

American Legion Is Working For Victory

Members Legion Serving Country In Various Ways

By W. O. GRIER

The question is, no doubt, often asked, what are the Veterans of World War Number 1 doing toward winning World War number 2? Inasmuch as Legion membership is general throughout the United States and its possessions, an answer to what Wilkes county Legionnaires are doing would be a typical answer for most any part of America.

The membership of the Wilkes County Post of the American Legion has never been very much over one hundred. The present membership is sixty-four. From this small membership, the Wilkes County Post of the Legion, takes pride, and justly so, in announcing that ten members or former members of the post are now back in service, namely, Comrades Ralph Reins, Fred Hubbard, Edmund Robinson, Clinton Smoot, David Wright, Herschel Saxon, Henry Landon, Charlie Leckie and Isaac Valentine. We doubt if there are many Posts in the entire nation with as high a percentage of its membership back in service, unless it should be a post made up exclusively of Army or Navy officers.

We at home are trying to do our best for our country in various ways. We have two members serving on the selective service boards in Wilkes county. This is a trying and heart rending job and we admire the membership of both boards for giving unselfishly of their services to this task. Other Legion members are serving on the air raid warning service. Some members are away on defense jobs vital to the successful prosecution of the war effort. Other members from the county are serving their nation by producing more food for their community and the armed forces. Our professional men are faithful at their respective posts of duty, whether it be as doctor, teacher

Heads Legion



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or preacher.

Another member has taken a special course in chemical warfare service at Loyola University. He is assistant to the state director of poison gas control and is in charge of the western area of the state.

Others have been active in Red Cross work and have been especially aggressive in helping Wilkes county go well over the top in the recent nation-wide drive for funds.

One of the greatest privileges we have is giving an affectionate handshake to the boys as they leave home for the training camps. Often our few words of farewell are inadequate but our hearts are full both of sympathy and best wishes.

Our Legion Auxiliary, under the able leadership of Miss Toby Turner, is awake to the opportunities of service which daily come before them. The Auxiliary

has been very active in Red Cross work, both in the office and in the making of kits and rolling bandages. You can always find some of them helping with serving the soldiers coffee and cookies when they depart for camp.

A most impressive prayer service in behalf of our war efforts, and especially for those in active combat, was conducted by the ministers of the Wilkesboros in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall on the World Day of Prayer. Miss Norma Stevenson of the Auxiliary arranged the program and presided at the meeting. The merchants closed their stores for the service and a full house of worshippers listened attentively to the Scripture reading and prayers asking for Divine guidance and comfort in this hour of trial.

It has been said that "In a sense religion is a personal, individual matter between a man and God. Jesus taught his Disciples to go apart in a secret place to pray but he also taught them to say "Our Father." So we can commend the welfare of those in combat, who risk their all in our behalf, to the Father who neither slumbers nor sleeps.

Edmund Burke likened the parks of the city to the lungs of the body. The parks are not essential to the industrial or financial welfare of the city but they do add to its beauty. We, back here on the Home Front feel that we are doing very little, compared to what you at the front are doing, but we do want to do everything in our power to aid you in bringing this war to a successful conclusion with an all-out victory. And may we not forget the parks of our cities and the beauty of our countryside—so that when you return in triumph, you can turn aside and forget the clang and noise of war and listen to the songs of the birds inhale the fragrance of the flowers and delight your eyes in viewing the azure veil encircling the distant mountains.

State's 4-H'ers To Boost Output Of Milk For Fighters

Military foods experts emphasize that men in our armed forces each need at least a pint of milk daily. North Carolina's 4-H dairy club members are responding to that need for increased production through better feeding and management of dairy herds, and more careful handling and cooling of milk.

The 4-H'ers are perfecting themselves for the task by participating in the current National 4-H Dairy Production activity, in which they learn and practice approved dairy methods, and demonstrate them to others. To encourage 4-H boys and girls of all ages, the activity is divided into Class A for dairy club members owning one or more helpers not yet in production, and Class B for members owning one or more milk-producing cows.

Awards for outstanding records of achievement are provided by the Kraft Cheese Co. on county, state, sectional, and national levels. They include medals for both Class A and B county winners; eight \$25 War Bonds to a blue award group in each state, and all-expense trips to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago to the two highest rating participants in each extension section, and two at large. Five of the sectional winners will be selected to receive the national award of either a \$20 War Bond or scholarship.

