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Moore General

Major Richard H. Parks, Cross Hill, S. C., formerly divisional psychiatrist for the 84th (Rail-splitter) Division and the 12th Armored Division, has joined the neuro-psychiatric section of Moore General Hospital. The Major saw action in Europe and wears the Bronze Star Medal for heroic action against the enemy. Mrs. Parks and family have joined him in North Carolina.

Pfc. Lester B. Battles, who sweated it out a long time before he finally went under fire on Leyte (better "Leyte" than never, he says), was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal at a ceremony at Moore General Hospital. The award was given him for having helped evacuate wounded men under heavy enemy fire. Pfc. Battles hails from Chesterland, Ohio.

Fourteen Puerto Rican soldiers have arrived at Moore General Hospital for treatment—enough to start a "Circulo puertorriqueno" (Puerto Rican Club). They all came to Moore General via Madigan General in the state of Washington from the 296th Infantry Regiment.

Moore General graded civilians are now on a 40-hour week schedule. They work eight hours daily Monday through Friday and have Saturday and Sunday off. Hurrah for peace!

Mr. Charles J. Parrish of Baltimore, editor of "Purple Heart Chapter News", visited Moore General Hospital in mid-summer and what he saw here pleased him mightily. Writing in his paper, he devotes an entire page to the hospital in which he expresses his amazement on seeing the fine facilities—medical, surgical, reconditioning, religious, etc.—available for the patients. He also praises the setting and climate of the hospital.

"If all the parents of our sick and wounded soldiers being cared for at Moore General could only see this hospital and could behold the beauty of its setting and could have some idea of the climate, they would know that every possible factor to contribute to their recovery has been utilized in the wisest way in this place," he writes.

The incidence of mosquito-breeding sites in the vicinity of Moore General Hospital has been reduced by 50 per cent since the present elimination project started in June, 1st Lt. Andy Barth, hospital mosquito control officer, who resides in Black Mountain, says. Grove Stone Quarry Lake east of the hospital is getting a going-over and all mosquito-breeding sites are being drained off and oiled. Drainage canals are being blasted through 1,600-foot granite beds so that the water in standing pools can be drained back into the lake.

An even more intensive mosquito control project is in the offing for the not-too-distant future, Lt. Barth revealed.

Synthetic Tires Get Army O. K.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas—After three years of testing by the ordnance department tire test fleet at Normoyle Field, San Antonio, final approval has been given use of synthetic tires for army use. Announcing that synthetic tires had "become of age," the department said that the "tires stood up under the most punishing kind of service."

Warren Wilson College

Swannanoa—The topic for Sunday morning service at Warren Wilson College will be "Good Ground" which is a part of the series of talks being given on "The Garden of God". The vespers Sunday night will be second in the series of our vespers theme "When the Flag Flew".

A Memorial Service was held for Mr. Eckard Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 in the chapel. The message most beloved by Mr. Eckard were read. A solo was sung by Mr. Connet, "Crossing the Bar".

A. J. Waldrop, of Swannanoa, the friendly Watkins man, has been with the company for a year and a half and around Swannanoa for 9 years. We have learned to depend on him for our many needs in his line and can rely on his integrity. Mr. Waldrop formerly was with Beacon and just decided to get into business for himself. He really knows the right way to feed all kinds of stock to the best advantage for the farmer, who has to work hard enough as it is for his profits. To consult Mr. Waldrop is to the advantage of all concerned.

POET'S CORNER

YOUR JOB AND YOU! Wherever you're working—in office or shop And however far you may be from the top—

Though you may think you're just treading the mill, Don't ever belittle the job that you fill; For however little your job may appear— You're just as important as some little gear That meshes with others in some big machine, That helps keep it going—though never is seen.

They could do without you—we'll have to admit— But business keeps on, when the big fellows quit! And always remember, my lad, if you can, The job's more important (oh yes) than the man! So if it's your hope to stay off the shelf, Think more of your job than you do of yourself.

