

## LOCAL BOND QUOTA IS TREBLED; SALE OF BONDS STILL LAGS

More Than Five Thousand Dollars in Bonds Sold at Moving Picture Premiere; Chairman Renews Appeal for Purchase of E Securities

Federal Reserve Bank clearances as of last Friday indicated that in the Sixth War Loan, the overall sales of bonds in Watauga county has reached the sum of \$373,624.25, or more than three times the quota of \$117,000.

However, Mr. Clyde R. Greene, chairman of the campaign here, states that the sale of E bonds is still far behind the quota, although the overall sum has been largely exceeded. Individual purchases of bonds should have reached the quota of \$44,000 in the county, while actually the sales of the E securities as of the eighth, were only \$25,106.25. Mr. Greene, however, believes that actual sales as of Wednesday morning of E bonds might be in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

Mr. Greene renews his plea to the people of the county to purchase E bonds in order that the county may do its part in every phase of the war financing effort. He thinks it would be the part of patriotism and of wisdom to give bonds as gifts, and thus solve many of the perplexing holiday problems, while aiding in the war effort at the same time.

**Bond Premiere a Success**  
The bond premiere of "The Conspirators," filmed at the Appalachian Theatre Thursday evening, was not largely attended, due to the very rough weather; however, the sum of \$5,200 in bonds were disposed of.

The merchants of the city had donated a number of prizes to be given at the show, and Harry Hamilton was the auctioneer, and bids were received in terms of bond purchases. The A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Miss Virginia Wray of Appalachian College music department, rendered a number of patriotic songs, while Chairman Clyde R. Greene delivered some brief remarks, to the absence of Dr. Abrams, who had been scheduled to speak.

**School Contest Ends**  
Mr. Greene calls the attention of the school children to the fact that the contest in the schools will end on the 18th, and children competing for the prizes should make every effort to get their sales closed by that time.

## James Cornell Dies Suddenly On Saturday

James Monroe Cornell died suddenly at his home on Rich Mountain December 9. Funeral services were conducted from the Rich Mountain Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. E. C. Hodges, Rev. Raymond Hendrix and Rev. B. B. Culler conducted the rites. Interment was in the church cemetery. Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home being in charge of the arrangements.

Surviving are the widow and five children: Mrs. Zora Edmiston of Florida; Oscar Cornell of Malta, Mont.; Mrs. Allie Francis of Derwood, Minn.; M. H. Cornell and Mrs. Hazel Tester of Zionville.

Mr. Cornell was born March 19, 1870. He joined the Howards Creek Baptist Church in 1885, later moved his membership to Rich Mountain Baptist Church, where he remained a faithful member until his death.

## YARKS SMASH JAP CONVOY OFF LEYTE

Leyte, Philippines, Dec. 13—American warplanes and light naval forces, blasting an 11-ship Japanese reinforcement convoy off northwestern Leyte Monday and Tuesday, sank or severely damaged 10 ships, including four destroyers, and shot down 50 planes, it was announced today.

The Japs probably suffered heavy troop losses in the latest unsuccessful attempt to reinforce their battered army of 20,000 to 25,000 men penned into the 600-square mile northwestern bulge of Leyte, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced.

## RATION GUIDE

**Meats, Fats**  
Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through S5, good indefinitely. No new stamps until Dec. 31.

**Processed Foods**  
Blue stamps A8 through Z8; A5 through Z5; A2 and B2 remain valid indefinitely. No new blue stamps will be validated until the first of next month.

**Sugar**  
Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 each good for five pounds indefinitely.

**Gasoline**  
A-13 coupons in new ration book good for four gallons through Dec. 23.

**Fuel Oil**  
Period 4 and 5 coupons remain valid through the heating year. Period 1 coupons remain valid also through the heating year.

