

NYA RECORD IS REVIEWED

Over 600 Young People Received Training And Employment

The work of the National Youth Administration, which was one of the agencies of the New Deal inaugurated to train underprivileged youth of the nation and to relieve the destructive conditions which existed as one of the effects of the depression, has been discontinued except for the defense training schools.

There are a number of Macon county young people enjoying the advantages of these training centers in this state, which are given vocational opportunity to prepare them to earn their living on war projects.

The need for the work assistance given to young boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 25 has largely disappeared under war conditions. But the training given which supplemented public school vocational education, and which also gave work to the needy, has gone far towards preparing this generation during the past seven years for better service to their country.

A large number of young people of Macon county have been given the chance of improving their condition and helping support their dependent families by the projects conducted here since March 1936.

Mrs. Margaret Ordway was appointed at that time as supervisor, a position which she has held until the work of county supervisors was discontinued. Her work was recognized by the state office as outstanding. With an understanding of the needs of the very poor, whom the administration was originally instituted to assist, Mrs. Ordway did not confine her work to merely official requirements of her office. Recognizing the larger human possibilities implied, Mrs. Ordway gave of her time and unusual abilities to do a piece of creative work for the people of the county which will bear fruit permanently.

There are many whom she reached who were too far away and inaccessible for other agencies to assist and whose immediate distress she was able to relieve as well as to start on the upward road. Many people will always be grateful for the personal interest which helped them to overcome handicaps of

education and opportunity.

There were 20 units with over 200 boys and girls operating over a period of several years, besides numbers of from 35 to 86 benefiting from the NYA student fund which enabled that number to attend school by earning small sums to sustain their expenses.

Macon Topped Other Counties

It is not generally known that in the autumn of 1936 the Washington NYA offices decided that Macon County topped the other 99 counties of North Carolina on the basis of the widest distribution of jobs and overcoming of obstacles of unimproved roads which had to be traversed to establish and maintain contact with the projects. Indeed, this was the exceptional feature of the work as directed by Mrs. Ordway—a task which would have daunted anyone with less courage and vision.

Community Building

Among the permanent results of the work in the county are the community houses of Otter Creek and Iota, sponsored by the people themselves and the Frazier Community house sponsored by the Negroes of the county on a lot adjoining the Negro school building.

A weaving center was maintained in Nantahala township and other production centers gave training in various communities. These projects have already been described in articles.

Not least of the many benefits derived have been the clerical helpers furnished to the government agencies, supplementing regular workers in the offices of Farm agents, F. S. A., home demonstration, welfare, public health and county records.

The total number of young people, white and colored, assisted over a period of six and one quarter years has been 627. Many of the young men are now in the armed forces, or in defense work, and a large number of the young women have been trained to use full employment in clerical and other private employment.

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Captain John W. Timmons, formerly Inspector - Instructor with District "I", CCC, Charleston, S. C., has been transferred to District "B", East Point, Ga. Capt. Timmons made his first official visit to this camp for monthly audit and inspection on Friday and Saturday.

Chaplain, Francis M. Huggins paid the camp a visit this week-



Mrs. Margaret W. Ordway, whose capable service as Supervisor of National Youth Administration projects in Macon county for six years has been of lasting benefit to the young people aided through this agency.

end. Services were held Saturday evening and Sunday school on Sunday morning.

Feature moving pictures which have been shown indoors each Monday night have been moved outside. The public is cordially invited to come out and see these pictures on Monday nights. There is a spacious lawn and plenty of room for everybody.

It is hoped that this Company of World War veterans will be able to participate in the July 4th celebration at Franklin on next Saturday.

Meals, above all, should be pleasant. Many cases of indigestion start with a heated table conversation.

On The Tar Heel Front In Washington

By Robert A. Erwin and Frances McKusick

Washington—There's no telling when some good verbal gymnastics will take place in the House of Representatives. You can bet there will be some fireworks, however, when Major A. L. Bulwinkle of North Carolina's present Tenth District leaves his seat in the rear of the chamber and starts for the rostrum with blood in his eye.

Robert Rich, the talkative Pennsylvania Republican, was sounding off last week during debate on the 42 billion-dollar Army appropriations bill, contending among other things the United States "should have tended to its own business." Rich is a bitter anti-administrationist who usually makes at least a one-minute speech every day.

Major Bulwinkle, World War veteran and old advocate of a strong foreign policy and a strong army, tore into Rich with a vigor that won the applause of the House.

"I am surprised at what the gentleman has said, notwithstanding Pearl Harbor," said the Major. "We did not seek anything. Why does he say we were trying to bring on war? Why in the name of Heaven did you vote for war, for every declaration of war? Don't say you oppose these things (the appropriation) when you voted for every declaration of war."

The Major and Rich really had it out for a few minutes, and in the end, the Pennsylvanian was sitting silently in his seat.

State Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott started some fireworks recently when he published statistics showing farmers have next to no representation at all on State boards and commissions, and that Republicans lead many of the State's great farm organizations.

