

Southeastern States Playing Vital Role In Nation's War Effort, A WPB Report Shows

Seven States Have Nearly Four Billion Dollars In War Contracts

The seven Southeastern states of Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and North Carolina—comprising WPB's Region IV—not only hold nearly \$3,700,000,000 in war industrial supply contracts but contribute importantly to the nation's output of agricultural products and other raw materials. This Southeastern corner of the United States is loaded with timber, iron ore, coal and other minerals; its fields are under cultivation with everything from cotton and tobacco to soya beans and tung trees.

From the beginning of the defense program in June, 1940, through April, 1943, manufacturers in region IV received war supply contracts of nearly \$3,700,000,000. This figure does not include sub-contracts or prime contracts under \$50,000, nor does it include over \$400,000,000 of project orders placed by the Charleston Navy Yard. Neither does it include some of the most significant products of the South—the timber, food, raw cotton, vegetable oils, minerals—and their derivatives and by-products—all of which are vital for both the firing line and the home front.

In addition to contracts placed for actual supplies of war, the region has been awarded war facilities contracts aggregating about \$3,000,000,000 through April. Of this approximately \$1,800,000,000 is for such non-industrial facilities as cantonments, airbases, etc. The remaining \$1,200,000,000 represents contracts placed for new industrial plants, financed by the government or by private industry. Of its largest new facilities have not yet been felt the region has already experienced a major increase in industrial employment. The bulk of a total increase from 1,900,000 workers in July, 1940, to 2,600,000 in December, 1942, was in manufacturing—a gain of about 40 per cent. The group of industries engaged in direct production of war goods... showed a rise of 175 per cent.

The TVA area and the territory around Birmingham are two centers of the South's growing industrial importance and of the heavy industry activities of Region IV in the war program. Although much larger similar projects in the Pacific Northwest are being built, Region IV's TVA is still the greatest development in actual operation.

Despite the extent of these new southern industrial sections and industries shipbuilding is the most important single category of war production in the Southeast... ship construction accounts for 45 per cent of all the war supply contracts in this part of the country—in dollar volume shipbuilding contracts run to about \$1,500,000,000; nearly \$200,000,000 have been spent in shipyard construction... Region IV stands second in the

country in value of war supply contracts in the textile field, with 19 per cent of the nation's total, while the textile industry is the second most important war production activity of the region itself. Contracts for textiles and clothing account for 22 per cent of the total war supply contracts in the region... More than 90 per cent of the Southeastern textile mills are working on Government orders... turning out cotton duck for tents... jungle packs, dispatch cases, sleeping bags, bandoliers, camouflage netting... and scores of other items. These may seem like notions in war goods, but as of February, 1943, regional war supply contracts for them totaled \$720,000,000.

While region IV's \$500,000,000 in aircraft contracts ranks below most of the WPB regions... several huge plants have been erected... the largest—bigger in some respects than Willow Run—was erected near Atlanta, Ga... over 30,000 people will be employed in the precedent-shattering plant.

Region IV, according to the U. S. Forest Service, produced almost 9,500,000,000 board feet of lumber in 1942—27 per cent of the total lumber production in the United States. Southern woods are being substituted for steel in the construction of cantonments and manufacturing plants, in railroad construction and... shipbuilding needs... Contracts have been awarded in this region for 20,000,000 units of wooden ammunition boxes, crates and military lockers and furniture. In addition, lumber for making millions of the same articles has been shipped... to other sections...

Tobacco, one of the South's most important crops, is a "must" in emergency ration kits and is as morale-essential to the armed forces as mail from home... The stimulus of its tremendous war production is giving Region IV a fateful push toward a post-war industrial future that is probably the most interesting of any part of the country. But today the people of the South are not thinking of using the war to quicken this progress.

Its men and women have marshalled all their resources—their industry, their agriculture, and their raw materials—in the battle of production for victory. By so doing, however, they are building a new South that will offer its citizens returning from war fronts new opportunities, industrial and otherwise.

AT THE HOSPITAL

Patients reported yesterday to be in Transylvania Community hospital were: Mrs. Marvin Simpson and infant daughter, born Aug. 9th, Mrs. Ike Cairnes, Miss Grace Collier, Ira Daves, C. B. Orr, Adelaide Hart, Mrs. J. D. Hudson, M. P. Sturdivant, Miss Lucy Mae McCall, Mrs. Spurgeon McCall, Mrs. Maxie Head, Mrs. Ernest Lance.

