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Post Office Is Modifying Rule On Overseas Mail

Packages May Be Sent And Renewals To Papers Made Without Requests

You may now send packages to the soldiers overseas, but they may not weigh more than eight ounces, and they must be sealed and carry first class postage.

This is a new order from the postoffice department modifying its order of January 7, which prohibited the sending of any packages to men on overseas duty, unless by direct permission of the commanding officer.

Under the new order, said postoffice authorities here today, packages weighing not more than eight ounces, sealed and carrying first class postage, may be mailed to soldiers overseas without approved request. This order was modified to permit the sending of small packages of essential items with approved request.

The current order also provides that employees' publications, church bulletins and similar publications may be sent under the same weight and postage restrictions.

Renewals of subscriptions for overseas soldiers for papers, magazines and other periodicals is to be considered in conformity with the January 7 order, regardless of whether requested by the soldier or not. This means, it was explained, that the subscription may be paid for by persons other than the soldier, though no complimentary subscription may be sent by publishers.

Postmaster Davis said postal authorities felt that the modified order would be welcomed by (Continued on Page 5)

Wm. H. Harris Buried Saturday

William H. Harris, aged citizen of the Laurel Springs community, died March 25, burial following at the family cemetery March 27, after conclusion of funeral rites conducted by Rev. Mac Tedder.

Mr. Harris was 83 years of age. Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. America Harris, one son, Tom Harris, and one daughter, Mrs. Verna Taylor, of Laurel Springs. Two brothers also survive.

Willard Halsey Buried Sunday

Willard Halsey, 23, passed away at the home of his mother, Mrs. Myrtle M. Halsey, of Piney Creek, last Friday, after a prolonged period of illness. Funeral rites were held Sunday by Elders J. M. Williams and C. R. Dancy, burial following at Piney Creek. Surviving him are his mother and one half-brother, L. H. Halsey, of Sparta.

Many New Books In Library Now

Many new books have been received at the Alleghany county library, according to Mrs. Carrie H. Jones, librarian. Those ready for lending to the public are listed:

Guadalcanal Diary, There is Today, Silvertip's Stripe, The Border Kid, The Silver Flute, The Enchanted Barn, The Solitary Horseman, On the Dodge, The Medicine Man, Twin Sombreros, The Far Call, Happiness 'Round the Corner, The Girl From Nowhere, Bestless Heart, Saturday's Child, Golden Eagle Mystery.

WPA To End In All States Soon

The Works Project Administration, once a big operator on a nation-wide scale, is already reduced to operations in 14 states and will go out of business in all 48 by May 1.

George H. Field, deputy administrator, said all but final accounting work had halted this month in six states.

During April, he said, a similar halt will be called in the last 14 states, including North Carolina and South Carolina.

Rommel Is On Run; Allied Forces Strike Heavy Aerial Attack

WALLACE WELCOMED



Vice President Henry A. Wallace is shown smiling broadly as he was welcomed to Balboa by Edwin C. Wilson, U. S. ambassador to Panama.

County Farmers Are Invited To Poultry School

Will Be Held On April 8 In Y. M. C. A. Building At Elkin

R. E. Black, Alleghany county agent, has announced that on April 8, there will be a one-day poultry school and egg show at the Elkin Y. M. C. A., starting at 10:00 A. M. The poultry specialists from State College Extension Service will conduct the school and will give valuable information on feeding and management of poultry.

Valuable prizes will be offered for eggs, both white and brown shell. Mr. Black further stated, "I hope a good number of our farmers can attend this school and take or send an exhibit of eggs. In selecting the eggs, pick one dozen of uniform size, color, and shell texture, free from blood spots and rough shells. The eggs must be absolutely fresh. With the increased demand for poultry and eggs I would like to urge our farmers to attend this school, and I am sure they will receive information which will be of much value in producing poultry under wartime conditions."

SCHEDULE FOR H. D. MEETINGS ANNOUNCED

Alleghany county home demonstration meetings scheduled for April 6, through the 10, are announced as follows:

Sparta Club, Community Building, Tuesday, April 6, at two o'clock; Roaring Gap club, Wednesday, April 7, with Mrs. Worth Smith at the same hour; Bledsoe Creek club, April 8, Mrs. R. B. Richardson; Elk Creek club, April 9, at Gambill's store; Blevins Cross Road club, April 10, with Mrs. Early Smith.

Point Values Of Some Foods Are Altered; Meat Rationed

Washington — Fruit juices required fewer of your blue ration coupons starting Monday while prunes and raisins now take none at all; the office of price administration disclosed Saturday in a rejuggling of the point values of processed foods.

The point value of dried soups is being slashed 50 per cent, but more points will be needed for canned beans, catsup and chili sauce, tomato paste and sauce, applesauce, fruit cocktail, peaches and pineapple.

