

POPULATION (1940 Census)	
Lincolnton	4,525
Lincoln County	24,187
Denver	254
Crouse	221
Iron Station	96

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Powells Given One Month To Locate Army Deserter Son

ROUNDUP OF WAR

Thursday, March 18
Gen. Henry Giraud issues decrees formally lifting Vichy restrictions against approximately 300,000 Jews and restores elective municipal assemblies.

A large German submarine was rammed and sunk by an American coast guard cutter, the Campbell, in the North Atlantic about three weeks ago, the navy announced today.

Russian troops have gained ground at one point in the savage Donets river battle below Kharkov, captured dozens more handlets and driven new holes in Nazi lines near Lake Ilmen, Moscow announced today.

Allied escort vessels and the A. F. have destroyed at least three enemy submarines and probably damaged many others in a 72-hour running fight with a U-bo wolf pack.

Wednesday, March 17
Tank battle raging in Donets basin. Reds claim 32 Nazi tanks destroyed as enemy efforts to cross are thwarted. Soviet troops continue advance to Smolensk and Bryansk.

Japanese destroyer, three other ships reported sunk in Pacific war zone by U. S. submarines. Jap positions at Vila and Munda in central Solomons bombed by U. S. fighters.

Sea and air officers of U. S., Britain and Canada work out master policy of antisubmarine warfare aimed to prevent Nazi disruption of invasion plans.

Allied troops drive enemy back in Tafia area of Tunisia battlefield. British first army makes slight advances in north (Sedjenane) sector despite bad weather. Widespread aerial action on airmen and shipping takes toll of enemy's parked aircraft.

Young patriotic movement in France suffering from lack of food and other Allied assistance. Many returning from mountains but morale high among remaining group.

Tuesday, March 16
Russians acknowledge evacuation of Kharkov. Red troops cross upper Dneiper and seize rail town of Semlevo, less than 80 miles from Smolensk.

Chinese counterattacks smash eight-column Japanese offensive along 100 miles of Yangtze river.

U. S. RAF bombers blast rail lines, British repulse Japanese attacks in Burma area where Jap reinforcements have forced readjustment of British lines.

Kiska in Aleutians hit by U. S. fighters which damage several grounded Jap planes. Munda also attacked—Jap ship sunk in New Georgia area.

Allied planes from western desert batter Mareth line. Ground fighting subsides due to bad weather, but both sides readying for greatest clash of Tunisian campaign apparently in prospect.

German troops rounding up French youths for forced labor by house-to-

Assistant District Attorney Nicholson Indicates He Will Not Pros If Boy Returns

Shelby, March 16.—Another month to find their son, Carl G. Powell, and get him to report back to the United States army, from which he deserted last April, was given to James Henry Powell and Essie Lee Powell, of Lincoln county, who pleaded nolo contendere to the charge of harboring a deserter in United States District Court this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Powell will report at the first day of the term of court which is to be held in Statesville. It was indicated by Assistant District Attorney W. M. Nicholson, who handled the prosecution, that in the event the boy gets back in the army it would be his disposition to take a nolo pros.

"Do you think," Judge E. Yates Webb asked the defendant, Henry Powell, that if your son knew you were in trouble on his account he would come up and do the manly thing, and go back to the army and save you your punishment?"

"I believe he would," replied Mr. Powell. The government offered evidence tending to show that officers had gone to the Powell home on several occasions looking for the deserter and that the last time they went there, January 24, Carl Powell ran out of the back door of the house and into a field as he was chased by officers. Two shots were fired in the chase, it was stated.

Officers testified that Mrs. Powell and several of her daughters shouted, "Run, Carl, run," shouted imprecations at the officers and threatened to stone them. Mrs. Powell had two rocks in her hand when she made the threats, officers testified. She did not take the witness stand.

Her husband, who did take the stand, said that his wife became excited when she thought the officers had shot her son. He said that at the time the officers were chasing his son, he was finishing his bath and shaving.

He said that when he came in from work on last April 2 his son was in the house and that he told him he was not going back to the army because they would not fix his glasses and because they whipped him every day.

"I told him he would have to go back," testified Mr. Powell. "He said he was not going back and he stayed with us until May 6 when he left and did not come back until the last of July or the first of August. Then he stayed only a short while. I told him again that he ought to go back to the army but he wouldn't go. He came back again about the middle of December for a few hours' stay. On the Sunday morning that the officers found him there, he had been at home only a few hours."

"Have you seen him since?" asked Judge Webb.

"I saw him about March 2," replied his father.

"Where was he?" asked the court.

