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EVERYBODY SAVING IN WAR BONDS EVERY PAYDAY

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Major and Mrs. J. Clinton Tarkenton, Jr., and son, James Clinton, III, arrived Tuesday from Camp Forrest, Tenn., to spend a few days with Major Tarkenton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton, at Pleasant Grove. The major has been stationed at Los Angeles, Calif., and his family lived there until recently.

Ray Swain, of the United States Navy, is now at home here with his mother, Mrs. Maggie Swain, on a seven-day furlough. Only recently he returned from his second trip to Guadalcanal in the Solomons Islands group.

The local police department is still trying to dispose of seven dogs at the city pound. One of them is a Llewellyn setter. Anyone who wants a dog can get one by paying the tax and cost of feeding. See Policeman Paul Basnight.

Private Wallace Edward Davenport, of Creswell, recently received a good conduct medal from his company commander, Captain Patterson, upon completion of a special course at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. He expects to receive a promotion as soon as he has a few weeks' experience in his new work. Home on a furlough the early part of this month, he says he likes Army life fine and that he hopes to go overseas before very long.

For the technically minded, fall begins in the northern hemisphere this afternoon, September 23, at exactly 6:12 o'clock, according to the U. S. Naval Observatory. At the same time spring begins in the southern hemisphere.

H. E. Beam, cashier of the local bank and county chairman of War Bond sales, said today that he would be in the bank Saturday night from 7:30 until 9 o'clock for the convenience of any who wished to buy War Bonds at that time.

News has been received by relatives that Corporal Elmer Turner, of Roper, has arrived safely overseas and is stationed somewhere in North Africa. He entered the Army in April, 1942, and before going overseas was stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas, Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., Detroit, Mich., Fort Dix, N. J., and Kearns, Utah. His wife the former Miss Alice Ambrose, resides with her parents in Washington, N. C.

Douglas Collins, a cadet in the Army Air Corps, former employee of the North Carolina Pulp Company, was recently transferred from Miami Beach, Fla., to Meadville, Pa., where he is attending Allegheny College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Collins.

The office of the local draft board will be closed at 2 p.m. each day for the remainder of the month, it was announced this week. State headquarters ordered this move to give the office force time free of interruptions for completing the manpower inventory now in progress at all local boards. The office here will return to its normal closing hour after October 1.

A Home Front Pledge campaign will likely be conducted in the county early in October, when cooperation of the public with rationing regulations will be sought, according to the Rev. B. W. Gaither, community service member of the rationing board. Mrs. Everett, information officer of the state board, is expected to be in the county during the drive to speak at several of the schools.

Negress Is Held for Stabbing Husband

Cottie Johnson, colored, of Creswell, was arrested there Tuesday night by Deputy Sheriff W. D. Peal and placed in jail here charged with stabbing her husband, Edison Johnson. Johnson was removed to a Columbia hospital shortly after the stabbing and is said to be in a serious condition.

According to reports, the woman went to the home of James Carter, where her husband was on the porch, and called him out. As he started to climb over the fence, she stabbed him in the back, near the heart. This occurred about 10:30, and Deputy Peal had her in jail here before 11:30 the same night, after sending her husband to the hospital.

She is being held pending the outcome of her husband's injuries, and it was said probable that she would be given a preliminary hearing in recorder's court next Tuesday.

Ceiling Prices on Cabbage And Onions Announced

Retailers are not permitted to charge more than 5 cents per pound for cabbage or more than 7 cents per pound for west coast onions. Mrs. Norma Spruill, price clerk for the local War Price and Rationing Board, said this week.

Retailers are also advised that they may not sell any item above the legal ceiling, no matter what price they are required to pay for such items.

All Kerosene Coupons Should Be Used Before Renewal of Ration Is Sought

Mrs. J. K. Reid, secretary to the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board, this week outlined the procedure for users of kerosene or fuel oil for cooking and lighting to secure renewal of their allotments for this purpose. In the first place, Mrs. Reid said that all coupons issued for cooking and lighting should be used before applying for a new allotment. Although an expiration date was originally put on the stub of the coupons, it is stated that they do not expire

then, but will be good as long as the coupons last.

