

## RULES TIGHTENED ON INSTALLMENT PLAN OF BUYING

### 46 Classifications To Cover Nearly Every Article in Common Home Use.

Washington, May 5.—Stiff regulations controlling the installment purchases of nearly every article in common use in the American home were promulgated tonight by the Federal Reserve board which, in addition, decreed that ordinary charge accounts involving such purchases must be paid up relatively quickly.

The charge account rules, first ever issued governing this type of buying, provided that an article must be paid for by the 10th day of the second month following the purchase.

Effective at midnight tonight, the regulations were issued in compliance with President Roosevelt's recent request that people pay off their bills and stay out of debt as much as possible. Hitherto, the purchase on credit of a score of articles had been regulated, but tonight's rules lengthened the list to 46 classifications, and stiffened the requirements.

The new list of restricted articles included all civilian clothing, kitchen articles and dishes, linens, jewelry, auto accessories, all electrical appliances, luggage, umbrellas, sports equipment, used furniture and yard goods, in addition to the score of previously limited items such as furniture, radios, vacuum cleaners, bicycles and clocks.

The rules apply only to the 46 listed types of articles and no others. They provide:

1. Cash purchases—no restrictions.
2. Charge accounts—Must be paid by the 10th day of the second month following purchase. For instance, a listed article bought any day up to the end of this month must be paid for by July 10. That date also is the deadline for charged articles on the list which were bought before today.
3. Installment credit—Any person buying a listed item on the installment must pay 1-3 down and the balance in 12 months, except that automobiles may be bought 1-3 down and 15 months to pay and furniture and pianos 1-5 down and 12 months to pay. Regardless of total price, payments must be at least \$5 per month.

The rules also tighten up conditions under which cash loans up to \$1,500 may be made by banks or other lenders. The cash loan rules provide:

1. If the loan is to be repaid in a lump sum, it must be paid up in 90 days. And if the loan is to be used to buy a listed article the amount of the loan must not be more than the purchase price of the article minus the down payment.
2. If the loan is to be repaid in regular installments it must be paid up in 12 months, except that if it is to be used to buy an automobile or motorcycle it may run 15 months.

Board officials said that one of the most drastic features of the new rules was the requirement that monthly payments be at least \$5. In effect, this provision shortens the payment time on a large number of listed articles.

For instance, the rules seem to allow a year to pay for a watch. But, if it costs \$30 and the down payment is \$10, and the balance must be repaid at the rate of at least \$5 per month, the purchaser actually gets only 4 months.

Several relief clauses, however, soften the blow of some of the other provisions, especially on charge accounts. If a charge account is not paid up in the required 40 to 70 days (depending on the day of the month the purchase is made) the technical default can be cleared up by making arrangement with the merchant to pay up in the following 6 months on a fixed monthly basis of not less than \$5. Until such an arrangement is made or the default paid up, the merchant is prohibited from charging any more listed articles to such an account.

As in the old rules, there are other special exemptions or extensions for impoverished persons, students, farmers and others with seasonal incomes, or persons seeking cash loans for emergency expenses, and in other special cases.

## Supervisor Teague For Re-election

Robert L. Teague announces his candidacy today for re-election as supervisor of Laurens county.

Mr. Teague, a well known citizen of the county, was elected to the office two years ago, succeeding the incumbent, J. A. Guthrie, who had been appointed by the governor to succeed the late A. Rhett Martin.

**AT DUNCAN'S CREEK SUNDAY**  
Dr. D. J. Woods of this city, will preach at Duncan's Creek Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11:30, with all members of the congregation invited to be present.

## WILDER ELECTED HIGH PRINCIPAL

The board of trustees has announced the election of Robert P. Wilder of Winnsboro, as principal of the local high school for the session of 1942-43. He succeeds John B. Gentry, Jr., resigned.

Mr. Wilder is now completing his first year as principal and athletic director of Mount Zion institute (high school) at Winnsboro. Before accepting the position he was a member of the Clinton high school faculty and football coach for six years.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilder and family will move here during the summer.

## Citizens Sign Up For Sugar Books

### Registration To Be Completed At Schools This Afternoon.

Families of Clinton and this community gathered at registration schools Monday, Tuesday and yesterday to file applications for a war ration book, first issued in World War No. 2. The enrolling is in charge of school teachers, Monday being a holiday in all schools of the county.

The registration will continue today (Thursday) at all the schools between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Those who have not registered are required to do so today at the school house closest to their residence.