The fruit juice reductions range up to 60 per cent. These and the cuts on dried soup were made because the products were not selling up to expectations, officials said. The greatest reductions are on 46-ounce cans of juice. This size can of grapefruit juice, posted for 23 points in March, takes only nine points. A 46-ounce can of tomato or pineapple juice re-

Soviets Halt Nazi Push On Donets Front; RAF Raids Berlin Again

Allied air forces took the lead in the war this week, both in Africa, Europe and the Pacific. Whipped on land and furiously bombarded from the air, Marshal Erwin Rommel's weary Africa corps plunged toward Sfax after being thrown out of Gables and El Hamma, with the conquering British eighth army in hot pursuit and with American forces threatening his left flank.

The axis forces were drawing back on the coastal highway running 90 miles around the Gulf of Gables to Sfax under relentless pressure.

The German luftwaffe tried in vain to fend off the devastating allied air attacks, but these were pressed home against the fleeing enemy transports, and 300 vehicles were either destroyed or damaged. Lighted by the fires of his wrecked motor carriers, Rommel's retreat highway was like a scene from Dante's inferno.

Rommel's rear guard maintained stubborn resistance, and his sappers planted thousands of mines and booby traps to cover the withdrawal, a retreat that had no aspect of a rout.

Allied heavy bombers intercepted a convoy of four enemy destroyers attempting to run supplies into New Guinea Tuesday, probably sank one with a direct hit five miles off Finschafen, and forced the rest to flee northward under cover of heavy weather, it was announced yesterday.

While Berlin still staggered under the shock of its second bombing by the RAF in three nights, German authorities acknowledged yesterday that the wave of allied aerial blows possibly "marks the beginning" of an invasion of the continent, and Britain started clearing the coasts for use as a springboard for landings in Hitler's Europe.

Red army guardsmen, smashing an attack by massed German tanks supported by artillery and planes, knocked out at least 42 enemy tanks and 18 planes in a day's fighting on the Donets river front, Russia's Tuesday midnight communique said.

Suddenly intensifying their attack in an attempt to break the Donets line which had held so firmly, the German command sent an entire tank division against a sector held by the guardsmen, pick of the Red army.

Superior Court To Open April 27

The term of superior court in Alleghany county for April will begin on Tuesday, April 27 instead of Monday the 26th, as Easter Monday is a legal holiday. Judge Allen Gwyn, who will preside over the session, has notified county officials to this effect.

All witnesses, litigants and jurors called for the term will therefore not be required to attend until Tuesday.

Red Cross Deals Out Doughnuts To Men In Service



A Red Cross worker examines the doughnut making machine, part of the equipment of the "clubmobile" of which she is a crew member in the picture at left. At right: Miss Fern Maddox, of Oklahoma City, serves doughnuts to a soldier at an airfield "somewhere in England." Center: Members of a Red Cross mobile unit distribute coffee and doughnuts to U. S. soldiers in the British Isles.

Town Election Officials Are Named By Board

All Candidates Seeking Election Must File On Or Before April 20

At a meeting of the town council on March 29, S. W. Brown was appointed registrar and G. Glenn Nichols and Robert Joiner as judges, to hold the town election of Mayor and five members of the board of commissioners on May 4th.

It will be necessary for all candidates for these offices to file their names with the registrar on or before the 20th day of April, in order that the ballots may be printed.

Mayor R. F. Crouse said here Tuesday that he is definitely not to be a candidate in the coming election. It was not learned whether or not the aldermen will enter the race for re-election. J. M. Wagoner, D. C. Duncan, Dr. C. A. Thompson, D. P. Sturdivant and J. A. Hardin have served in this capacity during Mr. Crouse's tenure of office as Mayor.

Under Mayor Crouse's leadership the town of Sparta has acquired a new water and light system, besides many other improvements of benefit to citizens within the corporate limits of the town.

A taxpayers' meeting will be held at the courthouse next Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock for the purpose of discussing questions of finance and government, Mayor Crouse stated. All persons interested in the subject are urged to attend.

Praises Local Board Officials

Local Board Is Visited By State Official, Who Examined Records

A representative of State Selective Service recently visited the Alleghany county local board office, reporting the office and files to be in excellent condition, it was learned here this week.

The board members and clerks were commended for doing a splendid job, no errors nor departure from regulations were noted in the classifications, with adequate information in the files to justify the classification given, the representative said, according to the category system. No postponements were granted without the proper authority.

J. R. Miles, A. V. Choate and J. C. Douglas are members of the board, with Mr. Miles chairman. Mrs. Mena Phipps is clerk, with Miss Dorothy Evans assistant clerk.

Girl Scouts To Help Red Cross

The Girl Scouts of Sparta met Friday at the home of Lucille Mitchell. The Scouts have begun making candies, cakes, pies and cookies, which will be sold for the benefit of the Red Cross War Fund.

The pastry and candy is being sold in the Jay Hardin store.

Value Of Red Cross Cited At Rally; More Needed To Reach Goal

Major Hubbard Plans To Return To Civilian Life

Chief Surgeon Of Ashe Hospital To Receive Discharge From Army

North Wilkesboro — Major Fred C. Hubbard, who has been in the army medical corps since July 17, 1942, will receive an honorable discharge and will return to civilian life in the very near future, it was learned here this week.

Major Hubbard, before he was accepted in the service, was chief of staff and chief surgeon of the Wilkes Hospital in North Wilkesboro, which position he will return to when he receives his discharge from the army's medical corps.

