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Pearson Riddle Is Interned In Shanghai, China by Japs

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson Riddle of Pensacola have received word that their son, Pearson Riddle, Jr. is in the hands of the Japanese and is now interned in Shanghai, China. He was one of the three North Carolinians who were employed as civilian construction workers on Wake Island, and unusual concern for his safety has been felt since the outbreak of hostilities.

The communication came from the Navy Department, and is the first definite word of the whereabouts of young Riddle since Dec. 7.

The letter from the Navy Department said in part: "The Bureau has received a report from the International Red Cross at Geneva, Switzerland, which states that Pearson Riddle has been interned by the Japanese in Shanghai, China.

"It is also reported that the American civilian internees are receiving fair treatment considering all the difficulties which accompany war. It is hoped that the anxiety of parents, friends, and relatives of these men will be greatly relieved by the knowledge that they have finally been accounted for and are receiving reasonable treatment, even though they do experience some inconveniences and hardships."

The letter further stated that now that the "subject employee" has been officially reported, it is possible to deliver mail to and from him through the International Red Cross. There are still many difficulties, it was explained, in connection with the delivery of mail and supplying comforts to these civilian internees.

In discussing the possible exchange of American civilians the communication said: "The Department of State, through the Swiss government is exerting every effort possible for the early exchange of American civilians who are interned in enemy territories." It was also stated that the International Red Cross was rendering every possible aid, both financial and medical to interned American citizens with whom it can get in touch.

Mr. Riddle went to Wake Island on July 10, 1941. He was 20 years old on Oct. 15, 1941. He attended school at Pensacola and graduated from Burnsville high school in 1939.

A twin brother, E. R. Riddle is now employed at Swannanoa. He recently signed up for civilian work at Pearl Harbor.

Another interesting fact is that an uncle, Fleet Hamby of Burnsville, graduated with Pearson from high school in 1939 and shortly after graduation joined the navy. He has been with the Pacific fleet for the past two years.

J. B. BENNETT SAFE AFTER TORPEDO SINKS SHIP

J. B. Bennett of Bolens Creek was a member of a Panamanian cargo ship torpedoed and sunk Thursday in the Gulf of Mexico. Only one member of the 59-man crew was lost; the others, including Bennett, are now safe in New Orleans.

NOTICE

L. G. Allison, license inspector, will be in Burnsville each Friday instead of each Wednesday as formerly. All persons who wish to see him concerning divers' license may see him at the court house then.

PROGRAM FOR AAA REPORTERS IS EXPLAINED AT SCHOOL HERE

A two day school for those who will serve as reporters for compliance with the AAA program was held at Burnsville high school this week.

The school was conducted by J. R. Burt of the state AAA office, and Charles Radford, state supervisor for Mitchell and Yancey counties. The men who attended have already had two days field training in making maps for measuring tobacco acreage.

The following were present for the instruction: T. F. Anglin, I. T. Bailey, C. C. Banks, Frank Bowditch, Paul Bradford, H. W. Briggs, W. A. Duncan, H. E. Gardner, W. B. Hensley, H. W. Higgins, R. E. Holloway, D. L. Hurst, A. Z. Jamerson, Joseph T. Lippincott, Lester Peterson, S. S. Peterson, S. B. Randolph, Wayne Ray, L. M. Robinson, W. R. Robinson, Dewey Silver, Paul Higgins, Willard Hall, R. V. Angel, Blake Ray, Will D. Peterson and R. F. Peterson.

DECORATION

There will be a decoration of the graves in the Burnsville cemetery Sunday, June 21st, 1942, 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

RESULTS OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

As part of the physical fitness program which the state is sponsoring, boys in the junior and senior classes of Yancey county high schools were given physical examinations in the district health office.

The following report has been released by the health office, and gives a summary of the results of these examinations:

Boys examined, 182; number Tuberculin tested, 42 with 4 positive and 38 (Continued on Back Page)

VICTORY OBSERVANCE ON JULY FOURTH

(Raleigh, N. C., June 18) Victory Day celebration in each of the 100 counties of North Carolina is the goal of the State Office of Civilian Defense.

Ben Douglas, State OCD Director, said today that in accordance with Governor Broughton's proclamation of the Fourth of July as VICTORY DAY, he was urging chairmen of Civilian Defense in all 100 counties to proceed immediately with the organization of suitable VICTORY DAY programs which would bring about a demonstration of the scope of the volunteers organized for home front defense.

