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Offer Work To All

Employment Service Taking Job Offers To the People

North Wilkesboro branch of the U. S. Employment Service is going out into the "highways and hedges" after labor to fill local demands and other needs for essential workers.

The five counties served by the local office were designated as a test area for a recruiting campaign to carry job offers to those not now employed on essential jobs or engaged in agriculture.

The counties are Wilkes, Alexander, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany.

In all counties except Wilkes the interviewers from the employment service have already begun their itinerary of visits to community centers. There they talk with neighborhood leaders and learn the names and locations of people who are not working. Next the interviewers visit the idle people with a list of job openings and ascertain if they are willing to accept a job within the county or elsewhere.

In Wilkes county the interviewers will make their rounds on Monday, August 2. Mrs. Kathryn Lott, manager of the employment office here said. Thousands of pamphlets reading as follows are being distributed:

"Every man, woman, boy or girl is needed in war work—here at home or elsewhere. If you want a regular job or can work part time, write this office at the address indicated below, or better still, come in to see us. You're needed now. So don't delay. Our boys are willing to die for our country. Are you willing to work?"

MOB BESIEGES FASCISTS IN MILAN RIOTS

Bern, Switzerland.—Fascists armed with automatic rifles, machine guns and hand grenades stood siege in the plant of Benito Mussolini's newspaper Popolo D'Italia of Milan last night while troops in armored cars, tanks and in the streets and windows of buildings fired upon them.

Seeking refuge from crowds which shouted for their death, the Fascists took refuge in the marble building of Popolo d'Italia, taking with them as hostages women and children, seized in their flight, border reports said.

Barricading themselves, the Fascists started firing at the crowd and dropped bombs on them, causing many casualties.

Troops arrived and returned the fire, reports said, and as the crowd dispersed under a hail of bullets armored cars and whippet tanks rumbled to the scene.

Crews of the vehicles aimed their cannon at the building but were ordered to hold their fire of anything but smaller weapons for fear of killing the women and children.

Trying to placate the crowd, the Fascists threw a prominent fascist named Bonomi from the floor, dispatches said, and the crowd, rushing into the scene of fire, mauled him to death.

Merchants Relieved Of One OPA Report

Local OPA officials today announced that it is no longer necessary for merchants to file monthly reports.

In Tennessee



Pfc. Paul C. Steele, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Steele, of Boomer, is now with an armored division near Nashville, Tenn. Pfc. Steele entered the service on November 21, 1942.

Man Is Killed By Lightning On Tuesday

Otto Parlier Is Killed Instantly In Kitchen Of His Home

Otto Parlier, age 34, was instantly killed Tuesday evening when lightning struck his home on the Brushies in the Pores Knob community.

Mr. Parlier was in the kitchen and was washing his hands when he was hit and instantly killed by lightning.

Mrs. Parlier and four children were shocked by the lightning but were not seriously injured.

The small residence was badly damaged. Rafters were pulled upward from the plates of the house and many boards on the outside were torn from the building.

Mr. Parlier, a son of G. C. and Emma Moore Parlier, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Lee Batty Parlier, and four children.

Funeral service was held today ten a. m., at New Hope church near Gilreath. Rev. Pervis Parks conducted the service.

Orchardists Plan Picnic For Aug. 19

Plans are about complete for the annual Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers picnic, which will be held this year at Perry Lowe's near Kilby's Gap on Thursday, August 19th, beginning at 10:30 in the morning.

This yearly meeting of Fruit Growers combines not only the pleasure of the outdoors picnic with its exchange of experiences and ideas but also furnishes an assembly for the extension service to serve with speakers and information to help the fruit growers with their problems.

Dr. L. D. Bever, director of the Experiment Station, has been secured as guest speaker and M. E. Gardner, head of the State Horticulture department, H. R. Niswonger, in charge of Horticultural Extension, and Carl E. VanDeeman, in charge of the Apple Research Laboratory at Kilby's Gap, will also be heard.

It is desirable that growers make plans for transportation ahead of time; neighbors and friends sharing cars and apportioning the gas among the several passengers, so that the spirit of car rationing may be patriotically adhered to.

