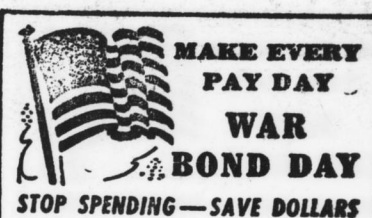




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Red Cross War Fund Drive Opens In Ashe Friday

Over 18,000 War Ration Books 2 Issued In Ashe

Registration Goes Off According To Schedule; 4,000,000 In State

The local War Price and Ration Board reported yesterday that 18,052 War Ration Books No. 2 had been issued in the county, with one school yet to be heard from. This will raise the total slightly. Ralph Campbell, clerk to the board, explained.

Except for a few misunderstandings, the registration as a whole, moved along according to schedule, in this county as well as throughout the state.

Nearly 4,000,000 North Carolinians obtained War Ration Book No. 2 in the "smoothest registration so far conducted," State OPA Director T. S. Johnson said yesterday.

Johnson said credit for efficient handling of the registration was largely due to work of the State press, radio, motion picture theatres and teachers and volunteers who contributed their services.

Johnson said dried beans and peas were not rationed when they

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W. M. Sexton, 81, Buried On Wed.

William M. Sexton, died at his home in Grassy Creek, at the age of 81, on Tuesday morning.

The funeral service was held at the Grassy Creek Baptist Church on Wednesday, with Rev. R. J. Starling in charge of the service. Burial followed at the Grassy Creek Cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. W. R. Jones.

Mrs. Anderson, 68, Buried Tuesday

Well Known Grassy Creek Woman Passes After An Extended Illness

Funeral service was conducted Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Ida Greer Anderson, wife of R. L. Anderson, at the Grassy Creek Methodist church with the Rev. R. J. Starling in charge, assisted by Professor F. C. Nye and V. L. Moody. A large crowd of friends and relatives were present.

Mrs. Anderson, who was 68 years old at the time of her death on Saturday, had been in ill health for more than two years. She made hundreds of friends through her cheerful disposition and patience.

She is survived by her husband and the following sons and daughters: P. G. Anderson, Montana; Dr. C. S. Anderson, Lincoln, Neb.; H. C. Anderson, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Lawrence Johnson, Mount Airy, N. C.; and Mrs. Olaf Milgrim, Wytheville, Virginia.

What You Buy With WAR BONDS

Military motorcycles, for couriers, for speeding light guns from one section to another, are an important part of America's mechanized army. Many are equipped with sidecars for use of staff officers. They cost from \$400 to \$450.



We need thousands of these small maneuverable machines in our Army today. You and your neighbors, all buying War Bonds and Stamps, can help buy them for the Army. Invest at least ten percent of your income every payday in War Bonds and Stamps and become a member of the patriotic "Ten Percent Club." It is rapidly becoming the largest club in the world.

U. S. Treasury Department

Cabbage Goes To War, Too!



American doughboys and British tommies co-operate in the cabbage patch at one of the U. S. army's services of supply depots in Britain—all part of the mammoth agricultural program of Americans and Britons. In foreground is Private First Class Estelle Brown.

Berlin Is Blasted By RAF; Americans Go Forward In Tunisia

Russians Continue To Gain; Allied Bombers Hit Jap Convoy In Pacific

The fighting forces of the Germans were hard hit this week on both the Russian and North African fronts and at home too. Berlin received the heaviest raid ever delivered by the RAF on the Nazi capitol. The scope of this raid was acknowledged by the Germans who threatened reprisals through various channels.

American forces fanning out in two columns from the scene of their triumph at Kasserine pass have swept 23 miles to the east, capturing Sbeitla, and a like distance southwest to the area of Feriana, it was disclosed last night.

Front dispatches said the Americans nowhere in Central Tunisia were meeting axis resistance other than mines and booby-traps. But in the jagged hills to the northeast sharp fighting still was under way at last reports, with British troops holding the Germans at all points, aided by a concentrated air bombardment of enemy columns.

Russia announced fresh gains on four main southern battlefronts yesterday, while in the north Marshal Semyon Timoshenko pressed a slowly retreating 16th German army westward toward Staraya Russa and the main Leningrad-Vitebsk railroad. American Flying Fortresses and Liberators, flying through tropical storms, have scattered a 14-ship Japanese convoy, sinking two large transports and severely damaging two smaller vessels, and sending the fleet's remnants limping toward New Guinea. General Douglas MacArthur announced (Continued on Page Five)

Small Farmers Make Big Food Increases Through FSA Help

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The report shows that Farm Security families, constituting 7.6 per cent of the 6,097,000 farm operators listed by the 1940 Census, increased their milk production by 1,419,000,000 pounds or 36 per cent of the total increase for the Nation.

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Legion Contest In Oratory To Be Held Next Wed.

Several High School Students Are Expected To Enter Annual Event

High schools throughout the county are reminded this week that the annual oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion will be held at the community building next Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The public is invited to attend. It is understood that a number of students are interested in the event. J. B. Hash is the legion chairman of the contest.

