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Sugar Rationing Is **Due In The Nation Within Short Time**

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Civilian Defense Chairman Hugh Horton and Mayor Hassell Attend Meet

Sugar rationing, discussion subject for weeks, is now due in this nation within a short time, according to jumbled reports coming from crowded Washington. Hugh G. Horton, county chairman of civilian defense, and Mayor John L. Hassell are attending a meeting in Greenville today for a discussion of the rationing system and other timely topics centering around the civilian de-fense program. Sugar rationing books are being displayed at the meeting it is understood.

While the books are being prepar-ed for distribution, Leon Henderson, of the Office of Price Administration, is urging every patriotic citizen to reduce his normal sugar consump-tion by at least a third. Those who have hoards should stop buying more sugar and start using up their hoards. Retailers should continue limiting sales to individuals until the formal rationing plan is put into ef-fect. And consumers should remember that the retailers are not respon-sible for the shortage."

Registration of consumers by teachers in the public schools and issuance of War Ration Book No. 1 will start as soon as the enormous job of printing and distributing the books have been completed, Mr. Henderson stated. Local rationing boards will have general supervision over the registration of consumers and the issuance of the books.

One book will be printed for each person in the country regardless of age. Each book will carry in it 28 stamps. The stamps will be number-ed and can be used only to purchase sugar during a designated week. When a sugar purchase is made the proper stamp will be torn from the book. Each stamp will entitle the book holder to purchase a definite amount of sugar— probably three-quarters of a pound per person per week. The exact amount will be de-termined when the War Production Board decides how much is to be made available each week for the thousands of retail stores throughout

the country.
When consumers apply for War Ration Book No. 1 they will be required to make a certified statement as to the amount of sugar per person in their family unit. If there is more than 2 pounds of sugar per person in possession of the family the balance will be considered as hoarded sugar and an appropriate number of stamps will be removed from the book at the time of registration. The amount of sugar per person in the family hoard will be divided by the amount of sugar which can be pur-chased with each stamp to determine how many stamps must be removed from the book. This will make it impossible for the book holder to buy any sugar until his or her supply is

used up.

The application which the applicant must sign will carry on its face the warning that false reports to any Government agency subjects the person making the report to severe pen-alties under the United States Crim-

It is planned to require one person to register for each family unit, the latter including the mother, father, children and wards. Other persons living in the household must register separately for their books exter separately for their books ex-cept in such unusual cases as that

Persons living in a household but not a part of the family unit will not be considered as possessing any part of the stock of sugar held by the family unit and stamps will not be re-moved from their books to cover any part of such hoard.

When selling sugar storekeepers will be required to tear a stamp out of the buyer's book. These stamps will then be pasted on a card by the storekeeper. These cards will then be turned in to the supplier of sugar for the store in question, thus entitling the storekeeper to replenish his stock for sales in the following week.

Persons who have built up hoards of sugar will have stamps torn out of their ration books to cover the hoards, thus depriving those persons of the right to buy any more sugar until their hoards are used up, under the rationing plan to go into ef-fect within a few weeks, Leon Hen-derson, administrator of the Office of Price Administration, announced recently.

Soldier Turns Up Here Instead Of In Ireland

Private Julian Roebuck came to town this week from a Virginia army camp. His coming was not at all unusual, but the fact that he had not been here in nearly seven weeks is really out of the ordinary.

Hearing nothing from the young man and failing to see him on his us-ual week-end visits home during that period, friends just allowed he had set sail and landed in Ireland with the AEF. But the soldier ex-plained it all when he said they had just had not had time to write even a postcard. From America

A Very Brave Little Girl



Little Janet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Johnson of London, who survived the torpedo sinking of the Canadian ship Lady Hawkins, is shown peacefully asleep on board the rescue ship Coamo, upon arrival at San Juan, Puerto Rico. Two hundred and fifty lives were lost. Little Janet

Farmers Again Urged To Aid War Program

PATRIOTIC

While many are grumbling and doing little or nothing to support the war effort, Farmer Luther Tyson, of the Parmele community, stated this week that he was going to take his soil conservation money and buy war savings stamps, and bonds. Others may do the same thing, but out of the several hundred farmers calling for their conservation checks at the office of the county agent this week, Farmer Tyson was the only one to express his patriotism in meaningful terms.

For others, it can be said that they are paying their taxes with the "come-back" money.

