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Red Cross War Fund Drive Is Now Underway

More Than 5,700 War Ration Books Issued In County

Registration Goes Off According To Schedule; 4,000,000 In State

Registration for War Ration Book No. 2 at Alleghany county schools totaled 5,722 during the five day period, with others accepted daily at the ration board. Except for a few misunderstandings, the registration as a whole, moved along according to schedule, in this county as well as throughout the state.

Nearly 4,000,000 North Carolinians obtained War Ration Book No. 2 in the "smoothest registration so far conducted," State OPA Director T. S. Johnson said yesterday.

Johnson said credit for efficient handling of the registration was largely due to work of the State press, radio, motion picture theatres and teachers and volunteers who contributed their services.

Johnson said dried beans and peas were not rationed when they were to be used for seed and could be bought without the customer's surrendering a coupon.

Johnson also emphasized that the ration value of dried beans, peas and lentils was eight points a pound and of dehydrated soups was 16 points a pound. The dried foods were added to the list of rationed foods after the point value chart and been prepared.

Local people as well as those throughout the nation have been seriously considering points this week. Merchants report a good business in comparison to last week when canned goods were frozen.

Mrs. Susie Fleetwood, clerk of the board, said here Tuesday that a surprising number of registration books No. 1 had been reported as lost to the board, each meeting having to consider an average of ten such reports. It is necessary, in order to fully check all these reports, to have a suspense period of 60 days before issuing a duplicate.

Glade Valley Home Is Burned

Residence Of Mr. And Mrs. George Crutchfield Is Destroyed Last Thursday

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Valley, was totally destroyed by fire last Thursday. The fire is believed to have caught from a defective flue.

Some of the furnishings were removed from the first floor, but nothing was saved from the second floor. The store, a few feet away, was not burned. It is not known if any insurance was carried on the property.

The home will probably be rebuilt near the original site, known as "Teapot Dome" on Highway 21, a few miles west of Roaring Gap.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Military motorcycles, for couriers, for speeding light guns from one section to another, are an important part of America's mechanized army. Many are equipped with sidecars for use of staff officers. They cost from \$400 to \$450.



We need thousands of these small, maneuverable machines in our army today. You and your neighbors, all buying War Bonds and Stamps, can help buy them for the Army. Invest at least ten percent of your income every payday in War Bonds and Stamps and become a member of the patriotic "Ten Percent Club." It is rapidly becoming the largest club in the world.

U. S. Treasury Department

Cabbage Goes To War, Too!



American doughboys and British tommies co-operate in the cabbage patch at one of the U. S. army's services of supply depots in Britain—all part of the mammoth agricultural program of Americans and Britons. In foreground is Private First Class Estelle Brown.

Electric Corp. Fails In Keeping Contract, Sued Members Claim

Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corp., Meets Opposition In Trial Here Sat.

Much interest was shown here Saturday in the cases tried before Magistrate Sam Brown at the courthouse in Sparta in which the Blue Ridge Electric Membership corporation brought suit against a number of REA members in Alleghany county on notes alleged unpaid.

When judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff, a motion was immediately filed by the defendants to have this judgment set aside on the grounds that the plaintiff had brought suit on notes which did not at present own and which were not produced at the trial.

The cases tried included those of Reuben Sheets, Neal Jones, George Upchurch and George Wagoner. In these cases, it was pointed out that the Blue Ridge Electric company had failed to live up to certain contracts made when the notes in question were executed by these REA members for washing machines, radios, refrigerators and other appliances.

The court set March 27 as the date to hear the motion in the above cases as well as a number of other similar cases which were continued.

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FAVORABLE REPORT ON RED FOX BILL

Rep. Roy Burgess' bill to prohibit the killing of red foxes in the county was reported favorably, passed the second and third readings, and passed the first reading in the Senate. It was sent to the Calendar Committee.

Small Farmers Make Big Food Increases Through FSA Help

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that more than a third of the Nation's increase in milk production in 1942 came from 463,941 farms of Farm Security Administration borrowers. Tabulated results of last year's production, throughout the country, were received here from the Department by County Supervisor Van F. Miller.

The report shows that Farm Security families, constituting 7.6 per cent of the 8,097,000 farm operators listed by the 1940 Census, increased their milk production by 1,419,000,000 pounds or 36 per cent of the total increase for the Nation.

"This was a 30 per cent increase over their 1941 production, compared to a three per cent increase made by all farmers," according to the Department report.

Significant increases by Farm Security borrowers also were

Library Will Be Closed Wed. And Thursdays

Many New Books Have Recently Been Received; Mrs. Jones Is Librarian

The Alleghany county library board announces this week that beginning March 8th, the library will be closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week, opening again on Friday, and on Monday and Tuesday, as usual. Mrs. Jones, librarian, said here Tuesday that patrons of the library, who have books due next Thursday, will not be charged with over dues on that day.

