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Hotel Gordon Bought By Gaulden

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Half-Way Mark In Sight For Red Cross

800 Reported ised To Noon dnesday Here

any Committees Have ot Made Initial Report n Progress Of Drive.

proximately $2,800 had been ibuted to the Red Cross here on yesterday towards the ty's quota of $6,100, accord- o an announcement made by Madison, war fund chairman, king a preliminary survey of ampaign.

eral committees, including the trial, and rural committees not made a report of their Only three of the 20 resi- al house-to-house committees made reports, the chairman

encouraging factor in the aign, which has only been way only a day and a half, that 21 firms have made the er cent honor roll, with all oyees donating.

e special gifts committee have t completed their work, with $67 to go to meet their quota 1,830. The committee has al prospects that are out of to see by this we complete their wo Committees working in Hazel- and the Depot section of esville are yet to make their ts.

airman Madison is urging all ittee chairmen to make a re- this afternoon to H. B. Atkins, urer, and also to report the ress of their committee again onday afternoon.

ns are to complete the drive arch 13th.

Monday night, a large group

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Firms Attain 0% Honor Roll th Donations

rough yesterday noon, 21 local were reported 100 per cent eir contributions to the Red . The committees reported ollowing firms to the chair- Rev. J. C. Madison:

E. Ray's Department Store.
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e Food Store
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ell Service Station.
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tioning Board.
e Toggery.
e Mountaineer.
ssie Hardware Company.
rk Theatre.
ywood Print Shop.
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st National Bank.
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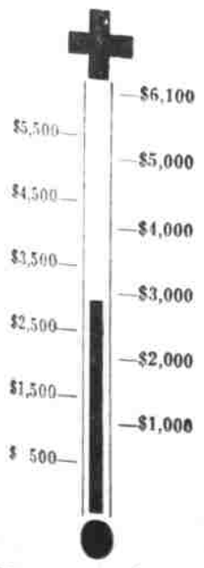
e chairman said that there perhaps other firms who had 100 per cent, but were not ted by workers at noon yes- y.

Our Quota Is $6,100



Reported Wounded

SGT. NEWEL LAKEY, who was reported wounded in action on Atoll Island on February 4th.

Sgt. Newell Lakey Reported Wounded On Atoll Island

Sergeant Newell Lakey who volunteered in the service in 1939, has been reported wounded in action on Feb. 4, on Atoll Island in the Marshalls, according to a message to his mother, Mrs. W. J. Lakey, of Franklin, and to his sister, Miss Julia Lakey, f Waynesville.

Following his enlistment in the service in 1939, Sgt. Lakey was sent to the Hiawiian Islands where he was stationed for three years. He was sent back to the states and was sent overseas again in January, 1943. He has seen months of combat duty during the past year.

Prior to his entering the service Sgt. Lakey was employed in Canton.

Pvt. Hobert Hance Reported Seriously Wounded In Italy

Private Hobert E. Hance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hance, of Balsam, has been wounded according to a message received this week by his parents.

The wire from the adjutant general read as follows: "We regret to inform you that your son, Pvt. Hobert E. Hance, was seriously wounded in action in Italy on the twenty-five of January. Mail address follows. You will be advised as reports of condition are received.

Pvt. Hance entered the service on Dec. 22, 1943 and was inducted at Camp Croft. From Croft he was transferred to Camp Wolters, Tex., and then to a post in Greenville, Pa. From the latter he was sent to New York and then overseas.

Prior to entering the service Pvt. Hance was employed by a lumber company.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Coin have as their guest Sgt. Bessie Bailey, U. S. Marine Reserve, of Washington, D. C., formerly of Jacksonville, Fla.

OPA To Check Food Prices As Homefront Pledge Drive Begins

Week of March 13th Set For Checkers To Visit Every Food Store In Nation.

A county-wide check of food prices throughout Haywood will be conducted during the week of March 13, simultaneously with the beginning of a Home Front Pledge campaign to enlist the support of housewives in the OPA's effort to hold down living costs and to effect the equitable distribution of scarce commodities through rationing.

On making the announcement of the price checking activity, T. J. Cathey, chairman of the price panel of the Haywood county war price and rationing board, said that the price panel assistants will visit every food store in the county, that merchants reported to be in violation of top legal prices will be called before the panel for conferences during the following week, that the stores of those found to be in violation will again be checked during the next week, and that merchants who continue to violate price ceilings will then be invited to make a cash contribution to the United States government representing the overcharges to the public.

