

# POPPY DAY TO BE MAY 30TH

American Legion Auxiliary To Handle Sale of Memorial Flower Sales Here

Poppies of patriotic remembrance will bloom in Watauga county Saturday, May 30, Mrs. Wilson Norris, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced today.

Every man, woman and child in the county will be asked to wear a poppy on that day in honor of the men who have given their lives for America. The poppies will be distributed by volunteer workers from the Auxiliary and the coins contributed for them will be used in Legion and Auxiliary work for the war disabled, their families and the families of the dead.

The poppies which will be distributed here have been made by disabled veterans at Oteen. Making the little red flowers has given many veterans employment during the winter and spring months. The work is limited to men receiving little or no government compensation and those with families to support.

Contributions received for the poppies on Poppy Day are principal sources of support for the vast welfare work carried on by the Legion and Auxiliary and the disabled men and dependent families. With the new war adding to the list of America's war victims, there will be greatly increased need for funds during the coming year.

Poppy Day has been observed by the Legion and Auxiliary annually for the past 20 years. With the nation again at war, the poppy has new significance this year and will be worn as a symbol of patriotism by millions of Americans throughout the country.

More than thirteen million of the flowers have been made by disabled veterans for the Auxiliary, the largest number since the observance of Poppy Day was begun 20 years ago. Orders for the poppies from Auxiliary units everywhere have been increased this year in anticipation of greatly increased demand for the flowers of patriotic remembrance.

## CHURCHILL SAYS ALLIES NOW ON TOP IN WAR

London, May 10.—In a grim, fighting speech in the lull before the "hurricane bursts" of summer, Prime Minister Churchill tonight warned Hitler that Britain would carry poison gas warfare "far and wide" over Germany if he dares use it against Russia, and forecast for sure a mighty British-American bombing offensive against Germany.

Grim in his predictions of "misery and slaughter" for Germany, the prime minister nevertheless was confident and optimistic and brought what he said was "a message of good cheer" for Britain and her allies.

Declaring that the "awful balances" had finally turned in the united nations' favor, he predicted that "British and American seapower will grip and hold the Japanese" and their overwhelming air power eventually will bring her low.

Both coal and oil are used in manufacturing plastics.

## Governor and Herder View Champion Watauga Hereford



Governor Broughton, left, and ex-Governor Sam McKelvie of Nebraska, prominent cattleman, nestle against the grand champion bull of the second annual N. C. Hereford Breeders Association show and sale held at Wilson recently. The bull was an entry of W. E. Shipley of Vilas, Watauga county. Just after the picture was made, the Governor turned to McKelvie and grinned: "You're an old herder and I'm an old bull artist."

## FARM-HOME WEEK AND 4-H SHORT COURSE CANCELLED

Shortages of transportation and labor have led to the cancellation of farm home week and 4-H short course, annual events on the State College summer calendar, it was announced by Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the extension service. He also mentioned the fact that housing accommodations at the college this summer will be another problem, due to the fact that N. C. State is on a "war-time basis" and will be used to train 1,000 or more technological students for emergency work.

The railroads carry more than 90 per cent of all U. S. mail.

## MARRIED MEN MAY NOW ENLIST IN MARINE CORPS

Though at one time the marine corps had enlisted married men they have not been doing so in recent months. In the past few days the marine corps recruiting service was informed that married men may enlist in the marine corps reserve for the duration of the emergency. In this case men between the ages of 17 and 33 will be eligible for enlistment.

The pay of an enlisted man in the marine corps at the present is \$21 per month for the first four months and after that time the enlisted man will receive \$30 per month. Men enlisting in the marine corps reserve will go through the regular marine corps recruit training at Parris Island, S. C.

Married men who desire to enlist in the marine corps must first secure an affidavit from any marine corps recruiting station. The affidavit will state that the enlisted man's wife will not be dependent upon him for support from the salary that he will receive as a private. These affidavits must be signed by the applicant's wife and also notarized by a notary public.

Men that are married will receive the same pay, advantages and promotions that are offered other men in the marine corps. Courses offered in the trade schools as communications, metalsmiths, photographers, welding and others are offered to all men in the marine corps.

Marine corps recruiting stations are located in Asheville, Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Raleigh.

## BOONE MAN ENLISTS IN NAVAL AVIATION

Atlanta, Ga., May 10.—Michael James O'Toole of Boone, has enlisted for aviation training in the naval reserve, joining the increasing ranks of young Americans who are turning to the skies in the service of their country.

