



The Franklin Press

and The Highlands Maconian

PROGRESSIVE — LIBERAL — INDEPENDENT



VOL. LVIII-NO. 8

FRANKLIN, N. C., THURSDAY, FEB. 25, 1943

\$2.00 PER YEAR

Rationing Registration Is Off To Good Start

Summary Of Rationing Guide In Effect Now

School principals and teachers throughout the county are conducting the registration for ration book No. 2, and citizens are cooperating promptly, as far as reports have been received by the local rationing board, Dr. W. E. Furr, chairman, states.

One member of a family or household is authorized to secure the new rationing book for all, the requirement being to bring Rationing Book No. 1 with them.

The blue stamps, A, B, C, are good only through the month of March, Dr. Furr explained. All grocers will have rationing guides giving the value of points in the purchase of rationed food which has been frozen during the past week.

Rationing Guide

Stamps in Ration Book No. 1 are valid as follows: No. 11 for 3 pounds of sugar to March 15. No. 25 for 1 pound of coffee to March 22. Stamp No. 17 good for 1 pair of shoes through June 15. For fuel oil Period 4 coupons, good for nine gallons are valid to April 6. Gasoline coupon 4 good through March 21.

Tires

Automobile and small truck tires may now be recapped without certificates from rationing board.

Food

Sale of rationed vegetables and fruits frozen this week will begin March 1 when they may be purchased through the use of points. Meat rationing begins latter part of March.

Miss Laura Bryson Passes At Home

Miss Laura Bryson, 68, of the Cowee community, died last Thursday, February 18, at her home in the Cowee community after two weeks illness.

Miss Bryson was the daughter of the late Samuel and Mary Morrison Bryson. She was born March 18, 1874 and lived in the West's Mill community all her life. She was a member of the Cowee Baptist church and lived with her sister, Miss Beulah Bryson.

Besides her sister she is survived by two brothers, C. A. Bryson and Robert T. Bryson of West's Mill and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral

Funeral services were held at the Cowee Baptist church at 2 p. m., Friday. The Rev. J. G. Benfield, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Norman E. Holden, a Baptist minister of the Cowee community, and the Rev. Philip L. Green, pastor of the Franklin circuit. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The pallbearers, all nephews, included C. Tom Bryson, Everette Rickman, Horace Bryson, Oscar Rickman, Fred Bryson and Purnell Bryson.

PERRY'S DRUG STORE OPENED ON MONDAY

Perry's Drug Store which has been closed since the death of Dr. James E. Perry on Tuesday night, February 16, was re-opened on Monday, February 22.

The prescription department will be operated by James E. Perry, Jr., until his return to the army. The front part of the store will remain open, however, and it is hoped that a pharmacist will be secured to take charge of prescriptions.

Parachute Infantry Swing Orchestra Here March 2

Macon Theatre To Bring Artists For Special Performance

The 501st Parachute Infantry Swing Orchestra stationed at Camp Toccoa, Ga., will appear in person on the stage of the Macon Theatre, Tuesday night only, March 2.

This is indeed a big event. Those who are fortunate enough to get a seat are in for a real treat, says Mr. Gailey, manager.

There is no doubt that the people will give these boys in the armed forces the rousing ovation which they deserve. Some of those in the Swing Orchestra have played with big-name bands before they entered the U.S. Army.

Classifications

Announced By Our Local Board

The Local Board announces the following men classified in I-A this week:

John Kenneth Reece, Dover Dee Welch, William Dee Thompson, Louis Jasper Wilson, Beveridge Sanders, Samuel Harold Shephard, Harley Carpenter.

The following men were reclassified: From 3-A to 3-B, men with dependents working on work connected with the war, Marvin Esco Wilson, William Lawrence Setser, Jr.; from 3-A to 2-A, men with no dependents engaged in necessary civilian work, Adam Winfield Scott, Walter Sykester Miller, Vernon Herbert Fricks, Roy Mashburn. From 1-A to 11-C, men without dependents engaged in essential farming, James Fred Carpenter, Zeb Britton McMahan. From 1-A to 3-A, John Lester Cabe; From 3-A to 1-A, Jasper Wanlow Greene. From 3-A to 2-C, William Burt Gooch. From 3-A to 4-F, Charles Wykle, colored. Joe Neal, classified first time, in 2-C.

