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Registration Of Gasoline Users Begins Tuesday

Motorists Will Be Able To Buy Gasoline According To Essential Needs

Wilkes rationing board officials announced today that rationing arrangements have been completed for registering motorists for gasoline rationing.

The registration will be carried out on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 25 schools, located in every community in the county.

C. B. Eller, superintendent of the county schools and a member of the Wilkes rationing board, said teachers and other volunteers would conduct the registration on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at the following schools:

North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro, Moravian, Ferguson, Moravian Falls, Mountain Crest, Somers, Mount Pleasant, Hendrix, Maple Springs, Summit, Millers Creek, Whitlington, Cricket, Mulberry, Mountain View, Traphill, Double Creek, Benham, Ronda, Pleasant Hill, Clingman, and Roaring River. North Wilkesboro colored school and Lincoln Heights colored school.

The hours in the county schools will be from two until six o'clock. At North Wilkesboro school the hours will be from three until eight p. m.

Gasoline sales will not be affected by rationing until Friday. 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, Fuel Administrator Henderson said that three additional "work" classifications would be set up on the basis of need. Depending on the classification, the owner of a "work" car would be entitled to \$2, 30 or 36 gallons for the period, or a little more than three, four or five gallons a week respectively.

"Unofficial reports carried in press dispatches from Washington are to the effect that the 'non-essential' motorist will get about three gallons of gasoline per week. In that case, each unit could be used to purchase three gallons of gasoline. The rationing boards today had received no official confirmation of the value of a unit.

The five classes are: A—No application necessary, issued to any motorist presenting a registration card—7 units. B1—Persons who drive over one and one half miles per day or less than seven in going to and from work or in using their cars in connection with their employment—11 units. B2—Persons driving seven or more but less than nine miles per day in going to and from work or in using their cars in connection with their employment—15 units. B3—Persons driving nine or more miles per day in going to and from work or in using their cars in connection with their employment—20 units. X—All vehicles used as ambulances, hearses, taxis, buses, jitneys or other vehicles for hire; cars belonging to clergymen and physicians; vehicles belonging to federal, state, local or foreign governments, and used in official business; vehicles used in trucking, hauling, towing, freight carrying, mail carrying, delivery or messenger service; and vehicles used in transportation of materials and equipment for construction or for mechanical, electrical, structural or highway maintenance or repair services, or for the transportation of work crews to perform these services—unlimited.

Want Hundreds Carpenters Now The U. S. Employment Service office here has calls for hundreds of carpenters to work on the army camp near Durham. Carpenters interested should apply now at the employment service office, which is located over Duke Power Company.

Bond Buying Pledge Canvass Continues

Income Earners Are All Asked To Buy War Bonds

Some Industries Are Now Hundred Per Cent, Chairman J. R. Hix Reports

The bond buying pledge campaign in Wilkes is progressing satisfactorily but all income earners who have not been included are urged to sign a pledge to buy bonds, J. R. Hix, Wilkes chairman, said today.

The canvassing part of the drive was carried into this week in order to contact every income earner if possible.

Already some of the industries and other organizations are buying bonds or have signed pledges for 100 per cent buying, Chairman Hix said. All local industries and business firms are being well canvassed and the canvass of homes will be to include those not contacted through industrial and business firms.

J. B. Snipes, county farm agent, has been assisting with the campaign among farmers and other rural residents.

The quota for Wilkes county has been set for May at \$13,800. Unofficial reports from sales last week indicate that the quota may be reached or exceeded provided the interest in bond buying is maintained among individual wage earners.

Liberal buying of war bonds on the part of all income earners may forestall large increases in taxes or a compulsory system of bond buying by income earners.

Wilkes is expected to answer the call patriotically but it is emphasized that financing the war is everybody's responsibility, duty and privilege.

SATURDAY NIGHT—One Wounded In Fight Of Cousins

Police Seek Clay Holland, Jr., for Inflicting Wounds On C. A. Holland

C. A. Holland, young Wilkes man, was painfully injured on Saturday night when he was cut with a knife in an altercation with his cousin, Clay Holland, Jr., police said today.

