

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The office of price administration announced tonight that the ration point value of ready-to-eat hams will be reduced from three to two points per pound next month. Ration point values for fresh and cured hams will remain unchanged. April point values for all meats, fats and cheeses will be announced later this week. They will become effective on April 2.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The allied air offensive over Germany is forcing the nazis to choose between conserving their fighter planes to ward off future invasion or leaving vital war plants undefended, the war department disclosed tonight. In a review analyzing the current air battle over Europe, it said the Eighth American air force has a dual objective — to knock out German fighter plane production and to destroy the luftwaffe, with a resultant saving of thousands of lives in the coming western front invasion. "If," the review said, "Germany attempts to frustrate air attacks on its fighter industry by throwing a fighter screen against the AAF and the RAF heavy bomber and their escorts, it may suffer a rate of attrition, beyond its capacity for replacement."

WASHINGTON, March 28.—President Roosevelt indicated today that he still favors enactment of national service legislation although Manpower Chairman Paul V. McNutt told Congress there is no present need for it. The chief executive declined direct comment at his press-radio conference on McNutt's statement but on the question of how best to use manpower, he declared there are a lot of people who are not aiding in the war, that it is a matter for soul searching and that if people won't search their own soul someone should do it for them. Asked about a suggestion from Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey that 4-F's be drafted for work battalions, particularly for harvesting, Mr. Roosevelt said that left out a lot of other groups.

LA CROSSE, WIS., March 28.—Wendell L. Willkie said today the Republican party was "on the spot" on the question of international co-operation to preserve peace because "many of its leaders opposed what obviously were wise measures both for our protection and participation in world affairs." It will be disastrous for the party, he said, if it opposes international co-operation "in the slightest degree" or if it "dodges or makes feeble statements" on the question. Willkie swung across Wisconsin from Milwaukee by train last night to La Crosse, on the Mississippi river. He will continue his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination by a automobile through the northwestern part of the state, ending Thursday in Superior.

INTERNATIONAL

LONDON, March 28.—The Germans, who are reinforcing their western front and warning their people of imminent attack, made an extensive and strong air raid against southern England last night which apparently was aimed at allied invasion preparations. The Germans' evident purpose was to find out how much supplies and personnel the allies have concentrated in southern England for a possible invasion takeoff and to do as much damage as possible to the invasion set-up. It was one of the heaviest aerial attacks in two years outside London. The Germans announced that their target was Bristol, one of England's prime ports and harbors. The British acknowledged only that considerable damage was done to a coast town.

ADVANCE POSITIONS ARE YIELDED

"INVASION" CASUALTY

A British soldier who had trousers blown apart and his legs burnt by an explosion charge walks ashore from a landing barge during a realistic rehearsal of invasion tactics that were carried out under actual battle conditions. He is one of the numerous casualties resulting from the massive invasion test maneuvers now being staged throughout England.



Government Is Asking More Victory Gardens

22,000,000 Is Goal For This Year In Nation

The Government is this spring asking that 22,000,000 Victory Gardens be planted this year so that 10 per cent more home-grown food may be produced than was grown in the over 19 million such gardens last year.

With this issue of The Tribune dedicated to the drive for more Victory Gardens, it is pointed out that this spring and summer will perhaps be the most crucial of the entire war, and that the need for ample supply of food for both the home front, the fighting fronts and our allies will be great.

Every person who has any land available is urged to get busy now and plant a Victory Garden. It is surprising how much food can be grown on even a very small plot if properly planted and tended, and every little bit helps.

Unlike last year when fertilizer was not so very plentiful, there is an ample supply of good fertilizer this spring, plus plenty of seed and garden tools. Elkin stores can supply every want when it comes to tools, fertilizer and seed of all kind, and it will require only the determination and elbow grease of those who have the land available to make the Victory Garden program here a success.

Old-Type Gasoline Ration Coupons To Become Void Friday

The Raleigh District Office of Price Administration has announced that after March 31, the following ration coupons and stamps will be invalid:

1. Old-type "B" and "B-1" coupons and "C" and "C-1" coupons which have not been issued since November 30, 1943.
2. Old-type "E" and "R" coupons which have not been issued since October 1, 1943.
3. All strip "T" coupons which do not bear a quarterly designation which expire on March 31.

Most of the old-type "B", "C", "E" and "R" coupons still in circulation represent expired rations. In the few cases in which they are part of currently valid rations with an expiration date later than March 31, ration holders may exchange them at their local boards for coupons of the types now valid.

JAYCEES PLAN SALVAGE DRIVE

If Weather Permits Will Collect Scrap Paper, Cans, Etc., Sunday

FROM 2 UNTIL 5 P. M.