Below community top legal prices

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Pvt. T. V. Chambers Reported Killed In Action In Italy

Private Thomas Van Chambers, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loner Chambers, of the Bethel section of the county, is reported killed in action in Italy on January 23, according to a message received from the war department by his parents on last Friday.

Pvt. Chambers was inducted in the service in April, 1943, at Camp Croft and from there was sent to Camp George Meade, Md. From the latter he was sent to an embarkation port and then overseas. He was first stationed in Africa and later transferred to the Italian area.

At the time he entered the service Pvt. Chambers was employed at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in Newport News, Va.

Surviving are: his wife, and two small children, Martha Sue and Thomas Van, Jr., the latter he had never seen; his parents; six brothers, Cash Chambers, U. S. Army, Camp Jackson, and Hubert Chambers, U. S. Navy, now serving in England, Lynn, Woodrow, Doyce and R. O. Chambers, all of the Bethel section; seven sisters, Mrs. Arthur Cogburn, Mrs. Robert Lanning, Mrs. Thomas Burnette, Mrs. Dewey Deaver, Mrs. Carol Burnette, Mrs. Woodrow Burnette and Miss Ruth Chambers, all of the Bethel and Cruso section.

Reported Wounded

PVT. ROY SWAYNGIM, of Canton, R. F. D. No. 2, who was reported slightly wounded in Italy on January 22, according to a telegram to his father, Grover C. Swayngim. Nothing concerning his condition has as yet been received by his family. Pvt. Swayngim entered the service on November 4, 1941. He went to Fort Bragg and later to Fort Benning. From the latter he went to a post in Florida and spent sometime at a camp in Virginia prior to his being sent overseas.

Food Dealers Hear OPA Man Explain Price Regulations

Large Group of Grocermen Hear Reasons For OPA Price Control On Foods.

At a special meeting here Tuesday night, some 50 food dealers from Haywood and Jackson counties heard M. N. Cutlip, commodity specialist of Charlotte, explain the price program for grocers.

"Rationing boards are to help and not condemn," he said in explaining the purpose of the program. "We are not to get you in trouble, but want to help you keep out of trouble," he continued as he pointed out the thousands of dollars that had been saved the consumers here in Haywood alone.

The speaker illustrated his discussion with the figures of the last war, in pointing out that in Waynesville and Hazelwood alone, consumers had been saved $40,000 on sugar alone. An even larger savings has been made on potatoes, the OPA representative said.

"During the first war, without price control, lard was 42 cents as compared with 19 cents now. Coffee

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Pvt. John Hampton, Reported Missing, Writes To Mother

Private John Hampton, 19, U. S. Army, son of Mrs. Stella Hampton, of Waynesville, who was reported missing in action in Italy since October 29, is now safe and back on duty according to a letter received by his mother dated Feb. 14.

Pvt. Hampton volunteered in the service in March, 1941 and was inducted at Camp Croft. He was stationed there only a few months and was then sent overseas, where he has since been serving. He was on duty first in Africa and later in Italy.

Pvt. Hampton attended the local schools and prior to entering the service was employed by a local filling station. He has a brother in the service, Seaman Second Class Robert Hampton, who is stationed in Norfolk, Va.

Haywood Tops Bond Quota By Over $100,000

The Fourth War Loan Bond Drive closed on Tuesday with Haywood county $100,840 over the quota assigned the area in the campaign.

The county's goal had been set at $700,000 with the quota equally divided between the Waynesville and the Canton areas of the county.

Canton led in the drive with a total of $444,461.25, while Waynesville citizens had to their credit a total sale of $356,378.75.

The sales in the Waynesville area according to type of bonds was as follows: "E" bonds, $203,242.25; "G" bonds, $12,500; "F" bonds, $10,636.50; other bonds, $130,000.

Sam H. Robinson, attorney of Canton, served as county chairman for the drive, substituting for Chas. E. Ray, Jr., county chairman, who was relieved of the chairmanship for a few months. J. E. Massie served as chairman of the Waynesville area.

Pfc. "Bud" Howell Reported Killed In New Britain

Private First Class Marion "Bud" Howell, son of Mrs. E. B Howell, formerly of Jackson county, who has a wide family connection in Haywood county, has been reported killed in action in New Britian on January 16, which was his 27th birthday, according to the War Department.

At the time he entered the service, Pfc. Howell was residing in Newton where he was employed by the Lenoir Chair Works.

