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Justifiable Pride

The people of Cherokee County, together with their millions of fellow Americans who contribute to the 1944 Red Cross War Fund, can take justifiable pride in the efficient manner the Red Cross is performing its unprecedented war job.

With U. S. troops scattered all over the world, the Red Cross operates on a global scale. Keeping pace with the gigantic expansion of the Army and Navy is a task of no small magnitude, yet from all reports the Red Cross is meeting and discharging its wartime responsibilities with credit to itself and great benefit to the armed forces.

Red Cross field directors live with the troops and move with them when they go into battle. They brave enemy fire to bring Red Cross services right up to the front lines. In the tented evacuation hospitals where the wounded are first brought, cheerful Red Cross girls serve cigarettes, soap, towels, razor and other personal things a soldier is likely to leave behind on a battlefield. Moreover, they write letters for bedridden patients to relieve the anxiety of the home folks. Red Cross clubs in leave areas, usually in the big cities, surround the soldier with home comforts and an American atmosphere, and thereby keep him off the streets. Nor are the boys in the mudholes neglected; no matter how remote their outposts, clubmobiles operated by Red Cross "doughgirls" bring them doughnuts and coffee, as well as movies, phonograph music, magazines and newspapers. Airmen to and from bombing missions receive particular attention.

Inevitably there are hardships connected with this type of service, yet Red Cross people in the field work 12 to 18 hours without complaint. They get real satisfaction out of serving the troops. And the Army from General Eisenhower down to the humblest G. I. are full of gratitude to the Red Cross and to the folks back home whose contributions make these services possible.

War Units For Cutting Pulpwood

Minimum production requirements for deferment of farm workers have been doubled by Selective Service Headquarters in Washington. This means that 16 full war units, instead of 8, are necessary to qualify as essential agricultural workers entitled to deferment.

Farm workers who are below the 16 minimum now have an opportunity to add to their essentiality before the farm season gets into full swing by cutting pulpwood.

Pulpwood production is specifically listed as an essential occupation in Activity and Occupation Bulletin No. 7 issued by Selective Service Headquarters. Fifteen cords of pulpwood are equal to one war unit, and agricultural workers may earn four such units under present regulations.

As Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, has indicated that there will be a prompt review of all agricultural deferments, there is no time to be lost. A delay until the farm season offers full opportunity to earn all the war units required may be too late.

Pulpwood not only can be cut now. It should be cut now. The military services need all that can be produced to provide and package supplies and equipment for the men overseas.

Prove you are an essential war worker by cutting a cord today.

PRODUCE MORE EGGS

North Carolina hens produced more than a billion eggs last year—a record production. Sanitation, good flock management, and better laying stock played a vital part in this increased production, say Extension poultry specialists at N. C. State College. They suggest that poultrymen take full advantage of green grazing crops and the opportunity to grow a full supply of grains on the home farm.



Scouting With The Editor

FLOWERS FROM FRIENDS emphasized the lovely spring weather we enjoyed before winter marched around the corner again Tuesday. Mrs. Roy Stalcup's calendulas, Jerry Ruth Smith's baby's breath, and Mr. J. H. Ellis' Jonquils gave my apartment an atmosphere of spring.

J. S. GADDIS of Culberson is among those readers of the Scout who had birthdays on Tuesday, February 29. He was born at Coal Creek, Ark., February 29, 1893. He and his family moved to this county several years ago and live in the Upper Hot House community. He is known to most people in the county as Fox-hunting Gaddis, and a logging man. He says: "I am well and hearty and hope to have many more birthdays. Give my friends whose birthdays come as mine my best regards."

We hope all those who had their first birthday in four years, this week, enjoyed them. We extend them our best wishes.

MRS. LEWIS HODGES, formerly a Murphy resident, who now lives at Hiwassee Dam, renewing her subscription this week, wrote: "We like your SCOUT." Frank Walsh, principal of Marble school wrote recently: "I like your Scouting column, and your editorials are thought-provoking and interesting." Thanks to both of you! Mrs. Hodges has received word that her son, Robert E. Rector, was seriously wounded in action in Italy on January 22.

W. A. POINDEXTER of Cramerton came in a few days ago to renew his subscription and told us that he had been a constant subscriber for twenty years. He lived in Murphy before moving to Cramerton.

EDITOR WILLIAM FEATHER of Imperial Magazine writes with authority when he makes the following notations on "Notes for the Editor's Secretary": Pay my bills if I have enough money. Dig up \$18 in cash for me. Make an appointment with the finance company.

Remind me to write an article on how to keep and balance a budget.

Don't forget that I have an engagement at 4. . . Be sure I take that package home. . . What's Eruch's telephone number.

Remind me to write on how to remember things.

