

Army Men Become Victory Gardeners



Convalescent soldiers from a local hospital at Miami Beach, Fla., assigned to a nearby victory garden by the army air forces technical training command, are shown hoeing in a bean patch as they bolster the nation's food production while working their way to health. Their work is thoroughly supervised so that none of the men become a victim of overwork or overexposure to the sun.

T. B. Association Holds Annual Meet

R. L. Plaxico Re-elected President. Other Officers and Directors Named.

At the annual election of officers meeting of the Laurens County Tuberculosis association held in Laurens last Monday, R. L. Plaxico, of this city, was re-elected president for the coming year beginning April 1.

Other officers elected were W. A. Moorhead of Goldville, vice-president; Miss Beaufort Copeland of Laurens, secretary; J. Leroy Burns of Laurens, treasurer, and R. E. Babb, Mrs. R. H. Roper and Mrs. L. G. Balle, all of Laurens, members of the executive committee.

Directors were elected as follows: Mrs. George R. Bialock, P. H. Hobson, Mrs. T. J. Peake, B. H. Boyd, Dr. F. K. Shealy, Robert Lynn, Rev. C. B. Betts, Joe Delaney, G. N. Foy, Mrs. John Carey Bolt, Mrs. Broadus Pinson, Mrs. George Babb, Carl Martin, O. L. Long, Dr. J. G. Hart.

Also L. G. Balle, Mrs. J. R. Murff, E. D. Easterby, Mrs. T. Hunter Owens, Miss Hallie Howard, Mrs. Gray Harris, Mrs. Robert Richardson, Mrs. Harry Williamson, Dr. Felder Smith, F. A. Dial, Mrs. Roy Owens, T. P. Townsend, Mrs. Sara DeLoach, Mrs. Mabel Little, C. K. Wright, L. H. Taylor, R. M. Cushman.

J. Leroy Burns, treasurer, read a detailed financial report and Mrs. W. A. Whitlock, executive secretary and field worker, gave a report of the past year's work.

President Plaxico announced the three chief projects for the coming year as follows: (1) An intensive educational program on tuberculosis throughout the county, to be worked out through the schools, and, among the Negroes, through their churches; (2) Monthly clinics to be held at the county hospital; (3) An intensive program of visiting rejectees and work on rehabilitation cases.

THORNWELL SHARES IN DUKE FUND

Trustees of the Duke Endowment at their annual meeting in New York Tuesday appropriated \$760,545.32 to 105 hospitals and 40 orphan homes in the Carolinas on the basis of their work for 1942.

Of this amount \$637,787 went to hospitals and \$122,758.32 to orphanages.

Thornwell orphanage of this city, in the distribution will receive \$6,255.67 against \$6,697.80 last year, or a decrease of \$442.13.

The Baptist orphanage, Connie Maxwell in Greenwood, will receive \$8,766.06; Epworth orphanage, the Methodist institution at Columbia, \$8,484.14. Eleven other small orphanages in the state are included in the list.

The distribution is based on the days of care for orphan and half-orphan children for the year.

Workers Needed To Fold Surgical Dressings

The local Red Cross chapter has issued an urgent call for workers to help fold surgical dressings in the Red Cross room in the library building.

The room is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from two until five o'clock, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 until 9:30. Anyone who can assist with the work either in the afternoons or evenings is asked to do so in order that the chapter may complete the required number of dressings.

Baptists To Hold Dedication Service

New Education Building To Be Dedicated Sunday With Special Program.

On Sunday morning, April 4th, at 11 o'clock, the First Baptist church will dedicate the new education building during the worship service.

The dedicatory message will be brought by Rev. W. S. Brooke, general secretary of the South Carolina Baptist convention; and the dedicatory prayer will be offered by Rev. Edward Long of Greenville, a former pastor. The public is cordially invited to attend this service, a program of which follows:

Organ, "Holy City," Adams.
Doxology.
Invocation.
Hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal."
The Scriptures.
Anthem, "Awake, Put On Thy Strength, O Zion."
Morning prayer.
Announcements.
Hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

Offertory prayer.
Organ, "O Thou Sublime Sweet Evening Star," Wagner.
Historical sketch.
Sermon, Rev. W. S. Brooke.
Burning of note.
Dedicatory prayer, Rev. Edward Long.
Hymn, "The Church's One Foundation."
Benediction.
Organ postlude, "Postlude," Silver.

Summer Closing To Begin Next Week

The usual Wednesday half-holiday for the summer season will begin this year in April instead of May as last year. The agreement, which has been signed by a large number of business firms of the city, will become effective April 7 and continue through September 29. The extended holiday period, the petition states, will give employees and employers alike an opportunity to cultivate Victory gardens.

