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GERMANY AND ITALY ENTER WAR AGAINST U.S.

PURCHASE SEALS— Tubercular Hut Board of Control Makes An Appeal

Fluoroscope and X-Ray Is Needed for Wilkes County Tubercular Hospital

Board of control of the Wilkes county tubercular hospital in meeting this week discussed the purchase of fluoroscopic and X-ray equipment for the institution and made an appeal to the public for liberal purchase of Christmas seals this season.

Mrs. Boyd Stout, seal sale chairman for Wilkes, pointed out that local funds derived from sale of seals will be spent mainly in purchase of the needed equipment for treatment and examination of patients at the tubercular hospital.

The board of control, which is composed of representatives of the departments of county government and the civic and professional organizations, also explained that the X-ray equipment may be used in the cripple clinic, which is held each month for examination of crippled and deformed children.

In view of the needs for the tubercular hospital equipment, the board is urging everybody to buy and use seals plentifully this season.

Seals may be mailed to many people and those who have not received seals may purchase them from the schools or direct from Mrs. Stout, of North Wilkesboro, county seal chairman.

FOR HOLDER DEATH— Ward Trial Will Begin Tuesday In Wilkes Court

Several Cases Have Been Tried During Term Which Began Here Monday

Trial of Jesse W. Holder, of Roaring River for the fatal shooting of Ora Jay Holder on Main street here November 22, will begin on Tuesday afternoon, December 16, Solicitor Avalon E. Hall said in Wilkes court today.

Solicitor Hall said the state will ask for the death penalty and a special venire will be summoned for jurors.

Ward has admitted the shooting but claims he shot in self-defense. Holder was hit by three bullets and died early on Sunday morning following the shooting on Saturday night. A quarrel over a garage job settlement led to the shooting.

Judge Hoyle Sink, of Greensboro, is presiding over Wilkes court which opened on Monday morning for a two-week term. Several cases have been tried.

K. D. Naylor was convicted of manslaughter in the death of Florence Rector of Valdese, in Wilkesboro last May. He was the driver of a car which left the street and crashed, killing the girl and seriously injuring another. Evidence was to the effect that he was drinking and was driving very fast at the time of the crash. The jury recommended leniency and Judge Sink sentenced him to from 18 months to three years in prison.

Other cases in which sentences have been passed follow:

Roby Kilby, abandonment, 23 months on roads; Elmer Staney, abandonment, 21 months on the roads; Viola Minton and Fay Minton, two to five years in prison for breaking and entering; Raymond Cleary, operating car while intoxicated and resisting arrest, total of two years and four months; Wiley Houchins, abandonment, 23 months on roads; Charlie W. Bell, assault with deadly weapon, six months; Tom Absher, criminal assault, non-suicidal; Charlie Smith, forgery, one to five years in prison.

SUNDAY, 5 P. M.— Christmas Music At First Baptist

A special program of Christmas music will be presented in the First Baptist church this Sunday afternoon at five o'clock. Two large choirs will cooperate in giving a full program of varied Christmas selections. The adult choir of the First Baptist church (Continued on page four)

MEET ON FRIDAY NIGHT—

Ask Wilkes Red Cross For \$4,000

Is County's Quota In Raising Huge War Relief Fund

Budget Will Be Studied and Officers For The Coming Year Will Be Elected

Attorney J. H. Whicker, chairman of the Wilkes county chapter of the American Red Cross, had received from Red Cross national headquarters a plea for Wilkes to raise \$4,000 as its part of the Red Cross war fund.

The National Red Cross plans a war relief chest of \$50,000,000 to be raised immediately and the help of every American is asked in this task.

Chairman Whicker said the annual meeting of the Wilkes county chapter of the Red Cross will be held on Friday night, December 12, 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of electing officers and study of the local budget for the coming year.

The chairman urged that all members who enlisted in the roll call and who can attend the meeting. The roll call this year was the most successful in the history of the Red Cross in Wilkes county.

MONDAY, TUESDAY— Regional Leader Of Scouting Here

Gilbert Bush Confers With Scouting Leaders In North Wilkesboro

Gilbert Bush, of Atlanta, Ga., special deputy regional executive of Boy Scout Region Six, spent Monday and Tuesday in North Wilkesboro helping to organize the Boy Scout expansion program in Northwestern North Carolina.

