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## Two More Banks Have Been Added By Northwestern

Old Fort and Black Mountain Banks Are Added To Northwestern Group

The Old Fort and Black Mountain Banks were taken over by Northwestern Bank last Thursday—within 24 hours of notification by state and federal authorities, Edwin Duncan, executive vice-president, said here, Wednesday. D. S. Hill is active cashier at Black Mountain, and Mr. Early at Old Fort.

Gov. R. A. Doughton is president; Edwin Duncan, executive vice-president; D. V. Deal, North Wilkesboro, secretary.

## Richard Hampton Given Commission

Stratford Man Finishes Officer's Training At Fort Benning, Ga.

Richard C. Hampton, of Stratford, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the army, March 17 upon successful completion of the officer candidate course at the infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga.

Lt. Hampton is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hampton, of Stratford. He enlisted and was inducted into the army on September 2, 1942 and served with the Replacement Training Center, Camp Croft, S. C., before going to Officer Candidate School three months ago. He held the rank of corporal before being commissioned.

The new officer attended Piney Creek high school and N. C. State College, Raleigh, N. C., where he was prominent as a football player and boxer.

At Infantry School, the world's largest institution of its kind, the local officer took a three months' course to fit him for his new responsibilities. The course covers the technique of handling all the varied modern infantry weapons and the tactics of leading small infantry units in combat. It also includes study of many varied subjects which future officers must know along the lines of administration, military law, and like subjects.

## SIX ADDITIONS TO GLADE VALLEY CHURCH

Rev. Marion Gordon Bradwell, of Reynolds Presbyterian church, Winston-Salem, assisted Rev. R. L. Berry in a meeting at Glade Valley last week. Rev. Mr. Bradwell brought interesting and inspiring messages twice each day. Six were received on profession into the Glade Valley church.

**What You Buy With WAR BONDS**

Women at War today are saving for the day when the War is won. They are buying War Bonds as thrifty housewives, saving to buy those handy, convenient and necessary electrical appliances when their bills mature.



Women know that money saved now will help win the peace, putting their manhoods to work in our domestic factories when the war is over. They know purchase of War Bonds today will help their family and the whole country tide over the readjustment period from War to Peace.

## British, Americans Press Rommel; Reds North Of Smolensk

NOW IN GEORGIA



SGT. CLIFFORD H. GENTRY, who was inducted into service, April 10, 1942, was assigned to the air force and was sent to Sheppard Field, Tex. He was later sent to Savannah, Ga., where he is now stationed. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gentry, of Roaring Gap.

## Cooperation In Washington Is Not A Problem

Congressman Doughton And Others Are Interested In N. C. People

By Ed M. Anderson (Special To The News)  
 Washington, D. C., March 19—In spite of rationing, price control and many other restrictions imposed as a result of the war effort, Democracy still lives in the United States.

There are many ways by which this fact can be proven, and one of the clearest and most dramatic proofs was revealed here this afternoon at the office of Congressman R. L. Doughton.

Mrs. Margaret Rash, of Cycle, N. C., in Wilkes county, came to Washington this morning to see Farmer Bob about an important personal matter.

"I'm glad to see you, but Wilkes county is now in Congressman Burgin's district and I suggest that you see him," the able chairman of the House ways and means committee told the lively mountain farm woman.

"I know that, but I really want to see you," she insisted as do hundreds of other citizens from all sections of North Carolina, (Continued On Page Four)

## HAS PERFECT RECORD AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Little Eva Ruth Edwards, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Edwards, has attended Chestnut Grove Sunday School twelve months without missing a Sunday. She was presented with a Bible March 14 by Mrs. Annie Perry, Sunday School superintendent, as a reward for perfect attendance.

## Men Classified By Local Board

County Group Will Leave Next Week To Enter Armed Forces

At two meetings of Selective Service boards on March 16 and 19, two men were placed in class 1-A; John D. Higgins and Kermit R. Pruitt.

Class 2-A lists James W. Church, John R. Andrews, Bert A. Combs, 2-C: Wade J. Boone, Jones K. Andrews, Palmer S. Walls, Eugene J. Poole, Fletcher A. Church, Grant M. Harless, Jr., Clay W. Roberts and Lonnie Davis.

## Rain Big Bombs On Rabaul, New Britain; Japs Are Hard Hit

American forces showed their power in North Africa this week as they went forward toward the sea and the British, flanking forces, made every effort to encircle Rommel.

Striking suddenly out of the desert, the light but powerful British force had driven nearly 100 miles from the Ksar Rhilane sector along a route 20 to 50 miles behind the Mareth fortifications, yesterday.

The last few miles were won with difficulty through thick mine fields laid by the Axis in anticipation of such a movement, official dispatches said. At last reports, the British were battling strong enemy forces ten miles below El Hamma airdrome at a point only 20 miles from the coast, below Gabes.

With his whole southern army thus in danger of being split in two and hammered to pieces, Marshal Erwin Rommel threw 50 tanks and other forces into a heavy counterattack at dawn against the southern fork of the two-pronged American advance, on the coast road east of El Guestar.

