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Despite An Increase Coble Dairy Products Needs More Milk

Coble Dairy Products is now paying an increased price of 20c a hundred for milk if a producer has an electric cooler and practices simple sanitary regulations.

The firm is now receiving about 33 percent more milk than it was on June 23 when the business was taken over from Southern Dairies. Farmers in this area have pledged to produce approximately double that amount, and the company is hoping that within a short time this will be accomplished.

During the past two months more than 100 cows have been bought by dairymen on the milk routes.

The firm has installed condensing equipment here, and it is expected that it will be ready for condensing milk by September 15. Several major repairs and changes have been made at the plant, and the firm is able now to handle any quantity of milk the farmers can furnish.

Smith Resigns Pastorate Of Andrews Church

ANDREWS — Rev. L. P. Smith who has been pastor of the Andrews Baptist church since May, 1943, resigned his pastorate here Sunday at the eleven o'clock service. Mr. Smith was serving his second pastorate here, having first served from 1919 to 1926, a period of seven years. It was during the first pastorate that the splendid church building, which about three years ago was fully paid for, was built.

Mr. Smith has not yet announced any plans for the future. He and Mrs. Smith have a host of friends in Andrews among people of all walks of life and all creeds, and of no creed.

After leaving here in 1926 the Rev. Mr. Smith held a pastorate in Winston-Salem for seventeen years.

It is understood that Peachtree and Hayesville Baptist churches have called Mr. Smith, and he is expected to accept.

Petty Officer Luther Francis Axley is spending a 30-day leave here with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Axley. He has been on Midway and Hawaiian Islands for the past 20 months, and at the end of his leave he will report to Rhode Island for further assignment. Mrs. John Bayless of Knoxville will arrive Sunday to be with her brother for the remainder of his stay here.

Archer Is Speaker Murphy Lions Club

John Archer, manager of the Nantahala Power and Light Co., Franklin, was the guest speaker at the meeting of Murphy Lions club Tuesday evening at First Methodist church. He was presented by Frank Forsyth, program chairman.

The subject discussed by Mr. Archer was the National War Fund campaign which will be conducted in October. He told of the history of the War Fund and how it has helped service men and war victims during the war. He urged the Lions to support the coming drive.

C. E. Woody, local forest ranger, stated that the Forest Service hopes soon to get funds to develop the property in the Town of Murphy, by building and landscaping, but he further said that it had been difficult to find living places for families working for the Forest Service and unless Murphy could give some relief and show that it wanted the Forest Service here, the office could be moved. A few weeks ago the old TVA bath house was converted in-

Woman's Club And Members Are Honored

Murphy Woman's club, of which Mrs. J. W. Davidson is president, has been awarded a certificate of honor from North Carolina Federation of Women's club, for its part in the war finance work in this county.

The following members of the Blue Star Brigade here have received the commissions indicated:

Mrs. George A. Mauney, captain; Mrs. Dale Lee, first lieutenant; Mrs. H. Bueck, Mrs. B. W. Whitfield, Miss Frances Fisher, Mrs. T. A. Case, Mrs. Harry Miller, Mrs. J. W. Davidson, Mrs. A. E. Vestal, and Miss Grace Dockery, second lieutenant.

These women were commended for "outstanding patriotic endeavor and accomplishment in the sale of War Bonds". The certificates are signed by Miss Mary Frances Cover, county chairman of the women's division of the War Finance Committee.

Fabrics To Be Studied By Club Women, September

Home demonstration schedules for September is as follows:

Wednesday, September 5, Postell, Mrs. P. R. Jones, 1:30; Thursday, September 6, Peachtree, Mrs. Noah Hembree, 1:30; Friday, September 7, Violet, Mrs. Harve Rose, 1:30; Tuesday, September 11, Bellview, Club Room — Mrs. Maude Hatchett, 2 o'clock; Wednesday, September 12, Waynesville, District Aegmt's Meeting; Thursday, September 13, Slow Creek, Mrs. Homer Nations, 1:30; Friday, September 14, Sunny Point, Miss Julia Rice, 2 o'clock; Monday, September 24, Marble, Mrs. Herman West, 2 o'clock; Wednesday, September 26, Andrews, Mrs. Boyd Robinson, 2 o'clock; Thursday, September 27, Ranger, (to be announced).