A group advertisement appearing today on page eight pertaining to the closing and signed by 31 firms, asks the hearty cooperation of their customers in carrying out the agreement.

Egg Shipments Go From County

Local eggs are going to war, according to County Agent C. B. Cannon. They are being assembled at Laurens and picked up weekly by the truck schedule arranged by the Clemson extension marketing service, with W. A. Tuten in charge.

Last week 21 cases of 30 dozen each were moved from the county and a total of 1,225 cases from the 19 points over the state where the scheduled stops are made. This makes a total of 5,297 cases, or 13 carloads, of South Carolina eggs that have gone to war, as it were, since these cooperative shipments were started in early February.

County Hospital Shares In Duke Fund

In the Duke Endowment distribution announced Tuesday to 35 South Carolina hospitals, the Laurens county hospital is included for an appropriation of \$1,078.

CAPT. JONES TO CAMP DAVIS

Captain Willard L. Jones, who has been on a two weeks visit to his family here, left Sunday for Camp Davis, N. C., where he is now assigned for special work.

BOYD ELECTED BY DELEGATIONS TO ROAD BODY

B. H. Boyd, well known business man of this city, has been elected to the state highway commission from the Eighth Judicial circuit comprising the counties of Laurens, Abbeville, Greenwood and Newberry. He will succeed T. A. Sherard, Abbeville banker, who has held the post for the past four years.

Mr. Boyd, according to the provisions of the law, was elected by the legislative delegations from the four counties included in the circuit. It was stated at the conclusion of the joint meeting that his election was unanimous.

Mr. Boyd has long been connected with the business life of the community and has given liberally of his time to the promotion of the county's road development program in recent years. By experience and qualifications, he is well equipped for the important office to which he has been elected.

Mr. Boyd is president of the Citizens Federal Savings and Loan association, a member and past president of the local Kiwanis club and has been identified with the banking, insurance, building and loan and other business activities of the community for a number of years. His many friends here and elsewhere will learn with interest that effective April 15 he will become a member of the highway commission for a four-year term.

CUSTOMERS TO GIVE COUPONS TO FARMERS

South Carolina farmers who produce meat and butter at home for sale must now collect from their customers the correct amounts of red point stamps from war ration book No. 2, according to the state Office of Price Administration.

Last week, while retail sales of butter were frozen, farmers were permitted by the OPA to sell butter without collecting point stamps. This authorization ended midnight Sunday.

Under the meat-fats rationing program a farmer who sells meat, butter or other home produced items covered by the program should keep a record of all such products sold. At the end of each month he will be required to go to his local war price and rationing board and report the number of pounds he has sold. He must turn over to the board the red point stamps he has collected during the month. He must comply with this regulation, the OPA said, whether he sells to individuals or to stores.

At the same time, the OPA requested that farmers who produce more meat, butter and the like than their families can consume refrain from spending their own red point stamps in war ration book No. 2. While farmers may spend them if they wish, the OPA emphasized, they will make a valuable contribution to the rationing program by saving their point stamps in such cases and making more rationed foods available to persons who do not have facilities for producing foods at home.

H. J. Baber Called For Army Service

Horace J. Baber has been notified by his draft board at Murfreesboro, Tenn., to report for army induction on April 7 at Fort Jackson, Columbia.

Mr. Baber, who is assistant manager of the J. C. Penney company store, came to Clinton a little over a year ago from another Penney store.

37,886 Register In Laurens County

In the recent registration for war ration book No. 2, 37,886 persons registered in Laurens county, the state Office of Price Administration has announced.

Dedication Service At Calvary Baptist

Hughes to Preach Farewell Sermon. Service Men Roster to Be Unveiled.

Calvary Baptist church has announced a special dedication service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in connection with the farewell sermon to be preached by the pastor, Rev. Ralph D. Hughes. Mr. Hughes recently resigned the pastorate and will leave next week for Macon, Ga., to become pastor of East Side Baptist church.

S. G. Mayfield, president of the Men's Bible class, will present a service board to the church which was purchased recently by the class with others contributing, honoring the boys in the service who are members of the church and Sunday school.

There will be reserved seats for mothers, fathers, wives and sweethearts of the men in service. Officers of the church have especially invited these to be present.

The program follows: "The Star Spangled Banner," the congregation.

Invocation, J. P. Oakley.
Song, "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Presentation of service board, S. G. Mayfield.

Song, "America."
Sermon, Rev. R. D. Hughes, pastor.
Song, "God Bless America."
Talk, J. C. Lowe.

