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Before Things Got Tough



High Japanese officials are being shown modern German weapons at the German-Russian battlefield according to the Axis caption on this picture from neutral Portugal.

Ration Book 3 Will Be Valid on September 12

The brown ration stamps in War Ration Book 3 will come into use September 12 for the purchase of meats, fats, oils, butter and cheese, the county ration board has been notified.

The brown stamps will replace the red ones in War Ration Book 2 as the latter are used up. They will have the same point value.

The validity dates for the last red stamps in Ration Book 2—Stamps X, Y, and Z have also been fixed by OPA. These will expire on October 2 and will be valid as follows: Stamps X, last 22; Stamp Y, August 29; Stamp Z, September 5.

Brown Stamps A, and B, in War Ration Book 3 will become valid September 2. The next four brown stamps, all expiring October 30, will become valid on the following dates: Stamp C, September 26; Stamp D, October 3; Stamp E, October 10 and Stamp F, October 17.

Between September 12, when the first series of brown stamps become valid, and October 2, when the final sets of red stamps expire, both red and brown stamps will be usable. After October 2 only the brown stamps will be used.

Not until November will it be necessary to bring into use stamps replacing the blue stamps used for canned, frozen and dried foods.

OPA announced that blue stamps U, V, and W would become valid September 1, and would be good until October 20.

Son of Gates Native Prisoner Of Japanese

Prof. Leon F. Williams, native Gates county, and Mrs. Williams, now of 1816 Park Drive, Raleigh, have received from their son, Lt. Leon F. Williams, Jr., of the Army Air Corps, a card informing them that he is well and uninjured in a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines.

It was the first word from Lt. Williams since his family was notified on December 30, 1942, that he was a prisoner of the Japs.

Prof. Williams is the brother of the late Dr. George D. Williams and Eugene R. Williams, now living in Gatesville.

Captain Cowper In South Pacific With Air Corps

Captain William R. Cowper, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Cowper, Sr., of Gatesville, is stationed in the South Pacific war zone with the U.S. army air corps.

In a letter to his parents, received Friday in Gatesville, Captain Cowper told them that he was not allowed to tell where he was stationed. He did, however, divulge that he had been to the Fiji islands.

Mrs. Cowper said she did not think he has yet been assigned to a special squadron.

Before leaving for a west coast port of embarkation, Captain Cowper spent a few hours in Gatesville with his parents and friends.

General Sees Sunbury Pilot Bring Down Japanese Bomber

War Loan Campaign Quota Set at \$140,000

Gates county has been asked to raise \$140,000 of the state's quota of \$145,000,000 during the third war loan drive which will be held in the United States from September 9 through September 30.

C. T. Leinbach, state chairman of the War Finance Committee, announced this week that the total requested of the state more than doubles the 62 million dollar quota for the second war loan drive which was held in April.

This goal is real challenge to the people of North Carolina, he said. Robin Hood, chairman of the Gates county drive, could not be reached for a statement concerning the drive and quota in Gates county because he was on his vacation, but he has already pointed out that Gates county faced a difficult campaign to raise \$140,000.

In most counties over the state the quotas assigned have been proportionately increased based on local conditions, the amount of sales in the second war loan drive and the harvesting of crops in the agricultural sections.

Leinbach stated in his challenge to all workers in this drive, "that to reach our quota it will call for the exertion of every effort to reach all sources of income, from the large business and industrial buyers to the smallest wage earner, with a door to door contact. The Treasury Department has as a part of its goal in this drive, a desire to have 50 million customers buy bonds from September 9 through 30. On the basis of the Treasury Department's expectations, North Carolina will be expected to have ap-

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2 of 6 Teacher Vacancies Filled In Gates Schools

Two new teachers—Mrs. Mills Greene and Mrs. Emmett Parker, both of Gates—have been added to the faculty at the Eure school, Superintendent of Schools W. Henry Overman announced this week.

This leaves four vacancies in the Gates county schools as they enter their fourth week of instruction today.

