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Red Cross Quota Reaches \$3,000 Mark

N. C. Weekly Roundup

SOLDIERS BACK TO FARMS

The War Department has announced procedures by which North Carolina soldiers, as individuals, may obtain discharges from the army to return to their farms. Soldiers on active duty in the continental U.S., who are 38 years of age and over, may be discharged upon favorable consideration of written applications submitted prior to May 1, 1943. These requests must be accompanied by a letter or statement from local farm agents to the effect that the soldiers will be employed in essential agricultural activities if discharged from the army. Such requests are made by the soldier to his immediate commanding officer. A soldier meeting these requirements will be discharged promptly unless his release will seriously affect the efficiency of his unit.

NO INSPECTION, NO GAS

The ODT reminds Tar Heel operators of commercial motor vehicles that the deadline for tire inspection was February 28. So far, less than 25 percent of such operators have had their tires inspected, and now the State OPA is moving to correct this carelessness on the part of truck operators by ruling that no second-quarter allotments of gas will be given unless a tire inspection certificate is presented. The ODT urges North Carolina operators to save themselves unnecessary trouble by having their tires inspected immediately.

ANY TIME, NOW!

State OCD headquarters was represented in Atlanta this week for a regional conference by State Director R. L. McMillan. Coming back to North Carolina, Director McMillan brought one of the best statements to be issued in many a day—Major General U. S. Grant, III, said "We keep in touch with the Army and if the time comes when we can let down we will tell the public, but that time has not come yet. It is necessary that we continue on the alert."

From here on out air raid alarms might be called by the Army at any time in North Carolina. The training period is over and surprise tests might come at any time. General Grant's statement made clear that OCD is—and must stay—on the job.

LIVESTOCK OWNERS, PLEASE NOTE

The Food Distribution Administration of the USDA has announced that under provisions of Food Distribution Order No. 27, North Carolina livestock owners taking their animals to custom slaughtering houses are now required to register with local USDA war boards. Under the terms of the order, the person who owns the livestock at the time of slaughter is considered the slaughterer regardless of whether it is done by someone else for him. Thus, a person who slaughters for hire or on a custom basis, is not affected by the order except as the order affects the person for whom he slaughters.

DRIVE AGAINST BLACK MARKETS

A total of 783 court actions against 1,025 individual defendants have been begun in the first two months of OPA's intensive drive to stamp out black markets in meat. Of the total, 149 criminal actions against 246 defendants, and 634 were civil actions against 779 defendants. They charge wholesalers, packers and retailers with delivering meat for civilian use in excess of permitted quotas or selling it at higher than ceiling prices, or both.

FARM MACHINERY

The government freeze on the last item of farm machinery needed for food crop production has now been lifted, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Distribution directives for all buying and harvesting machinery are expected to be issued to manufacturers before April 15. Approximately 75 percent of all types of rationed farm machinery, which was frozen November 1, 1942, has now been

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By Bureau of Public Relations, U. S. War Dept., Wash., D. C.

CALL TO THE COLORS—And the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps marches to the field to replace able bodied enlisted men in rear-line jobs. In the WAAC are opportunities for American women 21 to 44 years old, inclusive. Those who enroll receive pay equal to a soldier's—for equal rank and grade. Every woman who enrolls has an equal opportunity to advance to specialist rating, non-commissioned officer grades or Officer Candidate School. Additional information and application blanks for enrollment may be obtained at any United States Army Recruiting Station. WAAC officers are on duty at many of them.

Franklin Firms Will Close To Grow Victory Gardens

Patriotic Move By Stores To Increase Food Production

Business will close up like Sunday every Wednesday afternoon in Franklin for the period from April 14 to September 8, according to a joint announcement on another page, which carries the names of cooperating firms.

This is the result of the cooperative move of merchants to give employers and employees time out to produce a victory garden during these months. Begun by the retail merchants, other firms have joined in the movement and probably others will announce their cooperation before the closing goes into effect. This week the beauty parlors and the shoe shops have united with the stores.

The public is requested to aid this effort to increase food production by arranging their shopping hours accordingly. A little forethought in buying in the morning for the day's needs will inconvenience none and will result in benefit to the entire community. The result of this move will be considerable when manpower hours are estimated over a period of five months.

Mrs. Fort To Serve Red Cross In Washington

Mrs. Helene Fort, head of the WPA office in Franklin for more than a year, will leave Friday morning to accept a position with the National headquarters of the American Red Cross in Washington.

RACC Loans Available For Food Production

Loans to Macon farmers will be made by the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation, according to C. W. Henderson, Chairman of the Macon County USDA War Board. These applications are being approved by the Chairman and R. H. Hemphill, loan representative.

The purpose of these loans is to provide financing to assure top wartime production of essential commodities, but is not a substitute for other sources of credit.

Collateral will be first lien on commodities, livestock or other items being financed. Interest will be at the rate of 4 percent annually.