After all coupons have been used, applicants should write on the back of the stub the amount of kerosene needed for the next six months for cooking and lighting (and oil-burning refrigerators); mail or bring the stub to the office of the rationing board in Plymouth.

Mrs. Reid emphasizes that it is important for applicants to return the stub of the last previous allotment when making application for renewal.

Ask Compliance With OPA Rules

The Rev. B. W. Gaither, of Creswell, chairman of the community service panel of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board, this week directed an appeal to the people of the county, asking them to pay only the legal or top ceiling prices for all commodities and to accept no rationed goods without giving the stamps as required by OPA regulations. Only this manner can "black markets" be avoided, according to Mr. Gaither, who points out that the regulations are designed to protect the public from the effects of uncontrolled inflation. It is only through cooperation of the buying public that a stable price structure can be maintained, in the face of mounting scarcities and shortages.

Two Men Get 6 to 8 Years for Robbery Near Here in July

Convicted in Martin Court For Assault and Robbery Of Lacy Steele

Convicted of assaulting and robbing Lacy Steele, employee of the North Carolina Pulp Company, near here on the morning of July 30, Lester Archie and Ernest Jones, colored, were sentenced to the roads for not less than six and not more than eight years in Martin County Superior Court Monday afternoon of this week. Judge J. Walter Bone, of Nashville, presiding, passed sentence on the two Negroes.

Denying all the charges against them, the two men attempted to set up an alibi to show that they were at work at the peanut plant here when the robbery occurred. However, the evidence was all against them. Sheriff J. K. Reid and Mr. Steele were principal witnesses for the state; and a check stolen from Mr. Steele was offered in evidence. The jury had the case hardly 10 minutes before returning a verdict of guilty.

Mr. Steele had been to the pulp mill to get his check on the Friday morning of the robbery. He was returning to his home in Little Richmond village by way of the Atlantic Coast Line spur tract through Welchs Creek swamp, where he was accosted by Archie and Jones. One of them hit Mr. Steele over the head with his coffee bottle, knocking him to the ground. They then held a razor to his throat while they went through his pockets, taking his pay check and pocket knife.

Mr. Steele came to Plymouth and reported the robbery, and a short time later Sheriff J. K. Reid picked the two Negroes up on the road leading to the country club. Since the offense took place in Martin County, the two men were turned over to Sheriff Roebuck, of Williamson, and they have been in jail there since that time.

Consumers Advised Not To Pay More Than 52 Cents Per Dozen for Eggs Here

Housewives of Washington County are advised by the local War Price and Rationing Board not to pay more than 52 cents per dozen for ungraded eggs. This is the highest retail ceiling price permitted under present OPA regulations, according to Mrs. Norma Spruill, price clerk of the Washington County board. In this connection, Mrs. Spruill says that retail stores should not pay more than 44.2 cents per dozen for ungraded eggs in wholesale lots. Class 1 stores are allowed a 17 cent mark-up, which brings the maximum retail ceiling price to 52 cents. Class 2 stores are permitted a 15 per cent profit, and their maxi-

mum retail ceiling is about 51 cents, it was stated. Farmers who sell directly to consumers may not charge more than 52 cents. If they sell eggs to retail stores, then their ceiling price is 44.2 cents per dozen. Sellers are warned not to charge more than the ceiling price. The law provides that any person who is overcharged is entitled to recover \$50 from the seller simply by presenting a receipt showing that he paid more than the maximum ceiling price. Complaints of higher prices have been made to the board here, some consumers reporting that they had been charged as much as 59 cents per dozen.

Peanut Digging Is Started on County Farms; Crop Short

Work Held Up by Weather First of Week; Shortage Of Labor Is Problem

Peanut digging is beginning to get underway in the county—or, at least, it started getting underway before halted by the slow drizzling rains of the past few days. A few farmers started digging last week, and a good many others had planned to start this week but were halted by the rain, which came almost too late to do much good, according to producers.

