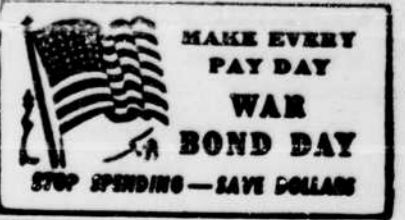


Everyone Must Help If This County Is To Reach War Bond Goal



THE ENTERPRISE



Library Directors For District Hold Meeting Recently

B-H-M Library Association Now Has 5,861 Books; Borrowers' List Grows

The directors of the BHM Regional Library Association held its January meeting recently in the office of the association in the Washington Public Library with six members and the librarian present.

Aside from the regular monthly reports of the treasurer and librarian the semi-annual report was submitted. This report revealed that for the first six months of the current year, 41,911 books had been circulated. Registered borrowers had reached the total of 1,909, including 93 new borrowers during the period. Of the books circulated, about one-third were juvenile and the remaining two-thirds were adult.

The books now owned by the Region numbered 5,861 volumes on December 31. Of this number, Beaufort County has 1,884; Hyde County, 1,486; and Martin County, 2,491. Quite a few new titles have been accessioned and placed on the bookmobile by this time. With a continued increase in borrowers and an ever enlarging collection of carefully selected titles, the next six months bid fair to have a wider circulation than the previous half year.

It was brought to the attention of the directors that Miss Marjorie Beal, director of the North Carolina Library Commission, had been chosen "the woman of the year in North Carolina in the January issue of the Progressive Farmer." Miss Beal came to our state in 1927, and to the Library Commission in 1930. Since that time, county-wide service has increased from 12 to 80, and in counties where there was no service, from 5 to 7. It was further pointed out that North Carolina now operates more bookmobiles than any other state in the Union. There are thirty-nine bookmobiles and one delivery truck serving the state. Miss Beal has done yeoman service in making North Carolina library minded, and her recognition is well merited.

Miss Beal has given generously of her time and counsel to the operation of BHM's Bookmobile and service, while never missing an opportunity of commending its librarian, Miss Elizabeth House, for her efficient and many-sided services that she gives the unit.

The board of directors is chosen by the respective counties and are as follows: Beaufort County, Mrs. F. S. Worthy; Hyde County, Mrs. F. A. Edmondson; Martin County, Mrs. M. H. Swindell; and North Carolina County, Mr. C. R. Gray, Mr. E. H. Ange and Rev. John L. Goff.—Reported.

Tax Listing Work Virtually Completed In County Monday

The job of listing all properties and polls for taxation in the county for the current year was announced virtually complete in most of the townships late yesterday by Tax Supervisor C. D. Carstarphen. Reports and comments on the listings could be offered only in general terms, the supervisor explaining that he had been so busy filling in where the assigned list-takers were sick that he had not been able to check up on the activities in all parts of the county during recent days.

After-listing dates will be fixed in Cross Roads, possibly some time next week, because the regular list-taker, Mr. Willie Ausbon, was ill and could not meet all his appointments. Those property owners who made an effort to give in their holdings and could not handle the task, will be notified by direct mail when and where to list.

In Williamston, list-taker O. S. Anderson said late yesterday that possibly all property owners with the exception of about 100 had listed their holdings. Special penalties as provided by law will be invoked in those cases, it was stated.

The supervisor would not commit himself definitely, but he expressed the belief that a fairly sizable increase in property values would be found in the 1944 listings. While a few types of property have decreased in value and inventories have dropped in some few instances, the general trend in values was upward, it was explained.

Tax listing, not yet completed, will be handled only by individual appointment except in the larger districts where the list-takers will be busy during the next few days completing their abstracts, indexing and scrolls.

TOWN - FARM IN WARTIME

(A weekly news digest from the rural press section of the OWI news bureau)

Canning Sugar Now Available

Housewives may now get five pounds of canning sugar by using stamp No. 40 in War Ration Book Four. OPA has announced, and additional canning sugar later will be available on application to local boards. Stamp No. 40 will be good thirteen months, through February 28, 1945.

