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## N. C. Weekly Roundup

**RATION BOOKS**—You'll have to get your sugar and coffee ration coupon book, War Ration Book No. 1, on or before December 15 or you can't get it at all, J. K. Simmons, state OPA food ration specialist, said this week. Not only is the book necessary for the purchase of coffee, Simmons warned, but it must be presented to local rationing boards around the first of the new year in order to receive War Ration Book No. 2.

**TAR HEEL SHIRTS**—North Carolina's male population will soon feel the effect of war on their shirts. Reason: WPB has ordered from two to three inches taken off the length of new men's and boys' shirts made after December 15. It will also hit pajamas, because new simplification orders prohibit fancy collars and other "pretty things". WPB said the new shirt order will save enough cloth to make more than 10,000,000 new shirts and the pajama simplification will save material for about 2,200,000 pairs.

**COMMERCIAL VEHICLES GET GAS**—District office managers of North Carolina's ODT offices were informed this week that temporary transport rations of gasoline will be available to operators of trucks, buses, taxis, and other commercial vehicles which have not been issued Certificates of War Necessity. These operators may get gas rations from their local war ration boards after they have applied for the certificate of war necessity—provided it has not been received. They will receive "T" rations on a temporary basis for the amount of gasoline they estimate they will require through December 31. The gallonage will be deducted from the gallonage allowed under the ODT war necessity certificate later.

**MEAT-SHARING**—This week some 60,000 block and neighborhood leaders cooperating with the Civilian Defense nutrition committee are carrying information about voluntary meat-sharing into homes throughout North Carolina. It is the first major assignment for the thousands of Civilian Block Leaders in North Carolina.

**AIR RAID TEST**—The day of scheduled blackouts in North Carolina is over—except under extraordinary circumstances. Henceforth drills will be under exactly the same circumstances that real air raids would be—WITHOUT WARNING. North Carolina Civilian Defense headquarters said this week that from now on it's the real thing.

**FALSE RUMOR**—Rumors spreading over North Carolina that the government will tax farmers five dollars for each hog produced and that a "government man" will come around to take all but two hogs were branded as FALSE by the North Carolina USDA War Board this week. There's nothing to such talk.

**FUEL OIL**—After December 1 you cannot buy fuel oil—including kerosene—without a fuel oil ration coupon, Carl Lunsford, state OPA fuel oil ration officer, said this week.

## Revs. Morgan, Marchman Will Preach Next Sunday At Baptist Church Here

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan of St. Agnes Episcopal church, will preach at the Franklin Baptist church on Sunday at the 11 o'clock service. The congregation of St. Agnes church will unite in worship with the Baptist congregation at this time.

Mr. Morgan announces that the Holy Communion service which is usually held at 11 o'clock will be at 7:30 a. m. at St. Agnes church to enable him to accept the invitation to unite with the Baptist church at their morning service and to preach for them.

Rev. J. F. Marchman of Dillard, Ga., will preach at the 8 o'clock evening service at the Baptist church.

Pvt. Henry and Frank Raby recently spent a 10-day tour with their mother, Mrs. Ella Raby, of Franklin. At present they are stationed at Nashville, Tenn.

## COURT OPENS NEXT MONDAY

Judge F. Don Phillips To Preside; Civil Cases Begin Dec. 14

Macon county superior court will open Monday morning, December 7, with the Honorable F. Don Phillips as the presiding judge.

On the criminal docket there are many cases that were continued from the last term of court, most of them involving minor offenses.

The case of the State against the Collins brothers, arrested recently on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill on the late Tom Leach, will be tried.

A manslaughter charge against Logan Bryson in connection with a wreck on the highway on the Cashiers road beyond Highlands will be tried.

The civil court will convene on Monday, December 14, with 28 cases on the docket.

## BONDS CARRY LOW INTEREST

Refunding of County Debt Will Save Taxpayers \$9,500 Annually

Macon county refunding bonds in the amount of \$724,000 sold in Raleigh on November 24 will replace all outstanding bonded indebtedness of the county, Guy L. Houk, county attorney, explained yesterday. This transaction was in pursuance of a resolution passed by the Board of County Commissioners on October 19, for the purpose of reducing the interest rate being paid on the old bonds. The bonds are arranged to mature over a period extending to 1967-68.

