

World Traveler To Speak In Baptist Church On Sunday

Joseph Cohen Is Just From The War-torn Areas In Europe

Joseph Cohen, world traveler and author, will speak in the local Baptist church Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock. His subject will be, "The Bible, The Jew, Hitler and Christ."

An advance press release quotes Cohen as follows: "In Russia it isn't just a few soldiers fighting—it's the whole people. Even the injured fight on. Everyone including the children has a job to do to help win the war and is doing it gladly. He told of seeing brigades of children in Moscow helping extinguish incendiary bombs. They argued among themselves over who should have the honor of putting out the next fire; so eager were they to do something for their country, he said."

Religion is very much alive today in Russia, the country, and, what is more the churches are 100 per cent against Fascism.

The famous traveler said he had visited many churches during his recent visit to Russia, churches well filled with worshippers. What he saw convinced him the Soviets are living up to their constitutional guarantee of the freedom of religion. Russians who want to attend church may do so without fear of molestation in any way.

He pointed out that there are more than 1,000 Baptist churches in Russia, to mention one denomination. There are also Jewish Synagogues, Moslems, Mosques, Holiness churches and a wide variety of other faiths, all actively practiced.

Dr. Joseph Cohen said the churches are wholeheartedly supporting the war because worshippers know that if the freedom of religion is to continue in Russia, the Nazis must not win.

He cautioned, however, against any notion that Russia is a religious country.

Russia doesn't encourage religion. In fact, it discourages it. It isn't taught in the schools and the people as a whole seem more concerned with other things; but if anyone wants to go to church, he is free to do so.

Dr. Joseph Cohen, who just visited Russia 10 years ago, found on his return to that country shortly before the invasion, that remarkable progress had been made in industrialization.

While the mechanical efficiency of the Russians is still not equal to that of this country, their skill with the machine has greatly increased as is evidenced by their ability to hold the Germans.

He is very much impressed with the power of Russia. Hitler will never be able to conquer Russia.

Russia doesn't encourage religion. A lot of our ideas about Russia were just propaganda stories. We saw only the bogey, of "Communism." But Russia is too busy minding her own business, to bother with the rest of the world. I think she realizes she has too much to do at home to try to force her ideas upon other nations.

Purchase Of Federal Auto Use Stamps Is Ration Prerequisite

Changes Will Make for Strict Gas Rationing After July 15th

Learning in a preliminary check-up that ten per cent of the motorists did not buy the federal excise automobile stamps last fall, government authorities have ruled that no gasoline rationing cards will be issued the early part of next month unless the applicant proves he has purchased one of the new excise stamps. It is now quite certain that the automobile owner will pay the special federal tax or store his car, that the new ruling will make for a complete sale and for a strict gas rationing system.

Placed on sale at all post offices last week, a few of the stamps have already been purchased. Valued at \$5 each, the stamps carry a serial number, and places to fill in the make of car, model, engine number and state license number.

The sale of stamps last fall was interrupted by an inadequate distribution, but this year a sufficient number has been made available. The local post office has 1,400 of the stamps on hand now, but motor vehicle owners are advised to purchase the stamps as early as possible and avoid the rush. A dozen or more of the stamps have already been sold by the office here. The stamps are good for one year from July 1 to June 30 of next year.

During the meantime, preliminary plans are being advanced for holding the second gasoline rationing registration on July 1, 2 and 3. No definite arrangements have been made in this county, but rationing authorities are expected to complete them within the next week or ten days.

Drive For Discarded Rubber Gaining Momentum In County

After getting off to a slow start the early part of this week, the drive for discarded rubber is gaining momentum rapidly in the county. Approximately 15,000 pounds of old rubber tires, hose, boots, heels, tubes and similar items have been collected during the past four days and the old material is still moving to the collection centers at most of the filling stations.

At noon today, the Sinclair Service Station here reported right at 8,000 pounds of old rubber collected and piled on the main street. Davenport and Hamilton in Jamesville reported 2,500 pounds delivered there up until an early hour yesterday afternoon. Large collections have also been reported at Hamilton, Robersonville and other centers in the county, but definite amounts could not be determined. One or two of the collection centers report that much of the salvage rubber was donated, but in most cases the material, worthless to the owners, was closely checked for weights and in a few instances that hardly resembled rubber. A few of the patriotic sellers complained about the weights, and in most of the cases it was the penny-a-pound offer that brought results.

