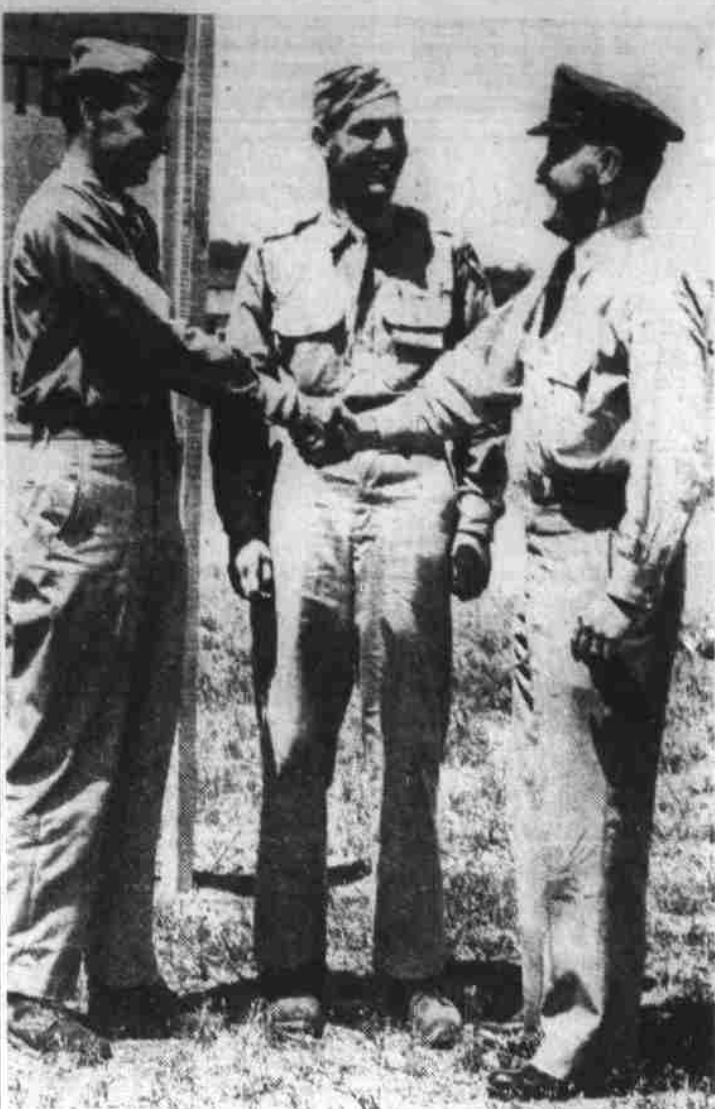


Glad To Have You With Us



Lt. Col. Jesse J. Moorhead, Professor of Air Science and Tactics at the University of North Carolina, welcomes Cadets Robert B. Colkitt, Waynesville, (left) and Herman M. Coplon, New Bern, to the Air Force ROTC camp at Robins AFB, Ga. The more than 470 cadets from 11 southeastern colleges and universities spent six weeks putting into practice theories of Air Force Supply, Administration, and Transportation, studied in the classrooms last winter. Cadets Colkitt and Coplon will be commissioned in the Air Force Reserve as 2nd Lieutenants upon successful completion of their academic work at the University of North Carolina next year.

750,000 Go Each Year To Mount Vernon; Called By Washington 'Tavern'

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Even in his day George Washington described his home at Mount Vernon in nearby Virginia as "a well resorted tavern". Through the years it has been a mecca for visitors. School boys and diplomats, housewives and service men continue to trek out to the serenely beautiful estate overlooking the Potomac at the rate of 750,000 a year.

Superintendent Charles C. Wall says, however, that 1941 was the

peak year, with 900,000 visitors. Mount Vernon was set up as a national shrine by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, founded in 1853, by Miss Ann Pamela Cunningham of South Carolina. Under her guidance, vice regents in each state raised funds for the purchase of a 200-acre tract, including the mansion, wharf and all subsidiary buildings, from Col. John A. Washington, Jr., great-grand-nephew of General Washington, in 1858.

Structural restoration has progressed as documentary evidence has been gathered and evaluated.

"The association, whose regent now is Mrs. Thomas Powel of Providence, R. I., refurbished the house with period pieces," Mr. Wall told me. "But year after year, by purchase, donation and bequest, the furnishings that were at Mount Vernon at the time of Washington are being acquired."

