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## SUCCESSFUL SALVAGE DRIVE REPORTED BY J. B. LEWIS

**All-Out Effort Resulting In Sizeable Collection; Total of 50 Tons In Sight; Goal of 100 Tons Set**

Commenting on the Salvage Drive now in full swing here, Chairman John B. Lewis stated today that the Drive was progressing well and that success in making a creditable collection was assured.

Citizens here are apparently aware of the critical shortage that threatens to close many of the plants manufacturing war implements and are anxious to comply with the government's appeal to turn in all available scrap metal and rubber. A number of citizens contributed their collection to the School Library Fund, while many others made arrangements to sell.

Rotarians, in teams of two, put aside their business for a time this week and searched in specified areas for scrap with results that were highly gratifying to the committee. Making top rank in hauls were J. W. Joyner and W. A. McAdams, who reported 20 tons collected.

Rotary teams are announced as follows:

J. H. Moore, C. W. Blackwood, Waverly & Greene streets; George W. Davis, W. H. Duke, Wilson; Frank Dupree, Paul Ewell, Contentnea & Pine; Dr. Paul E. Jones, John T. Thorne, Grimmersburg & Belcher; Walter Jones, J. B. Lewis, Horne, Jones & Lang; J. W. Joyner, W. A. McAdams, City Hall block, Post Office block, Light Plant and vicinity; R. A. Joyner, Ed Nash Warren, Mart; Russell Mizelle, Irvin Morgan, Jr., Barrett & Turnage; J. I. Morgan Dr. John M. Mewborn, Walnut; James Y. Monk, W. J. Rasberry, Pine; R. LeRoy Rollins, G. A. Rouse, Church; Robert Rouse, J. M. Stansell, Fields & May; T. E. Joyner, L. E. Walston, 42 & 43; Frank Williams; Dr. W. M. Willis, George & Horton; George E. Creekmur, Norfolk Southern area.

With Nebraska's drive record of 104 pounds per person before it, Farmville set out to more than double that record and the committee reports 50 tons already in sight, to which collections in the rural school district will be added when the Legionnaires under Post Commander R. D. Rouse get in their stride and complete their canvass. The goal of 100 tons has been set.

In the schools, Supt. John H. Moore of the white school, and Principal H. B. Sugg of the colored school, have pledged 100 percent cooperation with the drive and have arranged scrap depots on the grounds of the two schools.

Miss Lella Higgs, County Salvage Chairman, said today in issuing an appeal for full cooperation:

"There has been a splendid response from many sections of the county, for there aren't any finer people than we have here. Now let's all of us put our shoulder to the wheel and push till the job is done."

It isn't too late even though you were not at home or failed to have your contribution ready when the committee called at your residence. Find the Rotarian's name in the list submitted for your section of the town, and phone him at once so your donation or sale may be arranged and the scrap hauled away and added to Farmville's total.

### Killed By Train

Levi May, Negro of Farmville, was killed instantly Saturday night while asleep on the Norfolk Southern Railroad track at the bridge over Contentnea Creek near Bell Arthur.

May and a number of other men were stationed near trustees and bridges along the railroad to guard against sabotage.

Coroner A. Ellwanger of Pitt County said May went to sleep on the track. He placed his cap on the end of a cross-tie for a pillow and apparently went to sleep expecting the train to awaken him while on guard duty.

The coroner said it appeared that the train did awaken the sleeping watchman, but he woke up just as the engine was on him. His head was nearly decapitated.

Section Foreman L. L. Clapp found May's body when he went down the line in a motor work car to pick up the watchman. May's cap was still on the cross-tie.

Coroner Ellwanger did not hold an inquest.

ROGG

Out of every 74 dollars spent produced in the United States this year, at least one dollar is being dried to supply our land-leases needs.

When you think about it, doesn't it seem that we are doing a good job?

## Tobacco Averages \$42.91 Past Week On This Market

**Monday's Sale of 691,122 Pounds Sold For \$299,619.32, An Average of \$43.35**

Averaging over \$40 a hundred-weight every day this week the Farmville market hit a new high for the current season and reached a peak that hasn't been attained since 1919.

