban railroads would be denied supplementary gasoline rations unless they can establish that such transportation facilities are inadequate for their needs. The new regulations would apply to all motorists, including those who help form car-sharing clubs. WPB Chairman Nelson said after July 22nd, when the new rationing system went into effect in the East, gasoline deliveries to stations in the area will be based upon coupons taken in by each station. The WPB announced establishment of a "Buffer Zone" in 162 counties adjacent to the Western boundaries of the East Coast ration area, in which deliveries of gasoline to filling stations will be cut by 25 per cent beginning July 22.

The WPB reported 2,736 trucks, truck trailers and miscellaneous vehicles were released to civilians and to holders of Government exemption permits during the week ended July 11. Since March 9th, when the rationing program became effective, almost 52,000 vehicles in all categories have been released to these two groups. The OPA authorized local war price and rationing boards to permit use of any reasonable amount of sugar for home canning providing four quarts of fruit will be canned with each pound of sugar.

### The War Front

A communique from Cairo, Egypt, reported Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, formerly commander of the U. S. Army Air Forces in India is now Commander of U. S. Air Forces in the Middle East. Gen. Brereton said American heavy bombers carried out 21 tactical missions in 36 days with the loss of only three U. S. planes. The Navy announced 13 Japanese ships have been sunk or damaged since June 3rd in Aleutian waters, and at least seven enemy aircraft have been destroyed. The Navy said U. S. casualties in that theater to date are approximately 44 military and naval personnel killed, 49 wounded and one civilian employee killed.

The Navy reported damage inflicted on the enemy during the Battle of Midway June 3 to June 6 included: approximately 4,800 Japanese killed or drowned as compared to U. S. losses of 92 officers and 215 enlisted men; 20 enemy ships of all classifications sunk or damaged; and an estimated 275 Japanese aircraft destroyed. The U. S. Carrier Yorktown was put out of action and the Destroyer Hammann was torpedoed and sunk. Caribbean defense Commander Andrews said "Measures for action against enemy submarines in this area apparently are proving very effective" and anti-aircraft warning systems are greatly improved in the Panama Canal Zone. The Navy announced the sinking of 20 more United Nations Merchant vessels by enemy submarines.

### Foreign Relations

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with transporting by air the fighting men and their weapons and supplies in theaters of operations.

SS Headquarters authorized local boards to defer married men until all available single men, including those in war jobs, have been called and to call men with children last. President Roosevelt said it is unlikely a decision will be made any time soon on the drafting of 18 and 19 year old youths for military service.

SS Director Hershey said local boards may fill up to 10 per cent of their quotas from men deferred because of illiteracy but who are otherwise fit for military service.

### Navy and Shipping

Three new destroyers were launched at the Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Co., Kearney N. J. Navy Secretary Knox said an increasing number of small boats, mainly fishing vessels, are being taken over by the Navy, and crews are being trained as fast as possible to augment East Coast Anti-submarine Patrol. Maritime Commission Vice Chairman Vickers said American merchant shipbuilding capacity is now ample to meet the two-year goal of 23,000,000 deadweight tons—approximately 2,300 ships—set by President Roosevelt early this year. He said July shipbuilding figures indicate the Nation is 2,000,000 tons ahead of schedule for 1942. Because of the "tight situation" in steel, however, the Maritime Commission said further plant expansion programs must be curtailed. For this reason the Commission cancelled its contracts with the Higgins Corporation of New Orleans calling for 200 Liberty ships.

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Mr. W. Iverson Skinner leaves tomorrow for Live Oak, Fla., where he'll represent the W. I. Skinner Co. on the tobacco market this season. Mrs. Skinner and son will visit in Greenville while he is away.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Pittman and children, of Rocky Mount, spent yesterday here with Mr. Pittman's brother, Mr. C. D. Pittman, and Mrs. Pittman.

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