Farm Support Price Program
Average prices to egg producers ranging from a low of about thirty cents a dozen during the spring to a high of about 40 cents a dozen in late fall or early winter are planned by the War Food Administration in its price support program for carlot graded eggs for 1944. WFA also announced its proposal for support prices on other farm products, subject to Congressional action.

May Tighten Farm Deferments
To maintain their deferments from military service because of their agricultural activity, the 1,700,000 registrants engaged in agriculture may be asked to increase sharply their production goals, according to Commander Patrick H. Winston, assistant executive, Selective Service System. Approximately one million of these deferred men are non-farmers.

To Relocate Physicians, Dentists
Any municipality, county, or other local subdivision of government suffering from an acute shortage of physicians or dentists may now apply to the Surgeon General or the district office of the U. S. Public Health Service or through the state health officer requesting the relocation of a physician or dentist. The Public Health Service agrees to pay moving costs and to pay the relocated doctor \$250 a month for the first three months. The doctor agrees to practice in the community for not less than one year, and the community agrees to contribute one-fourth of the Government's cost to the Public Health Service.

War Bond Drive About \$300,000 Short Of Quota In This County

Cross Roads Is First To Reach Its Goal; Jamesville Second

Bond Rallies Are Successful At Robersonville and Farm Life

Subscribing to approximately \$150,000 in government securities since last Thursday, investors in the several townships boosted the total of the Fourth War Bond fund in this county to approximately \$428,000, leaving the drive just about \$300,000 short of its original quota. A complete report could not be had by districts, but the overall report was considered very encouraging by County Chairman H. A. Bowen. The drive is now in full swing, and the leaders are hopeful the drive can be brought to a successful close several days before the expiration dates. Negotiable bond purchases will not be credited to the current drive after February 15th, and the sale of "E" bonds will not be recognized as a part of the drive after February 29th.

News of recent activities in the bond drive centers in four townships—Cross Roads, Jamesville, Farm Life and Robersonville. Cross Roads was reported by Chairman Paul Bailey to have gone over the top last Friday night during a rally held in the school there. Co-Chairman S. L. Roberson was present and the challenge was met, the district being the first to reach and pass its goal.

Jamesville, while going after purchasers in the hard way, was second to go over the top, and additional sales are being reported from day to day.

Griffins turned out several hundred strong at a rally in the Farm Life school last Friday night and boosted its "E" bond sales to almost \$30,000. Bill Holloman, petty officer, 2-c, recalled his experiences on Guadalcanal and showed a number of souvenirs. Attorney Clarence Griffin briefly addressed the meeting, and Henry Johnson auctioned about forty choice cakes, pies and other delicacies and articles. "We hope to reach our quota," the people were quoted as saying.

In an open air session and before a record-size crowd, Chairman D. R. Everett boosted Robersonville's sales by \$50,000 there last Saturday afternoon. It was a great show and a great accomplishment. Chairman Everett stated yesterday that his district had sold \$95,062.50 in "E" bonds and \$68,778.00 in negotiables.

Chairman Ernest Edmondson, reporting for Russell, stated yesterday that his district had sold \$20,000 in "E" bonds there to date.

No complete reports could be had from other districts, but the bond drive is making satisfactory progress in each of them, it was pointed out.

Hamilton citizens, meeting in Johnson's store last evening are said to have mapped plans to successfully complete the drive in that district.

Bear Grass is staging a rally in the school there tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock when efforts will be made to launch a whirl-wind drive. Chairman Hickman announces that Attorney Clarence Griffin will briefly address the meeting, that numbers of souvenirs gathered by Bill Holloman on Guadalcanal, will be displayed. The young petty officer, 2-c, will not be able to appear on the program, but arrangements are being made to have others take part in addition to special entertainment features.

Efforts will be made to get a picture of the bond drive by districts the latter part of the week, including sales made up to Thursday noon.

Run Over By Log Cart, Farmer Is Badly Hurt

Mr. Noah Daniel Griffin, farmer living near Williamston, was badly hurt when he was run over by a log cart loaded with oak lumber near his home early yesterday afternoon. The horse-drawn vehicle passed over his hips, breaking his pelvis bone. Details of the accident could not be learned immediately.