While better grades are being offered on the Farmville market, yet much of the common and trashy types of tobacco continue to come in. Prices on the superior grades showed advances Monday, while the medium grades showed even more strength. An average of \$43.35 was reported for the sale of 691,122 pounds Monday by R. A. Fields, Supervisor of Sales.

The past week's average of \$42.91 boosted the season's average for 14,449,166 pounds to \$37.17.

Marketing has been slowed down considerably in the last few days due to cotton picking and hay cutting. Warehouses had a capacity sale today, but floors are expected to be cleared in preparation for a big break of weed on Monday.

## General Wilson To Fort Leonard Wood

Greenville.—Major General D. Wood S. Wilson, native of Greenville and recent visitor here, has been transferred to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, according to information received by relatives here. General Wilson, who has served 37 years in the army, recently returned to this country from Hawaii where he was commander of the 24th division.

### VICTORY BULLS

Of the 1,000 purebred bulls given away to substantial small farmers by the American Jersey Cattle Club, 21 went to North Carolina and were donated by leading breeders of the State.

### SULFUR DUSTING

J. V. Taylor of Bethel in Pitt County dusted his peanuts twice with sulfur and reduced leafspot diseases by 30 per cent as compared with where he did not dust.

## 18 Farm Machines On Rationed List

David S. Weaver, in charge of Agricultural Engineering Extension at N. C. State College, announces that 18 types of farm machines are on the list to be rationed due to the war-time shortages of metals and manufacturing facilities. In order to obtain any one of these machines, a farmer must have his application approved by a special rationing committee which will be set up in each county in the state.

The 18 types of machinery on the rationed list are: Combines, disc harrows, feed grinders, fertilizer distributors, grain drills, hay balers, line spreaders, manure spreaders, milk coolers, milking machines, pickup balers, potato diggers, shredders, corn pickers, beet lifters, beet loaders, grain elevators, and all kinds of tractors.

"If you will need one of these machines for next season," said Weaver in a suggestion to farmers, "contact your county farm agent who is making a survey to determine the needs of the community in order that allotments can be worked out."

The special rationing committee for farm machinery in each county will be composed of three farmers, one of whom will be the chairman of the County AAA Committee. The other two will be representative farmers appointed by the County USDA War Board.

In addition to the group of machines which are extremely scarce, there is a second group somewhat less scarce. These may be sold upon certification by the farmer to the dealer that the equipment is required for current agricultural production. A third group consists of items that may be sold without restriction.

"The important thing now," said Weaver, "is for every farmer to report to his county agent's office his prospective machinery needs for 1943."

The likes of great men all remind us that they made mistakes too.

## Farm Machinery Rationing Board Named for County

**Temporary Program To Remain In Effect Until November 1; Classification Listed**

Greenville, Oct. 1.—Announcement of the personnel of the Pitt County Rationing Committee to handle temporary rationing of new farm machinery until November 1, 1942, was made by J. V. Taylor, chairman of the County USDA War Board.

Mr. Taylor, who also is chairman of the County AAA Committee, will serve as chairman of the rationing body, and other members named by the County USDA War Board are: Mark H. Smith, Bell Arthur, and R. L. Little, Grimesland, Route 1. Alternate members are: Jack Quinerly, Ayden, and A. L. Woolard, Stokes.

Responsibility for administering the new farm machinery rationing program was delegated to the Agriculture Department by the OPA, he said. Secretary of Agriculture Wickard named Fred S. Wallace, chief of the AAA and special War Board assistant, to handle the program nationally, and directed State USDA War Boards to be responsible for rationing on state levels. Secretary Wickard also provided for setting up the county rationing committees.

The order setting up the rationing program provided that the chairman of the County AAA Committee should be chairman of the rationing committee, and that two representative farmers should be selected by the County USDA War Board to serve as regular members. Naming of two alternates also was provided in the order.