MICA REPRESENTATIVE VISITS FRANKLIN

Sam K. Greene, of the Colonial Mica Corporation, was here Tuesday, making arrangements to be in Franklin regularly to purchase mica from mines in Macon county.

Carl H. Evans Taken By Death

Carl H. Evans, 47, died Saturday morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andy J. Evans, in the Cullasaja community. He had been ill one week with influenza.

Mr. Evans was born June 12, 1895, at Pine Mountain, Ga. He moved to Macon county when a small boy and had lived in this section since. He married Miss Mattie Shook, of Macon county, and was a farmer for a few years. He worked in mines in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts for a short time. He received serious injuries there which forced him to return to his home and farm.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 3 p. m. at Sugarfork Baptist church. The Rev. Oscar O. Nix, of Satulah, Ga., and the Rev. J. I. Vinson, of Dillard, Ga., officiated. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Surviving are the parents; one son, C. J. Evans, who is in the army air corps, stationed at Bainbridge, Ga.; two grandsons, and two sisters.

Pallbearers were Beulon Stanfield, Pritchard Peek, Andrew Gregory, Earl Dendy, Donald Holland and Preko Dryman.

Last Rites For Mrs. Keener At Gneiss

Mrs. Belle Gibson Keener, 73, of the Gold Mine community, died at her home on March 24, following an illness of two and a half months.

Funeral services were held on Thursday at the Gold Mine Baptist church with Rev. Frank Reed, officiating.

Mrs. Keener is survived by her husband, H. E. Keener, and eight children: five sons: Richmond, Henry, Carl, Lawton and Truman, all of Gneiss; three daughters, Mrs. Frances McClure of Highlands, Mrs. Andrew Reed and Miss Genelia Keener of Linville, 32 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Della Posey of Walhalla, S. C.

Mrs. Keener, or, as she was called by her neighbors and friends, "Aunt Belle", was beloved by all. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gibson, and for 53 years was a loyal member of the Baptist church.

Pallbearers were Will Keener, J. T. McCoy, S. M. McCoy, Earl Dendy, Albert Southard and Bert Dendy.

Clyde Miller of the U.S. Navy has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Miller of Gastonia, N. C.

Classifications Announced By Our Local Board

The following reclassifications were announced by the local Board on March 31:

From 3-A to 3-C, Fred Alexander Fox, Charles John Ferguson, Preko James Dryman, Hardin Ammons Gribble, Eugene Emerson Crawford, Cameron Woodrow Franklin, Joe Mitchell Henry, Arthur Noel Dowdle, Louin Mann Cabe, Orron Baldwin Holland, William Marshall Carpenter; from 3-A to 2-B, Robert Hansell Bennett; from 3-A to 3-B, Stonewall Jackson Cabe; from 4-H to 2-C (h), Marion Alexander Deal; from 4-H to 3-C (h) Henry Pierson Keener, Clyde Howell Downs, Frank Clinton Brown, John Thomas Brown, Jim Stagle Gray, Marvin Harrison Garner, Steve Dewitt Duvall; from 3-B to 3-A, Donald Holland.

From 4-H to 1-A (h), Harvey Edwards, Cyrus Fouts, A. R. Fouts. From 4-H to 3-A (h), Melvin Prince Keener, Frank Dills, Prince Curtis, N. G. Davis, Daniel G. Edwards, John Wesley Fore, J. L. Bryson, J. H. Green, Lem Cabe, Harvey Carnes, Robert Carpenter, W. C. Carpenter, E. D. Chastain, Will Cheek, Curt Chastain, J. N. Conley, Everette Cook, Dewey Corbin, Jess Keener, Earl Crunkleton, Andy L. Howard, Leonard Holland, Don Baldwin, Earl Henson, T. L. Henson, Frank M. Brendle, W. P. Brendle, Herbie J. Bradley, Grady R. Bradley, T. L. Ballew, N. L. Henry, Carl Henson, W. T. Holden, Roy Dills.

The following classifications are announced by the Macon County Local Board:

Classified first time, in 1-A: Hoyt Rimmer Penland. Reclassified, from 1-A to 1-C, Robert Lewis Addington, col., Harley West, col., and James Thomas Stewart, col. From 1-A to 11-A, Edwin Cochran Guy, William Jesse Wallace, Frank Baldwin, Allan Arthur Brooks, Jr., Frank Moody Wild. From 1-A to 11-B, Clyde Allison Hopper, Robert Louis Patillo. From 1-A to 3-A, Oscar Wykle. From 3-A to 1-A, Lloyd Roger Sanders, William Earle Shields, Carl Newton Crunkleton, Donald William Byrd, Nelson Green, Richard Webb. From 3-A to 11-C, John J. Deal. From 3-A to 3-B, Roy William Garrett; from 3-A to 3-C, Fred Harrison Ammons, Abner Luther Young, Silas James Ledford, Orr Roy Donaldson, Ray Norman Cabe. From 4-F to 1-A, Thomas Wooten, Glenn Ross Cole, Lonnie Woodrow Evans, William Cloward Mincey. From 1-A to 4-F, Cornaro Draton Baird, Samuel Eugene Bryson. From 4-H to 2-C (H), William Jennings Bryan Jones.

