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**OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS**

# Christmas Greetings

**Cecil Grayson At Great Lakes**  
Cecil R. Grayson, 17, son of Mrs. Estelle G. Nichols, North Wilkesboro, is receiving his initial Naval indoctrination at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

**Roy Blevins At Bainbridge**  
Roy Blevins, who recently entered the navy, is now in training at Bainbridge, Md. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blevins, of North Wilkesboro route three.

**Ralph Wooten Returns Home From Overseas**  
Ralph Wooten, seaman first class, returned to Camp Peary, Va., Saturday after spending a week at his home at Millers Creek.

**S.Sgt. Homer Wellborn Home From Overseas**  
Staff Sergeant Homer Wellborn arrived home Monday after three years service in Australia, New Guinea and other stations in the South Pacific. S.Sgt. Wellborn is son of Mr. Guy Wellborn, of Wilkesboro route two.

**Eddie C. Morrison Visits Parents**  
Eddie C. Morrison, radarman third class, of Little Creek, Va., spent the week-end at Roaring River with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Morrison.

**Pfc. Haigwood Transferred**  
Pfc. Paul B. Haigwood, who has been in marine corps officer candidate school at New River, N. C., has been transferred to the marine base at Quantico, Va., to complete his training. Pfc. Haigwood is a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Haigwood, of this city.

**Pvt. Church With 338th Infantry In Italy**  
Pvt. Calvin C. Church, of Purlear, is fighting in Italy with the 338th Infantry Regiment which has been credited with killing and wounding many hundreds of Germans and taking nearly 700 prisoners in four weeks of cold, bitter fighting in the Gothic Line. They are called the "old timers", these men and officers of the 338th, part of the 85th "Custer" Division in Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army.

**Pvt. Derrick At Fort Knox**  
Pvt. E. L. Derrick, who recently entered the army, has been placed in Company D, second battalion, ARTC, Fort Knox, Ky., for training. Prior to entering service Pvt. Derrick held a position with the J. C. Penney company store here.

**Billy Carlton Promoted**  
Billy Carlton, who is serving in the navy on the Pacific, was recently promoted to the rank of fireman second class. Before entering the navy Billy made his home with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Meadows at Pores Knob.

**Card Received From Captain Bumgarner**  
Rev. and Mrs. J. L. A. Bumgarner, of Millers Creek, yesterday received the following card from their son, Capt. John R. Bumgarner, in a prisoner of war camp in Japan:

"Dear Mother:  
"I hope you have received all my recent messages. I am still in excellent health and spirits. I hope to see all of you ere long. When I come home I intend to take you and dad on the trip that you planned for so long. Give my love to the brothers and sisters and families. I suppose Rosemary is still teaching at Clyde.  
"Love,  
"JOHN"

**Fred Inscore Home**  
Fred Inscore, aviation machinist mate third class, of Jacksonville, Fla., is spending several days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Inscore, of North Wilkesboro route three. Fred will return to his base December 26th.

**Sgt. Taylor Promoted**  
Sgt. Raymond A. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Taylor, of Roaring River, has been promoted to his present rank at Cherry Point. He has been in service with the Marine Air Corps for over a year and is a member of an aviation engineering squadron. Mrs. Taylor makes her home in North Wilkesboro.

**Buy More Bonds!**

## Seriously Wounded



Cpl. Robert C. Wood, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wood, of Fairplains, was seriously wounded in Germany on November 20. He is in a hospital somewhere in England. He writes that he is getting along fine. He received the purple heart. His wife, the former Miss Pauline Weaver, of Hays, is employed by the carbon plant in Winston-Salem. Cpl. Wood entered service in November, 1942, trained at Camp Gordon, Ga., and Fort Benning, Ga. He sailed for overseas duty in September.

## 14 DIVISIONS SENT AGAINST FIRST ARMY

The gigantic German counter-offensive is "the big thing" and is increasing steadily in fury. Supreme Headquarters said last night in lifting the black-out of news relating to the savage fighting on the U. S. First Army front. Fourteen to fifteen German divisions—of which five or six are panzer (armored) divisions—are swarming into the breach of the First Army's lines in Belgium and Luxembourg. It was disclosed. Yesterday fresh infantry waves were fighting behind the armored units which first smashed through the American positions last Sunday and headquarters said the German advances had made considerable progress with more to be expected. Plans are being made to stem the onslaught, it was stated, but the feeling at this headquarters was that the situation would not be restored this week—or even next week.

