

LARGE QUANTITIES SUGAR BEING USED TO MAKE MOONSHINE; 30c A POUND IS PRICE TO LIQUOR MEN

Sugar Not Being Supplied Through Local Firms, Is Belief Of Officers

Indications that black market sugar profiteering is being carried out on a big scale have been found by federal alcohol tax unit investigators working in Wilkes and adjoining counties.

Skyrocketing prices of liquor have enticed moonshiners back into the illegal business of making moonshine liquor and they are using sugar, federal officers find in their investigations.

What the alcohol tax unit men have not found out is where the sugar is coming from, or how.

Large quantities of liquor are being made and the alcohol tax unit men are finding stills almost everywhere. They find that a small amount of corn meal and wheat chop are being used, and that some brandy is being made because apples are plentiful, but about 90 per cent of the illegal liquor is being manufactured from sugar.

And while many stores in this section have been short on supplies of sugar to furnish table sugar to their customers, moonshiners have been using tremendous quantities of sugar for making liquor.

But alcohol tax unit men are convinced that only a small part of the black market sugar going into liquor is secured through regular trade channels from whose salers and retailers in this section of the state. Just how the sugar is getting from refineries to the moonshiners is what federal officers are trying to find out.

They do know that moonshiners are paying from 25 to 35 cents per pound for the sugar going into sugarhead liquor. The average is about 30 cents per pound, but even at that moonshiners can make a big profit with liquor prices sky high—if they don't get caught, and most of them do eventually wind up in federal court.

With the wholesale price of sugar being about \$5.00 per hundred, it is easy to see that the profit on sugar supplied moonshiners is enormous. One medium sized truck load of sugar would have a profit margin of about \$2,000.00.

Several weeks ago the OPA conducted a lengthy investigation of wholesale sugar business in Wilkes and Alexander counties. Investigators found that vast quantities of counterfeit sugar stamps had been used in buying sugar from wholesalers. Right to sell sugar in wholesale quantities was taken from two wholesale firms.

Alcohol Tax Unit men stated that the OPA investigations and resultant action did not stop the flow of sugar to the moonshiners, which indicates that the moonshiners still have a steady source of supply of black market, profiteering operators.

Buy all the bonds you can, and help some more by preventing woodlands fires. Fire fighting costs money, and a dollar saved is a dollar earned.

RATION NEWS

SHOES—Airplane Stamps Nos. 1 and 2 in book three good for one pair of shoes each indefinitely. Airplane stamp No. 3 will become valid November 1.

GASOLINE—Coupons No. 11 in A book good for three gallons become effective Aug. 9 and will expire November 2.

SUGAR—Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 (book 4) good for five pounds indefinitely.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue A8 through R5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens. Good indefinitely.

MEATS AND FATS—Red A8 through Z3 and A5 through K5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each for use with tokens.

SUGAR—Sugar stamp 40 good for five pounds canned sugar until February 28, 1945. Sugar coupons R-325 issued for canning sugar are valid indefinitely and did not expire October 1.

A tire manufacturer may transfer new truck tires to any dealer without certificates, providing the establishment shipping the tires does not have any replenishment portions on which orders have not been filled.

Wounded In Action



U.S. Homer C. Jones, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones, was wounded in action in France and has been awarded the Purple Heart. The decoration was sent to his brother, Lance Jones, of Hays. T.Sgt. Jones volunteered for service on July 2, 1930, and received training at Fort Benning, Ga. He went overseas in 1942 and has been in North Africa, Sicily and England. He has a brother in service, Pfc. Robert Leonard Jones who has been in the army since early in 1943. He is stationed at Camp Swift, Texas.

Patton, McNeill To Address Rally Republicans 21st

County-Wide Rally at Court-House Will Be Highlight Of The Campaign

Frank Patton, of Morganton, Republican candidate for governor, and Attorney R. H. McNeill, a former Republican candidate for governor, will deliver the principal addresses at a county-wide Republican rally to be held at the Wilkes county courthouse on Saturday, October 21, 2:00 o'clock.

The rally to be held Saturday afternoon will be the highlight of the Republican campaign in Wilkes and Republican leaders expressed confidence that a large crowd of Republicans from all precincts in the county will attend.

Leaders of the party issued a cordial invitation for all to attend the rally.

