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MANY SENTENCED IN MAY TERM OF FEDERAL COURT NOW UNDER WAY; JUDGE HAYES PRESIDING

Now In England



Corporal Edward M. Bumgarner, who is serving in a gasoline supply co., is now in England, according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bumgarner, of Halls Mills. He writes that he likes England fine and it is a beautiful country. He entered the army May 18, 1942.

High School Band Concert On Friday Night at School

North Wilkesboro high school band concert will be on Friday night, eight o'clock, in the North Wilkesboro high school auditorium.

Miss Betty Story, director of the band, has announced the following program for the concert.

Star Spangled Banner.

El Captain, Sousa.

Trumpet Solo—"The Rosary", Nevin, Tommy Whicker.

Old Gray Mare, Arr. Yoder.

The Band Played On, Ward-Hummel.

Tuba Solo—"Rocked In The Cradle of the Deep", Dick Underwood.

Brass Quartet—"Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes", Tommy Whicker. T. C. Plexico, Carl Swofford, Tal Barnes.

Begin the Beguine, Porter.

Trombone Solo—Melody from "Concerts in B Minor", Tschalowsky, Tal Barnes.

Manhattan Beach, Sousa.

Flute Solo—"Song of India", Mary Elmore Finley.

Trombone Solo—"Stormy Weather", B. J. Robinson.

The Thunderer, Sousa.

Mellophone Solo—"Walter's Prize Song", Bill Gabriel.

When the Lights Go On Again.

Members of the band this year are as follows:

T. C. Plexico, Tommy Whicker, Carl Swofford, Gene McNeill, Bobby Eller, Bobby Wells, Hugh Gale, Bill Gabriel, Dick Underwood, Tal Barnes, B. J. Robinson, Mary Elmore Finley, Jane Carter, Lewis Mann Nelson, Gordon Finley, Dan Reins, Billy Bason, Jane Crisp, Margaret Anne Hutchens, Blair Coffey, Eddie Shook, Mary Edna Bouknight, Hugh Craven, Genio Koonce, Phil Mitchell, Charles Tevepaugh, Chip Caudill.

The high school commencement program will continue on Sunday night with the baccalaureate sermon in a union service at the First Baptist church. Rev. Eugene Eller, pastor of Crawford Avenue Baptist church in Augusta, Ga., will deliver the message.

Graduation exercises will be on Thursday night, May 25, eight o'clock, in the school auditorium.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Devine, of Wilkesboro, a daughter on Friday at the Wilkes hospital.

RATION NEWS

SHOES — Airplane stamps No. 1 and No. 2 (Book 3) valid indefinitely.

GASOLINE—Coupons No. 10 in A book good for three gallons became effective May 9 and will expire August 8.

SUGAR—Sugar stamps No. 30 and No. 31 (book 4) good for five pounds indefinitely.

CANNING SUGAR—Sugar stamp No. 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar until February 28, 1945.

FOOD—Book 4 stamps good for 10 points each for which tokens are used as change. Meats and fats: A3 thru Q9 red. Meats and fats: A3 thru T3 red. Meats.

In South Pacific



Clarence James Hendren, aviation radioman third class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Hendren, has notified his parents of his arrival overseas somewhere in the Pacific. He joined the navy on July 17, 1942, and was trained at Norfolk, Va., Jacksonville and Panama River, Florida.

CORPORAL WHO SAVED WILKES MAN IS CITED

Headquarters, 14th U. S. Army Corps, Bougainville May 13.—Maj. Gen Oscar W. Griswold, commander of allied forces on Bougainville, has presented the Silver Star to Cpl. Thomas L. Howard, of South Bend, Ind., for gallantry in saving the life of a fellow tank crewman during a battle along the Torokina river last January 30.

The commander of the tank and one crewman were killed when a Japanese gun set the vehicle afire. Howard crawled through the turret and into a shell-hole despite a shoulder wound, but spotted the tank's gunner—Pvt. Albert L. Pardue, of Roanoke, Va.—lying wounded 100 feet away. In the face of Japanese machine gun fire, Howard crawled to Pardue and dragged the latter to safety.

