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Sales In Fourth War Loan Drive Total \$57,000

Report \$46,000 Worth Of "E" Bonds Have Been Sold During Campaign.

The latest information received from J. F. Snipes and J. N. Morris, co-chairmen of the War Loan drive for McDowell county, is that total sales to date amount to \$57,000. This figure is far short of the goal of \$380,000 set for this county.

Of the amount sold so far, \$46,000 are in "E" bonds. The proportion of the "E" bonds sold as compared to the other bonds offered for sale during this drive is pleasing, but the total sale of bonds is short of our quota to be reached.

"Every citizen who has an income, regardless of how large or small, should buy a bond during this drive," said one of the officials in charge of bond sales. We should buy bonds for a number of reasons, with one of the foremost being an effort on our part to show the boys who have entered the service from McDowell county that we are standing back of them to the limit. If we invest in bonds we are helping to finance the war, helping to prevent inflation and putting something by to provide for future security.

The canvass of sales work will continue for another week, and possibly for a few days longer, but citizens are urged to buy bonds to the limit, and to do it as soon as possible.

WIDOW OF JOHN BURGIN, OLD FORT SOLDIER, IS GIVEN MEDAL IN TEXAS

Old Fort—Word was received here last week that Mrs. Burgin was given a medal, with the Oak Leaf Cluster, on behalf of her husband, T. Sgt. John W. Burgin, in a formal ceremony at Big Sandy, Texas, Jan. 12. The medal was given "for meritorious achievement against the enemy."

Sgt. Burgin, of Old Fort, was a gunner in the eighth air force, and had seen much action. He and other members of his crew were reported "missing in action" after a flight over Germany last Aug. 17.

A letter from his commanding officer, received here by W. A. Burgin, a brother, gave some hope that Sgt. Burgin might yet show up somewhere, sometime. He had received several other medals in recognition of good service in action.

The medal just awarded was presented to Mrs. Burgin by 1st Lt. Samuel W. Hayes, adjutant at Pounds Field, Tyler, Texas.

P. G. CLUB SPONSORS WASTE PAPER DRIVE

The waste paper drive sponsored by the Service Club of the Pleasant Gardens High School is now under way, and school children from all grades are accumulating all available paper. The club solicits aid from interested persons. Funds realized from the sale of the paper will be used for the benefit of former Pleasant Gardens boys and girls in their country's service.

HONOR ROLL OF WAR BOND EMPLOYEES

The Merchants Association announces the following employees have sold \$200 or more worth of bonds and stamps in the Fourth War Loan Bond drive:

Miss Bonnie Hill...Workman's
Mrs. Guy Kirby...Workman's
Mrs. Georgia Nichols...Workman's
Mrs. L. D. Atkins...Workman's
Mrs. Roby Conley...Workman's
Mrs. T. M. Hemp-hill...Workman's
Albert Greene...Workman's
Fred Lentz...Workman's
Mrs. Marvin Atkins...The Leader
Mrs. L. N. Grindstaff...The Leader

PRESENT SERVICE FLAG AT MARION HIGH SCHOOL

The senior class of Marion high school, under the direction of their home room teacher, Mrs. Sara Wier, presented a very interesting chapel program in the high school auditorium Tuesday afternoon. The program was the presentation of a service flag to the school.

Music suitable for such an occasion was under the direction of Glenn Palmer, director of the high school band, which included a number of patriotic numbers rendered by the band and songs by the audience.

D. E. Poole, principal of the high school, presented R. W. Proctor, prominent citizen and member of the city school board, who made the principal address. Mr. Proctor spoke in a very forceful and interesting way of the war, and of the service of the young men who have answered the call of the nation in this hour of crisis. It was pointed out that since Pearl Harbor sixty-five high school boys and members of the high school faculty have entered some branch of the armed forces of this country.

Of the high school boys in service one member, Louis Guy Flack, of the class of 1941, gave his life October 26, 1942, while performing his duty aboard an aircraft carrier of the United States Navy in action in the Solomon Islands. During the memorial portion of the program this was said, "... think only this of me; that there's some corner of a foreign field that is forever American."

Faculty members in service include: Major Chas. Walters, Lt. Jr. grade Howard Holland, Lt. Arthur Ditt and Sgt. Bernard Hirsch.

FORTY-SIX McDOWELL COUNTY MEN ACCEPTED FOR THE ARMED FORCES

Forty-six of the McDowell county men who were sent to Camp Croft this month for examination and induction were accepted for the armed forces, it has been announced by the local draft board. Twenty-seven of the group go to the army, eighteen to the navy and one, Tom Charles Hollifield, goes to the marine corps.

