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New Regulations Call For Better Price, Says Snow

Production Depends Upon Fair Margin Of Profit

The new regulations of the War Manpower Commission which went into effect October 2, will necessitate a revision of price now being paid for strategic mica, according to Floyd E. Snow, mineral economist, representing large interests in mica operations in this county.

Mr. Snow urges Macon county operators to band together in asking for a review by the Metal Reserves Company, the War Production Board and other government agencies charged with the responsibility of securing mica for war requirements, to revise the present prices.

"With the new labor scale of time and a half over 40 hours per week and a 48-hour week, some mines will be forced to shut down unless they can get a better price for trimmed No. 1 and 2 grades of strategic mica, Mr. Snow asserted. "With the government spending billions to hasten the victorious end of the war, and mica one of the most vital materials to accomplish this, the price could and should be advanced from \$5 to from \$8 to \$10 per pound, to enable operators to quicken and increase production," he said.

Mr. Snow cited as an example, results of systematic exploration of the Baird mine, only one of the seven pegmatite veins in the immediate Franklin area. During the past ten days some eight tons of book and plate mica has been produced in sinking a shaft five by ten feet and by 17 feet of drift at the 39-foot level from surface. For each cubic yard of vein removed weighing 2700 pounds, over 400 pounds has been book and small pieces, the muck containing an estimated 500 pounds of scrap.

"There is no valid reason why other such discoveries cannot be made by exploration, but the task of mining below water level, as at the Baird mine, is fraught with hazards which should not be undertaken without adequate de-watering equipment and substantial financing, Mr. Snow advised. He considers the future bright for Macon as a leading mica producing county with recent discoveries attracting the attention of capital and the major mining industry. He referred specifically to the two mining leases which have been recently acquired by New Cork financial firms and mining engineering corporations, including the Baird, Allman Cove, Browning "A" and Crisp mines which are under his direction as one of the principal owners.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Spurling

Mrs. Mona Huggins Spurling, 81, died Wednesday morning at the home of Mrs. T. W. Ashe, in the Iotia section of Macon county, following an illness of 10 months.

Mrs. Spurling, a native of the Burningtown section, was a lifelong resident of Macon county. She was the widow of H. L. Spurling and was a member of the Iotia Baptist church.

Funeral services were held at the Iotia Baptist church Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, the Rev. J. G. Benfield and the Rev. Robert Poindexter officiating. There are no immediate relatives surviving.

Bryant funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Clyde Johnson Reported Missing; Is Heard From

Mrs. Elmer Johnson, who on September 18, received word from the Navy Department stating that her son, Clyde Johnson, had been missing since July 16, has received a letter from him dated September 23, saying that he has been on duty in the South Pacific for the past three months and is well. He has been with the Navy for seven years.

Town and Farm In Wartime

RATIONING NEWS

GASOLINE—In 17 east coast states, A-6 coupons are now good. In states outside the east coast area A-8 coupons are now good.

FUEL OIL—Period 1 coupons are good through January 3.

SUGAR—Stamp No. 14 good for 5 pounds through October. Stamps Nos. 15 and 16 good for 5 pounds each for home canning through October 31.

SHOES—Stamp No. 18 good for 1 pair. Validity has been extended indefinitely.

MEATS, FATS—Brown stamps C and D good through October 30. Brown stamp E becomes good October 10 and remains good through October 30.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue stamps U, V, and W expire October 20. Blue stamps X, Y, and Z are good through November 20.

GIVE SOLDIER'S SERIAL NUMBER

The public is asked to use a soldier's Army serial number in every case where inquiries are made to official agencies concerning either officer or enlisted personnel. Much time and material is wasted if the number is not given, according to the War Department.

U. S. CASUALTIES TO DATE 105,205

Announced casualties of the United States Armed Forces from the outbreak of the war to date (whose next of kin have been notified) total 105,205, according to War and Navy Department reports. This total includes: dead, 20,104; wounded, 28,226; missing, 32,906; prisoners of war, 23,970.

