

ASHE GETS N. C. TEST FARM

County Bond Sales Over \$107,000

\$60,825 Yet To Be Sold Before Quota Is Raised

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

Ashe county marched a good mile further toward the war bond quota this week with sales reaching \$107,175.00, according to reliable reports secured from sources of sales, yesterday. This is only \$60,825.00 short of the quota of \$168,000.

Dean McMillan, drive chairman, said that with a little extra effort on the part of everyone, that he believed the quota could be reached by February 15, when the drive is officially scheduled to end.

Sales in Ashe took a slightly upward trend this week, possibly due to the proof of the treatment of American prisoners by Japanese. "Let's do all we can to help bring the men back home as soon as possible and put an end to this war," an official of the treasury department, said.

Sources of sales reported the following amounts yesterday: (Continued On Page Four)

Many Bonds Are Being Dedicated

Many People Taking Advantage Of The Dedication Offer Of This Paper

A number of Ashe county people have been taking advantage of the special offer made by this paper and are dedicating bonds to men in foreign service.

Among those having bonds dedicated to them during the past few days are: Cpl. Ray Brooks, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brooks, of Tuckerdale; Pfc. James E. Poe, by Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Thomas, of Grassy Creek; Pfc. Donald Pierce, by Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Pierce, of Crumpler; Burl Combs, by Odell E. Sullivan, of Tuckerdale; Buford Pendry, by his father, C. F. Pendry, of Laurel Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Lee B. Ham, of Husk, dedicated bonds to the following: Harry R. Graham, Pvt. Herman E. Osborne, Sgt. Shirley Ham and Pvt. Wells R. Hart.

The Post will send a free subscription to a man in foreign service with each bond of \$500.00 or more purchased through this paper during the Fourth War Loan Drive.

Seabees Work On New Hebrides



The above "Seabees" or worker-fighters, as they are called, are stationed on New Hebrides. They are, left to right, (first row): C. I. Petch, J. T. Brodsher, J. M. Holcombe, Bryce G. Pugh, formerly of Ashe county, G. E. Snyder, and P. G. Volvo. Bryce writes that the uniforms they are wearing are all purpose uniforms.

County's Red Cross Quota Is \$6,600.00; Drive Opens March 1

Sharpe S. Shoemaker Will Again Serve As Chairman; More Funds Needed

Citizens of the Jeffersons and Ashe county will be asked to give \$6,600.00 toward the American Red Cross national goal for 1944, when the annual drive opens on March 1, it was revealed at a meeting on Thursday night.

At this time, C. C. Lovewell, 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.

Lovewell spoke to the Rotary Club, previous to the Red Cross meeting.

Ashe county's quota for the drive last year was \$4,300.00 and this was slightly surpassed. Sharpe S. Shoemaker 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.

The chapter plans another (Continued on Page Four)

Spoke To Press At Richmond, Va.

Ed M. Anderson, editor and 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.

148 Ashe County Men Given Pre-induction Examinations

A group of 148 Ashe county men were given pre-induction examinations at Camp Croft the past week end, when only a small percentage of them passed, according to unofficial reports. A list of those accepted for service will be published as soon as it is released.

Those who were sent to Camp Croft for examination are as follows:

Doughton Sheets, Winfred Wayne (Sturgill), Gaither Clice McNeill, William Wiley Church, Fred Oscar Trivett, Thurman Edward Hurley, Robert Davis, Free-

FUNERAL TODAY



Mrs. Amanda Logan, who died yesterday at the age of 92. Funeral service will be conducted this afternoon.

