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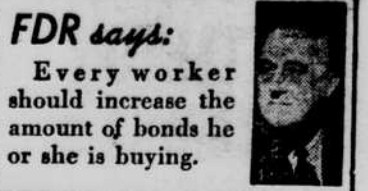
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Appalachian Pulpwood Receipts Reflect Fall Rise

Appalachian pulpwood production, as represented by mill receipts, showed some improvement during the fall months of October and November when the 1943 Newspaper Victory Pulpwood Campaign was at its peak...

At the same time, the Committee stated that military and civilian requirements for pulpwood products in 1944 will necessitate an even greater effort by farmers pulpwood cutters, and part time workers than in 1943...

Mill receipts of domestic pulpwood throughout the nation totaled 11,911,000 cords during 11 months of 1943. This is only 1,089,000 cords under the 13,000,000 goal set for the year by the War Production Board...

The Appalachian region's upswing in pulpwood production during the fall months contributed materially to the national rise, the Committee said, although mill receipts do not reflect accurately current production because of the time lag between the cutting of pulpwood and its delivery to the mills.

Mill receipts, in cords, for the Appalachian region, comprising southeastern Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, western North Carolina, eastern Tennessee and Maryland, follow:

Table with 2 columns: Month, Receipts in cords. October: 118,000; November: 114,000; 11 months: 1,136,000.

"It is, of course, impossible to say how much of this increased pulpwood production is due to the Newspaper Victory Pulpwood Campaign, but I am confident that these hundreds of local newspaper drives have been largely responsible for the improvement..."

There are currently more than 1250 local Newspaper Pulpwood Committees functioning in 27 pulp wood producing states.

"The Victory Pulpwood Campaign, however, is by no means over, even though we reach the 13,000,000 cord goal for 1943..."

"Yet in the face of growing needs for pulpwood to equip our armed forces abroad, we are confronted with serious production problems at home..."

"Pulpwood has become one of the critical raw materials of our war effort because it is the basic product from which hundreds of items of military equipment and supply are made..."

The Whiteville flier wears the Air Medal with one silver and two Oak Leaf Clusters, denoting 40 combat missions. He went through the campaigns without a scratch, although his "Lady Halitosis" was flak-ridden and battered repeatedly.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kitchen and family of Virginia Beach, Va., were holiday guests of Mrs. H. V. Pope.

Graham Johnson who for the past two years has been with the United States Naval forces in the South Pacific, is spending a furlough at home.

Notice!

The War Price and Ration Board No. 45 -- 29.1 of Roanoke Rapids is open to the public as follows:

Monday through Friday from 9 a. m. to 12 M. and from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m. on Saturday from 9 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon.

Inquiries by phone may be made each day from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. with the exception of lunch hour from 12 to 1 o'clock.

Women Fast Taking Place Of Men On Navy Shore Jobs

In the past year more women have taken over many of the shore jobs held by sea going Navy men. The importance of the Women's Reserve to the Navy is stressed every day as more and more Waves are taking over important post all over the Nation...

Brown said that the requirements for the WAVES had been relaxed some what and that now a girl need only have two years of high school; be between the ages of 20 and 36; have no children under 18 and should be in good physical condition...

While serving in the Women's Reserve all WAVES will be accorded all the great opportunities which the Navy gives its men, including pay, choice of trade schools, and the same privileges after victory is won.

Brown stated that the Navy had several openings for 17 year old boys in the Hospital corps, and also in the Naval Air Corps and for boys who are not interested in either of the above...

THE FOLLOWING BOYS WERE ENLISTED LAST WEEK WHILE HERE.

James Madison Edwards, Jr., Pendleton, N. C., Rating, Hospital Apprentice 2c., USNR.

Paul Clinton Brittle, Conway, N. C., Rating, A. S. USNR.

Joseph Samuel Sellers, Lewiston, N. C., Rating, A. S. USNR.

