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Admiral Foote Platoon

It is indeed fitting that a platoon of navy recruits be formed in Wilkes in honor of Admiral Percy W. Foote, highest ranking officer from Wilkes and who has rendered brilliant service to the nation over a period of at least 40 years.

Admiral Foote was decorated during the first World War for the brilliant and resourceful way he handled and led his crew to safety after the Transport Lincoln was sunk by a German sub. Admiral Foote, then in command of the ship on its return to this country, followed his men from the sinking ship into the lifeboats. Commander of the German sub asked for the captain as a prisoner to carry back to Germany. But Admiral Foote had changed to the uniform of a seaman and the Germans were foiled in their attempt to secure the commanding officer as prisoner.

Admiral Foote, although advanced in years, has a splendid physique and a sound and brilliant mind. He has gone back into the service after six years retirement and is now at Houston, Texas.

The navy's plan for formation of the Foote platoon calls for enlistments beginning about December 1 and continuing through the month.

The men who enlist will be sent to a naval training station in a unit with the request that they train together.

In this manner, those who enlist in the platoon will be reasonably certain that they will begin training about January 1 or soon thereafter and that they will have as buddies men from Wilkes county. It is quite probable that after training is completed many of them will continue to have buddies from their home county in whatever department the navy places them.

The army will begin in January to call men age 18 and 19 and it is estimated that they will be called in 3 months. It is confidently expected that a large number of the boys age 18 and 19 in Wilkes will enlist in the Admiral Foote platoon. It is certain that those of that age will be in the army within a very short time if they do not enlist in another branch of the service. With men going overseas at a rapid rate, the army will call large numbers to fill their places in the training camps and thus build up a mighty reserve for the men who are reaching the fighting fronts.

We commend the navy for promoting the Admiral Foote platoon plan, knowing that it will be a great tribute to a great native son of Wilkes, and that its men will serve in the navy with distinction.

We believe that Wilkes men will prefer to go into the navy as a unit. You could not have better company than the men from your home county, who are helping to write many more pages in the glorious history of the county's participating in fights for liberty and the preservation of freedom for the people of the world.

Glass Ruins Tires

If you drive over the streets of North Wilkesboro today and observe closely, you will be able to find several places where glass is littered on the pavement.

With tires as precious as they are, every precaution should be taken to remove such hazards. Broken glass has very sharp edges. Driving over glass often injures tires in such a manner that the tires will fail some time later, and occasionally the injury is so severe that a tire may be instantly ruined.

Admiral Darlan is regarded as being none too reliable in his loyalties, but, even so, it is cheering to the Allies to have him jump off of Vichy's band wagon and on to their own. He is evidently of a mind to bet on a new horse.—Charlotte Observer.

THE CITIZEN'S SERVICE CORPS (Charlotte Observer)

Of organizations incident to the war there are so many that the public which is being organized may find itself confused and bewildered as to what these are all about especially in the sense of being able to differentiate between the many and to give each of the many its proper and deserved assessment of value.

Here is the relatively new idea of the Citizens Service Corps which is associated with the Civilian Defense organization in which thousands of Charlotte people are enrolled.

Citizens Service Corps, instead of being some brand new formation, is, in reality, a prong merely of Civilian Defense, but aimed to mobilize the whole rather than some given part of the entire citizenship.

In a word, it is designed to get everybody—every man, woman and child—brought into a single cohesive organization on the home front to do anything and everything that can and must be done in every way and in all ways that will contribute to the total war effort.

Civilian Defense, as such, is designed for a given field of citizen cooperation, but Citizens Service is designed for all fields and for all citizens.

It is an all-out mobilization of everybody to do the little or the big jobs at home that must be done if the first line, that of the military at the front, is to be maintained in morale and if the second line, that of industry, is to be unified and strengthened in its task of producing the weapons of war necessary for victory.

The ideal blue-print, therefore, would call for three lines of battle, that at the front, that in the industrial plants and that of the domestic—a complete and total mobilization of all synchronized for a totality of offense.

To organize the home line is essentially the aim of the Citizens Service Corps which is an integral, if not indeed, the backbone factor of the whole Civilian Defense organization in the United States and in this community.

Insofar as an instrumentality for victory is concerned, no volunteer civilian movement of any name or purpose outranks it in importance and possibility.

As a means of self protection, Civilian Defense as now set up with thousands of our loyal, patriotic and unselfish citizens volunteering to serve in its several functions, is appropriate and essential, but, at best or at worst, the probability of actual and realistic war experience here at home is distantly remote.

But as a means of self-participation in the war effort itself, the Civilian Service Corps opens the door to every man, woman and child of every color and condition and rank and rating for them to become a soldier and for them to fight for victory and for survival.

