

Our N. C. Boys On The Battle Front Number 230,000

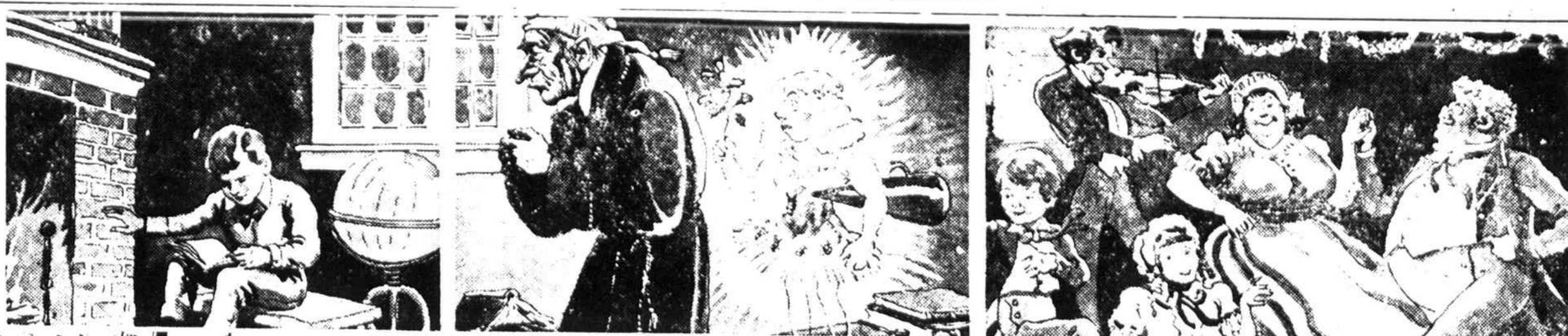
This Should Be Sufficient Incentive To Keep Home Front Burning Brightly and Rightly.

There are approximately 230,000 North Carolinians now serving in the armed forces, Adj. Gen. J. Van B. Metts, director of State Selective Service, announced recently. General Metts said that the figure includes the 4,200 troops inducted with the National Guard and the youths under draft age who have volunteered for the navy, but does not include members of the women's services. The Selective Service director said that approximately 65 per cent of the total number of Tar Heels in service entered through Selective Service.

Navy 'Gals' Follow Sailors Tattoo Lead

Washington—Some gal sailors are becoming so briny that they are following in their brother gobs' footsteps—right into the tattoo parlors, it was learned. All this is in spite of the official blujackets' manual, which they share with their seagoing Navy brothers, and which admonishes against tattooing. The manual warns: "Do not get tattooed. Ask any man you see who has been tattooed and he will tell you that he would give anything to have the tattooing removed. It is dangerous, costly, and an awful lot of trouble the rest of your life." Although the vogue among female sailors is far from widespread, an Kilpatrick, who operates a tattoo booth in one of Washington's penny arcades, revealed today that he had tattooed four women Naval Reservists. He said: "In each case I tattooed the woman's serial number just above the right knee. It apparently isn't so

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens



SCROOGE awoke before the hour bell sounded, which it now did with a deep, dull, hollow, melancholy One. Light flashed up in the room upon the instant, and the curtains of his bed were drawn by a small, elfish creature. "I am the Ghost of Christmas Past," it said. As the words were spoken, they passed through the wall, and stood upon an open country road. "Good Heaven!" said Scrooge, "I was a boy here!" They went, the Ghost and Scrooge, to a melancholy room, made barer still by lines of plain deal forms and desks. At one of these a lonely boy was reading near a feeble fire: Scrooge wept to see his poor forgotten self as he used to be, and glanced anxiously towards the door. It opened, and a little girl, much younger than the boy came darting in, and putting her arms about his neck, and kissing him, addressed him as her "Dear, dear brother."

"I have come to bring you home, dear brother!" said the child. "Home, for good and all. Home, for ever and ever. Father is so much kinder that I was not afraid to ask him once more if you might come home; and he said Yes, you should; and sent me in a coach to bring you." "She was a dear girl," said Scrooge. "She died a woman," said the Ghost, "and had, I think, children." "One child," Scrooge returned. They proceeded and the Ghost stopped at a certain warehouse door, and asked Scrooge if he knew it. "Why, it's old Fezziwig! Bless his heart: it's Fezziwig alive again!" In came a fiddler to the warehouse and tuned like fifty stomach-aches. In came Mrs. Fezziwig, one vast substantial smile. In came the three Miss Fezziwigs, beaming and

loveable. In came the six young followers whose hearts they broke. In came all the young men and women employed in the business. They danced and ate, then danced some more, and all were gay with the Christmas season. "My time grows short," observed the Spirit. "Quick!" Scrooge now found himself by the side of a fair young girl in whose eyes there were tears. "It matters little," she said, softly. "To you, very little. Another idol has displaced me; and if it can cheer and comfort you in time to come, as I would have tried to do, I have no just cause to grieve." "What idol has displaced you?" he rejoined. "A golden one." "Spirit!" said Scrooge, "show me no more! Conduct me home. Why do you delight to torture me?" [To Be Continued]

Outside Trees And Decorations Not Patriotic

The town authorities have asked that the people of the community confine Christmas lighting decorations to Christmas trees inside private homes, according to instructions received by them from J. A. Krug, director of the office of War Utilities.

