



War Bond Goal For County More Than Doubled With Sales Reaching \$251,000

E Bond Quota Passed by More Than \$12,000, as Sales of Bonds Continue; Chairman Receives Congratulations From Area Manager

Watauga County has doubled her Fourth War Loan quota with \$7,000 to spare, bringing the total sales of all types of bonds to \$251,770.25, says W. D. Farthing, chairman of the War Savings Staff for this county. Of this amount, which has actually cleared the Federal Reserve Bank, \$114,581.25 are of E series securities, and \$5,000 additional of these securities have already been sold.

It is to be remembered that Watauga's overall quota was only \$122,000, of which amount \$102,000 were to have been in E series bonds, sold to individuals.

Mr. Farthing takes occasion to express appreciation to all the people of the county in making this remarkable record possible. He is in receipt of a letter from Mr. W. H. Neal, area manager for the War Savings Staff of the Treasury Department, which says:

"Congratulations on the splendid record your county has made during the Fourth War Loan drive. You have not only gone over the top, but I know your workers are continuing to sell bonds throughout the county.

"As the tempo of the war increases in both the Atlantic and the Pacific, we shall need every dollar that our citizens can possibly put into war bonds, and I know your efforts will not be relaxed while there is still a chance to sell an additional bond.

"Again many thanks for your splendid co-operation, which all of us in the state organization greatly appreciate."

Mr. Farthing states he is sure that sales through Friday will be cleared and credited against our quota, and hopes that Saturday's sales will also make clearance.

Partial Report of Bond Sales in Schools

Bond sales in the schools January 24 to February 18, are as follows for those schools reporting to Superintendent S. F. Horton:	
Stony Fork	\$ 219.20
Green Valley	137.50
Mabel	16,150.00
Bethel	635.45
Appalachian High	12,675.80
	\$29,787.95

State Exceeds Its Bond Quota

Winston-Salem, Feb. 21—Total sales in North Carolina's Fourth War Loan drive today moved to \$185,500,000—126 per cent of the quota—State War Finance Chairman Clarence T. Leinbach announced tonight.

Individual purchases were reported at \$54,800,000, or 92 per cent of the goal of \$70,000,000, and leaders of the campaign expressed hope that the state would go over the top this week.

Series E bond sales, included in over-all figures on individual buying, now total \$26,000,000 or 82 per cent of the quota of \$44,000,000.

FIVE LAMBS

Mr. B. H. Phillips, of Route 2, tells The Democrat that the unusual happened on his farm recently when a ewe gave birth to five lambs. Three of the lambs are living and doing well.

To the People of this Community YOU ARE IMPORTANT

There is no such thing as a "little" investment in the Fourth War Loan.

Your \$25 or \$50 or \$100 Extra War Bond may not have great importance in your mind in making up a \$1 billion dollar total for individuals.

But multiply yourself by 130,000,000 and then you see in real perspective how truly great each citizen becomes in making national strength against the Nazis and the Japs.

Capt. Maurice Witherspoon, Navy chaplain aboard the Carrier Wasp when she sank, tells of a rescued wounded sailor, who, as he regained consciousness, asked: "Did I do my best?"

That's the only question you, too, have to ask yourself when you decide the extent of your personal participation in the Fourth War Loan.

There undoubtedly will be large single purchases of War Bonds in this community, but yours—if it is "your best"—will deserve equally the red, white and blue shield you are privileged to display in the window of your home.

"Let's Keep Backing the Attack."

THE EDITOR.

KNOX SAYS 92 JAP SHIPS SUNK

Navy Secretary Says There Is Nothing to Justify Belief of Early End of War

Washington, Feb. 22—Secretary of the Navy Knox reported today the destruction of 92 Japanese vessels in the last three weeks, but warned "there is nothing to justify any estimates of an early end of the war in the Pacific."

"Nothing is gained by foolish optimism in a war of this kind," he said at a news conference.

The navy secretary said he had observed "a tendency in comment on the Truk attack to go wild in optimism."