Those accepted for the army were James T. Vallini, Herb C. Elliott, William A. McCalliard, Herbert A. Dellinger, J. L. Laughridge, Jr., Albert W. Grayson, Romeo Ward, Horace A. Norton, Mack D. Lail, Grady T. McCraw, James A. Bright, Clyde K. Greene, William F. Day, Vinsen U. Crisp, William G. Lonon, Bernie Lee Fender, Swan Berlen Ricker, William Harley Walker, Charles Franklin Crawford, Lester Romine, Floyd Milton Lowery, Albert L. Green, James G. Swann, Zolen F. Vess, George G. Seagle, George Adam Sprouse, and Doyle McSwain Davis.

The men who will enter the navy are Wm. O. Price, Howard R. McCurry, Ray Milton Minish, Herman V. Long, John Kirby Davis, James W. Stacy, Paul W. Sisk, George D. Bartlett, Allan Roby Mathis, Chas. H. Goins, Glenn B. Satterwhite, John Roy Smoot, John Patrick Ollis, Jr., Perry William Melton, James R. Robinson, Claude D. Workman, John R. Queen, and Harold Lee Sparks.

T. A. MORPHEW TAKEN BY DEATH AT ROBBINSVILLE

Thomas Arthur Morpew, 76, former resident of Marion where he practiced law for several years, died Sunday at noon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edward D. Ingram, in Robbinsville, following a long illness.

He was a former representative in the state legislature from Graham county and former Graham county attorney. He moved from Marion to Robbinsville in 1896. He is survived by one brother, James Morpew of Jefferson; one son, R. B. Morpew, of Robbinsville; one daughter, Mrs. Ingram, and three grandchildren.

STROUD IS PROMOTED TO RANK OF SERGEANT

Announcement was made yesterday at the Army Air Base, Casper, Wyo., of the promotion of Edwin Lafayette Stroud from Corporal to Sergeant. Sgt. Stroud is with the military police at the base there and is the son of G. L. Stroud, Marion. He resides with Mrs. Stroud at Casper, Wyo.

J. Neal Morris Chosen Head Of Bankers' Group

Marion Man Elected Chairman Of Group At Meeting In Asheville Saturday Night

J. Neal Morris, cashier of the First National Bank of Marion, was elected chairman of Group 10, North Carolina Bankers' association, at the annual meeting and banquet of the organization last Saturday night at the George Vanderbilt hotel in Asheville.

Mr. Morris succeeds W. H. Cabe, cashier of the Bank of Franklin, as head of Group 10. Mr. Cabe presided at the meeting. Mr. Morris was formerly vice-chairman of the group.

Charles D. Parker, vice-president of the First National Bank and Trust company of Asheville, was named vice-chairman at the meeting. Perry C. Tomlin, vice-president of the Bank of Asheville, was named secretary-treasurer of the group. Roy W. Alexander, cashier of the Swannanoa Bank and Trust Company, is the retiring secretary-treasurer.

Approximately 75 persons attended the meeting. Gurney P. Hood, state commissioner of banks, was among those present.

WORK OF PRICE PANEL; PRICE COMPARISONS

Price control is one of the activities of the War Price and Ration board that has been functioning under considerable difficulty. This work has at times been criticized by the unthinking people it is serving, yet, despite these conditions, much progress has been made and the various price panels of the nation have been instrumental in hedging inflation and in keeping prices of vital commodities in check.

M. W. Gordon and J. N. Morris, co-chairmen of the local price panel, along with the members of their panel, have been doing a good job in this work. This panel meets in its offices in the City Hall every Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock to work out problems and details pertinent to rationing and price control. It is a service body and its existence is justified by its purpose to serve the citizens of this community. An invitation is issued to the public to present any problem or suggestion which deals with price or rationing. The Price Panel welcomes any problem or suggestion and the cooperation of all citizens is urged.

Definite evidence showing the value of the work of the nation's price panels may be seen by a comparison of prices on a number of food items during the first world war and the second world war. This comparison is listed below:

Item	Peak Price	September 1943 Price
Sugar, 1 lb. --	\$.26	.07
Potatoes, 15 lb. 1.54	.61	.19
Lard, 1 lb. ----	.42	.10
Navy Beans, 1 lb. .19	.30	.06
Coffee, 1 lb. --	.49	.13
Corn Meal, 1 lb. .08	.62	.19
Wheat Flour, 10 lb. -----	.88	.63
Fresh Eggs, doz. .92	.36	.19
Whole Ham, 1 lb. .60		
Rice, 1 lb. ----	.19	

RED CROSS KNITTING ROOM HAS REOPENED

The Red Cross knitting room has received a new shipment of wool for a quota of 100 army sweaters and 50 army mufflers, it was announced this week, and the room has been re-opened. McDowell County women are asked to lend their wholehearted cooperation in this work so that the quota may be completed as soon as possible.

PVT. BOST RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL

Pvt. Claude B. Bost, who was wounded in action on November 7, has been released from the hospital, according to information received from the North African area by the War Department.

