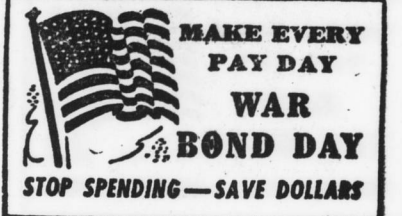




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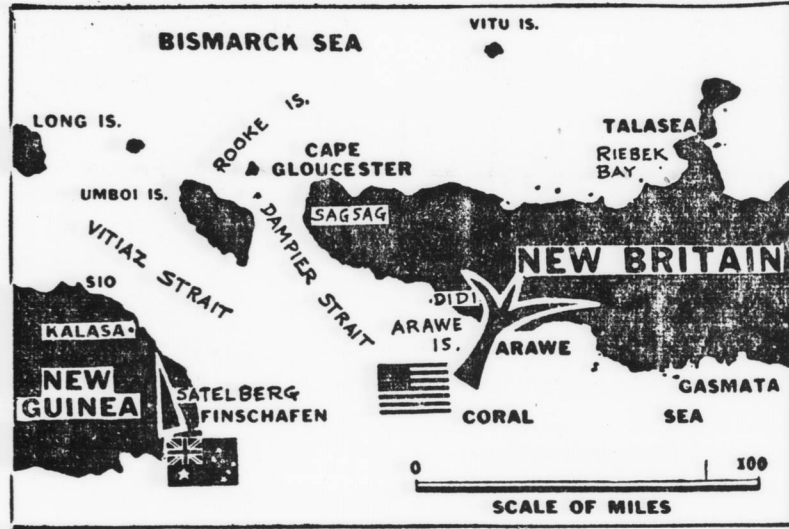
Dr. J. F. Gambill, 65, Ashe Native, Died Last Friday

Well Known Doctor Suddenly Passes After Being Stricken With A Heart Attack

Dr. Jesse Franklin Gambill, 65, prominent in the medical profession in Lincolnton since 1919, died suddenly in his office last Friday morning of a heart attack. He had been in ill health for the past year but refused to give up his work. He was in the act of inoculating a patient for diphtheria when he was stricken.

Dr. Gambill was born in Ashe county October 5, 1878, the son of Preston and Bettie Colvard Gambill. He studied at Davidson college and the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., going from there to the University of Tennessee, where he was graduated in medicine in 1903. Prior to coming to Lincolnton he practiced for 17 years in Oklahoma. In June, 1930, with his brother, (Continued on Page 4)

Where Yanks Won Jap Area



The southern end of New Britain, which was invaded by the American Sixth army. Shortly after the landing, American troops were reported to be beating their way from Arawe toward the Jap air base at Rabaul, which lies at the north-eastern tip of the island.

Marines Advance In New Britain; Soviets Still Making Gains

Nazis Throw New Divisions On Italian Front; Invasion Is Near

While the invasion of Europe appears to be drawing near daily, activities on all other fronts continued with renewed vigor.

Tank-paced American marines have driven to within a mile and a half of New Britain's strategic Cape Gloucester airdrome, General Douglas MacArthur announced.

On other fronts of the widely scattered battle of the Pacific, the navy announced, bombers again raided the Japanese-held Marshall Islands while submarines penetrated deep into enemy waters to sink 12 more ships, badly needed for Japan's extended supply lines.

The Germans threw another fresh division into the mud and blood of the Italian front yesterday in a desperate effort to halt relentless Allied attacks which (Continued on Page 4)

Army Extends Control To All Main Railroads

President Expects Move To Be Temporary; Will Use Troops If Needed

Washington — Hope that the railroads can be turned back to private operation soon was expressed by President Roosevelt yesterday as the army, on his orders, extended its control to all major carriers and prepared to use troops to run trains if necessary.

Secretary of War Stimson, government operator of the railroads, called for "the full devotion" of all railroad workers and promised the least possible interference with normal rail operations.

In a speech broadcast over major networks, Stimson said that government seizure of the carriers this week in the face of a strike, was necessary in order that Germany and Japan should not be handed a "great military victory" that would have resulted from stoppage of railroad operations.

"There will be no alteration in schedules, in service or in personnel because of the change," he declared. "The same men will operate the trains, the yards, the (Continued on Page 4)

COUNTY BOARD OF ED TO MEET ON MONDAY

A. B. Hurt, superintendent of the schools of Ashe county and secretary to the board of education, announced that this body would meet at the courthouse on Monday, January 3.

