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United Relief Drive

Story Chairman For Consolidated Campaign

The United War Relief campaign for the purpose of raising \$133,000,000 to be expended through various agencies for the purpose of bringing relief and comfort to the allied fighting forces is now in process of being launched throughout the United States.

The project is to include the following War Relief agencies: USO, United Seaman's Service, Aid To War Prisoners, Aid For Unoccupied Areas, Relief for Occupied Countries, Aid for Refugees, Contingent Fund. The program is to include all of the present sources of raising funds for every kind of relief and comfort to our armed forces. It is to be a continuing program until we are again out of the war emergencies.

The administration of the program will be under the direction of Prentiss M. Brown, of Washington, D. C.

The campaign director for the State of North Carolina is Chester A. Kerr. The executive secretary for North Carolina is Thomas L. Carroll, Pepper building, Winston-Salem.

The chairman of district including the following counties: Avery, Burke, Watauga, Caldwell, Ashe, Allegheny, Alexander and Wilkes, known as District One, is Henry Wilson, of Morganton.

The chairman of the campaign, recently appointed by Gov. J. M. Broughton for Wilkes county is T. E. Story, of Wilkesboro.

A plan of organization to reach every person of the county is now in the making and will be announced in the near future. It is sufficient to say now that every person in the county will be expected to share in this fine work of mercy and appreciation to those who are giving most to preserve our way of life.

S. C. Group Visits Here

A committee of 12 senators and representatives from the South Carolina legislature and two representatives from the office of governor of South Carolina spent last night and today in Wilkes, county inspecting the dairy industry.

Accompanying the group were F. R. Farnham, district agent and extension dairyman of the North Carolina Extension Service, heading the South Carolina group were C. G. Cushman and Prof. Starkley, of Clemson College.

Early today they inspected Coble Dairy Products company plant in Wilkesboro and visited a number of the dairy farms in Wilkes. Yesterday they visited a milk plant near Statesville and the Coble plant at Lexington.

In Wilkesboro the delegation was especially interested in the milk and egg drying processes at the Coble plant. While here they conferred with County Agent J. B. Snipes and learned of the progress being made in livestock production in Wilkes.

From here they proceeded to Boone and were planning to visit a number of points in east Tennessee before returning to South Carolina.

Object of the tour is to observe livestock production practices and the aim in view of instituting a program of livestock production and diversified farming in South Carolina.

Capt. Johnston Shot Down Jap Plane In His First Air Engagement With Enemy

(By DWIGHT NICHOLS)

"The Japs should not be underestimated under any conditions. We will win this war but not this year. There remains much work to be done."

Those are the words of Capt. Richard B. Johnston, who arrived home here on leave this week after more than a year in the South Pacific theatre of the war, where he was in combat with the Japs as a fighter pilot and brought down a number of Jap planes.

Captain Johnston fought the Japs on, over and around Guadalcanal Island in the Solomons when the Jap planes outnumbered ours four to one, and helped whittle the Jap air force



CAPTAIN JOHNSTON

down to our size, in the early stages of allied offensive operations in that part of the

global conflict.

Enlisting in the air force during the early stages of the national emergency, Capt. Johnston was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. army air forces December 12, 1941. In January, 1942, he sailed for Australia, spent some time there and was transferred to New Caledonia.

In August he was a member of a squadron of fighter planes sent to Guadalcanal soon after American Marines began their invasion of that strategic island, and it was there that he received his baptism of fire and came out with flying colors and a distinguished flying cross.

In the first air battle in which Capt. Johnston participated he brought down a

Jap Zero and was awarded the coveted honor for bringing down a Jap plane while in combat against superior numbers.

In that engagement the American planes were outnumbered four to one and dog fights were out of the question for our fighters. Instead, they had to resort to hit and run tactics, and the clouds were handy places to run to after taking shots at Jap Zeroes.