Pfc. Howell had been in the service for some time and had been overseas since Dec., 1941. He had been stationed in Panama, New Guinea and New Britian. He was serving in the Headquarters Company of General MacArthur.

His mother has received a personal letter from Gen. MacArthur commending her son for his heroism. Mrs. Howell has also received the Purple Heart which had been awarded her son. She has had a letter from the Chaplain telling of the burial of Pfc. Howell

Pfc. Howell was the first casualty of 86 members of the First Baptist church of Newton, now in the armed service. A placque bearing the names of the men has recently been unveiled by Mrs Howell in a service at the church

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Howell, of Newton, two brothers, Joe, of Shelby and Dillard of Newton; two sisters, Mattie, of Newton, and Mary George, of Miami, Fla.

State DAR Winner

MISS ROSEMARY HERMAN, winner of the State DAR Pilgrimage award for 1944.

Rosemary Herman Winner State DAR Pilgrimage Award

Miss Rosemary Herman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest K. Herman, of Waynesville, was the winner in the State Pilgrimage contest sponsored by the North Carolina Society and the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The presentation of the contestants and the announcement of the award was made yesterday afternoon at the State Conference in Raleigh.

The award to the state winner since 1942 has been a $100 war bond, instead of a trip to the National DAR Congress as was the previous custom. Miss Herman also received a gold pin in recognition of the honor of representing her school in the state contest, along with the other chapter winners.

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Senior Wardens In 11st Masonic District To Be Honored Friday

The Waynesville Masonic Lodge will meet in regular communication on Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The program will be devoted to honoring the senior wardens of all lodges in the 41st Masonic District, according to an announcement by C. B. Hosaflook, secretary of the Waynesville Lodge.

The West Gate Club will meet with the Sonoma Lodge at Bethel on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Master Masons degrees will be conferred on two candidates.

Cash Transaction One Of Largest Ever Made Here

Experienced Hotel Man To Make Extensive Improvements On the Property.

One of the largest cash real estate transactions ever made in Waynesville, was completed here Tuesday, when L. S. Gaulden, well known and successful Florida hotel operator, purchased the Hotel Gordon from Mrs. Rosalee Phillips, of Black Mountain.

Grover C. Davis, local attorney represented Mr. Gaulden and handled the deal. The transaction was completed Tuesday, and no purchase price was made public.

The property faces on North Main Street, and the 60-room hotel is one of the best known hotels in this entire resort area. The property consists of about 2½ acres.

Mr. Gaulden operates several hotels and apartment houses in Florida. His residence is West Palm Beach, and he announced he plans extensive improvements on the hotel as soon as possible.

The new owner was here several weeks ago in connection with the deal.

The hotel has the largest dining room in the community, and in addition has an auxiliary dining room where civic clubs held their meetings before the place was colsed.

Thirty of the 60 rooms have steam heat.

Emerson E. Wood Passes Away In Asheville Hospital

Funeral services were conducted at the First Methodist church on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Emerson Newton Wood, 73, retired business man, who died at the Mission Hospital at 6:30 o'clock Sunday. The Rev. J. Clay Madison, pastor officiated.

Serving as active pallbearers were: H. M. Sullivan, Stanley Brading, C. B. Hosaflook, Joe Davis, Ben Sloan and Charles E. Ray, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. Tom Stringfield, Dr. C. N. Sisk, James M. Long, Hugh J. Sloan, Jonathan H. Woody, O. H. Shelton, H. B. Atkins, Wallace Blackwell, Charles Miller, W. H. F. Millar, E. L. Withers, Richard L. Rogers, Rev. M. R. Williamson and Rev. H. G. Hammett.

Those in charge of the flowers were: Mrs. Carl Hill, Mrs. H. B Atkins, Mrs. Charles Miller, Mrs. Ruth Beaty, Mrs. Richard Rogers and Mrs. Charles E. Ray, Jr.

The members of the Waynesville Rotary Club and the Masonic Lodge attended the service in a body. Mr. Wood was a member of both organizations and since he came here to live had been interested in local affairs.

Mr. Wood was a native of Whitehall, N. Y., but had resided in Chicago and Elgin, Ill, for many years. He is a former executive of the International Harvester Company with which he was connected for 42 years, prior to his retirement from active business.

Mr. Wood came here around five years ago and he and his wife were first guests at Blink Bonnie, after which they deciced to make Waynesville their home.