## Baltimore Shipyard Seeks Workers Here

Essential war jobs with Bethlehem-Sparrows Point Shipyard at Baltimore will be offered all available applicants at the U. S. Employment Service from December 26 through December 30 by a company representative. Transportation from North Wilkesboro to Sparrows Point, Md., will be paid by the company at no cost to the applicant. Rooms and board are available at \$12.00 to \$15.00 per week. This company needs sheet metal workers, shipfitters, welders, arc and trainees. Applicants 18-20 years of age must have birth certificates.

## REDS DRIVE SEVEN MILES IN CZECHOSLOVAK

Soviet motorized infantry smashed forward seven miles in Czechoslovakia yesterday to within 17 miles of the big communications center of Losonc (Lucence) while Berlin said that Russian tank forces northwest of Budapest had launched strong assaults to break through into the Bratislava Plain leading to Vienna.

Fifteen miles northwest of the Hungarian capital, the DNB agency reported that Soviet armored spearheads had advanced five miles along the north bank of the Danube River to reach Nagymaros, a possible springboard for Soviet troops to cross the Danube and close the 35 mile escape gap still open for enemy troops in besieged Budapest.

Since the Three Wise Men followed the Star of Bethlehem to where the infant Jesus was cradled, truth-loving people have traveled far and sought throughout their lives to end the sources of evil in mankind, which bring about such catastrophes as the present war. Let us hope that it is the last such war—and that His spirit will fill all hearts with the light of love and peace.

## \$38,764 IN 'E' BONDS TO GO

### Report On Sales Bonds By Stores And In Districts

North Wilkesboro Residential Section	Sale
Mrs. A. G. Finley	\$22,174.75
Mrs. Ed Gardner	10,743.50
Neural Dis.	Quota
Boomer	\$ 4,000 \$ 300.00
Cycle	5,000 1,537.50
Ferguson	5,000 2,456.25
Gilreath	2,500 2,275.00
Hendrix	2,000 580.50
Lincoln Hts.	500 356.25
Maple Springs	2,000 2,493.75
Millers Creek	10,000 3,562.50
Moravian Falls & Pores Knob.	7,000 8,800.00
Mt. Pleasant	8,000 3,448.50
Mtn. View	6,000 5,137.50
Mulberry and Fairplains	5,000 7,281.25
Roaring River	8,000 4,256.25
Ronda and Clingman	20,000 28,606.25
Summit and Parsonville	2,000 2,437.50
Traphill	3,000.00 3,787.50
Wilkesboro	50,000 12,431.25
North Wilkesboro Retail Stores	
Woman's Aux. of N. C. Pharmaceutical Assn.	\$2,400.00
R. M. Brame and Sons	450.00
Hotel Wilkes	1,050.00
Newton's Dept. Store	375.00
N. Wilkesboro Drug Co.	1,480.00
Southern Bargain Store	37.50
Spainhour-Snyder	4,275.00
Tomlinson's Dept. Store	487.50
Yadkin Valley Motor Co.	487.50
Allen Theatre	150.00
City Barber Shop	206.25
Reins-Sturdivant	900.00
Ralph Duncan	225.00
Rhodes-Day	187.50
Belk's	1,950.00
Bare's Fair Store	556.25
Liberty Theatre	350.00
Red Cross Pharmacy	1,153.75
Harris Dept. Store	281.25
N. Wilkesboro Gro. Co.	393.75

### At Camp Wheeler



Pvt. Edgar H. Sidden, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sidden, of Joyces, entered the army on August 16 and is now receiving basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He is a brother of Pvt. Edwin Sidden, who was recently wounded in France.

## Scrap Paper Will Be Gathered On Friday, Dec. 29

### Residents of North Wilkesboro Urged to Keep Paper For Collection

Scrap paper will be collected throughout the residential sections of North Wilkesboro on Friday, December 29th. It has been several weeks since a canvass was made and it is expected that a large amount of paper will be ready for the collector.

All residents of the city are urged to prepare their scrap paper and cardboard by tying it in bundles and placing it on their porches on Friday, December 29. The need for paper as a war material is increasing daily and full cooperation from the public is most earnestly urged.