Kernersville Man Plans To Run For The U.S. Senate

E. C. Earle, Jr., High Point Insurance Man, Sends Check for Filing Fee

Declaring he was disgusted with ese, the observers agreeing that the the record, E. C. Earle, Jr., High fall of the important base has added Point insurance man, last evening innounced he would enter the race against Josiah William Bailey for the United States Senate.

Pondering in his hotel room here for more than an hour late vesteralties under the United States Criminal code. These penalties may run as high as \$10,000 fine or 10 years imprisonment. ewspaper office here and wanted to know the amount of the filing fee. Not certain that the \$100 fee was right, he telephoned State Thad Eure and had it confirmed. Other topics in the conversation with Eure were not revealed. A check was drawn on a bank in Kernersville, Earle's home, and was dropped into the mail last night.

While admitting that he faced strong opposition, Earle stated that ne was prepared to put a "big" amount of money into his campaign, and that he was planning to deliver some telling blows during the pre-liminary bout. It was fairly apparent hat Earle is somewhat worried over the war news, and that he believes much of the trouble is traceable to

he bungling work of Congress. Earle apparently is planning his first fling in politics and enters the field as a stranger as far as the pubic is concerned. He made a few contacts during his over-night stay in Williamston, but admitted that he had not yet mapped his campaign strategy. He is a native of South Carolina, lives in Kernersville and works out of High Point.

SPECIAL APPEAL

With a direct order going out to all men between the ages of 20 and 44 years inclusive to reg-20 and 44 years inclusive to reg-ister next Monday for possible military service, Martin County Draft Board authorities are di-recting a special appeal to all business operators urging them to let their workers off long en-ough to register. Owners of cars are also urged to provide trans-portation for those men who have no way of reaching the reg-

istration centers except on foot.

It is an all-out war this nation is in, and an all-out cooperative effort on the part of the public in assisting the registration next Monday is absolutely nec-

County Is Asked To Plant 11,000 Acres In Peanuts For Oil

Member of State War Board Is Urging Strong Effort In Meeting Problems

Addressing farm leaders in a meetng here last Wednesday, Frank Parker, member of the State War Board. again urged the farmers to support he war program. "It may mean another Pearl Harbor unless we plant the necessary acres," Mr. Parker told he meeting.

The farm people of North Carolina and the nation have been challenged to aid the war program by produc-ing foods and feeds. The first suggested goal for peanuts in this State was 216,000 acres for oil in 1942. State farmers accepted a goal of 187,050 acres, or 28,950 acres short of what was asked. A further challenge has been given for 125,000 acres more, making it necessary to increase the first goal by 153,950 acres. Strangely enough, the appeal for an increased support of the war program came just as Singapore was being overrun by the heathen Japan-

at least another year to the war. Several months ago farmers 11,000 acres in peanuts for oil, the the edible trade. The county's soy bean allotment was small, and it was virtually agreed to reduce the peanut acreage and increase the soy bean acreage. Under that plan, Martin County farmers were to plant 7.000 acres to peanuts for oil. After a pealing, to the sound of the sou 000 acres to peanuts for oil. After appealing to their patriotism, agricultural leaders were advised that hard-ly 3,000 additional acres would be planted to peanuts for oil. Coming out with disturbing facts about the serious situation, war leaders are now urging the farmers of this coun-ty to plant the full 11,000 acres to

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Navy Calling For

Navy Recruiter A. A. Camper, Chief Water Tender, USN, of U. S. Navy Recruiting Station, New Bern, has announced that a temporary recruiting station will be open at the Post Office Building, Washington, N. C. on Thursday and Friday, Febru-ary 19 and 20th, for the purpose of enlisting applicants in the Naval Service. Those accepted will be sent to Raleigh, for final examination and to be sworn into the Naval Service. An unusual attractive enlistment program is offered, and the Navy has a place for all qualified men between the ages 17 and 49 in clusive. Applications are accepted for the Regular Navy, and Naval Reserve, offering men the opportunity to serve their country, build their future, and earn while they learn Some of the many training schools now available are: Aviation mechan ical, radio, sginals, clerical, metal-smiths, machinist, electrical, carpentry, storekeeper. In addition, a worthwhile profitable program is available for college men.

There are immediate vacancies for

colored men in the messman branch.
All those interested in what the Navy has to offer them are encour aged to contact this recruiting par-

Men registered for Selective Service can enlist in the U.S. Navy or Naval Reserve.

