

FIRST OFFICIAL REVIEW OF WOMEN'S ARMY



Mrs. Ovetta Culp Hobby, commander of the WAAC, holds the first review of the U. S. women's army at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, as 800 women begin their military training for non-combatant duty. This is the first army of its type in U. S. history and represents the vanguard of an expected enlistment of 25,000 officers and "privates."

U. S. SOLDIERS IN AUSTRALIA ARE WELL FED

Somewhere in Australia, July 28.—The eating habits of Uncle Sam's soldiers in Australia have undergone only slight revisions despite the long distance from home, and they still rank among the best fed troops in the world.

They still get their roast beef and pork and in quantities greater than the Australians would care to eat them. There is plenty of sugar and butter.

The variety of sweets has been reduced and they find mutton on the table more often than at home. It is necessary to import such items as coffee, tea, cocoa and canned fish, but they get them.

Due to problems of transportation and the limited facilities of the country, it has been necessary to modify the soldier's ration issue from his American scale to fit in, as far as possible, with local conditions.

Here is a comparison of typical menus for an American soldier at home and in Australia:

Breakfast (in Australia)—French toast, butter, syrup, coffee and fresh milk. At home—Fresh apples, oatmeal, scrambled eggs with minced bacon, toast, fresh milk and coffee with canned milk and sugar.

Dinner (in Australia)—Roast beef, boiled potatoes, carrots, bread and butter, coffee and pears. At home—Dill pickles, boiled dinner (corned beef and vegetables), endive with wilted dressing, blackberry pie, whole wheat bread and butter, iced tea with lemon and sugar.

Supper (in Australia)—Lamb stew, bread and butter, coffee, peaches. At home—Puree of carrot soup, fried liver with fried onions, potatoes baked with skins, ginger bread with chocolate sauce, rye bread with butter, coffee with canned milk and sugar.

Australia has taken on a big job in supplying the Americans with 90 per cent of their food supply. Manpower has been taxed to the limit in the commonwealth.

The problem is illustrated by the following list which shows the daily ration issue per man of the United States forces in Australia:

Bread, 12 ounces; flour, 3 ounces; cheese, one ounce; dried peas, one ounce; assorted fresh vegetables, 12 ounces; potatoes, 10 ounces; onions, 3 ounces; jam or syrup, 2 ounces; milk, 2 1/2 ounces; coffee, 2 ounces; sugar, 3 ounces; oatmeal, one-half ounce; butter, 1 1/4 ounces; dried fruit, one ounce.

He is rationed 16 ounces of fresh beef three days a week; 12 ounces of fresh lamb one day a week; 12 ounces of pork one day weekly; 12 ounces of smoked ham one day weekly; 12 ounces of fish one day weekly, and three ounces of bacon two days a week.

Each man is allowed six eggs a week, if they can be obtained.

Milam Called As Naval Reserve Officer

James W. Milam, known to his friends as "Miles," son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Milam of this city, has been ordered to active duty as a naval reserve officer with the rank of Lieutenant (jg).

Mr. Milam has been a resident of Kings Mountain, N. C., for the past eleven years where he is manager of the clothing department of Plunk Bros.

Kohler Addresses Kiwanis Club

Members of the local Kiwanis club heard an interesting talk at their regular meeting Thursday evening by the Rev. J. H. Kohler, a member of the club, and pastor of North Broad Street Methodist church of this city. Mr. Kohler spoke on the meaning of democracy.

FORTY BILLION TAX PROGRAM IS PREDICTED

Washington, July 29.—Federal taxes approaching \$40,000,000,000 yearly were foreseen today by senate finance committee members should congress adopt a recommendation of Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau to lift levies eventually to the British level.

Morgenthau told the committee, in urging a \$2,500,000,000 boost in the new \$6,271,000,000 revenue bill approved by the house, that he saw no reason why the United States ultimately should not do as well as Great Britain and Canada in financing an enlarged portion of war costs, out of taxation.

Britain, he said, expected to pay 53 per cent of its war expenditures by taxation in this fiscal year and committee members said that if the United States reached a similar percentage, its tax bill would approach \$40,000,000,000 for the expected \$77,000,000,000 outlay in the year beginning last July 1.

Treasury experts said the house-approved bill would boost total federal tax revenues for the current fiscal year to \$23,271,000,000.

Revival Services At Leesville Church

Revival services will be held at Leesville Methodist E. Church, South, near here, beginning Friday evening, July 31, and continuing through Sunday afternoon, August 9. Services each morning except Saturdays, at 10:30; evenings 8:30.

The pastor, Rev. Joseph Caldwell, will be assisted in the meeting by Rev. J. M. Mason of Winnsboro.

