

JAYCEES PLAN 'PEP PARADE'

Benefit Event For Foundation Set For August 16-17

"Pep Parade," a hit comedy to be staged under sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for the benefit of the Shelby and Cleveland county foundation and featuring local talent in a musical revue, will be presented at the Shelby high school auditorium on the evenings of August 16 and 17, it was announced here today.

"Pep Parade" is fast moving, clean entertainment and the show here will be managed by an experienced director from the Empire Production company, but only local talent will be used in the dancing and singing numbers, specialty features and comic sketches. Colorful costumes, brilliant lighting effects, clever lines and dialogue promise all who see it an evening of good entertainment.

Ceiling Price Of Sweet Potatoes Advanced 17 Cents

RALEIGH, July 19.—(P)—As an incentive for more production the Raleigh OPA office has announced an increase of 17 cents per bushel in the retail ceiling price of sweet potatoes at producers levels.

AAA Office Closing At Noon Saturdays

Dan Moore, chairman of the county AAA committee, said today that AAA offices in the county agricultural building will go this week on the new federal hour schedule which calls for closing of the offices at noon Saturdays.

Jacksonville Gets New Radio Station

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(P)—The Federal Communications Commission has authorized the Jacksonville Broadcasting company to construct a 250 watt standard broadcast station in Jacksonville, N. C., on 1240 kilocycles.

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have been achieved by B-29s. He asked: "How did they understand the fact that the Japanese command did not send out a single attacking pilot to meet the obvious challenge?"

"What other explanation can be possible that the enemy tactic, both in its political and military sense, has been, entirely sized up by the Japanese command and was found not worth meeting?"

The unidentified radio strategist said the action was intended to counteract "a general slack in the public support" which he said was growing unsatisfactory to America's war leaders.

He heaped scorn on Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz's statement that one of the reasons for the surface attacks was to extend and tighten the blockade around and over the Japanese home islands. The commentator said this thought was "insane."

In another broadcast Tokyo quoted Gen. Yasuji Okamura, supreme commander of Japanese forces in occupied China, as saying any withdrawal of his forces from China would take two years.



NEW HOSPITAL TRUSTEES—Trustees of the new Cleveland county hospital organization are shown here as they were sworn in last Tuesday afternoon. Standing, left to right, they are: Arnold Kiser, Everett Spurling, Henry Wood, Clifford Hamrick, M. C. Whitworth, Dr. S. R. Royster, W. A. Williams and John Crawley. Seated, from left to right, are Ivey Chisnant, E. L. Propst, J. D. Lineberger, Tom Lattimore and A. E. Elmore.—(Willis Photo)

Conservation Board Meeting At Morehead

MOREHEAD CITY, July 19.—(P)—Members of the state board of conservation and development began a three-day meeting here today.

Semi-annual reports, filed with Director R. Bruce Etheridge by heads of the department's several divisions, will be presented for approval of the full board, and problems directly affecting the extreme eastern North Carolina counties will be discussed. One full day will be devoted to hearing representative delegations from all over the state who may have requests or suggestions concerning North Carolina's program of conservation and development.

RECORD

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to the south. One eighth of the entire Japanese fish catch is estimated to enter this harbor for distribution to the Kanto plain district, which has a fourth of Honshu's population.

Situated on the prominent Choshi peninsula 80 miles north of Tokyo, Choshi is jammed with industries associated with the fishing fleet—building, canneries and net factories.

Vital food is carried to Tokyo and points north and west by the Sobu main line. The city is also the southern terminus of the important Tone-Edo waterway to Tokyo. Choshi's own population totals 61,000.

Fires flared at Fukui, Honshu west side city of 100,000 persons and its concentration of war factories.

The industries for which the Superfortress bombardiers aimed included plants turning out aircraft parts, electrical equipment, machine tools, iron and other metals products, rubber goods, chemicals and textiles.

(Japanese broadcasts said the great Allied fleet "is believed to be still roaming off our Pacific coast" hunting for potential invasion beaches, but it sent no carrier planes over Nippon today.)

AMERICAN CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS went within less than five miles off shore to bombard coastal installations on jutting Chiba Peninsula—eastern entrance to Tokyo bay.

One large explosion was seen, but Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said full reports were still lacking. He revealed that the cruisers Topeka, Oklahoma City, Atlanta and Dayton and the destroyers Ault and John W. Weeks were among the ships that struck the blow.

For more than an hour, beginning late last night and continuing today, their guns blasted shore defenses around Nojima. Nojima is 50 miles south of Tokyo and 55 miles from the imperial BLAST NAVAL BASE.

