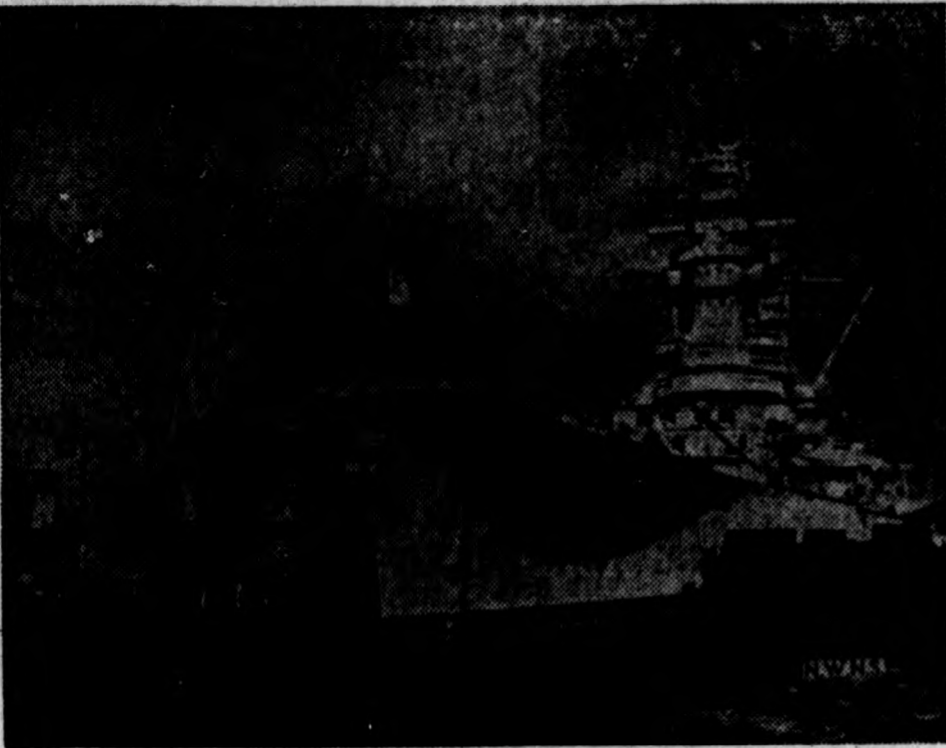


French Battleship to Be Refitted Here



The Richelieu, newest of French warships, limped into New York harbor with only three of her four propellers operating and her hull pierced. The 35,000-ton battleship, shown above, will be repaired and refitted before going to sea against the Axis. Accompanied by U. S. and French destroyers, the Richelieu rode out a severe North Atlantic gale.

MARCH 15 DEADLINE FOR INCOME TAX; MILLIONS TO FILE RETURNS FOR FIRST TIME

Many Deductions Allowed; Can Credit Farm Expense.

March 15 will be a big and busy day in the United States, for on that day income tax returns and payments will be due from millions of American citizens, many of whom will be facing Uncle Sam, as a tax collector, for the first time.

It is particularly important to remember that tax returns and payments, in whole or in installment, must be made March 15 or, if convenient, before. This fact has been pretty much confused by all the talk about putting income taxes on a pay-as-you-go, or weekly income deduction, basis. No such law has been passed and there are possibilities that even if it is passed, it will be passed in a different form.

But the fact is, no pay-as-you-go law exists, and an income tax return must be filed and whole or partial payments made March 15.

Lower exemptions and increased employment will bring millions of new taxpayers into the fold. Figures, of course, are dry, but they are interesting in that government agencies estimate that approximately 58 million people will have earned an average of almost \$1,600 in 1942.

Farm income alone has been figured at approximately 16 billion dollars, giving America's six million farmers an average intake of \$2,800. All these figures are average, of course, and do not specifically apply to individual cases.

Besides renewed industrial activity and higher wages, one of the main reasons more people will pay an income tax for 1942 is because of the lowered exemptions. Single persons, or married persons not living with their spouse, do not have to pay any tax on the first \$600 of their income. A married man and his wife are allowed to take off \$1,200 for themselves and \$350 for each child under 18.

The "head" of any family supporting one or more dependent individuals closely related to him by blood relationship, relationship by marriage, or by adoption, is allowed the \$1,200 exemption, plus \$350 for every dependent except one.

