

County Bond Sales Over \$60,000

Test Farm To Be Established In Ashe County

Transou Farm Is Purchased By State On Tuesday

Will Establish Mountain Test Experimental Farm At Laurel Springs

West Jefferson — (Special) — The department of Agriculture of North Carolina, Tuesday completed plans for the establishment of a mountain test farm in Ashe county when the purchase of the W. M. Transou farm was made. This farm which contains 425 acres was purchased for \$24,000, according to information released by officials. It is located on the Laurel Springs Sparta highway, not far from the Ashe-Alleghany county line. It is understood that the farm will be converted to a beef and dairy cattle and sheep test farm operated by the state department of agriculture and State College. Details of plans to be carried out will be announced later. Some time ago the location of such a farm in Ashe county was under consideration and recently interest in the plan was revived. Surveys have been made in the county during the past few weeks, which resulted in the final decision. Ashe county officials, farm leaders and others working in the interest of such a farm are gratified over the realization of their plans.

Bond Rallies In Schools Planned

Laurel Springs And Sparta Schools To Conduct Special Bond Sales

The second in a series of War Bond rallies for the Fourth War Loan Drive will be conducted Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the Laurel Springs school, when Mayor R. F. Crouse, prominent Sparta lawyer and veteran of World War I, will speak, it was announced today. S. R. Nichols, chairman of the Fourth War Loan Drive for Alleghany county and W. C. Irwin, chairman of the RFD carriers in the county are expected to make short talks. Ed Pugh, chairman of the drive in the Laurel Springs township, will conduct the sale of bonds, it was also announced. String music will be furnished and everybody is urged to attend and buy a bond. The children will be able to buy stamps at the rally and those who have stamp books started are especially urged to finish those books and buy their bond at the rally. (Continued on Page Four)

To the People of this Community
YOU ARE IMPORTANT
There is no such thing as a "little" investment in the Fourth War Loan.
Your \$25 or \$50 or \$100 Extra War Bond may not have great importance in your mind in making up a 5 1/2 billion dollar total for individuals.
But multiply yourself by 131,000,000 and then you see in real perspective how truly great each citizen becomes in massing national strength against the Nazis and the Japs.
Capt. Maurice Witherspoon, Navy chaplain aboard the Carrier Wasp when she sank, tells of a rescued wounded sailor, who, as he regained consciousness, asked: "Did I do my best?"
That's the only question you, too, have to ask yourself when you decide the extent of your personal participation in the Fourth War Loan.
There, undoubtedly will be large, single purchases of War Bonds in this community, but yours—if it is "your best" will deserve equally the red, white and blue stars you are privileged to display in the window of your home.
"Let's All Back the Attack."
THE EDITOR.

County's Red Cross Quota Is \$3,400.00; Drive Opens March 1

W. O. Hooper Will Again Serve As The Chairman; More Funds Needed

Citizens of Sparta and Alleghany county will be asked to give \$3,400.00 toward the American Red Cross national goal for 1944, when the annual drive opens on March 1, it was revealed at a meeting here Thursday afternoon. At this time, C. C. Lovell, field director of the National Red Cross, was present and outlined some plans for the drive, as well as discussing the expansion of the work of this organization since last year. Alleghany county's quota for the drive last year was \$1,900.00 and this was slightly surpassed. W. O. Hooper will again serve as drive chairman and he will have a central committee to assist him, as well as committees and workers to cover the entire county. These will be announced later. (Continued on Page 4)

Hears Details Of Son's Death

Mrs. Rose Blevins Receives Letter From Chaplain, Regarding Son's Death

Mrs. Rose Blevins, of Sparta, mother of Tec. 5 Walter W. Blevins, of the U. S. Army, who died in New Caledonia, November 22, received word that her son died as a result of drowning. Mrs. Blevins recently received the following letter from Capt. Vernelle W. Dyer, Chaplain of the 8th General Hospital: "Since I am the chaplain of the hospital where your son was a good patient, it fell upon me to conduct his funeral. You will be glad to know that he was buried with military honors. Since you and your boy were Baptists, it (Continued on Page Four)

May Get Ration Book 3 Here Now

The OPA has announced that authority for issuance of War Ration Book number Three has been completely transferred to local boards, and that issuance of Book Three from the Charlotte Control Center has been discontinued. Applications for Book Three are still being received in the Control Center and must naturally be rerouted to local boards for processing. Authorities request that these applications be mailed direct to the local boards and thus avoid all the unnecessary delay and expense of transferring the applications.