The young farmer was removed to the local hospital and was reported to be getting along very well today. It is likely that he will be confined to the hospital for six weeks and possibly longer.

Mr. Griffin's brother was fatally injured less than a year ago when a pair of horses ran away and crashed into him on the back of a tractor.

Navy Man To Give Organ Recital In Local Church

Russell T. Roebuck, lieutenant (jg) will appear in an organ recital in the local Christian Church Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

SUCCESSFUL

Even before all reports could be had, the infantile paralysis fund drive in this county was reported well over the top yesterday, Chairman L. B. Wynne stating that it possibly will be the most successful drive of its kind ever recorded in the county.

With \$760 already reported, the drive is now \$200 or more in excess of the original quota. Half of the schools are yet to report and hardly half of the coin collectors have been checked, the chairman stated. A detailed accounting is expected within the next two days. So far, the largest donations have been received in answer to direct mail appeals, the amount from that source passing the \$350 mark today.

County Young Man Promoted to Captain

James D. Walters, Jamesville young man and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walters, was recently promoted to the rank of captain in the U. S. Army Air Forces, according to information received here this week.

Volunteering a little over two years ago, Captain Walters completed his training and was assigned to the Southwest Pacific theater in July, 1942. It could not be learned definitely, but it is believed that the young man has flown more than 125 missions during his stay of about 18 months in that area.

Allied Drive Sweeps North Into Strongly Fortified Territory

Russian Army Is Within Few Miles of Estonia; Air War Tempo Increasing

The war news today is featured by an increased tempo in activities on all major fronts, the northward drive by the Americans in the Pacific possibly holding the spotlight at the immediate time. But there is power in the Russian punch, and along the two lines in Italy and in the air. It would seem that the war is rapidly entering a new and more powerful phase on all fronts with the possibility that a cross-channel invasion will, in due time, climax everything to date.

Reports from the Pacific have not been offered in detail, but there is much speculation over the activities there. It is certain that the Allies have turned the heat on the Marshalls, north of the Gilberts. Air and sea attacks have been unleashed in a big way on the Jap mandated Marshalls and Wake has been bombed without loss of American planes. The Japs talk about land fighting, and while an invasion may be under-undertaking, if any, have not been made public.

It was also claimed in enemy reports that a great naval battle had been raging since Sunday between Allied and Jap forces. The move toward the Marshalls is almost certain to bring the Jap fleet into action, but a show-down may not yet have developed.

The drive toward the Baltic states has brought Russian forces to within a few miles of the Estonian border, and reports are being in various numbers following the advance more than two years in the Leningrad area.

In Italy, the American Fifth Army, despite increasing resistance, is enlarging its invasion hold on that territory south of Rome, and the combined Allied forces are smashing German defenses in the Cassino section.

A fourteenth blow since last November was directed against Berlin Sunday night, the raid leaving fires that could be seen more than one hundred miles away. During the meantime, the Allied air offensive continues to make progress along the invasion coast without letup. There is a growing feeling that the Germans realize their air protection is not able to cope with Allied power, one report stating that little opposition was being offered by the Luftwaffe.

Sixth Grade Raises Much Money For Paralysis Fund

Few drives, advanced in the cause of humanity, have met with greater success than the one to raise funds for the fight against infantile paralysis. Looking forward to the opportunity to take part in the drive, the local sixth grade last week raised \$24.41, as follows:

Room collection, \$2; Tommy Osteen, \$4; Betty Lou Jones, \$8.71; Ishmael Roebuck, 50 cents; Rex Gardner, \$2; Louise Cherry, \$8; Mary E. Edmondson, \$1; Asa Manning, 20 cents.

Report Light Epidemic Of Measles In Schools

A light epidemic of measles is holding about twenty pupils out of the local schools, Principal D. N. Hix stating this morning that the disease, appearing in mild form for the most part, was centered in the first and second grades. The disease is not expected to reach serious proportions since a wide-spread epidemic was reported in the schools two years ago, leaving most of the pupils above the second grade immune to it. In one grade there were only four pupils who had not had the measles, it was stated.