New books received at the library this week are: Lieutenant's Lady, Aldrich Early Summer, Corbett; Deep Valley, Lathrop; The Stranger, Ross Our Miss Boo, Rhebeck; Boyhood Adventures of Our Presidents, Cavenal; Faraway Song, Chenoweth; There was a Horse, Fenner; William Wigglewhistle, Heyneman; Little Bimbo and the Lion, Whoberg; Marty Markham, Watkins; The Saturdays, Enright; Benjamin Franklin, Meadowcroft.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEETING TODAY

The Sparta Home Demonstration club is meeting today at the community building. Miss Rose Elwood Bryan, state home demonstration agent-at-large, will give the demonstration. All women in the community were invited to attend.

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shown for other war-needed food crops. In terms of their own production the year before, these 1942 increases ranged from 20 to 106 per cent. In terms of the Nation's total increase, they also contributed 27 per cent of the Nation's increase in dry beans and 10 per cent of the total increase in eggs, chickens and peanuts.

"These families were from the small farm group unable to get adequate credit from other sources. They operated with Farm Security Administration credit and supervision. Early in 1942, following January revision of the Nation's war food goals as a result of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the families revised their farm plans to provide greater increases of the foods called for. Many of them planned substantial production of war-needed crops, such as peanuts, dairy products, and poultry, of which they had previously produced little or none."

Field Supervisor W. J. Dukas suggests that farmers who are eligible for this particular type of loan make their application now in order that they may be able to have funds to purchase their fertilizer early.

Feb. Bond Sales Go Beyond Quota Mar. Goal, \$5,209

Tax Payments Credited With Lower Volume Of Sales For Month

February sales of War Bonds in Alleghany total \$6,918.75, with Sparta post office selling \$2,608.25, Mrs. Inskeep of Roaring Gap post office \$750 and Northwestern Bank \$3,562.

This was in excess of the assigned quota for February but marks a drop under last month, when sales reached a total of \$17,737.50, exceeding the assigned quota by \$11,506. The lower volume of sales is attributed largely to demands upon the financial resources of citizens of the county by federal and state tax payments.

The quota assigned to the county for March is \$5,209.

May Lift Ban On Joy-Riding; Policing Ends

Future Compliance Depends On Honor System, Brown Announces

Washington — OPA Administrator Prentiss Brown yesterday ordered an end to police enforcement of the East's ban on pleasure driving, said future compliance will depend upon an "honor system," and added there is "a fair probability" the ban can be entirely eliminated by March 22, when new gasoline coupons go into effect.

Brown said he didn't mean nobody will be questioned about whether his driving is for pleasure or duty, but "it's one of those irritating things we want to avoid."

"The time has come to stop all unnecessary inconvenience of the public," Brown told a press conference. "I believe in light of the widespread understanding of the situation which exists we can henceforth rely on what might be termed the 'honor system' of compliance instead of police enforcement. I am instructing all OPA regional, state, and branch offices to put this policy into effect immediately."

"This action is in line with my general ideas on enforcement of all OPA regulations. Positive enforcement measures must be used with criminals, but they are not necessary with the general public. Instead I expect to secure voluntary compliance by the public through understanding of the need for regulation."

As for lifting the East's ban on nonessential driving, Brown said the decision rests largely upon whether Petroleum Administrator Ickes finds that the gasoline supply will permit it.

Seed Loans For Farmers Issued

Applications Should Be Made At The Office Of R. E. Black

Applications for emergency crop loans (seed loans) are now being received in Alleghany county, R. E. Black, county agent, said here this week. Farmers who are in need of funds for crop production purposes, or for the purchase or production of feed for livestock, and who have been unable to obtain adequate financing from other sources, including a production credit association, should call at the Receiving Station for these applications, which is located in the County Agent's office, at Sparta.

Loans approved now may include funds for immediate disbursement to meet early spring needs, such as the preparation of land, the purchase of fertilizer, or the planting of the early food or feed crops advocated by the Extension Service and the local county War boards of the Department of Agriculture. Funds to meet labor crop production expenses may be disbursed as needed.

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Captured German U-Boat Crew



Captured when their submarine, damaged by British depth charges, was forced to be beached near Oran, Algeria, these Nazi crew men were objects of considerable interest in the town. As for the submarine, it was a case of surrender or be sunk.

10 Jap Warships, 12 Transports Are Sunk; Berlin Hit By R. A. F.

Several Men Are Put In Class I-A By Local Board

List Of Classifications Published; Others Are Being Considered

At the February 26 meeting of the Alleghany county draft board, 11 men were placed in Class I-A: Morgan R. Tompkins, Yarber T. Andrews, Palmer S. Walls, Bert A. Combs, Joe N. Howel, Charles E. Pugh, Halfred W. Jones, William E. McLean, Theodore Holloway, Howard P. Moxley, Ray M. Anderson, Odus H. Mabe was placed in 4-F, and James H. Taylor in 2-C. Cases pending are Bruce R. Williams, Herbert C. Lyon, Ted R. Wyatt, John D. Higgins, Walter E. Frady, James F. Halsey, Clifford B. Rector, Thomas O. Finney, Charlie R. Roberts, Kyle S. Nichols, Earl G. Jarvis, James W. Church, Ray Andrews, Dale Mc Wyatt.