MUSSOLINI LOST THIS EMPIRE



ITALY HELD LIBYA, Eritrea and Somaliland in Africa, a territory many times larger than the homeland, when Mussolini came to power. Il Duce, whose eyes were bigger than his army, grabbed Ethiopia and formed the new empire. Since the second World War started, every foot of this territory (shown in black portion on the map) has been taken from Italy and she also has lost most of her islands. The loss of the empire was an important factor in the resignation of Mussolini, who had promised his followers huge gains. (International)

Schedule Of Events For Visitors

Street dance every Monday night in front of Brevard high school building, sponsored by Jaycees.
Community sings every Thursday night at Brevard courthouse, sponsored by Jaycees and senior chamber of commerce.
Square dance at Country club every Friday night, sponsored by the club.
Swimming every day in Brevard's municipal pool.
Golfing on beautiful 10-hole golf course at Country club.
Fishing in various streams of the county.

Plan Storage For Sweet Potatoes

Farmers should plan to cure their sweet potatoes and market them in an orderly manner or many thousands of bushels of this important food crop will be lost this next fall and winter, say horticultural specialists of the State College Extension Service. Recent estimates indicate that the total sweet potato acreage will probably be about one third larger than last year and, with any thing like normal growing conditions, there will be a bumper crop. The officials point out that if the large crop is "dumped" on the market, without being properly harvested, graded and cured, the price support measures are bound to prove inadequate. It has been estimated that North Carolina has storage capacity for only about one-fourth of the coming crop and growers are urged to plan now for the proper handling and storing of the crop.

Fodder Stack Has Florida Visitors

BY MRS. GOLDA SHAMO
Mrs. Robert Wertz and two daughters, Mrs. Randolph Mays and Mrs. Donald Kincaid, and granddaughter, Diane, of Lake Worth, Fla., spent a few days with Mrs. Golda Shamo. Mrs. Kincaid and granddaughter will remain for a few weeks.

George Cochran left last week for his home in Bryson City, after spending several weeks with his brother, Clarence Cochran, and family.

Word was received here of the death of Everett Barnett, of Tucson, Ariz. He is a brother-in-law of Golda Shamo, but she was unable to attend the funeral in Illinois. Mr. Barnett and family visited here three years ago.

Mrs. Joseph Kornowski and daughter, Mrs. William Schroeder, spent last Thursday in Greenville. Guy M. Osborn spent a few days here last week with home folks from Knoxville, Tenn.

TO HAVE A PICNIC

W. N. Gillespie, who lives on the East Fork road near Rosman, has extended an invitation to his friends and relatives to attend a birthday picnic at his home this Sunday, August 15th. He asks his friends to come and bring their lunch and enjoy the day together.

FIREMEN TO MEET

Local firemen will hold their regular monthly meeting tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 at the Bryant house. All members of the department are urged to attend.

DR. ROYALL

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of the kings. He visited the tomb of King Tut and others even more magnificent.

Among the leading cities of the world in which Dr. Royall has preached are London, Belfast and Berlin. At present, he is pastoring the Saints of Zion Baptist church at Rosman. His home is in Greenville, S. C.

Dr. Royall has written a book called, "East and West," in which he tells in an engaging manner of his activities as a missionary in many parts of the world. The second edition is nearly sold out. Dr. Royall sums up his career by saying: "Mine has been a work of faith all these years. I went out trusting God and have continued that way these 50 years."

Dr. Royall, who has the appearance of a patriarch, has a strong, serene, intelligent face. He is a forceful speaker—direct, earnest and eloquent. His attainments and achievement have been such that at the reunion of the class at Wake Forest after the lapse of 50 years, he was described as the most distinguished member of the class.

Large Crowd Attended Program Here Tuesday Night At Courthouse

The courthouse was filled to capacity here Tuesday night for an entertaining program given by Carl Story and his Rambling Mountaineers under the sponsorship of Mrs. W. T. Brown for the benefit of the Bundles of America and British fund.

Mrs. Brown reported that the performance netted \$35.35 which will be used to purchase materials for making clothes for victims of war. The last time the Rambling Mountaineers were here, around \$30.00 was raised.