M. G. Mann, general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, Raleigh, took issue with Scott in two ways. He wrote a letter to Scott, and sent a copy of this letter and one of his own to members of the North Carolina delegation in Congress.

"A true cooperative is not a political organization," Mann told the delegation. "I am grateful that it is not, because if it were under political domination, in some states it would be serving the Republicans, in others the Democrats, and the poor farmer would still be made the goat."

Mann told the Commissioner he was "astonished when I read your statement regarding the men who are serving as president of several cooperatives in the state."

The Commissioner, meanwhile, has supplied the delegation here with the two-page memographed leaflet he has prepared showing 59 state boards and commissions in 1940, with 28 members engaged in farming out of a total of 471.

National Selective Service Headquarters has advised local boards that insofar as is practical in meeting their calls, they should segregate registrants into four broad-classifications from which men may be called for service.

Registrants will be selected in the following order:

Category 1.—Registrants otherwise qualified for military service who have no bona fide financial dependents.

Category 2.—Registrants otherwise qualified for military service who have wives with whom they are maintaining a bona fide family relationship in their homes and who were married prior to December 8, 1941, and at a time when induction was not imminent.

Category 4.—Registrants otherwise qualified for military service who have wives and children, or children alone, with whom they maintain a bona fide family relationship in their homes who were married prior to December 8, 1941, and at a time when induction was not imminent.

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By MRS. JOE SETSER

Misses Virginia Brookshire and Mary Frances Dalrymple are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Brookshire, at Cullowhee.

Miss Doris Dalrymple went to Raleigh Saturday with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Smith. They had been visiting Mrs. Smith's father, J. C. Dalrymple.

Dr. J. L. Stokes is assisting Rev. J. C. Swaim in a series of meetings at Mt. Zion church. Mr. Swaim is also conducting a Vacation Bible school there.

Mrs. Moody Bolick is spending some time with Mrs. Joe Setser. Misses Lucy Slagle and Mae Culpepper spent last weekend with Miss Amanda Slagle.

Miss Frances Hurst left Monday for Duke hospital where she plans to enter the school for nursing. Miss Mary Slagle is visiting friends in Charlotte.

A centerpiece of flowers or green leaves, however simple, adds a touch of pleasantness.

FOREST FIRES HELP ENEMY

Southern Timber Vital To Winning War, Must Be Protected

Forest protection is national protection. Now, as never before in America's history, our forest resources must be guarded against fire. The demand for lumber to be used in connection with war industries and activities is taxing the South's woodlands so heavily that, even with the utmost care, they will be greatly depleted by the end of the present crisis.

Each acre of merchantable timber destroyed by fire is a loss that the South cannot afford to bear, and each acre of young growth burned leaves a smaller growing stock to meet post-war demands. Every man-hour spent in fighting fires means an hour that could have been devoted to building planes or ships or to producing needed farm products. In addition, smoke from forest fires interferes with artillery and aviation training and the detection of enemy planes and submarines.

In the South, Regional Forester Joseph C. Kircher, of the U. S. Forest Service says, some 95 percent of all forest fires are man-caused. Any fire that man causes can be prevented. Most of the South's fires are caused by carelessness or incendiarism. The smoker, camper, hunter, or fisherman, by taking simple precautions, can easily avoid setting the woods on fire. He can be sure his match is out before throwing it down, and that his pipe heel or cigar or cigarette butt is dead. He can take care to build his campfire well away from inflammable material and to see that it is out—dead out—before leaving it.

Farmers should make it a rule never to burn brush when the wind is high and always to be sure that plenty of help and fire fighting tools are on hand. The forest firebug must pause to remember that his action would give aid and comfort to the enemy, that every acre he burns helps Hitler and Hirohito.

Unburned forests, by conserving rainfall, help provide abundant and steady supplies of water for industrial and power purposes. They aid in preventing destructive floods and erosion of valuable farmland. They provide food and shelter for wildlife and opportunities for healthful recreation.

The forests of the South are vital to the present war efforts and to future prosperity. They can and must be protected against their arch enemy, the red fire wolf.

West's Mill

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bryson accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Bryson, went to Duke University, Durham, on business last week.

Dorsey Matlock returned Monday West Virginia, after spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Matlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Davis and two children, Dorothy and Vaughn, Jr., from Bryson City, visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

Mr. Harry McLean from Knoxville, Tenn., spent several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McLean last week.

Little Miss Jean Morrison, who was bitten by a poisonous spider is much improved.

Harry Potts returned to his work in New River last Monday.

Ernest Cabe is very sick. We hope he will soon be able to be out again.

Miss Sybil Potts is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Cora Potts and other relatives at Bryson City this week.

Quite an interesting ball game was played between the two local teams on the new school grounds Saturday afternoon. The score was 8 and 12 in favor of the larger boys.



BLUE RIDGE COFFEE

"TOPS IN TASTE"

Catholic Revival Meeting

Conducted by Four Undergraduate Girl Students of Rosary College River Forest, Illinois

At The
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LOT
Main Street
FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
July 6, 7, 8
7:30 to 8:30 P. M.

No Collection

Everyone Welcome