

Veterans Commission To End Drive March 15

The Veterans Service Officers of North Carolina have in progress a special drive to locate and assist widows, children and dependent parents of deceased World War I & II veterans and some peacetime cases.

Jack C. Winchester, N. C. Veterans Commission, Morganton, N. C., stated that the County Service Officers and Veterans' Organizations have cooperated effectively in this drive and more than 800 such claims have been filed during the period from Sept. 15, 1950 to the present time in North Carolina. The special drive is scheduled to end on March 15, 1951.

If you believe to be entitled to one of these benefits listed below please contact one of the above offices or organizations and service will be willingly and freely given.

Widows and children included adopted or step-children are entitled to death benefits where the veteran's death was due directly to service in either wartime or peacetime service. Income is not counted as a bar to them.

Dependent parents, foster parents or persons who stood in place of a parent may be entitled to death benefits where the veteran's death was due directly to armed service whether wartime or peacetime. However, dependency must be shown to exist in case of dependent parents. Dependency may be held to exist where one does not have sufficient income to live normally.

There is a non service connected pension payable to widows and children under certain conditions where the widow's annual income does not exceed

ACP BACKS UP HIGH LEVEL PRODUCTION

In signing up in the 1951 Agricultural Conservation Program, farmers of Yancey County should fit conservation practices to the high level production called for to meet defense needs, says W. M. Hensley, Chairman of the County PMA Committee. ACP, he explains, provides farmers with an effective means of increasing per acre yields and at the same time protecting the future productivity of the land. He points to the tremendous increase in production during World War II as evidence of the effectiveness of the Nation's efforts to step up farm production. "Farm-by-farm and acre-by-acre, conservation practices not only protect the soil erosion and depletion but they build up the land's capacity to produce."

The chairman urges that when a farmer sits down with his PMA committee to plan the conservation practices to be carried out under the 1951 ACP he at the same time should go over the "Production Guides" to see which crops he can produce in line with the guides. Then he should fit his ACP conservation practices into that pattern of production.

This, says the chairman, is in line with the statement of the Secretary of Agriculture when he announced the Nation's Production Guides for 1951: "Production guides are designed to help farmers plan their crops in line with the over-all needs—turning out the highest possible balanced production this year, and at the same time protecting their resources for the future."

The Agricultural Conservation Program will help farmers do just that, Mr. Hensley said.

GARDEN CLUB ENTERTAINS HUSBANDS

The Garden Club observed an annual custom on last Friday evening by entertaining the husbands of the members at a buffet supper. The supper was held at the Roberts and Johnson Club Room. Several members and husbands were absent due to illness.

Following the supper Mr. and Mrs. Donald Burhoe, assisted by Grady Bailey as Dr. Luther Claybank, an eminent horticultural authority, put on a number of amusing skits and burlesque contests, each carrying out the gardening idea. Contest prizes were cabbages and carrots.

A former member who is ill was remembered by the gift of a beautiful arrangement of daffodils and Dutch iris which had been placed in the lounge.

Those present for the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Ray, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Fouts, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Proffitt, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Burhoe, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holleman, Mr. and Mrs. Mack B. Ray, Mrs. J. A. Watson, Mrs. M. C. Ramm, Mrs. John Robinson, Mrs. C. H. Burton, Mrs. Brooks Wilson, and Mrs. Sol Evans. Mrs. W. K. Banks was a special guest.

