

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, July 28.—The War Food Administration (WFA) announced yesterday that it plans to purchase approximately 300,000,000 pounds of 1943-grown flue-cured tobacco and small quantities of burley and dark type tobacco for shipment abroad under lend-lease, military and other export programs. Some of this tobacco, WFA said, will be used to meet minimum civilian requirements in British Empire countries.

ATLANTA, July 28.—Flue-cured tobacco brought from ten to 15 cents a pound more than last season's average price as auctions opened yesterday in the Georgia-Florida belt and an extension service specialist reported prices for lower grades "surpassed all expectations." E. C. Westbrook, tobacco specialist for the Georgia Agriculture Extension Service, said the unexpected prices for low grades was particularly true of the Moultrie, Ga., market. Leaf that sold for three or four cents a pound last year brought from 25 to 38 cents a pound there.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Congressional examination of draft board records from New York to California is being made by a House Military Affairs Subcommittee to unearth improper 4-F classifications, it was revealed last night. The investigation was initiated after "numerous complaints of a widespread practice which consists in feigning or inducing symptoms of physical incapacity to preclude the acceptance for military service." The practice, according to a committee statement, has resulted in "improper classifications to 4-F."

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Point values of tomato juice and many frozen fruits and vegetables will rise August 1. The Office of Price Administration last night announced that August's blue stamps will be good until Sept. 20, overlapping the September stamps by three weeks, and listed these changes in point values: Frozen fruits and berries increased from six to nine points per pound (customary package is one pound). Frozen fruit juices reduced from four to two points per pound. Frozen green and lima beans, cut corn, peas and spinach increased from four to six points per pound (customary package is 12 ounces). Canned tomato juice increased at the rate of one point per pound, except smaller cans up to 14 ounces are unchanged.

WASHINGTON, July 28.—President Roosevelt yesterday denounced an Office of War Information short-wave broadcast to Italy which described King Victor Emmanuel as "the moronic little King" and Marshal Pietro Badoglio as a "high-ranking Fascist," declaring the broadcast never should have been made and that it was made without official authorization. At the same time he reaffirmed the Allied price of peace with any Axis nation—Italy included—still is unconditional surrender. His outspoken blast against the broadcast—made at his regular news conference—suggested the uncompromising description of the two Italian leaders might have created an embarrassing situation at a time when Italy reportedly is ready to make a peace bid through Emmanuel or Badoglio, successor to the deposed Benito Mussolini.

INTERNATIONAL

BERN, July 28.—The Swiss Telegraphic Agency reported in a dispatch dated "at the Italian frontier" last night that the new Italian regime was "discussing the conditions of an armistice" with the Allies in Rome, but confirmation from either the Rome radio or Allied sources was lacking.

TAKES FIRST AIRPLANE RIDE AT 80 Mrs. Almeda Mayberry, 80 years of age last May, is pictured below with Graham Myers, of Elkin, beside the plane in which she took her first air ride a few days ago. Mrs. Mayberry, who lives at Fair Plains, Wilkes county, is a great-aunt of Pilot Myers, and was visiting Mrs. Thomas Myers at her home near the Elkin-Jonesville Airport on the Swan Creek road, at the time. According to Mr. Myers, who gave her a 20-minute ride, she enjoyed it very much.



Jonesville Marine On Guadalcanal 10 Months

Sergeant Joe Brandon Took Part In Many Battles In South Pacific

Sergeant Joe Brandon, radio man and aerial gunner of a U. S. Marine Corps torpedo bomber, is home in Jonesville on a furlough after 10 months in one of the hot spots of the Pacific — Guadalcanal.

The son of Mrs. Hulda Brandon, of Jonesville, it hasn't been so many years ago that Joe was just another youngster you'd see about town most any afternoon. Then one day he joined the Marine Corps and since that time has not only won the Navy Cross, awarded by direction of President Roosevelt for bravery above and beyond the call of duty, but wears the Presidential Citation Bar, which will mean another medal when the war is over.