The income tax payer is allowed to deduct other sums, either as personal or business expenses, from his income. For every \$1 that the taxpayer can legitimately take off his income, he chops 18.4 cents from his tax. On large incomes, such savings can be impressive.

But what can the taxpayer deduct? Below appears a formidable list of exemptions:

Taxes

Deductible federal taxes include admissions, dues, telephone, telegraph, transportation, auto use and safety deposit boxes. State levies deductible include gasoline, real estate and personal property, use taxes, auto license fees, and unemployment.

Interest

All interest paid on personal debts can be written off. For the farmer these take in mortgages, notes and other obligations incurred to finance operation.

Expenses

All expenses connected with conduct of a business or farm are deductible. Business expenses include office rent, light, heat and phone bills, salary of office assistants, train fares, hotel and restaurant costs for which the party is not reimbursed, and charges for operating an automobile and its depreciation.

In the expenses of operating their farms, farmers can include gasoline repairs and upkeep of vehicles, cost of ordinary small tools, livestock and seed, pay of hired hands and food for them bought off the farm. Insurance on farm property, such as buildings and crops, are also deductible as is (Continued on page two)

LIFE SENTENCE HANDED DAWSON

Laurens, Feb. 18.—After overruling a motion for a new trial, Circuit Judge J. Henry Johnson today sentenced Fred Dawson, 55, to life imprisonment, the jury having found him guilty of murder with mercy recommendation late last night in general sessions court on charge of slaying Irvin Jones.

The new trial motion was argued at length, the main point by defense counsel being that a juror in the case had been quoted as saying he thought the defendant should be convicted. The juror in question was sent for and denied under oath that he had made the statement.

Dawson, proprietor of a store and sandwich stand, near the city, allegedly fatally stabbed Jones, 24, textile worker with a long meat knife during an argument last October over the breaking of a soft drink glass by the customer while seated in a car in front of the eating stand.

The defendant testified that during the scuffle, Jones caught him around the neck and drew him into the car, and that he was unaware for some time that Jones had received a wound. A state witness had testified he was present, heard the dispute and saw Dawson "lunge into the open car door" and cut Jones as the quarrel raged.

Dawson, formerly of another county, had lived here about three years. He has a family. Jones was also married.

SEEK CLINTON WOMEN FOR WAVES, SPARS

J. L. Bagwell, navy recruiting officer from the Spartanburg office will be at the local post office today (Thursday) to interview Clinton women who are interested in becoming members of the WAVES or SPARS, it has been announced.

The WAVES is an organization of women whose job is to replace navy men at shore stations. The SPARS, likewise, is a woman's organization to replace coast guard men at shore stations.

The navy is still enlisting on a volunteer basis boys 17 years of age and under 38 to 50 years.

Clinton residents in any of the above classifications are invited to interview the recruiting officer if they are interested in joining these branches of the service.

Clinton Boy Reported Missing

The navy department has announced that Seaman Andrew Clyde Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Arthur Adams, of North Broad street, this city, is missing in action.

Young Adams was a member of an armed guard crew aboard a merchant vessel which was sunk on August 20, 1942, as the result of enemy action the war department communicated revealed. No report from any of the crew has been received since that time.

Larceny Is Charged To Clinton Negro

Lizzie Mae Williams, former servant in a Clinton home, has been returned from Sarasota, Fla., and is being held in the county jail at Laurens on a charge of grand larceny in connection with the alleged theft of \$100 from her employers, Dr. and Mrs. F. K. Shealy. Deputy Sheriff J. Wesley Fowler and R. S. Wier, who made the trip to Florida, reported that \$30 of the money was recovered.

RED CROSS DRIVE MARCH 4

POINT RATIONING BEGINS MONDAY

REGISTRATION FOR BOOK 2 UNDERWAY

Consumption of Canned Goods To Be Cut To Less Than Half of Normal.

Residents of Clinton and the surrounding community—along with everybody else in the United States—began registering Monday morning at the various school houses for war ration book number two preparatory to the institution over the entire country of the most severe rationing program yet faced by the people on March 1.

The program is under the supervision of the local rationing board, with teachers bearing the larger part of the burden of registration, assisted by other volunteer workers.