Pvt. Bost is a son of Mrs. Hattie B. Bost of Route 1, Nebo.

Clinchfield Has Annual Meeting Of Stockholders

W. L. Morris Re-elected President; Other Officers And Directors Re-elected.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Clinchfield Manufacturing Company was held in the club room of the company Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. In addition to routine business transacted, officers and directors were elected for the year.

Officers re-elected included: W. L. Morris, president and treasurer; H. M. Leslie, vice president, and T. V. Ellis, secretary and assistant treasurer.

Directors re-elected for the year were Judge J. W. Winborne, chairman, H. B. Brumley, E. P. Cave, W. R. Chambers, Major I. H. R. Genet, H. M. Leslie, Frank H. Leslie, W. L. Morris, Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., J. T. Rich, Morris Rosenwasser, R. D. Scott and Sam M. Yancey.

Out of town stockholders attending the meeting were: H. V. Brumley, L. I. Plandome, E. P. Cave, Major I. H. R. Genet, H. M. Leslie, Frank H. Leslie, Morris Rosenwasser, R. D. Scott, and Judge J. Wallace Winborne.

SALVAGE COMMITTEE TO MEET THIS EVENING

A meeting of the committee in charge of the salvage of waste fat for war materials, will be held in the city hall this evening at 7:30 with Mrs. H. C. Mangum and Harry McCall, co-chairman for McDowell County, in charge, according to announcement this week by Mayor J. F. Wilkinson.

Mr. Wilkinson called the meeting after receiving a letter from Governor J. M. Broughton urging that every effort be made to increase the shipments of this material from this state.

Plans will be made at the meeting for a systematic method of collecting the waste fat, it was stated.

ORGANIZE HOME EC CLASS AT PLEASANT GARDENS

Miss Lois Turbyfill, teacher of home economics at Pleasant Gardens School, has announced the organization of a home economics club by the department. This movement is in keeping with policies urged by the state home economics supervisor, Miss Catherine Dennis.

Club objectives are to offer girls the opportunity to continue home economics and project them beyond the school term; to participate in projects, toward which home economics can offer a unique contribution; and to promote individual growth by developing poise, initiative, self-confidence, leadership qualities, cooperative spirit, and sense of responsibility.

The organization will meet regularly on the second and fourth Thursday afternoons each month, and for the first two months the membership is provisional, at the end of which time all who prove themselves worthy become members in good standing.

The following officers have been elected for the remainder of the school term: President, Kathleen Burnette; vice-president, Violenia Byrd; treasurer, Louise Turner; secretary, Pansy Biddix; historian, Louise Byrd; song leader, Lena Mae Mackey; pianist, Lorene Brown; reporter, Mildred Kaylor; faculty advisor, Miss Lois Turbyfill; community leader, Mrs. B. A. Buff.

SHOE HOLIDAY EXTENDED

Recently merchants handling low priced shoes for women were allowed a two weeks period, January 17 through January 29, to make sale on such shoes without requiring shoe stamps for the shoes. This period has been extended for an additional week.

Under the new order released by the War Price and Ration board merchants may sell women's low priced shoes up to three dollars ration-free. Shoes of this class may be sold ration-free up to and through February 5.

TENANT PURCHASE FAMILIES OF FSA HAVE ANNUAL MEET

The eight families from McDowell County and two families from Burke County, who are purchasing their farms through the provisions of the Bankhead-Jones Tenant Act, held their annual meeting last Thursday at 9:30 o'clock in the Community building.

The meeting was opened by By-num A. Buff, FSA Supervisor, who led a discussion on the activities of the past year, pointing out the weak and strong points. Leland Hairr, Soil Conservationist of McDowell County, gave an interesting talk on Soil Conservation, which he illustrated by showing slides. Miss Mary Miss Mary R. Badgett, Associate Supervisor, discussed record keeping and praised the group for the excellent records they kept during the past year.

The highlights of the day's program were the interesting talks given by the borrowers and their wives on the following subjects: "Does It Pay To Grow Hay," by Perry N. Hicks; "Trench Silos," by Frank Hill; "Poultry For Cash Income," by Albert E. Waters; "Cheese Making In The Home," by Mrs. W. E. Lonon; "Food Conservation," by Mrs. C. W. Huskins; "Cash From The Garden," by Mrs. Howard Wise. Each speaker gave some information that will be valuable to the others.

Paul Laughrun and Miss Margaret F. Fuller, District Associate Supervisors from Asheville, summarized the day's meeting and commended the group on the splendid work they have done toward owning their farms and aiding the war effort.

SCOUTS IN McDOWELL ADVANCED AT COURT OF HONOR HELD HERE

Advancement in rank for 16 McDowell county Boy Scouts and the awarding of ten merit badges for special achievements featured the monthly court of honor held at the First Methodist church here last Friday evening.