If Sergeant Brandon would talk a lot, he could tell some thrilling stories about those 10 months in the South Pacific, but like most soldiers who return from the front and plenty of action he either doesn't want to talk much or else has seen so much of war that it has become commonplace and, to him, not very interesting to talk about.

Asked about his experiences in the South Pacific, he did say that when he reached Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, about 10 months ago, the Jap lines were only five miles distant, and action was hot and heavy.

Later, he said, as a part of a flight of torpedo and dive bombers, his plane took part in an at-

tack on a Jap battle fleet near Munda in February at which time 19 Japanese ships were sent to the bottom. His plane, he said, was officially credited with two destroyers, one of them being sunk by aerial torpedo, and the other by bombs. The ship sent to the bottom by aerial torpedo marked the first time that a war ship had ever been destroyed in this way alone, he said.

At another time Sergeant Brandon's plane was one of a flight of six which set out from Henderson Field on a night mission. During the course of the flight they encountered a terrific tropical storm, and his ship was the only survivor to find its way back to safety. Several days later two men of the crew of another plane were rescued from an island, both having been pretty badly banged up.

The entire First Marine Aircraft Group, to which Brandon is attached, received the Presidential Citation for their service in the Solomons area, each man receiving the Presidential Citation Bar.

During his stay on Guadalcanal, Brandon said he had had opportunity to talk to a number of captured Japanese pilots. In their estimation, he said, the U. S. P-40 and P-49 planes are no good. He said the Jap Zeros are all they are cracked up to be as to speed and maneuverability, but that when hit solid they fly apart like the works of a dollar watch.

Arriving in the United States July 10, Brandon said he would report back to the Pacific coast following his furlough.

The Navy Cross was awarded the young man when the plane in which he was flying crashed near Norfolk a year or so ago. The pilot, a lieutenant, was knocked out in the crash and the plane caught fire. It was for rescuing the pilot from the burning plane that he received the decoration.

During his stay in the South Pacific, Brandon said he had been slightly wounded one time when a piece of shrapnel struck him in the leg.

N. Wilkesboro Store Is Damaged By Blaze

Fire of undetermined origin, one of the worst in recent years, early Wednesday morning swept the top floor of the Tal J. Pearson Wholesale Grocery store building at North Wilkesboro, burning a large quantity of merchandise.

Firemen kept the blaze confined to the second floor of the two-story structure, but merchandise on the first floor was damaged by water.

No estimate of the loss was available.

Expresses His Appreciation Of Editorial

The Tribune has received the following letter from Former Governor Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, expressing his appreciation for a recent editorial which followed his visit here as speaker at a ladies' night meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis Club:

"I take this occasion to express to you my high appreciation for the very splendid editorial appearing in your great newspaper, The Elkin Tribune, on July 15th.

"I enjoyed thoroughly my visit to Elkin and the opportunity of speaking to the fine group in the Y. M. C. A. building at the banquet. You have a splendid citizenship in Elkin, and I am not surprised that you produce such a splendid newspaper when you have that type of citizenship for a clientele.

"Again thanking you for this very fine interpretative editorial, and with sentiments of esteem and regards always, I am, "Yours very truly, "CLYDE R. HOEY."

PVT. G. T. COX FATALLY HURT

Native of Traphill Killed Near Yuma, Arizona, Tuesday in Accident

BURIAL AT TRAPHILL

Private Glennie T. Cox, 25, son of Mrs. J. L. Cox and the late Mr. Cox of Traphill, Route 1, was killed in an automobile accident Tuesday near Yuma, Arizona. News of his death was received in a telegram to his wife from Pvt. Cox's commanding officer. No details were given regarding the accident. Pvt. Cox had been stationed at Yuma for some time.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Vera Brown Cox, an infant daughter, Betty Jean Cox, his mother; two brothers, Hilary Cox of this city, and Alvin Cox of Traphill.