Officials state that the issuing of the books has been proceeding rather slowly and urged those who have not yet registered to do so immediately. The week is half gone and the rationing program begins Monday morning March 1. Those who register early will avoid a last minute rush, it was pointed out—and Friday is the last day for registration.

Those who have not yet received war ration book one are urged to make application at the ration board office on South Broad street. They must have book one before they can get book two, it was stated.

Drastic Scale of Point Values

Washington, Feb. 21.—The government announced tonight how much processed food the new ration books will buy, a drastic scale of point values limiting consumption to less than half of normal.

The 48 ration points allotted to each man, woman and child for March will "purchase" two cans of sliced pineapple, or three cans of peas, or 48 cans of baby food.

The 48 points may be spent, of course, on a variety of different foods. Here is what some of them will "cost," in the most popular can sizes:

Peas 16 points, corn 14, tomatoes 16, green beans 14, pears 21, peaches 21, grapefruit juice 23, tomato juice 32, soup 6, baby food 1.

Prunes and raisins "cost" 20 points a pound; frozen foods mostly 13 points a pound.

The office of price administration issued a detailed tabulation of nearly 900 different point values which will determine how much canned and frozen fruits and vegetables dried fruits, canned soups and baby foods may be bought when the rationing starts March 1. Sale of these items is frozen until then.

The point values for dried beans, peas and lentils which were bought under the rationing only last night will be announced later.

The values announced today are expected to remain in effect throughout March, although they could be raised or lowered at any time. At the end of the month the OPA will announce the values for April.

The first 48 points provided by the new ration books being distributed this week are designed to cover purchases for the entire month of March. During the last week of March, however, some of the April ration coupons may be used if necessary.

It had been announced previously that the individual allotment for March would be 48 points but the value of these points was a closely kept secret and today's announcement constituted a severe blow to householders who have been relying mostly on canned foods for their tables.

"This means we will be eating less than half as much canned and processed foods as we ate the previous year," commented Prentiss Brown, OPA administrator. "We'll do on this scant ration so that our fighting forces and the fighting forces of our allies may have the food they need to carry on."

He estimated that civilians will have from March 1 to September, 1944, a total of 254,000,000 cases of canned fruits and vegetables—an average of little more than 13,000,000 cases a month compared with 30,000,000 a month in 1941-42.

\$23,548.75 Bonds Sold First Quarter

A total of \$23,548.75 in "E" bonds were sold in Laurens county during the first quarter of February ending Feb. 8, according to figures released from the office of H. D. Gray, bond chairman.

PRE-FLIGHT STUDENTS ARRIVE THIS WEEK

Capt. Turner In Command of Group To Be Stationed At College.

Men selected for aviation training at Presbyterian college are expected to begin to arrive on the campus this week, and the full number of the first contingent by the 28th.

Two officers, Capt. Carl M. Turner and First Lieutenant Byron M. Myers, and two non-commissioned officers, Staff Sergeant Augustus Ramsey and Corporal John W. Wadsworth, have been on the campus for several days preparing for the arrival of the trainees.

Captain Turner is in command of the aviation school and Lieutenant Myers will serve as adjutant. Sergeant Ramsey will act as sergeant major for the outfit and Corporal Wadsworth has been placed in charge of military drill.

The men who will attend here are brought from civilian life through the Enlisted Reserve corps. They have received only a few weeks basic training at an induction center and will train here as enlisted men, not as aviation cadets as previously announced.

The course will extend for five months and include military and physical drill under the supervision of the new military department and academic work supervised by the college faculty.

Upon successful completion of the course, the men will be sent to a classification center at Nashville, Tenn., and from there will be assigned to pre-flight schools as aviation cadets.

Captain Turner stressed the fact that the two schools on the campus will be entirely separate in both military and academic work.

Smyth dormitory will be used to house the men when they arrive and their meals will be served in Judd hall on a schedule that will not conflict with the college program. If necessary, the gymnasium also will be used to house the men, it was stated.

Headquarters for the military department have been set up in an office on the second floor of the library building.

LAST RITES HERE FOR MRS. NANNIE NORMAN

Funeral services for Mrs. Nannie McCaslan Norman were held here Friday morning at 11:30 from the graveside in the Presbyterian cemetery with the Rev. J. K. Roberts as the officiating minister.