Mrs. Houk, who prepared the financial statement and other legal requirements preliminary to the issuance of the new bonds, was present in Raleigh last week when the bonds were placed on sale by the Local Government Commission. The old bonds have been called and will be paid through the Central Hanover Bank of New York City.

The present rate of interest is thereby reduced from 4.25 percent to an average of 3.45 percent over a period of 25 years. Mr. Houk pointed out that this reduction was due to the favorable condition of the market at this time and the excellent condition of the county's finances.

"This reduction will mean a saving of approximately \$9,500 a year to the people of Macon county on interest payments for the next 25 years, said Mr. Houk, "a sum that can mean new schools, for instance, and other material benefits."

In 1937 the county's outstanding indebtedness was \$815,000, all of which was in default. Under the direction of the Local Government Commission this debt was refunded at the rate of 4.75 per cent. Since then the county has met each installment and reduced the debt to the sum of \$724,000.

The refunding plan will go into effect on January 1, 1943.

## Three Boys Arrested For Stealing Gas

Deputy Sheriff John Dills arrested three boys Monday evening, November 30, for stealing gas from the Otto school bus. They were Robert Cunningham, R. E. Reynolds and Madden McConnell, all of Smith Bridge township.

They waived preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace, C. M. Setser, and will appear before this term of Superior court.

## R. S. JONES LEFT SUNDAY FOR POSITION IN RALEIGH

R. S. Jones, who has accepted the position of assistant to the Secretary of State in Raleigh, left Franklin last Sunday to assume his new duties on December 1. He will make his home with his sister, Miss Laura Jones.

## WEIMAR JONES VISITS TOWN

Weimar Jones, city editor of the Asheville Citizen, spent part of his vacation last weekend with his mother, Mrs. George Jones. He left for the Great Smoky Mountains on Tuesday.

Pvt. George C. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gray, is stationed at Gulfport, Miss. His address is 631 T. S. S., Light B, Gulfport, Miss.

## THE SHOTS THAT HELP



I. S. Treasury Dept.

Courtesy Sheboygan Press. WSS-614B

## Macon Women Make Record Sales Of Bonds And Stamps

Report For Week More Than Quota For Entire Month

The women of Franklin made an outstanding contribution in their sale of bonds during Women-At-War Week, November 23-28. So great was the impetus given to bond sales in that period that the value of bonds sold exceeded the quarter set for the county by the U. S. Treasury for the entire month.

The maturity value of bonds in Franklin was \$40,975, and war stamps sold amounted to \$505.25. In Highlands the total maturity value of sales was \$4,344.75. This makes a grand total of \$45,319.75. The county's November quota was \$29,700.

Mrs. W. H. Sellers led in amount of bonds sold; Mrs. J. S. Conley coming in second and third. Others came close behind, all worked hard and proved their salesmanship ability, as the total results show.

Booths were kept open in the Bank of Franklin, Franklin post office, Perry's and Angel's drug stores and the post office in Highlands.

Mrs. John Archer as chairman organized the bond sale in Franklin and Mrs. W. C. Newton in Highlands. Mrs. Florence Sherrill was vice-chairman assisting Mrs. Archer with the organization of the county. Mrs. J. E. S. Thorpe and Mrs. Allan Brooks were chairmen of the booths in Franklin.

All her co-workers agreed that Mrs. H. H. Gnuse carried perhaps

the heaviest and most difficult job—that of handling the finances, keeping records and checking all bonds and stamps with the saleswomen on one hand and each day checking with the bank the amounts received. For doing this work efficiently she deserves special mention.

