

VETERANS SERVICE GROUP WILL MEET

Lt. Col. Thomas H. Upton, of Raleigh, chairman of the State Veterans Service committee, will meet with the Wilmington Veterans Service committee today to outline the North Carolina Veterans Assistance and Post-war Employment Program, H. R. Emory, chairman of the local committee, said yesterday.

The committee, meeting at 4 p. m. in the conference room on the fourth floor of the Tide Water building, comes under the Retraining and Re-employment Administration set up by the president last year as a branch office of War Mobilization, with Gen. Frank T. Hines as administrator.

The order provided for the establishment of the State committee, comprised of representatives of the War Manpower Commission, Selective Service and Veterans Administration. Lt. Col. Upton was selected chairman of the committee, set up last summer.

The order further provided that the State group should assist in setting up local committees or work through already existing local committees of a similar nature. The Wilmington committee last fall was recognized as the official committee of that nature for this county.

The local group acts as a central point to mobilize the efforts of volunteer groups or other agencies in the community in relation to veterans' activities and to be the contact point in the community for the State committee. Wilmington agencies represented in the committee are the U. S. Employment Service, local draft boards, City Council, County commissioners, American Legion and Auxiliary, American Red Cross, Chamber of Commerce, Department of Public Welfare, Associated Charities, Housing Authority, U. S. Travelers Aid, High School Vocational Training department and labor organizations.

Atkinson Woman Hurt In Automobile Crash

Mrs. C. L. Lewis of Atkinson, who was injured in a truck-automobile collision on the Castle Haynes highway Monday, was reported yesterday by James Walker Memorial attaches to be in a "much better condition." She sustained head and lower limb injuries.

State highway patrolmen said she was hurt in the collision of her automobile, operated by her son, Dr. William H. Lewis of Petersburg, Va., with a truck, driven by G. J. Bryant, of R.F.D. 1, Castle Haynes.

The accident occurred, police said, as the physician, "traveling at a fast rate of speed" applied his brakes and skidded 75 feet into the truck that Bryant was attempting to turn onto a road on his left. Dr. Lewis, pleading guilty in Recorder's court to reckless operation, paid a \$15 fine and court costs.

Dog Jumped With Flier

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 27.—(U.P.)—Two-year-old cocker spaniel Ace, is back in this country with his master, F.O. George Arnold, after both were reported missing in action. The dog and his master had to parachute out of their plane over Germany, when it was shot down. Although Ace's parachute dropped him many yards away from Arnold, the dog found his master and both have been reassembled together again.

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First Pictures Of Roer Crossing

LINE UP 'ALLIGATORS' FOR DASH ACROSS ROER



TROOPS OF THE U. S. NINTH ARMY are shown lining up on the West bank of the Roer River in Germany just before this water barrier was crossed in one of the most important moves in the Western Front thrust to Berlin. Alligators line the loading docks, waiting for their cargoes of infantrymen. Once the crossing was made, the Yanks moved rapidly ahead toward Cologne. Signal Corps photo. (International Soundphoto)

BEFORE AND AFTER DRAMATIC CROSSING OF ROER



MODERN "WAR PAINT" is applied to the faces of Infantrymen of the U. S. 9th Army (left) as they prepared for their early dawn push across the Roer River in Germany. Soot from an oil lamp was used to blacken their faces. At right are their abandoned assault boats and a bridge shown after their successful surprise crossing—the first major step in the march to Cologne. Signal Corps photo. (International Soundphoto)

OPA MAY REDUCE POINTS ON BEEF

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(U.P.)—The OPA probably will cut the ration point value of some beef steaks and roasts beginning Sunday, but raise the value of certain low-point meats.

There has been no official announcement. But OPA indicated that some such adjustment might have to be made to equalize the purchases of various meats. It was pointed-out that, at present, high-point meats are not being sold as rapidly as they should be. Something might have to be done to prevent spoilage. On the other hand, low-point meats are bought up quickly.