Mr. Krug is also asking that street decorations, community Christmas trees, exterior home decorations and interiors and exteriors of commercial establishments dispense with decorations this year insofar as lighting is concerned. Every effort is being made to direct the saving of fuel, manpower, transportation and materials, it was pointed out. Because of the shortness of daylight over most of the country at Christmas time, necessary consumption of electricity is at its peak.

There has been no mandatory order given by the Office of War Utilities, because they point out, "the American people realize the necessity of this conservation and will do it."

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Rationing, OPA News

PROCESSED FOODS—Green A, B, C (Book 4) expire Dec. 20. Green D, E, F (Book 4) expire Jan. 20.

MEATS AND FATS—Brown L, M and N (Book 3) expire Jan. 1.

SUGAR—Sugar Stamp No. 29 (Book 4) good for 5 lbs. until Jan. 15.

SHOES—Stamp No. 18 (Book 1) valid indefinitely. Airplane Stamp No. 1 (Book 3) now valid.

GASOLINE—A-8 coupons expire

Feb. 8.

FUEL OIL—Period 1 coupons (10 gals.) expire Jan. 3. Period 2 coupons (10 gals.) now valid.

BEEF POINT VALUES SLASHED

Due to a sharp cut in meat point values, which became effective Dec. 5, civilian meat rationing is now at the highest level since rationing began in March, it has been announced.

Although butter and margarine remain at their present point values, the entire list of rationed beef items, from porterhouse steak to hamburger have been cut from two to three points in the new table of point values now in effect. Many pork cuts remain at the reduced value set by OPA in mid-November, but point values of lamb, mutton and nearly all veal items remain unchanged.

To effect the reduction in beef items, point values have been increased for all types of cheese and major canned fish items. Canned oysters were decreased one point to four points a pound.

Lard has been reduced from one to two points per pound, but shortening and salad and cooking oils remain unchanged at five points per pound.

The sharp reduction in beef point values, an OPA statement said, reflects the fact that civilian supplies are expected to be larger in December, but the agency warned that it may be necessary to raise meat points again in January or February, and that by spring meat supplies may be less than they are today.

Butter production is beginning to show the seasonal increase which normally occurs at this time of year, an OPA statement said, "although output is still running at an abnormally low level."

CANNED GOODS POINTS DROP, TOO

The new point value list for processed foods (green stamp items) shows reductions in 15 items and the temporary elimination of grapefruit juice from the rationed list. In addition, canned souerkraut and ready-to-serve soups will be point free.

Other items reduced from one to 10 points include green and wax beans, soy beans, all varieties of canned dry beans, including pork and beans; carrots, spinach, dry frozen beans and certain other frozen fruits and vegetables. Reductions were made possible because of expected increases in civilian supplies of some canned foods.

Three items were raised in point value. They are: Tomato soup and two types of tomato sauces—those sold individually and those sold with cheese in combination packages.

Point values set in November for jams, jellies, fruit butters and non-citrus marmalades remain unchanged. These were put on the rationed foods list last month.

TRUCK RE-CAPPING NO LONGER RATIONED

Recapping of tires for commercial vehicles with truck-type camel back rubber stock has been removed from rationing by OPA to encourage more recapping which helps tire conservation by reducing the demand on war price and rationing boards for replacement tires.

Increased stocks of synthetic rubber are now being released for camelback production, OPA explained.

TIRE QUOTAS REMAIN THE SAME

Tire and tube rationing quotas for December are not greatly changed from those established for November, the Office of Price Administration has announced.

The continuing shortage of both new passenger tires and new truck tires is reflected in the quotas for the final month of this year. As was true in November, the number of tires available for rationing during December is considerably smaller than in October and earlier months. Because of these reduced quotas, more extensive use must be made of recapping service, OPA said.

POINT FREE MARMALADES

Citrus marmalades which may be bought point free include all marmalades made entirely of citrus fruits (principally oranges and lemons), the Office of Price Administration has explained.

Marmalades made of combined citrus and non-citrus fruits are rationed at the same point value as marmalades made wholly of non-citrus fruits, currently at six points a pound.

In some reported instances, OPA said, points have been collected for a spread labeled "orange marmalade," apparently because of a mistaken impression that since the label did not include the word "citrus" it could not be sold point free.

BADGES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer workers on local war price and rationing boards who

Kite-Flying Trick Helps Major Out

Fort Worth, Tex.—There are more ways than one to skin a cat. This evidently was the adage in Maj. Jeff S. Henderson's mind when he went "fishing" in the air to get what he wanted.

A mixup in the flagpole ropes at the Fort Worth Quartermaster Depot, where Major Henderson is director of civilian personnel, had caused the flag to be stuck at the top of the pole.

Guards couldn't climb the pole and the fire department refused to try a ladder because a high wind

made the attempt too hazardous. So Major Henderson recalled a trick from his kite-flying days.

He attached a cardboard and fishhooks to the flag line. The wind blew the hooks up to the flag and after several attempts the flag was pulled down, securely fastened to the hooks.

FINE QUALITIES

Father: "I hope you appreciate, young man, that in marrying my daughter you are getting a big-hearted, generous girl."

Suitor: "I do, sir, and I trust she has acquired those fine qualities from her father."

Buy War Bonds and Stamps

NEW B AND C COUPONS

Motorists were reminded this week by District OPA director L. W. Driscoll that their present B and C gasoline coupons will continue to have a value of two gallons, but all new gasoline ration books issued after Dec. 1 will have a value of five gallons each. These coupons are identified as "B-2" and "C-2".

The total amount of gasoline rations to be allowed under the new type coupons will not be increased, however.

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