Surviving are his widow, the former Mrs. W. E. Bell, of Terre Haute, Ind.; one son, David Wood, of LaGrange, Ill.; one sister, Mrs May F. Burdette, of White Plains N. Y.

Immediately following the service at the church the body was taken to Elgin, Ill., for burial. The Garrett Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Bonus Put On Pork By OPA As Points Are Cut

Tipped that Canada was about to allow more meat to civilians OPA yesterday rushed out announcements that:

1. American housewives would be given a fourth pork ration "bonus" effective this week.

2. The point costs of pork and many beef cuts will be cut deeply beginning at the end of the week.

The announcement of the ration point changes had been scheduled to come out Friday, March 3, but the Office of Price Administration suddenly decided to make it yesterday. For several hours, the reason for the early announcement was a mystery, but late in the day it become known that Canada was planning to make a major modification in its meat rationing program.

Officials here desired, it was explained, to avoid any impression that they were cutting American point values merely as a result of Canada's change. They said the American changes were decided upon last week.

Lamb, veal, and mutton items will continue at present values, production being good enough to forestall cuts that had been indicated.

The current 16-point value on butter also will be maintained as will the prevailing point rates for lard, cheese, and other dairy products.

The lower meat point values also take into consideration the fact that the new ten-point ration stamps give housewives one point less a week for meats and fats.

Local Draft Board Reclassified 172 Men During Past Week, With 84 Put In 1-A

The draft board serving the Waynesville area of the county reclassified a total of 172 men during the past week, with 84 placed in class 1-A, subject to call at once for duty in the armed forces.

Placed in 1-A were: Herman E. Lowe, Fred King, Norman R. Henson, Glenn Ewart, Glenn Leford, William H. Farley, Harman B. Tate, Raymond H. Wyatt, Theodore Reese, Roy F. Welch, Horace Trantham, Archie Whitner, Lemuel W. Leopard, Lige Franklin, William P. James.

Frank Phillips, Garnett L. Wyatt, Grover Long, Robert L. Mills, Hugh J. Rathbone, Hampton Webb, John H. Jones, Rex L. Messer, Samuel H. Lane, Jr., George Robinson, James D. Price, James O. Cochran, Edward R. Messer, Robert V. Burress, George Rogers, George V. Smith.

Joseph T. Russell, Jr., John Pressley, Lee Smith, Herman E Burgess, Charlie Price, Arthur A. Conard, J. M. Moody, Douglas Beasley, Edgar Rhinehart, Orville W. Shelton, James S. Miller, Starlie Candler, Arvile W. Franklin, Hector C. Robinson, John T. Jenkins, Jacob G. H. Mason, Donald Medford, Harvey W. Coleman, Otha Sutton.

Walter K. Stamey, William T. Rolen, Jesse G. Busbee, William T. Conard, John H. Ruff, Ernest G. Caldwell, Grover C. Kirkpatrick, Charles S. Compton, Edward F. Sharp, Frank C. Byrd, Charles E. Underwood, William C. Smathers, Frank J. Hannah, Charlie C. Parton, Billy J. Green, Vee Jones, William F. Conard, Jarvis D. Messer, Charlie C. Woodard.

Benjamin F. Troutman, Burke C. Stillwell, James W. Lanning, Willie C. Allison, Robert Lee Bradley, Dewey Ray Arrington, Clark Joe Hill, Grady Asbey Blanton, Henry Hembree, Glenn Ernest Giles, Grover Harrison Davis, Hershell Bradley, Clyde Winfred Morgan, Walter Scroggins and Charles Francis Lee.

Placed in class 1-A(H) were: Kenneth William Ray, William E McDaniel, Guy R. Shelton, Walter Hannah, Carmel L. McClure, Theodore R. Sutton, Sam E. Cunningham, Albert L. Siler, D. J. Brackett, Lawrence R. Haney, Merlin L Farmer, Frank M. Davis, Roney Evans, David Donaldson Kelley, Lloyd Sheehan.

Frank J. Bradley, Robert Stuart Roberson, William L. Wyatt, Albert L. Hunter, Claude J. Reece, Calvin D. Rose, William A. Mehaffey, Rufus G. Gunter, Frank P. McClure, Hobert V. Pressley, Rayford

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Coming Next Week . . .

—A Special Section in The Mountaineer on—

The Haywood County Library

—a complete story of library service in the county, with pictures, special articles, and many items of interest to every citizen of the county.