All fruit growers in the district are cordially invited to attend, bringing their own basket dinner.

In case of a rainy day the meeting will be held at the Mountain Falls Community House.

A complete program will be announced later.

LOGS GO TO WAR

Farmers Are Urged to Cut Timber For War Effort

By J. B. SNIPES, County Agent

Lumber is a critical war material. It is now urgently needed for war purposes. Many sawmills throughout North Carolina are now idle due to shortage of labor and logs. Farmers are being asked to help in meeting the shortage. We believe that the farmers of Wilkes county can help and will be rendering a patriotic service in aiding to get out sawlogs.

Several sawmill operators scattered over Wilkes county have already expressed a willingness to buy the farmers' logs either in truckload lots placed beside the road where they can be loaded, delivered to sawmills, or assembled in groups large enough to justify moving in a sawmill.

The sawmills of Wilkes county are largely of the groundmill type, moving from one tract of timber to another, usually cutting from 20,000 to 150,000 board feet at a mill set. Many of these mills are operated seasonally by farmers; many others are idle now due to lack of labor for cutting logs. Many of our farmers do not have large amounts of timber for sale.

Yet there are many places in which a sawmill can be operated on a community basis by each farmer cutting a few trees—1,000, 5,000 or 10,000 board feet—and delivering the logs to a central point where a mill might be placed. A few spare days between crop seasons with farm labor and teams will send many sawlogs to war and help in winning this war and bringing an earlier peace.

Every neighborhood leader can help in organizing a "Sawlog for War Program" in his or her community. We are asking every farmer who is willing and can cut a few logs on his own land or who is willing to aid his neighbors in cutting logs to report to the county agent's office. We will then endeavor to help you in getting a community sawmill located in your neighborhood.

We are asking all the lumbermen in Wilkes county, whether they operate a stationary or portable mill, to cooperate in getting out these logs cut by farmers. In areas where there are no stationary mills located we want every portable sawmill operator who can arrange to set up a mill at a community center where as much as 40,000 to 50,000 or more board feet of logs can be assembled, to contact the county agent. We can help you work out the plan for buying these logs on the basis of log scale, lumber tally, or any other basis agreeable to both the farmers and the mill operator.

Wilkes county has the service of Mr. M. B. Bryan, farm forester, who can help you in organizing a "Sawlog for War Program" in your community and in getting a sawmill set up on a community basis.

HARVEST YOUR TIMBER WISELY—

Cut your timber with an eye to the future. We will need enormous quantities of lumber after the war is won. Don't cut your woodland destructively; leave it in condition to produce another timber harvest in a few years and provide a steady income. A good plan is to harvest all mature, marketable trees and thin the dense young stands in such a way that the remaining trees will make more rapid growth. Remember that a thrifty growing 10 to 12-inch tree will double in volume in ten years. Destructive cutting is not necessary to meet the present emergency.

The Trinidad government railway has eliminated all Sunday passenger trains.



Pvt. Roy C. (Buck) Jones, a former Wilkes county boy, son of Mrs. J. M. Jones and brother of Mrs. Travis Eller, both of Purlear, this week sent them a poem he composed, by way of telling Wilkes friends how it feels to bail out of a plane as a Paratrooper. Pvt. Jones is stationed with the parachute infantry at Camp Alliance, Nebraska. His wife, the former Miss Willie Mae Coffey, is making her home with her parents in Lenoir. "Buck" says his "true love is made from 400 silk stockings," meaning his "chute." See page eight in this newspaper.

Hunts Stills; Finds Snakes

G. S. Felts, alcohol tax unit investigator, went out hunting stills near Ferguson Tuesday and found rattlesnakes.

While going along a forest trail, Mr. Felts saw a big rattler about ten feet ahead. He stopped and started looking for something to use as a weapon in killing the rattler. The snake turned and started toward the officer, who then thought of his .38-caliber revolver. A well directed shot at the rattler's head struck the rattler in the back of the head and the battle was won.

That rattler was four feet and eight inches in length and had ten rattles.

A half mile further up the trail Mr. Felts ran up with another rattler, measuring four feet and four inches and with 13 rattles. He killed it with a shot in the head from his .38. On the way back to where he found the first rattler he heard another rattler giving its warning near the trail but he had enough rattlers for one day and did not stop to investigate. Mr. Felts brought the large reptiles here as evidence that he was not just telling snake tales.