High School Juniors Give \$170 To Red Cross Drive

Men In Service



Cpl. John B. Tilson of Myrtle Beach, S. C., spent a week with his mother, Mrs. Jane Tilson, at Gneiss.

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Perry C. Henson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Henson of Otto, N. C., volunteered September 29, 1942. Before entering the service he was employed by the Merita Bakery in Charlotte.

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Pvt. Carl H. Evans, Jr., of the Army Air Corps, stationed at Bainbridge, Ga., is home on leave attending the funeral of his father, Carl H. Evans, who died at his home on Cullasaja, Saturday morning.

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Joe C. Bradley, son of Mrs. S. E. Bradley of Otto, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal.

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Cpl. Bradley entered the service in September, 1942. He took his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He was transferred to Fort Screven, Ga., with the 1051st Engineers.

Cpl. Bob Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanders, of Camp Blanding, Fla., spent the weekend at home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tallent received a telegram recently from their son, Pfc. Robert L. Tallent of the U.S. Marines, somewhere overseas, saying he was well and safe. Mr. and Mrs. Tallent have been employed in York, S. C., during the winter.

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James Ballard Lenoir of Franklin has recently been advanced from Radio Man, third class, to Radio Man, second class, in the Navy, an announcement received here states. Lenoir is now on duty in Savannah, Ga.

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Pvt. William Roy Shields was recently granted a 10-day furlough to visit his parents. His sisters, Miss Anna Lois Shields and Mrs. Jay B. Houston of Detroit, came home to see him. The Shields family enjoyed a reunion.

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Frankie W. Ledford, 20, son of Mrs. Ada Ledford of Franklin, has been graduated from the U. S. Naval Training School at Navy Pier in Chicago with the rating of fireman, first class. He awaits assignment to duty with the fleet or a naval station where he will now receive further training under experienced petty officers.

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Bill Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Cunningham, who is now stationed in an Air Transport Squadron of the Navy at Miami, Fla., has been promoted to Second Class Machinist Mate.

Banquet Fund To Help War Work; Theatre Makes Large Gift

The Macon county Red Cross War Fund had reached \$3,000.00 mark on the big thermometers on Main Street by Thursday morning.

The Juniors and Seniors of the Franklin High school are responsible for the biggest jump of the "mercury." The seniors sold over \$200.00 worth of tickets to the Motion picture sponsored by the chapter, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Juniors sent a check for \$170.00, representing their hard-earned money accumulated over a year's period for the usual Junior-Senior banquet, which is the supreme social event of the school year. In their decision to give this to the Red Cross instead of having a banquet, these young people have set an example of self sacrifice which should spur their elders to complete the county quota of \$3,650 before the end of the week. These combined sums raised by the two classes represent a gift of over \$200 per capita of the enrollment. The equivalent in time and money from others more able to give would soon send our quota away over the top, was observed by one of the Red Cross officers.

The Macon Theatre is responsible for another big jump on the thermometer, by the contribution of the proceeds of the four shows on Tuesday and Wednesday, amounting to over \$200.00. This was an outright gift of the management, Bill Collins, owner and Clyde Gailey, manager, who included his salary for the two days.

The young people selling the highest number of tickets were Vic Perry, who sold 72, Jack Angel, 50; Fred Houk, 40.

Several large and a number of small contributions have come in as a result of the 1,500 letters mailed out over the weekend, from persons who had already contributed. Liberal sums have been received from the county. These amounts will be published as soon as the list is complete.

A gift of \$3.24 came from a play given by Julia Hunnicutt, Adelle Fort, Laura Lyle and Clel Bryant, last Saturday afternoon.

The Fireman's dance will be held on Thursday night.

MEAT RATIONING—

How Points Are Given By A Consumer

A consumer gives up points, when he acquires foods covered by Ration Order No. 16, by surrendering red "stamps" taken from his War Ration Book Two. A stamp is not good unless the book from which it is taken has a validation stamp properly placed on its cover, with the number of that book written across the validation stamp.

Stamps may be used only during fixed periods. Each red stamp in War Ration Book Two is good for a limited time only and a consumer may use it only during that time. The letter printed on the stamp indicates the time when it may be used by a consumer. Stamps lettered "A", "B", "C", and "D", may be used only during the following periods:

Stamps A—March 29, 1943 to April 30, 1943, inclusive.

Stamps B—April 4, 1943, to April 30, 1943, inclusive.

Stamps C—April 11, 1943 to April 30, 1943, inclusive.

Stamps D—April 18, 1943 to April 30, 1943 inclusive.

The other red stamps in War Ration Book Two may be used only during periods which will be fixed by the Office of Price Administration.

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Sgt. Greene D. Buchanan, son of George Buchanan of Franklin, has just been promoted to the position of Technician Fourth Grade in the 30th Infantry Division at Camp Blanding, Fla. Sgt. Buchanan is assigned to the telephone and telegraph service.