Former Alleghany Woman To Christen A Destroyer

A destroyer escort now being fitted for service at the Mare Island Navy Yard in California, will be named for a navy pilot, the late Ensign Delbert W. Halsey, who died in the battle of Midway, and the pilot's mother, Mrs. Earl V. Halsey, of Rt. 1 Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, who will be remembered as Miss Anna Mitchell, formerly of Alleghany county, will christen the ship when it is ready to be launched. Mrs. Halsey is the daughter of the late William Mitchell, of Alleghany, and the sister of Eugene Mitchell, of Stratford. Ensign Halsey, pilot of a dive bomber on the Enterprise, won the purple heart, the air medal

KILLED IN ACTION



Sgt. Warren Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stone, formerly of Alleghany county, was killed in action in Italy, December 5, 1943. Sgt. Stone, 22, who had been overseas for the past two years, had been awarded the Purple Heart for bravery in action.

Sgt. Osborne Is Killed In Action In Pacific Area

Columbus F. Osborne, of Sparta, recently received a message from the War Department that an official finding of death had been made in the case of his son, Sergeant Bruce W. Osborne, who was reported missing in action, September 24, 1942. Sgt. Osborne had been awarded air medals for meritorious achievement on Sept. 7, and 9, 1942, in air operations over the Solomon Islands area. On Sept. (Continued on Page Four)

ALLEGHANY GIRL MAKES HONOR ROLL AT U. N. C.

Edith Woodruff Hash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hash, of Piney Creek, is among an unusually high percentage of students who made the honor roll at the University of North Carolina during the quarter just ended, it was announced this week by Administrative Dean, R. B. House. To rate the honor roll, a student must make an average grade of B (90-95) on all courses. Miss Hash is a graduate of Piney Creek high school and attended ASTC at Boone, before entering Carolina.

R. L. Doughton Again Candidate, Makes Statement

Chairman Of Ways And Means Committee, To Run For Congress

Washington — Representative Robert L. Doughton, of Laurel Springs, who intended to retire from Congress three years ago, found pressure on him to run again so strong that he announced Saturday his intention to seek another term in the House. In announcing that he would be a candidate for re-election, as far as he knows or could see at the present time, Mr. Doughton issued the following statement: "I have undergone many conflicting emotions recently with respect to whether or not I should become a candidate for re-election to Congress. If there had been no consideration other than my private interests and personal (Continued on Page 5)

Spoke To Press At Richmond, Va.

Ed M. Anderson, who is the publisher of this paper, was the luncheon speaker at the annual institute of the Virginia Press Association, in Richmond, Saturday. Editor Anderson spoke on post-war planning in relation to newspapers.

WELFARE HEAD



Swanson Edwards, who began his duties this week as superintendent of public welfare of Alleghany county.

Farm Building Now Permitted

Regulations Are Explained; Applications Are Made To AAA Committee
A revision of Conservation Order L-41 now permits farm buildings including dwellings, to be constructed on a farm to the extent of \$1,000 per calendar year without filing application for permit, provided all materials to be used in the construction are on hand or may be obtained without making application for priorities assistance, and no utility connections are required which would necessitate filing an application for such connections with the WPB, it was announced this week. After the \$1,000 has been expended, however, application for a permit must be made, regardless of the type of cost of the building. Farm dwellings which have been destroyed by fire since July 1, 1943, may be rebuilt or restored without filing application, provided all materials can be secured without priorities assistance, and the total estimated cost of such reconstruction is not in excess of \$5,000. All applications for approval of construction now should be made to the County AAA Committee.

American Marines Land In Marshall Islands; Reds Gain

TO RUN AGAIN



Congressman R. L. Doughton, who has announced that he will again offer his services by being a candidate for congress from the ninth district.

Quota Is More Than Doubled In Polio Fund Drive

Schools Make Contributions; Mrs. Thompson Is Highly Praised
Alleghany county's Infantile Paralysis Drive quota of \$96,000 has been reached and more than doubled, according to reports received yesterday, with a few more donations yet to be reported. A total of \$229,000 was raised during the drive with \$31 deducted for expenses, leaving \$198,000 to be put in the fund. Mrs. C. Thompson, chairman, announced. The square dance in honor of the President's birthday, held at the community building on Saturday night, amounted to the large. (Continued on Page Four)

Mrs. Edwards Buried Friday

Funeral service for Mrs. Nancy Edwards, of Vox, wife of the late Hasten Edwards, who died January 28, was conducted Friday at Pleasant Home Union Baptist Church with Elder Walter Evans officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Letcher Cox and Mrs. Glenn Truitt, of Baywood and Mrs. Hort Spurlin, of Ennice; and three sons, Luther Edwards, of Baywood; Kelly Edwards, of Hooker and Arthur Edwards, of Ennice.