Reports on the crop vary greatly. Some farmers say they will get a good yield, while a big majority believe the crop is short. It is noticeable that practically all of those who have dug any peanuts lean to the belief that a short crop is in prospect. It has been mighty dry recently for peanuts to reach their full development, and a few farmers say this week's rains will help some.

The labor shortage continues to be a problem on most county farms. Several near-by counties, including Martin and Bertie, are getting Italian prisoners of war to help harvest their peanuts, but so far there has been no demand for this type of labor in this county.

County Agent W. V. Hays said Tuesday that most farmers were planning to make out somehow with what labor they had. It means long days in school for a great many rural children, no doubt; but there is no other way out for a large number of farm families.

The labor shortage for harvesting peanuts is aggravated by the need of labor for other farm work at this time. Cutting and stacking hay, picking cotton, and marketing tobacco. In addition to these tasks, many men are needed for cutting and hauling out pulpwood and timber to plants in the section engaged in making essential war materials.

Basic 'A' Gasoline Ration Books Will Be Renewed Soon

Car Owners Told To Save Covers of Their Present 'A' Books

Sometime within the next 30 days, and probably around the first of October, steps will be taken by the local rationing board to renew the basic "A" gasoline rationing books, issued to all motorists in July of last year. It was announced this week. In this connection, car owners are advised to hold on to their old books, as it will be necessary to return the cover of the old one in order to get a new one.

Local rationing officials have not decided definitely as yet what procedure will be used in the county for renewal of the "A" books. Regulations from headquarters permit the work to be done either by mail or at registration sites; and the county board will decide which method is to be used probably by next week, when full instructions are to be issued.

The present "A" books do not expire in this area until November 21, 1943, so there is no particular hurry at this time to get the new books out. A new application form will be distributed, either by mail or at central locations, and the form must be correctly filled out. Applicants must also attach their old "A" book covers and their old tire inspection records to the applications.

In the event an applicant has lost the cover of his old "A" book, he must prove that he is owner or person entitled to use of the vehicle, or an agent of either; that the vehicle is currently registered and in operation; that he has not previously applied for or received a renewal; and that he has complied with the tire inspection requirements. He must also present the motor vehicle registration certificate for the vehicle.

If the applicant has lost his old tire inspection record, it may be replaced by the regular procedure in such cases, but a renewal of the basic "A" ration will not be granted until the applicant has had a new approved tire inspection on the replaced tire inspection record.

Begin Preaching Mission at Church in Creswell Sunday

Creswell.—A preaching mission will be conducted by the Rev. E. F. Moseley, of Kinston, at Christ Episcopal Church, Creswell, beginning next Sunday, September 26, at 8 p.m., and concluding Sunday, October 3, at 11 a.m.

Two services daily will be held throughout the week, from Monday to Friday, inclusive; with a school of prayer at 2:15 p.m., and a preaching service at 8 p.m. each day. Everyone is asked to attend by the Rev. B. W. Gaither, rector of the Parish.

War Loan Drive Underway In County Today, Tomorrow

\$48,450 Worth of Bonds Sold Last Night at Theatre

Total 71 Prizes Auctioned; Bids Ranged From \$125 To \$6,100

The Plymouth Theatre's bond auction last night resulted in the sale of at least \$48,450 worth of War Bonds which will be credited towards the county's \$262,000 quota for the Third War Loan Drive, it was learned from H. E. Beam, county chairman of the war finance committee, this morning.

In all, 71 prizes were auctioned off, ranging from small articles of merchandise to a \$100 bill, the latter contributed by A. J. Riddle. The bids ranged from a low of \$125 to a high of \$6,100. The \$100 bill went to W. H. Gurkin, prominent farmer of near here, for the high bid of the evening, \$6,100.

