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Town and Farm In Wartime

INCENTIVE FOR SEAMEN

Reemployment rights for merchant seamen who leave civilian life to serve in the American Merchant Marine have now been established by law, Chief D. W. McClelland, North Carolina enrolling chief for the Maritime Service, has announced. Under the law, the same reemployment rights given men joining the Army or Navy are granted to seamen and Chief McClelland, who is conducting an intensive campaign for vitally-needed seamen in the state, said that he hoped the law would eliminate one of the main obstacles to recruitment of manpower for the growing merchant fleet. He urged North Carolina men between 17 1/2 and 50 to contact his office at the Masonic Temple Building, Raleigh.

FARMERS TO GET TOOLS

More than 50 hard-to-get items needed on North Carolina farms will be provided by a WPB order to manufacturers and wholesalers to set aside specific quantities. This action puts into effect an emergency program worked out under WPB's Office Of Civilian Requirements to make available at retail outlets serving farmers supplies needed to increase food production. The list includes such as auger bits, batteries, chains, chisels, drills, grain scoops, grease guns, harness, hoes, fractional horsepower motors, gails, and tubs, pipe fittings, pliers, screw drivers, shovels, tire pumps, valves, and wrenches.

AVERAGE INCOME UP, BUT—

In July, 1940, the average Tar Heel had an income of about \$47.92. Military expenditures in that month amounted to approximately \$1.50 per person. In April of this year, income per capita was 1.8 times what it was in the middle of 1940—\$85.03, but if the average North Carolinian had been asked to pay April's war expenses on the spot, it would have taken \$53.52 of his now \$85.03 income.

PRISONERS OF JAPS DIE

More than 300 U. S. war casualties are the result of unhealthy conditions in Japanese prison camps, according to messages received through the International Red Cross from Japan. Disease is stated in each case as the cause of death. Malaria, diphtheria, dysentery, and pneumonia are the major causes and some cases of beri-beri are reported.

AVOID FUEL SHORTAGES

Fuel shortages can be avoided, says a recent OWI report, only if—1.—Large consumers of fuel oil, those using more than 10,000 gallons a year, convert their oil burners to coal burners now; 2.—Both home and industrial users of bituminous coal order supplies now; 3.—Householders place orders for insulation, weather stripping, storm windows, etc., immediately.

SOLDIERS' DEPENDENTS GET CHECKS

Family allowances and voluntary allotments-of-pay are now in force for about four and a half million soldiers who have more than seven and one-half million dependents, the War Department has announced. More than 20 million family allowance and allotment-of-pay checks have been mailed to the wives, children, and other dependent relatives of Army men in one year.

John B. Ray Honored For 25 Years Service With Power Company

John B. Ray, civil engineer for the Nantahala Power and Light company was honored with dinner at the Kelly Tea Room, Friday night, in recognition of his 25 years of service with the company.

W. C. Penn, president over the dinner in the absence of J. E. S. Thorpe, and presented Mr. Ray with a golden button as a symbol of service as an employee. More than 30 office employees from Franklin, Bryson City and Andrews attended the dinner.

Special Edition To Be Issued July 15

The special edition of The Franklin Press and The Highlands Maconian will be published July 15 instead of July 8, as announced in last week's issue.

A Proclamation

By The Governor

NORTH CAROLINA DAY OF DEDICATION, JULY 5, 1943

Work is no longer merely a privilege or opportunity; it is a high patriotic duty. No man or woman, white or colored, in North Carolina or indeed in America today has any moral right to loaf or be idle even for a part of the time. We are confronted with the most urgent need for productive manpower in the history of our nation. Farm labor and industrial labor are absolutely indispensable for the protection of the national welfare and for the success of our men in arms. Under these circumstances all citizens of all classes, groups and races have a public duty to engage in productive work, even though the individual financial necessity for such work may not exist.

Trustworthy reports have come to me from virtually every section of North Carolina indicating that hundreds, indeed thousands, of men, white and colored, are either not working at all or working only part of the time. Likewise, many women, boys, and girls above the age of sixteen who could be productively employed are doing virtually nothing in the way of productive work. The time has come when every able-bodied person should either be fighting or working.