Civilian Defense is an organization to defend if attacked. Civilian Service is an organization to serve by attacking.

Civilian Defense is a shield; Civilian Service is a sword.

Civilian Defense is for the relatively few who can put fires out and police blacked-out streets and rescue the wounded from air raids that will hardly happen.

But Civilian Service is for the many, for ALL, who can do anything in any way, or everything in every way, that must be done on the home front and by the home forces if this war is to be won by the valiant and gallant soldiers in the field.

WHAT IS RUBBER? (Charlotte Observer)

One of the flyers lost with Rickenbacker in the Pacific wastes, found after long search, dwes his life to two things: a small rubber raft and unceasing search by ships and planes. Primarily he owes it to the raft.

He lived for 22 days on this scrap of rubber, the only thing between him and the sharks and the depths. Miraculous isn't it? No, it's simply a matter of a little rubber.

Rubber? What is that? It's that precious stuff that you heedlessly, carelessly abuse, riding around, going nowhere to do nothing while brave men do your fighting for you; valorous souls who depend for life upon the material you waste.

Maybe it was a smart thing to name the tank we sent to blast Rommel the General Sherman. It's about time the Germans were finding out the truth about what that General said.—Winston-Salem Journal.

The strangest paradox of the war is that the very freedom we're fighting for is hampering our fight.

People Warned To Do Christmas Mailing Earlier

The bulk of Christmas mail must be in the post offices by December 1 this year. It delivers on time are to be assured, according to Smith W. Purdum, Second Assistant Postmaster General. Mr. Purdum is responsible to Postmaster General Frank C. Walker for smooth and efficient air and railway mail service.

Unprecedented wartime demands on the postal and transportation systems, plus a prospective record volume of Christmas mailings, were cited by Mr. Purdum as necessitating earlier mailings than ever before. "It is physically impossible for the railroads and air lines, burdened with vitally important war materials, to handle Christmas mailings as rapidly as in normal times," Mr. Purdum said. "If the bulk of parcels and greeting cards are held back until the usual time—the period of about December 15 to 22—they simply cannot be distributed in time, and thousands of gifts will reach their destinations after Christmas."

In 1941, about 21,950 mail cars were required between December 12 and 24 to deliver Christmas mails—enough cars to make a train 270 miles long. This year, the extra cars needed to move holiday mails are largely being used by the armed services, and a severe shortage is in prospect.

The postage service usually borrows about 2,500 trucks from the army and other government agencies, and rents about 10,000 from private owners, to handle the Christmas mails. This year, it will be extremely difficult to obtain enough of these vehicles to meet even a substantial part of the need. The army needs its own trucks and private owners are reluctant to let someone else use their tires.

Railroads are cooperating by converting some hundreds of steel box cars and similar equipment for mail transportation, and Joseph B. Eastman, Director of Defense Transportation, has ordered that unnecessary travel be curtailed to the limit during the holiday season. But these measures cannot assure deliveries of gifts on time unless the public cooperates by mailing early and thus spreading the transportation load over a longer period than usual.

Mr. Purdum called attention to the task of the Post Office Department in moving millions of pieces of mail every day to and from soldiers, sailors and marines throughout the world. This extraordinary job must be kept current, even while the holiday rush of mailing is handled. Also, he pointed out, the postal establishment is operating with many thousands of inexperienced personnel, employed to take the place of men called to the armed services. The new employees naturally cannot handle the holiday mail jam with the smoothness and speed of the postal veterans whom they replace.

In view of all these handicaps to the service, Mr. Purdum added, postal patrons should mail their gifts by December 1 if they wish to insure that their friends will not be disappointed at Christmas.

Husband and Wife In Army Together

Fort Bragg.—Mr. and Mrs. Irving Jesse Dowdy of Rocky Mount, first aside the "Mr. and Mrs." today and became Private Dowdy and Womens Auxiliary Army Corps Volunteer Jameson Bunn Dowdy.

The couple, who celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary last month, were administered the oaths of the Army and the W.A.A.C. at the same time at Fort Bragg's Recruiting and Induction Station.

Mrs. Dowdy, who declared she hadn't been "as flustered since my wedding day," volunteered for the W.A.A.C. when Private Dowdy was called by his draft board. Oddly enough they were ordered to report to Fort Bragg on the same day.

Before entering the Army, Private Dowdy was secretary and treasurer of the Savings and Loan Association at Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Dowdy gave up the chairmanship of the Rocky Mount Woman's War Saving Stamp committee to enter the W.A.A.C. Prior to induction they lived at 416 Falls Road, Rocky Mount.