Homecoming day will be observed the closing Sunday.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

The Roberts Away For Vacation

The Rev. J. K. Roberts, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Mrs. Roberts and children, will leave tomorrow for Lee, Va., where they will spend the month of August. Part of the time Mr. Roberts will do special study work at Union Theological seminary, Richmond.

The pulpit of the First church will be occupied the next two Sundays by Dr. D. J. Woods, former pastor.

Moore Announces For Game Warden

W. R. "Bully" Moore, well known automobile salesman of Laurens, places his announcement for game warden this summer in today's paper. Mr. Moore will be remembered as having made the race eight years ago. "If elected," he said, "I promise to stay on the job and perform the duties without fear or favor."

DRIVE CAREFULLY
SAVE A LIFE
SO FAR THIS YEAR THERE
HAS BEEN

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FATALITY
from
AUTOMOBILE
ACCIDENTS
in
LAURENS COUNTY
Let's Strive To Make
1942 a Safe Year On
the Highways.

This date last year, 8

Laurens Man Fatally Shot

R. D. Jennings Killed
Here Friday Night.
Father-in-Law, Austin
Wilburn, Is Held.

Robert D. Jennings, 35, of Watts Mills, Laurens, was killed here last Friday night at 9:30 at the home of his father-in-law, Austin Wilburn, employed at the Clinton Cotton Mills, who resides on Milling avenue.

Jennings was shot four times with a pistol and died almost instantly at the Wilburn home, officers state. Wilburn was lodged in the city jail and shortly thereafter removed to the county jail at Laurens. He was released on bond Saturday morning and an inquest set for yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Laurens.

Since the killing no public statement has been made by Wilburn.

It was disclosed by city and county officers making the investigation that Mrs. Jennings, formerly Miss Letha Wilburn, had left her home in Laurens about four weeks ago and returned to her father's home here after Jennings had been placed under bond because of alleged mistreatment of his wife. Since then, officers stated, Jennings had been warned to stay away from his father-in-law's house.

The presumption is that Jennings had gone to Wilburn's house in an effort to see his wife despite the notice served on him by her father to stay away. Jennings entered the front door of the home, according to officers and when killed was found lying at the door leading from the living room to the kitchen.

Funeral services for Jennings were conducted at Lucas Baptist church in Laurens Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. L. M. Smith, with burial following in the Watts Mills cemetery.

Besides his widow, Jennings is survived by three children, Bruce, Doris and Edna Jennings; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jennings; three brothers, Oscar, Earle and Otis Jennings; and five sisters, Mrs. Paul Waddell, Mrs. Will Glover, Mrs. Herman Monarch and the Misses Janie and Margaret Jennings.

DRAFT BOARD NOW RE-CLASSIFYING MEN

The local draft board is continuing its work of re-classifying registrants, it was learned at the office yesterday.

R. J. Pitts, chairman of the board, stated last week that the supply of available single men has been practically exhausted and that the call for September, which has not yet been received, will include a number of married men.

Under the board's procedure, married men with no children are being placed in Class 1. After they are given examinations by local physicians, and if they pass, they then go into class 1-A subject to call under the selective service system.

Officials stated that married men would be transferred from 3-A to 1-A in the following order: (1) married men with no children, (2) married men with one child, (3) married men with two children, and so forth.

While the quota for September has not been announced, it has been indicated that it will be equally as large as the \$9 August quota which will go on the 8th for physical examinations at Fort Jackson.

4 Million Men In Armed Service Now

Washington, July 28.—President Roosevelt told reporters today that the United States now has around 4,000,000 men under arms.

Assuming that the figure included all the nation's armed forces, this was taken as an indication that the army may already have reached the 3,600,000 total which Secretary Stimson said several months ago was its goal by the end of 1942.

The necessity of making advance purchases of food supplies for a force of this size, the President said, was one of three reasons why some communities were experiencing a shortage of beef.

Peach Orchard Near City Is Raided

Stewart Brown reported yesterday that a large trailer truck was driven into his orchard at the rear of the college early Monday morning and the trees were stripped of all ripe fruit remaining in the orchard, together with a number of baskets. Negroes of the vicinity reported that they saw the truck drive off in the direction of Augusta and that a white man and about a dozen colored men were in the party. The identity of the raiders was still unknown yesterday.

CHEERFUL LETTERS TO FORCES URGED

Red Cross Warns That
News Unnecessarily
Grim Hurts Morale.

Washington, July 25.—Write letters as cheerful as possible to men in service, the Red Cross urged in a statement today. If the letters cannot be cheerful, it said, they should be factual.

In extreme cases, it was said, letters and telegrams from home have even carried entirely false stories as a ruse to bring the soldier, sailor or marine home on an emergency leave. The effect is to destroy morale.

"A demoralizing letter, whether intentional or not, can be as damaging to Uncle Sam's armed forces as an enemy bullet," the agency declared.

