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Town and Farm In Wartime

RATION REMINDER

GASOLINE—"A" book coupons No. 5, good for three gallons each and must last through July 21 in North Carolina.

SUGAR—Coupon No. 12 good for 5 lbs., must last through May 31. Coupons for sugar for home canning available at local ration boards.

COFFEE—Stamp, No. 23 (1 lb.) good through May 30.

FUEL OIL—Period 5 coupons valid in all zones until September 30.

SHOES—No. 17 stamp in War Ration Book One good for one pair through June 15.

MEATS—Red stamps E, F, G, H, remain valid through May. Red stamp J becomes valid May 23.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps G, H, J, remain valid through May.

WHAT IS "HOME-CANNED"

Foods are "home-canned," says OPA, if—(1) They have been canned in a kitchen primarily used for the preparation of meals, or to demonstrate the preparation of meals, (2) they have been canned in a separate building or shed, which a farm home has equipped for canning purposes, provided that the owner has first obtained permission from his local ration board to use such facilities.

FARM MEAT REGULATIONS

New meat-rationing regulations provide that a farmer and his family may consume meat raised on any farm he owns or operates, and may transfer meat from one of his farms to another to provide food for members of the household, without giving up ration points, even if the meat is not slaughtered on his farm, however, if the farm owner does not live on a farm, he must give up ration points for any meat he consumes elsewhere. Under the original regulations, a farmer who brought his own cattle to a custom slaughtering plant had to surrender red point stamps for meat, while if he killed the animal himself the meat was "ration-free." A farm or ranch employer who feeds his employees in a bunkhouse or dining hall may now use meat and other rationed food raised on his farm on the same basis as if the employees were fed in the household.

SUGAR ALLOWED FOR CANNING

Sugar for home canning will be limited to one pound for each four quarts (or eight pounds) of the finished product and may be secured on written application to the housewife's local board. Each person is allowed not more than 25 pounds. Any family can apply for sugar to put up jams, jellies, and preserves at the rate of five pounds per person. Last year, sugar for preserves was limited to one person per pound.

LESS POINTS FOR "FARM BUTTER"

Some grades of "farm butter" may be reduced in value to prevent waste or spoilage, as a result of an amendment to the meats-fats rationing regulations of OPA. "Farm Butter" or "Country Butter" usually is produced in small quantities by farmers and sold locally. Since it is not of uniform quality, it is considerably more perishable than commercially produced butter. The amendment empowers the OPA regional directors, when authorized by the Washington office, to deal with local emergency cases.

OVERSEAS PARCEL POST

Packages may now be mailed to a soldier overseas if a request is received from the soldier and the envelope bearing the APO cancellation mark is presented at the time of mailing. Formerly, the approval of the commanding officer was required. Current restrictions as to weight and size of package remain in effect.

MUST CARRY DRAFT CARDS

Selective Service registrants who were 18 years old on or before November 13, 1942, must have their local board classification cards (Selective Service Form 57 as well as their registration certificate (Form 2), in their personal possession after May 13. Men without both cards are liable to fine and imprisonment, selective service headquarters warned.

A \$75 Series E War Savings Bond will purchase a .30 caliber semi-automatic rifle for a Marine and supply him with a gas mask

R. M. LEDFORD DIES SUDDENLY

Funeral Services Are Held At Baptist Church Sunday

News of the sudden death of Robert Mack Ledford, well-known citizen, on last Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock, came as a sudden shock to his many friends in the county. He had been going about his usual duties at his home on White Oak street when he was stricken with a heart attack and died in two hours.

Mr. Ledford was 75 years old and had lived in Macon county all his life. He had been in the religious and political life of the county, having been elected on the Republican ticket as clerk of the Superior Court in 1908, serving for three terms.

He was the son of the late George and Mary Williamson Ledford. He was married on May 15, 1907, to Miss Louellen Johnson of Cartoogechaye. He taught in Macon county schools for twenty years when a young man. He had been clerk and treasurer of the Macon county Baptist association for a number of years.

For the past six years he had election registrar here. He was a member of the Franklin Baptist church for 55 years.

He is survived by the widow; three children, Mrs. K. R. Helton, Cpl. Hoyt Ledford, and Miss Jarvis Ledford; and one brother, Bill Ledford.

Funeral services, in charge of Bryant funeral directors, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Franklin Baptist church. Officiating were the pastor, the Rev. J. F. Marchman, assisted by the Rev. Dr. J. L. Stokes II, and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan. Burial was in Franklin cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were: John M. Moore, Alex Moore, George Dalrymple, Dr. J. H. Fouts, Dr. H. T. Horseley, Walter Dean, C. A. Setser, AH Higdon, W. C. Zickgraf, and members of the Sunday School class.

Active pallbearers were: Dr. Furman Corbin, Herbert McGlamery, Paul Carpenter, Walter Dean, Cecil Pendergrass, and J. Horner Stockton.

