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DISTRICT BUILDING & LOAN MEN HOLD MEET IN FARMVILLE

G. A. Rouse Presided Over Two Sessions; John N. Hackney, of Wilson, Elected New President

Representatives from a majority of the 28 Building and Loan Associations of the Second District, North Carolina Building and Loan League, assembled here Tuesday for their annual meet, which was presided over by G. A. Rouse, president of the district and secretary-treasurer of the Farmville organization.

Comprising the district are the following towns: Ahsokie, Bethel, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Enfield, Farmville, Greenville, Hertford, Kinston, New Bern, Plymouth, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount, Scotland Neck, Tarboro, Washington, Weldon, Williamston, and Wilson.

A business session was held at 3 o'clock at the Country Club, when cash position, dividend rates, savings and lending policies and other pressing problems, wrought by the constant changes occurring in the economic life of a nation at war, were discussed by leaders foremost of the time. D. R. Fonville, Burlington, president of the state organization, led a round table discussion of these subjects.

The evening meeting began with a turkey dinner, served at 7:30 o'clock in the D. A. R. Chapter House, for which places for 65 members and guests had been reserved. The address of welcome was made by John B. Lewis, attorney of the local B. & L. Association, and the response by Wheeler Martin, of Williamston, past-president of the district and secretary of the Martin County Association. Manly Lillies gave the invocation.

In his address president Rouse stated that an excellent increase in assets had been observed in the district reports and urged that the individual associations give a more sympathetic understanding to the problems of the stockholder, to be resourceful in helping him work out these problems and to demonstrate a genuine spirit of guardianship in guarding the homes and keeping faith with the shareholders, who are giving their services in defense of their homeland.

President Fonville again addressed the meeting at this time and presented 25 and 35 year certificates of awards. Other speakers were Harry F. Bauer, Raleigh, executive secretary of the League, J. F. Stevens, Greensboro, chairman of the League's War Bond committee, T. E. Bobbitt, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, and C. J. Burns, special representative from the United States Savings and Loan League, Chicago, Ill.

The report on War Bonds, revealed that the associations in North Carolina had already purchased \$1,400,000 of their quota of \$1,915,000 for all building and loans in the State. The committee also stated that in their opinion the associations would go nearly a million dollars over their quota.

A musical program was presented by Miss Nellie Butler, soprano, Elizabeth C. Holmes, baritone, and Mrs. Eva H. Shackelford, pianist.

The North Carolina Building and Loan League has authorized the award of a \$25 War Bond to the district president who has the largest attendance at the evening session of the district meetings to be held in the State.

Scrap Pile Mounts Daily With 45 Tons Shipped Out

Rural District To Be Combed Over Next Week

Despite the inclement weather prevailing this week the scrap campaign continued to be waged with vigor and the scrap pile left, when a car containing 45½ tons was shipped from the junk yard, was mounted today. John B. Lewis, campaign chairman, stated today that he was pleased at the showing made by the rural districts, the results of their effort in scrap collection totaling 174 tons.

The weather does not hold up the progress and contributions here and there it is expected to be rolling in from the rural districts as the campaign are planning an all-out drive.

Russians at Stalingrad Repulse Minor Attacks

Heaviest Fighting Occurs In Mozdok Area Guarding Gate To Oil Fields

Moscow, Oct. 15.—German tank and infantry attacks were repulsed in the Stalingrad area yesterday, the Red army reported today in a communique indicating the lightest action on the Russian front since Marshal Semyon Timoshenko launched his Kharkov offensive last May.

As the initiative on the Volga and Caucasus fronts teetered in uncertainty, the Soviet high command acknowledged German attacks in the key sectors of Stalingrad northwest of the city, and in the Mozdok area. But they were described as minor compared to the bloody battles which have rocked South Russia for five months.

Earlier dispatches told of relatively small-scale Red army successes inside Stalingrad, where the Russians swarmed back through several streets; and also to the northwest where the German flank swayed back further; to the south, where a strategic Nazi base was captured, and above the Grozny oil fields on the East Caucasus.

Minor Changes. But the meager changes reported in the late communique indicated that the Soviet troops had fallen back to the defense of their newly-won gains.

The heaviest battle of the day was reported in the Mozdok area, where below the Terek river the Russians were guarding the approaches to the Grozny oil fields. There a German regiment of some 3,000 troops with tank support assaulted Soviet positions.

Isolated German tanks wedged into the Red army defenses, the high command said, and "fighting took place for the annihilation of this tank group." Elsewhere on that front attacks by small German detachments were beaten back.