Sugar rationing got under way Tuesday. Persons who have secured their ration books may purchase sugar with the first stamp, which permits the purchase of one pound any time up to May 16. After that date stamp No. 2 is to be used for two weeks.

This program will remain in effect through June 28, after which time the periods may be lengthened and the amount of sugar obtainable for a stamp increased, reduced or allowed to remain unchanged. Officials in Washington are expected to decide on the matter in the next few days.

All families are required to register for a ration book whether they use sugar or not. The books may be used for other commodities when and if they are rationed.

One stamp valid at the time will buy one pound of sugar during the following periods:

- Period No. 1, May 5-16, stamp No. 1.
- Period No. 2, May 17-30, stamp No. 2.
- Period No. 3, May 31-June 14, stamp No. 3.
- Period No. 4, June 14-27, stamp No. 4.

## Four P. C. Students Accepted By Marines

Four Presbyterian college students, Arthur Prochaska, Otis Weaver, Lester Coleman and Wilmer Johnson, have been selected to take training for commissions as officers in the United States Marine corps. Several other students have filed applications and are awaiting the approval of the Marine authorities.

## Summer Closing Began Yesterday

The usual Wednesday half holiday for the summer began yesterday to continue through the months of May, June, July and August, with only a few firms not entering into the agreement.

The closing arrangement is made primarily to give a holiday to the employees of the respective places of business.

## BOYD IN HOSPITAL

The many friends of B. H. Boyd will regret to learn he has been a patient at Hays hospital the past week and will wish for him a speedy recovery.

**DRIVE CAREFULLY  
SAVE A LIFE  
SO FAR THIS YEAR THERE  
HAVE BEEN**

**FATALITIES  
FROM  
AUTOMOBILE  
ACCIDENTS  
IN  
LAURENS COUNTY  
Let's Strive To Make  
1942 a Safe Year On  
the Highways.**

This date last year, 6

## Mother's Day

SUNDAY,  
MAY 10



## Methodist Men's Quartet To Present Program

The men's quartet of the Wesley Fellowship of Broad Street Methodist church will present a musical program at the evening service Sunday at 8 o'clock.

Comprising the quartet are Walter G. Coker and Dr. John G. Barden, tenors; John B. Gentry, baritone; and Fred J. Bouknight, bass. Miss Sybil Burdette, is accompanist.

Program for the evening worship is as follows:

"Praise Ye the Father," Gounod; "The Holy City," Adams—the quartet.

"The Lord's Prayer," Malotte—Mr. Gentry.

"America, the Beautiful," Ward; "Sons of Men," Cadman—the quartet.

Scripture—

Evening prayer.

Offertory, Meditation from "Thais," Massenet—Miss Burdette.

Duet, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee," Lachner-Norris—Dr. Barden, Mr. Bouknight.

God So Loved the World from "The Redemption," Stainer; "Fairer Lord Jesus," Silesian melody—the quartet.

"Little Mother of Mine," Burleigh—Mr. Coker.

"Though Your Sins Be As Scarlet," Doane; "Softly and Tenderly," Thompson—the quartet.

"Abide With Me," the Methodist hymnal. (The congregation will join the quartet in singing the closing hymn.)

## Mrs. Hall Purchases Home In City

Mrs. E. H. Hall, of Great Falls, moved here Tuesday and is occupying her recently purchased home on Hickory street in the College View residential section.

Mrs. Hall is pleasantly remembered here by a number of friends. Her husband, the late Mr. Hall, headed the local schools for several years as superintendent. She is a sister of Mrs. W. P. Jacobs of this city.

## Jacobs Receives Ministerial Award

Allen Jacobs, senior at Presbyterian college, has been chosen by members of the Ministerial club to receive the Ministerial club Leadership medal for 1942 to be presented during the commencement exercises. The award goes to the member of the club chosen by vote of all the members as the most outstanding during the past two years on the college campus.

## Tires-Tubes Quota Given For May

Laurens county has been given the following tires and tubes quota for the month of May, the rationing board has announced:

Passenger car tires 14, tubes 17; trucks and busses, tires 46, tubes 54; passenger trailers, tires 70; truck trailers, tires 74.

## New Candidate In Ward Five

Bennie Lee Sumner of the Clinton Mills community announces himself today as a candidate for alderman from ward five in the approaching city primary. His announcement brings the entries in ward five to seven.

## Thirty-Three Men Go To Army Monday

As previously announced, thirty-three white men have been instructed to report to the local draft board next Monday for induction into the United States army. Officials said the group would be sent at 10 a.m. by bus to the regular induction center at Fort Jackson. The list of those comprising the quota has already appeared in The Chronicle.