Chairman Taylor said that no member of the committee may act on his own application to purchase new machinery, an application of a member of his immediate family or other near relative, or that of his landlord, tenant, or other business associate.

No member of the rationing committee may be a person engaged in the business of selling new farm machinery and equipment.

Under the program, Chairman Taylor said, one classification (Group A), including items which are scarce and which are vitally needed in 1942 agricultural production, may be sold only upon approval of the county rationing committee. Equipment in this class includes: combines, corn pickers, disc harrows, feed grinders, fertilizer spreaders, grain drills, grain elevators, hay balers, line spreaders, manure spreaders, milk coolers, milking machines, pickup balers, potato diggers, shredders, and tractors, including garden tractors.

A second classification (Group B), includes items somewhat less scarce which may be sold upon certification by the farmer to the dealer that it is required to meet current agricultural needs. This group includes most other types of farm machinery.

The third classification (Group C) includes smaller items which may be sold without restrictions, such as hoes, rakes, forks, scythes, shovels, and all hand-operated and one and two-horse farm machinery and equipment not included in Group A or Group B.

Eligibility requirements for Group A purchases, he added, includes inadequacy of present equipment and inability to meet farm production goals by repairing or by purchasing or renting used machinery, or by custom or exchange work. A purchaser must turn in replaced equipment and agree to rent or let others use the machinery on specified terms and conditions. The purchaser must present a satisfactory reason if changing from horse or mule power to motor power, or from hand labor to machinery.

He said there are no restrictions on sale or transfer of used farm machinery equipment or repair parts. Additional information concerning eligibility of application for purchase of new farm equipment may be secured from the county rationing committee. Application may be served from any implement dealer or at the County AAA Office.

## Rules Farmers Not Liable For License

Raleigh, Sept. 29.—Attorney General Harry McMillan ruled today that a farmer may haul produce to market for another farmer without being liable for a "For Hire" license of his truck.

The Office of Price Administration asked for the ruling to promote the conservation of time and gasoline. It has requested farmers to work out such arrangements wherever possible.

Could man know a thing and not do it? A young man doesn't get it done.

## A WEEK OF THE WAR

(For Release September 29)

Rubber Administrator Jeffers, acting on two important recommendations of the Bureau Rubber Committee, directed the Office of Defense Transportation to limit driving speeds to 35 miles an hour and told the Office of Price Administration to prepare to ration gasoline throughout the Nation on the same basis that is now rationed in the East.

The limitation on speed will go into effect October 1 for all vehicles except those operated by common carriers. Common carriers—trucks and buses operated on regular schedules over regular routes—will be given until October 15 to adjust their schedules to the new top speed. Enforcement of the new speed limit will be left up to the States for the present, ODT announced.

Nationwide gasoline rationing—designed to reduce mileage so as to save rubber rather than gasoline—will become effective about November 22, Price Administrator Henderson reported. By that time ration books will have been distributed to approximately 20 million motorists in the unrationed areas. The present tire rationing program will be integrated with the new gasoline rationing program and tires on all cars will have to be submitted to OPA for "on-wheel inspection every 60 days to insure proper care."

The OPA said fuel oil consumers in the 30 rationed East and Midwest States will have to get along this winter with one-third less oil than usual because the originally announced cut of one-fourth would not be sufficient.

On the basis of last winter, however—which was about 10 percent warmer than usual—the cut will only be about 26 percent, the Office said. The quota of new adult bicycles for rationing in October was set at 88,000, compared with the September quota of 90,000.

The War Front.

Gen MacArthur's headquarters in Australia reported September 28 that U. S. Army flying fortresses hit and probably sank a 15,000-ton merchantman in an attack on the enemy base at Rabaul. It was the fourth straight day of attack by the fortresses on the biggest enemy base in the Australian zone. In the previous raids the bombers probably sank a 5,000-ton ship, and scored direct hits on three medium-sized ships. Australian forces supported by new artillery were reported driving the Japanese from their outposts in the Owen Stanley Mountains, 2 air miles from the Allied base of Port Moresby. Heavy rains complicated the Japanese supply problem.

