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State And National News Condensed In Brief Form

National
Washington, Sept. 29.—The war was given major credit by the Bureau today for a population increase of 1,271,000 in 1941, boosting the nation's estimated population on January 1 to 132,065,000. The 1941 increase, double the average for the previous ten years, was ascribed by the bureau largely to business prosperity due to war production and the return of Americans from other lands because of the war.

Births in 1941 rose to 2,728,000, about 408,000 more than the 10 year average. Deaths during the year totaled 1,442,000, about average.

Washington, Sept. 29.—With one eye on the nation's youth and the other on its breadbasket, the house agriculture committee today sought the advice of three top-ranking officials to aid it in formulating legislative recommendations to avert what Chairman Fulmer (D-NC) described as "a rapidly approaching food short age."

Called as final witnesses in the committee's long study of the food outlook were Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director; Paul V. McNutt, head of the war manpower commission, and Donald M. Nelson, war production chief.

Pittsburg, Sept. 29.—Three year old Eleanor Hughes, who had lived two weeks with a sewing machine needle imbedded in a muscle of her heart died late yesterday. The Children hospital reported today.

A physician said the needle apparently had torn a hole in the heart muscle, causing death.

The needle was driven into the girl's chest when she fell while playing at home in Clinton, Pa.

An attempt to remove the needle by surgery 10 days ago was unsuccessful. Surgeons had been awaiting improvement in her condition before making a second attempt.

Washington, Sept. 29.—President Roosevelt was reported today to have agreed to delay any executive move to control the cost of living until congress completes action on pending anti-inflation legislation, even if the final draft does not reach him by his Oct. 1 deadline.

Washington, Sept. 29.—The nation's 40 million women were told that, from now on, they will have to make three tobby pins or hair pins do the work that four have been doing.

A War Production Board order, designed to have metal, not only reduced production of these pins, but also directed that no more than 100 pins could be included in a package.

Quincy, Mass., Sept. 29.—A huge new aircraft carrier, the USS Lexington, was launched here Saturday in a color splashed ceremony and with the expressed hope that she carry on the tradition and record of her predecessor — 23 enemy ships sunk or damaged, and some 800 Japanese officers and 9,000 Japanese men killed or drowned.

Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps

State
Raleigh, Sept. 29.—Oil jobbers of six states have appealed to President Roosevelt to put wartime control of the petroleum industry under one man, Secretary W. A. Parker of the North Carolina Association said.

Parker said representatives of oil jobbers assembled at the Carolina-Virginia-West Virginia-Kentucky-Tennessee attended a meeting in Asheville last Monday at which a resolution urging the action was adopted.

The resolution said a chaotic condition was resulting from the present Federal control of the industry which it said was vested in too many agencies operating independently of each other with a distinct lack of co-operation.

Newton, Sept. 29.—At one time during the week end the population of the county jail decreased to a total of four, and it had increased only three Monday morning. At the present time there are three persons in jail serving sentences, one Federal prisoner, and three persons awaiting trial in county court.

Jailers Charlie Fairbrigt and Mike Cline said Saturday there were only the three serving time and the Federal prisoner on the books.

This week end was one of the quietest in recent months for both city and county officers.

Camden, S. C., Sept. 29.—Idea by the torrential rainfall, and automobile carrying the victim of an auto accident on U. S. No. 1 several miles west of the city, crashed into the side of a Greyhound Bus at the corner of DeKalb and Lottleton streets.

The auto driven by Theodore Bowen of near Rabin's Crossroads came to the street intersection but because of the heavy rain, the driver did not see the red light was against him and failed to slow up. The Greyhound bus was coming from the South on Lottleton Street and had just entered the intersection on the green light when the crash came.

Lexington, Sept. 29.—The Southern Synodical Women's Guild of the Evangelical and Reformed Church opened its biennial convention today at First Church here.

Mrs. Brink J. Peeler of Lexington is president of the guild.

Darlington, S. C., Sept. 29.—Deputy E. M. Miller was searching for Jessie Williams on a charge of theft.

Jessie Williams was trying to thumb a ride. He thumbed Deputy Miller.

Deputy Miller drove him to jail.

Wilmington, Sept. 29.—New Hanover and Pender county farmers want laws enabling farmers to buy higher wages and thus compete with industries in this vicinity.

COTTON GINNING REPORT

Census report shows that 1,967 bales of cotton were ginned in Cleveland County, N. C., from the crop of 1941 prior to Sept. 15, as compared with 2,442 bales for the crop of 1941.

DANGER AHEAD!



Additional Ration Board Members Are Named

Announcement was made today by Chairman W. E. Blakely of the Local War Price and Rationing Board that in order to more effectively handle the rapidly expanding rationing program the following panels have been set up.

Gasoline: T. E. Blakely, Chairman; G. W. Mauney and J. A. Neisler.

Tires, Automobiles, Men's Rubber Boots: L. A. Kiver, Chairman; Paul Mauney and Carl F. Mauney.

Sugar, Bicycles, Typewriters: O. C. O'Farrell, Chairman; J. E. Herndon; Wray Williams.

Advisory Price Committee: J. R. Davis, Chairman; R. N. Barnes, Rev. R. N. Baird.

Advisory Fuel Oil Committee: B. S. Peeler, Chairman; L. S. Goforth; P. D. Herndon.

Announcement was also made that Mrs. Nell O. Thompson has been appointed Executive Secretary of the Local War Price and Rationing Board and Miss Annie Laura Summitt has been added to the office staff.

In order to avoid a last minute rush cooperation of motorists is earnestly requested in applying for renewal of supplementary gas rations for the period beginning October 22nd.