A public-spirited citizen in a letter to The Chronicle, suggests that Clinton citizens and others go to the bus station on this date to say good-bye to the young men and let them know that those left behind are interested in their future and appreciate the services they are being called upon to render to the nation.

## Memorial Service Dr. J. W. Speake

J. B. and George T. Speake were in Greenwood Monday morning for a service in memory of their brother, the late Dr. John Wesley Speake, held at Lander college. Other members of the Speake family and intimate friends were also present for the special service.

Dr. Speake, who was born and reared in the Kinards section near here, was president of Lander from June, 1932, until June, 1941.

## 3,020 Oldsters Registered In County

A total of 3,020 Laurens county men between the ages of 45 and 65 years registered during the fourth selective service registration last week, a tabulation of the figures revealed.

Of the total, 1,591 enrolled with the Laurens board and 1,429 with the Clinton board.

In the first three registrations the local board enrolled 3,653. The fourth registration figure brings the total to date to 5,082.

## Mrs. Love And Son To Leave City

Friends of Mrs. Sadler Love and son, Sadler, will regret to know they will be away from the city some time. Mr. Love will enter military service May 11 at Fort Jackson while Mrs. Love will leave the latter part of the week for an extended visit to relatives and friends in the lower part of the state and Florida. While away she will spend some time with her brother, Boyd Hull, and Mrs. Hull, in Blackville. Her friends will be interested to learn she will retain her residence in the Hays apartments.

## P. C. Comes Third In Track Meet

The University of South Carolina amassed 75½ points here Saturday and won the eighteenth annual state intercollegiate track and field meet. The Gamecocks ended the three-year reign of Clemson Tigers.

Clemson garnered 44 points and placed second. Presbyterian was close behind with 40½ points and placed third.

## TEXTILE GAMES SATURDAY

The Mid-Carolina textile league will enter its second week of play Saturday when Clinton meets Joanne at Goldville, and Riverdale plays Buffalo at Union.

## \$65,700 IS BOND QUOTA FOR MAY

Laurens county residents are being asked to buy \$65,700 in war bonds of all denominations during the month of May, under the government's new quota system for the sale of bonds.

Chairman H. Douglas Gray of Laurens, states that for the first time, definite quotas have been assigned to every county, and now each community war savings committee has a specific objective.

Chairman Gray announced that the average bond sales in the county for the period July, 1941, through January, 1942, was \$47,376.

## Annual Meeting Red Cross Chapter

### Officers for Year Are Elected and Reports Heard.

Laurens county members of the Red Cross held a general meeting last Thursday night in the court house at which time officers were elected for the county chapter. The meeting was presided over by Rev. A. C. Holler, county chapter chairman.

The main part of the program consisted of a talk by Mrs. Ruth Edwards, of the national headquarters, on the work of the Red Cross in the armed services. This work is done by the home service department and consists largely of such services as making home investigations before soldiers will be granted leaves in case of emergency, sickness or death at home; no leaves are granted soldiers until the requests are verified by the home chapter of the Red Cross. This work has become increasingly important, Mrs. Edwards stated, with the increase in the size of the personnel of the army and navy. Mr. Holler later reported that this chapter has handled over 100 cases such as this for Laurens county service men within the past year.

The following officers were elected for the county for next year:

County chapter chairman, Rev. A. C. Holler; vice-chairman, J. B. Townsend, Clinton; secretary, Miss Bettie Richards; treasurer for Laurens, Fred S. Bishop; treasurer for Clinton, W. H. Simpson; executive secretary, Miss Harriett Easterby.

The following were elected as county vice-chairmen and will serve as chairmen of Red Cross activities in their communities:

Rev. W. C. Alexander, Ora; J. H. Shealy, Cross Hill; G. N. Foy, Goldville; Mrs. Ray Adams, Mountville; Mrs. David Pitts, Shady Grove; Mrs. Cecil Gray, Gray Court; Robert C. Wasson, Hickory Tavern; Mrs. David C. Smith, Waterloo.

At the meeting Mrs. J. B. Townsend of this city and Mrs. W. A. Whitlock of Laurens, gave reports of production activities which indicated that much work is being done in this field. Ben Strop of Laurens, reported that all war drive quotas had been exceeded by the chapter, and stated that there would be no regular roll call this year but that a campaign would be held the first of next year.