Minister, Age 81, Drives 50 Miles, Does Day's Work

Rev. D. J. White, a retired Methodist minister who makes his home in the Ronda community, put in a full day yesterday despite his 81 years.

Walking with only a slight stoop, the aged minister looked after several business matters in the Wilkesboro, including a call at The Journal-Patriot office to renew his subscription.

And because he did not want to waste part of a day, he went back by way of the Somers community in southeastern Wilkes to see some people and then called to see his family physician at Brooks Cross Roads.

How did he travel? He drove his automobile.

Rev. Mr. White walks without a cane, he is physically in good shape, and he does not wear glasses, although he spends much time reading the Bible and his newspapers.

When he left home Wednesday morning his daughter asked where he was going and what he intended to do. In answer he seemed to say many things and then she asked "Why try to do it all in one day?"

Local Store Burns

Tal J. Pearson Store Badly Damaged By Fire

Fire of undetermined origin extensively damaged the \$30,000 stock of Tal J. Pearson's wholesale store on Tenth street Wednesday morning about three o'clock.

The fire, one of the most disastrous in North Wilkesboro in many months, started on the top floor of the building, which was engulfed in flames when discovered.

Firemen accomplished excellent results in holding the fire to the top floor area and extinguishing the flames without spread to other buildings.

Merchandise on the top floor of the Tal J. Pearson store was completely destroyed and water damage on the street floor and in the basement was heavy with much merchandise being a total loss.

Water also damaged the stock of merchandise in I. E. Pearson's wholesale store next door. Damage to Markdown Furniture company on the other side of Tal J. Pearson's store was negligible.

Loss of merchandise by the Tal J. Pearson firm was only partially covered by insurance. Damage to the building, owned by Mrs. Hamp Pearson and heirs, and damage to the I. E. Pearson stock of merchandise was covered by insurance.

Mr. Tal Pearson stated today that his store here will reopen for business when damage to the building is repaired and when salvage work of the remaining merchandise is completed.

WILKES PRIVATE IS KILLED IN AN AUTO WRECK

Pvt. Glennie T. Cox, 35, of the U. S. Army, was killed in an automobile accident Tuesday near Yuma, Arizona, where he had been stationed several months, according to a message to his wife from his commanding officer, Andrew C. Yaaf. No details were given. He was a son of Mrs. J. L. Cox and the late Mrs. Cox of Traphill route one.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Vera Brown Cox; an infant daughter, Betty Jean; his mother; two brothers, Hilary Cox, Elkin, and Alvin Cox, Traphill.

The remains will be brought to Traphill for funeral and burial.

Minister, Age 81, Drives 50 Miles, Does Day's Work

His patriotic answer was—"To save gasoline."

Incidentally, the father of Rev. Mr. White, who was Fred White, lived to the age of 82. Notwithstanding the fact that he attended school only nine days in his four score and two years, he had read the Bible until he could recite by memory the entire New Testament. Although he was not an ordained minister, he helped to organize many Sunday schools. "He could preach a better sermon than I could any day," his 31-year old son said here yesterday.

Soon to Leave

Rev. Ben F. Livingston, who has organized many Sunday schools in Northwestern North Carolina as missionary for the American Sunday School Union, will leave in early fall for Greeley, Colorado. Rev. Mr. Livingston is being transferred to a higher altitude because of his health. He has many friends in this section of North Carolina who regret that he is leaving.



Rev. Finley O. Watts, widely known Baptist minister, who died Tuesday afternoon at his home near Purlear.

Reverend F. C. Watts Succumbs

Well Known Baptist Minister Taken By Death

Rev. Finley O. Watts, age 49, one of northwestern North Carolina's best known Baptist ministers, died Tuesday afternoon, 4:30 o'clock, at his home near Purlear. He had been ill since April and critically ill for the past several weeks.

During his ministerial career which included a quarter of a century Rev. Mr. Watts served 20 churches in Wilkes and other counties in this part of the state and was an outstanding leader in the Baptist denomination in the northwest counties.