Farm Leaders Hear **About Cotton Crop**

Committeemen Will Explain Plan to Growers in County Next Week

The government's cotton crop infarm leaders in this county last Wednesday by A. P. Hassell, Jr., field representative of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, in a meeting held in the agricultural building. While the insurance plan is not ideal for this immediate sec-tion, any farmer may have his crop insured, it was pointed out. The farm leaders of committeemen will neet with the farmers in their respective districts on Friday and Satarday of next week and explain the plan in detail, and at the same time stress the very urgent need for supporting the war effort.

The average rate for insuring an

acre of cotton will range around 33 pounds of cotton, Representative Hassell explaining that the premium cost varies according to yields ob-tained during the past seven years. Where the yields are fairly constant, the rate is low, but where the yields the rate is low, but where the yields vary from an almost crop failure to a bumper crop, the rate is higher than the average. Farmers may insure up to 75 per cent of their established yields or as little as fifty per cent, the plan guaranteeing them protection against all elements beyond their control including wet or dry weather, wind, hail, insects and even against fire until the cotton is veighed in at the gin.

the program was not designed as a money-making scheme, but rather it was planned to protect the far-

The farmer wishing to insure his cotton crop must apply for a policy or sign up by March 15th, but the premium is payable as late as Octo-ber 25th, the premium to be determined by the value of the cotton at the time payment for the insurance

If a farmer's established yield is 300 pounds per acre, and he raises only 100 pounds, the insurance plan pays him the difference.

Farmers interested in insuring their cotton crop this year should see their committee the latter part of next week for complete details. Ap-plications will be received at the office of the county agent.

Many Present For **Funeral Tuesday**

Hundreds of friends and relatives from over a large territory were present for the funeral of Mr. Samuel S. Brown here last Tuesday af-ternoon. Mr. Brown died in a local hospital last Sunday night following a comparatively short illness. Dr. W. R. Burrell, his pastor, assisted by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Presbyterian minister, and Rev. John L. Goff, of the Christian Church, conducted the last rites in the Baptist Church. In-

and Messrs. Leonard, Stuart and Wade Waters, of Pinetown; Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Brown, Mrs. Effie Holliday, Mr. Morris Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Holliday, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Perlie Modlin, Mrs. B F. Lilley, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Leggett, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Hardison, and Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Getsinger, of Jamesville; Mrs. P. R. Ambrose, Mrs. Alton Lilley, Mrs. Ralph Browning and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. More Volunteers Harrison, of Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. Julian Fagan and daughter, of Dardens; Mrs. Henry Grimes, of Selma; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Brown, and Messrs. A. H. Kekelty, John A. McCullum and Brantley Chesson, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hopkins, of Suffolk Mrs. C. B. Harrison, of Rocky Mount Mr. W. W. Griffin, Miss Jane Grif-fin and Messrs. Wendell, Vernon and Ben Griffin.

DRY START

The new year is off to a dry start, and while no crops are needing rains and no one is particularly concerned over the ap-parent rainfall deficiency, the weather as it relates to rain is very unusual.

For the first time since official

records of rainfall were first kept on Roanoke River here, the rainfall in January was less than one inch—0.83 of an inch, to be exinch—0.83 of an inch, to be ex-act, or considerably less than half the January fall in 1941. February is nearly half gone and the rainfall so far is hardly onefourth the average for the month over a ten-year period. Farmers are not having as much trouble getting water out of their wells now as they did last fall, but they say that there is very little water in the ground.

Draft Registration To War Repercussions Insurance Program Be Held Next Monday

Believed More Than Two Thousand Will surance program was outlined to Register In County

Men in 20-44 Age Group Not Previously Registered Must Report

Final plans for holding the third nation-wide draft registration were formulated for this county Tuesday night when nearly 100 volunteers including members of the draft board met in the courthouse for instructions in handling the task next Monday, February 16th. Professor R. H. Goodmon conducted the school and outlined the procedure and answered quite a few questions. Chief registrars for the eight registration centers were sworn in, and several of the individual groups were organiz-

ed at the meeting.
Those men who became 20 years of age on or before last December 31 and those who have not reached their 45th birthday on or before Monday. February 16th, must register unless they registered in either the first or second registration. If a young man became 20 years of age on the first day of January, this year, he does not have to register. If a man is 45 years old next Monday he does not have to register, but if his birthday is not until Tuesday, February 17, he must register.