"I regard as most fortunate this opportunity to combine patriotic celebration of the birthdate of our independence with recognition of the vast army enlisted in home front protection and of parents of men and women now on duty with our armed forces," said Douglas in announcing that in a number of places the Civilian Defense organization was planning a parade on the morning of the Fourth immediately preceding Town Meetings and the meetings would be followed by picnics or barbecues.

Douglas said the idea was rapidly because of limitations on travel that would prevent many people from making customary Fourth of July excursions and would give them something to do at home.

The American Legion and other patriotic and civic organizations will join the Civilian Defense organization in participation. The observance in different counties will be fitted to local conditions rather than to a uniform program for the entire state.

FEDERAL AUTOMOBILE STAMPS NOW ON SALE

The \$5.00 federal stamps for motor vehicles are now on sale at post offices and must be purchased by July

Clarence King and Clifford King with their families have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Zeb King.

Mrs. Estella Miller of Bakersville is in the Bank here this week.

JACK ROBINSON LAST REPORTED SERVING IN PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Pvt. Jack W. Robinson of Hamrick was serving in the Philippine Islands at the time of the final surrender, according to the latest information.

The War department has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Luther Robinson of Hamrick that his whereabouts now are unknown.

The letter also states "the Japanese government has indicated its intention of conforming to the terms of the Geneva convention with respect to the interchange of information regarding prisoners of war. At some future date this government will receive, through Geneva, a list of persons who have been taken prisoners of war. Until that time the war department cannot give you positive information."

Pvt. Robinson enlisted in the air corps of the Marines on May 2, 1941. He was stationed for some time at Savannah, Ga. and his parents last heard from him in Oct., 1941 in Los Angeles.

NAVY RECRUITING OFFICER HERE JUNE 26

Increased interest in the Navy is being shown due to new regulations regarding physical requirements, according to a recruiter of the U. S. Navy who will be in this section next week.

The itinerary of the recruiters is as follows: June 22, Boone at the Post Office; June 23, Newland; June 24 and 25, Spruce Pine, at the Young Men's Shop; June 26, Burnsville at the Court House; and June 27, Hot Springs, at the City Hall.

The new physical requirements are lowered on eyes and teeth, allowing many men previously rejected to reapply for enlistment. It is suggested that any men in this section interested in the Navy, contact the recruiter next week and receive full details of the new regulations.

At the present there are openings for skilled workers in the Navy Reserve. (Continued on back page)

SPECIAL NOTICE

Blanks for the additional sugar registration have been received and the registration will be held on June 24 and 25, from 1 to 6 o'clock at the five high schools. All who wish to register are urged to come on these days.

A county wide registration of applicants for additional sugar for home canning of fruits will be held as soon as necessary blanks have been received, Wm. B. Wray, chairman of the county ration board has announced.

Preference in every case in issuing the sugar certificates will be given to those who have received no canning sugar allotment. However, those who have already registered and received the five pound allotment per person may register and receive the difference between the old allotment and new.

The new regulation allows 20 quarts of fruit for each adult and 40 for each child, with 1-4 pound of sugar per quart. From this, however, the number of jars already on hand must be subtracted to arrive at amount of sugar allowed. This full amount will be allowed unless there has already been a 5 pound per person allowance. In this event, the amount must be subtracted.

There is an additional allowance for jellies and jams.

The definite date for the registration will be announced as soon as possible, and it is urged that all persons register at time and place specified.

SERIES OF MEETINGS AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The series of services began of Monday evening at the Burnsville Baptist church. Rev. J. D. Moose of Charlotte is preaching. Citizens of the community are invited to attend all services, at 10:30 and 8.

REA Allots \$750,000 To French Broad Corporation

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR FIFTH REGISTRATION

All male persons born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924 are required to register under Selective Service Act as Amended on Tuesday June 30, 1942. Hours of registration will be between the hours of 7:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.

You may register at any of the following places in Yancey county:

Burnsville, Courthouse; Bald Creek, High school; Bee Log, High school; Green Mountain, Post Office; Day Book, High school; Micaville, High school.

Owing to the fact that this registration will not be so large as most registrations in the past a registration place will not be provided in all townships.