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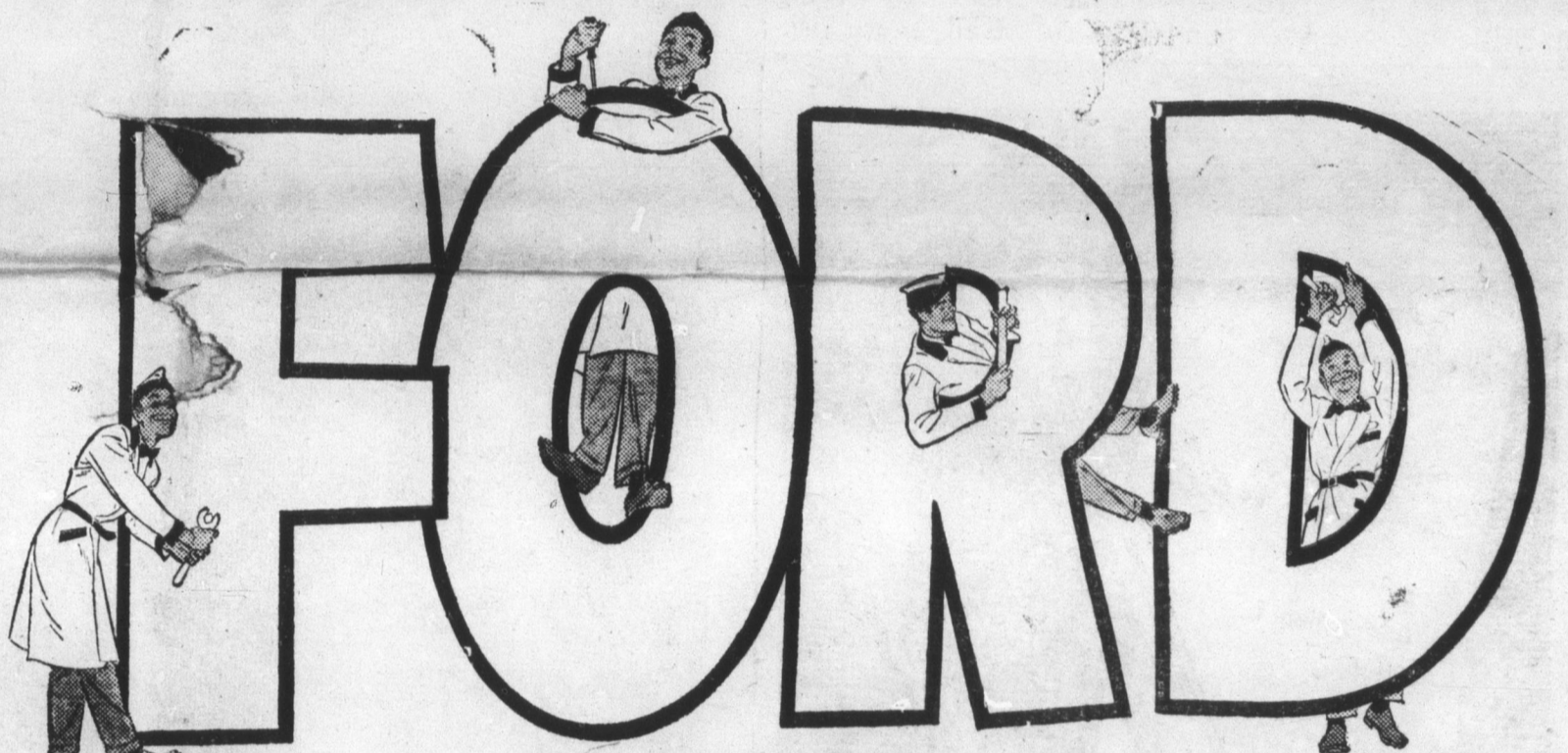
AKAGI MAKES NAVAL HISTORY



Alameda Naval Air Station, Calif.—Ensign Joseph L. Akagi, 21, (left) son of a Japanese father and Mexican mother, receives his shoulder boards from Lieut. Comm. Robert S. Schreiber. Akagi was designated a naval aviator October 18, and becomes the first aviator of Japanese ancestry in the history of the United States Navy.

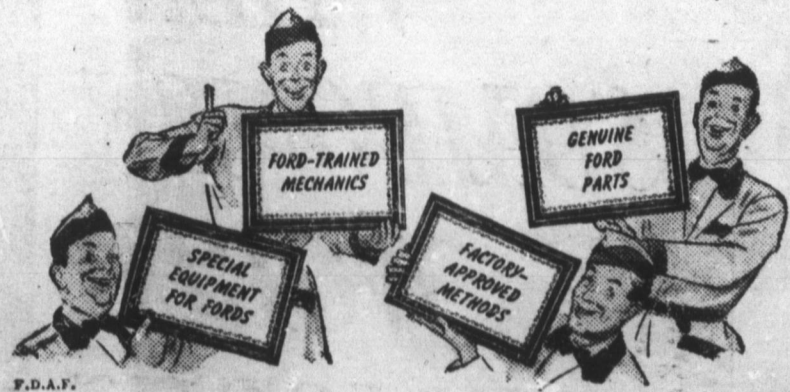
\$1000 if there are no minor children or does not exceed \$2500 annually where there is one or more children. This pension is only granted where veteran's service was for 90 days or more during a war period and other than dishonorable discharge.

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