"He was coming out of some woods above Hickory," replied the father. "He said that he was willing to go back to the army then and asked me to tell the sheriff. But we never found him any more."

Both Powell and his wife proved a good character by their neighbors and also by the prosecuting witnesses.

house raids. Guerilla band, continuing to swell, shoots down three Nazi planes in Haute Savote region.

Thirteen Lucky Number for Sub Crew



Thirteen is the lucky number of the crew of this U. S. submarine, but unlucky for the Nips. The sub's special tally flag, with its own device in the center, counts ten Jap merchantmen and three Jap warships sent to Davy Jones' locker. The submarine, which was not named, was commanded by Lieut. Commander Lucius Henry Chappell, 38, of Columbus, Ga. Its "bag" was one of the most impressive of the war.

Kiwanians Hear Synthetic Rubber Program Discussed

Kiwanis Club Speaker



G. F. BALL

U. S. SUBS SINK JAP DESTROYER, 3 OTHER SHIPS

Washington, March 17.—A Japanese destroyer and three other ships were sunk by United States submarines in recent operations in the Pacific war zone, the navy reported today. Three others were damaged.

A communique described the vessels sunk as a destroyer, a large cargo ship, a large transport and a medium-size cargo vessel. Damaged were a medium-size cargo carrier, a medium-size tanker and a small cargo ship.

The communique gave no details of the attacks by the American undersea raiders, which have been hammering Japan's supply lines steadily since the Pacific war began. There was no indication whether the transport was loaded.

This raised to 199 the total number of enemy vessels successfully attacked by American subs in the Pacific to date. The total includes 138 ships sunk, 23 probably sunk and 18 damaged.

The navy also announced that Dauntless dive bombers with Willcutt fighter escort bombed Japanese positions at Vila and Munda in the Central Solomons, but results were not reported. All American planes returned from this latest foray against the Japanese air base area closest to the American air field on Guadalcanal.

CHURCH LEADER TAKEN BY DEATH

Lexington, March 17.—Dr. Jacob Calvin Leonard, Sr., 76, a leader in the Evangelical and Reformed church for half a century, died of a heart attack at the home here today. He had been pastor emeritus of the First church here since 1939, when he retired from active ministry after serving in the field for 50 years.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Willie Cross Leonard, and a son, Dr. J. C. Leonard, Jr., local physician. The body lay in state from 2:30 until 4 p. m. at the First Church, where funeral was conducted.

Dr. Leonard had served as president of the general synod in America of the Evangelical and Reformed church. He was presently serving as secretary of the Southern synod.

Dr. Leonard was well known in Lincolnton and had visited here on a number of occasions.

Easter Comes On The Latest Date Possible

Lent and Easter this year fall as late as the calendar allows—a once-in-a-lifetime circumstance.

Lent began on March 10 (Ash Wednesday) and comes annually 40 days (not counting Sundays) before Easter. Originally, Lent was a Teutonic word meaning Spring. The Latin and Greek equivalents, however, are literally translated "forty days," signifying the pre-Easter fast period.

Easter on April 25, can be dated no later, but can occur as early as March 22. It is the first Sunday after the first full moon following March 21.

In 1946 and in 1957, Lent will begin on March 6; in 1962, on March 8, being the first other "springtime" Easter seasons in prospect for the next score of years.

48 RATION POINTS FOR NEXT SERIES

Washington, March 17.—Housewives will have 48 ration coupons on blue stamps lettered D, E and F in war ration Book No. 2 for canned goods from March 25 through April 30, the Office of Price Administration announced today.

The blue stamps now in use, lettered A, B and C, will be good until March 31. This provides one week of overlap at the end of March in which stamps for either period will be valid but OPA urged consumers to budget their 48 ration points for April.

GIVES DIGEST OF LOCAL LEGISLATION

A digest of local legislation introduced or acted upon by the General Assembly during the final ten days of the session of 1943 has been furnished this paper by the Institute of Government, as follows:

SB 111—Introduced by Graham, February 4 (intoxicants near schools and churches). March 3, reported unfavorably by House committee.

HB 72—Introduced by Abernethy, January 18 (beer and wine sales). March 3, reported unfavorably by House committee.

HB 747—Introduced by Abernethy, March 1. "Governing the registration and preservation of maps, plats, or other drawings of lands in Lincoln county." (Sets out regulations as to size of maps, plats or drawings, and as to the binder. Register of Deeds not required to accept plats not in conformity. Fee of \$2 to be charged for each plat or sheet if more than one sheet required.) Sent to Calendar committee. March 2, reported favorably by House committee; March 3, passed second and third readings in House; passed first reading in Senate and sent to Calendar Committee; March 4, passed second and third readings; March 6, ratified.