But he continued, "we haven't yet tested the strength of the Japanese. We are operating only in the intermediate defenses; we haven't yet entered the inner defenses of the empire."

With Undersecretary James V. Forrestal, charged with production problems, at his side, Knox said undue optimism results in a production decline and declared that manufacturing must be maintained at peak capacity.

In the three weeks during which American submarines, airplanes and surface craft destroyed 90 Jap vessels, he said our losses were two submarines. The enemy ships sunk, he said, included two light cruisers, four destroyers, one seaplane tender and seven other combat vessels.

The other Japanese ship losses were seven fleet tankers, three transports, 53 cargo ships and 15 miscellaneous vessels.

AAF Strikes Major Blow at Germans

London, Feb. 22—Major aircraft factories at four cities deep inside Germany were blasted today in co-ordinated assaults by American heavy bombers from Britain and Italy.

This first and effective demonstration of the double-barreled assault system towards which the U. S. strategic air forces in Europe have been working called out some of the bitterest German fighter opposition of the war. Some of the bombers from Britain fought for four hours against rocket-firing Nazi planes manned by highly skilled varsity pilots. As many as 200 German planes swarmed up at some places to challenge raiders.

Bernburg, Aschersleben and Halberstadt were the points slammed by the bombers from Britain, while those from Italy struck two vital Messerschmitt fighter plants at Regensburg.

On the Russian front, soviet armies capture the iron center of Krivoi Rog, and Premier Stalin announces that the Germans have been driven back from three-fourths of occupied Russia within 12 months.

World Day of Prayer To Be Observed Here

The annual World Day of Prayer will be observed on Friday night of this week at the Methodist Church at 7:30.

This interdenominational movement is carried on by the United Council of Church Women. From the beginning, it caught the imagination of a war-torn world, growing in observance from 2,000 in 1938 to 10,000 in 1943. Representatives of all the churches in Boone will take leading parts in the hour's service on Friday night.

It is hoped that all citizens will make Friday a special occasion of prayer. To this end, plans have been made to blow the fire siren on the turn of the hour throughout the day, from 9 o'clock in the morning to 4 in the afternoon, to invite each one to engage in silent prayer.

An offering will be taken and the proceeds sent to the office of the United Council of Church Women to be divided among the four objectives of Christian Literature, Union Christian Colleges, Migrants and Sharecroppers, and Indian students in United States government schools.

Dr. Wright Honored by Masonic Grand Lodge

Dr. J. T. C. Wright, of Boone, District Grand Master of Masons, has been tendered an invitation by Z. V. Snipes, Grand Lecturer, to assume full responsibility for the conferring of the second degree before the Grand Lodge on April 18.

This comes as a decided honor to Dr. Wright, and as a result of his many years of untiring service to the Masonic fraternity.

PLANT BEDS

Tobacco plant beds offer wonderful opportunities for growing extra supplies of vegetables this summer, according to J. Y. Lassiter, extension horticulturist at State College.

He's Coming Back



Lieut. Gen. Joseph Stilwell said it was "humiliating as hell" to be driven out of Burma by the Japs, but he promised he'd come back. He is pictured as he walked toward a jungle fighting line.

DISTRICT JUNIOR MEETING SLATED

Spring Gathering for District 3 to Be Held in Boone; State Officials to Be Present

The spring district meeting of the Junior Order United American Mechanics for District No. 3, will be held with Daniel Boone Council No. 129, at Boone on Monday, April 3, at 7:30 p. m.

The local council made plans for entertaining the meeting at a regular meeting held Monday night, Feb. 20. Bynum Greene, Wm. Cook and B. K. Osborne will have charge of these plans.

It is expected that both State Councilor Clyde Shreve, of Stokesdale, and State Secretary Forrest G. Sherman, of Scotland Neck, will be present and participate in the program.

The Third District is composed of Mitchell, Yancey, Avery and Watauga counties.

Legion Carnival To Open On Next Friday

The American Legion carnival, held indoors this year at the Mountain Burley Warehouses, will start on Feb. 25, and will continue through March 4, it is announced by Ralph G. Greer, commander of the Watauga Legion Post.