The person registering next Mon-

full name, complete address and the will at all times know his whereabouts, his correct age, height and way they can by referring to the family Bible or to some relative or intimate family friend. Those young men born since 1914 may refer to the vital statistics in the register of deeds office where their ages are

The registration will be handled in eight centers in this county, as follows: Jamesville in the school gymnasium with F. C. Stallings and Charles Davenport as chief regis-trars; Farm Life in school auditor-ium with W. B. Harrington as chief registrar; Bear Grass in the com-munity house with Rossell Rogers Legion hut on Watts Street, V. J. Spivey and J. C. Manning, chief registrars; Everetts in school auditorium, Paul Bailey and C. R. Bidding. ium, Paul Bailey and C. B. Riddick, chief registrars; Robersonville in the old C and W Motor Company building on Main Street next to the post office, J. R. Winslow, chief registrar; Hamilton in school auditor-ium, Bill Beach, chief registrar; and Oak City in school auditorium, R. R. Rawls, chief registrar. The registram. and close at 9:30 p. m. war time.
The names of the volunteer regis-

trars are as follows: Jamesville: F. C. and R. L. Stallings, Mrs. Titus Martin, Mrs. Edgar Brown, Mrs. P. C. Blount, Jr., Mrs. H. H. Hyman, Miss Virginia Hassell, Miss Gladys Ipock, Mrs. R. A. Kniss and Miss Mildred Hedrick.

Farm Life: W. T. Roberson, W. B. Harrington, Oscar B. Roberson, J. C. Surkin and Miss Marguerite Cooke Bear Grass: T. O. Hickman, J. R. Rogers, Misses Virginia Shindler, Virginia Smith and Ruby Malone, of innocence, Harvey Short was sen-Mrs. Ruth Hazel Harris, Mrs. LeRoy tenced to the roads for sixty days in

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Victory Book Drive To Close This Week

The Victory Book Drive-a movement to collect books for distribution among the men in the armed servicesi—s scheduled to close in the county this week. Reporting on the drive this morning, Chairman R. H. were doing little or nothing for the worthy cause. Complete reports are not yet available, and the chairman hopes all communities will donate every spare book possible for the men in the camps. The cause was given a strong sup-

port by one lady here yesterday when she contributed 75 books. Smaller but fairly sizable contributions have been made, but on an av erage the general public is giving the

campaign the "go by."

A stronger support is expected tomorrow and Sunday when adults are
asked to leave their book contributions with the pastors of the various

Arrangements have been made to get the books from the various schools, but the ministers are asked to deliver their collections direct to either the school superintendent's office in the courthouse or to the Virginia Electric and Power Company's office. The books will be packed here and delivered to regional centers and then to the camps for distribution.

Warning that the "Borgia Bund" of enemy radio propa-gandists is using an ancient technique to spread a brand new concoction of lies in an attempt to poison the minds of the United Peoples against one another was sounded recently by Arch-ibald MacLeish, Director of the

Office of Facts and Figures.
"The technique," said Mr. Mac-Leish, is as old as Satan. It is the shabby but subtle system of playing both ends against the middle. The Axis propaganda poisoners are constantly on the air whispering defamatory stor-ies about the British or the Australians or the South Americans into listening ears in the United States, then they nimbly switch to a beam aimed at Britain or another of the United Nations to pour out lies about us.'

Judge Robt. Coburn Calls Thirteen Cases In The County Court

Tribunal Is in Session More Than Three Hours Clear-Ing the Docket

Calling thirteen cases in the counrecorder's court last Monday, Judge Robert L. Coburn was more than three hours in clearing the docket. Attorney Paul D. Roberson about their ages should make every trial of most of the cases were haneffort to determine it the very best dled without delay much time was used in trying others. There was a larger crowd present at the session ture of the proceedings was hardly

> Proceedings.
> Pleading not guilty in the case harging him with violating the motor vehicle laws, James R. Vick was adjudged guilty, the court suspending judgment upon the payment of the court costs.

Charged with violating the motor vehicle laws, G. F. Gray entered a plea of not guilty. He was adjudged guilty of operating a car "at a speed greater than reasonable and pru-

Strawbridge with disposing of mortgaged property, the court adjudged

A. E. Lewis, charged with speedded not guilty. Kay Miller Jones, pleading guil-

ty in the case charging him with drunken driving, was fined \$50, taxhis license to operate a motor ve hicle revoked for one-month.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the court cost in the case charging Lossie Snead with assaulting another with a deadly weap-

Charged with drunken driving, Namon Whitaker pleaded guilty and was fined \$50, taxed with the court cost and had his driver's license re Adjudged guilty over his own plea

of innocence, Harvey Short was senthe case charging him with assaulting a female. The case charging Narcissus Wil-

liams with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued for the tate until next Monday.