HB 748—Introduced by Abernethy, March 1. "To fix the compensation of the members of the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County." (Chairman of board to receive \$30 per month, and members to receive a per diem of \$10 plus five cents mileage, but per diem not to exceed two days per month. Limitations not to apply while board sits as Board of Equalization and Review, when regular per diem and expenses are allowable.) Sent to Calendar Committee. March 2, reported favorably by House Committee; March 3, passed second and third readings in House; passed first reading in Senate and sent to Calendar Committee; March 4, reported favorably; passed second and third readings; March 6, ratified.

Meat, Fat, Cheese, Butter, Fish Point Values Next Week

Washington, March 17.—OPA will announce next week the point values for meats, fats and oils, butter, cheese and canned fish, officials said today.

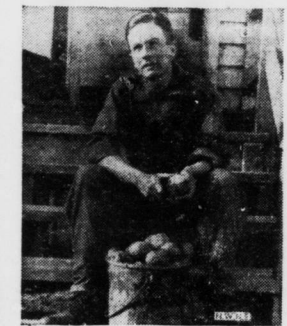
They emphasized that all these products will be rationed on the same coupons, beginning March 20. They will be obtainable with use of the red stamps from War Ration Book 2, already used for processed and canned fruits and vegetables.

In the first month, each holder of War Ration Book No. 2, regardless of age, will have a basic allotment of 36 points a week. These points can be used by the consumer in any way he chooses. For example, the consumer could use all of his points for meats, by making no purchases of fats and oils, cheese and canned fish. Likewise, the consumer could use all his points to purchase butter, but if he did this he could purchase none of the other products. While changes in point values will be made from time to time, to reflect changes in supplies and consumer demands, OPA said these changes probably will not be made more often than once a month.

At Bethel Temple in Dak Cliff, Dorothy Kunzman, young California evangelist, will close a series of special services Sunday night with a discourse on how to evade your income tax, it was announced Friday by the pastor, the Rev. Albert Ott.—Dallas News.

OPA Cuts 'A' Gas Coupon Values In Half After Mar. 22

His Honor Does K.P.



The gentleman doing the job on the pail of spuds at Fort Knox, Ky., is Pvt. Cecil R. Middleton, living proof that democracy plays no favorites. Pvt. Middleton is mayor of Deridder, La. Before entering the army he was re-elected for another four-year term. One of the city commissioners is filling his term for the duration.

Small Packages May Now Be Sent To Men On Overseas Duty

You may now send packages to the soldiers overseas, but they may not weigh more than eight ounces, and they must be sealed and carry first class postage. This is a new order from the postoffice department modifying its order of January 7, which prohibited the sending of any packages to men on overseas duty unless by direct permission of the commanding officer.

Under the new order, said Postmaster V. N. Fair, packages weighing not more than eight ounces, sealed and carrying first class postage may be mailed to soldiers overseas without approved request. This order was modified to permit the sending of small packages of essential items.

The current order also provides that employees' publications, church bulletins and similar publications may be sent under the same weight and postage restrictions.

Renewals of subscriptions to papers, magazines and other periodicals for overseas soldiers is to be considered in conformity with the January 7 order, regardless of whether requested by the soldier or not. This means, it was explained, that the subscription may be paid for by persons other than the soldier, though no complimentary subscriptions may be sent by publishers.

Postmaster Fair said postal authorities felt that the modified order would be welcomed by friends and relatives of soldiers overseas, because it would enable them to send small items, thereby letting the men know that the folks at home were thinking of them.

MARCH SALE OF WAR BONDS SHORT

With war bond sales amounting to \$37,438.50 already accounted for in Lincoln county is still \$13,951.50 short of her March quota, it was announced today by Chairman H. W. Rudisill.

Sales for the month are considered good, however, when it is considered that due to the Red Cross War Fund campaign there has been no intensive war bond drive during March.

Chairman Rudisill is particularly anxious that the county shall meet her quota for the month, and urges more buying of bonds during the remaining days.

Sailor Greet's 'Parents' Then Vanishes; Real Son At Sea

Port Washington, Wis., March 17.—The strange story of a young sailor who came to their home and posed as their son for two days and then disappeared was told today by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meisnest.

The youth was picked up by friends of the Meisnests as he hitchhiked toward Port Washington. They thought he was Johnny Meisnest, 19, who has been in the navy since December 10, 1940. The friends took him to the Meisnest home.