C. A. Holland escaped death by a fraction of an inch from a knife laceration on his neck. He also sustained a painful cut on his back. After treatment at the Wilkes hospital he was released. Police are seeking Clay Holland, Jr., who is charged with wielding the knife. The altercation followed an argument between the two men.

ENDED FRIDAY—Many Complete 1st Aid Course

About 200 Wilkes people completed the first series of first aid courses being conducted in Wilkes county under auspices of the civilian defense council. The courses ended Friday night at North Wilkesboro, Moravian Falls and Roaring River. Physicians volunteered their services as instructors of the courses and the members of the classes were appreciative of the sacrifice on the part of the physicians.

Those who taught the classes were Dr. J. H. McNeill, Dr. H. B. Smith, Dr. John W. Morris, and Dr. J. G. Bentley. Textbooks were furnished the classes through the American Red Cross.

W. H. McElwee, chairman of the civilian defense council, and Miss Annie Laurie Herring, home demonstration agent who helped organize the classes in rural communities, said that other first aid classes will be conducted if there is sufficient interest and demand from the public.

BUY WAR BONDS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON
May 1, 1942

TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA

This week a new campaign for the sale of War Bonds and Savings Stamps is under way throughout the Nation. It is the War Bond Quota Campaign.

It is urgently necessary that you double the rate at which you are now buying War Bonds and Stamps. This will mean the sale direct to individual Americans of War Bonds and Stamps to the amount of not less than one billion dollars every month.

One billion dollars a month is the National quota. It is equal to one-tenth the combined income of all Americans.

This money is needed to buy the tools of war for your fighting forces. It will not pay for all of them. Our war expenditures now are at the rate of about FOUR BILLIONS a month, and they are growing daily. But a billion dollars a month direct from the people will make all-out production possible. Without it we cannot do our best; without it we cannot put forth our full effort.

It is desperately needed for another reason. We can't fight a war and at the same time live and spend as usual. There are not enough goods to go around — the things we buy with money. If we go on spending at the 1941 scale, we'll be robbing the fighting men to add to our own comfort or pleasure. We'll be driving up the cost of living for all of us. We'll be imposing dire hardships on our neighbors.

What is asked of you is ten per cent of your earnings — a tithe for liberty. It is not a tax; it is not even a contribution; it is a loan at interest, for your use and protection later.

Your Government asks you to cut down your expenditures, TO SAVE — your boys on the firing line and in the training camps, through your Government, ask you to save so that they may have what they need to win FOR YOU for you — America asks you to save; to SAVE TO SEE THE WAR; to buy War Bonds and Stamps up to not less than ten per cent of your income.

Is Liberty worth it? Is Democracy worth it? Is America worth it? I think I know your answer.

Sincerely,
H. Morgenthau, Jr.

The above letter was sent to this newspaper by Secretary Morgenthau in Washington. We publish it in the interest of the War Bond Quota Campaign and earnestly recommend that all our readers do their share in the tremendous job ahead of financing the War effort.

Motorists Swarm Highways On Last 'Sunday Joyride'

They went in all directions yesterday—thousands of them—motorists who wanted to enjoy their last Sunday driving before gasoline rationing begins.

Not since automobile tires were frozen in late December had the highways in Northwest North Carolina seen so much travel.

Automobile owners, putting aside rubber shortage worries, turned to the highways for long-distance trips, mountain picnics, and plenty of joyriding. They knew that gasoline rationing would be more acute than the curtailment of tire sales.

But they drove carefully, for public officials had recorded no serious accidents in this area at late hour last night.

Trees, now in green, and the rolling countryside called. Record gasoline sales Saturday anticipated the mass movement yesterday. Stations open on Sunday, of which there are very few, were rushed with business yesterday.

'Twas the motorists' swan song—for it may be a blue moon before he can ride again into a filling station and say "fill'er up" on Sunday again.

Those who didn't take off yesterday will probably try to 'beat' gasoline rationing by making that trip before rationing begins on Friday, May 15.