If the weather permits the Junior Chamber of Commerce will make another collection of scrap paper, tin cans and corrugated pasteboard boxes on Sunday, April 2. The collection hours will be from 2 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and will be made in Elkin, Jonesville and Arlington.

\$50,000 SUIT AGAINST MYERS TO GO TO JURY

Supreme Court Hands Down Decision In Case

HAD BEEN NON-SUITED

Harmony Doctor Alleged To Have Mistreated Patient At His Clinic

CLAIMS BROKEN ARM

The State Supreme Court Wednesday handed down a decision in the case of Fannie Groce vs. Dr. Dwight L. Myers, of Harmony, which was to the effect that the case, which had been non-suited in Yadkin county court in December, should be given a hearing by jury.

Argument in the case, in which Miss Groce claims that while a patient at Dr. Myers' clinic at Harmony she was roughly treated, were made before the supreme court by Attorneys W. M. Allen and Hoke Henderson, representing the plaintiff, on March 8.

The suit, in which Miss Groce was seeking \$50,000 damages against the Iredell doctor, was thrown out of court when Judge J. Will Pless allowed a motion of non-suit made by attorneys for Dr. Myers. Notice of appeal by attorneys for Miss Groce were made at the time.

The plaintiff alleged that she was roughly treated while a patient at the clinic operated by Dr. Myers; that she received a broken arm at his hands; that she was slapped by the doctor and otherwise mistreated. She is now said to be ill at the home of her parents as a result of this ill treatment.

Associated with Attorneys Allen and Henderson in the case when it was non-suited at Yadkinville were Hall & Zachary and J. T. Reece, of Yadkinville. Representing Dr. Myers were Lawrence Jones, of Charlotte, Eugene Trivette, of North Wilkesboro, S. Carter Williams, and F. D. B. Harding, of Yadkinville.

57 MEN OKEYED FOR SERVICE

Pass Pre-Induction Examination Out of 110 Sent From Yadkin

MOST GO TO THE NAVY

Out of a total of 110 young Yadkin county draftees sent to Camp Croft for pre-induction examination recently, 57 were accepted into the service. Of the 57 accepted, 23 were taken by the army and 34 for the navy. Two others of the 110 were accepted for limited service and are subject to call. The 57 accepted are subject to call at any time. Those accepted were:

For the Army—Walter Erving Vestal, Willis Edward Douglas, James Melvin Long, Graham McKinley Wall, Dillard Young Hutchens, Fred Ketter, Thomas Walter Perkins, Forest Lee Holcomb, Floyd Thurman Vanhoy.

Chatham Girls Winners Of First Two Contests

With their two first games safely entered on the win side of their ledger, the Chatham girls basketball team, taking part in the National A. A. U. Women's basketball tournament at St. Joseph, Mo., were scheduled to play Nashville Business College Wednesday night at 9:45 o'clock. Chatham swept like a whirlwind through their first game on Monday night with Kansas City's North American Bombers, downing them by the score of 49 to 13. Tuesday night, displaying their usual strong attack against Dr. Pepper, of Dallas, Tex., the Elk-

Hold On!



This bearded marine raider, demolition officer of his battalion, is holding some Jap anti-personnel mines he located and immobilized on Bougainville. He is First Lieut. G. S. Codispoti of Brooklyn, N. Y.

SURRY TRUANT OFFICER BUSY

Twenty Charges Have Been Filed In Surry Courts Against Offenders

SOME HERE NEXT WEEK

T. M. Robertson, Surry county truant officer, said Wednesday that 20 charges had been filed in the Surry county courts for the violation of the compulsory school attendance laws. Of this number 12 offenders have plead guilty and have been fined in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$25, suspended upon the payment of the costs and agreeing to put their children into school.

Cases have been tried for offenders at Mount Airy, Pilot Mountain, Westfield and Flat Rock schools. Several cases are scheduled for trial here next week.

GROWERS UNITE ON WEED PRICE

Formula Unanimously Endorsed For Presentation To The OPA

WOULD FIX CEILING

Washington, March 27.—Flue-cured tobacco growers from Virginia to Florida joined today in unanimously endorsing a 1944 price ceiling formula to be presented tomorrow to the office of price administration.

The formula, developed after a full day of debate among the growers, would fix a ceiling price for the crop.

Allies Withdraw On Cassino Front After Losing Costly Drive

New Federal Tax Is Effective On Saturday, April 1

Effective Saturday, April 1, a 20 per cent Federal tax will be added to the retail prices of numerous articles, under the provisions of the new tax bill passed by Congress some months ago.