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First Quarter Liquor Sales Set New Record

CENTRALIZATION

Their activities greatly curtailed during recent months, WPA authorities are discontinuing one of its divisions in the offices here and moving it to Raleigh as a part of a statewide centralization program. It could not be learned how many of the local office personnel will be transferred or what steps will be taken on or about July 1st to further curtail the WPA organization. Thousands of records are being transferred to the Raleigh office today.

Recommend Sale Of Wines Be Confined To County's Stores

Better Food and Adequate Medical Attention for Tubercular Patients

The Martin County Grand Jury broke away from age-old precedents this week when under the guidance of Foreman Henry S. Johnson, Jr. it pointed out needs and recommended that those needs be attended to by the proper authorities. The action of the jury this week was recognized as a forward step in good government, the definite value to be determined when the jury meets and follows up its recommendations.

While much of the report deals with routine inspections, the members directly called to certain conditions that should not be tolerated in a public-supported institution. "We recommend better toilet facilities, better sterilization for kitchen and dishes, better nourishment for patients and also better medical attention," the report reads in reference to the county tuberculosis sanitarium. No one was called to answer, but it is quite possible that some explanation will be asked if those conditions are not remedied before another grand jury inspection is made. During the meantime, public taxpayers are asking questions in an effort to learn why there aren't adequate facilities, nourishing food and adequate medical attention provided for the patients. County authorities have made liberal appropriations for the support of the institution and few taxpayers have ever grumbled about the expenditure of funds at the institution.

The grand jury pointed out in its reports that the sanitarium was in good condition with the equipment at hand.

Apparently recognizing the problem caused by promiscuous wine sales, the grand jury said, "Upon investigation, we wish to recommend that the county commissioners have all wine sales confined to ABC stores only, and all 1942 licenses refunded."

Other recommendations embodied in the report and in detail follow:

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RECORD SALE

A land sale, reminding one of the land boom of a quarter century ago, was confirmed by the courts here this week. Sixty-seven acres of land in Griffiths Township, about thirteen of which is cleared, was sold for \$4,620. The strategic location of the land with other holdings, was said to have boosted the price, one report stating that the farm, a part of the Alec Peel estate, had very small allotments.

The land was offered for sale several times, the bid being raised each time until just a few weeks ago.

Total Of \$907,876.45 Is Spent For Liquor Since Stores Opened

Sales Last Quarter More Than A Third Greater Than A Year Ago

Despite pleas and repeated appeals to the people to invest every available penny in bonds for the prosecution of the war, patrons spent more money for liquor last January, February and March than they did in any other first quarter period since the legal stores were opened nearly seven years ago. There wasn't a slight increase in sales last quarter over those of the corresponding quarter a year ago; the increase reflects a gain of more than 35 per cent. Only in two other quarterly periods—the one ending December 31, 1937 and the one ending December 31, 1941—were the sales greater than in the first three months of this year. Reports state that sales in more recent months show an even larger percentage gain.

In the first quarter of this year, the liquor sales totaled \$53,152.95 as compared with \$35,152.95 sales reported in the corresponding period, a year ago. Profits jumped from \$9,089.93 in the three months of January, February and March, 1941, to \$14,178.95 for the more recent period in comparison, according to the official audit made for the Martin County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and released just a short time ago.

Add the beer and wine and illegal liquor sales to the above, and the figures will approximate \$100,000 or possibly more. It is fairly apparent that more money is still being spent for alcoholic beverages than is being spent for education, religion and war bonds combined.

Liquor prices, it is pointed out, are slightly higher than they were a year ago, but the price increase is negligible compared with the gain in sales and the resulting consumption.

A break-down of sales by stores shows that the marked increase was fairly general. The sales were reported by stores, as follows for the first quarter in 1941 and the first

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Fire Burns Tires Off Big Trailer

Spreading in loose peanut hulls at the plant of the Williamston Peanut Company here, fire burned two and badly damaged two other large tires on a large transport truck Wednesday afternoon at 12:35 o'clock. No definite estimate as to the damage could be had immediately, but the loss will approximate \$450.

The truck, owned by a Richmond firm, was being loaded with peanut hulls when the driver and workmen stopped for lunch. During the meantime, the hulls scattered on the ground caught fire in some way, the fire spreading to the rear part of the trailer. Called out, the fire department kept the fire from spreading to the trailer body and although two tires were still inflated they were considered of little value after going through the fire.

Disconnecting the trailer, the driver returned home in the truck.