Besides the chairmen above mentioned, the following women sold bonds: Mrs. W. H. Sellers, Mrs. Harley Lyle, Jr., Mrs. T. W. Angel, Jr., Mrs. William Swan, Mrs. J. S. Conley, Mrs. A. B. O'Mohundro, Mrs. R. S. O'Mohundro, Mrs. Tom Porter, Mrs. Gilmer Jones, Mrs. Sam Mendenhall, Mrs. J. S. Conley, Mrs. Zeb Conley, Mrs. Emory Hunnicutt, Mrs. Carl Tysinger, Mrs. W. C. Penn, Mrs. H. E. Church, Mrs. John Wasilik, Jr., Mrs. J. C. Davenport, Mrs. Roy Beshears, Mrs. Jack Sanders, Mrs. W. A. Rogers, Mrs. James E. Perry, Mrs. John Ray, Mrs. Alf Higdon, Mrs. Joe Setser, Mrs. Reba Tessier, Mrs. Carl Slagle, Mrs. Pearl Hunter, Mrs. Marie Stewart, Mrs. John Bulgin, Mrs. H. H. Hirsch, Mrs. E. C. Soper, Mrs. Katherine Henry, Mrs. Fred Palmer, Mrs. Henry Slagle, Mrs. Charles Bradley.

## 4-H Club Sold Stamps

Members of the 4-H Clubs selling stamps were Myra Slagle, Jane Setser, Emma Lu Hurst, Dorothy Houston and Jessie Lea Downs. High school girls selling stamps Saturday afternoon were Merrily Brooks and Elizabeth Wasilik.

The list of women taking part in Highlands is reported by Mrs. H. G. Story on the Highlands page.

## HAROLD SLOAN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 28.—Headquarters Fourth Service Command announced the following Air Corps enlisted reservists have been ordered to active duty today: Harold Thomas Sloan, Jr., Franklin, N. C., to the Air Forces Classification Center, Nashville, Tenn.

## BILL BRYANT IN MOROCCO

Word has been received by Miss MayBelle Bryant that her brother, Pvt. William P. Bryant, has arrived safely in Morocco, North Africa. He was previously stationed with the headquarters company of the Signal Corps at the Orlando Air Base, Orlando, Fla. Bill commented in his letter on the similarity of the climate in Morocco and that of central Florida.

## JAMES PORTER'S GLEE CLUB ON THE AIR

Pfc. James Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Porter, who is with the Army Air Corps "somewhere in Alaska", and who is an accomplished musician, was on the air last Thanksgiving with a nationwide audience over NBC. In his spare time from duties in the headquarters postal service of his division, he has trained a glee club of 20 voices which gave several vocal numbers on the Army program at 6:30, EWT. Mr. and Mrs. Porter would like to know if any radio in this vicinity heard this program.

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## 18-Year-Old Male Citizens To Register In December

### 68 MEN LEAVE NEXT MONDAY

Will Go To Camp Croft For Second Physical Examination

The following men have been called to leave Monday, December 7, for Camp Croft, S. C., for second physical examination and possible induction.

Volunteers: Thomas Louie Crunkleton, John Mark Ledbetter, Woodrow Willard Dillard, Samuel Cee Ferguson.

Draftees: L. M. Johnson, James Oliver Beale, Allay Roland Peek, James Henry McKinney, Grady Montgomery Holland, Everett G. Mason, William David McClure, George Belton Waldrup, Albert Nathan Pennington, Robert Woodrow Wild, John L. Angel, Ralph Monroe Henson, Joe Glenn Meadows, John Riley Wilson, Lee Travis Dryman, James Ray Williamson, Ed Green, Toliver Barnett Wilson, Spencer Hall Bryson, George Harvey Roper, Everette Alexander Owenby, Tracy Morris Barnard, Charles Edwin Johnson, William Hunter McGuire, Tom Lee Brown.

Robison Cruso Fouts, Homer Miller, Richard Calvin Holt, Lewis Cunningham, Luther Williams, Howard Marshall Cunningham, James Boyd Cole, Troy Forrest Justice, Clyde James Vaughn, John Joseph Whiteside, John Lewis Scroggs, James Theodore Rogers, Glenn Thomas Smith, Albert Hopkins, Robert Bell, Robert Lee Saunders, Edward Patterson, Gordon Lowell Ledford, Elmas H. Henson, William Douglas Holsenback, Isaac Nutton Keener, Dewey Watsel Holland, Joseph Andrew Dills, J. D. Reese, Harvey Edwards, Dewey Vinson Liner, Walter James Young, Claude B. Burrell, John Harry Potts, Frank L. Crisp, John Wiley Lenoir, Claude Frank Dills, Lyman Frederick Emory, Henry Herman Wilkes, Harley West, James Austin Raby.