"In the area of Stalingrad our troops are repulsing attacks by enemy infantry and tanks," the bulletin said.

Artillerymen of one Soviet unit demolished three German pillboxes, destroyed five guns and seven machine gun nests, 12 trucks laden with ammunition and wiped out up to two companies of infantry, about 400 men.

American Fliers Win Desert Tilt

Dozen American Planes Tangle With 20 Axis Craft; RAF Raids Kiel

Cairo, Oct. 14.—Fighter pilots of the United States Army Air Forces were disclosed today to have fought and won their first major battle over the Egyptian desert as the surge of heavy aerial warfare spread from Malta in the mid-Mediterranean to the mainland battle areas of Africa.

Twelve United States fighters, escorting fighter-bombers of the South African Air Force, tangled for 20 furious minutes Tuesday with 20 Axis fighters, both Messerschmitts and Macchi-202s, which were guarding a formation of a dozen Stukas.

Two Messerschmitt-109s were shot down and others damaged by the Americans while the South Africans, after dropping bombs on enemy targets in the El Alamein battle zone, tore into the Stukas. They shot down two of these Junkers-87s, damaged six others and forced the remainder to scatter over the island Wednesday.

Tallies through Tuesday showed only seven of the island's Spitfires had been lost in the intensified warfare. There were four minor raids up to mid-afternoon Tuesday, and the attackers left the wreckage of 11 bombers and fighters behind. In the previous night, a British night fighter destroyed one German bomber.

Four Axis aircraft had been downed Sunday and Monday, a number to include their bombs. The enemy fleet.

Home Air Raid Precautions

(Clip and put on bath room wall)

Ten precautions which should be followed in the home to protect family health in the event of failure of the public water supply system, because of air raids or other emergencies, are recommended by the State Office of Civilian Defense.

So that every member may become familiar with the rules and can refer to them should the occasion arise, D. W. Evans, Regional OCD Sanitary Engineer, suggests that they be clipped and posted at some convenient location in the home. The statement follows:

An air raid may cause damage to waterworks distribution mains, the intricate network of piping which carries safe drinking water into your home. In this emergency when the water fails to flow from the tap, what you do may affect the health, comfort, and property of each citizen; therefore, heed these ten precautions:

1. Keep available at least one quart bottle filled with drinking water for each person in the house.

Reason: Water service may be interrupted and may not be immediately restored.

2. Always turn water faucets off everywhere in the house when water service has failed.

Reason: When water comes on, you may have forgotten about that open faucet upstairs. Water will be wasted, damage may result from flooding, and water pressure may be lowered over the city.

3. Do not fill bath tubs with water following air raid alarms or during air raids.

Reason: Such action if taken simultaneously in many homes will seriously reduce water pressure in the mains and limit the volume of water. This would result in a dangerous lack of water for fire fighting purposes.

4. Leave valves alone.

Reason: Trained men will shut off all necessary valves.

5. Remember that the water department knows the service is off in your area. Your telephone report is not necessary.

Reason: The air raid warden will promptly report troubles in his area. Telephones are needed for important official calls.

6. Discontinue immediately use of flush toilet when water service goes off. Follow the directions of the Health Department.

Reason: The small volume of water stored in the home is insufficient to continue flushing.

7. Protect your health by boiling the drinking and cooking water if the Health Department so advises.

Reason: Disruption of water main by bombing may draw sewage from sewers or house plumbing into the water main. It is advisable to boil all drinking and cooking water for five minutes during the first 24 hours after water service is restored.

8. Accept chlorine tastes in your drinking water without complaining. It is a sign of safety.

Reason: Because of a water main break, or for some other good reason, the health and water departments may increase chlorine disinfection rates temporarily for your safety.

9. Do not drink water obtained from other sources than your tap or drinking water carts operated by the authorities.

Reason: It is dangerous to use water of unknown quality from wells and springs, when the public water supply fails.

10. Do not believe or repeat rumors concerning water. The health authorities know the water supply facts and will advise you.

Reason: The origin of such rumors may be subversive. You can rely on your own health and water departments.

REGISTRAR ANNOUNCES OPENING OF BOOKS

Registrar Melvin W. Rollins announces that registration books of Farmville precinct will remain open each Saturday through October 24 at Rollins' Cleaners and Dyers place on Wilson street from 9:00 A. M. until sunset. Saturday, October 30, is Challenge Day and the books will be open some place that day from 9:00 A. M. until 9:00 P. M.