Pleading guilty in the case charg-ing him with failing to pay his dog tax, Elijah Spruill was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending judgment on condition the defendant pay the tax before next Monday.

William Riddick pleaded guilty in

the case charging him with drunk-Goodmon stated that while it was en driving and was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his license resection of the county other sections voked for one year.

The case charging Deather D. Gardner with an attempted assault with a deadly weapon, was nol pross-

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CURTAILING

While the joy riders are maintaining a fairly rapid pace for the present at least, tire rationing is gradually tightening its grip on business. This week, Frank Weaver of the Edgewood Dairy is announcing the discon-tinuance of one of his daily deliveries in an effort to conserve the tires on his delivery truck. Lilley's Laundry a short time ago addressed an appeal to its patrons, urging them to cooper-ate by eliminating duplicate de-

liveries.

The fall of Singapore is aggravating the serious situation, and rubber rationing is certain to become more pro

Following Defeats Take Serious Turn

ingapore Holds By Skin of Its Teeth; British Lose in **Channel Battle**

Repercussions following disheartning reverses on several war fronts are taking a senous turn in England and possibly causing a bit of grave concern in this country. The English people are rising up to question the handling of their nation's war program, and people of this country are beginning to holler "bloody murder" in an effort to ake up leaders as well as the peo-

The demand for forward action omes while the important base of Singapore hangs on against terrible odds by the skin of its teeth, a serious defeat for the British in the Straits of Dover yesterday aggravatng an admittedly already serious situation Churchill, Britain's prime o'clock Sunday afternoon to defend the war program, provided no startling changes are made prior to that

Accompanying the reports of ser-ous reverses at home and abroad, was a release from the United States elling about a major attack success I on the Marshall and Gilbert Is-and early this month. The attack according to the official Navy De-partment report, resulted in the loss of sixteen Japanese warships, including a 17,000-ton airplane car-rier, and thirty-eight planes.

In addition, the attack smashed videspread shore installations, including six hangars, several ammu-nition dumps and other shore estabishments. The attack, which occurred Janu

ary 31, was directed by Vice Admir at William F. Halsey, Jr., and was nade by a force of aircraft carriers, ruisers nd destroyers The Navy said its attack took Jap

mese forces by surprise American osses included 11 naval bombers, while one American cruiser was lamaged.

cluded one converted 17,000-ton air craft carrier of the Yawata class, one large fleet tankers, two submarines five cargo vessels and three smaller hips. Others were damaged severe

Japanese air losses included two arge scaplanes, 15 fighters and 21 combers, including 11 scouts.

While still holding by the skin of heir teeth, the British defenders of Singapore are apparently determined to die in their tracks. They are lighting the Japs back, holding them about three miles away from the city itself and claiming possession of about one-third of the island Adolf Hitler sent premature message to he Japs congratulating them on the apture of Singapore, but time passes nd the feat has not yet been accom plished The evacuation of womer ind children resembles Dunkirk

owever. The British suffered a major re

erse in their own front yard yester day when a German flotilla moved into Dover Straits for an unannounced destination. The British engaged it and lost 42 planes while the Gernans lost only 18 planes. British de stroyer losses, while not immediate neavy Accompanied by a heavy es-ort, the German battleships steamd away; the British declaring that it least four of the ships were damaged and a destroyer probably sunk In the group of ships were the bat-tleships Gneusenau and Scharnhorst and the cruiser Prinz Eugen. It could not be learned whether the move nent was directed against the Eng lish coast or toward some other ob ect. Four direct hits were scored by he British, but the press and public vere shocked by the poor showing ade by their fighters.

Delayed and unexpected aid was received by General Douglas Mac-Arthur and his men yesterday when ap airmen bombed their own men y mistake causing heavy losses. The Americans are holding their own on Bataan, the General declaring today hat morale among his men was nevhigher, that both the American and Filipino soldiers wanted to take he offensive.
The Japs were hurled back across

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Draftee Must Volunteer

Before He Is Examined In accordance with a ruling from

he Selective Service office, any young man wishing to volunteer in my branch of the armed forces must to so before he is examined for induction at the direction of the draft office, Board Chairman R. H. Good man announced today. Some youths, preferring to enter certain branches of the service, have waited until they were called by the draft before they colunteered. Enlistments were permitted under these conditions up until this week when the new instrucions were received.

Mr. Goodmon also pointed out that any registrant who wanted to appeal from his classification must do so be-fore he is called for final physical