AGRICULTURE PREPARING FOR 1944

Easing of the rationing restrictions on farm machinery, increased production of new farm machinery, and a campaign among farmers to "Keep Wour War Equipment Fit and Fighting" are indications of plans now being laid by the War Food Administration to meet increased production goals for 1944.

EASIER TO GET PRESSURE CANNERS

Pressure canners may be bought for individual home use under liberalized regulations now followed by the local agricultural War Boards. A person who needs a pressure canner

HELP FARMERS GET TRUCK PARTS

Farmers unable to get needed parts for trucks can get help by taking the matter to the nearest Office of Defense Transportation office. The ODT has 142 district offices throughout the country, each with a maintenance specialist and a special Maintenance Advisory Committee on which are garage and service station men, dealers, and parts suppliers with a special duty of helping find needed parts.

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Health Clinic To Be Held Oct. 15

The Health Department will hold its usual third Friday clinic in the Ashear building, room 115, on October 15, from the hours 10 to 12 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

Dr. Mary B. Michal, assistant district health officer, will conduct clinic assisted by Mrs. Alma K. McCracken, district supervisor, and Mrs. Gaines, county nurse.

W. N. Carolina Pastors' Conference

The Western North Carolina Pastors' Conference is to be held at Cowee Baptist church, on the Bryson City highway, seven miles from Franklin, on October 11, with the Rev. J. G. Benfield, host pastor, Franklin, N. C.

NEWS OF OUR MEN and WOMEN IN UNIFORM



Pvt. Willie Beeco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Beeco, who is with the infantry, is stationed somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. He writes he is well.

The Army Air Forces Training Command announced today the graduation of Pfc. Lawrence B. Welch from the B-24 Liberator bomber school at Keesler Field. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Welch of Stiles. He will now go to active duty on the line, to factory schools for more advanced training in aircraft maintenance, or to one of the Training Command flexible gunnery schools to learn to be an aerial gunner.

Pvt. Hunter Wilson Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Anderson, Route 1, Franklin, has reported at Keesler Field, a unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command, to begin training as a pre-aviation cadet.

Mrs. Lucille Black, Franklin, Route 2, has been notified that her husband, Londy Black, Jr., has been promoted from private to Technician.



Pvt. J. R. McCracken, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McCracken, Franklin, Route 4, has been in the Armed Forces since February, 1943. He received his basic training at Camp Lee, Va., and Sheppard Field, Texas. He is at present stationed at Herbert Smart Airport, Macon, Ga.

Pvt. Jack Cabe, who is with the Marines, stationed at Parris Island, S. C., has been spending a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cabe.

Privates Robert R. Gaines, B. L. Sherrill, Ed Guy and T. H. Fagg, who were recently inducted in the U. S. Army are now stationed at Camp Wan Dorn, Miss.

Miss Estie Mae Brendle of the Army Air Forces, who is now stationed at Patterson Field, Ohio, is spending a 6-day furlough with her mother, Mrs. Eva Brendle, Franklin, Rt. 4.

Fred Slagle, Jr., of the U. S. Navy left Monday after spending a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slagle on Cartoogechaye.

Service Board On Square Is Now Ready For Names

Names Of Those In Service Requested; Donations Reported

The large board on Rankin square, sponsored by the Lions Club, to carry the names of all men and women in the service of the armed forces, has been completed, and now awaits the painting of the names upon it.

Benny McGlamery, chairman of the committee in charge of donations, announces that the public has responded generously to the expenses, \$132 having already been contributed. The total cost will be around \$250, Mr. McGlamery said, and a small sum will be needed for adding new names and upkeep. The names available from the

local registration and selective service lists have been obtained, but there are many men, and a number of women in service from Macon county who entered from other places. There are also enlisted men in the Army, Navy and Marines who were already in service prior to October, 1940. The families and friends of these are requested to bring these names to the Franklin Press office so that they may be placed on the board and printed in the Service Edition, which will be issued when the board is dedicated.

Families are also asked to bring or send late news of men and women in the armed forces so it may be inserted in this special edition.