Song, "God Be With You-Till We Meet Again."

The names to be placed on the board follow:

Members of the church: Lee Anderson, Jack Anderson, Darrell Bigbee, Edward Bigbee, J. B. Barbary, Joe Sam Caughman, Harvey Foster, Lamar Ficklin, Charles Galloway, George Hill, Tommie Galloway, A. J. Harvey, Charles Hughes, Valdee Hodge, Rufus King, Oscar Kinard, Willie Lawson, C. E. Leppard, Frank Maddox, James Meadows, Oliver Quinn, Arthur Sanders, Leonal Sanders, Vernon Trammell, Hughston Trammell, Oliver Williamson, Luther Maddox, Milton Milam, Jr., Jack Padgett, Ralph Riddle, Broadus Starnes, Charles Trammell, Henry Trammell, Carter Wright.

Members of Sunday school:

Alvin Trammell, James Arnold, Ansel Smith, Rufus Sullivan, Thomas Wooten, D. V. Wright, Jr., Waters King, O. R. Hughes, Howard Jackson, Royal Foster, Marshall King, Thurmon Leppard, Marvin Holtzclaw.

The names of other young men who have left recently for the service will be added later, officers stated yesterday.

John W. Copeland Now Lieutenant Colonel

Friends and relatives here of Major John Wallace Copeland will be interested to learn that he has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Colonel Copeland is stationed at Stuttgart army air field, Stuttgart, Ark., where he is post quartermaster and also budget and fiscal officer.

Col. Copeland is a graduate of the ROTC at Presbyterian college, from which he was commissioned into the infantry reserves. Later he was transferred to a tank regiment and in 1938 went into the quartermaster corps. He has also served as a sub-depot quartermaster with the CCC. He was ordered to extended duty with the air corps in March, 1941, and was first stationed at Turner Field, Ga., where he was promoted to rank of major.

Col. Copeland is the son of Mrs. Dave W. Copeland of this city, and the late Mr. Copeland.

Laurens Merchants To Observe Holidays

According to an announcement in The Laurens Advertiser last week by the Merchants association of that city, an agreement has been signed by merchants and business firms to close each Wednesday afternoon beginning April 1 and continuing to September 1.

NEW DRAFT RULING PROHIBITS GIVING LIST OF SELECTEES

The Chronicle was advised yesterday by the local draft board of a new ruling by state headquarters advising that names of registrants selected for possible army induction will not be available for publication, or to anyone, but only those actually inducted for military service will be announced.

Newspapers hereafter will announce those men accepted for the various branches of service after they have been inducted, and not those issued calls for examinations and induction. The lists will be furnished the local boards and will require about ten days, after which they will be released.

Because of the new ruling the list of 89 white men to be sent to Fort Jackson on next Wednesday, April 7, is not published today. It was stated by draft officials yesterday that one-third of the group will be married men and the balance single men who have reached their 18th birthdays during the past few months.

It was further stated by officials that the April call will take all single men available and that the May quota, which has not yet been announced, will consist of married men.

The same regulations will apply to 19 Negro selectees to be called on April 26th.

200 ADDITIONAL AIR CORPS CADETS ARRIVE AT COLLEGE

Two hundred additional U. S. army air corps cadet candidates arrived at Presbyterian college Monday to join their fellows in the 39th AAF college training detachment located on the campus. This brings the total of air cadets at the college to 400.

This week the new group, adding their voices to those already making the campus merry with their songs as they march from drill field to classroom to laboratory, began the serious business of preparing themselves mentally and physically to take their places with their older fighting brothers in the world's greatest combat fraternity—the U. S. army air corps.

They stepped into an intensive academic program taught by the college teaching staff under the direction of Dr. Marshall W. Brown, dean, and an equally intensive military and physical program taught by the U. S. army officers under the orders of Captain Carl Turner, commanding officer.

The new group is being housed in Smyth dormitory and in the college gymnasium, and are receiving their meals in the college dining hall.

In addition to the air corps training program, the college is continuing its regular college curriculum with a complete absence of friction and disunity. Dean Brown stated yesterday, although the total number of students it is now serving is over 650 compared with its regular enrollment of 350.

Mrs. K. S. Stilwell Passes At Hospital

Mrs. Essie Wheeler Stilwell, wife of Kemper S. Stilwell, died at Hays hospital early Sunday morning following a short illness.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock from Silverstreet Lutheran church with the pastor, Rev. P. D. Risinger in charge. Interment followed in the church cemetery with a large gathering of friends attending the last rites.