American gunners with light and medium artillery halted the first enemy thrusts and inflicted heavy casualties, front dispatches said, and heavy fighting was continuing with American guns on the heights to the rear pouring withering fire on the attackers.

Russian troops have driven to a point north of Dukhovshchina, only 30 miles northeast of Smolensk and 12½ miles northwest of the defense bastion of Yartsevo, Russia's midnight communique revealed yesterday.

Resisting desperately, the Ger- (Continued on Page 4)

## Black-Out Here Was A Success

Another May Be Called At An Early Date, It Is Announced

The practice blackout in Alleghany last Thursday was very nearly a complete success, according to Civilian Defense Chairman Alton Thompson.

The blackout was called by state officials as further practice under the revised army rules and regulations. It is expected that another blackout may be called at any time, and officials and citizens are asked to be in readiness to carry out instructions which were so effective in last week's trial.

The alert signal, a steady blast of the fire siren, sounded at 8:50 and lights were quickly extinguished. A few automobiles traveled a short distance and parked. At nine o'clock came the danger signal, a zig-zag blowing of the siren, which means "danger, all traffic stop and take cover." The next and last signal meant immediate danger had passed but not turn on lights. The all clear was given by turning on street lights and by radio and telephone signals.

## Roylance Will Leave For Ga.

Junior Soil Conservationist Has Been Given Recent Promotion

Richard Roylance, who, for the past eighteen months, has been Junior Soil Conservationist under the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has been promoted to Assistant Conservationist and has been transferred from Alleghany county to Nahant, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Roylance and little daughter, Judith Ann, will leave Sparta, Monday, for their new home. Coming from Salisbury, Mr. and Mrs. Roylance have made a wide circle of friends in Alleghany county, who will regret their leaving.

No announcement has yet been made as to a possible successor to Mr. Roylance in Alleghany county conservation work.

## Red Cross Serves At Home And Abroad



Red Cross volunteer workers are contributing to the nation's war effort. Left, a Red Cross Motor Corps member adjusts the engine of her car. Right, complete confidence in this nurse's aid is registered by the infant she holds.

## Associational S. S. Meeting To Be Held Here Apr. 1

Rev. Tom Lawrence Of Winston-Salem To Be Guest Speaker

An Associational Sunday School meeting will be held at Sparta Baptist church April 1. Mr. T. C. Osborne is Associational Superintendent and Miss Ivy Grace Doughton secretary.

The meeting will be held primarily for associational Sunday School officers, pastors, general superintendents of the various Baptist churches in the county. It is hoped that each church will be represented, officials of the organization said here this week.

Rev. Tom Lawrence of Winston Salem will be the guest speaker and every one interested in promotion of Sunday School work is invited to attend. An interesting program is planned.

## Plenty Jars, Lids For Home Canners

Several New Types On Market. Preservation Of Food Is Very Essential

Washington — The government is ready for a rush by housewives to get home canning equipment.

An all-time record home canning season is expected because of food rationing and the Victory Garden program, but the War Production Board reported its belief that it has provided enough jars, lids, and rubber rings to meet demands.

There won't be as many pressure cookers as housewives want, WPB said, although steps have been taken to permit the production of 150,000 cookers, twice as many as last year.

WPB has released enough metal to permit manufacture of almost all types of lids, jar rings, and other closures. More than 3,000,000 new ones will be turned out, and these will supplement an estimated two billion old covers which are fit for re-use.

Zinc lids are banned but four other types of closures are being made. About 600,000,000 will be self-sealing, three-piece units, consisting of rubber ring, flat glass cap and metal screw band. About 2,500,000,000 others will be thin metal discs for use with metal screw bands—the familiar two-piece closures.

## ANNOUNCE SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCHES

Elder S. G. Caudill announces the preaching appointments of Elder Ed Douglas, of Galax, from April 4 through April 11.

Rock Creek, April 4; Pilgrim's Rest, April 5; Beach Bottom, 6th; Elk Creek, 7th; Antioch, 8th; Union, 9th; Zion, 10th, all these services to be held at 11:00 A. M. Services will be held at Elk Creek the afternoon of April 10th at 2:30, and at Little River at night. On the 11th, services will be again held at Zion at 11:00 A. M.

## Will Hold Red Cross Rally On Tues.; More Contributions Needed

### Meat Rationing To Start Monday Allow 16 Points

Red Stamps To Be Used For Several Items; Freeze To End On Butter And Fats

Beginning next Monday, Ashe county housewives along with the rest of the nation will start using red stamps from their No. 2 ration books for meats, cheese, butter, margarine, lard and other edible fats included in this rationed group. Red Stamp A will be good for 16 points during the first week.

Items in this group except the cheese and meat have been frozen since last Sunday and will remain so until the rationing begins, March 29.

Disclosure today of coupon values of meat showed that Americans will be allowed, starting Monday, to buy a maximum of 2½ pounds of steak or 3 1-5 pounds of hamburger per person per week, under rationing.

Actually, most people will buy less, because they will want to use some of the same coupons for butter, lard, cheese or canned fish. They will have 16 points to spend per week at an average coupon cost of 8 points per pound for the whole group of foods.