The subject this year is "The Freedoms of the United States Constitution." A prepared oration of not less than 10 or more than 12 minutes will be given on this subject. Each contestant shall be called upon for an extemporaneous speech on the first ten amendments (Continued on Page 4)

Bound Over To Superior Court

In a hearing before Judge H. C. Tucker, Earl McNeill and Clarence Ashby, two youths brought back from Baltimore last week in connection with recent breaking and entering and robbery cases at Warrensville. Probable cause was found.

The two youths whose bonds were set at \$1,000 were bound over to court and were returned to jail after failing to post bonds.

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Ashe Again Goes Far Over Quota In Sale Of Bonds

\$27,307.30 Sold During February. Quota Was Set At \$19,242.75

Reports from the West Jefferson and Jefferson post offices and the Northwestern Bank, the three major sources of bond sales in the county, reveal that Ashe again far exceeded the quota of \$19,242.75 for February by reaching the total sales of \$27,307.30. This was \$8,064.55 in excess of the quota.

The Northwestern Bank, at Jefferson, sold \$9,675.00 and the Jefferson post office, \$682.30. The West Jefferson post office had a total sales of \$16,950. Much of this was due this month to the work of the Victory Corps, of West Jefferson high school.

No reports were available from smaller post offices in the county in time for publication but it is believed that their sales will slightly swell the total for the county.

Stockholders Of Ashe Hospital To Meet On Saturday

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ashe County Hospital, for the election of directors and any other business which will come before the meeting, will be held at the hospital on Saturday morning, March 6 at 11:00 o'clock.

Notices have been sent out to all stockholders by the president of the board of directors, W. B. Austin. Various reports will be made at this time concerning the operation and progress of the hospital.

Will Start Red Cross Nursing

Official Instructor To Arrive Here Friday To Start Classes

Miss Ruth Tugman, chairman of the home nursing division of the Red Cross chapter of Ashe county, announced yesterday that Mrs. Walker, an official instructor in home nursing work, would arrive here on Friday to begin work teaching nursing classes. Tentative plans have been made for holding classes at Lansing, Baldwin and Warrensville in the beginning. Other groups interested should get in touch with Miss Tugman.

Miss Tugman reported that she had contacted the War Price and Rationing Board and those taking the course would be permitted to ride to it. No extra gas, however, can be secured for this, it was explained.

Story Presents Rotary Program

Members of the Jeffersons Rotary Club enjoyed a unique musical program last week, given by James I. Story, of The Skyland Post. In addition to regular numbers, Mr. Story rendered several novelty selections. Miss Helen Sells, soloist, also appeared on the program.

Levern Johnson discussed the birthday of Rotary and reviewed briefly the war work of the organization. He told of the influence of Rotary toward developing the "good neighbor policy" in South America. Wm. Terry is in charge of the program this evening.

BURLIS ROARK MAKES ESCAPE FROM JAIL

Burlis Roark made his escape from the Ashe county jail on Tuesday, but his freedom was short lived as he was returned by Deputy Carl Graybeal after about three hours.

Roark escaped after some confusion in the locking and unlocking of doors when two inmates were taken out for a hearing. He left in the direction of Negro mountain and later came to Bowlers' service station where he was picked up by Deputy Graybeal.

Captured German U-Boat Crew



Captured when their submarine, damaged by British depth charges, was forced to be beached near Oran, Algeria, these Nazi crew men were objects of considerable interest in the town. As for the submarine, it was a case of surrender or be sunk.

Advance Gifts For Red Cross War Fund Reach Total Of \$650

Father And Son Left On Tuesday To Enter Service

Edwin Eller And Son, Morris, Of Lansing, Left. Both Are Volunteers

The Ellers set what is believed to be a new record for Ashe county for this present war, when Edwin Eller, postmaster of Lansing and his son, Morris Eller, both volunteered for service and both left at the same time, last Tuesday.

Edwin Eller, volunteered for the Navy and his son, Morris Edwin, for the Army. Mr. Eller, who had served as postmaster of Lansing for some time, had long been interested in the war activities and his enlistment in the Navy was not surprising to his many friends. It is understood that his wife will carry on his work at the post office.

Morris Eller, who graduated (Continued on Page Four)

Red Cross Needs More Buttons

Mrs. B. E. Reeves, production chairman of the Ashe County Chapter of the Red Cross, announced this week that the production dept. had need for many buttons for women's gowns, children's gowns and other garments. She suggested that all suitable buttons be saved from discarded garments and turned over to the Red Cross. "We will greatly appreciate them", she said.

State Spending Measure Is Given Approval By House

Raleigh — The house heeded Speaker John Kerr Tuesday and cleared from its calendar two of the major obstacles in the way of final adjournment, which is expected this week.

It passed on final readings the \$115,000,000 general appropriations measure and passed and sent to the senate for concurrence a bill to amend the unified school board amendment adopted in the November election.