The U. S. Marines in the Solomons, sometimes outnumbered 10 to 1 by the enemy, have beaten off all attacks and their positions remain secure, Marine Headquarters in the Islands announced. Reinforcements and supplies have reached the Marines. U. S. Army Bomber Commander Baker in London stated U. S. and British Airmen will work together in day and night raids to give Germany a long winter of bombing. He said "I believe it is possible to destroy the enemy from the air. There is hardly a corner of Germany we cannot reach."

War Production.

Maritime Commission Chairman Land, in a progress report to President Roosevelt, said that from September 27, 1941, through this month deliveries of completed ships will total 488, aggregating about 5,450,000 deadweight tons. September deliveries to date and those scheduled to October 1 total 90 ships of approximately one million deadweight tons, an average of three ships a day. . . . schedules deliveries for the remaining three months of 1942 should bring us to the 8,000,000-ton goal of your directive," Admiral Land told the President. He also said the 1943 directive of 16,000,000 deadweight tons "appears reasonably certain of accomplishment."

War Production Chairman Nelson said "right now approximately 40 percent of our entire production is going for war. By the middle of next year that proportion has got to be around 60 percent." WPB Vice Chairman Knowlson said at present War Production is three and one-half times that of 10 months ago. "We're beginning to recognize the truth of the situation, to know we've been behind the eight-ball," he said.

Transportation. WPB Chairman Nelson directed the Office of Defense Transportation to set up a priorities system governing movements and use of all tank cars, with priorities to be given, first, to shipments of materials for the Army, Navy, Maritime Commission and the Lend-Lease Administration; second, to 390 specifically listed chemicals foods and other essential products; and third, to petroleum and petroleum products into the Eastern shipping area.

The OPA said congestion on rail lines has eased over the week-end and is all going. Weekly passenger (Continued on page four)

## State Blackout Test Was Given Full Cooperation Here

**Farmville Took Part In Successful Practice of Civilian Defense Plans Tuesday Evening**

Cooperating fully in the Statewide practice blackout Tuesday evening, civilians inside their homes turned out the lights and sat in the darkness or retired to light-proof rooms at the 2-3 sound of the air raid siren at 9:15 o'clock, and those on the streets sought shelter in nearest available buildings for the duration of the 45 minutes period, while the Civilian Defense workers manned their various posts of duty. George W. Davis, Mayor and Coordinator of local Civilian Defense, announced a gratifying response to the practice of emergency activities.

Only those responsible for originating the alarm were informed in advance of the exact time set by the State Office of Civilian Defense and the First Fighter Command, so the test was in some measure a surprise. All automobile traffic ceased at once in order that official cars might be used for observation in determining the cooperation of citizens.

The date marked the 25th anniversary of the breaking of the Hindenburg Line in the first World War by North Carolina troops of the 30th Division, and was chosen by the United States Army for the severest test of the State's Civilian Defense organization to which it has been subjected as yet.

## Need Permits To Set Brush Fires

N. S. Tyson, Pitt County Forest warden, today called attention to the state law prohibiting the setting of fires in proximity of woodland areas. Farmers and others in rural sections are required by law to notify their neighbors when they intend to build brush fires. Millions of dollars worth of valuable timber has been burned as a result of carelessness by rural dwellers and farmers setting fires to grass and brush without getting permits from the forest wardens and notifying their neighbors.

In dry weather, with high winds, it is easy for a simple brush or grass fire to get beyond control. Burning brush is a community affair in which neighbors and adjoining landowners have a special interest. To keep out of the hands of the law it will be well for farmers and others to get permits from the forest warden. The penalty for failure to secure a permit is either \$50 fine or 30 days in jail, or both.

For the convenience of people in Farmville Township, a Burning Permit may be obtained from Turner Walston at Turnage's Store in Farmville.

## Farmers Urged To Sell Leaf Close To Home

Raleigh, Sept. 29.—A plea to farmers to avoid hauling small lots of tobacco for long distances was made today by Dean L. O. Schaub, director of State College Extension Service. He also asked tobacco warehousemen to discontinue long haul promotions and to concentrate on local business.