Advancements in rank were made as follows: Tenderfoot: Harold Hall, troop 2, Marion; Dean F. Seagle, troop 6, Marion.

Second class rank: Arnold Roland, Arthur Price, J. D. Anderson, James Austin, Leonard Moody, Ralph Hollifield, Jack Sherrill and Winifred Sherrill, troop 2, Marion; J. B. Books, Clinton Hendley, Sewell Laughridge and Bill McIver, troop 6, Marion; Max Hensley, troop 1, Glenwood.

First class: Charles Wages, troop 6, Marion.

Merit badges were awarded as follows:

Carpentry: Guy Morgan and Wayne McCall, troop 1, Glenwood; Ned T. Dobson, troop 1, Nebo.

Home Repairs: Glenn Selly, Lawrence Atkins, Jr., and Charles Wages, troop 6, Marion; John B. Padgett, troop 1, Glenwood.

Personal Health: Clarence Morgan, troop 1, Glenwood.

Woodwork: John Beaman, troop 6, Marion.

Star Scout Rank: Carroll Willis, troop 3, Marion.

DR. CAMAK TO SPEAK ON "CRUSADE ECHOES"

Sunday morning Dr. D. E. Camak, pastor of First Methodist church, will speak on "Crusade Echoes," bringing his congregation the highlights of the 100 great mass meetings being conducted by Methodist leaders throughout the nation, with "The Coming Peace and The Prince of Peace" as their over-all theme.

Sunday afternoon at 5:00 (Note the change of hour) Dr. Camak will conduct the first of a series of discussion studies on the theme, "A Peaceful World and How to Get It." Each Sunday afternoon at 5:00 and each Wednesday night at 7:30 for three weeks this study will continue. The public is invited.

ATTRACTIVE WINDOW DISPLAY AT BLANTON'S

A very attractive window display in connection with the Fourth War Loan drive has been arranged by Richard Blanton at J. D. Blanton's store. The display includes army equipment, war relics, coins, medals, guns, swords, etc., and has attracted considerable attention and much favorable comment.

McMillan Heard At Meeting Here Of CD Workers

Speaker Stressed The Importance Of Home Front Effort To Win The War.

Civilian defense workers must not slacken in their war work for such a letting down would prolong the war at the cost of many lives, R. L. McMillan of Raleigh, state director of civilian defense and national vice-president of the American Legion, declared here last Friday night at an oyster stew given in the Community building for the Marion and McDowell county civilian defense organization. The meeting was attended by over 100 defense corps members.

Mr. McMillan said that while the situation is not as critical as it was just after Pearl Harbor, civilians must not let their enthusiasm wane, for "we're still 3,000 miles from Tokio and a mighty long way from Berlin."

He pointed out that the fighting line extends across the firming line and on across the home front line into our factories, farms, and homes and that there is a place for every citizen on this line. He emphasized the importance of untiring zeal on the home front.

The speaker also spoke of the need of making preparation for post-war readjustments, with 900,000 veterans of the war already discharged and perhaps 10,000,000 more to follow.

During the evening short talks were made by George Snow of Mt. Airy, district director of civilian defense; Mayor J. F. Wilkinson, commander of the Marion committee for civilian protection, and Cecil B. Dobson, county co-ordinator.

Cecil Dobson presided and stated that it was a patriotic meeting "to renew our loyalty, enthusiasm and desire to be of use in the community for the duration."

He called special attention to the American Legion measure introduced in Congress in the interest of disabled veterans. He said that in a canvass made in 34 states by the American Legion in December it was discovered that claims of 1,537 disabled veterans of World War 2 for compensation had been delayed from three to 11 months, forcing some of them on charity.

He appealed to the members of the organization to support the American Legion measure known in the senate as bill No. 1617 and in the house as No. 3917, and to wire their congressmen and representatives that they are behind these bills in their entirety.

The program included songs by Albert Hewitt, and Misses Mary Love Bettis and Helen Graham, local auxiliary police lieutenants, with Mrs. Charles Harris at the piano, also band and string music.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. ELMA LAIL MONDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Elma Lail, who died Thursday afternoon, were conducted at Providence Methodist church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. H. W. Bell. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Earl Lail; one son and five daughters, Earl Lail, Jr., of the army, in California, Mrs. Frances Byrnes of Hyattsville, Md., Nancy Etta, Virginia, Druclina and Shirley of Marion.

SPECIAL PROGRAM AT BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

A special program and rally will be the feature of the Sunday School at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning, Dr. B. F. Bray, pastor, announced yesterday.

DALTON INFANT DIES

Funeral services for Marvis Patricia Dalton, 18-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lee Dalton of Marion, Route 2, who died at her home Wednesday after a brief illness, were held at Bill's Creek Baptist church in Rutherford county Sunday afternoon and burial made in the church cemetery.