Mrs. Stilwell was a native of Newberry county, a daughter of the late N. B. and Frances Pauline Feagle Wheeler. She was loved and admired for her many fine qualities and the announcement of her death brings genuine regret to all who knew her.

Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell had moved to Clinton only a few days before the latter's death. They were lifelong residents of Silverstreet until recently when they moved to the Cross Anchor section.

Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by two sons, Harold K. Stilwell of Pearl Harbor, and J. V. Stilwell of Newberry; two daughters, Miss Gladys Stilwell of Spartanburg, and Mrs. Evelyn Miller of Columbia; one brother, Ernest A. Wheeler of Little Mountain; two sisters, Mrs. Corrie Fulmer of Columbia, and Mrs. Ellen Epting of Little Mountain; and nine grandchildren.

One of the deceased daughters, Miss Gladys Stilwell, was formerly a member of the local high school faculty and has a wide circle of friends in the city who will unite in extending their sympathy. She is a member of the Spartanburg high school faculty.

Mrs. Francis Glenn of Abbeville, and Mrs. Paul Godfrey of Columbia, were week-end guests of Mrs. Ansel B. Godfrey and Mrs. George R. Black.

FOOD SITUATION SERIOUS, EXTENSION OFFICIAL STATES

Three Production Steps Outlined By Dr. Watkins As Needed in '43.

The food production situation is so serious as to suggest three steps that might be taken in 1943, Dr. D. W. Watkins, director of the Clemson extension service, said yesterday.

1. As many gardens as possible for family use might well be cultivated by town people on vacant lots or in backyards where there is enough knowledge and experience and where soil conditions are suitable. This would help supplement the scarcity of canned goods and to release some of these goods for other necessary war uses.

2. School officials would do well to consider readjusting school months so that the peak load of farm labor could better be taken care of during this year. The labor situation is serious, and the necessity for production is imperative. Shifting the time of operations of schools so that they will not be in sessions during the peak labor season in each county is one of the most practical ways of helping this situation.

3. A considerable amount of cottonseed meal is in the hands of farm people through their having swapped seed for meal. Clemson college has long pointed out the possibility of feeding cottonseed meal to cattle and still recovering 60 to 75 per cent of the fertilizing value in the manure from cattle. The best possible war use of such meal would be found, in many cases, in feeding it to dairy or beef cattle in order to produce food-stuffs in the form of milk or beef and applying the manure from the cattle to the crops. Wherever this is a practical procedure, it may well be considered by farmers who are thinking of advancing the war program to the utmost.

ON THE WAR FRONTS

British Eighth army on rear guard of Axis forces chases Rommel more than 20 miles up the Tunisian east coast, taking Gabes and El Hamma enroute, as three U. S. divisions threaten from central mountain positions. U. S. forces in Gafsa area only 40 miles from juncture with British Eighth. Aerial assault further impedes Axis retreat. Algiers radio says British navy lands at Sfax.

Military restriction of Britain's south and east coastline and inland to a 10-mile depth, effective April 1, suggests Allied invasion of Europe, with this sector as main Allied base.

Mud holds command on Russian front. Soviet troops capture three more villages south of Bely as they move in closer to Smolensk. Hold against German attempts to cross Donets in Kharkov area still firm.

U. S. planes fire Japanese destroyer in Solomons, burn five to seven seaplanes at Faisi in Shortland islands, bomb Tavoy dock area in Burma. RAF pounds Japanese villages in Mayu peninsula.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

THE CHRONICLE today announces an increase in its subscription rate from \$1.50 to \$2.00 a year, effective May 1.

Several months ago the daily and a large number of weekly papers of the state announced an increase in their subscription price. No such increase up to now has been made by THE CHRONICLE, but we now find it imperative that such action be taken. The increase is due to the increasing cost of producing the paper, an increase just authorized by OPA in the price of newsprint, increasing taxes and overhead. Added to this is a large reduction in national advertising as a result of the war. The small adjustment must be made if we are to continue to perform our usual service and give our readers the type of paper they are now receiving.

The increase of 50c a year amounts to less than one cent a week. For less than four cents a week the paper will be published and mailed to our subscribers.

The new rate applies to all subscribers except the men from our community in the armed forces. This special concession is made to them which means there will be no increase in the price of their subscriptions.

Renewals at the present rate may be made up to May 1. An announcement of the change, to which we direct our subscribers' attention, will be found on page seven.

CADET PITTS TRANSFERRED

Friends of Aviation Cadet W. R. Pitts, Jr., will be interested to know he has been transferred from Wayne, Pa., to Yale university, New Haven, Conn., for a month's training.