The parents greeted the boy with mixed emotions. They didn't think it was their son, but didn't know just what to do.

"We doubted that he was Johnny," Mrs. Meisnest said. "But after all, Johnny had been hurt at Pearl Harbor and he had been in several ac-

Supplemental Rations Planned For Those Using Allotments For Driving To Work

Washington, March 17.—The gaso-eastern states tonight was cut to approximately one and one-half gallons a week effective March 22, but they can use it as they please—the ban on pleasure driving is not effective on that date.

Announcing the reduction from the present ration of about three gallons a week, the Office of Price Administration said those with "A" books who drive to work would be allowed supplemental gasoline under revised regulations to be announced in a few days. OPA once estimated 40 per cent of industrial workers who motor to their jobs hold only "A" books, so it appeared there is a big job ahead in issuing the additional rations.

The cut was effected by extending the time in which period 5 coupons, good March 22, are to be used. The driver must make them last for four months whereas heretofore each coupon period has been two months.

Severe Effect
The action which will probably have a more severe effect on the ordinary motorist than the pleasure motoring prohibition itself, was taken after Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes had certified that only 333,000 barrels of gasoline daily could be made available for East Coast civilian and industrial use during April.

The halving of the basic ration applies only in the East Coast area where the "A" ration books have had a three-gallon value, as compared with four gallons in the rest of the country. The value of each individual eastern coupon is unchanged—that is it remains at three gallons—but the doubling of the period of validity has the same effect as a cut in coupon value to one and one-half gallons.

The curtailment of the basic ration will retain the savings effected by the pleasure driving ban, OPA said, by limiting motorists who have no occupational use for their cars to 30 miles a month.

Demand Greater
The 333,000 barrels of gasoline daily for civilians on the Atlantic seaboard is 15,000 barrels a day more than was available in March, OPA said, but the increase is absorbed in the seasonal upturn of demand, especially for spring plowing and planting.

A statement under the signatures of Ickes and Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown expressed regret of the necessity of imposing the new slash upon the A-card motorists.

"It would be pleasant to be able to announce that additional supplies of motor fuel, necessary to maintain the present basic ration, could be made available, and such an announcement would undoubtedly be received with wide acclaim," the statement said.

"Unfortunately we can't make that announcement for the simple reason that the supply and transportation situation just will not permit, especially in the face of military requirements, present and future. If there must be a shortage of gasoline, it should be at home, and not on the fighting fronts."

"We feel that there is no room for choice between unlimited motoring now and warm homes next winter. With the present heating season about over, we hope by holding consumption now to minimum essential needs that we may be able to stop drawing upon our stocks, and may start in April toward building back our heating oil supplies in preparation for next winter. That—and the supplying of military and war industrial requirements—is our first responsibility."

Colored People Of Lincoln County Contribute \$229.36 To Red Cross War Fund

Colored citizens of Lincolnton and Lincoln county have contributed a total of \$229.36 to the Red Cross War Fund, and the amount is expected to go even higher, according to the report of Sam E. Biggers, who so efficiently handled the campaign for his people.

Below are the amounts secured from the various communities and the names of the workers:

Lincolnton and Lincoln county teachers, Annie W. Biggers, canvasser, \$28.00.

Indian Creek and Mt. Calvary Baptist churches, N. Brook, Annie W. Biggers, canvasser, \$40.05.

Freedman, Lincolnton, Hattie Latimore, Mary E. Finger, Alene Ramsey, Cora Carpenter and Leveston, canvassers, \$70.50.

Presbyterian Missionary Society, \$1.00; Adley Oneil, \$1.00.

West End, Lincolnton, Aubrey Rhoney, Fannie Weldon and Willie

Boat Jackson, canvassers, \$18.00.

Cogner's Grove School, Lincoln county, Mrs. M. L. Tunstall, canvasser, \$2.85.

Mt. Vernon Community, Iron Station, Ida Link, Annie B. Hart and Mildred Gathier, canvassers, \$27.00.

Tucker's Grove, Iron Station, Pauline Moore, canvasser, \$21.00.

Rockhill community, Stanley, Maggie Anderson, canvasser, \$6.71.

Denver community, Mrs. Derr McCullough, canvasser, \$5.00.

Georgetown community, Annie Loretts, Emma Lee Herndon and Lila Frances Beam, canvassers, \$17.25.

Poplar Springs community, Lincoln county, Elsie Grier, canvasser, \$12.00.

The colored people, said Dr. S. H. Steelman, general chairman of the drive, have done an excellent work and are to be congratulated. They were well organized for the drive and had splendid co-operation."