Robert Walter Archer, Jackson, N. C., Rating, A. S. USNR.

Joseph Armstrong Lloyd, Roanoke Rapids, N. C., Rating, A. S. USNR.

Listed below are colored boys Enlisted.

Clinton Lynch, Weldon, N. C., Rating, A. S. USNR.

Eugene Alphonzo Avens, Weldon, N. C., Rating, A. S. USNR.

'Lady Halitosis'

Whiteville, Jan 11.-Lt. Thomas Memory, 26, of Whiteville, who named the famous bomber, "Lady Halitosis" and flew it in combat missions over North Africa and Sicily is back in the States awaiting another assignment.

Lt. Memory picked the name for his ship from the "Smilin' Jack" comic strip "for no good reason," he says. He flew the ship in combat until the Army decided to send it back home to make a war bond campaign tour.

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RECORDERS COURT NEWS

JANUARY 4th., 1944

Olin Garrett white of Norfolk plead guilty to speeding and prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs.

John Covington, colored of Scotland Neck was found guilty of hit and run and prayer for judgment is continued on payment of the costs.

John Richardson and Herman Richardson, colored of Enfield were found not guilty of removing crops without satisfying or paying landlord.

William Myer, white of Rocky Mount plead guilty to speeding and prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs.

Joseph Thomas Edmondson, white of Lowland, N. C., plead guilty to non-support and prayer for judgment is continued on payment of the costs and on condition he pays or causes to be paid to Mrs. Elsie Mae Edmondson \$25.00 each month, first payment to be made January 4, 1944.

L. S. Page, white of Laurinburg plead guilty to speeding and prayer for judgment is continued on payment of the costs.

Brastus Norris, white of Lunn was found guilty of speeding and prayer for judgment is continued on payment of the costs.

William L. Barkley, white of Roanoke Rapids plead guilty to reckless driving in which he struck the parked car of Mrs. Effie Hawkins doing property damage and failure to stop after striking said car the judgment of the court is that he pay a fine of \$25, and the court costs, license revoked for 12 months.

Thomas B. Wood, white of Portsmouth plead guilty to speeding and prayer for judgment is continued on payment of the costs.

Thomas Jonathan Farmer, charged with speeding was called and failed to answer - judgment absolute on bond, nol pros with leave.

T. V. Mason, white of Rocky Mount was found guilty of driving while under the influence of liquor and colliding with the car of Wesley Cox and failing to stop and was fined \$50.00 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

Will Sledge and Jeff Edwards, colored of Weldon were found guilty of manufacturing intoxicating beverages and Sledge was given 6 months on the roads, suspended on payment of the costs and a fine of \$25, and Edwards was given 12 months on the roads suspended on payment of the costs and a fine of \$75., each of the defendants to appear the first Tuesday of each month and show good behavior for a period of 2 years.

Mrs. Lena H. Kirkland

Funeral services were conducted this (Thursday) afternoon from the residence in Littleton for Mrs. Lena Harris Kirkland, 60, who died suddenly Tuesday night.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. A. K. Mustain of Warren, a son Robert L. Kirkland of Charleston, S. C., four sisters, Mrs. R. L. Kirkland of Tarboro, Mrs. W. S. Shelton of Burlington, Mrs. L. T. King of Littleton, Mrs. Eugene Tucker of Vaughan, one brother, J. J. Harris of Tarboro and four grand children.

Father Of Nine Drafted In County Ration Board

Solomon Green Jacobs, negro of Halifax, the father of nine children has been inducted into the Army at Fort Bragg. Sol is 35 years old and has four daughters and five sons, ranging in age from 6 months to 16 years.

Mrs. Casper Gregory was called home from Washington, D. C. Thursday on account of the death of her son.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Douglas and son of Norfolk, Va., are guests of Mrs. J. S. Turner.