Capt. Johnston got in several shots at Jap planes and had the satisfaction of seeing one of them burst into flames and fall. It is quite probable that he destroyed at least one more plane in that battle but the flyers get credit only for the ones which are seen to fall from the skies.

When the battle was over the American planes were scattered and trying to find their way back to the field. Capt. Johnston's plane was low on fuel and low on ammunition and while flying along he saw a plane two miles

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Axis Forces On Sicily Are Near Defeat

133 Tons Of Bombs Fall On Bairoko On Gula Gulf

Allied Headquarters In The Southwest Pacific, Allied bombers, lashing fiercely at Japanese defense on New Georgia Island, dropped 133 tons of bombs on Bairoko yesterday.

This heaviest raid of the Southwest Pacific war was announced in today's communique from General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters.

Bairoko is located on the southern end of Kula Gulf, north of Munda, site of the Japanese's great central Solomons air base.

At Munda itself, enemy counterattacks against American ground forces were repulsed with heavy losses.

Sharp ground skirmishes flared anew on New Guinea and 282 Japanese dead were counted in the vicinity of Komiatum, seven miles from the enemy base at Salamaua.

Large Number Axis Rear Guard Troops Now Cut Off

Allied Headquarters In North Africa. — American and Canadian forces have captured the Sicilian communications hub of Enna, cutting off large numbers of Axis rear-guard troops, and the surviving enemy was reported in headlong retreat to the Catania-Mt. Etna line last night for a final stand with German reinforcements from Italy.

Battling desperately to cover the retreat, German tanks counterattacked against British siege forces south of Catania but were beaten back with heavy losses and crew casualties in continuation of the fiercest fighting of the 12-day-old campaign.

(An NBC dispatch from the front said that the Germans had thrown paratroopers and new infantry reinforcements into the Catania line in a desperate effort to break the British breakthrough.

(The British Exchange Telegraph Agency reported that the Eighth Army repulsed a series of fierce counterattacks by almost 100 per cent German troops south of Catania yesterday. Heavy fighting continues, the dispatch said, over a battlefield strewn with German dead.)

IDLE WILL GET JOB OFFERS

PRESENT SALVAGE AWARDS

Certificates Sent To Members Of The Committee

J. B. Snipes, chairman of the Wilkes salvage committee, has presented each member of the committee with a certificate of recognition of accomplishments in that important phase of the war effort.

The certificates are awards from the War Production Board in recognition "for patriotic effort in the national salvage program of 1942-43."

In presenting the certificates, Chairman Snipes emphasized that salvage work is not over and must continue until the end of the war.

Mrs. T. A. Finley is vice chairman of the committee and Mrs. Annie H. Greene is secretary.

The following members of the committee have received their awards:

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E. H. Tomlinson Dies In Kentucky

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Tomlinson home at East Bend for E. H. Tomlinson, age 58, brother of S. V. F. C. and John Tomlinson, of this city. Mr. Tomlinson died in a Louisville, Ky., hospital Wednesday night after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Tomlinson was a son of Mrs. W. V. Tomlinson and the late Mr. Tomlinson, of East Bend, had lived in Kentucky for a number of years. On several occasions he had visited in North Wilkesboro and had many friends here.

Surviving are the widow; two sons, Ralph Tomlinson of Ann Arbor, Mich., and William Tomlinson of the U. S. Army; one daughter, Miss Pauline Tomlinson of Lexington, Ky.; one grandchild; his mother, Mrs. W. V. Tomlinson of East Bend; three sisters, Misses Maggie and Myrtle Tomlinson of East Bend and Mrs. R. W. Sullivan of Wilmington, Del.; and six brothers, Walter and Jessie Tomlinson of East Bend; S. V. F. C. and John Tomlinson of North Wilkesboro and Dr. F. N. Tomlinson of Winston-Salem.

Those from here attending the funeral service were Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Tomlinson and sons, James and Worth Tomlinson, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Tomlinson, John Tomlinson, Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Ingle and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hall.