Gets Divorce After Long Period Of Separation

The marital life of Lee King Williams and his wife, Naomi, was short lived but it took the husband a long time to sever the matrimonial bonds.

Married in 1931, the couple separated within three weeks. Last Monday, the husband applied for a divorce in the superior court of this county and got it.

UNCLE SAM
BATTLING TO UPHOLD
America's Freedom

THE 27TH WEEK OF THE WAR

The Office of Price Administration fixed July 1, 2 and 3 as the dates for motorists in the Eastern States and the District of Columbia to register for their new gasoline ration books. The permanent rationing system in the East becomes effective July 15th, and the unit value of existing ration cards was doubled to six gallons to carry motorists to this date. The OPA said motorists who hold A or B cards and have used all the units on them will not be able to get any more gasoline for the next 30 days unless they show need to a local rationing board.

Only A books will be issued by school registrars. Supplemental B and C permanent ration books, and bus and truck's books, will be issued by local rationing boards any time between July 1 and 15. These books will be "tailored" to fit needs of individual motorists and companies, the office said. B-books containing 16 additional coupons will have a variable expiration date; C books containing as many as 96 additional coupons will be issued for three months, but coupons in excess of motorists actual needs will be removed before the book is issued. Bus and truck's books will be good for four months and will cover just enough fuel for the mileage allowed in forthcoming ODT regulations. Gasoline service station operators will be required to turn over to suppliers the exact number of stamps for the amount of gasoline delivered to their stations.

Rubber and Oil

President Roosevelt ordered an intensive drive this week and next to collect from homes, offices, farms and factories all articles of rubber that have been or can be discarded. The scrap rubber is being collected by the nation's gasoline filling stations, transported to central collection points by petroleum industry trucks and sold to the Rubbery Recovery Corporation. Filling stations are paying a cent a pound for the rubber. Under-Secretary of War Patterson reported Army and Navy crude rubber requirements during the 21 months after April 1, 1942, will be 800,000 tons, compared with the present U. S. reserve of 600,000 tons. He said he hoped the difference would be made up by the synthetic production program.

Commerce Secretary—onesaid the RFC will finance the construction of a 24-inch pipeline from Longview, Texas, to Salem, Ill., at an estimated cost of \$35 million. The pipeline will be completed December 1 and will have a capacity of 300,000 barrels a day. It will require 125,000 tons of steel, the WPB said, but will not interfere with steel deliveries for Army, Navy and Maritime Commission need Mr. Jones said necessary personnel to construct and operate the line will be furnished by the industry.

Civilian Supply

The WPB limited the use of steel in the manufacture of baby carriages and prohibited the use of any other metal, except gold and silver in such manufacture. The Board placed similar restrictions on production of liturgical articles such as crucifixes, chalices and candlesticks. Deliveries of welding rods and electrodes were restricted to orders with high preference ratings, or to specified government agencies and accredited schools of welding. The board prohibited use of any but low-alloy steels in manufacture of chisels, hammers, punches and other tools, and prohibited after September 1, production of mattresses or pads containing iron or steel.

Office of War Information

President Roosevelt created an Office of War Information, headed by Elmer Davis writer and radio-commentator, who was given authority to direct all the war information functions of the government. The new agency will consolidate the functions and duties of the Office of Facts and Figures, the Office of Government Reports, the Foreign Information Service of the Office of the Coordinator of Information, and certain activities of the Division of Information in the Office for Emergency Management.

Foreign Relations

The White House announced the President and Russian Foreign Commissar Molotov reached "full understanding with regard to the urgent tasks of opening a second European front—in 1942" at discussions held in Washington from March 29 to June 4. In addition, the President and Mr. Molotov discussed measures for speeding U. S. war aid to the Soviet Union and the fundamental problems of postwar cooperation to safeguard "peace and security to the freedom loving peoples. Both sides state with satisfaction the unity of their views on all these questions," the announcement said. The State Department reported the U. S. and the Soviet Union have signed a lend-lease agreement similar to those between the U. S. and Britain and

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Civilian Defense Is Stressed At Meeting

Kemp Battle Pleads For Cooperation In All-Out War Effort

Wednesday Meeting in Court- house Shows Up Weak Spots in Effort

Martin County has done much to promote the war effort in the way of collecting two and a quarter million pounds of scrap metal and buying slightly in excess of its bond quotas, but at a civilian defense meeting held in the county courthouse on Wednesday evening the sad part of the program was frankly admitted, representatives of the state civilian defense office pleading at that time for a greater and more willing cooperation on the part of everyone in an all-out war effort behind the front lines.