It was expected that point values will be cut on the following meats: Porterhouse, T-bone and club steaks which now sell for 12 points a pound; round steak and boneless sirloin steak, both now selling at 13 points, and short loin (boneless, rolled) and sirloin (boneless, rolled) roasts now selling for 12 points a pound.

It is expected that point values will be increased on short ribs (now valued at one point); chuck boneless (now four points); brisket bone-in (now one point) and brisket boneless (now two points).

Local Officer Awarded Posthumous Decoration For Action In France

Lieut. Carlton E. Carney, son of Mrs. C. E. Carney, 309 N. street, who was killed in action in France June 22, 1944, has been posthumously awarded a Presidential Citation and the Purple Heart it was learned yesterday.

The citation praised Lt. Carney's performance in battle while serving in an Infantry regiment which made the initial landing on the beaches of southern France June 6, 1944.

After storming and securing prepared beachhead defense positions, the regiment drove rapidly inland under heavy enemy artillery fire and extensive sniper activity for three days and nights without letup.

Churchill's Address Appears To Hint Of Russo-Japanese War

LONDON, Feb. 27.—(U.P.)—Prime Minister Churchill appeared to hint in his Commons address today that Russia might line up with the Western Allies in the Pacific war but his office said tonight that his notes showed that he intended to leave the question open.

A semi-official text of the speech quoted the Prime Minister as saying that the San Francisco world security conference would bring together all United Nations who had declared war on "Germany and Japan" before March 1. Since Russia is to be at the conference, this caused speculation on Russia's probable role in the Pacific conflict. A check with Commons press gallery stenographers supported the view that Churchill had used the word "and".

Wanted—200 Fat Fleas By Doctor In New York

YONKERS, N. Y., Feb. 27.—(U.P.)—Dr. J. H. Standen scratched his arm reflectively today and said: "I could use a couple of hundred fat fleas right now."

He meant it. Standen, who conducts experiments on flea control, revealed that there is a shortage of the ctencephalus canis—ordinary dog fleas.

He pays three cents each for fleas. Live ones. But before you shake down Fido, there are some instructions from Standen. Be sure and put them in a small bottle with a two-inch square of moist cardboard, he said. That's supposed to keep 'em alive.

WLB OPENS WAY FOR PAY RAISE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(U.P.)—The War Labor Board today opened the way for establishment of a minimum wage of 55 cents an hour in all American industries, provided it won't increase prices.

Thousands of workers would be affected by the new ruling, which increases from 50 to 55 cents the dividing line between what the board now considers substandard pay and that providing a decent standard in war time.

POPE RESUMES WORK

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 27.—(U.P.)—Pope Pius XII today worked on papers accumulated during his recent illness and announced he planned to begin regular audiences Friday, his sixty-ninth birthday and the sixth anniversary of his election to the Papacy.

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HILL MENTIONED FOR CUSTOMS JOB

The reappointment of Lt. Col. John Bright Hill to the post of Collector of Customs for the district of North Carolina, is being seriously considered, it was revealed here yesterday by a well-informed source. Lt. Col. Hill's Army service may yet prove the deciding factor in the appointment, it was added.

Amid rifle speculation, several names have come into prominence for the appointment in addition to Lt. Col. Hill. Most actively talked have been Fred Poisson, Representative J. Q. LeGrand and Nathan S. Haskett.

The post, which is filled by political appointment, carries an honorarium beginning at \$4,600 annually with the maximum being \$5,400. Each term is of four years and the current one ends May 1, 1945.

Customs District Number 15, including all of North Carolina, is comprised of the Headquarters port of Wilmington, which administers the functions of the entire district, six sub-ports, Winston-Salem, Durham, Reidsville, Elizabeth City, Beaufort and Morehead City, and one station, Washington.

Lt. Col. Hill, now serving with the Army in Texas, on military leave from Customs Service, has held the office since June 8, 1933. His current term began when he took the oath of office May 1, 1941.