O'Toole, 24-year-old resident of Boone, is a former student at Appalachian College. He was enlisted May 5 at the naval aviation cadet selection board in Atlanta, and will, in the very near future, be ordered to report for active duty to begin his preliminary training at the naval reserve aviation base in Atlanta.

## ALLIES

American farm products costing \$524,500,000 had been delivered to representatives of the United Nations for lease-lend shipment up to the first of April.

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## Workers to Get Necessary Gas, Henderson Says

OPA Order Spells Virtual End to Automobile Driving for Pleasure

Washington, May 10.—The government rationing plan for gasoline on the eastern seaboard, limiting "non-essential" automobiles to three gallons a week but assuring motorists who use their cars to get to work of an "adequate" supply, was disclosed Saturday by Price Administrator Henderson.

The order, affecting approximately 9,000,000 motorists and covering the seven-week period between May 15 and July 1, virtually spelled the end of pleasure driving in the area, and Henderson indicated that even more stringent regulations would go into effect upon its expiration.

The tremendous impact of the rationing on the tourist business in the area was indicated when Henderson's office warned that vacationing visitors would be subject to the same restrictions as resident drivers. If they come purely for pleasure, they'll get only the ration allotted to non-essential cars. Motorists coming into the area on business will be entitled to additional supplies sufficient to accomplish their purpose.

Under the terms of the "meal ticket" rationing plan, essential vehicles—trucks, buses, taxis and tractors—would receive an unlimited supply. Between that group and the "non-essential" classification would fall the thousands who drive to work or use their cars for business purposes.

To take care of that group, Henderson said that three additional "work" classifications would be set up on the basis of need. Depending upon the classification, the owner of a "work" car would be entitled to 22, 30 or 33 gallons for the period, or a little more than three, four or five gallons a week respectively.

"The big thing about the meal ticket basis as we approach a heavier cut is this—our emphasis is upon keeping industry going and seeing that people who use their automobiles for transportation to work get it," asserted the price administrator.

## DEPUTY COLLECTORS ARE WANTED NOW

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## WORST JAPANESE DEFEAT IN HISTORY, SYDNEY SAYS

London, May 9.—The Japanese fleet has suffered its greatest defeat since the start of the Pacific war in the Battle of the Coral Sea, private advices from Sydney said today.

Big enemy concentrations of shipping were caught by United States dive bombers which sank two large Japanese aircraft carriers, at least one cruiser and seven destroyers. Many other Japanese ships were badly damaged.

The message described the defeat as the worst suffered by the imperial navy in its entire history.



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## CORREGIDOR FOUGHT OFF 300 AIR RAIDS

Washington.—The island of Corregidor in Manila bay fell to the Japanese only after almost five months of concentrated artillery and plane bombardment and sea-borne attacks by an enemy willing to pay almost any price for its capture.

Corregidor was bombed first on December 10, 1941, and during the following months it became one of the most heavily-raided spots in the world. More than 300 separate air attacks were made on the island.

After the first bombing on December 10 sporadic raids continued throughout December. On December 20, a war department communique said the heaviest raid had killed 27 and wounded 80.

On January 3, while Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces on Luzon Island were retiring toward Bataan peninsula, a fleet of at least 60 bombers appeared over Corregidor in a five-hour raid. Thirteen were killed, 35 wounded, but little damage was done to military installations.

Three of the raiders were shot by the island's anti-aircraft gunners, starting a casualty list that was finally to reach at least 37 before their guns were silenced.

The story of Corregidor's heroic defense was told in communique on these dates:

Jan. 4.—21 planes attacked, four shot down; Jan. 5—52 planes rained bombs for five hours, four shot down; Jan. 6—50 planes, seven damaged; Jan. 7—45 planes, several hit; Jan. 8—A vacation for the gunners. No raid. There was a lull in the Philippine fighting until January 14, when nine bombers appeared over the island and two were shot down.

Another lull lasted almost through January, but on the last day of the month the Japanese suddenly attempted a sea-borne invasion. The Japs staged almost daily raids on the island fortress, repeated with intensity during March and April. Twelve air raids were staged during the first six days of May, which forced the surrender of Corregidor and the other Manila bay forts.

## 101 PLANES DESTROYED AT MALTA IN 72 HOURS

Valletta, Malta, May 11.—Tremendously reinforced British air fighters, together with anti-aircraft batteries, have destroyed or damaged 101 Axis planes over Malta during the last 72 hours, 63 of them in one day, it was announced tonight.

Only a few raiders ventured over in daylight today but after dark they came in force and a mid-evening communique said that 14 enemy planes had been destroyed over the island today. The 101 planes destroyed was up to 5 p. m. Monday.



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