Pallbearers were J. J. Cornwall, J. F. Jacobs, John W. Little, T. H. Copeland, Augustus Blakely, C. W. Cooper, R. E. Sadler and R. S. Owens.

Mrs. Norman died Wednesday at her home in Chattanooga, Tenn., where she had resided the past 40 years.

Mrs. Norman was a native of Abbeville county, a daughter of the late William Miller and Seppie Jordan McCaslan, beloved Clinton residents for a number of years.

Mrs. Norman was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church, a woman of strong Christian character who made many friends by her sweet personality and admirable traits. She was pleasantly remembered here by a number of friends, all of whom will regret to know of her passing.

Survivors include a son, Sgt. Edwin H. Norman of Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.; and three sisters, Mrs. W. B. Owens, Sr., of this city, Mrs. H. L. Scaife of Haverford, Pa., and Mrs. J. T. Anderson of Bristol, Tenn.

176,000 In the State Buy War Bonds On Payroll Savings

South Carolinians buying war bonds under the payroll savings plan have now reached a total of 176,000, it was announced this week by W. P. Bowers, state war bond administrator. They are employees of approximately 500 concerns in the state.

Of these 500 firms, a total of 196 have reached the treasury department's goal of having at least 90 per cent of their employees buying bonds, and have received the awards of recognition issued by the department.

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. William P. Jacobs, president of Presbyterian college, and chairman of the South Carolina Defense council, addressed members of the Transportation club in Atlanta, Ga., on Tuesday evening. His subject was, "Equipped For Action."

10.09% of Textile Payroll In County Being Put In Bonds

Of the 5,108 textile employes in Laurens county, 87.49 per cent are buying war stamps and bonds, it was stated this week from the office of W. P. Bowers, of Columbia, chairman of bond sales in South Carolina. Total amount put into bonds by these employes is 10.09 per cent of the combined payrolls of the five textile corporations in the county.

Following are the records of the various mills, as furnished by Mr. Bowers' office:

Clinton Cotton Mills, 953 employes, of whom 98.22 per cent put an average of 10.73 per cent of their earnings in bonds.

Joanna Textile Mills, Goldville, 1,050 employes, 80 per cent put 11.3 per cent of earnings in bonds.

Laurens Cotton Mills, 1,013 employes, 90.02 per cent of whom spend 10.27 per cent of earnings for bonds.

Lydia Cotton Mills, Clinton, 660 employes, 74.25 per cent put 8.17 per cent of earnings in bonds.

Watts Mills, Laurens, 1,430 employes, 92.3 per cent put 10.6 per cent of earnings in bonds.

TO SEEK FUNDS FOR SCOUT WORK

Annual Solicitation Begins This Morning. Committees Named.

The Boy Scout drive for funds with which to carry on the work for the year began this morning with an 8:30 breakfast at Hotel Clinton for volunteer workers. J. Leland Young, chairman of the financial committee, will head the drive to seek a 15 per cent increase in the former quota.

Horace Williamson, of Greenville, Scout executive for the Blue Ridge council, will be a special guest. Other workers attending with members of their committees follow:

D. B. Smith, captain, White Bullock, L. B. Dillard, J. C. Thomas, and L. W. Rawl.

Heath Copeland, captain, Brooks Owens, B. Hubert Boyd.

I. M. Adair, captain, William R. Pitts.

R. L. Plaxico, captain, D. C. Heustess, J. H. Hunter, Harry Wilkes, and J. F. Jacobs.

J. Henderson Pitts, captain, R. M. Crooks, J. Hubert Todd, H. L. Nettles, and W. M. Walker.

Special gifts, H. L. Eichelberger, Raymond Pitts.

Goldville—W. A. Moorhead, captain, J. B. Hart, Bruce Galloway, and G. N. Foy.

College—J. Isaac Copeland.

West Clinton—William D. Terry.

Special Gifts—R. E. Ferguson and Rev. J. LeGrande Mayer.

Police Ask Recipients To Be Careful With Allotment Checks

The local police department, in cooperation with the secret service division of the U. S. treasury department, requests that recipients of army and navy allotment checks exercise care in handling and endorsing the checks.

They are urged not to endorse the checks until presented for payment and to take them to the same place each time to avoid confusion in identification. Delivery of checks will be facilitated if postal authorities are notified promptly of any change in address, and the placing of names on mail boxes.