Get Fog for me, will you? Exchange this book, please. . . See if you can get two seats at the Garden for Saturday.

Remind me to explain how a man can save time and get exercise by doing his own errands.

How do you spell desiccate? . . . Is Mississippi south of Tennessee? What's the past tense of swing?

Remind me that the high schools don't teach spelling, grammar, or geography any more, so I can do an editorial.

Do I need a haircut? . . . What do you think of this suit? Does this hat need cleaning?

Remind me to write about dudes.

Give me a lift with this desk, will you? . . . Clean my typewriter this afternoon, please. . . Bring that dictionary over here.

Remind me that I want a couple of pages on women who pretend they are frail so they can get out of housework and have more time for bridge.

Has Eleanor got another love affair? . . . What do you know? . . . Ha ha! So that's what's going on, eh?

Remind me to do a paragraph on the evil of female gossip.

Price and Ration News

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

MEATS AND FATS: Brown Y and Z (Book 3) expire March 20. Red A-8, B-8, C-8 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens; expire May 20. Red D-8, E-8, F-8 become valid March 12; expire May 20.

SUGAR: Sugar stamp No. 30 (Book Four) good for five pounds until March 31.

CANNING SUGAR: Sugar stamp No. 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar until February 28, 1945.

SHOES: Stamp No. 18 (Book One) and Airplane Stamp No. 1 (Book Three) valid indefinitely.

FUEL OIL: North Carolina, Period 4 and 5 coupons (10 gals.) expire September 30.

GASOLINE: A-9 coupons now valid. Rationing rules now require that every car owner immediately write his license number and state on all gasoline coupons in his possession.

APPEAL TO MOTORISTS

A renewed appeal for North Carolina motorists not to buy black market gasoline has been issued by Dr. L. W. Driscoll, district director of OPA at Charlotte, N. C., who declared: "There is no magic source of supply for black market gasoline. It simply is drained from the honest people's share."

RATION TOKENS IN USE

With the advent of red and blue "change" tokens and the use of different ration stamps over the United States this week, housewives were reminded by OPA that the new red and blue "A" stamps now have a uniform value of 10 points each, regardless of the fact that they bear the figure "8".

Brown and Green stamps, which will be used in the overlapping next three weeks, continue to be valued at 8, 5, 2 and 1.

Because not all stores may have received their supplies of tokens during the first week, Mr. Driscoll added, food stores are permitted to make change from the red "A" stamps by using one-point brown Y and Z stamps and to make change from blue "A" stamps by using one-point green K, L and M stamps. Such procedure will be permitted until March 20.

Other reminders on the use of tokens included:

Tokens will be given in change by storekeepers only. They will not be issued from local rationing boards.

Tokens may not be exchanged for stamps and housewives can receive a maximum of nine tokens in any one transaction.

OPA's final advice to shoppers is: "Use your brown and green stamps first; keep the red and blue for the future, as they must last until May 20."

GAS RATIONS ON INSTALLMENTS

In the future, gasoline rations for non-highway use on farms may be obtained in six month installments from local war price and rationing boards, OPA has announced, in place of issuing such rations for an entire six months period.

NEW RUBBER BOOT PRICES

New dollars-and-cents ceiling prices for waterproof rubber footwear—including rubbers, arctics, gaiters and rubber boots—went into effect over the United States last week, OPA has announced.

CANNING SUGAR

Because of fairly widespread misunderstanding and confusion regarding the sugar stamp for home canning, OPA issued the two following clarifying statements:

(1) The stamp to be used for buying sugar for home canning is Sugar Stamp Forty—not Spare Stamp Forty.

(2) Sugar Stamp Forty for home canning is good for one full year—through February, 1945. It does not expire at the end of this month.

Mrs. Martha Myers

Mrs. Martha Myers, 88, died at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charles Myers at Brasstown, Feb. 16. Burial was in Cable cemetery in Swain county, Friday at 3 p. m. Surviving are one son, James Myers and one daughter, Mrs. J. C. Tipton, both of Fontana Dam.

Mrs. Myers was reared in Swain county but had been living in this section for the past few months.

Townson funeral home was in charge.

Miss Cowart Dies

Miss Connie Cowart, 60, died at the home of her brother in Clay county Saturday, Feb. 19.

Funeral services were held at Bethabery church, Sunday at 11 a. m. with the Rev. Charles Haged officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Townson funeral home was in charge. She is survived by several brothers and sisters.

Clean Barns Well Before Disinfecting

Thorough cleaning should always precede the application of disinfectants in treating barns is the recommendation of Dr. C. D. Grinnells, veterinarian with the Experiment Station at State College.