Softball League Will Begin Play Tuesday, May 30

Churches softball league will begin play on Tuesday, May 30. At a meeting of the executive board held Tuesday decision was made by the First Baptist, First Methodist and Presbyterian churches in North Wilkesboro to enter teams in the league. There is a possibility that other teams may enter before the schedule is made out.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF FOREST FURNITURE COMPANY, THIS CITY

By J. R. FINLEY

(Editor's note: This article is being reprinted from "The Pulse of the Plant", a monthly publication now being published and distributed by officials and employees of Forest Furniture Company.)

In the late 17th and 18th centuries, the section of northwest North Carolina, eastern Tennessee and southern Virginia was settled largely with Scotch-Irish immigrants from western Pennsylvania and the valley of Virginia. These settlers were stock raisers and settled along the water courses and tributaries. The Yadkin Valley was settled up with this class of citizens, who as they made money built nice homes on the higher lands with the best timber grown along on their boundaries, consisting of oak, walnut, wild cherry, chestnut. These homes were furnished by local cabinet makers. In the best timber grown on their land and was handmade with the designs and craftsmanship of such outstanding furniture as Chipendale, Louis XIV and early American furniture. The farmers were stock raisers and with the few slaves they had raised corn, wheat and tobacco, the corn being fed to the stock in wintertime and the stock was driven in the summer to the higher land, which lay north and was covered with blue grass, and brought back to the bottom land in the fall. They had the best blooded stock in the coun-

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try and were comfortable livers. This boundary north adjoining the Yadkin was known as the Blue Ridge, which is the highest part of the Appalachian range, and in fact the highest mountains of any section east of the Rocky Mountains, many knobs and points running in the neighborhood of 6,000 feet, which has a temperature similar to that of the mountains (See Forest—Page Twelve)

Gains Made In Fierce Battle

ENEMY SAYS INVADERS ARE HELD READY

Enemy-controlled broadcasts said last night that Anglo-American invasion troops had been massed at their embarkation points for the past eight days and that "all evidence points to the fact that the invasion of Western Europe will be launched sooner than some people expected".

The Paris radio commentator, Jean Paqui, said that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied invasion chief, had concentrated 50 divisions—up to 750,000 men—and 80,000 paratroopers in Southern England for the Allied assault.

"A whole armada of transport vessels, merchantmen, fishing boats, invasion barges, motor torpedo boats and destroyers has been concentrated in the harbors of Southern England and especially in the Bristol area, although the whereabouts of the Allied High Sea Fleet has so far not been discovered", Paqui said, in a broadcast heard by the London Daily Telegraph.

Minister Passes

Three Tried Here Fishing In County Without License

Game Protector Robert S. Johnson Hails Three Before Magistrate's Court



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Wilkes Man Rose To Prominence As Minister In Ohio City Church

(Springfield, Ohio, Sun, May 11) The Rev. Famon L. Blevins, 50, of 308 S. Belmont ave., first and only pastor of the Second Church of God, 2021 Hillside ave., died in his home at 3:40 p. m. Wednesday following several months of ill health.

The Rev. Blevins, who was born at New Life, N. C., May 16, 1893, the son of the Rev. Andrew and Rhoda Blevins, had resided in Springfield for the last 26 years. Shortly after he married Dallis V. Adams, on Nov. 5, 1910, the couple moved to Konnarock, Va., and in 1918 they moved to this city. At that time he was employed by the Superior Gas Engine Co.

In 1920, he became assistant pastor to the Rev. C. E. Byers of the First Church of God on Maiden Lane and in 1921, he was ordained to the ministry. He became the pastor of the Second Church of God, which at that time was a small frame building located on Belleaire ave. The church had a membership then of 75 persons.