Johnson's War Painting Purchased By Tag Sales For Local Legion Home

Rangwald Johnson's painting, "The Advance" has been bought and presented to the American Legion and hung in the new Legion home on South Third street, it was announced yesterday.

Members of the Alpha Zeta sorority raised a total of \$194.71 in tag sales downtown Saturday, with which to buy the painting which hung in the assembly room of the Woodrow Wilson hut.

It was pointed out that already more than \$200 had been donated by servicemen, formerly stationed in Wilmington, now overseas.

Selling tags Saturday were Donny Musselman, president of the sorority, Mary Elizabeth Westbrook, Betty White, Grace Hammond, Clara Simpson, Betty Hill, Catherine Brittain, Martha Cooper and Betty Lou O'Master.

State Assistants To Aid Local Income Tax Payers

Assistance to New Hanover citizens in filing State income and intangible tax returns will be available at the office of the N. C. Department of Revenue in the courthouse daily through March 15 it was announced yesterday.

Deputy tax collectors here for the purpose of assisting taxpayers are D. L. Latta, E. A. Womble, A. Love, and R. J. Lamb.

A tax representative will help taxpayers at Whiteville March 1-2; Burgaw, March 5; Southport, March 6; and Elizabethtown, March 7.

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Washington Calling

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isolated from Paris and that mysterious, all pervasive, all powerful entity called Shaeef. In the same way, men who have been in Paris and London or at supply depots feel cut off from America.

It's a fact we must try to understand when the men come home—what this isolation has done to them. And its our responsibility to make them feel that they are back in a familiar world, are a part of it once more.

At the command post in the rear, Major General Edwin P. Parker, Jr., explains how his division advanced to the Roer. He draws rough diagrams on a pad of paper to show how they moved against German strong points.

Pillboxes were the most difficult of all to take. Some of them had twelve feet of concrete and, on top of that, sixteen inches of steel. By painful experimentation, the technique of taking them had to be worked out. Flame throwers were of some use, but mostly it was a matter of fortitude in moving up close to do the job with explosives.

In the dim light of the basement command post, Parker talks easily, quietly. On the rough map that he draws on his pad, he dots in the German towns taken in the approaches to the Roer. Each one was a battle. And the towns of Schmidt was the final key to the huge Schwammenauel Dam, which is in turn the key to the defenses of the Roer.

Concentration on their job is, for all the men in the forward areas from the General down 100 percent. It never stops, night or day, because the enemy is always there, exploiting the miseries of the weather and the terrain. "Out of this world" is the phrase for it all right.

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Liaison Officers Inspect Local Customs District

Liaison officers J. F. O'Neill and K. G. Linden from the office of the Commissioner of Customs in Washington, are in the Wilmington office of the Collector of Customs making a routine examination of the North Carolina district, Martin H. Rawlins, acting Collector of Customs for the district, announced yesterday.

Emphasizing that the check was in no way connected with the coming appointment of a collector, Mr. Rawlins explained that the examination was part of a nationwide program, the purpose of which is to insure uniformity of procedures throughout the Customs Service.

Acute Housing Shortage Reported By USO Worker

An acute shortage of housing in the Wilmington area has arisen in the past several weeks, Miss Elizabeth Mason, secretary of the USO Travelers' Aid society, said yesterday.

In making an appeal to citizens to list all available rooms and houses, Miss Mason particularly emphasized the heavy need for accommodations for families with children.

Listing of facilities is no longer being carried on, except on week-

ends, at the Second and Orange USO club. Persons desiring to aid may list on week days until 5 p. m. at the office of the society, at 402 North Front street, in person or by dialing 2-2221.

DOG'S LIFE SPARED OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 27.—(U.P.)—A dog has a right to live, Superior Judge John Allen declared today in overruling a clause in a will that Gypsy, a cocker spaniel, be put to death. Gypsy, owned by the late Mrs. Elizabeth D. Reynolds, a teacher, her husband, Cecil Reynolds, contested the clause.

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