Battle In 18 Months Says Nazis Will Lose

San Francisco.—Germany will be soundly beaten within another 18 months, Bohus A. Benes, nephew of Czechoslovakian President Eduard Benes, declared. He said: "You Americans will smash Germany by that time. Then it will take you only a little longer to liquidate the Japanese."

In New Caledonia



When Wanda Engle, U. S. army nurse of Toledo, Ohio, visited the Kanakas in New Caledonia they greeted her with a grass skirt—ample proof of her popularity as well as of her success as a diplomat. Wanda poses here with a local chief, who puts on an American-made cigarette with considerable enjoyment.

Purlear Briefs Of Past Week

Mr. Cears Church, who holds a war job in Newport News, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Church.

Miss Ellena Foster, of Buck, was the week-end guest of Misses Edna and Iris Church.

Mrs. B. H. Triplett and Mrs. Dale Foster, of North Wilkesboro, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Cole, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Matherly Saturday.

Miss Belva Matherly, who holds a position with the Wilkes Hosiery Mills at North Wilkesboro, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Matherly.

Mr. Otis Hamby, who held a responsible position at Lenoir, was inducted into the army Tuesday at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Mr. A. B. Matherly and son, Maurice, were in North Wilkesboro Saturday looking after business matters.

Misses Edna Church and Ellena Foster were in North Wilkesboro Saturday, looking after business matters.

Misses Ruth and Belva Matherly and Miss Brenice Ellis motored to Boone, Sunday.

Birthday Party

Miss Edna Church entertained at her home Saturday evening, honoring her sister, Miss Iris Church and cousin, Miss Belva Matherly, on the birthday anniversary.

During the evening various games were played and enjoyed by all. "Happy Birthday" was sung by those present to the honorees, after which the hostess was assisted in serving cake and refreshments by Miss Ruth Foster, and little Miss Doris Church.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Eller, Misses Vetra and Mary Shoemaker, Misses Brenice and Ena Fay Ellis, Mr. Junior Lovette, Mr. Paris Kilby, Mr. Mack Carlton, Mr. Morris Summerlin, Mr. Otis Hamby, and Miss Charlee Hamby with several others.

The honoree was presented with many beautiful gifts.

Find 1,000 Violations Of State Labor Laws

Raleigh.—A total of 1,000 violations of state labor laws and 143 violations of the Federal wage and hour law were uncovered in October by inspectors of the State Department of Labor, Forrest M. Shuford, labor commissioner, reported.

Violations of state labor laws were found in 314 establishments employing 9,042 workers, and 575 of the 1,000 violations here of the state's child labor law. Shuford said that most of the child labor violations arose from failure of employers to secure permits for their minor employees from county welfare departments.

The wage and hour law cases include 59 violations of minimum wage and overtime provisions and 84 firms were not keeping adequate payroll records. A total of \$37,414 in back wages was paid to 767 workers by 66 firms.

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Traffic Death Toll Is Lower

Raleigh.—Despite the loss of a tanker truck collision in Robeson county which took 14 lives, there was a record reduction of 57.8 per cent in traffic fatalities in North Carolina during October, motor vehicle Commissioner T. Boddie Ward disclosed.

The traffic toll for last month was 54 lives, compared with 162 in October, 1941, the worst month in the history of the state for road deaths.

Ward said 27 of those killed last month were pedestrians and said the percentage of 42.1 was the highest of any month this year.

Through the first 10 months of the year, 692 persons were killed in highway accidents, compared with 1,023 in the corresponding period of the previous year. The reduction of 32.5 per cent compares with a nation-wide reduction of 24 per cent.

Robeson, scene of the tragic bus-tanker accident, had the highest number of highway deaths last month, 14, and Cumberland county was second with six.

SPECIAL

Fresh grapefruit and tangerines, produced this year in record quantities, have been designated as the Victory Food Special for the period December 3 through December 12.

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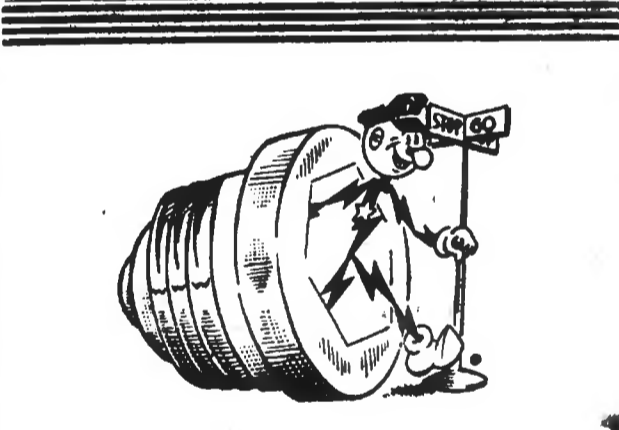
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