This is the 18th time that Carl Story has given a program in this county. The popular hillbilly band is featured over W. W. N. C. on the farm hour.

MEN ESCAPE INJURY IN COLLISION OF CARS

Cars driven by Max Jackson, of Brevard, and John Smith, of Rosman, collided Tuesday night about 9:30 o'clock near the home of Ralph Fisher on highway 64 in the city limits. Neither man was hurt, but the cars were damaged to the extent of from \$50 to \$75 each, Chief Bert Freeman stated.

The police officer was unable to account for the mishap, but pointed out that it occurred on a sharp curve where visibility at night is somewhat difficult. No changes had been brought yesterday at noon on condition that the men involved adjust the damage to the cars.

COLORED GAME HERE SAT.

A baseball game between the Woodruff Panthers and the Brevard Sluggers, colored teams, will be played on the Brevard high school field Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. A nominal admission will be charged.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this means of expressing my appreciation for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown me at the time of the death of my son, Aviation Cadet E. Lewis Sims, Jr., and for the many lovely flowers.
MRS. E. L. SIMS

TWO-DAY FAMILY

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slight shot on the left knee and several bruises which she told a Times reporter were inflicted by McCall.

Lonnie Daves was shot in the left leg just below the knee by what apparently was a ricochet bullet from a small-calibre gun.

Transylvania and Jackson county officers investigated the shooting and brought all of the victims to the hospitals early Wednesday morning.

Conflicting stories were told to the officers by different members of the Daves and McCall families. Just who shot who and when are somewhat mixed up. They got a fairly clear picture of what happened from the Daves family, but McCall died before any of them had an opportunity to talk with him and get the other side of the story.

Officers are of the opinion that McCall had a pistol and that members of the Daves family had another pistol and a shotgun, all of which were used during the shooting. They also believe that Ira Daves might have also shot one or more members of his own family. Officers said some members of the family had been drinking and that there were liquor bottles all over the small house. They also received a report that a liquor still is located near the Daves home.

At midnight Tuesday at the local hospital, Ira Daves signed a statement before Jackson county officers stating that Harley McCall shot him with a pistol when he interfered with McCall's shooting Mrs. Daves and son, James and that he then shot McCall with a shotgun.

The investigation made by officers and a Times reporter at the scene of the shooting revealed that trouble between the McCalls and Daveses had been brewing since last Sunday afternoon. The first controversy, it was stated, developed over a matter involving a son of Harley McCall, Walter and James Daves. Another argument was said to have been over a question of "dividing blackberries." Between Sunday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon several fist fights between various members of both families are alleged to have taken place.

Wounded members of the Daves family said that Harley McCall went to their home late Tuesday afternoon "dead-set on having a racket," as the 13-year-old Lonnie, put it, and that McCall and James became embroiled in an argument and then the shooting started with McCall firing the first shot from a .32-calibre pistol.

A neighbor, however, told the Times reporter that he heard a shotgun blast first and then the small arms firing.

The shooting, as near as could be ascertained from several stories pieced together at the scene of the shooting from questioning Daves family members, took place "right in the yard" of the Daves home and that after 10 or more shots had been fired, McCall left the woods nearby when the shooting started. "I rushed down to the house and demanded McCall to stop shooting," officers quoted him as saying. "He then shot me in the stomach and I shot him with my shotgun."

Who fired the Daves pistol seemed to be a mystery, McCall left the scene and was picked up on the highway by two of his brothers and taken to the home of another brother, Bobbie McCall, in the Balsam Grove section, but died before arriving there. He had walked or ran about 300 yards and was then carried several hundred more before being placed in a vehicle. He was wounded in the stomach.

Funeral service for McCall was held yesterday afternoon at Shoals Creek Baptist church. He is survived by his wife and 10 children. Ira Daves, who was said to have left home after the shooting ended, told officers he walked four miles before catching a ride to Rosman where officers found him about midnight Tuesday. He was shot in the lower abdomen.

Apparently Mrs. Daves and son, James, were too badly injured to leave the house and officers found them inside. Transylvania officers who went into the Daves home after waiting some time for Jackson county officers to arrive, gave them first aid treatment.