Dean Schaub issued the appeal in response to a request from James S. Burch, executive secretary of the North Carolina war transportation committee, who said: "Some farmers are hauling small loads of tobacco for long distances. The warehouses are promoting this long haul so long as it is toward them."

"Please ask county farm agents and neighborhood leaders to encourage farmers and warehousemen to eliminate long hauls, and to concentrate on the local markets. If not, they will face an unsolvable problem next fall, if not sooner, when the tires are gone."

The State College agricultural leader also urged that truck drivers reduce their maximum speed to 37 miles per hour, or lower.

## ADVERTISING IS DEDUCTIBLE

Washington, Sept. 29.—Guy T. Helvering, commissioner of Internal Revenue, said in a formal statement today that advertising expenditures of businesses would continue to be deductible from income tax returns as long as they are "ordinary and necessary and bear a reasonable relation to the business activities in which the enterprises are engaged."

### MEAT

Packers are handling, and will handle, more meat this year than ever before, reports Secretary of Agriculture Charles Wickard.

## STALINGRAD AND CAUCASUS FIGHTING SHOWS NO LETUP

## Hitler Promises Victory To Nazis

**Recounts Conquests and Describes Enemies As 'Military Idiots'**

Berlin, Sept. 30.—Adolf Hitler told his people today that "we believe that we shall continue to defeat our enemies until final victory is ours."

He assured the German nation that Stalingrad was bound to fall.

Hitler's address, his customary winter relief campaign speech to the Nazi party, was made in the packed Sportpalast and broke a five-month silence.

(On the same occasion last Oct. 4, Hitler told the Nazis that "now it can be declared that the enemy already is broken and will never rise again.")

Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was in the galaxy of top Nazi leaders in the huge sports arena to hear Hitler.

Surprised by his return from North Africa, the crowd earlier had greeted him with tumultuous cheers and Hitler emphasized Rommel's presence by stopping on the way to the speaker's stand to shake the desert general's hand.

Gastop Chief Heinrich Himmler, Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the high command, and Propaganda Minister Goebbels, who prefaced Hitler's own winter relief appeal with a plea for generosity, faced the crowd alongside their leader.

Long cheers hailed Hitler's arrival at 8:46 p. m. (12:46 p. m. EWT), just eleven minutes before he started speaking.

The cheers turned to laughter when Goebbels, who had denied any rifts within Nazi ranks or deaths of Nazi leaders, turned to Hitler and remarked on his joy at seeing the fuhrer "so hale and hearty."

(The Berlin radio commented that this was "an obvious reference to rumors abroad"—presumably rumors that Hitler was ill.)

Hitler declared that if the British try again to invade Europe, no matter where, "they can deem themselves lucky if they stay for nine hours on the continent, as at Dieppe, for we have made thorough preparations to welcome them."

Love can fill a cottage but it takes a lot of it to fill a palace.

## Fire Prevention Week, October 4

**Local Defense Group Will Participate In Activities Planned Here To Prevent Fires**

In accordance with President Roosevelt's Fire Prevention Week proclamation, the local Office of Civilian Defense will participate in the activities planned here for this week, which begins October 4, according to an announcement by Geo. W. Davis, Chairman of the local Defense Council.

"The U. S. Office of Civilian Defense is actively cooperating with Federal and State Forest Services, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the National Fire Protection Association, the National Board of Fire Underwriters, and other national organizations in making Fire Prevention Week an occasion that will help reduce the nation's enormous annual fire wastes," said Mayor Davis. "Locally, we shall cooperate with our Chamber of Commerce and other organizations to the same end."

Members of the OGD, though especially concerned with fire of enemy origin recognize that fire from any cause hurts our production capacity and helps the Axis. They are, therefore, giving their whole-hearted support to the Forest Fire-Fighters Service, now being organized in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture and Interior, and to other fire prevention activities in this community."