"Know Your Fabrics" is the topic for the September meetings.

LEGION TO MEET

An important meeting of the American Legion, Joe Miller Elkins Post, will be held at the Cherokee County Courthouse at 7 o'clock p. m., September 4. All veterans of war No. I and II are urged to be present.

to a dwelling for temporary use, and Mr. Woody stated that he had not been able to get the electric department to erect five poles and install service for that house.

The club stood in a rising vote of appreciation of the Forest Service and expressed a desire to have the office remain here and the developments to be made.

C. R. Freed, who came from the Winston-Salem club, was highly commended by that club in a letter accompanying the transfer, and he was also presented a perfect attendance pin for the year 1944-45.

A demonstration on "Using Dairy Products in a Simple Lunch" was given by Miss Mary Cornwell, home agent, and two 4-H club girls, Mildred Hendrix and Robbie Barton.

J. H. Duncan was welcomed back from the service. He is the first member of the club to receive a discharge.

E. W. Allison was a guest of Dr. J. R. Bell, Rev. John Farrar was guest of Dr. W. A. Hoover, and Sgt. Verlin Crisp, was a guest of Roger Ammons.



GETS WINGS — Flight Officer Paul Edward Hill, 19, son of Mrs. Kathryn B. Hill of 414 Hiwassee Street, Murphy, one of the two men from North Carolina to receive the wings of the aerial navigator of the Army Air Forces at graduation exercises held last week at the AAF Training Command installation, San Marcos, Texas, Army Air Field. Graduates received commissions as second lieutenants or appointments as flight officers.

Parents Receive Decorations For 18 Year Old Son

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stiles of Murphy, Rt. 1, have received ribbons, stars and purple heart for their son Hoyt, S 1/C, age 18, who was killed February 18, just off the coast of Iwo Jima. They also received a letter from his commanding officer saying "Hoyt was loved by all his friends and ship mates, trusted and respected by all his officers."

Hoyt entered service at age of 16, and had participated in the French, Philippine, Luzon, and Iwo Jima invasions.

All-Stars Play Final Games Sunday, Monday

The Murphy All-Stars lost to the strong Le Tourneau club from Toocoo, Ga. last Sunday by a score of 8 to 0. The Le Tourneau club was made up of players that at one time played with Buford, Ga., and those who have seen Buford play can say they were ball players.

Lefty Mingus went the full 9 innings for the Murphy team, allowing only 9 hits and striking out 10 batters. The All-Stars just couldn't hit in the pinches. Atkinson batting at clean up position for Murphy got three hits at four times at bat. The Murphy team had one of the best line-ups they have had all season.

The All-Stars will play their final home game here Labor Day meeting the Hayesville club. They travel to Cumming, Ga., to play Sunday, Sept. 2. They defeated the Cumming club at Murphy by a score of 4 to 3.

Social Security Man To Be Here

A representative of the Asheville field office of the Social Security Board will be at the Court House, Murphy, September 6, 1:00.

Wage earners who have worked in a job covered by the Social Security Act since December 31, 1936, and have attained age 65, may be eligible to file claim for themselves, their wives, or minor children, whether they have an account number or not. Surviving relatives of deceased workers, such as widows, children, or parents, or if none of the above, persons who have paid funeral expenses, may be eligible to file claim.

In addition, persons who have need of social security account numbers or other information pertaining to the Act are invited to meet this representative at the time and place mentioned.

J. H. Duncan has been honorably discharged from the navy and is at home with his family.

Lt. R. M. Wilhide Disappeared Fighting In Plane Donated By His Home Folks Of Andrews

By Sergeant William Camp, a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent. Somewhere In The Pacific (Delayed) — Maybe the folks back home in Andrews, N. C., would like to know what (became of the money they put into war bonds to purchase an F6F Grumman Hellcat fighter plane.

How their plane brought down the first night-raider bomber, and how one of their own home town boys was reported missing in action in that same plane, was told here by the Marine Corps squadron commander to whom the plane and its 23-year-old pilot, Lieutenant Robert M. Wilhide, son of Mrs. F. S. Wilhide, of Andrews, were assigned.

The squadron, which established an American record by bringing down 30 Jap night-raiders in six weeks over Okinawa, is known as "Black Mac's Killers."