AACHEN DRIVE GOES INTO LAST STAGES

The Franco-American 6th Army group in Lorraine opened a blazing attack along a 60 mile front north of the Belfort Gap yesterday, advancing one to three miles into the Vosges foothills to take Cornimont among a dozen other villages, while to the north American troops hammered a Nazi last-ditch garrison into the western half of Aachen.

The new Allied plunge was made along a front from the Marne Rhine Canal near Luneville south to Le Thillot, deep in the Vosges foothills. Le Thillot is 30 miles north of Belfort, guardian of the famed gap that opens into Southern Germany south and east of the Vosges.

Lieut. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's 7th Army Americans on the northern sector of the new front stormed 10 miles east of Luneville through the forest of Parroy to capture Emmerent. Among other towns taken in this area were Glonville and Fontenoy, the capture of which threatened the highway hub of Baccarat dominating the Saverne Gap routes to German Strasbourg.

Front reports from United Press Correspondent Clinton B. Conger said the Americans were fighting against elements of the German 5th Panzer Army, the second largest concentration of German armor on the western front.

Boy Scout Court Of Honor to Meet

Boy Scout court of honor will meet Thursday evening, 7:30, in the religious education building of the Presbyterian church.

First Methodist Asks Return Rev. A. C. Waggoner

Board of stewards of the First Methodist church of North Wilkesboro is asking the return of Rev. A. C. Waggoner as pastor.

The annual conference of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference will convene in Charlotte Tuesday. Pastors and delegates from the Methodist churches in Wilkes are planning to attend.

Under Rev. Mr. Waggoner's leadership the First Methodist church here has added 49 new members and has a most excellent report for the conference. The financial report is one of the best in the history of the church.

The resolutions passed by the board of stewards follow:

"Whereas, the 1943-44 church year of our Methodist church is rapidly drawing to a close, a backward glance on the accomplishments of this year as well as the years prior, causes us to have a feeling of pride in the steady growth and achievements of our church.

And whereas, it is our conviction that the progress which has been attained is due to the efficient and capable leadership of our pastor, Rev. A. C. Waggoner;

"And whereas, since the annual conference of our church will convene within the near future;

"Therefore be it resolved, that the board of stewards of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church go on record as being desirous of having our annual conference return Rev. A. C. Waggoner to the North Wilkesboro church for the church year 1944-45.

"And be it further resolved, that the chairman of the board of stewards be directed to communicate with the district superintendent and the bishop asking the return of Mr. Waggoner."

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GETS NAZI PLANE

LT. RALPH I. BOWMAN

An Eighth AAF Fighter Station, England. — Piloting an Eighth Fighter Command P-51 Mustang, 2nd Lt. Ralph I. Bowman, of 909 Mulfield Road, Los Angeles, Cal., formerly of North Wilkesboro, N. C., scored his first aerial victory recently when he shot down a Me 109 in fierce aerial battle over Germany.

The 22-year-old flier made the kill when his group teamed up against 100 or more Nazi fighters and destroyed 16 of the enemy without losing any of their own planes.

"We were out to protect the (See Gets Plane—page eight)

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Killed In Germany



Pfc. Elmer J. Coffey was killed in action on Palau Island in the Pacific on September 19, 1944. News of his death was received in an official War Department telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coffey, of Hays.

Pfc. Coffey entered the army in July, 1943, and went overseas in June of this year. He served in the Wildcat division.

Surviving Pfc. Coffey are his father and mother and the following brothers and sisters: Floyd Coffey, North Wilkesboro route one; Pvt. Manley W. Coffey, Camp Wheeler, Ga.; Miss Lula Coffey, Baltimore, Md.; Cecil, Clyde, Jimmie and Ruth Coffey, all of Hays.

FIRE INSPECTION HERE THIS WEEK

C. G. Day, chief of the North Wilkesboro's volunteer fire department, announced today that all business houses will be inspected this week by members of the fire department.

Chief Day urges every business firm to have its "house in order" so that a good inspection record may be set up for North Wilkesboro which will have much to do with keeping fire insurance rates as low as possible.

Don't forget, Mr. Business Man, this is fire inspection week in North Wilkesboro.

Halfacre Attends Bankers Credit Group Meeting

The bankers of North Carolina at their special meeting in Raleigh Thursday, October 12, heartily endorsed the nationwide movement of the American Bankers Association to place ample bank credit in the disposal of business during the reconversion period.