Herbert Stalls Dies In County Sunday

Herbert Stalls, 65 years of age, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Cowey, near Oak City, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Death was attributed to a heart attack suffered just a short time before.

A native of this county, Mr. Stalls was the son of the late James and Sallie Scott Stalls.

He is survived by five sons, Jack of Oak City, Levy of Rosemary, Daniel of Bethel, Mayo of Portsmouth, and Perry Stalls of Pitt County, and three daughters, Mrs. Minnie Bass of Bethel, and Mrs. Cowey with whom he had made his home for some time.

Funeral services are being held from the home this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and interment will follow in the Robersonville Cemetery.

Navy Recruiter To Be Here On Friday

Navy Recruiter D. R. Taylor, of the New Bern Navy Recruiting Station, will be located at the Post Office Building in Williamston on February 4th, to accept applications for the Waves, V-5 (Naval Aviation), SRUs, and general service in the Navy open to 17-year-old young men.

Recruiter Taylor has briefly listed the following information:

General service, regular Navy or Naval Reserve, open to 17 year olds with consent of parents.

Waves, age 20 to 36, with at least two years' high school.

Naval Aviation, the V-5 program, has been reopened to men 17 and 18 years of age. Seniors now in school may enlist and remain in school until graduation. It was pointed out.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

After going about two weeks without a reported accident, motorists on Martin County highways last week resumed the dangerous and costly business, and doubled the number over the figure for the corresponding period last year.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

4th Week Comparison	Accidents Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge
1944	2	0	\$ 150
1943	0	0	\$ 000
Comparison To Date			
1944	4	0	650
1943	2	3	1 500

Call Large Number Of Men For Examinations

Returning Men Will Get Call To Report Within Ninety Days

Twenty-five Colored Fathers Leave Fifty-two Children Behind Them

The first group of registrants to report for pre-induction examinations under the new Selective Service regulations left this county last Saturday for the Army induction center. Most of the colored men have returned and are now waiting for orders to report for induction. They will not be called within twenty-one days, and if they are not called within ninety days they will be subject to a second call for another pre-induction examination. None of the men is in the service yet, and when they are called to report for induction there'll be no turning back.

County Boy Located Over In New Guinea

Writing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson of near Williamston, under fairly recent date, Pvt. Arthur Durward Johnson stated that he is now stationed in New Guinea. It is understood that there are several Martin County boys on that island. As far as it could be learned, Julian Roebuck is there. In a recent letter, Julian told his father that he wished it were possible to trade off some of the hot weather there for some of the cold weather here, the young man casually mentioning a keen desire to visit home again.

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CITED

At least six persons were cited to the courts here this morning to explain why they were not displaying new state license tags on their motor vehicles. None of the cases had reached the courts early this afternoon and what disposition would be made of them could not be guessed. Patrolmen declared that there were more cars today without new license tags than there were on January 1, last year, despite the 31 days of grace allowed this year.

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Wins Silver Star.



THE NAVY has awarded the Silver Star medal to Lt. Comdr. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., former film actor, for "outstanding service during action at Salerno," where the Fifth Army established its first beachhead in the Allied invasion of Italy's mainland. (International)

Servicemen Want To Know News at Home

Much has been heard and said about the "pin-up" girls in the service, but in the several hundred letters received by The Enterprise from the young men from all over the world, not one has even mentioned the "pin-ups" and few have talked much about the war other than want it to end, and end soon.

The boys want to know the common, every-day news pertaining to the people they know back home. Writing recently from Italy, Pfc. William H. Revels said, "I am in Italy now and it is a much nicer place than Sicily. I received The Enterprise all through the campaign in Sicily and I am getting it regularly now. I really enjoy reading the news from home, especially about the ones leaving for the Army, and about those getting married."

Many service men's addresses may be had for the asking at The Enterprise office, and a letter will be appreciated by some serviceman.