### Install Officers At Mt. Pleasant Lodge

Officers of Mount Pleasant Masonic Lodge were installed in a public meeting held Saturday night with a large crowd attending.

The lodge for the coming year will be headed by Dr. J. W. Davis, of Statesville. The other officers installed were as follows: O. M. Proffit, senior warden; Lennis Triplett, junior warden; Com Ellledge, treasurer; W. E. Blackburn, secretary; Howard Walker, senior deacon; W. G. Walsh, junior deacon; Albert McGee, senior steward; Vernon Foster, junior steward; T. B. Ellledge, tyler.

Lodge officers report that good response has been given the appeal for funds with which to build a Masonic hall after the war.

## County Offices Will Be Closed Through 26th

Offices in the county courthouse will be closed on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday for the Christmas holiday season.

The offices will close at the regular time on Friday afternoon and not re-open until Wednesday morning, December 27. All who have county business to attend to are asked to keep in mind the holiday closing in order that no inconvenience may result.

**BUY MORE WAR BONDS**

## Few More Days Remain To Make War Loan Quota

### Late Shoppers Urged To Use War Bonds As Christmas Gifts This Season

With the total in "E" bonds sales in Wilkes \$159,236 to date, Wilkes has \$38,764 to go in the Sixth War Loan to reach the "E" bond quota of \$198,000.

Substantial gains have been made in "E" bond sales during the pre-holiday season, but it is evident that the pace must be maintained or increased if Wilkes is to keep its splendid record of meeting every quota assigned.

Those who have a complacent attitude and a belief that the war is about over and the need to buy over, have only to read the newspapers and listen to the radio to learn how badly wrong is their attitude. American troops in Europe, driven back substantial distances into Belgium and Luxembourg, are meeting the supreme test of the war.

Meanwhile, extensive and expensive operations are continuing in the Pacific, and the need for backing the attacks with money is greater than ever before. The war situation is so grave that any feeling of complacency on the part of the American public should vanish and every person should have a renewed urge to support every phase of the war effort with renewed enthusiasm.

Only a few more days remain in the Sixth War Loan, and it is a challenge to the people of Wilkes county to meet the "E" bond quota fully. The remaining days of this campaign represents an opportunity for every person with the price of a bond to back up the boys over there.

Those who have not completed their holiday shopping are urged to use War Bonds as gifts, giving a "present with a future", supplying the future funds with which to buy merchandise not now available.

War bonds are the safest and best investment in the world.

### License Bureau To Be Closed Monday

Local branch of the Carolina Motor Club, which sells state and city license plates for automobiles and trucks, will be closed on Monday, December 25, for the Christmas holiday, according to announcement by T. C. Caudill, manager.

### Wilkes Men With The Colors

L. G. Critcher Home  
L. G. Critcher, printer first class, was scheduled to arrive tonight from Camp Peary, Va., to spend the Christmas holidays at his home at Moravian Falls.

### Pfc. McDuffie Recovering From Injuries

Pfc. Raymond McDuffie, son of Attorney and Mrs. F. J. McDuffie, of Wilkesboro, is recovering from serious injury sustained in Italy on September 10th. He has undergone two operations and is now showing improvement. A recent letter stated that he hopes to be able to return to the states in the near future.

Plans are being made for each county agent to place four hybrid corn demonstrations in 1945 for increased corn production.



## Missing In Action



Pvt. Vaughn V. Walsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Walsh, has been reported missing in action in France since November 9. He has been in service for 28 months. He has been overseas for the past eight months. Pvt. Walsh was awarded several medals while on this side, among them the good conduct medal and a certificate as an expert sniper.

## LEYTE BATTLE RAPIDLY NEARS END; JAPS GO

American troops have crushed organized Japanese resistance on Leyte and the enemy's beaten remnants are fleeing from the shattered Yamashita line into guerrilla-infested hills, it was announced today.

"The battle is rapidly drawing to an end", said Gen. Douglas MacArthur, 62 days after his forces invaded the Philippines.

The backbone of Japanese resistance was broken when Maj. Gen. Andrew D. Bruce's veteran 77th Division smashed four miles up the Ormoc corridor to within one mile of a junction with Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge's Fifth (dis-mounted) Cavalry, which hammered out a southward advance of three miles.