R. S. Jones Returns From Raleigh To Resume Practice

R. S. Jones, of the law firm of Jones & Jones, has returned to Franklin to resume his practice. For the past 10 months he has acted as assistant to the Secretary of State in Raleigh, his special duties being in connection with the preparation and issuance of publications, including the North Carolina Manual and superior court calendar.

His many friends are glad to welcome him home again. Mr. Jones is attorney for the town of Franklin and chairman of the board of elections of Macon county. He is also secretary of the Macon County Building & Loan association and head of the Macon Insurance Agency.

"The rights of a free press are the safeguards of the people; the responsibilities of a free press are the commandments of the people." Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Dress Review Of District 4-H Clubs To Be Held Saturday

The 4-H Club Dress Review for the Western District will be held in the Agricultural building, October 9, at 10 a.m. Club girls, who have carried clothing as a project and have won in the county contest will participate in the district. Six western counties of Jackson, Swain, Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Macon will be represented.

Miss Frances MacGregor, assistant State 4-H club leader, Miss Julia McIver, assistant clothing specialists, and Miss Willie N. Hunter, clothing specialist of State College, will act as judges for the contest.

Jeanette Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harrison of route 1, will be the contestants from the Macon Clubs. Miss Harrison will model a two-piece woolen outfit as a part of her clothing work in the 4-H Club.

United War Fund Drive To Raise 125 Million

Knitters Needed

Miss Lassie Kelly, chairman of production of the Macon County Red Cross, announces that 100 pounds of wool for knitting sweaters, scarfs and helmets has arrived. All women who wish to help in this great cause should call for their material at Kelly's Gift Shop as soon as possible. "The quota is large and many women will be needed", Miss Kelly says.

Classifications

Announced By Our Local Board

The following classifications are announced by the Local Selective Service Board:

1-A: Paul Lee Plemmons, Troy Roscoe Shook, Woodrow Wilson Gibson, William Gerdine Crawford, Ray Wilburn, Skyler Ledford, Henry Grady Holbrooks, John Robert Bingham, Jr., Frank Mozell Rogers, George Rogers Hurst, James Newton Brown, Daniel Thaddeus Bryson, Paul Lacy Smith, Arlin Alvin Smith, Wade Crawford Lambert, Edward Charles Day, Hal Weaver Cabe, Cecil Tallent, Ismel Boonell Mason, James Austin Raby, Erastus Herbert Mason.

Bob Lonnie Clark, Grover Webb, John J. Deal, Jerdy Wilburn Passmore, Logan Berry Ashe, Emery Houston Douthitt, Halen Dills, Mericus Dewey McCoy, Ellis Edward Coggins, Perry Bell Shuler, Charles Martin Hodgins, Harley Carpenter, Jr., Calvin Coolidge Waters, James Ardell Parrish, Archie Lyman Picklesimer, Zeb Briton McManhan, J. L. Holland, John Emerson Smith, James Fred Carpenter, Samuel Ebenezer Ramsey, John Marvlin Vanhook, Lewis Lee Fouts, Robert Alvin Turpin, Harold Newton Nix, Furman Trotter Brendle, James Clyde Burnette, John Washington McDowell, James Edward McCoy, and John Lewis Moore.

3-A: Claude Heath Bolton.

2-B: Dover Dee Welch, Terry Hall Bolick.

3-C: Frank Jackson Hannah, Tommy Lee Norton, Clinton Roger Cabe, Paul Lester Grist, Ralph Curtis Bradley.

1-A H: Albert Frederick Brown.

4-A: Vance B. Vanhook.

1-C: Benneth Davis Ledford, Gaston Clark, Walter Neville, Bryson, Donald Odell Holt, James Edward Morgan, Grover Dempsey Shepherd, Dwight Lyman McCloud, Coolidge Marlon Mason, Dewitt Talmage Thompson, William Grover Jamison.

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Mrs. Sherrill Reports On Macon H-D Clubs

Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, home agent, with the State college extension service, reported recently on the Macon county home demonstration club meetings during the past two months.

Twenty such meetings were held with a total attendance of 207 women.