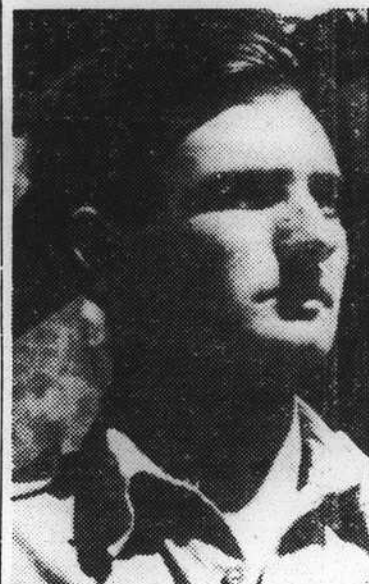
Mrs. Greene will teach the combination seventh and eighth grade while Mrs. Parker will teach the first and second grades.

Vacancies still exist in the Gates school where a high school teacher is needed; the Hobbsville school where a home economics teacher and a principal are needed; and the Gatesville school where a sixth grade teacher is needed.

REID'S GROVE PARENTS AND TEACHERS MEET

The Reid's Grove parents and teachers met Wednesday, August 18, for reorganization. The new officers are as follows: President, J. N. Baker; secretary, Mrs. V. D. Wood; and treasurer, J. J. Matthews.

Plans were made for a Labor Day entertainment.



First Lieut. James A. Harrell, 3rd, of Sunbury, United States Army Air Forces pilot, unknowingly put on a performance for Lieut. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, commanding United States Army Forces in the South Pacific area, when he brought down a Japanese bomber in night combat over Guadalcanal recently, the War Department has been informed.

While flying at 22,000 feet in his P-38 Lightning, Lieutenant Harrell, saw a Japanese bomber several thousand feet below him. He took advantage of his first glimpse and, while going straight down, fired a burst without observing the results.

A few minutes later another bomber appeared. With the searchlights illuminating it, Lieutenant Harrell followed it, closed up slowly and approached from directly behind. Then the searchlights went off the target. He fired a burst which missed and immediately fired again.

This time large pieces flew off the bomber and heavy smoke appeared from the right engine. Momentarily blinded by the muzzle blast, Lieutenant Harrell pulled up and the Japanese bomber disappeared.

Witnessing the action, General Harmon said that he heard an explosion from the enemy bomber, observed a small fire of short duration, followed by streamers of fire falling from the bomber. He verified its destruction.

Six Service Men Visit This Area

Six service men from Gatesville and nearby vicinity spent the weekend in their homes. They were:

Lt. (j.g.) Thomas Leslie Carter of the U. S. Navy, with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Carter.

Conrad Plyler of U. S. Navy, at the home of Mrs. E. L. Riddick.

Edward Jones, U. S. Coast Guard, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riddick Jones.

Fred Blanchard, U. S. Coast Guard, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Blanchard.

Harold Hughes of U. S. Navy, with his aunt, Mrs. P. L. Hoffer, and Mr. Hoffer.

Henry Albert Howell of U. S. Army, a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Howell.

Virginia and N. C. Governors Promise Support in Agitation For Better Peanut Prices

Governors of North Carolina and Virginia have given their assurance to the Hertford county farm bureau, which is pushing plans for an adjustment of the peanuts price to be paid for this year's crop, that they will assist in any way possible.

J. Mayon Parker, secretary of the Hertford county farm bureau, wired the governors asking them to use their efforts for the benefit of the peanut farmer while in Washington this week seeking better ceiling prices for tobacco.

Governor J. M. Broughton of North Carolina wired Mr. Parker the following: "Your wire received. I am glad to assure you and farmers of that area that I will very gladly cooperate with them in their just and

merited effort to get better ceiling regulations as to peanuts and tobacco."

Governor Colgate W. Darden, Jr., of Virginia replied to the request: "I beg to acknowledge receipt of your wire. I regret very much being unable to attend the meeting held in Murfreesboro. I am deeply interested in the problem which was under consideration there.

"I shall be very glad to assist in any way that I can to secure a reconsideration of the ceiling prices which have been imposed."

Delegation of farm bureau members of the peanut producing areas of North Carolina and Virginia plan to present their problem to the authorities in Washington at an early date.

Farm Bureau To Discuss Peanuts Here Tonight

A special meeting of the Gates county farm bureau will be held Wednesday night, August 25, at 8 p. m. in the agricultural building in Gatesville, it was announced.

Peanut ceiling prices will be discussed and other matters pertaining to peanut marketing for the year 1943.

All members of the farm bureau and other interested people are invited to attend.