He recommends the moistening of the litter and woodwork and then the renewal of all litter. The walls and ceiling should be thoroughly brushed to remove cobwebs, old whitewash, and any other objectionable materials. Then, remove all manure and about 4 inches of topsoil in barns with dirt floors. Following this, clean soil should be substituted for that which has been removed.

Disinfectants should be applied in hot solution, preferably with a spray pump. The force of this spray will apply the disinfectant into all cracks and crevices. Some livestock men, Dr. Grinnells says, like to mix fresh water, slacked with lime, with the disinfectant as it helps in keeping check on the disinfected areas.

He recommends one pound of lye to 20 gallons of water for general barn disinfection. It should be remembered, however, that caustic lye is a poison, and that the worker should avoid breathing in or getting the fine lye dust into the eyes.

"Maintain clean surroundings for your animals at all times," says Dr. Grinnells, "and remember that sick animals are the sources of infections, which may attack all the animals on the farm."

PEACHTREE

Harold Lovingood of U. S. Army has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bass Lovingood.

Friends here deeply regret to hear of Sgt Frank Piemmons being critically injured at Fort Bragg.

Miss Kate Witt and Mrs. O'Neal Crisp left Wednesday for Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., for a ten-day visit with their sister, Mrs. Russell Bretz.

Miss Marie Gregory, link instructor in the Spars at Salem, Mass., has been spending a few days leave with relatives and friends.

Wesley Thomasson of Gastonia who is leaving for the navy soon, visited his sister, Mrs. Loy Lunsford, Saturday.

Mrs. Max Witt, who underwent an operation for appendicitis in a local hospital, recently is reported to be getting along satisfactorily.

W. C. Pipes of Franklin visited here during the week-end.

Mrs. Cora Watkins of Washington and daughter, Mrs. Joe Ray, of Murphy spent Sunday afternoon visiting with old friends and acquaintances of this community.

Mrs. Lawson Lunsford and daughter, Vonah and Nancy, and little granddaughter were in Top-

ton last week on business.

Rev. Paul Lovingood filled his regular appointment here Sunday. Mrs. Margie Styles who has been in Orlando, Fla., with her husband, Sgt. Bruce Styles, has returned home.

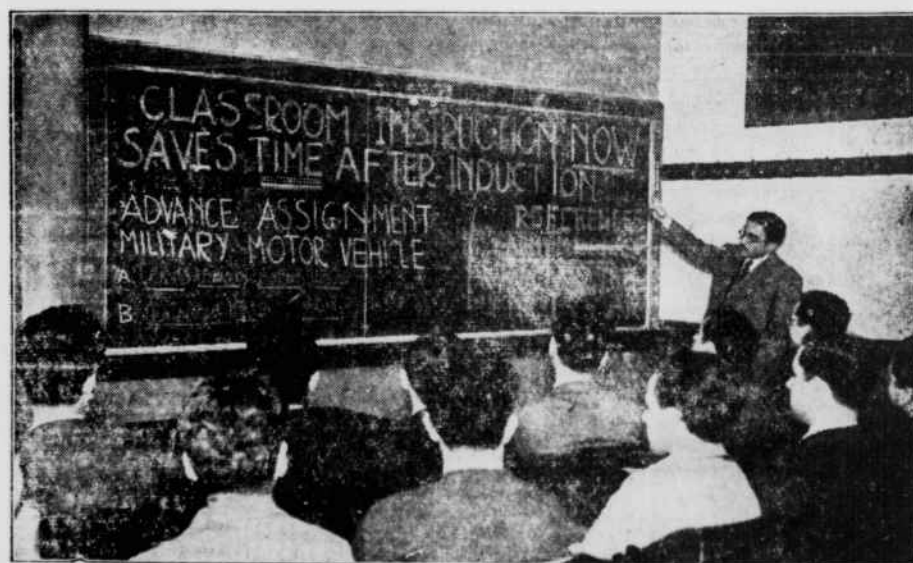
Miss Dorothy Walsh had as her guest Monday night Miss Dorothy Piemmons.

Important To Apply Phosphate Early In Spring

"It is important that phosphate be applied as early as possible to pastures and cover crops to get the most benefit from it," says county Agent A. Q. Ketner. "For this reason, March 1, is the closing date for placing orders for TVA phosphate to be applied this spring. All demonstration farmers who have not already placed their orders are requested to check their farm records in the County Agent's office before this closing date if they expect to be eligible for ammonium nitrate, the side dressing for row crops, this summer."

"Any farmer in Cherokee County who has never used the demonstration materials is eligible to sign his farm on the program before the closing date."

State Pre-Induction High School Driver Education



A TYPICAL high school classroom session of the Pre-Induction Driver Education Course recommended by the Army and urged by State authorities in pre-induction training of military motor vehicle operators. High schools throughout the State are now setting up these courses, which will save the Army vitally needed time and hasten victory.