HIGHER

Farmers received higher prices in mid-September than a month earlier for grains, cotton, tobacco, fruits, dairy and poultry products, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

A WEEK OF THE WAR

(For Release October 13)

U. S. Army headquarters in Britain reported that 115 American bombers, in their first large-scale daylight sweep over occupied France, shot down 48 Nazi planes, probably destroyed 88 more and seriously damaged at least 19. Never before has so many German planes been shot down in a single operation over Western Europe as were brought down by the massed fire of the American flying fortresses and consolidated B-24's. Only four American ships were lost and the crew of one was saved. The bombers made a destructive attack on the Lille industrial area.

Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Australia announced October 12 that Lockheed medium bombers scored two direct hits on a large Japanese seaplane tender in the Solomon area between the Bismarck and Solomon Islands. The Navy reported October 10 a Japanese destroyer was sunk and a heavy cruiser and destroyer were damaged by American airmen during continued enemy attacks to land reinforcements on Guadalcanal. The enemy under cover of darkness made several small landings in the Solomons, but U. S. forces shot down 21 Japanese planes, torpedoed a cruiser, and bombed and strafed enemy troops and equipment on Guadalcanal. Gen. MacArthur's headquarters also announced that the highest force of flying fortresses ever sent against a target in the Australian Zone made an unusually destructive raid on the largest Japanese base in this area, Rabaul. Australian troops continued to drive the enemy back into the Owen Stanley Mountains and removed the threat to the allied base of Port Moresby.

From new bases in the Andean group of the Aleutians, Army Bombers, escorted by Abraham and lightning fighters, kept Japanese-held Kiska—less than an hour's flying time away—under "continual fire" during the week. The Navy reported aerial reconnaissance showed the Japanese apparently had given up their hold on both Attu and Agattu in the Western Aleutians and concentrated on Kiska.

War Taxes. The Senate passed and sent to conference with the House the 1942 War Revenue Bill which the Treasury estimated will yield \$9 billion in new revenue annually. Of this total, approximately \$1,700 million would be refunded because the bill provides an extra 5 percent "Victory Tax" on all individual incomes above \$12 a week—part of which would be refunded as a credit on other taxes a year later or as a post-war refund.

The new bill will make 42 to 44 million persons subject to federal taxes, compared with 28 million at present, and will bring total federal revenue up to \$26 billion a year.

Rationing. Price Administrator Henderson announced a five-step government plan to keep every passenger car "rolling for essential mileage" throughout the War: (1) rationing of used tires and repairs, and new tires now in stock, to provide as far as possible the minimum essential mileage to each of the Nation's passenger cars. (2) Actual control of each car's mileage through the rationing of gasoline to prevent unnecessary driving and to hold the National average down to 5,000 miles per car per year. (3) compulsory periodic inspection of all tires to guard against abuse and to prevent wear beyond the point where they can be recapped. (4) Denial of gasoline and of the replacement to cars whose drivers persistently violate the national 55-mile-an-hour speed limit. (5) capacity use, through car sharing, of every car on every trip so far as possible.

Fuel oil consumers in the 30 States affected by oil rationing will be able to obtain their ration application forms from their dealers soon after October 13 and should fill them out as soon as possible and mail or deliver them to local war price and rationing boards, OPA said. Fuel oil ration coupons for private dwellings will be worth 10 gallons each for the first heating period—October and November—the OPA announced. Coupon sheets for the entire five periods of the heating season will be issued shortly, OPA said, but only those for the first period will be assigned a definite gallop value in order to "ensure flexibility" in fuel oil allotments.

Minimum Prices and Rents. The OPA reported October 11 that it is extending the Government rent-control program to embrace practically the entire urban population of the country, and orders reducing and stabilizing rents on November 1 for all living quarters of 37 more de facto rental areas are being issued immediately. The orders bring the Federal control of the residential rental market over many large cities in the Country. Rents are being cut back in

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Citizens Service Corps to Recognize War Work

Recognition for thousands of men, women, and youths who have been giving freely of their time and effort to war service since the United States entered the war will be given by the Citizens Service Corps, now being organized throughout North Carolina, Ben E. Douglas, State Director of Civilian Defense, stated.

"A great many people are unable to serve in the protective division of Civilian Defense, the United States Citizens Defense Corps, which is already organized on a state-wide basis, but otherwise are making valuable contributions to the war effort," Douglas said, "and the red, white and blue CVD pin, lapel or sleeve emblem will signify this fact."