Mrs. Logan, 92 Will Be Buried This Afternoon

Mrs. Amanda Logan, 92, one of Ashe county's oldest and most popular citizens, died at the Ashe county hospital, yesterday afternoon, after being a patient there for several weeks. Funeral service will be held this afternoon at 2:30, at the Jefferson Methodist church. Rev. R. G. Wagoner, (Continued on Page Five)

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." (Continued on Page 5)

Local Youths Enlist In Navy

Recruiter Huffman Will Be Here February 7 For Interviews

Four 17-year-old young men were accepted for enlistment in Raleigh last Friday in the Naval Reserve, according to information released by J. E. Huffman, Navy Recruiter, assigned to this territory. They were Donald Ray Dancy and Carl Dean Bare, both from Jefferson and seniors at Jefferson high school, Neal Thomas Goodman, of West Jefferson, also a senior at West Jefferson high school.

Recruiter Huffman said that all of these young men had been accepted. (Continued on Page 4)

OPA Clerk Will Enter Army Soon

Ralph Campbell Has Served As Head Clerk Since Program Started

Ralph Campbell, who has efficiently served as chief clerk to the local War Price and Rationing Board, resigned Monday and will enter the army the latter part of this month, having passed pre-induction examination on Friday.

Ruby Barker, who has been connected with the local OPA office for more than a year, has been named acting chief clerk and will serve in this capacity until a permanent appointment is made.

Campbell, who began his duties as clerk when the program was first started, two years ago, has done much to encourage co-operation with the program in this county. He said that he wished to thank the stores, institutional users of rationed products, the schools and all individuals who have helped to carry on the program successfully.

III-A Farmers To File Forms

All farmers within draft age who are in III-A classification should get their farm data sheets in at once. The selective service board needs this information in determining whether or not a registrant is doing sufficient farm work to be classed as an essential farm worker, Roy H. Crouse, county agent, said.

The county war board urges all farmers in III-A to get blanks from the county agent's office in Jefferson and not wait until they are placed in I-A before getting the information in. These forms should be returned to the county agent's office in order for the war board to determine the farm units.

Aunt And Uncle Meet In Italy



Second Lieutenant Ethel Belle Hurley, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hurley, of Silas Creek, and her nephew, Cpl. Edd B. Little, son of Mrs. Lola Little, of Upper Falls, Maryland, formerly of this county, met recently in Italy, where they are both in service. Lt. Hurley is an army nurse.

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.

New Plan Used By Local Board Less Complicated

It was again explained by the local selective board, this week, that all men now classed in I-A will be sent to the examination station to determine their physical fitness for military service.

If a man is eligible for a deferred classification, such as 2-C or 3-C, for farming, or 2-B, necessary man in defense work, he (Continued on Page 4)

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 aiming. (Continued on Page Four)

Need Workers In Red Cross Room

Mrs. Levern Johnson, production chairman of the local Red Cross chapter, announced this week that the yarn for sweaters, for the men in the armed forces, along with directions for making, had arrived. She urges that everyone, who can give some time to this work, call at her home for material as these sweaters must be made during a certain period of time, and workers are needed badly. Work is being done at her home each Tuesday and Friday afternoon.

Shipments are being made regularly, the amounts and descriptions of which will be announced later.

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 the others will have to go without."

Eligibility hereafter, he stated, will be determined on the basis of the purpose for which a motorist uses his car, rather than the distance he drives it.

Under this system, virtually no holders of "A" card gasoline rations will be able to obtain new tires, the rationing chief said. (Continued on Page 4)

Transou Farm Is Purchased By State On Tuesday

Will Establish Mountain Test Experimental Farm At Laurel Springs

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.

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.

SCHOOL LUNCHES MAKE PUPILS GAIN

According to reports, Ashe county school children are not only doing better work because of the school lunch program this year, but some are gaining in weight.

Miss Margaret Davis, of the Trout School, where the children are participating in the lunch program one hundred per cent, reports several of the pupils showed an increase in weight after the lunchroom had been in operation for one month. Pupils weighed at the end of November, when the lunchroom was not in operation, showed only an average of one pound per pupil with 10 pupils making no gain. In December, when the lunchroom was in operation, the average gain in weight was two pounds per pupil, with only two showing no gain.

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. 20; 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
8-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 10 gallons a unit, with most coupons worth several units each.