Shortage Of Tires Growing More Acute, OPA Announces

Washington — OPA Rationing Chief Colonel Bryan Houston, announcing stringent new eligibility requirement for issuance of new passenger car tires, said this week that the supply available for February will be short of eligible demand by at least 250,000 tires. The February quota of new tires, most of them synthetic, is 750,000 units, while the demand from motorists on OPA's list of essential drivers is expected to be for about 1,000,000, Colonel Houston said at a press conference. "This means," he stated, "that local boards must decide which drivers should have priority and

New Advances Are Chalked Up In Allies' Drive On Rome

American amphibious forces have invaded the very heart of Japan's fiercely-defended mid-Pacific Marshall islands, this week. Marines and soldiers landed on Kwajalein atoll, establishing beachheads near the powerful Japanese bases on Roi and Kwajalein islets. The invasion units struck Tuesday, two years to the day after the first American offensive action in the Pacific—a hit and run raid on the same islands. President Roosevelt said that American operations in the Marshall islands apparently were going well and that they were aimed at an objective of utter defeat for the Japanese and a drive on Tokyo itself. Moving westward and, in collaboration with our allies eastward from Burma and Malaya, Mr. Roosevelt said, the American objectives are complete defeat of the enemy. The Red army has captured the frontier railway station of Kingisepp (Yamburg) and has driven to the Estonian border in steady advances along a 50-mile front from the Baltic to Lake Samro, Moscow announced yesterday. More than 2,000 Germans were killed and quantities of war material—still being counted—were scooped up in the westward drive by Gen. Leonid A. Govorov's Leningrad front troops, said the midnight Moscow bulletin recorded by the Soviet monitor from a broadcast. Fifty communities were captured during the day. Reinforced American and British troops, striking out in their first major offensive since the landing on the Anzio beaches 10 days ago, have fought into the (Continued on Page Four)

Blood Donors Are Asked For

It was announced this week that all those persons in Alleghany county wishing to donate blood to the blood bank of the American Red Cross, to be used for our fighting men on all war fronts, should get in touch with either Dr. T. R. Burgiss or Miss Emoryetta Reeves as soon as possible. Dr. Burgiss, chairman of the Red Cross, explained that conveyance would be furnished those interested persons to Winston-Salem, where the blood will be donated. Dr. Carl Reynolds, head of the State Health Department, is sponsoring a state-wide campaign for blood donations to the American Red Cross.

\$16,479.00 Yet To Be Sold Before Quota Is Raised

County's Progress Slightly Above Average. Want To Reach Quota By Feb. 15

Sources of sales revealed late yesterday afternoon that war bond sales in the Fourth War Loan Drive had reached \$60,521.00, with \$16,479.00 yet to be sold before the quota of \$77,000.00 is reached. Bond sales on Saturday and Monday were doubled and neared the triple mark, following the news release about the savage treatment accorded American and Filipino prisoners of war by the Japanese, after the fall of Bataan and Corregidor. S. R. Nichols, chairman of the drive, urged that everyone make a special effort to buy extra bonds now, in order that the goal may be reached before the drive ends on February 15. Reports from sources of sales reveal that the Northwestern Bank is in the lead with \$47,346.00. The Sparta post office reports \$6,675.00. The county reports (Continued on Page Four)

Many Bonds Sold At Special Rally

\$5,000.00 Worth Bonds Sold At Little Pine Fri. Night; R. F. Crouse Speaks

At the first special War Bond rally launched in Alleghany county to aid in completion of the county's quota of \$77,000 in the Fourth War Loan Campaign, \$5,000.00 worth of bonds were sold at Little Pine school, Friday evening, I. W. Wagoner, township chairman, announced. Mrs. Cecil Gibson, who purchased \$3,250.00 worth, was awarded the prize for the person buying the most bonds. Mrs. Gibson bought two \$1,000, two \$500, two \$50 and two \$25 bonds. R. F. Crouse, who delivered a stirring address at the rally reviewed for those present the struggle between the forces of barbarism and the forces of civilization from ancient to modern times, pointing out that Germany and Japan now represented those barbaric forces, and that in order to crush them we must buy war bonds. "Bonds are a good investment, a fine thing for a community, an investment that will be an asset to a community after the war", Mr. Crouse pointed out. (Continued on Page 4)

Rationing Guide

Meats, Fats, Etc.
Book three brown stamps V and W valid through Feb. 26.
Processed Foods
Book four green stamps G, H and J good through Feb. 26; K, L, and M valid Feb. 1 through March 20.
Sugar
Book four stamp 30 good for five pounds through March 31; book four stamp 40 valid Feb. 1 for five pounds for home canning, good through Feb. 28, 1945.
Shoes
Book one stamp 18 and book three "airplane" stamp 1 good indefinitely.
Gasoline
3-A coupons good for three gallons through Feb. 8. B and B-1 and C and C-1 coupons good for two gallons. B-2 and C-2 coupons good for five gallons.
Fuel Oil
Period three coupons valid through Feb. 21. Period four and five coupons, now valid through Sept. 30. All coupons worth 20 gallons a unit, with most coupons worth several units each.