

LEGION NOTES



By THE ADJUTANT

Veterans' Preference in Federal Civil Service Employment

In making appointments to clerical and other positions in the executive branch of the Federal government, the act of July 11, 1919, requires that preference be given to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines, and widows of such, and to the wives of injured soldiers, sailors and marines who themselves are not qualified but whose wives are qualified to hold such positions.

In making any reduction of force in any of the executive departments, the act of August 15, 1937 provides that the head of such department shall retain those persons who may be equally qualified who have been honorably discharged from the military or naval service of the United States, and the widows and orphans of deceased soldiers and sailors. The act of August 29, 1912, provides in part that in the event of reductions being made in the force of the executive departments no honorably discharged soldier or sailor whose record in said department is rated as good shall be discharged, or dropped, or reduced in rank or salary.

Under the act of March 1, 1919, the period of time during which soldiers, sailors and marines, both enlisted and drafted men, who prior to entering the service of their country, had a civil service status, and whose names appear on the eligible list of the civil service commission, may not be counted against them in the determination of their eligibility under the law, rules or regulations of the civil service commission and at the time of demobilization their civil service status shall be the same as when they entered the service.

GOLDEN GUERNSEY

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New River Dairy

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In Germany



PVT. ROY L. COFFEY

Pvt. Roy L. Coffey Writes From Germany

Pvt. Roy L. Coffey, (above) son of Mrs. Octavia Coffey, of Blowing Rock, who enlisted in the army in October, 1942, and who went overseas a year later, participated in the invasion of Europe, and is now in Germany. Following are some excerpts from a letter recently received from him by Mrs. Coffey:

"Our mail isn't censored any more, so I can tell you a few things that I've been through since I've been over here. First, I landed in France on D-day. We took part in the St. Lo break-through and in the liberation of Paris. We were also the first division to enter Germany, and the first to hit the Siegfried line. But the toughest of them all was when we got to the Hurtgen forest. That is one place that I prayed every day and I thank the Lord for taking care of me. We were also in Luxembourg when the Germans made their break-through. At the present I have four battle stars for major battles and we are expecting another one soon. At present I have 73 points.

"We crossed the Rhine river on the 27th of March and stayed in line 196 days without a rest, and I do mean without a rest."

There is an extra large supply of peaches this year. Miss Ruth Current of State College, suggests that this is an opportunity to get a good supply of canned fruit.

BUY WAR BONDS

State of Dade Reverts To Countyhood Today

Trenton, Ga., July 4—After today, July 4, there will be only 48 states in the union.

The free state of Dade, which withdrew from the nation in 1860 because Georgia refused to secede at that time, will become just another of the state's 159 counties at an independence ceremony in the Trenton town square.

The Stars and Bars of the Confederacy will be hauled down from the flagstaff and the American flag will fly officially over the county for the first time in 85 years.

Postmaster General Robert A. Hannagan, although not on the scene personally, will receive the county into the union by radio.

When feeling was running high in the months before the outbreak of the war between the states, Dade county's slave-owning and secession-conscious voters sent "Uncle Bob" Tatum, a powerful voiced and fiery individual, to represent them in the state legislature.

One day, he arose from his chair and boomed:

"By the gods, gentlemen, if Georgia does not vote to secede immediately from the union, Dade county will secede from the state and become the independent state of Dade."

The county sent a proclamation to the federal government announcing its withdrawal, and down through the years there has been no other document to change that status.

Today's program was strictly democratic. All citizens present cast an oral vote on whether they want to give up their statehood and go back to being just a county.

Cpl. Watson Tells of Combat in Nazi Area

Mrs. G. A. Watson, of Deep Gap, has received a letter from her son, Cpl. Norman Watson, in which he says:

"We started firing across the Rhine river at Mainz and we went up as far as Chemnu, then we moved back with the Seventh army and now we are north of Munich. I have one battle star and we hope to have two more.