**Shoes**  
Airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 in Book 3, good indefinitely.

## In Pacific War



JIM RIVERS

## Jim Rivers Has Been In Major Sea Fights In Pacific Campaign

Jim Rivers, former co-publisher of The Democrat, and brother of Rob Rivers, who was recently commissioned chief warrant boatswain, has spent the past year on board a navy ship with one of the Pacific fleet units. He took part in the invasion of Kwajalein and Eniwetok atolls in the Marshall Islands last winter; was on hand for the Saipan and Guam campaigns in the Marianas, and was with the fleet that paved the way for the invasion of Leyte in the Philippines a few weeks ago. He is still in that area. Jim, who is past selective service age, and who stated that "although it sounded old-fashioned," his enlistment came from patriotic impulses, held a position with the Treasury Department, and was granted leave for his period of service. Mrs. Rivers, during her husband's absence, resides in Washington, where for a number of years she has held a position at the White House.

## EMPTY STOCKING FUND IS STARTED

Only Two Contributors So Far to Add to Receipts of Toy Matinee

So far contributions for the Empty Stocking Fund, to be used to provide confections, etc., for the party for underprivileged children at Appalachian Theatre Sunday before Christmas, have been few and far between. The publisher of The Democrat wishes to insist that all those interested in aiding destitute children in having a merry Christmas leave their contributions at the newspaper office at once, for the money will be urgently needed.

The toy matinee last Friday was largely attended, and many toys were gathered which will be given away at the Christmas party.

## Directors of Watauga Industries in Meeting

The annual meeting of the board of directors of Watauga Industries was held on Monday, Dec. 4.

Miss Cora Pearl Jaffeoaat presided at the meeting, while Rev. E. F. Troutman offered the opening prayer. Steady growth of the organization was reported, and it was revealed that the income for the year was \$9,124, of which \$4,065 has been returned to the Boone handworkers.

It was decided to add to the facilities of the crafts house by enclosing a portion of the porch. Christmas bonuses were voted for good work to Miss Ruth Carlton, assistant, and to Miss Elizabeth Lord, director and teacher.

Those present were: Miss Cora Pearl Jaffeoaat, Rev. E. F. Troutman, Miss Ruth Carlton and Miss Elizabeth Lord.

## Pig Owners Expected To Keep Pigs They Now Have in City

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, in further explanation of last week's action of the town council in banning pig stys from certain sections of the town, states that it is to be understood that those now having hogs are to keep them, but are to remove or slaughter the swine by warm weather next spring. No citizen is to secure other swine to be kept in violation of the city ordinance, he says.

Mayor Winkler says the town board reinstated the ordinance against hogs on the insistence of the district health department, which demands that there be no further relaxation of the requirement. The co-operation of the people is sought by the city officials.

## PEAK OF HOLIDAY BUYING EXPECTED TO ARRIVE SOON

Large Displays of Gift Merchandise Available to Residents of Region; City Joins With Merchants in Extending Shoppers Invitation

The peak of the pre-Christmas holiday shopping is expected to be reached by the first of the week, and early buyers have been pleasantly surprised that, in spite of war conditions, satisfactory displays of gift merchandise are in evidence in the stores and shops of the city.

The business men have made every effort to assemble just as much Christmas merchandise as possible, and while the demands of the military have restricted manufacture for civilians down to a minimum, gift lists may be filled in Boone in an altogether satisfactory manner.

The Democrat today carries a large volume of Christmas advertising and readers will find the edition an invaluable Christmas shopping guide. It is possible to make out an accurate gift list by reading these ads, without going from one's own comfortable fireside.

The town of Boone joins with other business institutions today in cordial welcome to the burley farmers, and the Christmas shoppers generally, and everyone insists that shopping should be done as quickly as possible, in order to get the best selections and to aid the overworked salespeople during the rush of the holiday shopping period.

## E Bond Purchases Hit \$1,408,000,000

Washington, Dec. 12—Gradually improving series E bond sales in the Sixth War Loan reached \$1,408,000,000 today.