To qualify for Citizens Service Corps membership, a minimum of 50 hours of community war service is required. This may be for work in selling war bonds, in salvage and victory garden campaigns, in nursing and nutritional work, as volunteer assistants in rationing programs, and many other phases of Home Front war work, the State OCD Director explained.

All members of the Citizens Service Corps will be registered at a central Community Volunteer Office, thus providing a single reservoir of volunteers for all forms of war work. Although Citizens Service Corps membership will not affect membership in any other organization, such as Red Cross, Junior League, Girl Scouts, or 4-H Club, it will eliminate duplication of effort and afford cooperative effort on projects too large to be handled by single organizations.

"The purpose of the Citizens Service Corps is to coordinate activity of existing agencies and to grant recognition for community war service rather than to create new agencies," Douglas said.

Directors of the Citizens Service Corps, an office of rank comparable to that of Commander of the Citizens Defense Corps, are now being named throughout the State to head the community division of Civilian Defense. Both divisions are parts of the County Defense Councils headed by the County Chairmen of Civilian Defense.

Representatives of the Fourth Region OCD in Atlanta and State Office representatives will attend the district meetings which will be held as follows:

Monday, Oct. 19—Bryson City, Charlotte, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville.

Tuesday, Oct. 20—Asheville, Rockingham, Williamston, Whiteville.

Wednesday, October 21—Shelby, Greensboro, Rocky Mount, Wilmington.

Thursday, Oct. 22—Hickory, Winston-Salem, Raleigh, New Bern.

Friday, Oct. 23—North Wilkesboro, Salisbury, Durham, Goldsboro.

MRS. LENA E. MONK PASSES IN DURHAM

Durham, Oct. 13.—Mrs. Lena Rogers Monk, 66, wife of W. J. Monk, resident of 604 Buchanan Road, succumbed at her home Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. She had been in declining health for several months and critically ill for the past week following a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Monk was born and reared in Cumberland County, the daughter of Jeremiah and Barbara West Rogers and moved to Durham when a young girl. She received her education in the Fayetteville schools. For a long number of years she had been a member of the Trinity Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband, William J. Monk, one son, Plato Monk of Wilson, one daughter, Mrs. Lena Mae Head of Raleigh, and two grandchildren, Merritt Hensley Head, Jr., and Grace Monk of Wilson.

Funeral services were held from her home Tuesday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock with the Rev. James D. Huggins, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, and Rev. Owen F. Herring, pastor of the Watts Street Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the old section of Maplewood cemetery.

Burial services were held for the deceased, Ralph Rogers, Charlie Rogers, A. Coy Monk, Jr., J. Y. Monk, Jr., Arthur Hendon and William E. Horner of Sanford.

Floral tributes were those of the deceased, Mrs. Wallace Whitehead, W. C. Bass, H. L. Watson of Wilson, M. V. Jones and R. B. Flier both of Farmville, Mrs. Jack Keller, Mrs. Pat Oida, Mrs. Ester Harmon, Miss Maizack Rogers and Mrs. Stella Gates of Kinston.

Assisting the funeral from Farmville were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Monk, Jr., Mrs. Annie Higgins, Mrs. M. V. Jones, Mrs. J. Y. Monk, Mrs. R. F. Bass, and J. B. Flier, Jr.

JAPANESE INTENSIFY EFFORT TO RECAPTURE GUADALCANAL

Rainy Week Affects Volume But Prices Continue to Rise

The volume of offerings on the local tobacco market was held down this week by the continuous rainfall, which began Saturday night and lasted throughout the entire week.

However, prices were unaffected by the adverse weather conditions and continued to rise according to Supervisor of Sales R. A. Fields, who said today that many grades had reached the highest levels of the current season.

Monday's sale, the heaviest of the week, was recorded as 400,660 pounds which sold for an average of \$44.27. The \$43.81 average for the week's sale boosted the season's average to date to \$38.17 for 17,770,428 pounds.

With several hours recess from rain Thursday, during which Old Sol showed his face for a short period, farmers were able to bring their leaf to market and a good sale is in progress today with prices reported as firm and bidding brisk.

With fair weather expected next week sales will probably be heavy every day and warehousemen are preparing for a busy week.

WAR IN BRIEF

Major Japanese effort to recapture Guadalcanal island in the Solomons appears under way. Navy says Japanese warships have bombarded vital American airfield on island and also are making large-scale troop landings. Big Japanese fleet also reported heading southward toward the Solomons.

Wendell Willkie, reporting to President Roosevelt on his good will trip around the world, expresses personal belief that Germany never will conquer Russia, and reiterates his second front views.