A well-known carnival company has been secured for this year's entertainment, and eight big days and nights of fun and entertainment are to be provided. The Original Texas Ramblers will feature the bill, and there will be music, dancing, singing and comedy, also a big square dance for all has been arranged for Wednesday night, March 1.

There will be circus acts, girls galore and fun booths of all kinds, and the Legionnaires feel fortunate in being able to present the carnival at this time.

WARD CEMETERY

All those who are interested in the upkeep of the Ward graveyard on Brushy Fork are asked to make their contributions toward this work to Mrs. Ralph Wilson.

Buy War Bonds

Red Cross Month, 1944

By the President of the United States of America A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the war has entered a decisive stage requiring the fullest measure of individual sacrifice;

Whereas, the American National Red Cross is an auxiliary to the United States armed forces and, as such, is providing indispensable service to our troops throughout the world as well as to their families at home;

Whereas, these wartime activities, including the collection of lifesaving blood for the wounded, recreation work in military hospitals, provision of aid to families of servicemen, shipment of food parcels to prisoners of war, production of surgical dressings, operation of overseas clubs and recreation centers, and recruitment of army and navy nurses, all combine to save countless lives, restore hope, and provide comfort for our fighting men;

Whereas, through its vast network of local chapters, this agency of our people simultaneously conducts an extensive program of training and community service, while continuing with traditional efficiency to lessen the distress of those overwhelmed by disaster; and

Whereas this agency is wholly dependent upon individual support and personal participation and is issuing its 1944 appeal to the entire citizenship for a minimum War Fund of \$200,000,000;

Now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America and President of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate the month beginning March 1, 1944, as "Red Cross Month," and earnestly beseech my fellow Americans to observe it by opening their hearts to this humanitarian appeal in order that we may keep the Red Cross at the side of our fighting men and their dependents in their hour of greatest need.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-eighth.

By the President:
CORDELL HULL
Secretary of State.

ROOSEVELT VETOES NEW TAX MEASURE

Says Bill Not for Needy But for Greedy; Doughton Against Veto Message

Washington, Feb. 22—President Roosevelt tossed the \$2,315,000,000 tax bill back to congress today with a veto message in which he described it as "wholly ineffective" and a relief measure "not for the needy but for the greedy."

In a message to the house, already rumbling with talk of overriding the veto, Mr. Roosevelt said the legislation was "replete with provisions which not only afford indefensible special privileges to favored groups but sets dangerous precedents for the future."

He said this tendency in itself was sufficiently dangerous to counter the loss of "a very inadequate sum" in additional revenue. He calculated that the bill would enrich the treasury by less than \$1,000,000,000 net a year.

Doughton Denounces Veto

Chairman Doughton, of the tax-framing house ways and means committee, and Chairman George of the senate finance committee, led Democratic denunciation of the veto.

"I couldn't maintain my self-respect if I didn't vote to override the veto," said the 80-year-old Doughton. "I'm agin' the veto message."

Republicans "Inflationary"

Representative Madden, Indiana Democrat, upholding Mr. Roosevelt, declared the Republicans were "inflationary" and that they overlooked the fact that the President "has a constitutional duty of approving or vetoing bills passed."

The President, recognizing widespread complaints over the complexity of income tax forms, took occasion to lay the blame on congress.

He said it was squarely the fault of the legislators in using language in drafting tax legislation "which not even a dictionary or a thesaurus can make clear."

No Mood For Mathematics

The Chief Executive said he hoped congress would act as quickly as possible to simplify tax laws which in turn would make possible simplification of forms and computation. Taxpayers engaged in an effort to win the nation's greatest war, he declared, "are not in a mood to study higher mathematics."

Old-timers about the capitol searched back in memory but could not recall a precedent for the President vetoing a revenue bill. Nor could they remember the minority party taking over responsibility for a tax measure, as would be the case if the Republicans finally go down the line to override the President.

If Mr. Roosevelt is sustained, all tax authorities seem agreed, there will be no new revenue legislation in 1944.