The clubs of Cartoogechaye and Cullasaja held all-day meetings for the "busy day meal" demonstrations, she said. The Cullasaja club met in the morning to prepare a busy day meal and in the afternoon for a demonstration on a "Quick and Sure Method of Making a Dress."

All of the club meetings during the two months had for their program one of these two topics. For the busy day meals, Mrs. Sherrill and the group leaders would prepare them, while the other women divided into groups to plan meals for their busy days of canning, washing and working in the fields.

Six food conservation classes also were conducted by Mrs. Carl Slagle, Mrs. T. J. O'Neill and Mrs. Fred Slagle, with the help of E. J. Whitmire, the agriculture vocational instructor.

Emphasis in these classes was placed on the actual filling of containers as a continuation of the classes on methods of food preservation held in the early summer, Mrs. Sherrill said.

J.E.S. Thorpe Heads Dist; John Archer, Chairman Of County

A nation-wide drive to raise 125 million dollars for the United War Fund Campaign will be inaugurated throughout the United States this month. The drive in North Carolina will be launched during the last two weeks, beginning October 18th. The State has been divided into 12 districts and Macon county is one of eight embraced in District No. 1 under the leadership of J. E. S. Thorpe of Franklin.

Governor Broughton is honorary chairman of the campaign for North Carolina and has appointed John M. Archer, Jr., of Franklin, as chairman for Macon county. Mr. Archer states that those assisting him will be the following: Executive Committee: J. M. Archer, Jr., chairman, Jesse S. Conley and Guy Houk of Franklin; Frank B. Cook, Wilton H. Cobb and Stacey C. Russell of Highlands. Secretary - treasurer, H. E. Church of Franklin; Publicity chairman, S. C. Russell. General canvass, B. L. McGlamery, J. S. Conley, F. B. Cook, W. H. Cobb.

When interviewed, Mr. Archer stated: "The United War Fund Campaign comprises 17 separate organizations, the most prominent one being the U. S. O. (United Service Organizations), which is scheduled to receive more than 50 per cent of the amount to be raised. Each State has established its own headquarters report to the National War Fund, Inc., with headquarters in New York. The National committee is composed of more than 100 prominent men and women who serve without pay and operate with the War, Navy and State Departments in the allocation of the funds."

"The quota for Macon County" continued Mr. Archer, "has been set at \$3,197, but we hope that our county will exceed this fund and go over the top as heretofore. Macon county boys are now fighting in all corners of the globe. Some will never return. Others are languishing in Japanese prisons, and dying from slow starvation, cruel treatment and unsanitary surroundings. The sum of \$2,320,000 will be earmarked for the aid of prisoners of war and will in course of time benefit our own boys."

No other drives are scheduled for this year, according to Mr. Archer, and instead of many separate campaigns the United War Fund drive combines the 17 different bodies which heretofore have solicited funds for various war purposes throughout the United States. Knowing that there will be no other drives, or solicitors, all Macon county residents are earnestly requested to make one large generous donation.

Funeral Rites For Mrs. Ella Franks

Mrs. Ella Franks, 72, died at her home in the Cartoogechaye section, Monday afternoon, following an illness of one month.

Mrs. Franks was a native of Buncombe county, the daughter of the late Nannie Callahan Scott and Tom Scott and had been a resident of Macon county more than 50 years. She was a member of the Zion Hill Baptist church.

Funeral services were held at the Watauga Baptist church, 4 miles east of Franklin, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Rev. Lester Sorrells officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Jim Franks; four daughters, Mrs. Annie Collins, Mrs. Luna Stanley and Mrs. Willie Angel, all of Franklin, and Mrs. Dessie Moodie of Franklin, Route 2; two sons, Toc and Charlie Franks of Franklin; three brothers, Bob, Tom and Hubert Franks, all of Franklin, Route 4; three sisters, Mrs. Ida Sands of Franklin, Route 4, Mrs. Jane Franks of Franklin, and Mrs. Annie Sanlers of Asheville; 34 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bryant funeral home was in charge.

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