Called at the direction of Hugh G. Horton, county civilian defense chairman, and his coordinator, W. Iverson Skinner, the meeting was fairly well attended, Mayor John L. Hassell welcoming the visitors from various parts of the county. Chairman Horton called for two or three reports on the progress of the defense effort. C. D. Carstarphen, county bond sale chairman, stated that the May quota was more than subscribed, but he did not say that June sales were lagging. Tom Brandon, county agent, reported that 2,250,800 pounds of scrap metal had been delivered up until a short time ago.

N. Y. Chambliss, of the State OCD, was introduced, and he complimented Martin County for the work that had been done, but "the sad part about it is that you have had only 52 persons to volunteer their services and 32 of them were women," Chambliss said. He pleaded with the group to volunteer, explaining that many were needed to aid in manning the observation posts. "We come here to tell you the why of civilian defense. You may take it or leave it, but don't get the idea that you won't need it," he concluded.

Major Dewey Herrin, U. S. A., explained the air raid warning system, explaining that the Army had arranged to notify the people of the approach of the enemy, but when the warning had been sounded, it was up to the individual community to look out for its own defense. Of course, the army will do all in its power to turn back and defeat the enemy, but in the event enemy bombers get through and lay waste to your town it will be up to you to dig from under the debris and care for your own victims.

"Only one time in history has the American flag been pulled down in defeat," the major, referring to Corregidor, said in prefacing a detailed explanation of the air raid warning system. He pleaded for a greater cooperation that the defeat might be averted. "On an average there is an observation post every six square miles or about 11,000 in North Carolina," the Army man said, explaining that in addition to information picked up in distant places and by Navy and Coast Guard patrols and mechanical detectors, the observers report to their "filter" centers the movement of planes. "If enemy planes are spotted," Major Herrin continued, "they are reported to the Civilian Air Raid Warning Officer who determines where and when on the basis of the information received to order a warning. He offered a detailed explanation of the system which proved interesting, and added that the system was working well until it got to the control centers where the civilian defense had mis-

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Number Of Filling Stations Closing

Barely struggling along under normal conditions, at least ten filling stations in this county have already closed as a result of the war. Their deliveries reduced fifty per cent and more in some cases, the operators found it impossible to keep their doors open. Several of the proprietors and some of their employees have joined the ranks of defense workers.

Very few stations are making more than their operating expenses, and some are actually remaining open at a loss. It is quite likely that more stations will suspend operations in the course of a few weeks or months.

Local Man's Relative Is Hero In Midway Battle

Lieutenant Harry Hunter Fitts, of Macon, N. C., and a cousin of D. R. Davis, of this place, has been ranked as North Carolina's No. 1 war hero. Serving as a bombardier in the nose of an army B-17 bomber, the 25-year-old University of North Carolina graduate is credited with sinking a Jap plane carrier in the battle of Midway.

MISSING



Wilmer Thomas Glover, 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Glover, of near Oak City, was reported missing from the carrier "Lexington" last Saturday following the Coral Sea battle on May 8. Despite the discouraging report, the young man's family still clings to the hope that he was saved. An eyewitness to the battle had the following to say about the young man and his 1,898 mates: "From the keel to the Admiral's bridge on the 33,000-ton carrier there was no man who failed to rise far above normal human courage."

Young Man Loses Left Leg When Hit By Train Sunday

Lay Beside Track For Several Hours; Is Expected To Recover

His left leg completely severed from his body when struck by a train near Plymouth some time early Sunday morning, James Clarence Hardison, 22, was said today to be resting well in a Washington hospital, where he was taken after he had been found several hours after the accident. Attending physicians give him a splendid chance to recover from his injuries, although it is regarded as a miracle that he was ever found alive.

Young Hardison, still suffering from shock, has not been able to remember all the events leading up to the accident, and his story becomes all the more remarkable when attempts are made to piece together such details as are known. It is understood that young Hardison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hardison, formerly of this county, who live on the farm of Sidney A. Ward about three miles east of Plymouth, left Junior Lodge some time after midnight Sunday and started down the Norfolk Southern railroad toward his home. It is believed that he may have gone to sleep on the tracks and was struck by a train which passed some time between 2 and 5 a. m. on Sunday. His left leg was completely severed about the knee, remaining between the rails, while he was knocked or fell on some weeds down a slight embankment.