In official parlance, the squadron is designated as VMP (N) 533, commanded by Marine Lieutenant Colonel Marion Milton Magruder, 33-year-old former White House aide, and a native of Lexington, Ky.

Let "Black Mac" Magruder tell the story, just the way he told it when he arrived here, after more than 400 hours in 16 months operation against the enemy.

"Assigned to my squadron when we began training in Cherry Point, N. C., was a young kid named Wilhide — 'Clem' — we called him. Good kid. Quiet. Never talked much.

"After we shoved off from the West Coast and landed on Eniwetok Island, in the Marshalls, and had spent 13 months there in training without even so much as getting a glimpse of the enemy,

all my fliers were 'first team' — perfect. I had no 'second team.'

"When we were finally ordered to Okinawa, we received a shipment of brand new Grumman Hellcats, and among them was this night-fighter plane which the good folks of Andrews had donated to the Navy through War Bond purchases. It had an inscription on the side: 'Donated by the Citizens of Andrews, N. C.'

"Well, I naturally assigned it to Clem, and he was so tickled that he almost cried. He was sure proud of the folks back home.

"On the night of May 15, shortly after we arrived on Okinawa, Wilhide went up into the midnight skies and intercepted an approaching enemy 'Betty' — twin-engined bomber.

"Clem was piloting that gift plane from home, and in a few minutes I received word that he had shot down the first Japanese night-raiding bomber over Okinawa."

Wilhide was reported missing in action two nights later, in that home-town gift plane.

"Clem was up on night patrol when he detected the approach of two Jap 'Bettys', who were coming to bomb Ie Shima," said Magruder.

"Clem was flying low in the pitch dark, and the Bettys were at 1,000 feet. He was hot on their tail, read for the kill, when he got word over his radio that a friendly ship, which had picked up the flight of Jap planes, was going to send up ack-ack fire at them."

Here Black Mac Magruder paused to tell that, along with the ordinary weather and darkness hazards of nightflying fliers,



LT. ROBT. M. WILHIDE

are the hazards of not being recognized as friendly by U. S. planes or antiaircraft ground forces or surface vessels.

"Clem got the word, all right, but I suppose he was determined to make that home town plane give the folks back home their money's worth, so he didn't turn clear of the flak.

"He was shot down in the ensuing action."

Magruder added that the Jap bombers got through the ack-ack, bombed Ie Shima airstrip, destroyed a few planes and killed a few men.

"But that's the story of Lieutenant Robert M. Wilhide of Andrews, N. C., and that is how he and the plane donated by his folks back home both disappeared fighting the enemy.

"I hope the folks at home are proud. They have good reason to be," the squadron leader added.

Experiment Tried Here Extended Other Lakes

Raleigh, N. C. — Thirty-three lakes in North Carolina henceforth will be open for fishing the year around. Game & Fish Commissioner John D. Findlay announced today upon authorization of the Board of Conservation &

Development. Other waters may be opened later under certain conditions, he said.

Opening of these waters, which range from the mountains to the coast, is in line with recommendations of TVA authorities following a long study of conditions in Norris Lake in Tennessee. A study has been made on Hiwassee Lake this year, also.

Findlay said TVA research indicated "that year-around hook and line fishing cannot harm the fish in most impounded waters." It was learned that due to the rapid rate of growth in southern waters, many bass reached maturity and died before they were caught. Also, TVA said, bass are inclined to take a plug best during the period ordinarily closed for spawning, though the fish actually spawning generally will not bite at all. Before that, the tests show, they are not actively feeding, and after that period the small fry have grown to a size so tempting that the natural food is preferred to the fisherman's plug. Conse-

quently, the survey concluded, sportsmen were missing their best fishing without at the same time contributing to conservation.

Findlay pointed out that this step is in line with new fishing rules in other southern states which are following TVA recommendations.

In addition to the lakes named below, Findlay was given authorization to abandon the closed season in other impounded waters in the state upon request of persons having control of the waters, provided the move is not antagonistic to conservation. He is also authorized to close any portion or portions of the lakes under this regulation if he finds such action is necessary for the best interest of the fish in the lakes.

Waters in this area now fishable the year around are: Hiwassee Lake, Cherokee County; Nantahala, Macon County; Chatuge Lake, Clay County; Lake Santetlah, Graham; Lake Cheoah, Graham; Glenville Lake, Jackson; Waterville Lake, Haywood.