Ration Book 3

Applications Are Mailed Today

Application forms to be filled out in order to obtain War Ration Book No. 3 were mailed in Franklin, Thursday, May 20.

Ration book-holders are cautioned to keep carefully the stub of their application blank which bears the number of their future ration books. One application is to be made for each family related by blood, marriage, or adoption. Additional applications for unrelated persons may be obtained at the postoffice.

Further notice should be taken that these application forms must be filled out and returned by mail between June 1 and June 10, 1943. After June 10, applications will not be accepted before August 1.

This form contains space for 12 persons. A family that has more than 12 members must fill out one and complete another application for persons not included on the original.

Rev. Philip Green Applies For Chaplaincy

Rev. and Mrs. Philip Green left Tuesday, May 18, for Washington, D. C., where Mr. Green met Thursday with the Methodist Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains.

Mr. Green is interested in serving as chaplain in the Army. He will return Saturday to Franklin, however, and will meet all his Sunday appointments, as scheduled. If Mr. Green is passed by the Board, that group will send its endorsement to the Army; it is the official body of the Methodist Church that makes recommendations for the chaplaincy.

4th SUNDAY SINGING AT BETHEL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday Singing convention will be held at the Bethel Methodist church on Sunday afternoon, May 23rd.

The public is invited to attend. **PRITCHARD RUSSELL, President.**

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MEMBERSHIP CREWS WORK

Good Results Reported On C. Of C. Drive

The Franklin Chamber of Commerce is completing its annual drive for membership dues this week, and the committee reports that they are meeting good response. Figures have not been completed, but new members have been signed, and the results of the drive are already better than last year, reports Ben McGlamery, president.

Last week a letter was mailed to all members and to others inviting them to membership. This year a special effort is being made to increase enrollment.

The committee soliciting memberships is composed of Frank Duncan, chairman of the finance committee, and six crews who are visiting old members and signing new ones. These crews are composed of Harry M. White and A. B. O'Mohundro; Grover Jamison, Jr., and Joe Dowdle; R. S. O'Mohundro and Carl Tysinger; Frank Duncan and Ben McGlamery; Bob Gaines and Clyde Gailey; Dr. J. L. Stokes II and Roy Mashburn. If these crews have failed to communicate with anyone, please notify one of the members.

A meeting of the finance committee was held Wednesday night, May 19, in the town office. Plans were made then to set up a budget for the coming year after the membership drive has been completed.

Fire Department

Entertains Town Board With Chicken Supper

The Franklin Volunteer Fire Department entertained the new Board of Aldermen, Wednesday evening, May 12, at supper at the Fire house on Church and Iola streets. It was a sumptuous chicken dumping supper, such as only our local firefighters under Carl Tysinger, chief, know how to prepare. All of the board were present except one, and a good time was had by all.

Bible School Starts Monday At Baptist Church

Beginning May 24, a two-weeks' Daily Vacation Bible School will be conducted at the Franklin Baptist church. The sessions will run from 9 to 11:30 a. m., Monday through Friday of each week, closing with commencement exercises. All children, regardless of denomination, between the ages of 4 and 16 years, are urged to attend. Children of the surrounding communities are also invited.

Mrs. Paul Kingsland has been chosen as principal. She has had special training in this type of work; she will be assisted by able workers in all departments.

POPPY DAY ON MAY 29

Legion Aux. In Charge; Proceeds Aid Veterans

"Buddy" poppies will be sold in Franklin on nationwide Poppy Day, Saturday, May 29, the day before Memorial Day. Young women of Franklin will sell these poppies on the street corners for Post 108, the Macon county division of the American Legion Auxiliary.

These poppies are manufactured by disabled veterans in army hospitals throughout the United States; the task of selling them is assumed by the women of the American Legion Auxiliary who have son or husbands who have fought in the World War.

The proceeds of this sale go to support the families, widows, or orphans of the veterans who served overseas.

Mrs. Gilmer Jones and Mrs. Lola P. Barrington are the Poppy Day committee in Macon county. Mrs. Frank Potts is handling the sale of poppies in Highlands.

Charles Melichar Promoted To Regional Office

Charles Melichar, for five years supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest headquarters here, has been promoted to the regional office in Atlanta, it was learned here Saturday when official announcement of the transfer was received.

Mr. and Mrs. Melichar and young son will be in Franklin about a month longer, it was stated.

This news will be received with regret by a wide circle of friends and the whole community, whose best interests the Melichars have so generously served.

Last Rites For W. A. Burnette

W. A. Burnette, 79, died Saturday, May 15 at the home of his son, Ellis Burnette at Almond.

The funeral was held at the Tellico Baptist church, Sunday, May 16, at 3 o'clock. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Burnette, known as Bill Burnette, was a farmer all his life. Born in Swain county on July 10, 1864, he had lived in Macon since he was a young man. He was known among his neighbors for his perfect honesty and his forthright character.

Mr. Burnette married Lily C. Byrd who died several years ago. They were the parents of ten children only one of whom survives.