I herewith call upon the citizens of our state to respond to this most urgent need. I have every confidence that our people will rise to this need and I hope in a manner worthy of our state and its traditions. I urge the ministers of North Carolina and our teachers and school people generally, our civic clubs, representatives of the press and radio, and other public spirited leaders of the state to join in the high endeavor to get every citizen of our state productively employed on a fulltime basis. I further urge the judges, mayors, and law enforcement officers to do everything within their power and within the law to and any idleness or vagrancy that may exist anywhere in North Carolina. Furthermore, I call upon the local selective service boards to study carefully the cases of those who have been deferred on physical grounds but who are able to work and are not working. I am also calling upon police officers and sheriffs to visit places in their cities and counties where loafers and idlers customarily congregate and inquire into the reasons why they are not at work. If these efforts fail to get the necessary response, I should feel it my duty to use the emergency powers granted me by the recent legislature for dealing with these problems so vital to our national welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, I, J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON, GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA, do hereby set apart **MONDAY, JULY 5, 1943**, the day on which Independence Day will be most generally observed throughout the state, as **NORTH CAROLINA DAY OF DEDICATION**, and I urge that in the county seat of every county in North Carolina there will be held a meeting to be attended by mayors, county commissioners, sheriffs, police officers, ministers, farm leaders, health and welfare workers and other public spirited citizens, for the purpose of studying conditions in each of such counties and taking such organized steps as will effectually and any idleness or loafing that may exist in such counties.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, J. Melville Broughton, Governor of North Carolina, have signed and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed hereto, in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, this 23rd day of June, 1943, the one hundred and sixty-seventh year of our American Independence.

J. Melville Broughton
J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON, Governor.

By the Governor: *Allston Stubbs*
Allston Stubbs, Secretary to the Governor

Men In Service

GEN. MACARTHUR COMMENDS UNIT

Cpl. John Shope enclosed in a letter written on a battlefield in the Pacific area, to his mother, Mrs. Maude Shope, the following commendation sent to all air force units in the area in which he is located. He writes of this paper, "I'm sending something to be proud of. I want you to keep it, for it is part of our work that this was intended for". The commendation from the Commander-in-Chief of the Southeast Pacific Area was in regard to the action on a Jap convoy.

"Please extend to all ranks my gratitude and felicitations on the magnificent victory which has been achieved. It cannot fail to go down in history as one of the most complete and annihilating combats of all time. My pride and satisfaction in you all is boundless". Signed, MacArthur.

Cpl. A. C. Parker, who is stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He is one of four sons in the service of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Parker of route 3.

Pvt. Charles Otto Arvey returned Sunday to Camp Edwards, Mass., where he is stationed, after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Arvey.

Recently promoted to grade of Sergeant by his Fighter Squadron at Westover Field, was Corporal Wylie A. Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Brooks of route 4, Franklin, N. C. He is an airplane mechanic.

Pvt. T. L. Jamison, son of Mr. Grover L. Jamison, was home Sunday on furlough. He returned Monday to Fort Belvoir, Va., where he is receiving his basic training in an engineering unit.

KENNETH YOUNG WRITES FROM ENGLAND

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Young, of route 2 have recently received a letter from their son, Pvt. Kenneth Young, stating that he is somewhere in England. Pvt. Young is with a Military Police unit and says that he is seeing some very beautiful country. He has visited in Scotland and remarks that the grass is like velvet there and a lot of the country reminds him of Western North Carolina. The only difference, he says, is that you can tell that civilization has been there much longer and they do not have the nice native forests that we have.

Pvt. William B. Collier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jomer Collier has returned to Camp Davis, N. C., after spending a seven day furlough with his parents and friends.

Third Class Ordinance Gunner, George Hunnicutt, son of Mrs. E. S. Hunnicutt, has been home on leave. He is stationed at Daytona Beach, Florida, and will report back to duty July 6.

Pvt. Frank E. Ledford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ledford who has been home on furlough since June 21, leaves Friday to return to Camp Bowie, Texas, where he is stationed with the tank corps.

Pfc. Thomas McDowell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDowell of Otto, is now serving in the armed forces somewhere in North Africa. He has been overseas since March of this year.