The activity will be conducted, along with other 4-H wartime projects of production and conservation, by the Extension Service of the State Agricultural Colleges and the U. S. Department of Agriculture cooperating. Full details of this activity are obtainable from county extension agents.

GROWERS SEEKING TO SOLVE OWN PROBLEMS
While the National Farm Labor Program is drawing prolonged debate, North Carolina growers are seeking to solve their own problems on the county and community level, by a full utilization of the available man power.

JACKSON MAN TURNS PASTURE INTO TIMBER
J. T. Bryson of Jackson county bought 44 acres of poor mountain land 19 years ago for a pasture site. He made it a woodland, instead. He has marketed \$400 worth of timber and has about \$500 worth of black walnut now. A good woodland rather than a poor pasture.



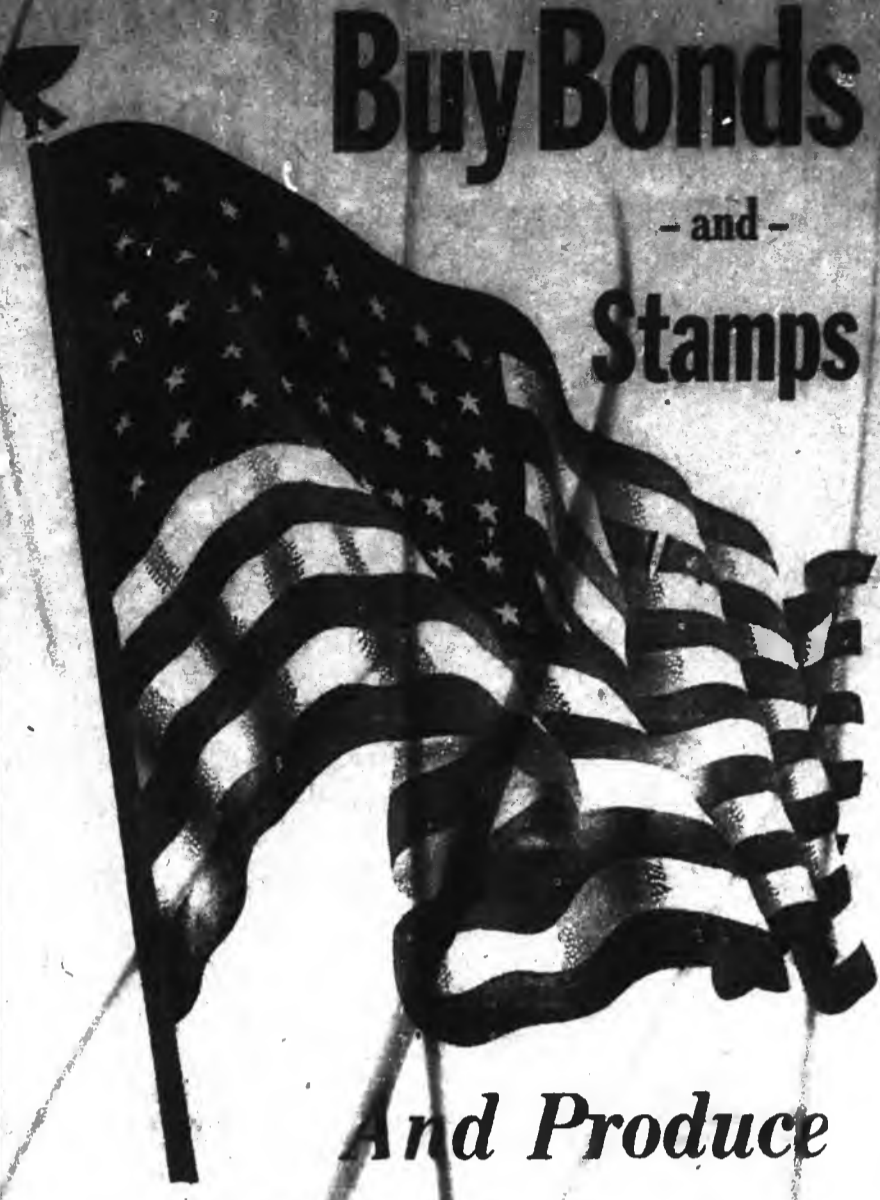
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