Tire Quota Is Given For Mar.

The March quota of tires and tubes for Alleghany county allows 21 grade one passenger tires, 22 grade two, 49 of grade three, 49 tubes, 22 new, 92 recaps and 40 tubes.

The March quota of truck tires has been drastically cut in comparison with the truck tire quotas available during the past three months. This action has been (Continued on Page 4)

State Spending Measure Is Given Approval By House

Raleigh — The house heeded Speaker John Kerr Tuesday and cleared from its calendar two of the major obstacles in the way of final adjournment, which is expected this week.

It passed on final readings the \$115,000,000 general appropriations measure and passed and sent to the senate for concurrence a bill to amend the unified school board amendment adopted in the November election.

The spending bill passed final reading with little opposition. The only effort to amend it came from Rep. Tompkins of Jackson who sought to change the bonus schedule to allow for larger payments to state employees in the lower salary brackets. The amendment met defeat.

The school board amendment took another battering, however, in the form of an amendment by Rep. Arch Allen of Wake eliminating a clause that the eight education districts shall be of approximately equal population.

Russians Continue Victorious. Americans Go Forward In North Africa

This week allied planes in the most resounding victory over Japanese naval units ever accomplished in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Southwest Pacific command, have shattered a huge enemy convoy bound for New Guinea, leaving 10 warships and 12 transports sunk or sinking and almost 15,000 enemy troops drowned or killed.

"The Battle of Bismarck Sea now is decided," the noon communique issued at United Nations headquarters said. "We have achieved a complete victory. The completeness was such as to assume the proportions of a major disaster for the enemy. His entire force was practically destroyed."

Fifteen thousand Japanese ground troops on the vessels were drowned or killed, "almost to a man," the official announcement said, and 55 enemy planes were shot out of action Tuesday and yesterday.

"Merciful Providence guided us to this victory," MacArthur commented.

The convoy included 10 warships, described in the communique as cruisers or destroyers, escorting the 12 transports. The entire fleet represented a total tonnage of approximately 90,000 (Continued on Page Five)

FRED BERGE BURIED

Fred Berge, of Whitehead, died at his home last Thursday, following a period of illness dating from last fall. Burial was in Woodruff church cemetery, following the funeral service.

Quota Is \$1,900; Meeting Is Held On Eve Of Drive

Cooperation Of All Is Asked; Red Cross Doing Much For Men In Service

A small but enthusiastic group met at the Sparta Community Building Monday night for the opening of the drive to raise \$1,900 as Alleghany's share of the National Red Cross War Fund.

Chairman W. O. Hooper introduced Mayor R. F. Crouse, who gave a rousing talk upon the aims and ideals of Red Cross, saying in part:

"We have no right to draft our boys and send them out to fight for us without doing our utmost here at home to back them up in every way possible, and we are not going to let them down in this important part of the service. It is a duty for us to perform just as these boys are doing theirs by fighting for us. It is not a question of whether or not the drive will be a success—Alleghany has never failed yet to do her duty in a national crisis, and we are not going to fail now."

"Give double" is the slogan for this year's Red Cross financial appeal to the American people. The National Red Cross is seeking to raise \$125,000,000 to meet the urgent wartime needs for which it is responsible.

This amount is far in excess of the peacetime budget, but the Alleghany people, along with other loyal Americans, will contribute their share.

Navy Recruiter Is Coming Fri.

Anxious To Enlist Men As Naval Cadets, Also Other Branches

Chief Specialist James T. Stephenson, in charge of the Winston-Salem Recruiting Station, announced today the schedule to be followed by Specialist First Class James E. Meachum in distributing information and holding interviews throughout this section during the next two weeks.

Touring the territory primarily to accept applications of 17-year-old men for enlistment in the Navy under the program for Naval Aviation Cadets (to be deferred until they reach their 18th birthday); to accept applications of young women for enlistment in the WAVES and SPARS, and to answer general questions about the Navy. Specialist Meachum will be on hand in the post offices of the various towns he visits and will also arrange to appear at the schools.

He will be in Mt. Airy, March 2, 3, and 4; Sparta, March 5; West Jefferson, March 6; Boone, March 7 and 8; North Wilkesboro, March 9, 10 and 11; and Elkin, March 12 and 13.

It is important for the young fellows interested in getting into V-5, the course leading to a commission and the Navy Wings of Gold, to enlist while they are still 17, Stephenson pointed out. Boys who are in their senior year of high school, or are graduates are eligible. They must each have three letters of recommendation and the consent of their parents, and they must stand in the upper one half of the male portion of their classes.

NEW SERIAL STORY BEGINNING TODAY

Beginning today in this paper is a very fascinating mystery story, "The Jade God," by Mary Inlay Taylor.

"Silence is golden," we have been told over and over, but it was not golden in at least one case. Because a certain man kept silent for fifteen years, Mark Grant spent all these years in prison for a crime he did not commit!

But a little jade god that had squatted on a table for years provided a clue that opened the door to happiness for Mark—and Paula! Read this absorbing serial—beginning on page 1.

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