HENSLEYS ARE RELEASED ON BOND

Bea Hensley who was arrested last Tuesday for failure to register under the selective service military act was released Thursday from the Buncombe county jail in \$500 bond for his appearance in the November term of federal court.

His father, Rev. Jeter Hensley, was released later under \$2000 bond also to appear in federal court.

SOIL BUILDING PRACTICES ARE SHOWN IN COUNTY

Increases in conservation practices on North Carolina farms since beginning of the AAA agricultural conservation program in 1936 are shown in a report received by J. A. Hannum, chairman of the Yancey County AAA Committee.

The report, issued by E. (Continued on Back Page)

Annual Federation Picnic Will Be Held On July 4th

Yancey County will inaugurate the 1942 series of Farmers picnics, James G. K. McClure, Federation President, announced today. The Yancey picnic will be at the Burnsville High School on July 4th.

The picnics, as usual, will be open to everybody living within the county or within the trading area of the Federation Store located in the county. Every family is invited and urged to bring a well filled picnic basket and be prepared to spend the day. A special invitation is extended to any musicians in this county to take part in the program in the morning.

The meeting will get under way at 10 o'clock in the morning, with music by the Farmers Federation String Band. The String

Band and any other musicians who wish to take part in the program will play as the crowd gathers and after this some brief talks will be made. Speakers will be announced later.

Choirs, quartets, and other singers will sing competitively and song books will be given to the winning choir and prizes will be given to the winning quartets.

This year the Farmers Federation picnics will be especially devoted to the war programs for the farmers. Every part of the picnic possible will be used to explain and encourage the farmers part in our great national war effort, Mr. McClure said. War bonds will be stressed and a special committee will be appointed to get pledges (Continued on back page)

The Rural Electrification Administration at Washington announced an allotment of \$750,000 to the French Broad Membership corporation at Marshall today, according to an Associated Press dispatch.

The sum is to acquire 499 miles of line to serve 2,823 members in Madison, Avery, Buncombe, Yancey, and Mitchell counties.

A part of the \$750,000 will be utilized in installing 528 miles of additional rural power lines serving 3,000 farm members, according to D. M. Robinson, of Mars Hill, an official of the Marshall concern.

This sum of \$750,000, he explained, is in addition to the sum of \$343,000 already allocated to Project B with 1,500 members in Buncombe, Madison and Yancey counties.

Will Purchase Property of N.W.C.U.

Out of the \$750,000, Mr. Robinson pointed out, the sum of \$340,000 will be used to acquire the property of the Northwest Carolina Utilities which has a generating plant at Marshall and has its headquarters in Burnsville.

It has 253.17-miles of lines serving approximately 1,828 members.

The sum of \$50,000 will be utilized to rehabilitate the property of the Northwest Carolina concern and place it upon a modern operating basis.

The French Broad corporation at present is serving 600 members in Madison and Buncombe counties in this state and in Unicoi county, Tennessee.

Construction Delayed

It was pointed out that while the money for the new lines has been allotted, actual construction work cannot be done now since there is a stop order in force on all construction in the country during the emergency.

Great interest has been manifested by rural families in the territory of the French Broad unit and Mr. Robinson stated that were it not for the stop order on construction, the concern easily could be serving 5,000 members within the next 18 months. The taking over of the Northwest Carolina concern and the rehabilitation of the plant is expected to go forward at once, however. (Asheville Times.)

FATHER'S DAY PROGRAM AT BALD CREEK

A Father's Day program will be rendered at Bald Creek Methodist church next Sunday, June 21, at 11 A. M., it is announced by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Way. College students who are at home for the summer months, will appear on the program with brief talks and readings. Special music will be rendered. The public is cordially invited to attend the service.

JOIN THE ATTACK ON TOKYO, ... YOURSELF!



Every person in America may not fly over Tokyo, but every one's dollars can help produce the bombing planes that do!

You, you, you, can join the attacks on Tokyo, by saving at least 10% of your pay in War Bonds—by joining your company's pay-roll savings plan today or going to your local bank or post office and buying War Savings Bonds—at least 10% of your pay—every pay day.

Remember you can start buying War Bonds by buying War Stamps for as little as 10c and that you get a \$25 War Bond (maturity value) for only \$18.75.

U. S. Treasury Department