W. D. Halfacre, of the Bank of North Wilkesboro, who attended the meeting, stated that a large and representative group of bankers attended the meeting to hear ABA leaders explain the details of the program.

J. N. Coburn of Whiteville, state president of the Bankers Association, presided at the meeting. The speakers included Robert M. Hanes of Winston-Salem, who is chairman of the ABA Post War Small Business Credit Commission, H. H. Augustine of Richmond, a member of the commission, and Walter E. French and Edward Drew, deputy manager of (See Halfacre—page eight)

Asking Liberal Gifts For United War Fund

Chairmen For Communities Are Appointed

Canvassers Soliciting People For Donations To The Combined Fund

People of Wilkes county are being visited by canvassers in the campaign to raise \$18,000 for the United War Fund and community chest activities.

C. J. Swofford, county chairman, stated today that the campaign is well under way, and urged that the people respond liberally to the appeal for the fund which contains so many worthy causes.

All people of the county are urged to help in this campaign. The money will go for the benefit of service men and to aid war sufferers of allied nations. By combining the various agencies of aid to service men and helpless people of allied nations, only one campaign is made each year and for that reason donations as liberal as possible are urged from all.

The list of community chairmen in the campaign follows:

Boomer, Glenn B. Carlton; Ferguson, T. W. Ferguson, Elk Creek; Coy Marley; Stony Fork; W. O. Barnett; Champion, J. C. McNeill; Maple Springs, T. C. Osborne; Summit, Zeb Beshears; Parsonville, Lee Beshears; Purler, Joe Hayes; Millers Creek, R. V. Day; Cricket, Richard Eller; Wilbar, Clara Calloway; Whittington, Odell Whittington; McGrady, W. M. Absher; Mulberry, H. H. Jennings; Fairplains, Charles S. Felts; Mtn. View, J. L. Gregory; Springfield, N. P. Brooks; Absher, A. M. Holbrook; Traphill, Charlie Miles; Dockery, Lonnie Billings; Austin, J. Z. Adams; Thurmond, Mrs. J. E. DeJournette; Pleasant Ridge, Rev. L. B. Murry; Benham, Robert Spencer; Pleasant Hill, Denver Holcomb; Ronda, C. E. Tharpe; Clingman, Mrs. Harry Greene; Roaring River, Mrs. J. B. Church; Shepherds Cross Roads, J. W. Cheek; Somers, L. P. Somers; Mt. Pisgah, Lester P. Johnson; Hunting Creek, Mrs. E. P. Inscore; Windy Gap, Henry Johnson; Highway 421 East of Wilkesboro, Bob Seagraves; Brushy Mountain, Roy Hendren; Oakwoods, Mont C. Jones; Moravian Falls, Miss Thelma Laws; Pores Knob, Perry Lowe; Lincoln Heights, J. R. Edelin.

Remember the place—Boomer schoolhouse; the time—Friday, 8 p. m.

New Trial Granted In the Allen Case

The state supreme court, in an opinion handed down at Raleigh on October 11th, granted a new trial in the case of Hill Allen, tried and convicted at the March 1944 term of Wilkes superior court on a charge of failing to provide for support of illegitimate child.

Attorneys Eugene Trivette, J. E. Houshouser and J. Allie Hayes appeared before the supreme court on behalf of Allen.

Pvt. Odell A. Marsh Slightly Wounded

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Marsh, of Wilkesboro star route, have received a War Department telegram saying that their son, Pvt. Odell A. Marsh, was slightly wounded in action in France on October 1.

Pvt. Marsh entered service two years ago and went overseas early this year. He has three brothers in service.

Wounded Again



Cpl. Max C. Kilby, marine veteran of several campaigns in the South Pacific, was wounded several days ago while in combat on Peleliu Island. However his wounds are not described as serious in messages received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Kilby. Cpl. Kilby was wounded in the Guadalcanal campaign in the fall of 1942 but fully recovered and returned to combat duty.

Wounded In Holland



Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Shumate, of North Wilkesboro route two, received a telegram from the War Department Oct 5th that their son, Pvt. Carl A. Shumate, was slightly wounded in action September 17th in Holland. He entered service Sept. 1, 1943, took his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., and went overseas in March of this year.

Democratic Rally To Be at Boomer On Friday Night

A Democratic speaking and rally will be held at the schoolhouse at Boomer Friday night, October 20th, at 8 p. m. All the county candidates will be present. All Democrats and their families, especially the ladies, and all other interested voters, are cordially invited to be present.