R. W. Coyne, field director of the treasury's war finance division, told reporters, "I feel very good over the prospect of making the \$2,500,000,000 E bond quota."

He said there is no section now that doesn't think it will reach its goal in E bonds, which are the government securities held by more Americans than all other types of securities combined.

The war bond drive ends Saturday but the E bond total will continue to rise throughout December as payroll deductions pour in. Final totals for the sixth war loan will be announced Jan. 2.

Sales of all types of securities were announced at \$15,496,000,000. The grand quota of 14 billion dollars was passed last week.

## Chamber of Commerce To Meet on Thursday

An important dinner meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is to be held at the Gateway Cafe Thursday evening at 7:30, states H. W. Wilcox, president of the organization.

It is stated that a special guest from the state of Iowa, whose name is withheld, will speak at the meeting.

Mr. Wilcox insists that all directors and officers be present. The directors will meet following adjournment of the regular meeting.

An insight into the functioning of the burley tobacco market will be a feature of the meeting.

## NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS

Due to the blizzard and the stoppage of mail service it is quite likely that numerous articles from the rural areas to have been published today, have never left the point of dispatch. Such matter will be published upon its arrival.

## Lieut. Morris Eggers, One of First Airmen Over Japan, Missing in Action

Official information to Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Eggers of Boone, Sunday evening is to the effect that their son, First Lieutenant Morris Eggers, of the Army Air Forces, is missing since November 21, over the Jap homeland. Three of the big super-bombers, the B-29s, were downed in the same foray, but the two others have been accounted for, it is said.

Lieut. Eggers has the distinction of being the navigator on the leading ship in the first B-29 assault on Japan, and charted the course for the flight, from a base in India, where he was still located the last his parents heard. Frequent letters to Mr. and Mrs. Eggers indicate that he has perhaps taken part in ever Super-Fortress raid on Japan.

The local officer, who enlisted in the army three years ago, and who is a pilot and bombardier as well as navigator, had been in the area of the Jap fighting since last spring. He has a brother, Cpl. Stacy Eggers, who is in India, and the brothers have had the good

## Germans Exchange Prisoners



American and German forces exchange prisoners of war at Lorient, France, when 74 prisoners shown above were exchanged, man for man, with an equal number of equal rank of Nazis taken by the American division in that section along the River Eitel.

## Burley Brings \$46.38 As Local Market Opens

### BURLEY PRICES ARE SET BY OPA

The OPA on last Friday fixed 1944 burley tobacco price ceilings at exactly the same price levels as last year.

It said, however, that the average return to growers is expected to range from 41 to 43 cents per pound, or from 2 1/2 to 1/2 cents under the 1943 level.

The ceilings range as follows: Grade A, 52 to 62 cents; Grade B, 18 to 57 cents; grade C, 28 to 50 cents; flyings or grade X, 28 to 57 cents; tips or grade T, 15 to 41 cents; nondescript or grade M, 9 to 26 cents.

They apply to the 1944 crop of burley on the warehouse floor, and to burley sold to dealers or purchased from them.

Explaining the expected smaller return to growers this year, the OPA said:

"Preliminary examination of the crop by the war food administration indicates that in addition to an apparent lowering in average quality, less of the tobacco is likely to fall in relatively high priced grades of cutters and flyings than last year, and more in the heavy leaf grades."

## William D. Wilson, Jr. Wounded in Germany

Private William D. Wilson, Jr., 19, was wounded during action in Germany on Nov. 17, the War Department has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wilson, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, former residents of Watauga county.

The private, an infantryman, suffered shrapnel wounds in his right thigh and is now in a hospital in France. He was graduated from Cleveland Heights High School before entering the army in March. He was sent overseas in September.

Cross-bred chickens used as layers should not be used for breeding purposes, say extension poultry specialists at State College.



LIEUT. MORRIS EGGERS

fortune of meeting on three occasions.