"The wallpaper in the hallway, where people can touch it, has to be changed at least once a year," Mr. Wall said. "Actually, however, the only thing that can wear out is the modern flooring in places where there is continuous motion. Out-of-doors, we try to give people absolute freedom of movement

and minimum supervision. Thus the traffic is dispersed over a wide enough area so the turf can take it."

Currently the association is engaged in rebuilding the greenhouse, which with its flanking servants' quarters was destroyed by fire in 1835. Washington built the greenhouse in 1785. A visitor once described it as "A complete greenhouse which at this season is a vast, a great source of pleasure. Plants from every part of the world seem to flourish in the neatly furnished apartment and from the arrangement of the whole, I conclude that it is managed by a skilful hand but whose I cannot tell—neither the General nor Mrs. W—seem more interested in it than the visitors."

Burley Crop Bigger

The 1950 burley tobacco crop is estimated at 16,000,000 pounds in North Carolina, one per cent greater than the 1949 production. The estimate, made by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service, was based on crop conditions existing August 1.

Oldest Missionary

The Rev. James Gavin Chastain who, at 96, is the oldest living Baptist missionary of the Southern Convention, attended the Foreign Mission Conference at Ridgecrest last week. He is retired.

Need Puppy To Be Held Try, Aug. 20

The owners of purebred dogs are invited to enter them in the 1950 Annual All-Breed Dog Show to be held under the auspices of the Asheville Kennel Club, at the Asheville City Club, on Monday, Aug. 20th, from 2 to 6 p.m. Mrs. Frank Chappell, chairman of the event, said that for filling entries is 10 cents. Aug. 20th. Entry dogs to be obtained from the Asheville Kennel Club, Box 1326, at the Jay Cee Informal, Pack Square, Asheville. Puppies of any breed from day to one year of age, purebred litter may be shown. Classes are for puppies from 6 to 9 months, and 10 months to 1 year. Official judging will be done in classes, as well as in groups. Sterling silver will be given Best Puppy and Best Litter in Match. For information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Edith G. Dryman, Chairman.

Dryman Preaches At Church

Rev. Fred O. Dryman of Junaluska, was guest preacher at morning worship at 11:00 a.m. in Central Methodist Church.

Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr., is in charge. Mr. Dryman is well known in the community, having a number of years ago as pastor. The public is invited to attend this

Rev. W. T. Medlin, Jr., is in charge to conduct revival at the Tabernacle Methodist Church. He will return to Asheville August 26.

Central Methodist Church, set Sunday, September 10th, as Homecoming Day. This day marks the beginning of services which will be conducted by Dr. John W. Moore of Junaluska. All former members and friends of the

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Iron Duff To Hold Homecoming Day August 20

August 20 will be Homecoming Day for current and past residents of Iron Duff.

The day-long program will start with the Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock at the Antioch Baptist Church.

The Rev. J. E. Sampley of Lake Junaluska, a retired minister, will preach the sermon.

A picnic lunch will be held following the services.

During the afternoon, there will be a Memorial Service for Iron Duff residents who died during the past year.

Other features of the program will be brief talks and singing by visiting quartets.

Charles Isley will be in charge of the music for the Memorial Service.

All present and former residents of the community are invited to come with picnic baskets.

News Items

Low Bidder On Port Job

T. A. Loving Company of Goldsboro was announced as low bidder last week on a port improvement project at Morehead City. Loving bid \$1,898,539. This was \$1,461 under the "ceiling" estimate placed by the State Ports Authority.

Opportunities Not Equal

University of North Carolina Sociologist Howard W. Odum said Thursday not much more than half of the South's youth can hope for "equal opportunity," in the old sense of the term. The nationally-famed sociologist said industry and agriculture must be developed to the point where they will provide new avenues for trained leaders.

Can't Read Or Write

Draft officials at Raleigh said Thursday illiteracy was the reason for such a high rate of rejects among draftees. They referred to the mental examinations given at the induction center, which serves many eastern counties. They said this defective is created by the fact that so many men have to drop out of school after going through only the first three grades.

To Push Building Of City Markets

Tar Heel Rep. Harold Cooley said last week he would seek action by the House this week on his measure to help finance construction of modern wholesale markets in several North Carolina cities. One of the new markets would be recommended for Raleigh.

The republic of Ireland set came into force at midnight April 17-18, 1949.

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