

Option Taken On Mercy Ship By Old North State Fund

That the gift of an airplane ambulance to the people of England from citizens of North Carolina will soon become a reality was indicated today by Judge Frederick O. Bowman, State Chairman of the Old North State Fund, which has been conducting a statewide campaign to secure approximately \$75,000 for the purchase of the gift. In a report to Governor J. Melville Broughton, Bowman announced that an option on an amphibian, twin-motored Grumann plane has been exercised and a substantial payment made on the purchase price.

Faced with an acute shortage of planes suitable for ambulance use, officials of the Old North State Fund have experienced difficulty in locating a mercy ship. With the cooperation of the British-American Ambulance Corps of New York, an option was finally secured on the type of plane desired, an exact duplicate of the mercy ship which toured the State during early summer. "The U. S. Government has taken over the production of principal plane plants," states Bowman's report, "and we were quite fortunate to find a ship suitable to our needs."

Requisitioned By OPM

"Shortly after the mercy ship came into the possession of the Old North State Fund, the Office of Production Management in Washington, issued a call requisitioning practically all privately owned planes. When informed of the purpose for which our plane was bought, OPM officials readily gave permission for our organization to keep the plane with the understanding that it could not be sold nor used for any purpose other than as a gift to the people of England. At present, the plane is at Roosevelt Field where it will remain until sufficient funds are available to complete the final payments," states the report.

Many Counties Reach Quota

"Among the 100 counties of the State, the majority have already reached or exceeded quota; however several counties have not approached their respective goals; consequently the Old North State Fund faces the possibility of lacking \$8,000 to \$10,000 to complete the purchase of the mercy ship. Among the counties which have fallen short of quota are two or three of the largest in the State and we are hopeful that these counties, and others which have not produced quota, will come in during the home stretch so that the plane can be presented to the people of England without further delay."

"It is hoped that no difficulty will be experienced in completing the Old North State Fund's financial campaign," concludes Bowman's report, "and we feel confident that our citizens will not allow the presentation of the mercy ship to be postponed when our goal is so close at hand. Our Treasurer, Hon. Geo. Ross Pou, is regularly receiving volunteer contributions to this cause from citizens who did not make contributions during their county campaigns and from others who wish to supplement their original contributions. If this kind of support continues, another mercy ship—The Old North State—will undoubtedly be on its way soon to cheer and aid the British."

Breaks Wrist

Curtis Higgins, 11-year-old boy of 21 Hamilton Street, fell from a stump Sunday and broke his left wrist. He was taken to the local hospital for treatment, and then allowed to return to his home.

EMPLOYED HERE

Clyde E. Gilbert has accepted a position with Williams Funeral Home of this city. Formerly employed by the Brown Funeral Home at Raleigh, Gilbert will move his family here soon.

Two Hunters Bag Deer On Mills' Outing

Forty-seven local sportsmen going on the annual deer hunt of the Roanoke and Patterson Mills companies at Nags Head over the weekend reported an enjoyable trip today.

The group left last Friday and returned Sunday, and two deer were killed. J. R. Meikle of Patterson Mill and Bill Thorne of Roanoke Mills No. 2 turned out to be the lucky hunters, and each bagged a deer. Many in the group enjoyed fishing during the outing, and a couple of large catches were reported.

So far as could be learned no shirt-tails were lost on the expedition. Hunters getting a shot at a deer and missing the animal usually have to submit to the indignity of having their shirt tail whacked

off by others in the party.

Those making the trip were F. C. Williams, James W. Sears, C. A. Irby, J. R. Burton, Jesse Lee, T. J. St. Sing, R. L. Wrenn, L. W. Clements, Paul Harris, A. O. Pendleton, Clyde Liske, Edwin Akers, R. L. Ferrell, Hugh Bugg, J. R. Meikle, J. T. Forrester, M. M. Moore, L. B. Brown, G. R. Cross, J. B. Hutchinson, Howard Wood, A. Meikle.

Jimmie Curran, Dot Bennett, Harvey Woodruff, Bill Thorne, J. K. Dixon, Thurman Bullock, Alex Thomas, Sheard Crumpler, Emmitt Clary, Bill Hodges, Gordon Berkstresser, Houston Fuller, John Dunn, Wilmer Collier, William Medlin, Jesse Harrell, Frank Kemp, L. S. Neal, W. S. Dean, Dr. F. G. Kroncke, Jack DeVane, Hoot Gowen, R. L. Crowder, R. E. Ward, Mike Woodard.

Bride-Elect Honored

Miss Lillian Cooper, daughter of Mrs. F. L. Cooper of this city, whose wedding to Lt. Stafford Bolton will take place in November, was complimented by Miss Dorothy Bolton of Raleigh at the home of her mother, Mrs. R. L. Bolton, in Rich Square, on Saturday evening when she entertained with a bridge dinner party.

Thirty-two places were laid for guests, who were welcomed by Miss Bolton, Miss Cooper, Mrs. F. L. Cooper, Miss Dorothy Marks, Miss Jerry Phifer, and Mrs. R. L. Bolton.

After a three-course dinner, bridge was played at seven tables and Rook at one. High score prize for Rook was won by Miss Katrina Collier, the high for bridge by Mrs. J. P. Boyd, and low for bridge by Mrs. Vernon D. Strickland. Both bride-elect and her mother were remembered with gifts.

Attending were Mesdames F. L. Cooper, Manning P. Cooke, Janie Lelew of Williamston, Grover Lee Vann, J. Archie Browne, C. E. Lassiter, J. Edmund Underwood, Leonard G. Bolton, James T. Wooten, J. Allen Shoulars, Emmett Bolton, Robert B. Outland, N. L. Turner, Alton Wade, S. G. Baugham, James Bolton, J. P. Boyd, Robert B. Bolton, Brady F. Traylor, Lenly G. Connor, J. Buxton Weaver, Vernon D. Strickland, Albert L. Vann, Donald Vann, Misses Lillian Cooper, Alice Harrison, Katrina Collier, Mary Lee Gardner, Bernice Elliott, Sadie Futrell, Dorothy Marks, and Jerry Phifer.

Northampton Peanut Goal

60,000 acres of peanuts to be planted in 1942 is the goal for Northampton County farmers, according to an announcement by County Agent E. L. Norton. This would mean 25,000 acres for oil purposes, in addition to the normal 35,000 acres generally grown for the edible trade.

Red Cross Course For Northampton

A course in "Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick" is being conducted through March, 1942, by the Northampton County Chapter of the American Red Cross in connection with the National Civilian Defense Program.

The course is designed to provide education in home hygiene to improve the capacity of the student as a homemaker, to equip her to take better care of her home and family under normal as well as emergency conditions. It covers such subjects as family health, personal hygiene, healthful home environment, care of the sick, the chronic case, the aged, mothers, babies, small children, minor illnesses, emergencies, and communicable diseases.

Any group of adults or young people who wish to avail themselves of this course may communicate with the chapter secretary, Mrs. Eric Norfleet, Jackson, or Mrs. Dorothy Outland, R. N., Rich Square.

NORTHAMPTON COTTON

A census report shows that 10,798 bales of cotton were ginned in Northampton County from the 1941 crop prior to October, as compared with 6,430 bales for the crop of 1940.

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