The following men were rejected at the induction station and were placed in 4-F: Gilmer Lee Bryant, Charlie Lee Mathis, William Cindard Mineey, Henry Arthur Cleveland, Alvin Augustus Yonce, Samuel Luther Snyder, D. L. Rowland, Henry Percy Webb, Rufus Collier, Walter Raleigh Dowell, Warren Edison Hedden, William Harvey Hastings.

Accepted at the induction station in the February call were the following: For the Navy, Thomas Willard Crisp and Lyle Alonzo Tilson. For the Army, Tearl France Ashe, Harvey Harris Jones, John Harvey Swafford, William Leon Sellers, Warren Grover Eller, Carl Cameron Mason, Mack Owen Sanders, Samuel Eugene Tallent, John Henry Burch, Tolliver Burnett Wilson, Lawrence Berlin Welch, Charlie Franklin Mashburn, James Forest Johnson, John Harvey McConnell, Jr., Hershel Mason, George Mack Bingham, Paul Allen Belford, Howard Theodore Bredle, Thomas Kinsland, George William Roper, Jacob Astor Waters, John Henry Wood, Silas Jenkins, Zeb Vance Lakey, Burl Wayne Ray, Jacob Carl Mason, Darrell Tallent, Robert Leo Sanders, James Boston, Willie George Stanfield, Willard Nelson Carver, Arvel Joe Simonds, Atlas Nelson Vinson, Michael John Zemba, William Fred Courtney, Radford Eugene Jacobs, Ted V. Cabe, Clint H. Wilson, Hermaat William Norton, John Denver Gregory, R. L. Scott, Joseph L. Keener, Glenn Thomas Smith, William J. B. Collier, T.C. Rogers. These men accepted were placed in I-C.

Jacob B. West Of Burningtown Dies

Jacob B. Welch, 75, of the Burningtown section, died at Angel clinic here at 4 a. m. Saturday, after a lingering illness. While ill for more than two years, his condition had been critical for only two months and he had entered the clinic last Wednesday.

Mr. Welch was a prominent farmer of Macon county. He was born Sept. 11, 1867, a son of Wilburn and Pearly Shepherd Welch.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Lucinda Deweese; two sons, Eli Welch of Franklin, route 3, and Harry Welch of the U.S.

Especially featured are Bob Gersch, piano; Lionel Hulsey, electric guitar; Barney Perryman and his drums. Also there are specialty acts. Pvt. Harold Rifas, famous magician, Pvt. Billy Anderson, national Bolo champion; Sgt. Philip Kirschner, master of ceremonies. The stage will follow the regular feature picture, "The Great Gildersleeve", which will start at 7:30 as usual. There will be about one and one half hour stage show starting about nine o'clock. This additional program given by the management will afford the people of Franklin a rare treat both in entertainment and in welcoming a large group of men in the armed services from a nearby camp for the first time.

Striking A Responsive Note



Indicative of the spirit with which Americans will respond to the 1943 Red Cross War Fund appeal is this poster by Wendell Kling, noted illustrator. The cheerful individual pictured is proudly displaying the new Red Cross lapel tag, made from paper to help conserve metal for the war effort.

MESSAGE

From War Fund Chairman

EVERY day of the year the American Red Cross is busy with its works of mercy. In times of war the tasks and activities of the Red Cross multiply. All over the world both within our own country and in every place where duty calls our forces the Red Cross is on hand to serve. Especially the Red Cross is the agency recognized by our government for making and keeping contact between the men in the service and their families at home.

The opportunity is given to us beginning March 1st to place our stamp of approval upon this work by contributing to its war fund. Most of us have paid our membership in the past. As the demands have multiplied so must our total and individual contributions be increased; therefore, let us give generously when the opportunity is offered. The canvassers will attempt to see everyone who is interested. If one fails to see you are asked to find one of the workers and make your contribution.

—A. RUFUS MORGAN, Chairman.

J. M. Swafford

Dies At Oak Dale

John M. Swafford, 89, died Saturday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lon Roper, in the Oak Dale section. He had been ill for a year.