Mrs. Morris Eggers, the former Miss Mildred Wright of Thomasville, is now residing in Winston-Salem.

## DRIFTING SNOW HALTS TRAFFIC IN THE MOUNTAINS

Worst Blizzard of Years Ties Up Transportation and Closes Schools; Mails and Buses Scheduled to Start Again Today; Schools May Be Reopened Thursday

A heavy snowfall, whipped into high drifts by a driving wind, practically isolated Boone and Watauga county Tuesday, resulted in the closing of the schools, the cancellation of public bus schedules, and disrupted the mail service into the area.

The six or eight inches of snow fell on Monday and Monday evening, a wind of gale proportions drifted the snow in all the highways of the area, efforts of state highway workers on Tuesday being largely nullified by the incessant drifting of the flakes. The temperature Tuesday morning ranged around 20 degrees but by Wednesday had dropped to 15 degrees. The wind, however, abated Tuesday evening, and there are now signs of clearing skies, with prospects that normal transportation facilities will be available again today (Wednesday).

No buses arrived at the Union Bus Terminal on Tuesday, but Manager H. W. Wilcox believes that buses from all directions will again travel during the day.

Upon information gathered from the state highway officials, there were no open schools in the county Tuesday and again Wednesday; the students are remaining at home. It is believed the roads will be cleared enough today so that all schools will open Thursday morning.

Postmaster John E. Brown, Jr., states that only three mails reached Boone Tuesday, Lionel Watson and Earl Coffey carrying their routes to Lenoir and Hickory, respectively, in the face of blocked and slippery roads. Five mails failed to arrive. Postmaster Brown expects most of the mails today, particularly those from Bristol, Tenn., and North Wilkesboro.

Boone was isolated Tuesday for the first time in years, and some business houses had no customers throughout the day. Practically all the places of business were open as usual, however, but there were no rural visitors to town, and those residing here stayed by their own firesides during the gusty day.

## Past President N. C. Merchants Group Dies

Mr. F. H. Stout, immediate past president of the North Carolina Merchants Association, and treasurer of the Odell Hardware Company, Greensboro, died Sunday at St. Petersburg, Fla. It was learned here the first of the week.

Mr. Stout was quite well known among business leaders of Boone, and last spring had delivered an address at the annual meeting of the Boone Merchants Association.

## PLENTY FOODS FOR JANUARY

Housewives might well make a note on their shopping calendar for next month that plentiful foods for January will include the following: Onions, eggs and fresh apples in the unprocessed food class. And in processed foods, peanut butter, jams, jellies, apple butter, citrus marmalade, frozen vegetables, frozen baked beans, dry mixed and dehydrated soups, soya flour, soya grits, soya flakes, wheat flour and bread, macaroni, spaghetti, noodles and oatmeal. These will be available over most of the country, according to the office of distribution of the War Food Administration.

In 1810 Napoleon offered a reward of 1,000,000 francs to any inventor who devised the best machine for spinning flax yarn.

More than 100,000 Chicagoans have hay fever, according to a survey.

## Japs Fleeing From Tokyo Air Assaults

Civilian refugees were reported evacuating Tokyo Tuesday with the wail of air raid sirens speeding their flight, as Tokyo broadcast that American Superfortresses had appeared over the city four times during the day—three times on reconnaissance and once to drop incendiary bombs.

All four raids were of minor size or from one to several planes, but Berlin broadcasts quoting Tokyo dispatches said that the air raid situation had become more serious and revealed plainly the official Japanese fear of devastating fires.

"Since Japan is very vulnerable to air war, everything is being done to reduce the vulnerability," a German Transocean agency Tokyo dispatch said. "A great number of Tokyo's inhabitants have been evacuated to the country. Certain houses have been pulled down to make a wide gap to keep fires from spreading."

## Protect Your Home from TUBERCULOSIS



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8 MORE SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS