



WAR PRICE AND RATION BOARDS MEET THURSDAY

Discussion of Instructions and Regulations Governing Permanent Gas Ration System, the Purpose; Registration July 9, 10 and 11

A joint meeting of the North Carolina war price and rationing boards is scheduled to be held on June 25, at 8:30 p. m., at the courthouse, at which time there will be a discussion of the instructions and regulations which will govern the registration for, and the operation of the permanent gasoline rationing program. This becomes effective on July 15, and the cards now in use will be supplanted by coupon books, so that there can be an accurate check on the sales of gasoline, as is the case with sugar.

Automobilists will register on July 9, 10 and 11, according to Gordon H. Winkler, local ration board chairman.

Mr. Winkler urgently requests all members of the county rationing board to be present, together with gasoline rationing assistants, the county superintendent, OCD representatives, county school site administrators, a representative of gasoline suppliers, and representatives from the retail gasoline trade.

ROOSEVELT, CHURCHILL MAPPING WAR STRATEGY

London, June 20—One of the main purposes of Prime Minister Churchill's current visit to the United States is believed in some quarters to be enlistment of additional United States help in holding the Middle East against expected German thrusts from Libya toward Egypt and from the Russian Ukraine into the Caucasus.

The extreme gravity of the Libyan-Egyptian situation was viewed today by competent sources as likely to postpone until 1943 any really big United Nations land offensive in Western Europe, although commando raids may be increased.

The hit-and-run raids would meet the clamor for a second European front now—something which the British man-in-the-street hopes will result from Churchill's newest visit to Washington.

A. L. TRIVETTE DIES SUNDAY

Albert L. Trivette died at his home at Bethel in Beaver Dam township, Sunday afternoon after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted from Bethel Baptist church Monday afternoon by Rev. E. J. Farthing, who was assisted by Rev. Mr. Stansberry. Burial was in Bethel cemetery.

Mr. Trivette was 34 years old. He was born May 30, 1908, in the Beech Creek community and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Trivette. He was a member of Zion Hill Baptist church till his death. For the last several years he had resided in the Bethel community, where he worked as a farmer.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Bertha Trivette, and four small children: Hurst, Wilma, Huston and Shirley; his parents of Beech Creek, one brother and six sisters.

Pallbearers were Wiley Perry, Ivan Farthing, Carl Farthing, Dale Norris, Don Shell and Perry Farthing. The floral offering was very beautiful.

MEMORIAL AND HONORARY SERVICE AT MEAT CAMP

The annual memorial service at Meat Camp Baptist church will be held Sunday, August 2. This will be an all-day service with dinner on the grounds, furnished by the ladies of the community.

The afternoon service will be dedicated to the boys who are in the armed forces. The former pastors and their families are especially invited.

The program follows:

Memorial Service
11:00 a. m. (e. w. t.)—Song service by Cook-Harless quartet of West Jefferson.
11:15—Memorial sermon, Rev. J. C. Canipe.
12:00—Closing song by quartet.
12:05—Decorations.
12:30—Dinner.

Honorary Service
1:30 p. m. (e. w. t.)—Song service, Cook-Harless quartet.

2:00—Address, Prof. I. G. Greer.
3:00—Special prayer for boys in the service.
3:10—Closing song.
3:15—Benediction.

WOODROW GREENE, Chm.
CARL BYERS
MRS. WADE CLAWSON,
Program Committee.

Missing in Action



Maj. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker, commander of the Hawaiian air force, who is missing in action. He failed to return from an attack on the Japanese fleet at Midway.

AREA RATIONING MEETING JUNE 29

Four County Gathering to Be Held in North Wilkesboro on Gas Rationing

A four-county meeting for the explanation of the gasoline rationing program is scheduled to be held in North Wilkesboro at the town hall on Monday evening, June 29, 8:00 o'clock.

Counties included in the meeting will be Wilkes, Surry, Ashe and Watauga. C. A. Lunsford, a field representative of the rationing administration, will have charge of the meeting.

Those asked to attend include rationing board members and their clerical staffs, county and city school superintendents, civilian defense council members and all civilian defense workers, representatives of all government agencies, gasoline wholesalers, dealers and retailers and all others who care to learn of the permanent gasoline rationing plan.