He was a native of South Carolina, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Swafford, but had lived in this county since he was a small boy. He was a member of the Oak Dale Baptist church and was a farmer. His wife, who was a Miss Grant, died 19 years ago.

The funeral was held Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of the daughter, with the Rev. C. W. Modder and the Rev. J. G. Benfield officiating. Burial was in the Oak Dale cemetery.

Besides Mrs. Roper, he is survived by five sons, William M., James H., Harley L., and Perry B. Swafford of Franklin, Rt. 3, and by Jess A. Swafford of Toccoa, Ga., 44 grandchildren, and 65 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were all grandsons: Carl Swafford, Clifton Swafford, Arvel Swafford, Tracy Swafford, John Roper and Harold Swafford.

Flower girls were all great-granddaughters: Jessie Roper, Mildred Roper, Ivadean Roper and Bessie Smith.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Sunday at the home, with the Rev. Lester Sorrels, officiating. Burial was in the Welch family cemetery.

Red Cross

Home Nursing Classes To Be Taught By Mrs. Patillo

Red Cross Home Nursing classes to be sponsored by the local Red Cross Chapter will be taught by Mrs. George R. Patillo beginning March 1. Mrs. Patillo is a registered nurse who was authorized by the National Chapter last summer to teach classes in Cartoogechay, Scaly and Burningtown. These classes in which Mrs. Patillo volunteered her time were so successful that the requests from other communities influenced the local chapter to sponsor ten additional classes, five of which will begin next week.

These classes will be conducted from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m., E.W.T., once each week. The entire course will require 24 hours. Certificates will be awarded those attending. All rural women who are near the communities where classes are held are urged to participate in this much needed program or training.

The schedule for the first period beginning March 1 is as follows: March 1—Highlands; the meeting place to be arranged by Miss Gertrude Harbison, chairman of home nursing in Highlands.

March 2—Walnut Creek with Mrs. Jane Tilly.

March 3—Holly Springs with Mrs. Jerry Franklin.

March 4—Otto at Otto School. March 5—Cullasaja with Mrs. Pritchard Russell.

The second period of five classes will be announced at a later date by the chairman of Home Nursing, Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill.

Red Cross Drive Starts Monday; Quota Doubled

Men In Service

Mrs. T. J. Johnston has heard from her son, Cpl. Hugh Johnston, that he has arrived safely overseas. He is in the Pacific area.

Cpl. Harry S. McConnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McConnell, of Kearns Field, Utah, has been promoted to sergeant.

Jack Tessier visited his mother, Mrs. Rebe Tessier, last week before going to Wichita Falls, Tex. to begin training as an air cadet. Jack has received his bachelor's degree at University of Louisiana ahead of time out of recognition of creditable work accomplished, so that he can be released to enter the Army Air Corps.

The family of Lt. Jesse N. Tessier recently received word that Lt. Tessier has left India, where he has stopped for the past few weeks, and has gone to his permanent destination somewhere in the East. Lt. Tessier left for overseas duty from Ft. Bragg, N. C. on January 9.

Pvt. Ralph Penland, located at Albany, Ga., has been home on furlough on account of the illness of his mother.

E. E. Ward, chief commissary steward in the Navy, and Mrs. Ward from Savannah, have been visiting relatives during the past week. Mrs. Ward will remain after Mr. Ward's return to visit her family.

Pvt. John A. Setser, 21 observation Sqd., Will Rogers Field, recently spent a 15-day hospital leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Setser.

Sgt. Charles Stackhouse of Fort Bragg, and Mrs. Stackhouse of Asheville, spent a few days with Mrs. Stackhouse's mother, Mrs. F. E. Brown, last week.

Pvt. Charles Otto Arvy, who was inducted on Jan. 19, is stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass.

Continued On Page Six—

J. M. Keener, 93, Passes At Gneiss

James Marion Keener, aged 93 years and three days, died at the home of his son, W. A. Keener, of Gneiss, on Monday, February 22, at 8 a. m. He had been ill for 14 months with Bright's Disease.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday at the Walnut Creek church. Rev. Frank Holland officiated and preached the sermon.