Your job is important—don't think it is not— So try hard to give it the best that you've got! And don't ever think you're of little account— Remember, you're part of the total amount. If they didn't need you, you wouldn't be there— So, always, my lad, keep your chin in the air, A digger of ditches, mechanic or clerk— THINK WELL OF YOUR COMPANY, YOURSELF, AND YOUR WORK! —Reprint

Airplanes Offered For Sale To Schools

PORTLAND, Ore.—Want to buy a real dive-bomber for \$100 or a twin-engine fighter plane for \$150? If so, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has some surplus planes at its bargain counter. The offer is limited to educational institutions giving courses in aeronautics.

War Manpower Commission

Raleigh—Women, who did a valiant job during the war period in filling places vacated by men drained from industry by Selective Service and thus helped increase production to an all-time high, are now going back to their home work, school or other activities.

During the pre-war period women composed approximately one-third of the labor force in North Carolina industry, but as more men went into service, more women took jobs in essential plants. By January, 1943, women made up 36.9 per cent of the labor in about 500 of the State's larger and more important industrial plants. The percentage increased until it reached the peak of 46.7 per cent in May, 1945.

However, Dr. J. S. Dorton, State director of the War Manpower Commission, points out that many hundreds of smaller plants in this State are not included in these reports and that many of these plants were manned entirely by women. He has no way of establishing it, but is reasonably sure that half of the labor force in North Carolina at the peak was made up of women.

In July, 1945, the ration of women workers had dropped to 45 per cent and Dr. Dorton has figures to indicate the drop reached 44.2 per cent by August 15.

With the passage of V-E Day, many women felt that they had made their contribution to the war cause and began returning to their home duties. After V-J Day still more left jobs they had held during the war.

Layoffs in plants engaged in war work and employing large numbers of women, such as the U. S. Rubber Co. and the National Carbon Co., stimulated this decline in the number of women engaged in industry. Eight war establishments in North Carolina, as of June 15, were employing women to the extent of 44 per cent of their total labor force; whereas, on August 15 only 17 per cent of their total labor force was women.

Many hundreds of women who worked patriotically and effectively during the war period have dropped out of the labor market and others will follow and will not again seek or accept outside jobs. Just how many will retain their jobs or seek other jobs, or whether or not the proportion of women workers in North Carolina industry will drop to the approximate one-third of prewar days, remains to be seen, and Dr. Dorton will not hazard a guess.

More Meat on the Table

OPA has increased class II slaughtering quotas on cattle from 100 to 125 per cent; for calves from 75 to 100 per cent; and for hogs from 50 to 65 per cent over last month's quotas.

This is in line with the agency's policy of keeping slaughter quotas as high as possible.

The slaughter quotas for sheep and lambs remain at 100 per cent, the same as the last previous period.

At 1942 Prices . . . and Soon! Household washing machines will be back in the stores this fall at 1942 prices, according to announcements.

Manufacturers will be required to tag the washing machines with their retail ceiling prices before they are shipped to dealers. This policy will be followed with all major reconversion items, according to OPA, so that "each family will be able to buy a washing machine and an ironer to fit its needs."

Shoppers should be able to find some washing machines in the stores by fall and will be seeing them in quantities by year's end, it is said.

Production of ironers is expected to come along a little more slowly and it will be the first of next year before they will appear in sizeable lots.

Kitchen and Aluminum Ware The prospect that long-scarce aluminum pots and pans will soon be available for Henderson county housewives in quantity and at 1942 prices is held out.

Descendant of British King Dies in California

WATSONVILLE, CALIF. — Mrs. Bertha Ord Rowe, 71, great-granddaughter of King George IV of Great Britain, died here recently. Mrs. Rowe's grandfather was James Ord, son of a morganatic marriage in 1785 between the then prince of Wales and Lady Fitz-Herbert, a reigning beauty of London.

The prince became King George IV, and the son, ineligible to the British throne, assumed the name of Ord and came to the United States about 1800. One of his sons was Maj. Gen. E. O. C. Ord of the Civil war, after whom Fort Ord, Calif., was named, and another was John S. Ord, a farmer in Santa Cruz county, father of Mrs. Rowe.