Through the cooperation of the congregation and the Rev. Blevins' efforts the present site of the church was purchased and a small brick building was erected in 1923 with a seating capacity of 250. Due to the increased membership a balcony was added in 1927 and later still in 1933, a portable building was purchased and placed on the church lot. This (See Blevins—Page Six)

Enjoy Fresh Peas From 'V' Garden

Prof. and Mrs. T. R. Story, of Wilkesboro, enjoyed new English peas from their Victory Garden Sunday. This is the earliest report of new peas being gathered from this season's gardens. If anyone can beat Prof. Story's record, let's hear from you.

NAZIS PUT UP STIFF BATTLE IN VALLEY

British and Indian troops have smashed through the German stronghold of Pignataro at the mouth of the historic Liri Valley four miles southwest of Cassino and last night were moving across the valley against furious enemy resistance in an effort to sever Cassino's road and rail communications with Rome.

From the battlefield, strewn with abandoned German equipment, Lynn Heinzerling of the Associated Press reported that the crack Nazi parachute troops who for months defied all Allied efforts to storm Cassino frontally "faced the possible danger of winding up their careers in the dusty environs of that forsaken town".

Southward from the Liri Valley along a twisting 15-mile front to the Gulf of Gaeta, American and French native troops drove a disorganized enemy from the last defense of the shattered Gustav line and fought through the outposts of the powerful Adolf Hitler line, the enemy's last known fixed belt of fortifications before Rome.

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Three men were recently tried before Magistrate R. T. Pardue in North Wilkesboro.

Charlie Marlow, of Joynes, was taxed with cost after entering a plea of guilty to fishing without license.

Ottis Grier and Bill Wineberry, of Todd, were fined ten dollars each and taxed with costs. They were also given suspended sentences.

Fifty Graduates Receive Diplomas Wilkesboro High

Commencement Finals Held Tuesday Morning; Rev. J. S. Hiatt is The Speaker

Fifty high school seniors graduated from Wilkesboro high school in the final commencement program on Tuesday morning.

Rev. J. S. Hiatt, of Statesville, district superintendent of the Methodist church, delivered an inspiring address in the commencement finals. The speaker was presented by R. R. Church, of Wilkesboro, a member of the county board of education.

Legion and Auxiliary citizenship awards to outstanding students were presented to Britt Steelman and Elizabeth Pharr, members of the junior class, by Dr. M. G. Edwards and Mrs. Edwards, representing the Wilkes post and the American Legion Auxiliary. Mary Dula was valedictorian of the senior class.

Following are listed the 32 girls and 18 boys who were presented high school diplomas by C. B. Eller, county superintendent, and Wm. T. Long, Wilkesboro district principal: Dorothy Dean Adams, Elsie Mae Allen, Melicent Sue Barlowe, Ruby Virginia Blevins, Joyce Ora Brooks, Mrs. Siddle Jane (Walsh) Brookshire, Mildred Bumgarner, Betty Jane Caudill, Mary Elizabeth Dula, Leola Virginia Edmiston, Epsie Lou Glass, Stella Mae Glass, Lola Enie Henderson, Kathryn Louise Hendren, Frances Amanda Howell, Willa Jean James, Essie Marylou Jarvis, Bette Jean Linney, Mary Emma Mathis, Ona Faye Mathis, Virginia Frances McDuffis, Mildred McHone, Frances Virginia Miller, (See Graduates—Page Seven)

Alexander Agent



Howard O. Colvard, assistant county agent in Wilkes county for the past three years, has accepted the position as county agent for Alexander county and assumed his duties May 15. Mr. Colvard, whose home now is in Wilkesboro, is a son of the late C. H. Colvard, and Mrs. Colvard, of Reddies River. He is a graduate of State College and was vocational agricultural teacher before becoming assistant county agent, in which position he made an excellent record.

Service to Honor Men In Service Is Planned at Church

A special service to honor men in service will be held Sunday night at Hinshaw Street Baptist church.

Rev. J. C. Gwaltney, who is assisting the pastor, Rev. W. S. Luck, in the revival now in progress at Hinshaw Street Baptist church, will deliver a brief message, and will read testimonials from men in service in all parts of the world. These messages, Rev. Mr. Gwaltney said, are thrilling and inspiring.