Major Hubbard also served as chief surgeon of the Ashe hospital and it is expected that he will resume this work again, too.

Major Hubbard is now stationed at Springfield, Mo. He entered the army at Charleston, S. C., was sent to Camp Atterbury, Ind., and later to Camp Crowder, Mo., before he was assigned to the general hospital at Springfield, Mo.

THE BAPTIST HOUR TO RUN THRU APRIL

The Baptist Hour, popular radio program, heard on Sunday mornings, will continue to run through April in North Carolina only. The program, formerly broadcast throughout the South, features many famous Baptist leaders.

County Still Short \$300 Of Quota; All Are Urged To Make Contributions

The vital necessity and service of the Red Cross was forcefully presented to an attentive audience here on Tuesday night when Rev. A. C. Waggoner, of North Wilkesboro, spoke at the courthouse at a war fund rally.

The speaker, who is chairman of the Wilkes chapter, told in a vivid manner, the work of the Red Cross in the present world conflict, as well as in the past.

Notable among the little-known facts listed was that the ambulances to serve the armed forces overseas are not furnished by the government, but furnished and manned by Red Cross; that hospital gowns and dressings are not furnished by the government, but that they are furnished, and the expense of transporting them to the point of embarkation, is paid by Red Cross; that the only means of contact with a prisoner of war is through Red Cross; the only means of verification of a soldier's request for an extension of leave, or his family's request for an emergency leave, must be verified by Red Cross.

Many other invaluable services were cited, "all of which cost money," Rev. Mr. Waggoner stated. "Therefore, I would me ashamed NOT to give until it became a real sacrifice. Those boys over there are making a real sacrifice for me, and for you, and if we can't be over there fighting with them, the least we can do is expend every effort to see that their needs are adequately met. So GIVE, and generously, of your time and money, to a cause that is second only in importance to the Church." The speaker was (Continued On Page Four)

Farmers Are To Collect Stamps From Customers

Are Urged To Produce Surplus Meat And Butter For Sale

Raleigh — North Carolina farmers who produce meat and butter at home for sale must collect from their customers the correct amounts of red point stamps in War Ration Book 2, the office of price administration said this week.

During the past week, while retail sales of butter were frozen, farmers of the state were permitted, under a ruling by OPA, to sell butter without collecting point stamps from customers. This authorization ended at midnight Sunday, March 28.

Under the meat-fats rationing program, a farmer who sells meat or butter or other home-produced items covered by the program should keep a record of all such products sold. At the end of each month he will be required to go to his local war price and rationing board and report the number of pounds he has sold, and he must turn over to the board the red point stamps he has collected during the month. He must comply with this regulation, the OPA said, whether he sells to individuals or to stores.

At the same time, the OPA requested that farmers who produce more meat, butter, etc., than their families can consume, refrain from spending their own red point stamps in War Ration Book 2. While farmers may do so if they wish, the OPA emphasized, (Continued on Page 5)

TO HOLD BOX SUPPERS BENEFIT RED CROSS

Red Cross War Fund Chairman W. O. Hooper announces that two box suppers will be held in the county for the benefit of the War Fund. The first will be at New Hope on Saturday night at eight o'clock, when music and entertainment features will be offered free of charge.

Boxes will be auctioned off by R. E. Black, and all proceeds will be turned over to Red Cross.

On Tuesday night, the same program will be held at Laurel Springs School, Miss Ivy Grace Doughton, principal of the school, announces, except that the program will start at 8:30 instead of eight. Cordial invitations are extended to the public to attend both functions.

Guide Is Given For Rationing

SUGAR—Stamp No. 12 good for five pounds through May 31.

COFFEE—Stamp No. 26 good for one pound through April 25.

GASOLINE—Coupon No. 5 in A book good for three gallons but must last through July 21—four months, instead of two as heretofore.

TIRES—Holders of Ration A coupons must have tires inspected by OPA on or before March 31. Owners of passenger cars and commercial vehicles may get their casings recapped with reclaimed rubber camelback without applying to their local War Price and Rationing Boards for certificates.

SHOES—Coupon 17 in the sugar and coffee ration book entitles each holder to one pair of shoes until June 15, when a new stamp will be designated.

WAR RATION BOOKS—Blue stamps in War Ration Book Two now used to ration commercially canned, bottled and frozen fruits and vegetables, including juices, all soups, dried peas, lentils and dehydrated soup mixtures. Red stamps in War Ration Book Two now used to ration meats, fats, oils, cheese, and canned fish. During the first five weekly periods, these red stamps will become valid and will expire as follows: March 29—A (16 Pts.)—April 5.

April 4—B (16 Pts.)—April 11—C (16 Pts.)—April 18—D (16 Pts.)—April 25—E (16 Pts.)—To be announced.

Alleghany Boys In Service



Corporal Buren Farmer, left, entered the Army in June, 1942, and is now serving in North Africa. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Farmer, of Sparta. Corporal Robert Guy Brooks enlisted in the Marines in October, 1942. He is stationed at Parris Island, S. C. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brooks, of Piney Creek.