Brothers In Army And Navy



Ralph G. Black, Second Class Petty Officer, left, and Cpl. Warren G. Black, right, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Black, of West Jefferson. Ralph entered the Navy in July, 1941, and took his basic training at Norfolk, Va., and completed a course in electrical engineering at St. Louis, Md. He is now stationed somewhere in the Atlantic. Warren joined the Army Air Corps in May, 1942, and is now stationed at Colorado Springs.

1943 Takes Final Fling In Weather For Ashe County

Most People Weatherbound On Christmas Day By Sleet And Ice

Ashe county, along with other sections, which have experienced unusually mild weather this season, felt a real touch of winter on Christmas day, when ice-covered roads kept most people at home.

Since that time this section has experienced samples of various types of cold weather as the old year draws to a close. Snow, rain and sleet fell Tuesday night and yesterday. Extremely heavy fog made driving difficult at this time.

In spite of the unfavorable weather, few accidents have been reported, as only a very few people ventured on ice-covered roads. Dr. J. K. Hunter and family slid against a bank in the Crumpler section, Christmas day and damaged the car in which they were riding. Only Sara Hunter was slightly injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tucker started to Lexington on Christmas day, but after sliding off of the road between the Jeffersons, returned home to await the melting of ice from the road.

Most people reported a quiet Christmas spent at home. For many, it also appeared to be a generous one.

Leaf Sales Will Re-open Monday

Leaf sales at the Mt. Burley tobacco warehouses at Boone, will re-open on Monday, January 3, after being closed for the holidays, officials announced. The warehouses are now open to receive tobacco and all growers are cordially invited to bring theirs in this week in order to be ready for the opening.

So far, the Boone market has made a record for sales and top market prices. The many Ashe and Alleghany farmers who have carried their tobacco there have been well pleased.

Roscoe Coleman, supervisor of sales, said yesterday that the Mountain Burley warehouses had already passed last year's entire season in poundage and in prices being paid.

"I want to extend a special invitation to all growers to sell the remainder of their crop here", Mr. Coleman said.

To Have Canning Demonstration

Miss Myran Clinard, of the Ball Jar Company, will give a meat canning demonstration at the Community building on Friday, January 7, at 11:00 a. m.

Miss Lenna F. Gambill, associate F. S. A. supervisor, explained that the Farm Security is very fortunate in securing the services of Miss Clinard for this demonstration, since she is considered one of the finest demonstrators in the eastern states.

Miss Gambill urges that all persons who can, to attend, and explained that the time had been scheduled so that housewives can come and return on the bus.

EXPECT A QUIET NEW YEAR'S DAY

New Year's Day is expected to be quietly observed here, as well as throughout the country, Saturday, with little holiday celebration or fanfare.

The schools began operation on Monday, and will have a holiday on New Year's Day only due to the fact that it falls on Saturday. Stores and business houses are expected to operate as usual.

The Ashe Hardware announced, however, that this store would be closed, Saturday, for New Year's.

School authorities pointed out that there were still a number of cases of flu and measles in the county and that because of illness there were several absences this week.

How Corsicans Helped Oust Nazis



High on a rocky crab these Corsican patriots show how they routed the Nazis from their country. Their problem now is one of reconstruction as they begin rebuilding what the enemy has wrecked.

Large Group Of Ashe Men Left Today For Army; Many Married

German Defeat In '44 Predicted By Gen. Eisenhower

Major Doolittle And Gen. Devers Given Important New Posts

In his first prediction during 13 months of active warfare, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower this week forecast complete defeat for Germany next year.

The new commander in chief of the allied second front armies broke a precedent of long standing at his first press conference since President Roosevelt announced that the Texas-born general had been selected as supreme commander for the great assault against Germany.

"We will win the European war in 1944," Gen. "Ike" told a small group of correspondents upon his return from an inspection of the Italian front.

"The only thing needed for us to win the European war in 1944 is for every man and woman, all the way from the front line to the remotest hamlet of our two countries, to do his or her full duty," he added.

Major Gen. James H. Doolittle, whose strategic air force slammed a gate across the enemy's (Continued On Page Four)

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS WILL GET TRAINING

Supt. A. B. Hurt announced that a school bus drivers' school would be held on Monday at Jefferson under the direction of C. E. Jones of the Highway Safety Division.

All principals are urged to have drivers needing the training as well as prospective drivers, attend.

There Are To Be Few Changes In Red Points For January

Washington — Current point values for butter and virtually all meats will remain unchanged during January, the Office of Price Administration announced yesterday in slightly revising its meats-cheese-fats food chart.

The few changes, effective Sunday, are an increase of one point a pound in the ratio value of fresh ham, reduction of two points a pound for sliced dried beef and read-to-eat beef tongue, and a one point cut for beef tongue.