Miss Byers Head Night Nurse at Bristol Hospital

Miss Opal Byers, native of Boone, and a graduate of the Davis hospital, Statesville, has assumed the duties of night superintendent at King's Mountain Memorial hospital, Bristol, Tenn.

The new night superintendent succeeds Mrs. Nora Lee Snead, who resigned the latter part of last year.

Miss Byers formerly was assistant superintendent of nurses at Norburn hospital, Asheville.

Native Indians taught the white man to catch oysters with a forke stick.

Final Plans Made For Red Cross War Fund Campaign At Dinner Tuesday Night

Paul Welch, Deep Gap, Is Missing

Sgt. Paul Welch, son of Mrs. Walter Welch and the late Mr. Welch of Deep Gap, is missing in action in the European war sector, relatives were advised by the War Department last week.

Sgt. Welch, who was a tail gunner of a Flying Fortress, presumably failed to return from a bombing mission in Europe. He had been in overseas service for the past 60 days.

1944 Fishing Licenses Arrive; Trout Season Will Open April 15

Licenses for the 1944 fishing season will be on sale at the usual places in the county, states Warden Walter Edmisten. He also states that the stocking list for this county is considerably larger than in previous years, and all will be legal size trout.

The department of conservation and development is putting forth every effort to furnish the anglers with good fishing during these trying times, when a few hours on the streams and with nature, can rest a tired body and troubled mind.

Warden Edmisten asks that all stand by the department and help it carry on while the going is hard; then when peace comes they may branch out and go forward with their work.

Recent Deaths.

MRS. NOLIA ANDERSON

Mrs. Nolia Anderson, 65 years old, a resident of the Laurel Fork section, died on February 16. Funeral services were conducted from the Brushy Fork Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon by Rev. R. C. Eggers, and interment was in the Hine cemetery near Boone.

Mrs. Anderson was the daughter of the late Marion and Mollie Hodges. She professed faith in Christ and united with the Brushy Fork Baptist Church Nov. 12, 1892, later moving her membership to the Poplar Grove church, where she remained a faithful member. She was married to W. R. Anderson December 25, 1907. The husband and two sons and one daughter survive: Bynum Anderson, Vilas; Carl Anderson, U. S. Army; Mrs. Howard Harmon, Sugar Grove. There are four brothers and three sisters: H. A. Hodges, L. F. Hodges and B. A. Hodges, Vilas; C. C. Hodges, Shulls Mills; Mrs. A. C. Toague, Lenoir; Mrs. R. L. Barlow, Lenoir, and Mrs. Chas. McGinnis, Vilas.

JUANITA MILLER

Juanita Miller, aged 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Miller, formerly of Boone, now of Canton, O., died recently of pneumonia, following measles. In addition to the parents, Juanita is survived by a sister, Geneva, and a brother, Roy. Funeral services were conducted at the home in Beech Flats, with burial in the cemetery there. The Rev. Lyle Pepper officiated.

THOMAS J. NORRIS

Thomas Jefferson Norris was born May 12, 1867, and died Feb. 13, 1944, aged 76 years, 9 months and 1 day. At the age of 24, he professed faith in Christ and united with Southerland's Chapel Methodist Church. Later he moved his membership to Hopewell Methodist Church, where he remained a faithful member until death.

He was married to Victoria Norris May 18, 1890, and to this union were born ten children, all of whom survive, also the widow, two sisters, 27 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. The children are: Lawrence, Bynum and George, of Boone; Clifford, of Matooka, W. Va.; Clint, of Widemouth, W. Va.; Carl, of Loevonda, Pa.; Mrs. Herman McNeil, Mansfield, Pa.; Mrs. Goldie Hylton, of Radford, Va.; Mrs. Julia Eggers, of Zionville, and Mack Norris, of Carolina Beach, N. C.

Mr. Norris was an honest, humble Christian gentleman. His life was one of trial and hardship, yet he always had a smile for his friends. He had been ill for about two years.