## Dr. J. P. Marion Resigns As Pastor

Acquaintances here of Dr. J. P. Marion, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Greenwood, Miss., will be interested to know he recently resigned his work and plans to retire from the active ministry. Dr. Marion was pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Sumter before going to his present charge nineteen years ago. He is a brother of Dr. L. B. Marion of this city.

## Dr. John G. Barden Loses Father

Friends here of Dr. John G. Barden will sympathize with him in the death of his father, John C. Barden, of Goldsboro, N. C., which occurred Sunday night, Dr. Barden, Mrs. Barden and sons will return today from Goldsboro where they attended the funeral services.

## 133,434 Men Are Registered In State

The selective service registration of men between 45 and 65 last week added 133,434 men to the rolls, increasing to 493,000 the South Carolina residents enrolled since the first registration period in October, 1940.

## Pressly Enters Army As Chaplain

Friends here of the Rev. Henry Pressly, pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church in Anderson, will learn with interest that he has enlisted in the United States army as chaplain. Mr. Pressly for several years was pastor of the A.R.P. church of this city.

## DRIVE FOR WAR FUNDS TO BE MADE HERE NEXT WEEK

### County Asked To Con- tribute \$3,700. Clinton Has Quota of \$1,075.

A campaign has been planned for Laurens county's United War Fund drive when \$3,700 will be sought beginning on the morning of May 12.

The county's quota has been divided: Laurens \$1,300, Clinton \$1,075, Goldville \$300, and the remainder of the county \$1,025. The committee states that 10% of the amount raised here will be retained for local USO work.

R. L. Plaxico is chairman of the local campaign committee and a member of the county executive committee. Dr. L. E. Bishop and Robert D. Lynn are co-directors, F. M. Bolland, treasurer.

Ward captains have been announced as follows: Ward 1, Mrs. Hubert Todd; ward two, Mrs. R. L. Plaxico; ward three, Mrs. J. B. Townsend; ward four, Mrs. Tom Addison; wards five and six, E. A. Hill. Mac Adair is chairman of the business district and special gifts committee.

In the campaign all residents of the community will be contacted and asked to make a contribution to help preserve the moral and spiritual values of the democratic ideals and freedoms for which the U. S. soldiers in uniform are now fighting. Officers of the national organization in making the appeal to the American people say "USO is one way we can all get behind the men behind the guns."

Opening the \$32,000,000 USO War Fund campaign to continue and extend its services to America's fighting men and forces behind the lines, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., honorary chairman of the United Service Organizations, will address a nationwide radio audience and thousands of USO workers, state, civic and military leaders assembled in every state in the Union on next Monday evening, May 11, from 10:15 to 10:30. He will speak on "The High Task of the USO."

**Services Rendered**  
Started while the total number of men in the armed forces was relatively small, the USO is growing with the increasing army. By the end of 1942 it is expected that the former peace-time army of 183,400 will be a war-time army of 3,600,000 men. Careful plans have been made and the cost analyzed for the operation of the USO this next year and the total is a national goal of \$32,000,000. This will provide for the operation of 450 club-house and 250 smaller service units; clubhouses in Hawaii, Alaska, Canal Zone, Trinidad and near every battle station where U. S. troops have gone; the renting and maintenance of buildings, the administration of the work and the funds, helping soldiers in their rest times while on maneuvers, aid to troops in transit, the organization of citizens committees, the coordination of the USO services with Navy Relief and China Relief and other benevolent groups for aiding victims of the war, emergency service funds to take care of unpredictable needs.

## LIONS CLUB TO GATHER SCRAP METAL

The local Lions club, in an advertisement in today's paper, announces to the public that it has taken upon itself the task of collecting scrap metals of every description in the Clinton territory.

The organization requests those who have metal at their places of business, on farms, or at homes to call or contact a member of the club who will see that it is called for. Telephone numbers of most members are given in the advertisement.

The club, at the request of the local defence council, assumed this work to assist in the war effort, the metal eventually going to smelters to be melted down for armaments.

A bin has been placed on the square to receive the collection and those who desire to do so may place metal there, it has been stated.

## Eugene Johnson Called To Army

Friends of W. Eugene Johnson, purchasing agent for Clinton and Lydia Cotton Mills, will be interested to know he will report to Camp Jackson, Columbia, tomorrow for active army duty. Mr. Johnson, a graduate of Presbyterian college, holds the rank of first lieutenant.

## Mother's Day Program At Baptist Church

The Sunday school of the First Baptist church will present a Mother's Day playlet at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at the regular Sunday school hour. Members of other congregations are invited to attend the program.