Russians repel minor German tank and infantry attacks at Stalingrad. Fighting rages fiercely in Mozdok area guarding gate to Caucasus oil fields.

American fliers in Egypt fight first battle with Axis planes, down American planes tangling with 20 Axis craft. Defenders of Malta down more Axis planes as Royal Air Force delivers devastating attack upon German submarine base at Kiel.

Reports from Europe indicate growing rift between Italy and Germany, with head of German Gestapo conferring with Mussolini at Rome.

Army and Navy chiefs appeal to Congress for immediate lowering of draft age to 18 years.

Big Tax Bill Nearly Ready

Measure Expected To Be Adopted Early Next Week

Washington, Oct. 14.—The biggest tax bill in American history may be ready by the middle of next week for rich and poor alike, after more than six months of congressional adding and subtracting, snarling and pleading.

As the 14 members of a joint committee gathered for their first meeting, Senator George (D-Ga.) said he saw no reason why all legislative differences could not be composed by Saturday, with final roll calls completed early next week.

Chairman Douglas (D-N.C.) of the House Ways and Means Committee, said however, there were numerous points yet to be agreed upon, and declared the group would do well to finish early next week.

More than \$1,000,000 a day in increased excise levies will begin flowing into the Treasury immediately after the President signs the measure, although the fruits of steeply increased individual income and corporation taxes will not be garnered until next year.

Motorists To Pay For Inspections

Washington, Oct. 14.—Motorists must pay the cost of periodic tire inspections in connection with nationwide gasoline rationing beginning November 23, the Office of Price Administration announced today.

While details of the specific regulations were not yet available, OPA said the motorists will pay for the inspection of their tires.

American Position Takes Turn For Worse As Japanese Warships Bombard Airfield and Land More Troops On Island; Major Showdown Battle Seems Imminent

Washington, Oct. 14.—A sudden turn for the worse in the Solomon Islands was revealed tonight by the Navy Department, which said Japanese warships bombarded the American-held airfield and shore installations on Guadalcanal and landed more on Guadalcanal on that key island.

Enemy troops were landed this morning on the north coast of Guadalcanal to the westward of positions held by United States Marines, a communique said. They came from transports covered by naval units, suggesting the Japanese were succeeding in forcing a large-scale invasion.

Obviously or not, there was no mention of resistance by American air or sea forces, nor was there any mention of the damage to the vital airfield there.

This startling turn in the battle of the Solomons came 24 hours after the Navy revealed that an American task force had smashed a similar invasion attempt Sunday night during a fierce 80-minute battle that cost the enemy one heavy cruiser, four destroyers and one transport sunk.

Bombardment of the airfield and shore installations at Guadalcanal was carried out last night. The landings were effected early this morning.

Major Effort. The pattern of the Japanese action suggested that the objective first was to knock out or cripple American aerial facilities and then move in transports for large-scale landings. The fact that landings were made were of major proportions.

The Guadalcanal airfield is the heart of the American defense system in the Solomons. Without it, the American position there would be virtually untenable.

There seemed little doubt that a showdown battle now in at hand. The electrifying development came even as top-ranking American sea and air chiefs voiced confidence that the Marines would hold the Solomons and expand.

Earlier the Navy had announced that American submarines, in continuing thrusts against Japan's sea-lining supply lines, had sunk five more Japanese ships, including another heavy cruiser.

Sunk in addition to the cruiser were two cargo ships, a tanker and a trawler. The far-ranging undersea raiders also probably sank another cargo ship and damaged two tankers for a total score of eight ships sunk, probably sunk or damaged.

These successes—accomplished somewhere in Far Eastern waters, were independent of operations in the Solomon Islands, where American sea and air forces fought their smashing victory against a Japanese armada last weekend and where Marines launched a new land offensive on Guadalcanal island.

Undersea Drive. The undersea campaign is part of the general American strategy to decimate the enemy's seapower and reduce his offensive and defensive striking power by severing his tenuous supply lines.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the United States Pacific fleet, explained the campaign this way: "Every ship torpedoed by our submarines increases their (the enemy's) problem. Our submarines are in there swinging day and night. Some are luckier than others. But they all got something. The Japs are losing a lot of ships."

The statement—made at Pearl Harbor Tuesday—is well supported by figures which show that since December 7 the battle of the Pacific has cost the Japanese 200 ships sunk, 51 probably sunk and 120 damaged, a total of 400. All this has been accomplished by American forces alone.

APPROX

Winter apples will be designated as a Victory Food Special in retail stores throughout the country from October 23 through October 31, announced the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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