W. H. D. U. Develops Real Marksmen

The Women's Home Defense Unit which was recently organized in Kings Mountain under the leadership of Chief of Police J. A. Burns has developed into a first class rifle team. The Unit was organized to act as defenders of the homes being left vacant by the men who are being inducted into the armed forces. The first action taken toward training this Unit was instructing the members of the Unit in the proper method of safely handling various types of firearms and target practice.

The venture was met with great enthusiasm and interest on the part of the ladies. Some have developed into first class marksmen as evidenced by the scores of the lead group. The names of the leaders and their scores are listed below and they are excellent when it is considered that of this group none have ever fired a gun before.

A two day period of firing with 22 caliber rifles was finished last week with Ruby Baker and Mary Frances Gantt tying for first place with a score of 490 each out of a possible 600, each receiving a two pound box of candy as prizes. The runners up and their scores are as follows: Marjorie Rhee 448, Kate Smith 423, Marjorie Hoover 385, Nell Thompson 328, Mrs. T. V. Hill 322, Mrs. Arnold Kiser 322, Katherine Hill 315.

At an early date instructions will be given on the particular firearms belonging to the members of the Unit. This is to give each member confidence in handling the gun which they will be most likely to use in case of necessity and give them instructions in proper methods of handling them in order that they will be reasonably safe to other members of their households.

Great credit must be given to the instructors for their patience and diligence in imparting to the ladies the knowledge necessary to make them sharpshooters. These instructors include Mayor Joe H. Thompson, Harold Hammett, Buster Hester, Mrs. Grace Page, Ed Ward, Joe Lee Woodard, Ole Briggs and H. C. Hoover.

Dr. Cooper To Address Kiwanians And Lions

NOTICE TO FARMERS
The Merchants of Kings Mountain are glad to cooperate with the farmers in gathering their cotton if there is sufficient interest shown.

Please contact your Kings Mountain merchant and take this matter over with him.
Kings Mountain Merchants Association

Draft Gets Call For 95 Men For November

The local draft board was received a call for 75 white men and 20 negroes to be sent to the United States Army during November.

The quota for white men will probably not include any married men they said since reclassification of single men with collateral dependents and men with correctible physical defects will likely provide enough I-A's to fill the quota.

Forty two white men left yesterday morning at 9 o'clock for Camp Croft at Spartanburg, S. C. where they will be examined and inducted into the army. At the end of two week furloughs they will probably be sent to Fort Bragg to begin military training.

Friday morning nine negroes will be sent to Fort Bragg to begin training. They are now on two week furloughs.

Attend District Scout Meeting In Shelby

Twenty Kings Mountain Scouters attended the District Boy Scout meeting of the Piedmont Council at the Hotel Charles in Shelby Monday night. Members of the executive board of the eleven county council were present for the meeting at which Judge Bismark Capps of Gaston presided.

W. K. Mauney, Chairman of the Organization and Extension Committee made the report for his committee and Aubrey Mauney, Cleveland County Chairman reported on the activities of Scouting in Cleveland.

Those attending from Kings Mountain were B. B. Nell, W. K. Mauney, P. S. Peeler, Haywood E. Lynch, Glee Bridges, O. W. Myers, Harry Page, Aubrey Mauney, H. C. Wilson, Carl Davidson, P. D. Patrick and a Mr. Johnson.

Blackout Successful Here Tuesday Night

Kings Mountain's third blackout test was considered a success here Tuesday night by Civilian Defense Officials. With the exception of a few fire-flights the town was in total darkness for the first state-wide test.

Auxiliary police firemen and air raid wardens were all on duty at their respective posts.

Kings Mountain was supposed to receive the blackout call through Gastonia but because of some hitch Gastonia did not receive the call from State headquarters but learned of the blackout call over the police radio at 9:15. The test lasted for 45 minutes until 10:00 P. M. when the all clear signal was sounded.

School Scrap Drive Over 17,000 Lbs.

If you should see some school boy going down the street with a dishpan over his head he's not pretending that he's Peenrod and using that as a means of keeping his girl from seeing his return the pan his mother borrowed, he is helping with the scrap drive sponsored by the Senior Class of Central High.

During the past week interest in the drive has been at a very high peak and contributions have been coming in from almost every home in the school district. J. E. Honeycutt, High School Principal, reported Wednesday afternoon that well over 17,000 pounds of scrap had already been collected by pupils of the Central school and that daily contributions were steadily rising.

It was his opinion that at least 25,000 pounds would be collected by tomorrow afternoon at which time the drive is scheduled to close.

Wednesday afternoon Miss Linberger's fourth grade, with 1,500 pounds, led the school; Mrs. Pollock's sixth grade, with slightly over 1,700, was running a close second; and Miss Suggin's eleventh grade was bringing up third with approximately 1,500 pounds.

Mr. J. B. Thompson, chairman of the local salvage committee, has lent his full support to the drive and has secured one of the town trucks to go with the senior boys to pick up articles weighing a hundred pounds or more. Officials of the school greatly commended Mr. Thompson and the city employees for their assistance in this project.

This scrap will go directly through a junk dealer to one of the country's steel mills where it will be converted into steel for tanks, gun ships, or other war implements.

Laughing Around the World
With IRVIN & COSS

Unaccustomed as he was to Public Speaking

AT A dinner recently a former Mayor of New York, was reminded immediately upon getting on his feet, of a day...

New Vapor Mopex Tills Gas
I had great trouble with my car... I had a vapor mopex tiller... I had a vapor mopex tiller... I had a vapor mopex tiller...

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS
THERE'S all kinds of reasons for getting married and divorced, and most of 'em has been got from time to time. But I heard of...