The remains will be brought to Traphill for funeral rites and interment, but plans are incomplete, awaiting the arrival of the body.

Board to Name New Constable

At their meeting at Dobson next Monday, the Surry county board of commissioners is expected to select a successor to Constable J. E. Monday, who has been named chief of police of Mount Airy.

Among the candidates are former deputy sheriff, Ebb Jones, and A. F. Burham, of Mount Airy.

Allied Troops Advance 15 Miles In Sicily As Nazis Fiercely Resist

WAYNE SPEAKER AT MEET HERE

Northwest State College Club Meets Monday At Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A.

INTERESTING PROGRAM

E. A. Wayne, for the past three years executive secretary of the North Carolina Bankers Association and newly elected vice-president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Va., was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Northwest State College Club Monday evening at the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A.

LeRoy Lewis, professor of speech at Duke University, Durham, who will succeed Mr. Wayne in the N. C. Bankers Association, also spoke briefly.

C. E. Eller, Wilkes county superintendent of schools, presided over the session.

Garland Johnson of The Bank of Elkin explained to the group plans for the Elkin Fat Stock and Wool show to be held here on October 14 and 15.

The military program now in effect at State was briefly outlined by W. H. "Pop" Taylor, college alumni secretary.

Taylor reported that work has already started on the Army which was made possible by a gift from Mrs. Charles W. Babcock, the former Miss Mary Katherine Reynolds of Winston-Salem, supplemented by State and Federal funds. The navy has given Diesel equipment to State valued at more than one million dollars. Governor Broughton has appropriated more than one hundred thousand dollars from the emergency fund for the erection of a Diesel laboratory building. The navy has designated State and Cornell to train all its officers and ensigns in Diesel engineering.

The bankers from the counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin were guests of the club.

Others present were: R. E. Black and Alton Thompson of Alleghany; R. H. Crouse, J. T. McLaurin and T. H. Sears of Ashe; Neil M. Smith, W. L. Clancy, J. Herman Coe, J. E. Trevathan, C. O. Pickle and J. D. Hemmings of Surry; J. B. Snipes, E. R. Spruill, Grady F. Miller, W. W. Starr, W. D. Halfacre, Vernon Deal, John Boyles, J. E. Rollins and H. C. Colvard of Wilkes; and J. Wade Shore of Yadkin.

NAVY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Recruiting Officer to Again Be At Local Postoffice Today and Friday

NO LIMIT ON NEGROES

James E. Meacham of the U. S. Navy recruiting service will be here today (Thursday) and Friday to interview men who are interested in enlisting for service with the Navy, particularly boys of the seventeen-year age group for the popular V-6 program.

Mr. Meacham stated last week that there was an opening for a very limited number of men over 38 for shore patrol. This type of enlistment makes the person accepted for service eligible for a rating, he said.

The quota for colored boys is still unlimited, he said, and two colored boys from this district will be sent to Dan Diego, Cal., for training, according to present plans.

Parents of boys in the 17-year-old group are invited to come to the post office here and talk with Mr. Meacham regarding the enlistment, as it offers a splendid opportunity for advancement and training.

BUY A WAR BOND TODAY!

Surry Vote Is 96.3 In Favor Of Leaf Quota

Latest returns from Saturday's tobacco quota referendum show that North Carolina growers have voted 94.0 per cent in favor of continuing in effect the three-year tobacco marketing plan first instituted on the state's largest "money" crop in 1934.

In Surry county, although complete returns were not in Wednesday morning, returns show that 96.3 per cent of growers voted in favor of the plan. County Agent Neill Smith announced.

Out of an eligible list of approximately 170,000 farmers, only 98,897 voted in Saturday's referendum. This compares with the 142,243 who voted in 1940 when the quotas which expire this year were adopted. Quotas in effect for the next three years will be the same as those in effect for the last three years, AAA officials have announced.