Here is the text of the statement: "Be careful what you write to the fighting men of Uncle Sam's armed forces. This is the advice of hundreds of American Red Cross workers who come into contact daily with the troubles and personal problems of American service men both at home and abroad.

"Too many times, they warn, the folks at home pour forth petty family problems in letters to their boys who are away in camp or fighting at the front. The result in many cases is the demoralization of a brave soldier. The loving mother, sweetheart, uncle or aunt unwittingly may be aiding the enemy.

"There are too many cases, Red Cross workers declare, of a soldier, sailor or marine receiving a wire, 'Come home, mother seriously ill.'

"Verification of the facts by the Red Cross often reveals that there was no real reason for alarm. Mother, it appears, had been suffering from an illness for many years. It was no worse at the time the wire was sent, but she sent it because she had a motherly desire to see her son.

"During the waiting period, while Red Cross workers check the facts in the soldier's home town, the Army is confronted with a bewildered, worried boy, who but a moment before was a determined soldier.

"Red Cross workers have encountered numerous cases where a love-sick sweetheart wishing to have a visit with her soldier boy friend has forged a wire stating that 'Aunt Mary' is ill and not expected to live through the day.

"Red Cross workers are soon able to wire back the comforting news that no illness exists, but meanwhile another soldier has spent agonizing hours trying to visualize the actual conditions at home.

"Cases of suicide of service men have been reported to the Red Cross which were directly traceable to the thoughtless letter of the 'girl friend' at home in which she wrote the service man that she no longer cared for him.

"By far the majority of the cases investigated by Red Cross home service workers are legitimate. In these instances the Red Cross mobilizes its forces both in the soldier's camp and in his home town to provide financial assistance, arrange for transportation and aid to his family during an emergency.

"It is the minority of letter-writers who bring about demoralization among the troops. Many of these writers are unintentionally worrying the service men, a few deliberately. Most of them are merely prone to seek comfort on small personal problems from a soldier who himself needs the united support of his family at home.

"So the next time you write Johnny Doughboy be cheerful, and if you cannot be cheerful be factual, the Red Cross warns. A demoralizing letter, whether intentional or not, can be as damaging to Uncle Sam's armed forces as an enemy bullet."

Hitler Would Cut His Throat If He Saw Ford Plant

Detroit, July 28.—"If Adolf Hitler could see Willow Run, he'd cut his throat right now."

That was the impression Capt. Randolph Churchill, son of the British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, had today of the gigantic bomber plant of the Ford Motor company.

Churchill visited Willow Run during a quick trip to the motor city during which he found time to inspect several other war plants.

"I heard in Washington that the automotive companies had solved their production problems," Churchill said, "and after visiting the plants here I am convinced that it is true."

Peach Canning At Orphanage

John M. Hudgens and a group of orphanage boys and girls have been busy the past week canning peaches. The canning was made possible through the generous gift of two truck loads of peaches given the institution by Jack H. Davis, Sr., from his fine orchards near the city.

Clinton Seeks Army Hospital

Delegation From Here
and Laurens Also Puts
In Bid for Airport In
Lisbon Section.

Clinton, along with Union, Spartanburg, Greenville, Rock Hill and other towns, has submitted a brief to the War department setting forth this community's advantages for the location of a proposed government base hospital somewhere in the Piedmont section.

While no official announcement has been made, a report was current in Washington last week that the proposed hospital after all might go to Florida.

Application for the location in the Laurens-Clinton area of an airport to become a part of the air training program was also submitted in Washington last week by a delegation representing the two towns. The site proposed is in the so-called Lisbon section, six miles south of Laurens, and seven miles southwest of this city. It was at one time proposed, it is reported, that the airport near Laurens be used but it has been disapproved because the hilly area makes installation of runways impossible, according to the Civil Aeronautics administration.

Citizens from here and Laurens in Washington last week in the interest of the base hospital and by-city airport were Mayor P. S. Bailey, Dr. W. P. Jacobs and R. L. Plaxico of this city, L. G. Balle and L. C. Barksdale of Laurens, and W. R. Roberts, industrial agent of the Seaboard Air-line railway.

A member of the delegation stated that an inspector from the surgeon-general's office is expected to visit this area to look over the available sites.

Home Nursing Class Completes Course

The first Red Cross home nursing class completed the six weeks period of study last week. The maximum number of twenty was enrolled, with nineteen finishing and eligible for certificates.