War Fund Workers Are Guests of Canteen Club; Workers Given Instructions for Start of Campaign on March 1; Quota for County is \$6,000

Officials of the Watauga Chapter, American Red Cross and War Fund workers were guests Tuesday evening at a supper sponsored by the ARC Canteen Club, at Red Cross headquarters, at which time detailed plans were made for the opening of the annual war fund drive on March 1.

The quota for the county has been set at \$6,000. Mr. Clyde R. Greene is chairman of the special campaign, the remainder of the committee being G. K. Moore, Harry Hamilton, and Mrs. H. C. Hayes, of Blowing Rock.

Mr. Hamilton, who is in charge of the campaign in the rural areas, has divided the county into 18 divisions and a number of these men were present and received their instructions.

Information received by the local chapter is that the national quota can easily be reached if each family gives \$7 to the drive. The campaign will continue through the month of March, but it is stated that special gifts will be received in advance of the opening date. For the convenience of the public, the following business houses will receive contributions: Northwestern Bank, Boone Drug Co., County Agent's office, County Demonstration office, and the Watauga Democrat.

Among those present at the dinner were: W. W. Mast, Valle Crucis; Mrs. S. C. Greene, Blowing Rock; Mrs. J. E. Holshouser, Mrs. M. R. Maddux, Mrs. L. A. Henson, Vilas; Sanford Creed, Reese; D. C. Coffey, G. K. Moore, Cratis Williams, Mrs. Maude Ingle, Mrs. R. W. Watkins, Miss Elizabeth Bridge, Mrs. Chas. Farthing, Mrs. E. Qualls, Mrs. W. G. Hartzog, Mrs. Vera Tunnell, Mrs. Russell Hodges, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, E. F. Farthing, H. M. Hamilton, Wade E. Brown, S. F. Horton, Mrs. J. C. Canipe, Mrs. Herman Wiley, Mrs. D. J. White, Mrs. F. E. Warman, Mrs. T. Len Coofe, Dale Vannoy, Alfred Adams, Clyde R. Greene, Miss Cora Jeffcoat, Mrs. Mae Miller, Miss Elizabeth Lord.

Fliers Meet Little Opposition at Rabaul

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, Feb. 23—Flashing over Rabaul's airdromes and harbor, which contained the lowest number of planes and ships ever reported in that New Britain stronghold, American bombers from Solomon Island airfields smashed the recently-repaired Lakunai airdrome, one of four in the area, with 52 tons of bombs Sunday, starting five large fires.

Anti-aircraft fire knocked down one of the raiding planes.

A headquarters spokesman said today that reconnaissance disclosed that Rabaul's "air complement was unusually low and less than 100 planes were counted."

He said that ships in the harbor, pounded last Friday by American destroyers in the first sea raid on the enemy's South Pacific bastion, also were "unusually low in number." He offered no explanation for the sharp decline in Japanese activity there.

Ration Calendar For Week of February 21

PROCESSED FOODS:

Green K, L and M (Book 4) expire March 20. Blue A-8 through E-8 (Book 4) become valid Feb. 27, at 10 points each, for use with tokens; expire May 20.

MEATS AND FATS:

Brown V and X (Book 3) expire Feb. 26. Brown Y and Z (Book 3) expire March 20. Red A-8, B-8, C-8 (Book 4) valid Feb. 27, at 10 points each, for use with tokens; expire May 20.

PORK:

Spare stamp No. 3 (Book 4) good for 5 points of all pork cuts, cured or fresh; all sausage and canned meat if 100 per cent pork. Feb. 18 through 26 only.

SUGAR:

Sugar stamp No. 30 (Book 4) good for five pounds until March 31.

CANNING SUGAR:

Regular stamp No. 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar until February 28, 1945.

SHOES:

Stamp No. 18 (Book 1) and Airplane Stamp No. 1 (Book 4) valid indefinitely.

FUEL OIL:

Period 4 and 5 coupons (10 gallons) expire September 30.

GASOLINE:

A-9 coupons now valid; expire May 8.

Rationing rules now require that every car owner immediately write his license number and state on all gasoline coupons in his possession.