Three Watauga Boys Enlist in U. S. Navy

Three Watauga county men enlisted in the U. S. navy Monday when C. C. Smart, chief machinist's mate, U. S. navy, conducted a recruiting office at the local postoffice. They are: Don Franklin Thompson, Sugar Grove; Paul Jones Tester, Sugar Grove; and Bynum Everette Maliba, Valle Crucis.

Mr. Smart announces that a naval recruiting officer will be at the Boone postoffice every three weeks in the future.

Dr. McDonald To Address Retailers

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, former gubernatorial candidate and now a member of the Appalachian College summer school faculty, will speak at the joint meeting of the Boone Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce tonight (Thursday). The banquet is to be held at the Watauga hotel at 7:30.

The retailers will elect a new board of directors following the banquet, while the Chamber of Commerce will likewise engage in a brief business session.

All members of both organizations are urged to be present on this occasion.

REID B. KELLAM NOW CADET IN ARMY CORPS

Maxwell Field, Ala., June 21.—Taking the initial step toward winning his wings as a pilot and a second lieutenant's commission in the army air force, Reid Barnes Kellam, Jr., of Boone, N. C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Reid B. Kellam of Binghamton, N. Y., is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the army air force's pre-flight school (pilot) at Maxwell Field, Alabama, where he will undergo expert military, physical and academic training calculated to fix him for the job of learning to fly fighter planes.

Cadet Kellam is a former student of Binghamton central high school, Binghamton, N. Y., and Syracuse University, and was an insurance engineer when accepted as a cadet in the U. S. army air force May 4, at Fort Jackson, S. C.

When he has completed his course here Cadet Kellam will be sent to one of the many primary flying schools in the southeast for the first phase of his pilot training.

VICTORY DAY FETE IS PLANNED FOR GLORIOUS FOURTH

Civilian Defense Council Acts to Stage Fourth of July Celebration in Line With Governor's Proclamation; Program is Incomplete

The Watauga county council of civilian defense is arranging to hold a victory day celebration here on July 4th, in response to a proclamation by Governor Broughton, urging every county in the state to observe the day in this manner.

Mr. Gordon Nash, Appalachian band director, is co-operating with Wade E. Brown, civilian defense chairman, in making preliminary plans for the celebration, which will be prominently featured by concerts by the Appalachian summer school band. At a gathering, probably on the postoffice lawn, Mr. Brown will outline the program for the sale of war bonds and stamps, a booth for this purpose will be set up, and the drum majorettes of Appalachian band will sell stamps.

Details of an attractive program are being worked out and will be released next week.

Community Cannery To Open Tuesday

The community cannery at Vilas, sponsored by the Cove Creek high school department of agriculture, will be opened Tuesday, July 3, for canning. In the beginning it will only be open on Tuesday of each week until the canning season is more advanced.

Improvements are being made and additional equipment installed. This will make canning quicker and more easily done. The biggest improvement will be a new water system.

Mrs. Hattie Lewis will supervise the canning. Edward Stokes, a student in agriculture of the Cove Creek high school, will assist her in the work.

Tin cans are available this year. So far the government has no restrictions on tin cans for home canning.

Now is the time to can your peas and greens. Both of these vegetables, like all other vegetables, should be processed under 10 pounds of pressure.

Anyone living in Watauga county is privileged to make use of the cannery.

Watauga Girls Get Signal Corps Positions

Five Watauga county girls have received appointment in the U. S. army signal corps as a result of work experience gained on war training radio projects operated by the NYA.

The girls, who entered their new positions in the signal corps' general development laboratories at Fort Monmouth, N. J., are: Vivian Ora Miller, Laxon; Annie Moretz and Flora Mae Wood, Boone; Myrtle Sheffield, Sherwood; and Claudia Ward, Sugar Grove.

STICKERS CURB GAS CHISELING

Washington, June 21.—To nip any chiseling under the permanent eastern gasoline rationing system starting July 15, every automobile will have to carry a colored sticker showing the type of rationing book held by its driver, the office of price administration announced today.

Those holding the basic A cards will receive, at the time the cards are issued, a black sticker with a large "A" printed on it in white and the words "gasoline ration" below. "B" stickers will be green, "C" stickers red and "S" stickers for commercial vehicles, brown.

Joel Dean, chief of OPA's fuel rationing branch, said he expected the sticker system to "prove an effective deterrent against any person obtaining and using gasoline ration books to which he is not entitled, inasmuch as he will come under constant public scrutiny."

Numerous letters have been received urging OPA to provide some means of public notice of the type of ration book issued to each car, Dean said.

