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FARM MACINERY RATIONING BOARD NAMED FOR COUNTY

Temporary Program to Remain in Effect Until Nov. 1; Classification Listed

Announcement of the personnel of the Hoke County Rationing Committee to handle temporary rationing of new farm machinery until Nov. 1, 1942, was made today by J. M. McGougan, chairman of the County USDA War Board.

Mr. McGougan, 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: G. W. Williamson, Raeford; and J. D. Tapp, Timberland. Alternate members are: G. C. Lytle, Raeford; and N. L. McFayden, Raeford.

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 J. M. McGougan 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 McGougan said, one classification (Group A), including items which are scarce and which are vitally needed for 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, lime 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.

A third classification (Group C) includes smaller items which may be sold without restrictions, such as hoes, axes, scythes, shovels and all hand-operated and one-and two-horse farm machinery and equipment not included in Group A. Machinery and equipment listed under Group B automatically falls in Group C if hand operated or drawn by one or two horses, and may be sold without restrictions.

Eligibility requirements for Group A purchases, he added, included 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 new machinery on specified terms and conditions. The purchaser must present a satisfactory reason if changing from horses 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.

All dealers in farm machinery and repair parts will be asked to meet with the rationing committee shortly so that the details of rationing can be explained to them. Dealers are asked to register with the board so that they will not be overlooked when getting out information and necessary forms for use by them and farmers.

Sister of D. Smith McKeithan Dies

Sanford, Sept. 23.—Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Margaret McKeithan, 84, wife of the M. B. McKeithan of Red Springs, were held at two o'clock Monday from the Vass Presbyterian Church. Burial was in the Cypress Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. McKeithan died at the home of her niece, Mrs. N. N. McLean in Vass Sunday afternoon following a long illness.

Mrs. McKeithan was formerly Miss Sarah Margaret McKeithan, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McKeithan of Moore County and a member of a well-known family in that section. Mr. McKeithan died several years ago. She was long an active member of the Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are two step-daughters, Mrs. Sadie Watson of Red Springs, and Mrs. Flora Kirkpatrick of Chapel Hill; a sister, Mrs. J. A. Keith of Vass; a brother, D. Smith McKeithan of Raeford; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith McKeithan of Raeford and Bud McKeithan of Red Springs attended the funeral.

School Faculties Are Announced For Hoke County

Personnel of the faculties of the white schools of Hoke County were announced yesterday by K. A. McDonald, county superintendent.

The opening date for the six white schools will be next Monday, Sept. 28th. The two Indian schools will open on Oct. 19 and all of the colored schools will open on October 26th.

White bus drivers are to hold their pre-school meeting today at the Hoke County high school and the pre-school teachers meeting will be held tomorrow at the high school building.

Hoke High Teachers
The teaching staff of the Hoke High School is as follows: V. R. White, principal for district; George W. Luster, band director; Misses Lucy Glenn Gill, English and history; Annie Lou Kendrick, physical education and science; Blanche Fisher, math and general business; Margaret Adcock, English and art; Jessie Helen Belche, history; Mary Falls, Peele, home economics; Mrs. J. C. McLean, English, French and Latin; Annie Lee Cress, commerce; J. W. Dowd, agriculture; Mrs. Lorena Falls Upchurch, math; and Miss Marianna Kimbrough, Bible; Mrs. M. D. Roth, science, and Mrs. A. D. Gore, teacher-librarian.

Raeford Graded School
W. J. Coats, 6th grade and principal; Misses Margaret McKenzie, 7th grade; Annie Buie, 5th; Mary Alice Parnell, 4th; Louise Fletcher, 3rd; Marjory McKay, 3rd; Aris Shankle, 2nd; Lillian Johnson, 2nd; and Mrs. Hicks, 6th and 7th.

Rockfish School
Z. G. Ray, principal; Mrs. Z. G. Ray, primary; Miss Welta Townsend and Mrs. Mary Monroe Gillis, grammar grades.

Mildousan
W. S. Morgan, principal; Mrs. W. S. Morgan, primary, and Mrs. Nora F. McDavid, grammar grades.

Ashmont School
R. A. Smoak, principal; Mrs. Smoak, primary; Miss Margie Townsend and Mrs. Emmaline McLaughlin, grammar grades.

Antioch School
D. W. B. Coon, principal, Miss Archie McPhaul, primary, and Mary McPhaul, grammar grades.

In-Gathering at Raeford Baptist

The Raeford Baptist Church in-gathering will be held Wednesday, Oct. 14. A delicious barbecue dinner will be served on the church grounds from 12 noon to 1:30 p. m. In addition to the dinner, there will be for sale many useful articles for the home that the ladies of the church will provide. Farm produce of various kinds will be for sale. This is expected to be the largest and most successful "Fall Harvest" yet held at the church. The public is invited to participate in this occasion.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT
THE WORLD'S RICHEST MAN FOUND IT DIDN'T PAY
By Robert Ripley

Ashurbanipal of Assyria, the richest man who ever lived, was worth a trillion and a half dollars—75 times as much gold as is held in the United States Treasury. Yet it availed him nothing! Neither he nor his son had the sense to use this wealth for the good of their people or for their protection.