Fire Prevention Week, Mayor Davis pointed out, is a long established event that has a new meaning this year. Every resource must be devoted to the winning of the war, and fires that destroy lives and materials needed for ships, tanks, and planes must be prevented in order to insure victory. All public and private organizations, according to the local Civilian Defense head, should follow the counsel of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and join in an intensive effort to eliminate fire hazards and protect fire production.

Packers are handling, and will handle, more meat this year than ever before, reports Secretary of Agriculture Charles Wickard.

## Germans Make Gain In One Stalingrad Sector, But Russian Flank At- tack Gathers Momen- tum; Russians Smash Entire Rumanian Di- vision In Caucasus

Moscow, Oct. 1.—German tank forces gained ground in Stalingrad's northwestern outskirts yesterday while in the Caucasus the Red Army smashed an entire Rumanian mountain division, which suffered 8,000 casualties, the Soviet command announced today.

The Nazi gain was made only in a single sector, the midnight communiqué said, and came after the "Germans threw in another tank division" in the consuming struggle now entering its 38th day.

"At the cost of heavy losses, the enemy on one sector pressed back our units," the bulletin said. "In these battles 15 enemy tanks, 14 motor vehicles, and two mortar batteries were destroyed, and about two battalions (1,000 men) of enemy infantry were annihilated."

Meanwhile, the Russian offensive against the Nazi flank above Stalingrad was gaining ground. The communiqué said Russian troops captured another hilltop after savage all-day fighting in one sector, and repulsed Nazi counterattacks in another on the same front.

The Axis setback in the Caucasus was southeast of Novorossiisk, where the Russians said the Third Rumanian mountain division, in addition to 8,000 dead and wounded, lost 25 guns, seven tanks, 75 machine-guns, 50 motor vehicles and two ammunition dumps.

"One platoon of Rumanian soldiers came over to the side of the Red army," the communiqué said.

In the Caucasus the Russians said their troops, in a two-day defensive fight, destroyed 26 Nazi tanks and 18 planes, and "annihilated about 1,500 enemy officers and men." All the Axis attempts to advance were repulsed, the communiqué added.

Soviet warships operating in the Baltic were said to have sunk a 10,000-ton enemy transport.

In the vicious fight for Stalingrad, the Germans were reported using fleets of armored cars packed with Tommy-guns and convoyed by tanks.

Northwest of the city the Soviet relief offensive lost little, if any momentum, although the battles on the parched steppe between the Don and Volga rivers were achieving peak fury, particularly in the air.

The German air force made 1,500 flights in a single day, dropping thousands of bombs on the attacking Russian formations.

Yet, the Russians were reported to have captured more villages and hills.

(The German high command claimed "new sectors of the town's northern district were stormed," and said the Russians had lost 34 tanks in "unsuccessful" relief attacks at Stalingrad.)

(Reuters heard a Berlin radio report that strong Russian forces were attacking incessantly on the Lake Ilmen front south of Leningrad, and that one German battalion had to face 50 Soviet assaults in a single day.)

Turkish Report. (Turkish sources reported that two divisions of the German African Corps now were fighting at Stalingrad, along with 14 divisions brought from France.)

(Both Soviet and British quarters in London on the last day of September were confident that Hitler had fallen short of his two most cherished aims—conquest of the Russian Tiflis-Baku oil region and a new onslaught on Moscow.)

Russian dispatches from the Caucasus mountain valley to Terek and the high passes on the Black Sea said the battles were becoming more severe and the snow lines on the mountains coming ever closer to the fighting.

## Orthopedic Clinic

Greenville.—An orthopedic clinic for cripples will be held at the Pitt County Health office Friday, Oct. 2, from 12:30 to 4 p. m. The clinic takes all types of cripples, white and colored, free of charge, when they are unable to afford private treatment. Dr. Hugh A. Thompson of Raleigh, orthopedic specialist, will be in charge.

The clinic has been held here for more than three years. It serves many cripples, adults and juveniles. It is desired, but not required, that patients be referred by a physician or welfare officer. The clinic serves Beaufort, Currituck, Pamlico, and Tyrrell counties.