Under the new tax law, this 20 per cent tax will apply on jewelry, furs and toilet articles, which heretofore have borne a 10 per cent Federal tax. It will also apply on the following articles, regardless of the material of which they are made:

Trunks, valises, traveling bags, suitcases, satchels, overnight bags, hat boxes for use by travellers, beach bags, bathing suit bags, brief cases, salesmen's sample and display cases, purses, handbags, pocket-books, wallets, billfolds; card, pass and key cases, bags and kits for use in carrying toilet articles or articles of wearing apparel without regard to size, shape, construction or material from which made.

The increase in the rate of the tax with respect to jewelry, etc., does not apply to sales of watches selling at retail for \$65.00 or less, and alarm clocks selling at retail for \$5.00 or less. However, such sales will still be subject to the 10 per cent rate of tax.

EXHAUSTED MEN RETREAT AFTER TERRIBLE FIGHT

German Attention Is Diverted By Barrage

SAID HALF - STARVED

Slip Out of Net Without Loss of Single Man Through Clever Ruse

SUPPLIED BY PLANES

Allied Headquarters, Naples, March 29.—Allied troops have withdrawn from their advanced positions on the upper slopes of Mount Cassino, it was disclosed today, as the Fifth Army abandoned temporarily its costly attempt to drive the Nazis from their mountain defenses astride the inland road to Rome.

Half-starved and New Zealand infantrymen who had held out on Hangman's Hill and the nearby Hill 202 for 10 days and nights, under constant fire from enemy units all around them, stumbled back into the main Allied lines Monday night under cover of a heavy barrage that diverted the Germans' attention to the eastern end of Cassino.

Isolated and supplied only by air, the two detachments clung to their exposed positions high up on the mountain slopes as long as there was a chance of the Nazis being ousted from Cassino. When that hope disappeared and the battle of Cassino settled down into a slugging match between the opposing artillery, the Indians and New Zealanders were ordered to withdraw.

United Press War Correspondent James E. Roper reported in a front-line dispatch that the troops slipped out of the German net without the loss of a single man, through a cleverly - co - ordinated ruse.

While the exhausted troops (Continued on page 4, 1st Sec.)

TO PRESENT SILVER STAR

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones To Receive Posthumous Award For Son

PROGRAM HERE MONDAY

A program of presentation of the Silver Star Award, which will be presented to Mr. and Mrs. John J. Jones, parents of the late Lieutenant William J. Jones, who was killed in action in Italy, will be held at the Elkin Methodist church Monday, April 3, at 1:30 p. m.

The award will be presented by Col. Herbert M. Pool, who will be introduced by T. C. McKnight. George Royall representing the George Gray Post of the American Legion, will preside. Others who will take part in the program are Rev. J. Lem Stokes, II, pastor of the Methodist church; Rev. Stephen Morrisist, pastor of the First Baptist church; E. C. James, and Mrs. J. Henry Beeson, who will be pianist.

Lieut. Jones was killed on September 10, 1943. Prior to his death he had been awarded the Purple Heart, although his parents did not know this until they received a letter from a soldier in England, a friend of their son, who informed them of the fact.

DATE OF FOOD STAMPS VOIDED

OPA Abolishes Expiration Date of All Red and Blue Ration Coupons

PROBLEMS SIMPLIFIED

Washington, March 27.—Food rationing became simpler for everybody today as the office of price administration removed the expiration dates from all red and blue ration coupons.

OPA said the move was done to cut the clerical and shopping (Continued on page four, 1st Sec.)

SENIORS ARE TO GIVE PLAY

"Betty's Millionaire" To Be Staged At Local School Friday P. M.

IS THREE - ACT COMEDY

"Betty's Millionaire," a 3-act comedy, will be presented by the senior class of Elkin high school at the elementary school auditorium Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Betty Brown, played by Mildred Freeman, has the ambition to marry a millionaire, Petter Adams, played by Harvey Baker. Betty finally meets a young man she thinks is a millionaire, but who in reality is a mere secretary, thanks to a bit of scheming on the part of her friends, Sue Weatherbee, played by Jane Anne Collins, and Nancy Fletcher, played by Mary Windsor.

Adding spice and laughter to the play is Mrs. Evangeline Brendlinger (Frances Lovelace), a jolly old widow seeking to ensnare the grumpy, sour-faced old Augustus Winslow (Jim Garland.) Thaddeus Atterbury, proprietor of Ocean Breeze Hotel where the action takes place, is played by Sidney Fletcher. Other students who have important parts in the play are John Moseley, and Janice Jennings, who take the part of Sam Palmer and Lillie Daniels, respectively.

A nominal admission will be charged to the play.