"Waiting For The Boys To Come Home" and many other popular hymns will be sung by the choir and a quartet from Kannapolis. Parents who have sons in service and wives whose husbands are in service will also be honored at the service.

Marriage License

Marriage license business in Wilkes county has picked up during the past few days. Since May 5 license have been issued by Register of Deeds C. C. Sidden to the following: Grady Adams and Pauline Colbert, both of Ronda; Junior McBride, Elkin, and Irene Clubb, Jonesville; John Smith and Helen Lyon, both of Elkin; John Nichols and Rena Gryder, both of North Wilkesboro; Ivory Spicer and Emmie Upchurch, both of Benham; Ernest Walker and Lillian Kilby, Wilkesboro route one; Robert Morgan, West Jefferson, and Joyce Kilby, North Wilkesboro.

At Morehead City



Frank Caudill, seaman first class, has returned to Morehead City, where he is stationed, after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roll Caudill, of Millers Creek. He was accompanied on his visit home by his wife, the former Miss Olene Foreman, of Morehead City. Frank entered the navy in October, 1942.

RED BOMBERS HIT GERMAN MINSK BASE

Russian bombers, in their sixth successive night raid on enemy bases, attacked the White Russian capital of Minsk and two rail junctions in Eastern Poland Tuesday night, while yesterday Red Army ground forces scored limited gains in Southeastern Poland and along the Lower Dnieper River of Bessarabia, Moscow announced today.

Striking along a 225-mile aerial front, the Russians lost only three operations in 29 nights. At one bombers in their 21st major target, the rail junction of Cheim in Eastern Poland, fires visible more than 62 miles were set among German railroad cars and military stores. The third target was the rail junction of Baranowice, 78 miles southwest of Minsk and 177 miles northeast of Cheim.

The daily Moscow operational bulletin which announced the air attacks said that for the 28th day there were no important changes on the major eastern war fronts. It reported that in Tuesday's minor actions the Russians wrecked nine enemy tanks and shot down 29 planes.

Rev. T. Sloan Guy Will Serve First Baptist 3 Months

Former Pastor Wilkesboro Baptist, Now Seminary Student, Coming Here

Rev. T. Sloan Guy, Jr., a former pastor of the Wilkesboro Baptist church and now a seminary student, will serve the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro as supply pastor through June, July and August, it was learned here today.

Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., present pastor, has resigned to accept the call to the First Baptist church of Norfolk, Va., where he will begin his duties on June 1.

The Reverend Mr. Guy will fill the pulpit here the first Sunday in June.

Since leaving Wilkesboro Baptist church he has been studying at the Southern Baptist seminary at Louisville, Ky., and on September 1 plans to enter Yale University.

Group Wilkes Men Enter Into Service

Wilkes Selective Service board number 1 last week sent the following men to the induction center to begin service:

- NAVY: Daniel Powell Beshears, Martin Alonzo Beshears, Jr.
- ARMY: Herman Gordon Foster, Frank Austin Hartley, Nathan H. Steelman, Charlie Jarvis Walsh, Phillip Earl Newman, Malcolm Leonard Wyatt, Andrew Richard Dula, Clyde Junior Edmisten, Arthur Harold Jones, Fred Haynes, Fred Banner Dyer, L. P. Johnson, Shelmer Doyle Blackburn, John Victor Russell, Vance William Walsh, Joseph Carl Combs, Bud West, Wayne Barber Triplett, Ralph Lincoln Miller, Aubrey Clinton Simmons.

Plan Bible School At Gordon Church

Miss Lucy Thompson, missionary in the Brushy Mountain Baptist association, will conduct a Bible school next week at Gordon Baptist church one mile west of this city.

A. B. Johnston Is Out Again

Friends are glad to see A. B. (Dick) Johnston, prominent local manufacturer, out again after an illness which has kept him confined to his home for a long period of time. Dick is now much improved, and it is hoped that he will rapidly gain his former health.