Judge Johnston Dead

Judge A. Hall Johnston, of the North Carolina Superior court died in an Asheville hospital where he had been taken Tuesday after he had collapsed in a physician's office.

ATTACK! ATTACK! ATTACK!

America's attacking on both the fighting front and the home front today!

We're giving the Axis a bitter taste of what's to come.

We're fighting the inflationary 5th column that blows prices sky-high here at home, too.

And every one of us who saves at least 10% of his pay in War Bonds is an important soldier in the attack!

Join the attack yourself!

LARGE AUDIENCE—75 Graduate At Wilkesboro High

Interesting Graduation Program Carried Out Friday Night By The Class

Seventy-five seniors received diplomas of high school graduation at Wilkesboro high school commencement finals on Friday night.

Members of the class presented an interesting program entitled "Alma Mater's Children".

The cast of characters for the program was as follows: Whistle, Bill Proffit; Cheers, Hal Edmiston; Alma Mater, Marguerite Ferguson; Solomon Grundy, John Wright; Doctor Foster, Jack Howard; Professor Query, W. G. Johnson; Salutatorian, Alie Lou Saylor; Valedictorian, Josephine Martin; Testator, Fern Foster; Senior Girl, Azile Marlowe; A Child, Rosetta Clark; Poe, Belva Woodie; Old Woman, V. C. Brooks; Class President, Ray Incore; Historian, Carol Glass; Dancer, Mary Gage Barber; Pianist, Barbara Ogilvie; Vocal Solo, Mrs. Maude T. Williams.

William T. Long, Wilkesboro school superintendent, presented the diplomas. Awards to outstanding students were presented as follows: citizenship medals to boy and girl of senior class presented by V. E. Jennings to John Wright and Barbara Ogilvie; scholarship medals for highest four-year average presented by Miss Helen Arett to Josephine Martin; honor medals to seniors selected as outstanding in all phases of work, presented by Van G. Hinson to Presley Blevins and Mary Gage Barber; medal for most progress in band for year presented to George Littman by Walter F. McCannless, band instructor.

Tuesday Will Be Hospital Day

Attention is called to the fact that Tuesday, May 12, will be National Hospital Day, when attention of the public will be called to the importance of hospitals and especially their part in the war program and civilian defense.

Wilkes Hospital will observe the occasion and visitors are especially invited to call at the institution between two and four o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

BEGINS 10 A. M.—Defense School Several Counties In Wilkesboro 12th

Council Members and Civilian Defense Workers To Have All-Day School

Civilian Defense officials and workers of several northwest North Carolina counties will meet in Wilkesboro on Tuesday, May 12, for a civilian defense school.

District schools were planned by the state director of civilian defense as a means of coordinating civilian defense activities and to further acquaint councils and workers with civilian defense plans.

The school, which will be held in the Wilkesboro school building, will begin at ten a. m. and continue throughout the day.

LOT PURCHASED—Farmers Co-Op Plans Warehouse

Spacious Buildings Lots For Warehouse Purchased From W. M. Day

Wilkes county Farmers Cooperative, Inc., has purchased building lots in Wilkesboro for erection of a warehouse, it was learned today from J. B. Snipes, county agent.

The cooperative was organized recently and chartered as a corporation under the laws of the state.

The lots purchased by the organization front on Wilkesboro's Main street and were bought from W. M. Day.

Detailed plans for the building or time of construction have not been announced.

THURSDAY NIGHT—Grangers Have Good Meeting

Address By State Master Features Meeting; Plan Increased Membership

Substantial expansion in Grange membership and activities in Wilkes county is under way following several days work in the county by Mrs. King, lecturer of the State Grange.

A most successful meeting of Wilkesboro, Ferguson and Little Mountain Granges was held in Wilkesboro Thursday evening, at which time an inspiring address was delivered by H. B. Caldwell, of Greensboro, Master of the State Grange.

The report of Mrs. King was also received and it was indicated that other Granges may be organized soon in the county.