Two \$50 bonds, one contributed by the Eureka Cafe and the other by J. R. Carr and W. H. Peele, brought \$5,000 and \$4,000, for a total of \$9,000 for the two. Four \$25 bonds were auctioned off, the sale prices ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,500; the four bonds bringing a total of \$7,400.

There were many other articles which brought spirited bidding. A bushel basket of sweet potatoes brought \$1,000 in one instance, and there were a large number of items which brought more than \$1,000 each.

The auction was conducted by J. Roy Manning, who talked himself hoarse exhorting for higher and higher bids. Prior to the sale, a poem was read by Mrs. O. L. Hardwick and brief talks were made by Attorney Zeb Vance Norman and Major J. Clinton Tarkenton, jr., appealing for the folks back home to "Back the Attack" of the boys overseas. Major Tarkenton, one of the youngest officers of his rank from North Carolina, is home on a brief leave, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton, sr., of Pleasant Grove.

While the crowd was not quite as large as at the bond auction held last spring in the theatre, the amount of bonds sold was just about the same. Some of the bids are being voluntarily raised when purchasers call for their bonds, and it is expected that the net sales will be increased to \$50,000 or more by the end of the week.

Motorists Cited for Not Having Stamps

James H. White, deputy collector of internal revenue, of Washington, was in Plymouth this morning, checking on the display of Federal use-tax stamps on all motor vehicles. Cars which did not have the stamps displayed were tagged and the owners notified to appear before him Friday afternoon in the post office and show cause why prosecution should not be recommended.

A great many motorists bought the stamps, which were supposed to be on all cars by last July 1, but have never displayed them. If they can produce their stamps, or prove that they have bought them, they will be let off, but advised to put the stamps on their cars. Those who have not bought stamps will be required to do so, and continued failure will result in prosecution being recommended. Mr. White said.

Approximately 20 to 25 cars were tagged on the streets here this morning. Mr. White will return and be at the post office here tomorrow at 3:30 to meet those cited to appear at that time.

First Christmas Packages for Men in Overseas Service Are Being Mailed

The first of the 1943 Christmas parcels for county men in overseas service started moving out of the local post office last week, and the movement is increasing steadily. The handling of the millions of packages for service men is a huge task, but the government urges people back home to remember those in the service, both here and abroad.

To effect fair distribution, no family may mail more than one package per week to any one man in the service between now and October 15, but it is possible for several persons to mail packages to the same service man. Possibly 25 to 50 packages have been mailed to date at the local

Jobless Warned To Go To Work

Able-bodied men in Washington County who do not have permanent jobs were given warning yesterday by Sheriff J. K. Reid that he was going to bring indictments against them in county courts within the next few days. Reports have been filtering in recently about a number of instances in which the "work, fight, or go to jail" order could be invoked, and the sheriff said he was planning to take immediate action.

The officer said the reports concerned both white and colored men; and he also indicated that temporary jobs would not be considered as sufficient to halt prosecution. With labor shortages reported on all sides, including farming and industrial plants, there is no excuse for anyone not having a regular job, he said.

Local Boards Told To Go Ahead With Plans To Draft Dads

State Selective Service Officers at Meet in Washington Friday

A. W. Davenport, member of the Washington County Selective Service Board; Z. V. Norman, government appeal agent; and Mrs. Eliza Daniel, secretary to the local board, attended the district meeting of draft board officials in Washington last Friday. Robert L. Tetterton, chairman, and O. A. Chesson, other member of the local board, were unable to get to the meeting.

Major Charles A. Jonas, of Lincoln, and Lieutenant Armstrong, of State selective service headquarters, outlined interpretations of recent rulings and directives sent to local boards, particularly as they relate to the drafting of pre-World War fathers, which is scheduled to begin throughout the nation shortly after the first of October.

The representatives of state headquarters said that, so far as they knew, calling up of fathers not engaged in essential occupations would begin October 1, and they advised local boards to process and have such men available to fill calls after that date. Admitting the possibility that Congress might step in and bar drafting of fathers until after January 1, the officers said that orders to local boards had not been changed in this respect and they should proceed according to their original instructions.