Instructions as to the registration for institutional users of the above foods have not been received by the local office. Institutional users will be notified as to when to come into this office and register.

The period of March 29—April 10 will probably be used for the registration of the institutional users of processed rationed foods. As stated above these dates will be verified by a letter of notification for this office to all institutional users, it was explained.

### Rev. A. C. Wagoner To Be Rally Speaker; Far Short Of Goal

A Red Cross War Fund Rally is to be held at the courthouse in Sparta next Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock, when Rev. A. C. Wagoner, of Wilkesboro Methodist church, will be guest speaker, Chairman W. O. Hooper announced here, Wednesday. Everyone is urged to attend.

All chairmen and township workers are asked to complete and bring in their reports to this meeting, when tabulations will be made to ascertain the amount needed to reach the county's quota of \$1900. To date, only around \$600 has been raised.

"Just one more week in March, and in this week Alleghany will either go over the top or fall short of her hope of reaching the goal set for the Red Cross War Fund," Chairman W. O. Hooper, said.

"A special effort will have to be made by each and every individual in the county if the goal is to be met," Mr. Hooper continued, "Scores of chapters in nearby communities have reached and exceeded their goals, and surely Alleghany county will not let it be said that she failed in this important service to our boys on the fighting front."

Chairman Hooper, Rev. R. L. Berry, Isom Wagoner, R. E. Black and W. K. Sprinkle, represent (Continued on Page 4)

### COUNTY AGENT R. E. BLACK MOVES OFFICE

County Agent R. E. Black now occupies the office in the Community Building formerly used by WPA, instead of the one in connection with the Triple A on the same floor.

Mr. Black has resigned from the secretaryship of AAA, Arthur Gambill being appointed by the county commissioners to succeed him in this capacity.

## Point Values On Some Dried Foods Have Been Lowered

The point values on some dried prunes, raisins, all other dried fruits, dry beans, peas and lentils have recently been lowered, the local War Price and Rationing Board announced this week.

Dried prunes were listed for the first four ounces at three points, four to eight ounces, six points; eight to twelve ounces, nine points, twelve ounces to one pound, 12 points.

Raisins had exactly the same point value. All other dried fruits were listed at two points for the first four ounces, four points up to eight ounces, six points from eight to 12 ounces and eight points from 12 ounces to one pound.

Dry beans, peas and lentils, one point for the first four ounces, two points from four to eight ounces, three points from eight to

## Two-Day School Of Conservation Of Food Is Held

Plan Of Growing More And Preservation Of Food To Be County-Wide

The vital importance of food conservation was stressed here, Tuesday and Wednesday, when Miss Willie Hunter, of the State Extension division, conducted a two-day Food Workshop, a program which is being presented in every county in the state, this month.

On Tuesday, Miss Hunter met with the trained home economists in the county, instructing them in the latest methods of food preservation, including canning, drying, and storage.

Those present were: Miss Lena Thompson, home economics teacher at Glade Valley school, Miss Eula Kennedy, Sparta home economics teacher, Miss Mildred Sedberry, Farm Security home supervisor with FSA in the county; Mrs. A. O. Joines and Mrs. T. J. Carson; also attended part of the meeting.

After demonstrations on canning in the hot water and pressure canners and preparing sulphured apples and green beans for drying, the group discussed ways of getting the program over to all the women in the county. April 9-12, inclusive, was set as the date to begin the program. During that time, all community leaders will meet with the women in their neighborhoods for discussions on gardens, canning equipment, prices on equipment, budgets on canning and to set dates for canning demonstrations.

High school students will be asked to make posters and window contests will be held at the (Continued on Page 4)

## Lees - McRae Has Bad Fire Monday

Banner Elk — (Special)—Lees-McRae college, Banner Elk, suffered the greatest property loss in its history Monday afternoon when fire destroyed Tennessee dormitory for girls. The loss was placed at between \$50,000 and \$75,000, partially covered by insurance.

Members of the faculty were at lunch when one of the girls who stayed in the dormitory rushed in and said the building was on fire. The alarm was sounded and students, teachers, citizens and children of the community rushed to the scene to aid in any manner they could in extinguishing the blaze.

Banner Elk itself has no fire department, but firemen were called from Boone, Newland, and Elk Park and they arrived within 30 minutes.

Through the work of students, teachers, and townspeople, who formed a line to pass the books from one to another, the college library of more than 11,000 volumes was saved. It was housed on the first floor of the dormitory.

Dr. Tate said that destruction of the dormitory will not interfere with completion of the work of the current college year nor will it interrupt plans for the summer school.

**What You Buy With WAR BONDS**

Nurse that heating plant along for it must do you for the duration. Metal... every bit we can rake and scrape up is going into War Production to provide the tools for our boys on the fighting fronts.



But start saving now for that heating plant by your purchase of War Bonds every payday through a Payroll Savings plan. War spending goes on month after month. So War Savings must keep pace, month after month. Put at least ten percent of your income in War Savings through War Bonds. U. S. Treasury Department