The shelling followed by a few hours an attack by Third fleet carrier planes on the Yokosuka naval base, but inside Tokyo Bay on its west shore and only 18 miles south of Tokyo.

Purchase Plan For Cotton Crop This Year Announced

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(P)—The Agriculture department announced today provisions of the government's cotton purchase program for the 1945 crop. The program is designed to help stabilize cotton prices.

The department's Commodity Credit corporation will offer to buy 1945 crop middling of 15-16 inch cotton, basis weight flat cotton, at Memphis, at the following schedule of prices in cents per pound, for the month indicated:

August 22.15, September 22.20, October 22.25, November 22.30, December 22.35, January 22.40, February 22.45, March 22.50, April 22.55, May 22.60, and June 22.65.

Premiums and discounts for grades and staple lengths, and location differentials will be those in the purchase program will be those in effect under the 1945 government cotton loan program.

An allowance of 20 cents for 100 pounds in Arizona and California and in other states outside the zone area will be made for cotton compressed to standard density. No cotton will be purchased which has been compressed to high density.

An allowance of seven pounds will be made on bales covered with cotton bagging.

The CCC will designate purchasing agencies. In general, they will be local banks and others approved as lending agencies under the cotton loan program.

Cotton will be purchased only from farmers who produced the cotton this year and who have retained their interest in the cotton at all times. Cotton will be purchased with stores in warehouses approved by the CCC.

More Army Units Are Reaching U. S.

By the Associated Press
Army units arriving in the United States today from Europe:

At New York—Elements of the Eighth Air Force.
At Boston—346th Infantry Regiment, 87th Infantry Division.
Army units arriving yesterday:
At New York—The Second and 10th regiments of the Fifth Division, advance detachments of the Eighth corps.

At Hampton Roads, Va.—Elements of the 766th Field Artillery, 171st Evacuation hospital, 73rd Medical hospital, 804th Tank Destroyer battalion, 770th Air Maintenance group, 1971st Quartermaster Truck Co., 527th Air Squadron Service Group, 953rd Air Engineer Squadron, 777th Air Maintenance Squadron, 154th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, 18th Air Depot Group, 92th Depot Repair Squadron, 32nd and 84th Depot Supply Squadrons, 17th Medical Supply Platoon of 418th Quartermaster Platoon Air Depot, 435th Signal Battalion, 520th Headquarters and Base Service Squadron, 946th Air Engineer Squadron, 52nd and 114th Station hospital, 3824th and 3825th Quartermaster Truck Co., 233rd Ordnance Ammunition group and 396th replacement company.

They have ignored repeated American and British challenges to come out and fight.
While Yank pilots were seeking survivors of the Japanese fleet—already reduced to one of the world's poorest—the navy department in Washington disclosed that 1322 fighting ships have been added to the United States' two-ocean fleet in the past five years. This increased to around 1,500 the number of warships in the U. S. navy, which counted 385 combatant vessels on July 1, 1940 and has reported loss of 140 since. An unreported number was transferred to the Allies under lend lease.

From Washington also came official word that 15,000,000 Japanese have been killed or taken prisoner by American and British forces and 600,000 others have been cut off or by-passed on Pacific islands. In addition, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek said recently that 1,203,067 Nipponese have been killed or captured in eight years of fighting in China.

Nevertheless, Japan still has 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 men, including the emperor's best troops, to defend their homeland.
The enemy has little else, however. The Japanese air force has permitted the combined American and British Pacific fleet to bomb and shell its war industries and military targets at will for more than a week within sending so much as a squadron to counterattack.

JAP NAVY HIDING
The Japanese navy is in hiding "camouflaged" in some haven, Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher of carrier task force 58 fame said recently. The U. S. Pacific fleet discovered some remnants in the inland sea March 18 and carrier pilots promptly sank the 45,000-ton dreadnaught Yamato, two cruisers and several destroyers.

The Japanese command is determined not to act, no matter how great the provocation, said a propagandist who described this as a "wait and see" policy. "The enemy tactic (Yokosuka attack) has been sized up and found not worth meeting," he added.

Brenner Pass is the lowest and one of the most frequented passes across the Alps.

Today's Markets

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STOCKS TIMID
NEW YORK, July 19.—(P)—Short-war talk faded somewhat as a market factor today and stocks, under leadership of rails, negotiated a selective but notably timid recovery.