Merchants should insist upon positive identification of holders before cashing the checks, it was stated.

New Grand Jury Names Committees

The 1943 grand jury was organized at last week's term of court in Laurens with S. M. Leaman of Cross Hill, as foreman, and M. S. Boyd of Laurens, as foreman pro tem.

In its final presentation the following committees were appointed to serve for the year:

Jail and court house: J. V. Lowe, Joe Campbell and W. E. Bragg.

Education: J. N. Jones, G. C. Abercrombie and S. M. Leaman.

Auditing: Sam Fleming, L. O. Hiers and B. G. Taylor.

County home: D. C. Smith, J. M. Babb and Conway W. Gray.

SEEK \$8,000 FROM CLINTON SECTION

One Day's Pay Asked of Each Person As Effort Underway. County To Raise \$16,000.

Seeking \$8,000, workers will take to the field Thursday morning, March 4, in the Red Cross war campaign fund drive in the Clinton-Goldville area. Mrs. J. B. Townsend is chairman of the organization in charge of the effort, it has been announced by J. Roy Gasque, head of the Clinton chapter. A total of \$16,000 has been set as the goal for the county.

The annual membership drive is being combined with the emergency war relief campaign and there will be no other call from the Red Cross during the year, Mrs. Townsend stated. Because of the increased calls being made upon the organization and the extensive program being carried out due to the war, the need is greater this year than ever before. The slogan behind the intensive effort is "a day's pay from everybody."

Mrs. Townsend has announced the personnel of the organization which will make the local campaign and includes the chairmen of the various Clinton committees as well as chairmen in communities in the Clinton area. Rev. J. LeGrande Mayer has been appointed chairman of the publicity committee and Rev. W. N. Long is chairman of the speakers committee.

Chairman of the solicitation committee for the industrial districts is J. Henderson Pitts, and for the Clinton business district, H. L. Eichelberger will head the committee. Members of the Alpha Psi Delta sorority will conduct the drive for funds at Presbyterian college and J. H. Hunter at the State Training school. Mrs. Dennis Sowers will lead the solicitation on the Thornwell orphanage campus.

Ward chairmen of the city are: Ward one, Mrs. Julian Coleman and Mrs. Hubert Todd; ward two, Mrs. W. Roy Pitts; ward three, Mrs. Heath Copeland; ward four, Mrs. B. O. Whitten; ward five, Mrs. C. W. Cooper.

For Goldville, the solicitation committee will be headed by Joe L. Delaney.

The following have been named as chairmen to serve in nearby communities: Mountville, Mrs. Ella D. Nance; Renno, Mrs. Tan Ray and Mrs. J. David Copeland; Shady Grove, Mrs. David Pitts; Oak Grove, Mrs. J. G. Roy; Musgrove, Mrs. J. K. Haselden; Long Branch, Mrs. W. R. Brown; Hurricane, Mrs. A. C. Young.

It has been suggested that prior to the day of solicitation business concerns have someone in their organization contact employes and secure their contributions in order to eliminate confusion and save the time of the solicitors and employes. Firms will be asked for contributions in addition to their personnel, it was stated.

William T. Nabors Passes At Home

William T. Nabors, 73, died suddenly Sunday night at his home near here following an illness of several weeks. He was a native of Laurens county and spent his entire life in the county. He was a son of the late Thomas R. and Lizzie Hutcheson Nabors and was a member of Hurricane Baptist church. His wife, Mrs. Simmie E. Nabors, died 19 years ago.

Surviving are nine children: L. G. Hugh, R. W. Charlie and Thomas Nabors, Mrs. Ed Prince, Mrs. Charlie M. Fowler, Mrs. John P. Benjamin, and Miss Nora Nabors; one sister, Miss Maggie Nabors; one brother, N. H. Nabors; seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 11 a. m. at Hurricane Baptist church graveside by Rev. W. N. Long.

Pallbearers were Johnnie Furman, Wrexford, and Henry Lewis Nabors, and Carroll Young.

Sowers Accepts Orphanage Position

Dennis Q. Sowers, operator of Sowers Garage of this city for several years, has accepted a position with Thornwell orphanage as head of the shop department, succeeding Robert A. Mann, recently resigned.

Mr. Sowers stated yesterday that he will close his garage on Gary street on the first of March. He plans to enter upon his new work a few days thereafter.