And so it was comparatively easy for Nabopolassar and the King of the Medes to invade Assyria and enslave it. And finally, when defeat stared the great King in the face—when it was too late—Ashurbanipal, in terror, had a tremendous platform built of polished wood, in the city of Nineveh, and on top of this he heaped all his wealth—142,000 tons of gold in 2,500,000 bricks (or ingots), each brick 7 by 28 inches in size, and each brick valued at 50,000 dollars. This treasure formed a pyramid of shining gold nearly one-hundred feet high, and in the intervening spaces he placed all of his jewels and personal belongings—his wives on golden beds—his children—even his pet dog.

And then a great quantity of oil was bought from Mosul and poured on top of this golden mass, and when the torch was applied, the King himself walked in and laid himself down among his wives—his family—his pet dog—and everything he valued in life. And so the great Ashurbanipal, the richest man in the world, was consumed in his own wealth—he immolated himself and became part of this great conglomerated melted mass of money—and so ended the Empire of the Assyrians. And it never rose again.

I was in Nineveh a few years ago. Only a few mounds marked the spot that was the glory of Ashurbanipal.

Why?
Because Ashurbanipal, who had practically all the money in the world, didn't do anything with it! And he and his country were lost.

Even his conquerors—the Medes and the Persians—made this same mistake—they came, they saw, they conquered, and confiscated this great golden molten mass of money that was once the king's and the wealth of the great Empire of Assyria—what did they do with it?

Nothing!
They melted it into money again—and remelted it—and in generations since it has been remelted a thousand times—until, Believe It or Not, it is mathematical fact that every golden coin used in the world today contains in it some minute particle of Ashurbanipal himself, the King who had all the money in the world but didn't know what to do with it!

What are we going to do with OUR money today? Enemies threaten us the same as they threatened Ashurbanipal in 626 B. C. The United States of today, like the Assyria of Ashurbanipal, is the richest nation in the World. What will it avail us?

Nothing!
Surely nothing more than it did Ashurbanipal unless we do something with it. And there is only one thing to do—and that is to BUY BONDS and WAR STAMPS and make our money directly available to our country—help our country—otherwise it will become a melted molten mass and we the people will be destroyed as Ashurbanipal was destroyed 2600 years ago.
BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

Welk Thomas Is Held on Charges Of Robbery

Probable cause was found against Welk Thomas, charged with the robbery of \$120 from Cecil Lacene, and Judge W. B. McQueen ordered the negro held for trial at the November term of Superior Court. Bond was set at \$300. Testimony at the hearing revealed that Lacene had been stopped on the highway near his home, allegedly by Thomas, and had taken the money from him. Lacene stated that Thomas threatened to kill him if he reported the robbery.

Deputy J. C. Wright arrested Thomas at the home of his father, near Antioch. Money found on him and that obtained from other persons who claimed to have secured it from Thomas totaled \$81.50. Lum Thomas, uncle of Welk, was indicted for receiving money knowing it to be stolen. He was found guilty Tuesday. He was sentenced to four months on the roads, the sentence was suspended upon payment of costs and good behavior.

Welk Thomas, when arrested, was found to be armed. He was convicted of carrying concealed weapons and fined \$50 and costs in lieu of a 60-day sentence on this count.

A. M. Scaboro was found guilty of driving drunk, and fined \$50 and costs, and his license revoked for 1 year. Other defendants convicted were taxed with the court costs in lieu of 30-day sentences. They were Coy Jackson, violation of road laws; Russell W. Oxendine, VRL; Charlie Loman, assault; John Henry Johnson, drunkenness; Joe McGill, careless and reckless driving; Pete Scaboro, drunkenness; Neill McMillan and A. F. Edwards, violation of prohibition laws and drunkenness; and Calvin Brown, no drivers license.

Kiwanians Feed 150 Soldiers

The fame of Hoke County's famous fish fries was spread to a number of new corners of the country last week when some 150 men of the 2nd Armored Division wrote home to their folks about the bounteous supper served them by the Raeford Kiwanis club last Thursday.

Fried fish and barbecued fish, slaw, corn dodgers and coffee made up the menu for the evening and the way those boys came back for a second helping was one of those demonstrations of approval of the meal that delighted the cooks no end, in fact, with the Kiwanians and other guests nearly all of the three boxes of fish prepared was cleaned up before the evening was over.

The supper was served at the Armory and entertainment for the boys after the feed was impromptu.