George Kennedy Grows Cucumber In a Perfect "V"

George Kennedy, who manages the North Wilkesboro branch of the Central Electric and Telephone company and in his spare time looks after a victory garden, yesterday brought to The Journal-Patriot office a most interesting freak.

His contribution to the V-for-victory symbols is a cucumber which grew from one stem, and which has two prongs in a perfect "V" formation. Those who are interested may see this amazing vegetable at The Journal-Patriot office.

Foot Washing At Bethany Church

An all-day service, including communion and foot washing rites, will be held at Bethany church Sunday, July 25.

The services Sunday will be the beginning of the revival, which will be conducted by Rev. Jimmie Bryant, pastor, assisted by other ministers. The public is invited to all services.

Quarterly Conference

The third quarterly conference for Wilkesboro and Union Methodist churches will be held at Wilkesboro Sunday evening following the sermon to be delivered by the district superintendent, Rev. A. C. Gibbs, of Elkin. The evening service will begin at 8:30 p. m.

U.S.E.S Will Canvass All Parts County

Area served by the North Wilkesboro office of the U. S. Employment Service has been selected for an intensive workers recruiting campaign.

In a meeting Monday night of employment service executives and the advisory committee of the local office, E. C. McCracken, chief of the placement division of the War Manpower commission in North Carolina, outlined the campaign which has been designed as an experiment in the North Wilkesboro area, which is composed of Wilkes, Alexander, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties.

McCracken explained that there are not now enough people working in the state to fill all jobs but it was his opinion that there would be a surplus if all would work.

The campaign here will be based on the idea of taking a job offer to those who are idle.

Staff members from the office will visit every community, talk with community leaders and others. (Continued on page five)

TOBACCO ELECTION

The Wilkes office of the Agricultural Adjustment agency has announced that Wilkes county flue-cured tobacco growers will be given an opportunity to vote on marketing quotas for a one-year and three-year period on July 24th.

This question of tobacco quotas for 1944 is of vital importance to tobacco farmers not only from the standpoint of price but from the standpoint of food and feed production which is so vitally needed in the "all out" war effort. All persons engaged in the production of flue-cured tobacco are urged to take enough time off from their work to cast their ballot at one of the following places between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 6:00 p. m. on July 24, 1943:

Austin—J. Z. Adams' Store.
Benham School.
Clingman — Harry Green's Store.
Shepherd's Cross Roads.
Somers School.
Wilkes County Courthouse.

Grier Is Again Commander Of the Legion Post

Officers of Post Number 125 For Ensuing Year Are Installed Here

Officers of Wilkes post of the American Legion have been installed for the ensuing year.

W. C. Grier, who successfully led the post during the past year, was re-elected post commander.

The other officers are as follows: Dr. M. G. Edwards, vice commander; John Leysdon, adjutant; W. D. Haffner, A. F. Kilby, John Hall and John Edmiston, membership committee; W. J. Benson, Americanism officer; Dr. M. G. Edwards, graves registration officer; A. F. Kilby, service officer and chairman of house committee; T. A. Finley, historian; Gordon Finley, chaplain.

The post is looking forward to another active year and membership of all ex-service men is invited.

Parents Get Twins

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Harris who reside near Wilkesboro are the proud parents of twins—a boy and a girl—born yesterday morning at The Wilkes Hospital.

Prospects For Crops In Wilkes Good

Generally speaking, the outlook for food and feed production in Wilkes this year is good, J. B. Snipes, county agent, said today.

Mr. Snipes stated that he had opportunity during the rainy season to observe crops in practically all parts of the county and that with few exceptions prospects for record production are excellent.

Frequent rains during the past month have been good for corn, hay crops and pastures, but there was too much rain for cotton and tobacco in the eastern part of the county and rain had greatly damaged small grain which was not harvested before the rains began.