In front the greater part of the proceedings were Santa Fe, Southern Railway, Southern Pacific, Baltimore and Ohio, Chrysler, U. S. Steel, American Telephone, American Water Works, North American, Columbia Gas, Johns-Manville, Boeing and International Harvester. Electric Power & Light touched another 1945 top before slipping. Reluctant risers included Standard Oil (NJ), American Distilling and Caterpillar Tractor. Bonds and commodities steadied.

BUTTER AND EGGS
CHICAGO, July 19.—(P)—Butter, firm; receipts 1,017,991. Eggs, receipts 15,388; firm.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK
CHICAGO, July 19.—(WFA)—Salable hogs 4,500, total 11,000; active and fully steady, good and choice barrows and gilts at 140-lb. up to 14.75 ceiling; good and choice sows at 14.00; complete clearance.

Salable cattle 4,500, total 5,000; salable calves 600, total 600; all grades yearlings, including yearling heifers, weak to 25 cents lower; medium weights and heavy steers 25 to 40 cents off; trade very slow at decline; top 17.75, paid for 987-lb. Yearlings; best weight steers 17.35; medium weight 17.50; no choice heifers here, best 16.50; cows unevenly steady, steady to 25 cents, mostly 10 to 15 cents lower; bulls generally steady, weaners unchanged at 16.00 down; stock cattle slow, steady; narrow eastern shippers demand main bearish influence in general market.

N. C. HOGS
RALEIGH, July 19.—(P)—NCDA—Hog markets active and steady with tops of 14.55 at Clinton and Rocky Mount and 14.85 at Richmond.

POULTRY AND EGGS
RALEIGH, July 19.—(P)—NCDA—Egg and poultry markets steady to very firm.

Raleigh—U. S. grade AA large 47; hens, all weights, 26.8.
Washington—U. S. grade A large 47; broilers and fryers 32.5.

N. Y. COTTON AT 2:00
Today Prev. Day
March .. 22.96 22.98
May .. 22.96 22.97
July .. 22.75 22.75
October .. 22.98 22.97
December .. 22.98 22.99

CHICAGO GRAIN
WHEAT
July .. 1.64 1.63 1/2
September .. 1.61 1.61
December .. 1.62 1.61 1/2

CORN
July .. 1.18 1.18 1/2
September .. 1.18 1.18 1/2
December .. 1.18 1.18 1/2

RYE
July .. 1.50 1.49 1/2
September .. 1.38 1.37 1/2
December .. 1.35 1.34 1/2

STOCKS AT 2:00
Ann Rolling Mill .. 21
American Loco .. 32 3/4
American Tobacco B .. 77 1/2
American Tel and Tel .. 177 7/8
Anaconda Copper .. 33 5/8
Assoc Dry Goods .. 26
Beth Steel .. 79
Boeing Air .. 24 1/4
Chrysler .. 108 1/4
Curtis-Wright .. 6 7/8
Elec Boat .. 16 3/8
General Motors .. 66 7/8
Pepsi Cola .. 22 1/8
Greyhound Corp .. 24 3/4
International Paper .. 26
Nash Kely .. 18 3/4
Glenn L. Martin .. 26 3/4
Newport Ind .. 24
N Y Central .. 26 3/4
Penn R R .. 37 3/4
Radio Corp .. 12 5/8
Reynolds Tob B .. 34
Southern Railroad .. 46 1/2
Stand Oil N J .. 61
Sperry Corp .. 30 3/8
U S Steel .. 67 3/8
Western Union .. 47 1/2

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the report of the President's offer is true, much has been accomplished to speed the work of the conference.

The President was reported to have told Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin that the U. S. government would give full support to any reasonable settlement of boundary disputes, stabilization and rehabilitation.

(In London, well-informed diplomatic sources expected the Big Three to amputate a huge slice of eastern Germany for the benefit of Poland.)

But for the present actual decisions of the conference and matters under discussion still are on the top secrecy level pending formal issuance of a joint communiqué.

There have been strong indications that Asia and Japan already have been under discussion by the three conferees. President Truman is understood to be contending that the saving of American lives is of paramount importance with the United States government.

Some American observers in Potsdam consider the Japanese war and Russia's possible role therein the major points of discussion. Admiral William D. Leahy, the President's advisor, Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, Admiral of the Fleet Ernest J. King and Gen. H. H. Arnold, air chief, are reported to have prepared impressive data.

OPA PRICING PROGRAM SET

Designed To Speed Reconversion Of Consumer Goods Production

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(P)—The OPA is ready to put into effect a streamlined pricing program designed to help speed reconversion to consumer goods production.

Duty price administrator James F. Brownlee scheduled a news conference (3 P. M., EWT) to outline a plan OPA hopes will eliminate any business hesitancy traceable to uncertainty about price ceilings for new products.