Men transferred from other boards to go in our December 7th call:

Thomas Bates from Wallhalla, S. C.; Edwin Thomas Stiles from Clayton, Ga.; Samuel Willard Higdon from Spencer, Mass.

## Soldiers' Mail

ATLANTA GA., Nov. 30.—To prove that he believes letters from home are essential, Uncle Sam now says that even though a soldier is in the midst of a combat zone he will get his mail along with other Class I supplies, such as food, medicine and other combat items, postal authorities have announced.

This is the inauguration of the first large scale test of mobile postal service in the war, and will be carried out for the duration. To this purpose a complete Army organization accompanied the American Expeditionary Force to North Africa, and postal facilities were established almost as soon as landings were effected. So effective is this service that letters are already being received in the United States from the combat zones.

## Dean Trimble Addressed Methodist Rally

Dean H. B. Trimble of Emory University, Atlanta, was the guest preacher at the Franklin Methodist church at the morning and evening services last Sunday. The occasion was a rally of the Methodists of Franklin, and of the churches of the Macon and Franklin circuits.

Dr. W. L. Hutchins, of Waynesville, district superintendent, presided at both services. Revs. Philip L. Green and J. C. Swaim were also in attendance with members of their congregations.

Dean Trimble brought two eloquent messages on the subject of the need for God in our lives at this time, in the morning service; and continuing this theme in the evening with emphasis on the need of carrying the message of the Gospel to the world.

The following facts are taken from the printed program of the day's services in connection with the work of the Methodist churches in Macon county: There are 24 churches with 1880 members in the county. Last year these raised

Dates, Places Announced By State Hdqrs. Of Selective Service

The following information has been received from State Headquarters of Selective Service:

"The registration of male citizens of the United States and other male persons, who shall have attained the eighteenth anniversary of the day of their birth during the periods indicated below, shall take place in the United States between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. on the days hereinafter designated for their registration as follows:

(a) Those who were born on or after July 1, 1924, but not after August 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the week commencing Friday, December 11, 1942 and ending Thursday, December 17, 1942;

(b) Those who were born on or before September 1, 1924, but not after October 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the week commencing Friday, December 18, 1942 and ending Thursday, December 24, 1942;

(c) Those who were born on or after November 1, 1924, but not after December 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the period commencing Saturday, December 26, 1942 and ending Thursday, December 31, 1942;

(d) During the continuance of the present war, those who were born on or after January 1, 1925, shall be registered on the day they attain the eighteenth anniversary of the day of their birth; provided, that if such anniversary falls on a legal holiday, their registration shall take place on the day following that is not a Sunday or legal holiday."

Places of registration will be posted at Local Board Office, Court House and Post Office in Franklin and at Post Offices in various sections of the county and in next weeks paper.

## Kerosene Users

Required To Register On Saturday, December 5

Every user of kerosene will be required to register for fuel oil ration, according to an announcement made yesterday by Dr. W. E. Furr, chairman of the rationing board.

The places are Franklin high school, and the Highlands high school, and the time Saturday, December 5, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Dr. Furr refers all readers to the "N. C. Roundup" column on this page for other important information and news concerning rationing regulations.

## Imposter Enjoying Hospitality Of Macon Co. Jail

Macon county had the experience of arresting a traveling would-be swindler last week in the person of one, Lawrence Lowdermilk, who hails from Benton, Tenn., according to John Dills, deputy sheriff, in whose custody he now resides in the county jail.

Mrs. Eloise G. Franks, county welfare superintendent, learned from some of the stranger's attempted victims that Lowdermilk, impersonating a Washington representative, was promising old age pension recipients and families with boys in service or about to be drafted, that he would be able to have pensions increased and boys released or not drafted, as the case may be. All this was to be accomplished for a consideration—anywhere from two to five dollars, according to Mrs. Franks' informants.

The man is being held for investigation on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, after Sheriff A. B. Slagle checked with the FBI office in Charlotte, who advised the culprit's return to his home in Tennessee where he is due to appear before the draft board on December 11. He was reported by Mr. Dills on Wednesday as still enjoying the hospitality of Macon county, on account of having suffered a nervous breakdown since he was put in jail.

\$5.30 per capita, with the giving of the congregations on the increase each year.

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