The county agent reported that wheat in shocks had damaged greatly and that grain left standing for combining had also damaged to a great extent. In some cases Mr. Snipes recommended wheat with hay crops be left and mowed with the hay, which would make an excellent feed combining both grain and hay.

The fruit outlook is not so good. Some few orchards report

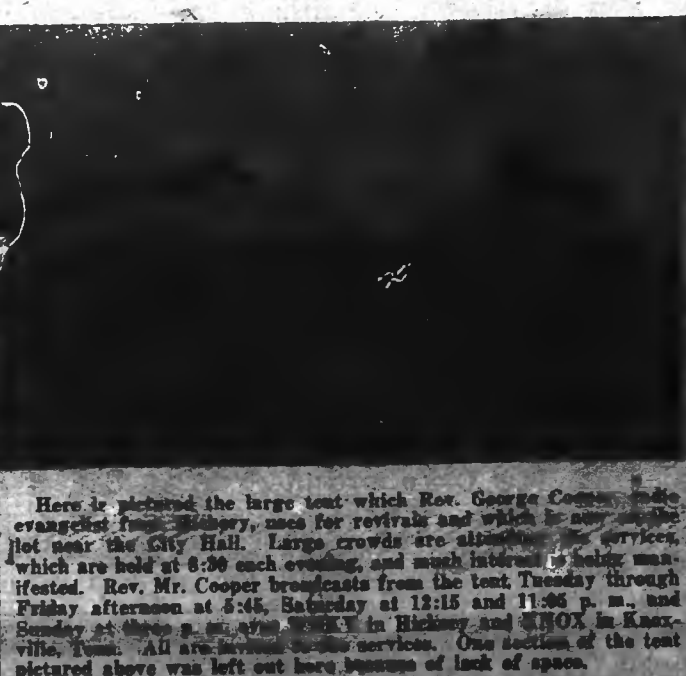
apples as much as 90 per cent of a crop while others have practically no apples. The general average in commercial orchards will range between 40 and 60 per cent of average crop. Incidentally, Mr. Snipes said he had inquiries from people who wish to gather apples on shares. Any orchardist interested may contact Mr. Snipes.

The county agent recommended that weeds be mowed in pasture and that farmers should pay more attention to pastures because pastures, when properly managed, pay real dividends and often are the most profitable acres on the farm.

More Sheep For Wilkes County

County Agent J. B. Snipes said today that no other truck load of sheep have been ordered for Wilkes farmers who wish to buy them for breeding purposes. Those who want some of the sheep are asked to notify Mr. Snipes at once.

REVIVAL TENT IN CITY



Here is pictured the large tent which Rev. George Cooper, evangelist from Wilkes, uses for revivals and which is now set near the City Hall. Large crowds are attending the services, which are held at 8:00 each evening, and much interest is being manifested. Rev. Mr. Cooper broadcasts from the tent Tuesday through Friday afternoon at 5:45, Saturday at 12:15 and 11:45 p. m., and Sunday at three p. m. at the Wilkesboro and Elkin, Tenn. All are invited to the services. One section of the tent pictured above was left out here because of lack of space.

Rations

BLUE STAMPS— (For canned, frozen and certain dehydrated foods)

Stamps N, P, Q, became effective July 1 and remain so until August 7.

COFFEE— Stamp No. 22 in War Ration Book One, good for one pound of coffee, became valid July 22 and is good through Aug. 10.

GASOLINE— "A" book coupons No. 6 good for three gallons each and must last till November 21.

RED STAMPS— (For meat products, canned fish, most office oils and cheeses)

Red stamps P, Q, R, S, are good through July 31.

SHOES— No. 12 stamp in War Ration Book One good for one pair shoes. Expires Oct. 31st.

SUGAR— No. 12, good for 5 pounds, becomes valid July 1 and is good through August 31.

Stamps No. 23 and 24 in War Ration Book One good for one can each. Expires Oct. 31st. Stamps No. 25 and 26 in War Ration Book One good for one can each. Expires Oct. 31st.