Two Being Held For Murder Of Man Found In Chockoyotte Creek

Curtis Rhem Gregory

Curtis Rhem (Bummie) Gregory 39, died early this morning in McCloud Hospital, Florence, S. C., after suffering a heart attack.

Mr. Gregory was the son of Mrs. Mamie Rhem Gregory and the late Caspar Gregory of Weldon. He was employed as express messenger for the A. C. L. railway and was on his regular run at the time he was stricken.

He is survived by his mother, three sisters, Miss Julia Harris Gregory and Mrs. Al Millikin of Weldon, Miss Genevieve Gregory of Washington, D. C. and three brothers, Sgt. Thomas Gregory, who is stationed at the Richmond Army Air Base, Cpl. Perry Gregory who is with the armed forces in Italy and Sgt. Casper Gregory who is stationed in Arizona.

Mrs. Judia Snyder

Funeral services will be conducted from the home of her daughter on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Mrs. Judia Snyder, 45 who died at her home in Debbes Ferry, N. Y. The Rev. H. L. Davis will be in charge of the rites and burial will follow in the family plot.

Mrs. Snyder is survived by her husband John P. Snyder, one son, Spl. J. P. Faucette, who is stationed in Illinois, a daughter Mrs. Jesse Salmon of near Littleton, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harris of Macon, three brothers, Sol Harris of Roanoke Rapids, Fred Harris and Tom Harris of near Littleton, two sisters, Mrs. Thee Robinson of Macon and Mrs. B. S. Jenkins of Littleton and mon

Arthur Flemming, negro of South Rosemary, has confessed to the murder of Lindsay Price, 42 year old negro, and has implicated Sam Jones another negro as his accomplice. Both men are being held without bond in Halifax jail to await trial at the January term of Superior Court.

Prices body was found in Chockoyotte Creek near the John Armstrong Cholener colored school on Thursday afternoon by a group of boys who were hunting along the creek bank. He had been missing from home for nine days and his wife had reported his disappearance to Chief Dobbins of Roanoke Rapids. She also reported that Price had approximately \$100 on his person when he left home.

According to Flemmings signed confession he and Sam Jones killed Price. He confessed that he struck Price over the head several times with a stick and that Jones stabbed Price with an ice pick. Flemming said they then took about one hundred dollars from the body and divided it between them. Jones denies that he had anything at all to do with the murder or robbery.

Deranged Woman Breaks ABC Store Window Sat.

A well known local colored woman, Grace Johnson, became mentally unbalanced and went on a rampage here last Saturday morning.

The women came to the main intersection of town shortly before noon and attracting a large crowd by shouting and preaching. She announced she was going to break into the ABC store and get some whiskey. She ran into a store next to the whiskey store and wanted to buy wine. When the proprietor told her he could not sell wine that day, (Newyear's Day and a state holiday) she attempted to assault him with a butcher knife.

The woman then gathered up an armful of bottles, rushed out and threw them at the front of the county ABC Store next door. She broke a large plate glass window and was pulling out the remaining pieces when put under arrest by local police officers.

Grace was taken to Halifax jail where she was examined by Dr. F. W. M. White. Upon his recommendation she was committed to the insane hospital for colored people at Goltsboro.

Rationing News

Raleigh, December 29th -- January point values for meat - fats cheese and other brown - stamp rationing announced today.

Butter is listed on the January table at sixteen points per pound, the same as it has been for the past several months. Likewise, point values for all beef, veal, lam and pork cuts -- with the exception of fresh hams and a few miscellaneous items -- will remain at present low levels during January.

As civilian supplies of meat during January are expected to be relatively large it is possible to keep the low December point values in effect, OPA said. In addition, recent consumer demand for most brown stamp foods has been closely in line with available supplies, a factor which also keeps point changes at a minimum.

Most pork point values remain at the reduced levels set in mid-December. The difference of one point in the value of fresh and smoked hams, which has been in effect for about three weeks, has been eliminated by raising fresh ham one point. Except for this brief three week period, the same value per pound has always been applied to hams whether fresh, cured or smoked.