Lonnie and his sister were said to have run six miles to the home of Riley McCall, above Gloucester. Lonnie did this in spite of the fact that he had been wounded and seemed to be in fairly good condition when he was seen by officers at about 8 o'clock.

CHARGES ARE DISMISSED

Charges of kidnapping against Estel Hall, Avery Fowler and Buddy Fowler were dismissed in a hearing before Justice Shuford here last Friday because of lack of evidence and three very young local girls were ordered to be sent to state institutions. Officers are still looking for another girl and one was turned loose.

SAV YOU SAW IT IN THE TIMES

Following Transylvania



This column is devoted to news of men serving their country. Such news is solicited from parents and friends of these men. "Revenge Pearl Harbor"

Lt. Ruffin Wilkins, air corps materiel officer, stationed now at Pocatello, Idaho, is home on a 7-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Madge Wilkins, and sister, Mrs. Mary Osborne Paxton. He has been in service 17 months.

Allen L. Sisk, of Rosman, has been promoted from corporal technician to sergeant technician in the Field Artillery at an island base somewhere in the South Pacific, the War Department announced. Sgt. Sisk is the son of Allen M. Sisk, of Rosman. He enlisted in the Army in June, 1940, and was stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., before going on overseas duty in the South Pacific area in April, 1942.

Jeff Calvin Wood, in the U. S. marine service, has been a Japanese prisoner since last December. In a letter to his mother, of whose death in June, 1941 he has no knowledge, he wrote, "I am interned in Osaka at Camp Hirohata. My health is usual. I am working for pay. Please see that my clothes are taken care of. My love to you, Mother, Jeff." Wood has a sister, Mrs. Alice Smith, in Brevard and another sister, Mrs. J. O. Mullenax, at Cherryfield. The family has received only two letters from him since his capture, and it has been a year since his first letter was received.

Sgt. James T. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Williams, of Penrose, is in the marine service as office clerk, stationed in Australia, where he has been for a year. He volunteered two years ago, and was sent first to Parris Island, then to Quantico, Va., to Toledo, Ohio, and to San Diego, Calif., before going overseas.

Pfc. Ralph Morris left Monday for Camp Hood, Texas, after a furlough here with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Morris. His mother, who has been ill for some time, is improving.

Pvt. Tom Grogan has been transferred from a fort in Montana to a camp at Vancouver Barracks, Washington.

Pvt. William Ownesby, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ownesby, of Brevard, Route 2, has been on a 10-day leave at his home here. He is in the coast artillery, stationed at Fort Monroe, Va. He has been in service 16 months.

Sgt. M. A. Paxton, of the army air base, Sioux City, Iowa, and Sgt. Charles E. Paxton, of the medical detachment, Camp Rucker, Ala., have been on a 7-day furlough the past week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Paxton.

Cpl. Joe Neely returned on Tuesday to his post at Columbus, Ga., after a furlough at his home here. He was entertained Monday night with a chicken supper by Scott Dillingham and Sang Lyda. He was formerly employed by Scott's bus line here.

Ralph T. Chapman, of the Army Air Forces, now stationed at AAF, No. 10, Greensboro, has recently been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.

Sgt. Chapman was one of the first selectees to leave Kannapolis, N. C. He entered the Service December 4th, 1940 at Fort Bragg where he was stationed until May 12th. He was then transferred to the Air Corps and sent to his present Station. He is assigned to Air Corps Supply as Chief Clerk.

Sgt. Chapman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Chapman, of Rosman. Ralph likes the Army and his work, but is looking forward to the time "when the lights come on again all over the world."

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- Irish Potatoes, 5 lbs. . . 21c
- Lemons, 432 size, doz. . 28c
- Okra, lb. 10c
- Tomatoes, lb. 10c

- SODA, box 4c
- SALT, box 3c
- Gold Cup COFFEE, lb. . . . 25c
- Home Brand MAYONNAISE, jar . 17c
- Prepared MUSTARD, qt. jar . . 12c
- Post Toasties or Corn Flakes, pkg. . 5c
- Octagon CLEANSER, 3 for . . . 14c
- Kellogg's ALL-BRAN, 10 oz. pkg. . 11c
- Large Size Quaker OATS, pkg. . . 22c

In Our Market

- FAT BACK, lb. 15c
- Breakfast BACON, sliced, lb . . . 38c
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