Indicating the speed with which Japanese resistance collapsed, MacArthur announced that the twin drives also captured supplies sufficient to have lasted the Japanese six months if they could have held out. Among the captured stores were vast quantities of rice, millions of rounds of small arms ammunition, machine guns, artillery and shells and vehicles.

### A. R. Miller Kills Two Big Porkers

A. R. Miller, a well known merchant and farmer of the Vannoy community and who is noted for production of large porkers in record time, reports that he has butchered two large hogs this season.

The largest tipped the scales at 750 pounds, dressed, and the other was a "small pig" which had a dressed weight of only 625 pounds. The porkers were of the O. I. C. breed and had been fed a diet consisting mainly of corn.

## Three Boys Held For Breaking Into Two Local Stores

### 15 and 16 Year-Old Boys Held For Breaking Into Stores Over Week-End

Juvenile delinquency passed the misdemeanor stage here during the week-end when two local establishments were entered by three youths.

Police Chief J. E. Walker said that R. L. Jennings, Jr., age 16, James Clark Moore, age 15, and Wilton Johnson, age 16, have been arrested and placed under bond for breaking into Wilkes Auto Sales company on Saturday night and G. P. Store on Sunday night. In each instance small quantities of money and cigarettes were stolen.

Bonds have been filed for appearance of the youths at the next term of Wilkes superior court.

## Business Houses In This City Will Be Closed 2 Days

Open Evenings Through Saturday; To Be Closed On Monday and Tuesday

In order to better serve the public, many North Wilkesboro stores will remain open later in the evenings the remainder of this week.

Beginning tonight, many of the stores will remain open until seven o'clock through Friday night and on Saturday night will remain open until eight o'clock.

Although holiday business in local stores has reached a new high record, stocks are surprisingly good and late shoppers will find that they can fill their needs in North Wilkesboro.

### TWO-DAY HOLIDAY—

A majority of the local stores and other business houses plan to be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26, for the Christmas holidays. In addition to the stores, both banks, a number of other business houses and county offices will be closed on Monday and Tuesday.

## The Journal-Patriot Will Not Be Issued Monday, Dec. 25th

In order that members of the staff may have a brief holiday vacation, The Journal-Patriot will not be issued on Monday, December 25.

The next issue after today will be on Thursday, December 28, at which time we shall endeavor to give full coverage of local news for the week.

## Firecrackers Banned On Streets, Sidewalk

Police Chief J. E. Walker has called attention to the fact that a town ordinance makes it unlawful to shoot firecrackers on streets, sidewalks and other public places. Those who celebrate with firecrackers must do so on private property or be liable to arrest.

## Rev. Howard Ford Is Red Cross War Fund Chairman

Rev. Howard J. Ford, who has served the Wilkes County Chapter of the American Red Cross as vice-chairman during the last year, has recently been elected War Fund chairman. Rev. Mr. Ford stated that the Red Cross War Drive would be held in March of 1945. He has received a statement from Mr. Basil O'Connor, chairman of the national Red Cross, which is quoted below:

"American Red Cross operations at home and abroad will reach their wartime peak in 1945" Mr. O'Connor said today in announcing that the minimum goal for the Red Cross War Fund to be raised in March, 1945, had been fixed at \$180,000,000.

The central committee set the goal following careful review of budget estimates for the American Red Cross work in the United States and overseas for the year beginning March 1, 1945. Mr. O'Connor said. He added that Colby M. Chester, chairman of the executive committee of General Foods Corporation, will be chairman of the 1945 campaign.

"Our new budget", Mr. O'Connor said, "represents an appreciable increase in the services we will render in Europe, in the Pacific and at home, but we have been able to keep the total 1945 goal slightly under the one for 1944 because of oversubscription of our earlier campaigns and certain economies in this year's operation."

"After personally inspecting our operations in England and on the continent, and after conferring with Generals Eisenhower, Bradley, Patton and Clark, I foresee an increase rather than a decrease in the need for American Red Cross services on the Continent from now and for some time after the European fighting is over. Likewise, it is obvious the American Red Cross must expand its Pacific and Far Eastern operations during the coming year."

"It is our intention that Red Cross stay with our troops until all of them are returned home and continue to serve them through their adjustment back to civilian life. For this reason we must ask the American public to consider our goal of \$180,000,000 as an absolute minimum."

Mrs. J. L. Clements has returned to the city after being called to Wilson on account of the death of her aunt, Mrs. S. J. Watson.