The program retains the agency's goal of holding most retail ceilings to 1942 levels, although under certain conditions producers will be allowed increases over their prices of three years ago. Wholesalers and retailers, in many cases, probably will be required to absorb all or part of those increases.

The pricing plan, it is understood, provides formulas by which individual companies will be able to determine their ceilings quickly, rather than waiting for OPA to work out industry-wide scales. The new system also calls for speedy approval to company ceilings to avoid production bottlenecks.

Ceilings set for individual firms will remain in effect until industry-wide maximum prices are established on the basis of cost figures available when production is farther along. Later, separate adjustments would be made in the case of companies faced with financial hardship.

The program is designed solely for manufacturers applying for an increase over 1942 ceilings to compensate for higher costs. Those who put 1942 price tags on products are not required to clear with OPA.

Wood Alcohol Is Blamed In Deaths

HIGH POINT, July 19.—(P)—John C. Archie, 52-year-old negro, was totally and permanently blind today, the result of drinking a poisonous alcoholic concoction which brought death to three of his own children and eight others.

The eleven died during a five-day period last week-end. Along with James Nelson and his wife, Marie Nelson, Archie, was in jail here today. All face charges of manslaughter.

Police Chief John A. Lowdermilk said Archie obtained wood alcohol from which the liquid was made and that Archie and the Nelsons sold it to other negroes.

RETURN FROM FLORIDA

—Mrs. W. T. Randall, jr., and son, "Chude," have returned to their home on route three, Shelby, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Randall, sr., at Jax Beach, Fla. They were accompanied home by Miss Elva Ann Randall for a short visit.

SERVICE RECORD OF MEN PRAISED

War Department Quick To Defend Officers, Men Called Communists

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(P)—The War Department came to quick defense yesterday of sixteen Army officers and men described on Capitol Hill as having backgrounds which "reflect communism in some form."

A department statement said thorough investigations of the commissioned and non-commissioned personnel listed "did not lead the Army to conclude that any of the individuals was disaffected or disloyal."

The statement was issued shortly after a house military subcommittee made public the names as compiled by the committee's chief counsel, H. Ralph Burton, and submitted to the group in private testimony.

DONOVAN RAISES
Still later Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, director of the Office of Strategic Services, issued a separate statement voicing praise of the "outstanding service" of four of the officers described in the list as assigned to OSS.

The War Department statement said the performance of all 16 "during the last three years has clearly evidenced their loyalty to this country and the principles for which this country is fighting."

Of the four OSS lieutenants, Donovan said Irving Giff, Milton Wolf and Vincent Losowski "each voluntarily enlisted for overseas service" and that each while serving overseas as an enlisted man was awarded the good conduct medal and later commissioned.

The fourth, Irving Fajans, Donovan said, was inducted in April, 1942, sent to Officers Candidate school and later was wounded in action and received the Purple Heart.

"Each of these officers," Donovan concluded, "performed outstanding service with Company D, 267th regiment, which was the OSS unit with the 15th army group charged with the responsibility of organizing resistance groups in enemy-occupied northern Italy. Their mission

Gotham Vegetable Dealers To Strike

NEW YORK, July 19.—(P)—Nearly 700 fruit and vegetable dealers in Manhattan and the Bronx voted early today to join 1,800 similar merchants in other parts of the city and close their stores in protest against OPA ceilings and what they called black market conditions.

The shutdown, to begin at midnight Saturday, was voted overwhelmingly at the close of a stormy four-hour meeting of the Aliboro Retail Fruit and Vegetable Merchants' association.

Executives of the association had announced they would ask their members to "continue in business."

Body Of Tar Heel Found In Chicago

CHICAGO, July 19.—(P)—The body of a man tentatively identified as John Quincy Morrison, 51, of 1334 Washington street, Rockvale, N. C., was taken by police from the Chicago river on Tuesday.

A cashier's check for \$450 on the Tacoma, Wash., National Bank was found in his clothes. Police said the body, which showed no marks of violence, had been in the water about five days.

having been completed with credit, these officers have been returned to the Army for reassignment."

WANT ADS

PEACHES FOR SALE AT LEM Hamrick's orchard, eight miles north of Shelby, on No. 18 highway. J. H. Hales and Georgia Belles will be ready Monday. 5t 19p

TOO LATE FOR BEHIND THE FRONT Page—Man and wife, another lady wanting share expense rides to Raleigh or eastern Carolina. Call Holt McPherson. 5t 17c

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