Another disclosure today was that a retail price increase on gasoline in the eastern shortage area is under study by the OPA and that a decision will be announced soon.

Declining to confirm reports that the increase might be three cents a gallon, one high official said the amount had not yet been decided upon.

Fun Aboard a U. S. Aircraft Carrier



Although rations are never short aboard American warships, the best fed and best paid sailors in the world still can joke about some of the minor inconveniences of war. On the flight deck of a U. S. aircraft carrier, the last T-bone steak is passed in review as the ship's band parades the juicy morsel past a steak-hungry crew. Note the steak's honor guard. Two enlisted seamen won the honor of scoffing this "last T-bone in captivity."

JOHN LENTZ DIES OF LONG ILLNESS

Blowing Rock Merchant and Farmer Succumbs; Funeral Services Saturday

John Albert Lentz, pioneer citizen and business man of Blowing Rock, died at Watauga hospital last Friday after a period of failing health covering several years, during which time he had suffered a number of strokes of paralysis. He was 82 years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Rumble Memorial church Saturday afternoon. Officiating at the services were Rev. Walter K. Keys and Rev. W. M. Gerald. Interment was in the Reformed church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Thomas Coffey, Jr., Wade E. Brown, Paul Coffey, Allen Gragg, Frank Ienhour, Shuford Edmisten, Howard Coffey and Sam Austin.

Surviving in the immediate family, are the widow, Mrs. Bethesda Lentz, and five sons, Eugene, Ross, Thomas, William and Johnny Brooks Lentz of Blowing Rock. There are two sisters, Mrs. Ira Bolick and Mrs. Claud Shore of Blowing Rock, two brothers, Calvin Lentz and William Lentz. Eleven grandchildren survive.

Mr. Lentz was born in Rowan county on September 12, 1879. When he was two years of age his parents moved to Watauga county where he has since resided. For more than 30 years he had been engaged in the mercantile business on the outskirts of Blowing Rock, and was active as a farmer and stock raiser. He was widely known and had large numbers of friends in this area.

J. S. Reed Dies at Shulls Mills Home

Mr. J. S. Reed, aged 88 years, resident of the Shulls Mills section, died at the home on June 14, after an illness with paralysis.

Funeral services were conducted on the 16th from the late residence by Rev. Robert Shore, Rev. E. S. Gragg and Rev. Frank Wilcox, and interment was in a neighborhood cemetery.

Mr. Reed was a member of the Baptist church and had served on the board of deacons for a number of years. He was a splendid citizen. Surviving is one son, J. B. Reed, of Shulls Mills.

Sister of Rev. Mr. Gragg Dies Tuesday

Mrs. Rebecca Crisp, aged 83 years, only sister of Rev. S. E. Gragg of Shulls Mills, died at the home in Collettsville Tuesday from a long illness. Mrs. Crisp had suffered a broken leg in a fall some time ago, and this injury, coupled with the natural infirmities of old age, brought about her demise.

Funeral services are to be conducted Thursday morning at 11:00 o'clock from the Berea Advent Christian church in Collettsville, and interment will be in the family cemetery nearby. Rev. W. L. Trivette of Boone, and Rev. R. L. Isbell of Lenoir, will conduct the obsequies.

Surviving in the immediate family is one daughter, Mrs. Cora Moore of Collettsville.

STORES TO REMAIN OPEN ON FOURTH

Observance of Independence Day to Be on Monday, July 6, it is Indicated

The stores of the city are expected to remain open on Saturday, July 4th, it was indicated early in the week, thus giving the general public the convenience of end-of-week trading as usual, but the retailers and their employees will celebrate Independence Day by remaining closed on Monday, July 6.

Drug stores and cafes are expected to observe their usual hours, it is stated, while W. D. Farthing, cashier of the Northwestern Bank, states that the Fourth will be observed on Saturday at the bank. Mr. Farthing states that this is necessary due to the fact that depositors' statements must be prepared during the week, and the provisions of the wage law. It is regretted that these conditions make it impossible for the bank to observe the holiday in line with the other business places, says Mr. Farthing, who asks that business men and others needing change or having other business at the bank on Saturday, take care of the transactions on Friday instead.