MRS. E. N. HOWELL

Mrs. E. N. Howell, Swannanoa, President of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, announces the district conferences for the fall with the theme, "Together We Build." During the war period, these one day meetings were confined to the local officials who could gather in a central place for a discussion of the year's problems. With the close of the war, however, it is expected that attendance at the various conferences will be enlarged over recent years. In many of the districts, however, there will be two instead of one conference in order that travel may be reduced.

The schedule follows: District No. 1, September 25, Greensboro, Mrs. Claudius Dockery, Jr., Guilford College, Director; No. 3, September 26, Mt. Airy, and October 2, Hickory, Mrs. Holland Laving, Charlotte, Director; No. 1, September 27, Asheville, Mrs. Allen Luther, Asheville, Director; No. 2, September 28, Morganton, Mrs. J. Worth Morgan, Forest City, Director; No. 5, October 3, Salisbury, and October 4, Hamlet; No. 6, October 5, Sanford, and October 9, Oxford, Mrs. Jessie G. Mills, Raleigh, Director; No. 9, October 11, Ahoskie, Mrs. J. E. Winslow, Hertford, Director; No. 10, October 12, New Bern, Mrs. Paul Davenport, Sr., Pictolus, Director; No. 8, October 16, Fayetteville, and October 17, Wilmington, Mrs. B. T. Williams, Stedman, Director.

Biltmore Parent-Teachers Association, Mrs. C. E. Smith, president, will be hostess to the Conference of District No. One on Thursday, September 27th, at Biltmore school in Asheville. Mrs. Allen Luther of Asheville, District Director, will preside over the Conference, assisted by Mrs. Tom Ferguson, Bryson City, Vice-Director. Registration will begin at nine-thirty. All PTA's in the district are urged to send as many representatives as possible. District No. One is composed of the following named counties: Buncombe, Madison, Henderson, Transylvania, Haywood, Jackson, Swain, Graham, Macon, Clay and Cherokee. The 70 Parent-Teacher Associations in the District have a membership of more than 8,000. In addition to the Director and the State President, a number of State Chairmen represent the District on the State Board of Managers. They are: Mrs. R. U. Sutton, Home and Family Life, Sylva; Mrs. H. B. Carter, Goals, Asheville; Mr. Leon Connor, Juvenile Protection, Asheville; Mrs. Curtis Baldwin, Majestic avenue, Asheville, and Dr. Carl Killian, Visual Education, Cullowhee.

Mrs. Howell will attend each session, as will C. W. Phillips, Director of Public Relations of Woman's College, Greensboro, as the National representative. Mr. Phillips is the 2nd Vice President of the National Congress. Mrs. J. W. Burke, Executive Secretary, Gibsonville, and Mrs. J. S. Blair, Field Secretary and Past President, Elizabethton, will attend many of the conferences and participate in the program.

Home Coming

The Freewill Baptist Church of Swannanoa is having a Home Coming Day. Dinner will be served on the ground.

There will be the regular service in the morning and special singing by the various groups. The get together will last until 4:30 in the afternoon.

Come one and all and have a good time.

BUSINESS WOMAN'S CIRCLE OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH

The meeting was held Sept. 11 at the home of Mrs. Moore.

Those attending were: Mrs. Ransom Nanney, Mrs. W. B. Kyles, Mrs. Irvin Page, Mrs. H. W. Baucourt, Mrs. John Rice, Mrs. Worth Cook, Mrs. J. C. Cornelius, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Stone.

It was a regular monthly meeting. They reviewed the first two chapters of the study book. The books are about Missionaries. The one they are using now is "Apostles of Chilean Frontier," by Mrs. E. C. Pacheco, the daughter of Mrs. William B. T. McDonald.

British Women Buy Up Reconditioned War Suits

LONDON.—Approximately 225,000 reconditioned battle suits, dyed green and sold at \$4 and six coupons each, have been snapped up by British women as being the best clothing bargain of the war.

The wardrobes of Britain's women are so depleted, their coupons for replacements so inadequate, the stocks of clothing in the shops so shoddy and inferior, that a pure woolen, well-made battle suit is irresistible.