Tire Rationing Under Stringent Regulations

ROUND-UP

There was little activity on the crime front in this immediate community over the week-end, a review of the jail record showing that only three persons were arrested and jailed during the period. Two were booked for being drunk and disorderly and one was detained for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. All three of the defendants are colored, their ages ranging from 30 to 34 years.

Liquor ration books were about exhausted at the time, but new ones went into effect today and officers are anticipating an increase in the number of arrests.

Pupils Take Army Air Forces Exams

Forty-six and 17-year-old students from the Farm Life, Bear Grass, Robersonville and Williamston high schools took the U. S. Army Air Forces Mental Screening tests at the Williamston high school last Friday morning.

Arranged by the Charlotte Recruiting Office, the tests are designed to screen out high school youths who are eligible for Air Corps training. Seventeen-year-olds youths who qualify may enlist in the U. S. Army Air Forces, and be called for training when 18 years of age. Sixteen-year-old youths will be subjected to a second examination next year.

The examination was unusually difficult, the pupils declared, and it is thought that few mastered it. A report is expected within three or four weeks.

First Lieutenant Walter E. Cooke, of Graham, Texas, conducted the examination. Lt. Cooke is a veteran of the air fighting in Africa and Sicily, and returned to this country only a short time ago.

Thieves Rob Liquor Store At Jamesville For the Second Time

Robbery Is Third Reported In County by Board Since Stores Were Opened

Prizing open the front door, robbers entered the county liquor store at Jamesville early last Friday morning and carried away thirty-one cases of whiskey. No clues have been established, but officers are believed to be working on a "lead" in the case.

The robbery was not discovered until late Friday morning when Storekeeper Montford Brown went down to open the place for business and found the door had been forced open.

Patrons were of the opinion that the robbers would return most of the liquor since it was of such poor quality. The robbers carried away twenty cases of Rocking Chair, six cases of Three Feathers, three cases of rum, one case of cordials and one case of another brand, the thirty-one cases carrying a wholesale value of \$675 or about \$3,000 on the bootleg blackmarkets.

The loss was covered by insurance.

It was the second time that the Jamesville store had been robbed, thieves having stolen about \$500 worth of liquor there three or four years ago. The only other liquor store robbery under the present system was reported at Robersonville several years ago when some one threw a brick through a window and stole a few bottles of liquor and a few dollars in change from the cash register, the loss there amounting to about \$35.

The first Jamesville store robbery was traced to a ring operating out of Virginia. They were arrested and sentenced to prison for the robbery in this county, and in other parts of eastern North Carolina about the same time.

The recent robbery is not expected to aggravate the liquor shortage in this county, but a heavy run was reported at most of the four stores in the county this morning when new ration stamps became effective.

There was some disappointment registered today over rations when patrons were advised that only two tickets could be recognized at the present time.

Seventeen Car Tires Allotted In County By Rationing Board

Grade I Tires Limited To Most Essential Classes of Motorists

Despite the promise of big synthetic rubber supplies, a new serious note in the tire situation was sounded by government authorities over the week-end when rationing boards were instructed to limit Grade I passenger car tire rations to the most essential users.

Revisions of tire rationing rules, announced by the Office of Price Administration have put rationing on an essentially basis, eliminating the former "mileage" basis. The revisions went into effect February 1.

The OPA list of classifications from which ration boards will choose the most essential motorists includes: Transportation of workers to, from or within essential establishments; construction, repair and maintenance workers in performance of occupation; farmers transporting farm products and supplies; delivery of United States mail; licensed physician, surgeon, dentist, osteopath, chiropractor; wholesale delivery of newspapers and magazines, and midwife, veterinarian, public health nurse, or embalmer in performance of professional duties.

Eighty-two tires were allotted in this county last Friday night just before the new regulations were announced. It is understood that the certificates will be recognized. The recent issuance included, 17 Grade I car tires, 12 truck tires, two tractor tires, six trailer tires and 45 Grade III tires.

Grade I tires and tubes for cars and pick-up trucks were issued to the following:

D. R. Chandler, Robersonville, one

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