The movement of fresh hams has increased considerably since Spare Stamp No. 1 was validated for the purchase of pork, and it is no longer necessary to keep the one point differential between fresh and smoked ham, OPA said.

Sliced dried beef is cut two points, to 12 points per pound, while beef tongue is listed at three points, down one. Sliced beef tongue, ready to cut, is reduced

Army Will Offer Mules And Horses At Auction Sales

Approximately 1,500 horses and 70 mules owned by the Army will be offered for sale at public auction at Front Royal, Va., on January 10, 11 and 12 by the Treasury Department, it was announced today by D. M. Crocker, Secretary of the Count AAA Committee.

The animals, Mr. Crocker was informed, range in age from 4 to 15 years, with the average about 10 or 11 years, and weights average about 1,200 pounds. They are classified predominantly as "excellent" with others in "very satisfactory" or "satisfactory" condition. The group to be offered for sale includes: slightly more than 1,200 riding and riding cavalry horses; about 25 riding, field artillery horses; about 215 light draft horses; 59 draft mules; and 9 pack mules.

"For the most part the animals will be put up for bidding in singles, teams or small groups," he said. "Bidders will have the privilege of requesting that any particular animals they select be put up for sale. Bidders will not be required to put up cash to be eligible to bid, but terms will be cash or certified check, or personal check if satisfactory to the auctioneer. The animals will be sold 'as is and where is' and the government reserves the right to reject any or all bids, if not satisfactory."

Sales will begin on each of the three days at 10 a. m., and the only opportunity for prior inspection of the animals will be in the early morning hours before sales start. About 500 animals will be brought from the Remount Station to the market place the night before each sale or in the early morning.

He added that all sales will be held at the Front Royal Livestock Market, which has railroad loading facilities for any purchasers who wish to ship by rail. George William is manager of the market.

ORGANIC MATTER

Crop residues ordinarily left on the land, such as stalks of corn cotton and tobacco, and stubble of small grain and hay crops are inadequate in overcoming losses in organic matter under the present cropping system, say State College specialists.

CROPS

Crop production in the U. S. was 6 per cent less in 1943 than in 1942 but 5 per cent more than in any previous season.

two points to six points per pound.

The new table lists the various types of sausages in a more specific manner, an addition which is expected to help the consumer in shopping for rationed sausage.

Except for these changes, point values for brown stamp foods are the same on the new table as at present.

Fire Damages Local Fire Dept. Building

An oil-burning hot water heater exploded and set fire to the Weldon Fire Station Tuesday night, approximately \$650.00 damages were sustained before the blaze was extinguished.

Members of the Weldon Fire Department are on duty at the Weldon Warning District Control Center which is located in the Fire Station each night from 8 o'clock p. m. to 8 a. m.

The fireman on duty had just lit the oil burner when it exploded about 9:30 o'clock, scattering blazing oil over the building. Only efficient and quick work on the part of the volunteer firemen saved the entire structure.

FIRE SIREN HAS BEEN REPAIRED

The Weldon Fire Siren has been out of order for some time but is now back in good working order. Repairs were made on it today.

Ration Board Celebrate 2nd Anniversary

The hard working and patriotic group of people who make up our office of Price Administration War Price and Rationing Boards, and this includes their workers and Panel members, are celebrating this week their Second Anniversary.

No group of war workers deserve a greater amount of praise than this group. Most of them work without pay. All work with a zeal and determination to see that our scarce commodities are shared equally and only a fair price is charged the consumer.

It is every citizen's duty to aid the War effort by cooperating with the Ration Boards, treat the clerical workers with respect and consideration. Their duties are both trying and complicated.

1944: THE DECISIVE YEAR

This New Year we're beginning may be the decisive year of the war. The Pacific offensive already is under way, aimed at the heart of the enemy -- Tokyo. In the Atlantic and Mediterranean, the Allies are poised for a concerted attack upon Hitler's European Fortress, are even now administering their first shattering blows.