Pvt. Atlas N. Vinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vinson completed his basic training at Camp Barkley, Texas, and has been transferred to New Orleans, La.

Pvt. Daniel S. Vinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vinson, just arrived safely in Australia. Pvt. Vinson has been in service since June 19, 1942.

Stores Closed On Monday, July 5

Since the Fourth of July falls on Sunday this year, most places of business in Franklin have announced that they will remain closed on Monday, July 5. This is following the usual custom of observing the holiday which occurs on Sunday, on the day following.

The firms agreeing to close on Monday have announced that they will remain open all day Wednesday instead of the usual closing in the afternoon.

E. A. Schilling

Succeeds Charles Melichar As Forest Supervisor

E. A. Schilling of Atlanta, who has succeeded Charles Melichar as supervisor of the Nantahala National Forest, has arrived to take over his duties at the Forest headquarters in the post office building.

Mr. Schilling was former regional Wildlife Technician for the U. S. Forest Service, and is well known to Southern sportsmen for his work in developing wildlife management areas in the National Forests of the South. He has always played an important part in directing regulated Big Game hunts in several forests in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Schilling have taken the Sloan house formerly occupied by the Melichars.

Charles Melichar has assumed his new duties in the division of Timber Management, according to an announcement by Joseph C. Kircher, Regional Forester of Atlanta, Georgia. Commenting on Mr. Melichar's transfer, Mr. Kircher stated that during his tenure as Supervisor, the Nantahala National Forest had experienced five years of progressive development.

July 5 To Be Observed In N. C. As Dedication Day

Help! Labor Shortage! See Co. Agent's Office

Farmers of Macon County have planted more acres to crops this year than ever before even though there is a labor shortage. They have taken this chance because of the shortage of food and feed and because they feel that it is their patriotic duty to produce all the food and feed possible.

Farmers in the bean growing sections will experience considerable difficulty getting their beans picked unless every available person will help harvest this crop, says Sam Mendenhall, county agent. It is the duty of every man, woman, boy or girl who can spare any time at all to register at the county agents' office so that it may be determined the amount of labor available that can be moved into areas that are experiencing serious labor shortage. All persons should register immediately as the bean crop is ready to be harvested. Persons helping will be paid the prevailing wage for the particular job that they are doing.

Classifications

The following classifications are announced by the local board:

In 1-A, Howard Rush Lambert, Roscoe Jenkins, Baze Pinkney Talent, Ray Ratcliffe Franklin, Everett Asbury Zimmerman, Clyde Edgar Jenkins, Frank Fleming, Jr., Herbert Bunyan Angel, Herman Newell Owenby, Edgar Abraham Carter, Delius Boyd Coggins, Elcaner Jenkins, Edgar Napoleon Guffey, William LeRoy Hamby, Virgil Lindsey Fields.

In 2-B, Lawrence Gilmer Sanders.

In 2-A, B. L. Sherrill, Jewel Clyde Turner, Bennie Lee McGlamery, Carl Dewey Bailey, Paul John Dalrympe, Hariam Victor Talent.

In 2-C, Willard Odell Holbrooks, William Gerdine Crawford, Daniel Thaddeus Bryson.

In 3-A, Theodore Warren Higdon, Julius Homer Maney, Manley Cleophas Watkins.

In 4-A, Henry Wesley Tyler.

In 1-A H, Clarence Edgar Ghor-mley.

In 1-C H, Harry Edwards.

The following registrants were placed in 4-F:

Walter Roy Arnold, James Dover Hall, Cecil Cornelius Miller, John Ledford, col., Arvine Lincoln Duvall, Henry Clarence Norton, Charlie Wilburn Franks, John Robert Nolen, Grady Bates, Don Stanley Mulkey, Golman Alexander Pennington, Jesse Lee Morgan, Lawton Thomas Keener, Belford Roy Proffitt, Canary Franks, Don Owenby, Joe Brown Jones, John Robert Curtis, James Edgar Hopkins, George Belton Waldrop, William Dewey Gannin, Woodrow Wilson Shook, George Lee Guffey, and Cline Roane.