Mr. Keener was the son of the late Ulric and Sophronia Keener, and was born February 19, 1850. He married Rurah Vian Holbrooks. Of their eight children, the following survive: Two sons, W. A. Keener of Gneiss and U. P. Keener of Liberty, Tenn.; four daughters, Mrs. S. C. Woods of Gneiss, Mrs. Ella Jones of Ellijay, Mrs. Fanny Moses of Gneiss, and Mrs. Jim Page of Waynesville; one sister, Mrs. Mary Jennings of Otto.

There are about 125 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Workers To Gather For Instructions At Dinner

The campaign for the American Red Cross War Fund will begin Monday, March 1, and continue for the next two weeks in Franklin, Highlands and the county until Macon's quota of \$3,650 is assured. This is more than double the last quota because the need is more than double in urgency. War Fund chairman Morgan has announced that the Rev. Philip Green, chapter chairman, will be chairman of the advance donations committee, which will be solicited the first of next week.

Dinner Friday Night

The usual Red Cross dinner for officers, chairmen and workers, will be held at The Tavern on Friday evening, February 26 at 7:30. All workers pay the nominal cost of the dinner and afterwards the meeting is held when chairmen instruct workers and final organization is completed, they are urged to come in time for the meeting. It is important that everyone who is to take an active part in the canvassing receive the information for their task at this gathering.

Dr. J. L. Stokes has received a letter from Area headquarters that the Macon county chapter will be added to the Directory of Red Cross Chapters. This has been largely due to the quality of service rendered by the chapter in Home Service, of which Dr. Stokes is chairman, of production and educational programs. Only one fourth of the North Carolina chapters have this rating, which is also an added responsibility.

A letter from the former chairman, Harley Cabe, who is now in the Navy in the Pacific area overseas is printed on the editorial page. He expresses his interest and pride in the work of the chapter which he served so well.

Boy Scouts Help

Two Franklin Boy Scouts deserve special mention for the "good turn" they did for the chapter last week. Frank Murray, Jr. and Harold Bradley spent several hours last Thursday night inserting the Red Cross' rotogravure section in the issue of The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian. For this the paper and others express appreciation.

Federation Stresses Increased Production At Annual Meeting

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Federation last Friday the following committee was elected to serve for the coming year:

Carl Slagle, chairman; Elias Ammons, Ed Byrd, J. R. Holbrook, James Young, J. J. Verison, J. S. Conley, Lawrence Ramsey, Robert Bennett and Chas. Henderson. Jerry Franklin was re-nominated as director.

James G. K. McClure, president, said that the Federation Hatchery planned to raise three million chicks in response to the government's request for greater food production. He urged a dairy program that included keeping accurate records and great grandchildren.

Continued On Page Six—

Methodist Observe Week Of Dedication Feb. 28-Mar. 5

Special Services In All Churches In Country

The Methodist pastors of Macon county, the Revs. J. L. Stokes, Philip Green and J. C. Swain, are issuing a call for all members to attend services on the next two Sundays to join in a country-wide observance of a week of Dedication, beginning next Sunday. The nearly 8,000,000 members in the United States will be asked to pledge a "new dedication of self, service and substance" to meet the challenge and needs of a war-torn world.

The week's services, prayer meetings and discussion groups will culminate on Sunday, March 7, when personal commitments will be made and offerings will be taken to meet war-time emergency needs of the church.

These special needs, for which it is hoped that more than a million dollars will be raised, include spiritual services for men in the

armed forces, religious work in industrial defense areas, relief for war refugees; aid to chaplains, missionary work in Latin America, evacuating and reestablishing missionaries, building churches in industrial areas and aiding schools. "To challenge present-day threats of barbarism, paganism and materialism we must have a new spiritual power of Christian faith and idealism," declared the pastors in a joint statement this week. "It is our hope that every member will join in this vast effort to help build a better world."

On Sunday, March 7, services will be held in every 42,000 Methodist churches in America for the first time in one day. Laymen will assist where pastors of circuits are unable to conduct services.

Special services will be held in the Franklin church from Sunday, February 28 to Friday, March 5, in preparation for the dedication on Sunday, March 7. Brief messages will be brought by the pastor.