In hundreds of ways and on scores of fronts, pulpwood is hastening the day of reckoning. Flying Fortresses rain destruction over Nazi Europe; their deadly bombs contain explosives made of pulpwood. Allied fighters inch their way through South Pacific jungles; aiding their advance are supplies packed in paper products and dropped by parachutes manufactured from pulpwood.

If you can swing an axe, you can speed victory this year. Every cord of pulpwood you cut means more smokeless powder, more blood plasma containers, more shell casings. Every cord cut now brings victory nearer.

As the tempo of our attack in-

Red Cross Work-

In spite of the rush of Christmas preparations and other pressing duties, Home Demonstration Club members have found time to do sewing and knitting for the Red Cross. In addition to the sewing they donated the material for 22 pairs of bedroom mules for hospitals, 11 bed pan covers and 7 lap robes for wheel chair patients. The following clubs report work done as specified: Brinkleyville-3 pairs of bedroom mules and one pair of mules; South Rosemary-500 surgical dressings made; Spring Hill-4 pairs of socks and 1 sweater knitted and 1 lap robe made; Tillery-2 lap robes and 1 protector knitted, and Weavers' Chapel-7 pairs of bedroom mules.

Bonds Purchased-

It is the faithful, steady type who usually keep things rolling along and in spite of extra holiday financial demands we have a report of the purchase of War Bonds to the amount of \$4014.50. The honors for this goes to Brinkleyville, Hardrawee, Heathsville, Rosemeath, Spring Hill and Tillery.

These Victory Gardens--

With the water standing in pools and the rain coming down in torrents as this is being written the thought of gardening seems foolish. However, here are things that can be done now that will make your garden better and earlier next spring. Here are some of the important things to do in the next few weeks. Plan your vegetable garden in detail. Select and purchase the seed. Check, repair or put up fences where necessary. Spread stable manure on garden if you have not already done so. Clean up trash and otherwise get garden into condition. Purchase insecticides, fertilizer, and plan and build a hot bed and cold frame for early plants and if you have no horses or mules engage stable manure for hot bed as heating agent. If you have the equipment, you can install electric heaters. In case you have never used hot beds or cold frames blue prints of them may be had free of charge from the County Agents' office in Halifax. Strong, well developed plants that may be set in the open as early as seed can be sown will produce many days earlier than ordinary garden plantings. In this way the fresh vegetable season may very materially be lengthened.

Another advantage to be kept in mind about the hot bed and cold frames is that you can grow fall vegetables in them that need a little protection such as winter lettuce. They also make a good place to plant seeds during the hot dry weather. It is easier to keep the soil moist and to lay strips of wood or brush over the frames to keep off part of the hot sun. Many fall and winter vegetables may be started in that way and then transplanted into the open garden.

Let me add one more thing to do now. Check on garden tools and equipment. Good tools will help to make a good garden. Hours spent now getting them into perfect shape for ease in use will pay good dividends when you start your garden work. They should be cleaned, oiled, repaired, painted, sharpened or replaced.

We have a New Year--

This week starts us all off with a new year. All the pages in the book are clean and white and each has an equal chance with the full 566 days to fill. What we do day by day will be written there, the good, bad, and indifferent. We are wishing for each person in Halifax County that at the close of the book of 1944 there will be written there things that will give satisfaction and a measure of contentment in the knowledge of having done a different job to the best of one's ability. Also, may there be some happiness and joy in worship, in family and in friends. If sorrow is written there may each find new faith, and strength to lift ones spirit over those trials. New years greetings to all.

Miss Ruby Eason of Richmond visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Green this week.

Dr. Robert Clark of Chapel Hill is the guest of his mother, Mrs. E. Clark.

Mrs. C. P. Vincent left Thursday to visit Mrs. Fonger Snead and family in Raeford.