He was born April 23, 1894, a son of the late Manley Watts and Mrs. Alice Yates Watts, of Purlear. He attended the public schools of Wilkes and Boone high school. He entered the ministry 25 years ago and preached his first sermon at his home church, New Hope, near his home. His last sermon was at Purlear Baptist church, also in his home community, on April 11 this year.

Churches which Rev. Mr. Watts served as pastor included the following: New Hope, Pleasant Home, Big Ivey; Bethel, Oakwoods, Bethany, Harmony and Purlear in Wilkes; Little River and Mount Olive in Alexander; Three Forks, Middle Fork, Oak Grove, Willowdale, Stony Fork and Bethany, which he served for 19 years, in Watauga county; Mount Calvary, Newland, Elk Valley and Montezuma in Avery county; Old Fields in Ashe county.

Rev. Mr. Watts on December 29, 1921, married Miss Effie Blackburn of Walsh. Mrs. Watts and five children survive. They are Alice Dare, Clara Lee, Finley Clay, Victor and Earl Watts, all of Purlear. Also surviving are his mother, Mrs. Alice Watts, of Purlear, two brothers, Lester and Reuben Watts, both of Taylorsville, and two sisters, Mrs. John T. Vranoy and Mrs. Edd Hayes, both of Purlear.

After attending Boone high school and prior to entering the ministry, Mr. Watts taught in schools of Wilkes for a few years.

Rev. Mr. Watts was known for his consecrated Christian life and for his almost incessant ministerial activities over a wide area in northwestern North Carolina. He was a forceful speaker and was in demand for revival campaigns as well as pastoral work in the Baptist denomination.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at New Hope Baptist church in the presence of a large crowd. Rev. S. I. Watts, pastor, was assisted in the service by Rev. E. V. B. Mangar, of Taylorsville. Interment was in New Hope cemetery.

J. B. Snipes Is New S. S. Superintendent

J. B. Snipes, county agent, was elected superintendent of the First Methodist church Sunday school at the quarterly conference held last night. He succeeds W. E. Dahlberg, who, 24th day finally, moved to Hickory today.

Drive On Tin Scrap

Salvage Tin Cans and Call The Forester Beverage Co.

Wilkes county salvage committee has been instructed by the state salvage organization to put on a tin salvage campaign at once.

J. B. Snipes, Wilkes salvage chairman, said the need for tin is great and asked the cooperation of all the people in making the campaign a success.

Until now local people had no outlet for tin cans, even when prepared according to instructions, but arrangements now have been made for collection of the tin cans in the Wilkesboro.

Forester Beverage company, of which N. S. Forester, Jr., is proprietor, has agreed to collect the tin cans when properly prepared, in the Wilkesboro.

Both ends should be cut from the can and the ends thus cut out should then be placed inside the can. The next step is to flatten the tin by stepping on it. The flattened tins should be placed in a cardboard box for easy handling.

Call the Forester Beverage company and a truck will pick up the cans.

SIX SICILIAN TOWNS TAKEN BY AMERICANS

Allied Headquarters in North Africa.—Six more important Sicilian towns and a host of villages have fallen to American columns driving irresistibly against the newly-fortified flank of the German Etna line at San Stefano, it was announced yesterday as Hitler gambled some of his best troops on a chance of keeping Italy in the war.

Cefalu—90 miles west of Messina—was captured Monday by Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.'s hard-fisted infantry and armored crews, and became a new north coast base for the advance on San Stefano, 17 miles away.

A belated official announcement also said the Americans had taken the inland communication points of Collesano, Petralia, Calteveturo, Polizzia, and Alimena—representing an additional occupied area of more than 200 square miles.

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—RATION-FREE

GASOLINE—"A" book coupons No. 6 good for three gallons each and must last till November 31.

RED STAMPS—(For most products, canned fish, most edible oils and cheese)

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

SHOES—No. 29 stamp in War Ration Book One good for one pair through October 31st.

WAGONS—Stamps No. 12, good for 5 wagon licenses valid July 1 and in good through August 15. Licenses Nos. 15 and 16 in War Ration Book One now are valid for 5 periods of 30 days each, the first in license counting.