Hardison says he remembers lying on the ground and calling for help for several hours. However, it was after 6 o'clock Sunday morning before he was found, the son of Lafayette Roebuck, who lives nearby, hearing his cries and making the discovery. Hardison was conscious when approached by the Roebuck boy and asked for water. Young Roebuck brought him a drink of water and then rode his bicycle to the home of Hardison's parents, who secured an ambulance and returned for the injured young man. It was nearly 7:30 before he was finally carried to the office of Dr. T. L. Bray, where he was given first aid and then sent

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BOND SALES

Assigned a quota of \$24,500, Martin County people last month bought a total of \$37,543.75 worth of war bonds or \$13,043.75 in excess of the designated obligation. This month the quota for the county is \$36,100 and unless business picks up and picks up in a big way the purchases will fall far short of the goal, Bond Sale Chairman C. D. Carstarphen stating yesterday that it is evident now that the excess for May will not offset the decrease in June.

Several large purchases were made in the county last month, boosting the total. No such purchases have been made so far, and it is now up to the little man to take over and put the county over the top.

Another Momentous Turning Point in the War Believed Near

Russians Hurl Back Germans At Sevastopol; British Lose in Libya

Far-reaching developments are making for another momentous turning point in the war as the fate of the world now hangs in the balance on far-flung battle fronts and in diplomatic circles thousands of miles apart.

Late news from the war fronts is both encouraging and disheartening, making it almost impossible for one to realize the real meaning of pending developments.

Russia, its forces bleeding and pledging to fight to the "last soul" has hurled the Germans back at Sevastopol. Allied forces scored a success in a Mediterranean sea battle, but the convoys reached Tobruk too late. The Supreme Soviet has ratified a pact with the British and the United States, and Prime Minister Churchill is in Washington presumably to discuss plans for opening a second front. It is virtually admitted that the Germans have won the Libyan campaign.

The situation outline holds the fate of the world for years and years to come. If the Allies are successful there is still hope for saving something from the wreckage. If Germany pushed on into Egypt, takes the Suez and gains control of the Mediterranean and the Red Sea, the preview of another and far-reaching story will have been written.

With the main British army chased out of Libya, Tobruk is now surrounded and under attack, the defenders admitting that their resistance will hardly hold out for any length of time. Given Tobruk, the Germans will have moved their supply line northward by at least 700 miles and offer marked advantages in starting a drive into the middle east.

Any plans the Germans may have for an autumn onslaught depend on their ability to divert sufficient men and armor from Europe.

Should the Middle East fall, the Axis not only would gain the food and oil resources of this area, but both the east and west gates to the Indian Ocean, thus opening the way for Germany to get much needed rubber, tin and other materials from the far Pacific territory controlled now by Japan.

That is why holding this gateway is so vital to Allied victory—and why there may be American armored troops here by fall to supplement the American air combatants already here.

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Rev. John W. Hardy Heads Second USO Campaign In County

Citizens of County Are Asked To Raise \$1,100 For USO Program

Reporting a growing need for an enlarged USO program to care for the needs of young men in the armed services, National leaders are making extensive plans for a second drive for funds.

The Rev. John W. Hardy, Williamston minister, has accepted an appointment from Governor J. Melville Broughton to lead the USO drive for Martin County. The announcement was made last week by William Gaither, chairman of the district.

Governor Broughton is honorary chairman and George M. Ivey of Charlotte is state chairman for North Carolina.

Martin County's quota for this year is \$1,100. The goal in the nationwide USO War Fund Campaign, which will be launched throughout the country on May 11, is \$32,000,000. Of this sum, North Carolina has been asked to contribute \$444,000. Last year, with a state quota of \$125,000, the national goal being \$1,000,000, this state oversubscribed its goal by raising \$170,000. Mr. Ivey and his chairmen are confident that North Carolina can be counted on again this year to raise, or surpass, the new total which has been set.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is honorary chairman in the nationwide campaign and Prescott S. Bush, of New York City is national campaign chairman. The USO is not an end in itself, not merely an instrument of a number of social agencies, but in effect "a civilian arm of the American Government, and representative body through which the American people, themselves, can support our fighting forces," said Mr. Rockefeller, in accepting his appointment.

Six agencies known throughout the nation for their effective works as welfare agencies comprise the united effort, including the Young Men's Christian Association, the National Catholic Community Service, the Salvation Army, the Young Women's Christian Associations, the Jewish Welfare Board, and the National Travelers Aid Association.