ITALIANS CHEER OUSTER OF DUCE

Demonstrations of Joy Break Out When People Learn Of His Downfall

BUILDING IS STONED

Bern, Switzerland, July 26.—Demonstrations of joy at Mussolini's downfall broke out in many Italian cities last night, newspapers reaching Switzerland disclosed today, and although Berlin still insisted tonight that her Italian ally would remain in the war, in allied circles here the conviction grew that it was the beginning of the end for Italy.

One Italian source here said the Italian capital expected an armistice would be asked and possibly obtained by the end of the week, despite Marshal Pietro Badoglio's assertion that the war would continue. Although this appeared premature, it would be surprising if some peace overtures were not made at the earliest moment.

Apparently rejoicing in Italy was general.

One newspaper, the Milan Gazzette del Sport, said throngs burst into Rome's streets spontaneously on hearing the news and said that a parade invaded the empty halls of the Palazzo Venezia, whose balcony Mussolini used for years as a rostrum for his sword-rattling speeches. Another parade went to the Quirinale, where the demonstrators shouted for the King.

A third cheering, singing, flag-waving throng went to the war ministry and acclaimed the army while others paraded to newspaper offices and elsewhere about the Italian capital.

The newspaper said demonstrators paraded also at Bologna and Milan, and one version

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White Man Shot By Negro Sunday

A white man by the name of Hiatt was wounded last Sunday afternoon about eight miles West of Dobson when he was shot by Jobe Simmons, a negro.

According to a Surry county deputy sheriff Hiatt was said to have been passing the Simmons house when a negro called to him and said he had run over someone. When he got out of the car to investigate, Simmons allegedly ran from the house with a gun and shot him.

Hiatt was carried to the hospital, and the negro was arrested and placed in jail. The extent of the white man's injuries were not learned.

CANADIANS TRY TO PIERCE HUN LINE AT CENTER

Germans Reported Digging In on a Solid Line

USE ITALIANS FOR WORK

At Least Eight Nazi Divisions Are Known to Be Still on Island

PLANES PLAY BIG PART

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, July 28 — American and Canadian troops have advanced the main Allied offensive line 15 miles eastward in Sicily, front reports said today.

The Canadians, the reports said, were driving forward against bitter opposition, trying to pierce the center of the German defenses.

Official announcements said the Americans had occupied Cefalu, north coast harbor 35 miles east of Palermo, and with other troops from the center, had taken Petralia, Polizzo Generosa and Alimena.

The Canadians continued to advance despite stubborn German resistance and difficult terrain, a communique said.

Front reports said the Germans were digging in on a solid line beginning at San Stefano on the north coast, running south and east through Nicosia and Catenanovua and along the Dittaino river to the east coast.

The Germans, massed for a pitched battle to hold their last one-eighth of the island. They were reported sandwiching Italian troops among their units, but only for labor, rather than fighting.

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LENTZ SPEAKER JAYCEE MEETING

Discusses Problems Now Facing Organization Throughout the Nation

AGE LIMIT IS RAISED

George D. Lentz, of Winston-Salem, was guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Y. M. C. A. last Monday evening. Mr. Lentz spoke on the problems now facing the Jaycees in regard to local, state and national organizations, stating that the work of the organization was more important than ever before, and even though it had lost a large percentage of membership to the armed forces, the club should keep up the work on the home front. Having just attended the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce war conference in Chicago, the speaker was well qualified to discuss the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the national organization.

During the business session, a resolution concerning raising of the age limit of present members during the present war was passed by a two-thirds majority. Guests of the club for the meeting were Stuart Robertson, Gene Eller, Vance Byrd and Leonard Nixon.

Charles Weaver introduced the speaker of the evening. The meeting was presided over by President Claude Farrell.

Three Cases Tried Monday Before Hall

The following cases were disposed of in Magistrate's Court here Monday before J. L. Hall:

Lee Culler and Tyre Luffman, public drunkenness, \$2.50 and costs each.

Ralph Coalsion, trespass, taxed with costs.