Bargains like this are invariably snapped up as soon as they appear. The days when a party invite or a new date meant a new frock are forgotten.

Man Runs Into Bad Egg After Selling Chickens

CHICAGO, ILL.—Waldo Barton, Pine Village, Ind., sold a truckload of chickens here for a nice sum but ran into a bad egg.

Barton told this story to police: Having collected \$720 for the chickens he stopped at a tavern and met a Negro who called himself "Willie." "Willie" told Barton he knew where they could buy cigars and Barton accompanied him outside. "Willie" knocked him down and helped himself to the chicken "gravy"—\$720 worth.

Bureau Limits Taxpayers To Just One Wife a Year

WASHINGTON.—As far as the tax collector is concerned, a man can have only one wife in one year.

This ruling was made by the bureau of internal revenue in a case from Missouri.

The taxpayer's wife died in 1944, and he remarried within the year, claiming each of the wives as a dependent. The bureau said, in effect, that it limited wives to one a year, and allowed only one \$500 exemption, instead of two.

More New Industries Established in Mexico

MEXICO CITY.—More than 180 industries with capital totaling \$42,000,000 have been established in Mexico under a law granting five year tax exemption to "necessary" plants.

Industries making mechanical devices comprise 32 per cent of the total capital. Next in order are paper, construction materials and chemical products plants. Two-thirds of the new companies are in Mexico City or its environs.

Woman's Club Program Sponsored By Committee On Art

The Woman's Club of Black Mountain held its first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. C. E. Keith on the afternoon of September 12. After the business meeting, the program, under the direction of Mrs. Powell Alexander, was opened by a vocal solo, "The Lord's Prayer," by Mrs. George Stone. The speaker of the afternoon was Lt. Louise West of the occupational therapy staff of Moore hospital. Lt. West explained the stenciling of textiles and showed a number of articles decorated by patients in the hospital and some done by staff members. She demonstrated the making and using of the stencil, and explained the types of dyes to be used. The presentation of the subject and the display of work were most interesting and profitable to the club members and their guests.

Mrs. Hamilton then exhibited some unusually beautiful quilts that she had made, and also an authentic ceremonial dress of the Kiowa Indians from the Black Hills in South Dakota.

Many floral arrangements brought by avirous club members made a bright and colorful display on the porch. The first prize was awarded to Mrs. Willis for a striking bouquet of deep red gladioli. The second prize went to Mrs. Fitzgerald and the third to Mrs. White.

After the program delicious refreshments were served by the hostess committee, consisting of Mrs. Keith, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Ashley, Mrs. Goodson, Mrs. Hallam, Mrs. Hardin, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Reinhardt, Mrs. Taylor and Miss Day.

Brides Learn How To Cope With Hubby's Temper

TOLEDO, Ohio.—A lesson in locating the "right" husband is part of a homemaking course "guaranteed to produce better wives" which has been added to the curriculum at the University of Toledo.

The course teaches would-be brides how to cook and balance the budget and also gives them suggestions for coping with husband's temper.

That lesson is called, "How to Keep Things On a Harmonious Basis."

Landlord Presents Bonds for Babies

\$25 War Bond for Each Kid Born on His Property.

CLEVELAND.—If you're looking for a landlord that not only loves children but pays a \$25 war bond for each child born on his property, you can find him in Cleveland.

Henry Solomon, like his Biblical namesake, is quite a guy. He's a man of deep philosophy, a lover of children and the owner of several apartment houses.

Recently he paid for his 56th child, David Michale Miller, born to Cpl. and Mrs. Pierce Miller, tenants of Solomon.

The apartment owner has been giving cash to every child born to his tenants for a good many years.

The reason for Solomon's benevolence dates back to 1923 when he, his wife and three-year-old daughter came to Cleveland from Hungary. Door after door was slammed in his face by landlords who disapproved of children.

"I resolved then that if I ever owned any property for rent nobody would experience the same heartache that I had felt," he recalled.