More liberal reductions in point values of meat, especially beef cuts, had been expected because of tight cold storage facilities and heavy marketings of cattle and hogs but War Food Administration officials reported Monday the situation had eased and now can be considered "good."

No change in the present 16-point per pound ration of but-

115 Included In Group That Left Early This Morning For Induction Center

A group of 115 Ashe men left this morning to enter the armed forces, provided they pass final examinations at induction centers. Included in the group were a large number of married men, many of whom were married before Pearl Harbor.

This is the first time a large group of married men have been sent with inductees from this county, according to an announcement made by the local board. It is understood that another large group will leave in January.

Included in the group leaving this morning were a number of prominent business men. A complete list will be published next week.

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Sugar Rations To Remain Same

Washington — Rations for sugar for housewives will not change between now and April 1, the Office of Price Administration (OPA) announced.

Sugar stamp No. 30 in War Ration Book Four will become valid Jan. 16.

It will be good for buying five pounds of sugar during a period of two and a half months, through the end of March.

The current sugar stamp, No. 29, will expire January 15.

The OPA recently announced that rations for institutions such as hotels and restaurants likewise will stay the same for the time being, and that most industrial users will return to their former allowance of 80 per cent of their 1941 base when the present "bonus" period ends Dec. 31.

Ashe Tax Listers Will Begin Work Next Mon., Jan. 3

H. H. Burgess Is Supervisor; Will Meet At Courthouse On Monday

H. H. Burgess, county tax supervisor, announced that there would be a meeting of all tax listers for the various townships of the county, next Monday morning at the courthouse, where they will be given final instructions and supplies.

Mr. Burgess said early this week, that all appointments had not been made and were not available for publication now.

He said that he hoped to complete these, this week, in order that everything be ready to start work on Monday. The complete list of tax listers will be announced next week.

This year, as in the past, the listers will visit the homes and (Continued on Page 4)

Post Sponsoring 1st Baby Contest

Merchants Are Cooperating By Offering A Number Of Prizes

The first baby to be born in Ashe in 1944, may, like other war babies, have to do without some things, but will be doubly fortunate in many other ways. Not only will he or she be blessed by being born in a free land, but will receive a number of free gifts from local merchants. Some of the merchants are to remember the parents, too.

The New Year baby contest is being sponsored by The Skyland Post in cooperation with the local merchant and is open to all (Continued on Page 4)

Mrs. Rachel Bare Buried Tuesday

Funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Rachel Victoria Bare, 68, of Jefferson, who died at her home on Monday, December 27, after being ill for several years, due to an attack of paralysis. The service was held at the Friendship church with Rev. W. E. Denney and Rev. Carol Burkett, in charge. Burial followed at the Friendship cemetery.

Mrs. Bare, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnathan Taylor, of this county, was preceded in death by her husband, Jess M. Bare, some time ago. She is survived by the following children: Foster, Dent, and Charlie Bare; Mrs. Beatrice Pev, Lima, Mont.; Mrs. Ruth Bloves, Rocks, Md.; Mrs. Nellie Duncan, Street, Md., and Mrs. Clyde Osborne, of Jefferson.

Rationing Guide

MEATS
Brown stamps L, M, N, P and Q valid through Jan. 1; brown stamp R valid through Jan. 29. Book 4 spare stamp No. 1 good for 5 points for pork through Jan. 1.

PROCESSED FOODS
Book 4 green stamps D, E and F valid through Jan. 20; stamps G, H and J valid Jan. 1 through Jan. 20.

SUGAR
Stamp No. 29 in Book 4 good for five pounds of sugar through Jan. 15. The stamp is marked "sugar."

GASOLINE
Stamps No. "A-8" in new "A" book good through Feb. 8. B and C coupons valid for two gallons.

SHOES
No. 18 coupon now good for indefinite period. No. 1 "Airplane" stamp in War Ration Book No. 3 now valid.

FUEL OIL
Period 1 coupons are valid through Jan. 3, 1944; period 2 coupons valid through Jan. 24; period 3 coupons valid through Feb. 21. All now good for 10 gallons per unit. (All definite value coupons, sometimes known as change-making coupons, are good any time.)

NEW SERIAL STORY STARTS IN POST

Beginning today in this paper is an interesting new serial story, "There Is Today", by Sara Lawrence.

Start with the first chapter, because it is a story that will hold your interest from the very beginning.

A story of a war-time marriage, "There Is Today", includes many present day problems and their solutions. The characters are typical of many that the reader will know.

The author knows war and its influence on people and she tells the story of a group living in an apartment house, in a most interesting manner. Begin today and read "There Is Today". The first chapter is published on page 7.