The spending bill passed final reading with little opposition. The only effort to amend it came from Rep. Tompkins of Jackson who sought to change the bonus schedule to allow for larger payments to state employees in the lower salary brackets. The amendment met defeat.

The school board amendment took another battering, however, in the form of an amendment by Rep. Arch Allen of Wake eliminating a clause that the eight education districts shall be of ap-

Some Stores Report 100 Per Cent On Eve Of Drive; Donors Listed

Following the announcement that the Red Cross War Fund Drive would open on Friday, many people have already responded generously and the total reached \$650 yesterday noon through these advance gifts.

Sharpe S. Shoemaker, drive chairman, said he was grateful for this splendid and enthusiastic response. "On behalf of Red Cross and the men in service, I wish to thank everyone", he declared.

Several firms were reported in this group of initial donors as 100 per cent. These include: Cash Wholesale Grocery company, Belk's, W. J. Parts company, Blackburn's dept. store, Faucette's and The Skyland Post.

Several contributors wrote in fine letters stating that it is a privilege to give to the Red Cross.

A list of these initial contributors, together with some of the letters received, is printed here in order to influence others to make contributions.

EARLY CONTRIBUTORS

Fred Little, 2.00; Dr. B. E. Reeves, 5.00; Dr. Dean Jones, 5.00; Ira T. Johnston, 10.00; Miss Edith Pierce, 10.00; F. B. Jones, 5.00. Mr and Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, 15.00; John F. Reeves, 5.00; W. B. Tribble, 5.00; Cash Wholesale Grocery, 25.00; D. W. Cook, 1.00; R. P. Lewis, Jr., 1.00; Arthur Huddler, 2.00; Charlie Lewis, 1.00; Langdon L. Scott, 5.00.

Dr. J. K. Hunter, 10.00; Miss Carrie Taylor, 5.00; Mrs. James B. Hensley, 10.00; Miss Ruth (Continued on Page Five)

Quota Is \$4,300; Workers Named; Schools To Help

Cooperation Of All Is Asked; Red Cross Doing Much For Men In Service

Ashe county's record drive for Red Cross War Funds officially opens on Friday with the goal set at \$4,300, with Sharpe S. Shoemaker, as chairman.

Plans have been worked out to cover the entire county and the cooperation of all is asked. At a meeting of the steering committee composed of Sharpe Shoemaker, chairman, John F. Reeves, Dean McMillan, Miss Evelyn T. Howe and Mrs. Ed M. Anderson, a large number of community chairmen were named and have been sent materials. More volunteer workers are needed and those who have time for the work are asked to contact Chairman Shoemaker for their instructions and materials. All district school principals have been sent materials and special cooperation of all the schools is asked.

Initial Gifts Over \$650.00 The month of March has been proclaimed by President Roosevelt as the period of the drive and every effort will be made to raise the quota within that period, drive leaders said.

Initial gifts sent in before the official opening of the drive exceeded \$650. This list is printed elsewhere in The Post today as is the President's proclamation.

Workers Named In addition to all district school principals the following workers have been named throughout the county:

Jefferson, L. P. Colvard, B. A. Meeks and Mrs. Dean Jones, West Jefferson, Carl F. Colvard, Jack Rhodes, Rev. W. T. Whittington, Dean McMillan, John Reeves and Mrs. Ed M. Anderson.

Fleetwood, H. H. Lemley; Othello, Wiley Burgess; Oval, Rev. S. H. Goodman; Silas Creek, C. M. Dickson and Rev. W. E. Denney; Toliver, Mrs. N. J. Toliver; Crumpler, Mrs. Dayne Gambill; Obids, H. H. Burgess; Laurel Springs, W. R. McNeill, and Mrs. E. W. Shepherd; Idlewild, A. H. Church; Furches, John M. Tucker (Continued on Page Four)

Recaps Available Without Permit

May Use Recap Camel Back Without Board Authorization

The Office of Price Administration has issued a bulletin to all War Price and Rationing Boards that effective February 20 the rationing of grade F camel back tire recapping material was discontinued.

This notice was received by the local board last Friday.

This will permit any person, including operators of light trucks, to have his own tires recapped with passenger-type camelback. A dealer who is not a recapper will no longer be required to sell his recappable tire carcasses to a recapper. He may now have a recappable tire carcass recapped with passenger-type camelback and returned to him without certificate.

Ration boards will be instructed further from the OPA, the bulletin said.

NEW SERIAL STORY BEGINNING TODAY

Beginning today in this paper is a very fascinating mystery story, "The Jade God", by Mary Imlay Taylor.

"Silence is golden," we have been told ever so often, but it was not golden in at least one case. Because a certain man kept silent for fifteen years, Mark Grant spent all these years in prison for a crime he did not commit!

But a little jade god that had squatted on a table for years provided a clue that opened the door to happiness for Mark—and Pamela Rodney. Read this absorbing serial—beginning on page 7.