And Solomon followed through. Today 90 families, 50 per cent of which are families of servicemen, rent apartments from him. He is particularly anxious to have servicemen's wives and children. He thinks it is his — and other landlords—duty to provide living quarters for families of our fighting men.

Solomon's standard rate of payment used to be \$5 for the first child, 10 for the second, \$20 for the third and so on. He raised his donation at the outset of the war. The doubling business continued, however, with each subsequent addition.

Incidentally, he has promised that if one of his tenants gives birth to quintuplets, the apartment building in which they live shall be theirs to have, to hold, and to pay taxes on.

Thank You

We have received many subscriptions in the past few days for the News. We want to thank each and every one of you for your subscriptions, as well as your congratulations you have extended to us, some by letter and some by personal calls.

We mean to improve our paper as we go along, and you too, can help by sending in your news from your neighborhood or section each week. You noticed in the last issue, we had a want ad and for sale column. If you have something for sale, send in your ad, we will bill you later for it. If you want something let us help you get it. Try classified ad.

Florida may have her Fountain of Youth, but up here in God's country life begins at fifty.

His appetite returned on the evening bus from Big Hungry.

War Manpower Commission

RALEIGH.—Eight of North Carolina's important plants, engaged entirely or chiefly in producing war materials and supplies, reduced their forces from July 1 to September 1, by 13,489 workers and expect to reduce them some further by November 1. Dr. J. S. Dorton, state director of the War Manpower Commission, is advised in reports from local U. S. Employment Service offices.

These plants employed 24,162 workers on July 1, but had reduced the number to 10,313 by September 1. Of these plants, the N. C. Shipbuilding Co., Wilmington, plans to continue almost on its former schedule for several months, at least.

Five of these strictly war plants plan to wind up the work and close out completely within the next few weeks. These are National Carbon Co., Winston-Salem, Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., Winston-Salem; U. S. Rubber Co., Charlotte; National Munitions Corp., Carboro, and Consolidated Vultee Corp., Elizabeth City.

National Carbon Co., Charlotte, which reduced to about 10 per cent of its original force by September 1, plans reconversion to civilian production.

Four war production firms, permanently established in peacetime operations in the state, have had layoffs and are preparing for converting to civilian production. These are Ethyl-Dow Chemical Co., Kures Beach, near Wilmington; Edwards Co., Sanford; Wright Automatic Machine Co., Durham, and Dayton Rubber Co., Waynesville.

All of the workers laid off by these and other plants as a result of the end of the war are finding and can find work immediately in North Carolina's expanding peacetime industries, which, in connection with agricultural activities, Dr. Dorton estimates, can absorb from 100,000 to 150,000 or more additional workers during the next 18 months.

Executive Committee Of Church Women Meets

The Executive Committee of the United Council of Church Women met at the Baptist church Friday afternoon, Sept. 1.

Plans were made for three meetings each year; the first one to be held Nov. 2 at the Baptist Church. This is World Community Day and will be an all day meeting. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Grady Hardin, president; Mrs. Florence Drinker, 1st vice president; Mrs. W. R. Jenkins, 2nd vice president; Mrs. W. B. Kyles, secretary; Mrs. Walter Styles, treasurer; Mrs. H. W. Baucourt, publicity chairman.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held October 29.

Those present at this meeting were: Mrs. S. S. Cooley, Mrs. Grady Hardin, Mrs. James Marshall, Mrs. W. B. Kyles, Mrs. Fannie Fitzgerald, Dr. Cora Reeves and Mrs. H. W. Baucourt.

Bicycle Tires Made From Goldenrods

NEW ORLEANS.—Many a cyclist owes his tires to the lowly goldenrod.

The Southern Regional Research Laboratory here through research produced rubber from goldenrod, suitable for bicycle tires.

STRICTLY BUSINESS by McFeatters



"The parole board will pardon you if you have a promise of a job—er, it so happens my wife needs a gardener . . ."

THESE WOMEN! By d'Alessio



"I mustn't forget a pair of slippers for my husband. His old ones keep slipping off my feet when I make breakfast!"