Besides his son, Ellis Burnette, he is survived by one sister, Amanda Roper; one half-sister, Pallie Harper of Ottowa, Ill., and three grandchildren.

Farm Labor

While the National Farm Labor Program is drawing prolonged debate, North Carolina growers are seeking to solve their own problems on the county and community level, by a full utilization of the available manpower.

Men In Service



Cpl. Harry Woody has returned to Camp Blanding, Fla., after spending a five-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Woody on Route 3, and his aunt, Mrs. Ferdie Higdon of Franklin.



Sgt. Wilson M. Ledford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion R. Ledford of Prentiss, was transferred recently to Long Beach, Calif., from San Bernardino. Sgt. Ledford is working as an Inspector on the ground crew at the Air Base in Long Beach.



Pfc. Isaac E. Pitts, who has been stationed at New Orleans, La., has been transferred to New York, A. P. O. 3872. His wife, Mrs. Isaac E. Pitts and son, Eugene, live at Dillard, Ga. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Pitts.

Technical Sgt. Walter Lee Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry of Ellijay, is now stationed in North Africa. He enlisted in the armed forces on August 4, 1940.

Sgt. Wilson Gartrell Lancaster has been transferred from Quantico, Va., to New River, N. C., at Camp Lejeune. He recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lancaster in Hendersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sanders had a letter from their son, Milton, who is in the Naval Air Corps, telling them that he is well. He is stationed near a foreign field of action.

Sgt. Earl York, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. York of Franklin, recently sent word to his family that he is well and happy and that he is stationed somewhere in North Africa.

Pfc. Lawrence B. Welch, son of the Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Welch of Stiles, has enrolled as an airplane mechanics student in the B-24 Bomber School at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss.

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19 MORE MEN ARE INDUCTED

Have Reported For Duty In Army, Navy And Marines

Nineteen men, who had been sent to Camp Croft, S. C., for physical examination, have been accepted and have already reported for military service. Three More are to report within the week.

The following men reported to the Army on May 17: Thomas J. Childres, George L. Talley, Beveridge Sanders, Don M. Cabe, James H. Ledford, Calvin C. Henson, Arthur W. Cabe, and J. T. Moses. Charles C. Vinson did not return for furlough. Men reporting on May 16 to the Navy included Glenn Hunter Waldrop, Fred Clinton Moore, James Wade Buchanan, Denver Eugene Long, and John Thad Ashe. Golman Alexander Pennington, John Kenneth Reece, Andrew William Cope, James Ernest Potts, and John Gibson Murray reported to the Navy on May 19.

Ned P. Howard will report to the Marines on May 24, and Robert Eugene Welch and William Lescar Parrish are to report to the Army on May 24, respectively.

Woman In Critical Condition From Self-Inflicted Gunshot Wound

Rose Gourley, 36, of Fontana, formerly of Procter, lies in a critical condition at Angel hospital as the result of a self-inflicted wound. She operated a grocery store and beer shop at Fontana.

According to information secured from Sheriff J. P. Bradley and Deputy Sheriff Walter Dean, who received a call to the scene of the tragedy Monday evening, the shooting occurred Monday about 2 p. m. According to Lewis Mize, whom the woman had hired to bring her to Franklin and Millie Nation, her hired help in the store who was with her in the car, they had come to Franklin to see Andy Reed from whom the woman said she bought the store, on a matter of business.

They were returning on highway 64, about 12 miles out, near Lost Bridge, when Miss Gourley asked the driver to stop the car. He kept the motor running while she walked behind the car and they heard a shot. Mize found her lying down with a pistol near her pocket book nearby. The other woman went to the home of Mrs. Alice Dean for help. Before Mrs. Dean arrived, the Bryson City bus had stopped and the wounded woman was taken to the hospital in a car, while the driver remained with the pistol and pocket book in the spot where they were found, until the sheriff came. The sum of \$320.80 was said to have been found in the pocket book.

In an interview at the hospital Thursday morning, Rose told Deputy Dean that she decided to shoot herself without giving any reason, and that her companions had no idea she contemplated the act, and had nothing to do with it. The bullet is said to have penetrated the abdomen and come out through the back, and there seems to be small chance for recovery. The victim's mother and sister came Monday night from Judson as soon as they received the news.

Registration For Canning Sugar Is Cancelled

The announcement which the Franklin War Price and Rationing Board promised to make in this week's issue of The Franklin Press on a county-wide registration for sugar for home canning purposes, cannot be made at this time because the Office of Price Administration wired the local War Price and Rationing Board to cancel all its plans for issuing authorizations to purchase sugar for home canning. Therefore, no county-wide registration will be held; however, the board is authorized to issue coupons for sugar for home canning ONLY TO THE PERSON WHO HAS FRUIT TO CAN. Applications may be made at any time during office hours. Bring War Ration Book 1; it must be presented when applying.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS AT HIGDONVILLE

Daily Vacation Bible School will begin Monday, May 24, at Higdonville school house. Mrs. Fanny Gibson will be in charge, assisted by local ladies.