Boy Scout Court Of Honor Friday

The Court of Honor for the scouts of the Western District will be conducted in the Laurel Hill High School auditorium on Friday night, Sept. 25, at 8 o'clock. David Liles and Hunter Yates, Council executives will both be present for the court.

W. C. Covington, district chairman of the Court of Honor, will preside. Two scouts will up for the Eagle award.

Mr. Liles will show movies of camp life this past summer, which are very interesting. Maybe you will be able to see yourself in the movies.

Following the Court of Honor, Chairman of the District V. C. Mason is calling for a meeting of the District Council for an executive session. All scouts interested in the work are urged to be present.

Laurel Hill is near enough to the Laurinburg and Gibson troops for them to make it an evening hike. The Laurel Hill school grounds are open to any troop who wants to hike to the Court and cook supper after getting there. Of course supper will have to be brought.

George R. Ross Is District Chairman

George D. Ross of Jackson Springs and senior marketing specialist of the State Department of Agriculture, has been appointed chairman of the Eighth Congressional district to organize for support in the November election of the constitutional amendment for creating one central state school board. Mr. Ross has been a leader in agricultural and educational advancement for a number of years.

Scrap iron and steel represent half the weight of a battleship, a tank or an antiaircraft gun.

Pupils Could Boost Scrap Metal Drive 50 Per Cent

Bringing Only a Pound a Day to School Would Be Great Help in Drive, Vogler Says

The school children of North Carolina, by bringing only one pound of scrap material to school each day, would increase the State's contribution to the national war effort by about 50 per cent, James B. Vogler, North Carolina executive secretary of the conservation division of the salvage section of the War Production Board, pointed out yesterday in emphasizing the importance of the new Junior Commandos program.

The plan becomes effective throughout the nation on Monday, Oct. 5.

"There are now more than 900,000 children in school in the state," said Mr. Vogler, "and if each one brings a pound of scrap to school each day that means in the neighborhood of a million pounds, or 500 tons. North Carolina is now sending out about a thousand tons a day. So you can easily see just what a contribution the school children can make."

The plan to enlist the help of the school children has been announced before, Mr. Vogler pointed out, but it is impossible to give too much publicity to the fact that all scrap available is needed and anything that will give emphasis to the nation's need for this material serves a useful purpose. School principals and teachers are urged to do everything they can to interest the children in the drive.

Armbands designating scrap-collecting school children as Junior Commandos and giving their rank will be distributed and every effort will be made to keep them enthusiastic, said Mr. Vogler, whose headquarters are in Raleigh.

The drive for scrap materials is moving steadily forward in this state, Mr. Vogler pointed out. One of the new campaigns that is expected to provide larger quantities of scrap metal, is the recently announced tin can drive. Housewives, restaurants and hotels, it is hoped, will cooperate in saving tin cans and preparing them for collectors who will come by for them. The cans have about two per cent tin content and the other metal in them is also valuable.

Soon too, he said, a movement will be started throughout the country to remove steel rails at grade crossings that are now being used to provide a smooth roadway across railroad tracks. There are many such places in North Carolina and the combined rails that may be utilized would weigh perhaps hundreds of tons. These rails, too, are uniform in size and quality and steel mills are always glad to obtain them because they know accurately the content of such metal.

County Plans for Participation in N. C.-Wide Blackout

Plans for Raeford's and Hoke County's participation in the state-wide blackout set for next Tuesday, Sept. 29, were laid at a meeting of the directors of the air raid precaution service of the County Civilian Defense Council Tuesday night.

The raid control center is to be manned immediately on a 24-hour basis, it was stated, by Cecil Dew, chairman of the air raid wardens. The volunteer and auxiliary firemen will man the center from 8 p. m. until 8 a. m. and a woman's organization of Raeford will be requested to provide daytime workers.

Lining up their workers for immediate service on calls from the state headquarters the following chairmen of committee are to arrange for manning their posts on emergency notice at any hour of the day: Harry A. Green, firemen; R. L. Murray, first aid; Cecil Dew, air raid wardens; L. S. McMillan, demolition; W. R. Barrington, auxiliary police; L. M. Upchurch, public service and Tom Cameron, messenger service.

The statewide blackout will be ordered from state headquarters sometime between 7 p. m. and 12 midnight on the night of Sept. 29 and it is expected that army air force observers will check many areas for the efficiency of the blackout, both in towns and cities and rural areas. Notice of the blackout will be sent through the regular warning channels from Raleigh and no local officials of the civilian defense council will know the hour until the official notice is given.

REMEMBER! In-gathering at Raeford Baptist Church, at Raeford, will have an In-Gathering Oct. 6.

REMEMBER! Sandy Grove Methodist Church, at Arabi, will have an In-Gathering Oct. 6.

Please mention the News-Journal when shopping in Raeford and surrounding towns.