According to the officers, emphasis is to be placed on the replaceability of men rather than their skills in (See LOCAL BOARDS, Page 4)

Yearly Meeting at Concord Church Will Begin Friday

The "Yearly Meeting" will convene at Concord Primitive Baptist Church, between Creswell and Cherry, Friday of this week and continue through Sunday, September 26, it was announced this week by officials of the church.

Elder S. Gray, of Kinston, pastor of the church, will be in charge of the services, it is stated. Elder Joe Bodwell, of Columbia, and W. M. Stubbs, of Pinetown, are also expected to be present to take part. The public is invited to attend.

Dinner will be served on the grounds Sunday. Clinton White and Elder Gray are members of the committee on arrangements.

Just About Half of \$262,000 Quota Has Been Sold To Date

Every Section of County To Be Covered in Intensive Two-Day Campaign

Washington County citizens have a big job on hand for today and tomorrow if they go "over the top" and succeed in raising the county's quota of \$262,000 Bond Sales in the Third War Loan Drive. According to Campaign Chairman John W. Darden and Chairman H. E. Beam, of the county war finance committee, hardly more than 50 per cent of the goal had been reached this morning, when the whirlwind two-day drive to raise the balance of the quota got underway.

The county has been divided into districts and sub-divided according to roads, with special canvassing committees assigned the task of reaching every individual in the county and soliciting bond subscriptions today and tomorrow. The county has made a splendid record in the past so far as reaching its bond-sale quotas is concerned, and no effort is to be spared to see that it "comes through" in this, its greatest challenge.

There are no reports from individual sections as the Beacon goes to press, and there will be no specific figures available for several days yet, or until after the canvassing committees make their reports to the campaign chairman. However, it was learned yesterday that upwards of 40 per cent of the month's quota had been sold, not counting the sales at the bond auction last night.

The canvassers who started out this morning throughout the county are armed with application blanks for bonds, and a lot of them will have to be filled out in order to put the county over. With farm crops beginning to move to market, it is confidently expected that subscriptions from farmers will materially swell the total before tomorrow night. It has been noticed during the past few days that more and more rural people have been buying bonds, which not so many of them were able to do during the Second War Loan campaign last spring. However, the county quota is more than \$100,000 more than it was last spring, and their support is urgently needed to put the drive over this time.

In addition to the complete canvass of rural sections, all the towns have been organized for house-to-house solicitation. The colored division also has been well organized, with special committees set up to call on every colored family in the county. No one is to be overlooked, and everyone is asked to buy at least one bond—even a \$25 one—during the present campaign. It is the safest investment in the world, and every cent goes to "Back the Attack" and bring the boys home.

Ten County White Men To Leave for Fort Bragg on 28th

First Time in Months That County Has Sent Its Full Quota

Ten Washington County white men have been sent notices to report at the office of the draft board here next Tuesday morning, September 28, for possible induction into the armed service. They will report at 10 a.m., and leave on the regular bus at 10:20 for Fort Bragg, where they will receive their final physical and mental examinations to determine their fitness to serve in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.

It is understood that the 10 men represent the full quota for this month. For several months, the county has not been able to fill calls in their entirety. Those who leave next week represent three classes of men: Youngsters who have just recently reached 18 years of age, men whose deferments have expired, and a few who are returning after having been rejected previously.

Three of the number are from Plymouth, three more are from Creswell, two are now living in Norfolk, and one each in Roper and Washington, D. C. The complete list follows:

Kenneth Nelson Nichols, John Bernard Brown and Edward Earl Stillman, of Plymouth; Charles Caswell Davenport, Ervin Lester Cobb and William Jacob Spear, of Creswell; Joseph Ballard Duck and Grover Lee Sawyer, of Norfolk; James Albert Whitaker, of Washington, D. C.; and George Potter Dixon, of Roper.