Mrs. Harry Layton, R. N., taught the course. Those who will receive certificates are: Mrs. Keith Adair, Mrs. Jack Anderson, Mrs. R. N. Blackwelder, Mrs. R. W. Boland, Mrs. Grady Chandler, Mrs. Alex Henry, Mrs. Hugh Holman, Mrs. S. B. Loftis, Miss Ella McCrary, Mrs. Zee McLees, Miss Kate Milam, Mrs. Harry Nettles, Mrs. Raymond Pitts, Mrs. Hayne Prince, Mrs. Mittie Sanford, Mrs. Hubert Todd, Mrs. Rembert Truluck, Mrs. Lowry Wilson.

Another Red Cross nursing class, with Mrs. William Milam, R. N., as instructor, will begin Tuesday, August 4, at 4 o'clock at the high school building. The class will be held each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from four to six o'clock and is limited to twenty. Those who wish to enroll are urged to do so immediately.

Those who have not received their first-aid certificates, it was stated yesterday, may obtain them from Mrs. J. B. Townsend at the Red Cross headquarters.

City Enrollment Stands At 1,194

Enrollment of the Clinton city Democratic club reached 1,194 before the books closed Tuesday, Secretary L. B. Dillard stated yesterday. This is a decrease of 223 from the 1,417 total two years ago.

Enrollment figures for Lydia and Clinton Mills, Goldville and other precincts in this section of the county were not available last night.

19 Accepted For Army Service

Of the 29 draftees sent by the local board to Fort Jackson on July 21 for physical examinations, 19 were accepted. This group, after a home leave of 14 days, will return to Fort Jackson to enter regular service.

FOR VICTORY

BUY
UNITED
STATES
WAR
BONDS
AND
STAMPS

LAURENS VOTERS HEAR CANDIDATES PRESENT CLAIMS

Blease Attacks Waste,
Extravagance and Poli-
tics. Manning and
Johnston Tell of Quali-
fications.

Laurens, July 27.—Candidates for the Democratic nominations for South Carolina political offices spoke in the courthouse here Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock before a fairly good-sized audience.

U. S. Senator Burnet R. Maybank, candidate for re-nomination, did not appear but sent a telegram expressing regret and telling the voters he was doing his utmost to support the war program.

His opponent, Eugene S. Blease of Newberry, the former chief justice, charged there was an organization in Washington which sought to advance the Negro race to influence the vote for the senate.

He said that in making the race, he was not seeking personal gain or glory for himself but, if elected, he hoped to have the opportunity of "rendering some service to my state."

He stressed the "waste, idleness and corruption" he charged was in the federal government and declared it must stop, adding that "America can not stand it."

"Too much money has been spent in South Carolina politics," he continued. "Outside influences are seeking to control the elections in South Carolina."

"The Society for the Advancement of Colored People, which is dominated by the Negroes and their white sympathizers in the North, are sending money into the state to control the election."

"We need someone in Washington who will speak out. If they will let us alone, we can get along with the Negroes. In Washington, I am told by a reliable person, that our white ladies are instructed to address all Negro office heads of the federal departments as 'Mister.'"

"Eugene Blease will never stand for that. They don't want to see Blease there (to Washington). I am told that the Society for the Advancement of Colored People in Columbia boasts they have \$6,000 in the bank to fight for the right to vote in our primary election."

Blease continued to attack waste and extravagance in government and said that the nation should "adjourn politics for the duration of the war."

President Roosevelt is doing all in his power to win the war but is not being advised as to the true conditions of the country, Blease said.

Blease said that his one ambition in entering the race was to prove to the people that a man could be elected to the senate without spending "a whole lot of money."

Saying that he had borrowed \$3,000 to make the race, Blease said that "every dollar of it is Eugene Blease's money, and I will not accept any contributions from anybody."

Olin D. Johnston of Spartanburg, candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, continued to review the trials of his early years, his World War service and a political career which landed him in the governor's chair in 1934.

During his administration, he said, rural electrification got its start in the state, aviation fields were built, armories constructed, old age pensions established, labor laws improved, a fertilizer inspection bill passed, teachers' salaries raised, and school houses built.

Johnston said that he had only one fight when he was governor and that was with the state highway department.

"As a result," he said, "that department today is a better department and the motorists of this state pay much less for their license plates."

Wyndham M. Manning, gubernatorial candidate, said he did not intend, if elected, to tear down the verdicts rendered by juries of South Carolina. He spoke out against "wholesale pardons" and commutations of sentences, saying each case should be decided and studied on its own merits.

"Let us hold this state in trust for our boys and girls when they return after the war," declared the former army officer. "When they return (Continued on page seven)"

59 White Men Listed For August 8 Call

The local draft board will send fifty-nine white men to Fort Jackson August 8th for induction into the United States army under the selective service system.

The names of 56 of the draftees included in the call appeared in last week's paper. Three additional men called since then to complete the quota are Henry Fletcher Finney, Goldville; Donald Wilson Dubois, Goldville, and Robert Fleming Ray, of this city.