The following registrants were placed in 1-A at the meeting of the local board, June 29:

Kenneth Whitehead Conley, Robert Carl Donaldson, Lewis M. McConnell, Edwin Howard Penland, James Frank Carpenter, Robert Furman Haskett, Dwight Lyman McCloud, Joseph Lucius Conley, J. D. Dayton, Carl Henry Watts, Thomas Edison Garey, Ralph Vernon Angel.

Placed in 1-C after enlistment, George Edwin Carpenter; in 3A, Thomas Monroe DeHart; in 3-D, Bert Coolidge Picklesimer, William Ralph Calloway, Edgar Abraham Carter; in 2-A, Herman Newell Owenby, Floyd Richard Sorrells, James Edward Perry; in 4-F, J. D. Ledford, col., Pearson Andrew Wilson, James William Beck, William Harley Rogers; in 2-C, Troy Roscoe Shook, Bobby Gray McClure; in 3-C, Paul Thomas Ledford; in 1-A H, Lloyd William Burgess, col.; in 4-A, Auburn Angel.

Arrowood Pool Open Without Lifeguard

The U. S. Forest Service announces that effective with the weekend of July 4, the swimming pool at Arrowood Glade Picnic Area, nine miles west of Franklin will be open for public use. Because of the strenuous demands of the war effort, caretaker and lifeguard service cannot be furnished

Governor Calls On All To Work For Victory

Designating Monday, July 5, as "North Carolina Day of Dedication", Governor J. M. Broughton on Wednesday issued a proclamation, calling upon the citizens of the State to observe Independence Day by seeing that every able-bodied person is employed productively upon a full-time basis. The Governor expressed confidence that the people will respond to the need for a full utilization of manpower and womanpower but declared: "If my efforts fail, I shall feel it my duty to use the emergency powers granted to me by the recent Legislature for dealing with these problems so vital to our national welfare".

Commenting on the Governor's proclamation, Gus Leach, chairman of the county commissioners, said he did not believe conditions are as bad in Macon county as in some other sections but pledged full cooperation of all local agencies with the Governor and the Manpower Commission to round up idlers and put them to work.

"Work is no longer a privilege or an opportunity; it is a high patriotic duty", said the Governor. "The time has come when every able-bodied person, of whatever financial, social or racial status, should be either fighting or working". He said he had received reports of thousands of men, both white and colored, either not working at all or working only part of the time. He called upon ministers, teachers and civic leaders to join in the endeavor to get everybody productively employed on a full-time basis. Judges, mayors and law enforcement officers are urged to use every legal means to eliminate idleness and vagrancy. Sheriffs and policemen are instructed to check all customary loafing places in their communities to round up the idlers. Local selective service boards are requested to review all cases of deferred registrants who are physically able to work and are not regularly on a job. If these measures fail, the Governor says he will resort to the far-reaching war emergency power under which he can suspend or extend many State laws.

Blackout

Carried Out Successfully On Tuesday Night

The second surprise blackout came to Franklin Tuesday night, and was carried out with almost complete success. "Every air raid warden or his substitute, firewardens, police and utilities warden were present within a few minutes after the first alert as received from the Army at 9:15 o'clock, said Guy Houk, commander of the Civilian Defense Corps.

The first siren was sounded as a warning at 9:45 and at 10 o'clock the "red" signal for complete blackout was given by the second siren. The first siren allowed 15 minutes for all pedestrians to get off the streets, and for all cars and buses to dim their lights. The second siren meant complete blackout, and all traffic stopped. Again the siren sounded to signal that the danger had passed, and a little later the "all-clear" was denoted when the street lights came on again.

Federation Picnic Will Be Big Rally

The annual Farmers Federation picnic will be held this year on Saturday, July 17, and plans are going forward to make it a patriotic rally day for Macon county farmers and their friends.

James G. K. McClure, president, states that the program will be entirely devoted to the great national war effort. A full announcement of the program issued by Mr. McClure will be made in next week's issue.

Junior Commandoes Collect Tin Cans

Mrs. Sophie P. Cunningham, leader of the Junior Commandoes in Franklin, announces that the boys and girls will continue to pick up tin cans to the end of week, July 3. Each family is urged to have all cans washed, label removed, flattened, ready for delivery. The second collection will be made in the near future.