Veterans May Buy Surplus Gov. Property

Honorably discharged World War II servicemen can avail themselves of veterans' preferences in the purchase of surplus government property for use in starting or maintaining small businesses, District Manager I. W. Greene of the Small War Plants Corporation has announced.

Applications are available at the district SWPC office, 411 Fidelity Bankers Trust Building, Knoxville, Tenn., for veterans wishing to establish or carry on business in East Tennessee or bordering counties of Western North Carolina and South Western Virginia.

Veterans also may receive loans from SWPC to cover the cost of the property after making a 15 per cent down payment, Greene said.

Provisions of the sales to veterans are that the equipment be used in a small business, professional or agricultural undertaking in which the applicant has at least 50 per cent interest.

The veteran, under this set up, cannot buy surplus equipment for any business or professional enterprise having an invested capital of more than \$50,000 or any agricultural concern representing an investment over \$25,000.

A limit of \$2,500 is placed on individual purchases.

Applications form are available also at County AAA officers for veterans who wish farming equipment.

1,114 Are Enrolled In Murphy City Unit

Approximately 1,114 pupils are enrolled in the schools of the Murphy city unit, which opened for the fall term on Monday of this week, according to Supt. H. Bueck.

Enrolled in Murphy elementary school are 487; in Murphy high school 350; Tomocla, 83; Bates Creek, 64; Grape Creek, 65; and Texana, 65.

BREAKS LEG

Gertrude Cook, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook, broke her left leg Tuesday when jumping from a tree at the home of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cook.

Walter Jones Held For Death Of Wife

Walter Jones of Blairsville, Ga., is being held here in the county jail for the sheriff of Union county, Ga., in connection with the death of his wife which occurred at Murphy General hospital at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Officers stated that Jones brought his wife to the hospital last Friday morning and asked the doctor to take care of her and then went away. He did not return and Saturday he saw his wife's brother, Ed Curtis on the street and told him his wife was in the hospital and would be ready to go home Sunday it was reported.

It was reported that Mrs. Jones had a broken nose, bruises on her body which showed signs of having been kicked or otherwise badly treated. She died without ever regaining consciousness. A warrant was taken for the arrest of Jones. Coming into Murphy Tuesday on the bus, Jones was arrested and placed in jail here by officers and is being held.

Funeral arrangements under direction of Townson funeral home are incomplete, pending a autopsy.

Park Commission Makes Plans To Complete House

Murphy city park commission met Wednesday evening of last week at 9 o'clock in the home of Miss Addie Mae Cooke, to discuss further work on the caretaker's house at the park.

The caretaker's home is practically complete, the only remaining work to be done being flooring, painting, plumbing and wiring.

Doyle Burch, chairman, Mrs. Walter Witt, Mrs. T. A. Case, and Mrs. Dale Lee were appointed on a committee to contact interested citizens for contributions sufficient to complete the work. At the meeting contributions amounting to \$100 were made.

Those present were: President R. S. Bault, who presided; Mrs. T. A. Case, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Elkins, W. M. Fain, Mrs. Dale Lee, Robert V. Weaver, Dr. B. W. Whitfield, Miss Josephine Heighway, and Miss Cooke.

At the close of the meeting, the hostess served ice cream and cake.



ON FURLOUGH — Edgar R. Johnson, who has been spending a 10-day furlough with his wife and four children and other relatives. He entered service in February and took his basic training at Fort Bragg. Johnson reported to Fort Geo. G. Meade, Md. Before entering service, he was employed by the Patterson Products, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Culbreth To Lead Revival Services

ANDREWS — A series of revival services will be held in the Andrews Methodist Church, beginning on Sunday, September 23. The guest minister for the series of services will be the Rev. George B. Culbreth, pastor of the Morning Star Methodist Church, Canton.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services of worship.

Story Hour To Be Held Saturday

A story hour will be held at the Carnegie library Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, it has been announced by Miss Josephine Heighway, librarian. Miss Clara McCombs will be the story teller.

Children are invited to attend and see the exhibit of dolls loaned by Jeanne Weir.

The Rev. R. E. McClure of Asheville was in Murphy Wednesday.