"Well, it's lots better to be over here since the war is over than it is to be in combat. I tell anyone it's no fun. From the looks of everything, it will be some time before lots of us will get to come home. We are now policing the area of 76 towns, and I don't know how long we will do this."

FATHERS HONORED BY BEAVER DAM 4-H GIRLS

The old schoolhouse on upper Beaver Dam was a scene of much activity Sunday, June 17. The 4-H Club girls, sponsored by the Home Demonstration Club women and ladies of the community honored the men with a "Father's Day" dinner. Smaller children gave an entertainment in the afternoon honoring their dads. Mr. J. S. Snyder, the oldest father present, and Mr. Joe Wilson, the youngest, were given a small prize. Rev. W. C. Payne, pastor of Beaver Dam church, gave an interesting talk.

The ladies and some of the men have done quite a little work on the schoolhouse with helpful suggestions from Mrs. Hamby, the home agent. The ladies hope to have more work done so they will have an ideal club room and community house to serve the people.

Labor shortages in the woods and at the mills is the bottleneck of lumber and pulpwood production, says Dean I. O. Schaub of State College.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. M. C. Ward, late of the county of Watauga, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased, to present them to me within 12 months of the date hereof, or this notice will be filed in bar of their recovery. All those indebted to the estate are asked to make immediate payment.

This May 29, 1945. S. C. EGGERS, Adm.

Egg Production Up, Other States Down

North Carolina was the only state in the entire United States to show any sizeable increase in the production of eggs in the first five months of 1945, according to the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

In fact, egg production in the United States was down 7 percent for the period, while production in North Carolina was up 2 percent, or 10,000,000 eggs, as compared with 1944.

Poultry specialists of the State College extension service point to the steady progress of the poultry industry in North Carolina along all lines. Better breeding and feeding methods, coupled with good work by the poultry hatcheries in the state, have resulted in more eggs per bird and a much larger increase in total production, the specialists say.

North Carolina poultrymen are much more careful than formerly of getting disease-free chicks, of providing housing and more sanitary conditions for growing out the chicks, and of producing strong, healthy pullets, capable of laying large numbers of eggs. Much, however, remains to be done along this line, according to the specialists, and North Carolina can continue to show improvement from year to year.

One of the most important factors in large egg production is good breeding. This subject is being carefully studied at State College and all agencies are co-operating to build up the flocks in the state that produce hatching eggs.

FINE QUALITY PEACH CROP

Raleigh—There is a fine quality crop of peaches in the Sandhills area this season, and it will begin moving in volume to markets within the next week, according to Don Matheson, fruit and vegetable marketing specialist with the state department of agriculture.

"Housewives experiencing shortages in other foods should use their canning sugar allotments for putting up peaches grown here in North Carolina and superior to any product anywhere else in the world," Matheson said.

In the Hamlet section, general harvesting of Hiley peaches began June 28 and at Candor July 2.

Marketing of Elbertas will get under way in Hamlet on July 5 and in Candor on July 9.

Zionville News

Mr. and Mrs. Mon Critcher and children, of Kingsport, Tenn., are here spending a week at their home. Harve Wilson has returned to his home here from Winston-Salem, where he underwent an operation at the Baptist hospital.

G. C. Wilkinson is a guest of relatives in Roanoke, Va., for a few weeks. Ivan Church will return this week from Grace Hospital, Banner Elk.

where he was taken more than a week ago, following injuries received in an automobile wreck.

Among those visiting relatives here are Mrs. Myron Greer and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fletcher and sons, of Cleveland, O.; Miss Bette Ruth Greer, of Richmond, Ind., and Glonwood Greer, of Lockland, Ohio.

Little Bobby Greer, son of Fleet Greer, is recovering from a tonsil operation performed at Watauga Hospital on Friday.

PUREBRED RAM & EWE SALE

BOONE LIVESTOCK MARKET

Saturday, July 7, at 11 a. m.

Sale Consists of

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