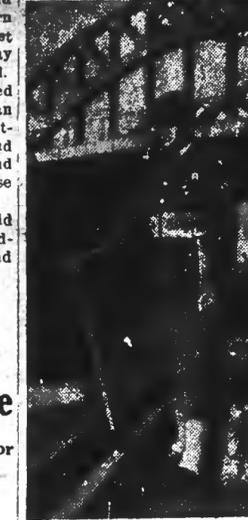
Meet in Burma to Fight Nipponese



Chinese generals are shown (top) as they met in Burma to join forces against the Japs. Chinese Gen. Liu Kwanlong discusses operations with Lieut. Gen. T. J. Barton and staff officers. At bottom, Chinese soldiers fraternizing with natives in a Burmese village through which they passed to face the Japs.—Gandyphotos.

ABOUT 5,000 SHORT OF POPULATION—In Wilkes 37,500 Sugar Registrants

Dog Sentry



Scenes like this, with a soldier and his sentry dog, may soon be a reality at munitions plants. The army has asked for 200 trained dogs for sentry work. Dogs are especially useful as sentries because they can detect the presence of intruders.

IN WILKESBORO—H. M. Phillips Suffers Injury

Suffers Severe Blow On The Head From A Piece Of Wood

H. M. Phillips, well-known citizen of Wilkesboro, was painfully injured Friday morning while at work at his wood-working plant located in the western part of Wilkesboro.

Mr. Phillips was engaged in cleaning sawdust and particles of wood about a saw which was running at full speed when suddenly a block of wood caught in the saw, which threw it against the right side of his head with much force.

Mr. Phillips was carried to The Wilkes Hospital for medical attention as quickly as possible, where it was found that he had suffered a scalp wound but no fracture of the skull. Mr. Phillips was reported as getting along satisfactorily today, and his many friends in the Wilkesboro and over the county hope for him an early and complete recovery.

BUY WAR BONDS

Can Register With Rationing Boards After May 16th

No More Consumer Registration Until After May 16, Official Says

In Wilkes county approximately 37,500 persons were registered for sugar rationing, a rationing board official said today.

Of that number 36,404 received rationing stamps, indicating that about 900 of those who registered had more than six pounds of sugar per person on hand.

The total number registered is about 5,000 short of the total population of the county. This would indicate that there are that many yet to register and registration of those who failed to register at the schools will be at the rationing board offices.

But no consumer can register at the rationing board offices until after May 16. When they register stamps will be removed covering the period from the beginning of rationing until date of registration.

Attention today was again called for the fact that each rationing stamp is good for purchases of one pound of sugar, which is two weeks supply. Each stamp must be used for the two weeks period it represents and will not be good after the end of the period for which it was issued.

FULL WEEK—Activities At Local Schools

North Wilkesboro schools began a full week of extra-curricular activities this afternoon with a musical program by primary grades.

On Tuesday morning will be the pre-school clinic and vaccinations will be administered on Tuesday afternoon.

On Tuesday night, eight o'clock will be a musical program by pupils of the upper elementary grades.

On Thursday night, eight o'clock, will be the concert by the high school band and glee club.

In addition registration of motorists for gasoline rationing will begin Tuesday and continue through Thursday, three to eight p. m. each day.

Bombers Fired Tokyo Targets Army Reveals

Washington.—Lifting a hitherto impenetrable wall of official secrecy, the War Department last night disclosed that last month's history-shattering raids on Tokyo and other Jap cities were carried out by U. S. Army bombers which struck out of a clear noon sky to start great fires among vital military objectives.

It was the first official confirmation by this government of the raids which occurred April 15 and which heretofore had been described in detail only by the Japanese themselves—mostly in frantic attempts to learn from whence the planes struck.

Accurately Attacked "The selected targets were unmistakable and were accurately attacked," the communique said. "Military, naval and industrial plants were the objectives in the vicinity of Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya and other localities. Large fires were started which continued to burn in some instances for at least two days."

U. S. Sends 6 Tons Medicine To Vichy

Vichy.—Six tons of medicines from the United States, including 15,000,000 units of insulin for diabetics, arrived in Vichy yesterday, the health ministry announced.