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Will Be Open On Thursday Morning In Motor Market Building, Main and 6th

Bus station in North Wilkesboro will be moved on Wednesday night of this week from its present location on Ninth street to the Motor Market building on the corner of Main and Sixth streets.

M. C. Woodie, manager of the Union bus terminal, stated today that the Motor Market building, which he recently purchased, has been remodeled into a modern bus station and that the bus station will be open there on Thursday morning.

The new bus station will have ample facilities for accommodating the many patrons of the bus lines using the station. Many buses can be parked at the station without creating traffic congestion.

A bus station barber shop with three chairs has been installed and will be under the management of Bruce Jones, a well experienced barber.

A concession selling magazines, soft drinks, candies, cigarettes, etc., will be operated at the station and will be changed into a bus station cafe as soon as conditions permit.

A service station will be operated in connection with the station and will be under the supervision of W. B. Marlowe, who will be service station manager and station clerk.

Mr. Woodie will be assisted in operating the bus station by Mrs. Woodie, Mrs. Aslie Marsh and Miss Louise McGlamery.

Applications For New "A" Books Being Received

Blanks For Renewal of "A" Books May Be Obtained At Service Stations

Applications for renewal of A and B gasoline ration books are now being accepted by the rationing boards.

The present A books will expire on November 8, because the number 12 coupons in the books will not be used. New books will be issued in order that the A coupons will be the same throughout the country.

The new A books to go into effect November 9 will have coupons with a value of four gallons each. However, the ration of two gallons weekly will remain unchanged. There will be three number 13 coupons, which will be valid from November 9 to December 22.

Applications blanks for the new A books may now be obtained at the following service stations in Wilkes: M. C. Jones, Oakwoods; Hobert Delp, Purler; T. F. Greer, Boomer; R. D. Hayes, Millers Creek; D. E. Turner, Cricket; Johnson's Esso Station, Texaco Service Station, Culler's Esso Station, Wilkesboro; C. M. McNeill's Store, Ferguson; Lawrence Pearson, Roaring River; Dancy's Service Station, Wilbar; A. R. Miller, Vannoy; Walter Warren, D. C. Castevena, Traphill; John Woodruff, Hays; W. M. Osborne, McGrady; J. W. Cheek, Roaring River route one; Textile Service Station, Motor Market, Lovette-Walker Esso Station, Uptown Service Station, Dick's Service Station, Landon's Central Service Station, Wilkes Tire Store. Motor Service Sales company and Yaddin Valley Motor company, North Wilkesboro.

Applicants should fill out the blank completely, attach cover of the present A or D book to the blank, and mail or carry the application, with the inspection sheet, to the rationing board in the area in which they live.

Workers Needed To Help Build Combat Transports, Tankers

Mr. Ballard, of Bethlehem-Sparrow Paint Shipyard, is at the North Wilkesboro office of the U. S. Employment Service and will remain until October 21 to sign up workers for this company. This shipyard pays trainees 70 1/2 cents for first 30 days of training after which 80 1/2 cents per hour will be paid for the remainder of training which is approximately 13 weeks. Other workers needed by this company are sheet metal workers, shipfitters, welders. This shipyard, which makes combat transports and tankers, is located at Sparrows Point, Md., near Baltimore.

If interested, call at the Employment office any day this week except Tuesday and Friday.

Pfc. Romie Stokes Reported Missing

Private First Class Romie Stokes, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Stokes, of Cycle, has been reported missing in action in the European theatre of war in a message to his parents from the War Department. Pfc. Stokes is a veteran of the North African campaign and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in that theatre on September 13, 1943. He went into service in September, 1941, and has been overseas since May, 1943.

S.Sgt. Chas. Hanks Missing In Action

Staff Sergeant Charles W. Hanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hanks, of Benham, has been missing in action in Italy since September 16, according to a message received by his parents from the War Department last Monday. Sgt. Hanks went into service in November, 1942, and trained at Camp Adair, Oregon, prior to going overseas in April of this year. He was wounded in action in June and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Mrs. T. A. Finley's Mother Succumbs

Mrs. J. B. Cochran died in a Charlotte hospital this morning, according to news received here today by her daughter, Mrs. T. A. Finley. Mrs. Cochran had been ill for some time.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.