JUNIOR HORSE AND PET SHOW BE HELD AT BLOWING ROCK ON JULY FOURTH

A junior horse and pet show will be held at the horse show grounds in Blowing Rock on the afternoon of July 4th. This is an innovation in entertainment at this popular resort town. Through a misprint, there has been listed in some publications for the Fourth an America First celebration in Blowing Rock. The only interpretation that can be given this program is that it will be the first time the Americans at Blowing Rock and in this section have had such a show given for them on the Fourth of July.

The show will be under the direction of Mr. Lloyd Tate, well-known horseman of the Carolinas. There will be no charges for entry either at the gate or in the classes shown. Jumping, horsemanship, hunters and all kinds of pets will be a part of the afternoon's entertainment.

Enlistees To Get \$50 Minimum Pay

The United States is now paying men serving in the army, navy and marines a minimum of \$50 per month, and those with dependents get additional money for their support.

This makes the American fighting men the best paid in the entire world.

The bill recently signed by the President provides increases for all grades of enlisted men and would boost the pay of lieutenants and navy ensigns from \$1,500 to \$1,800.

Wives of enlistees getting less than \$78 a month, will receive \$50 monthly. Of this amount, \$22 will be taken out of the enlistee's pay and \$28 will be contributed by the government. In addition, the government will contribute \$12 monthly to the support of the first child and \$10 monthly for each additional child.

18 TO 20 YEAR OLD BOYS TO REGISTER FOR ARMY SERVICE

Fifth Registration of Selective Service Act on June 30; Lads May Register at Various Schoolhouses Throughout the Day

Men between the ages of 18 and 20 years are to register on June 30th for military duty under the terms of the selective service act, and by proclamation of the President of the United States, and the local selective service board is getting ready for the fifth registration of men for the armed forces.

Specifically every male citizen must register who was born on or after January 1, 1922, and on or before June 30, 1924. As formerly, the hours of registration will be from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. Registrations will be held at the selective service board office in Boone and at the following places:

- Bethel school building.
- Blowing Rock school building.
- Cove Creek school building.
- Deep Gap school building.
- Elk school building (Upper).
- Foscoe school building.
- Green Valley school building.
- Mabel school building.
- Pottertown school building.
- Rominger school building.
- Valle Crucis school building.

Lee Stout Heads Petroleum Scrap Rubber Committee

Lee Stout has been named chairman of the Watauga petroleum scrap rubber committee. This drive began June 15, and runs for a period of two weeks, according to announcement made by T. A. Aldridge, chairman for the state of North Carolina.

Every gasoline station on the east coast is now a collection center. The co-operation of every citizen in the state is earnestly solicited in making this drive a big success.

Mr. Stout will work in co-operation with Mr. Harry M. Hamilton, chairman of the Watauga county salvage committee operating under the direction of Mr. N. E. Edgerton, chairman, and Mr. J. B. Vogler, executive secretary of the state salvage committee in Raleigh.

The scrap rubber drive will end June 30.

People throughout the county are bringing the rubber to the filling stations in large quantities; it is stated. One of the largest collections to be reported is that of Letcher Teague at the Main Street Gulf Station, who has gathered about three and a half tons. A complete report next week will give the number of pounds collected at each service station, as nearly as the information can be secured.

Lulu Belle Explains Music Of Mountains

Chicago.—"People often ask me where hillbilly singers come from," says Lulu Belle, recently named queen of hillbilly singers by the Chamber of Commerce, Boone, N. C. "Well, I know where one of them came from and why she still likes mountain music. That's me. I was born in the 'Land of the Sky' and practically reared on plunkin' guitars and banjos and typical American folk songs."

"My first 'singin' song' was 'Little Black Mustache' which told about a dashing young feller of the gay 90's, with his gold watch chain and his waxed mustache. My mother sang it and a lot of other ballads to me all during my childhood and I've never forgot them."

Once Lulu Belle thought she would like to try "straight" music, but her fans set her right and now she sticks largely to mountain tunes on the "National Barn Dance" or in such pictures as "Hi, Neighbor," which she and Skyland Scotty are making for Republic pictures.

Lots of people don't understand what mountain music is, says Lulu Belle, but it's really very simple. They're just learned in the mountains that poetry and not prose is the natural expression for a story. In the hills they take a practical joke, a train wreck, a murder, anything that catches popular fancy, and that folks like to talk about, and rhyme it to simple music.

Lulu Belle and Skyland Scotty Wiseman, her husband, now have over 300 unpublished ballads in their repertoire which they sing to the accompaniment of Scotty's guitar. Leaving California, Lulu Belle and Scotty are now back on the "Barn Dance" program.