He conferred with several Scout leaders and expressed hope that the Scout expansion program may be carried out rapidly, along with organization of Scouting in all northwestern North Carolina according to a plan of districts adopted last week.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Dec. 8.—Honduras declared war on Japan today and the government established martial law throughout the republic.

Bundle Day Sunday Dec. 14

Sponsoring organizations are urging a liberal response in clothing, toys and house furnishings to the Bundle Day appeal here and are asking residents of the Wilkesboros and along the highways to have bundles on their front porches Sunday afternoon, December 14.

Bundles will be collected in North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro, along highway 421 to Millers Creek, highway 18 to Muirberry, highways 16 and 18 to Moravian Falls and along the Oakwoods road.

The bundles collected will be distributed to needy families throughout Wilkes county, and persons not living on any of the routes for bundle collection and who wish to donate something are asked to send it to the city hall Sunday afternoon.

Sponsoring organizations are the Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Dokies, State Guard and Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Boy Scouts will assist in the collection and the bundles will be deposited at the city hall until they are made ready for distribution.

It is especially asked that toys be included in the bundles because there will be a great need for toys in the Christmas Cheer work.

Mexico Sends Armed Forces To West Coast

Mexico City.—All the Mexican troops, airplanes and gunboats "that could be spared" were being moved west last night and there were reliable but unconfirmed reports that General Lazaro Cardenas, former president of the republic, had been named commander of Mexico's entire armed forces along the Pacific, from the American border to Guatemala.

IN THIS WAR— Navy Machinist Pilot May Be 1st Wilkes Casualty

Carl Willard Pierce and His Plane Reported Missing By Navy Authorities

Carl Willard Pierce, a machinist-pilot in the U. S. navy air force, may be Wilkes' first casualty in the present war.

His mother, Mrs. Bertha Pierce who lives near the city on Wilkesboro route one, on Wednesday received a wire from naval headquarters, Norfolk, Va., that Pierce and his plane were missing, having failed to return from a flight, presumably in scout service over the Atlantic.

The telegram gave no details as to time and place of his last flight.

Pierce, age 23, would have completed six years of service in the navy on January 25. He enlisted at the age of 17 and had an excellent record, having advanced rapidly in training. His last visit home was in August of this year and his last letter was sent from Boston several weeks ago.

His father, Ransom M. Pierce, died in November, 1940. The other children are Gwyn, Wayne, Hazella, Juanita, Christine and Betty Pierce.

America's Allies Joining The War

London, Dec. 8.—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands issued a 500-word proclamation to her people tonight saying that "The Kingdom of the Netherlands considers itself at war with Japan."

Fighting 'Raid Bombs' in Gotham



Assisted by regular firemen, air raid patrol workers are shown using rescue ladders in the "air raid" drill staged in Union Square, New York city. Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, national director of civilian defense, watched the boys douse "incendiaries" and rescue victims.

PLEDGE 2,000,000 DOZEN EGGS— Farmers Respond Well To Appeal For Food For Victory; to Exceed Goals

Wilkes county farmers, now substituting "Food For Victory" is a slogan instead of "Food For Defense", will produce such quantities of the needed foods as will make their goals set up by the state authorities appear insignificant.

Executive Here Pledge Increase In The Production of Milk, Other Foods



Gilbert Bush, of Atlanta, special deputy regional executive of Scouting, spent Monday and Tuesday here helping to organize the Scout expansion movement.

Almost 1,500 More Milk Cows Promised By Farmers of Wilkes In 1942

Wilkes was on the honor roll of the first ten counties in the (Continued on page four)

Hitler And Mussolini Declare War; Congress Answers With Declaration of State of War At 12:30 P. M. Today

Miller Butchers 4 Hogs Over 600

A. R. Miller, farmer and merchant of Vannoy, has butchered his hogs, which invariably constitutes a yearly event worthy of mention. Weights of four porkers he recently butchered were 604, 606, 608 and 610 after they were dressed. The hogs were one year old. For the past several years he has butchered four hogs tipping the scales in excess of 600 pounds dressed.

BROOME MANAGER— Work To Begin On Coble Plant Soon; Brown Talks Here

Construction of the proposed Coble Dairy Products plant in Wilkesboro may begin early next week, according to information received here today. J. F. Brown, field representative of the firm who addressed the Lions Club Friday evening, said the plant may be completed by April 1 and that it will have sufficient capacity to process all the milk farmers of Wilkes and adjacent counties can sell.

Field Representative Says A Large Sum Will Be Paid For Milk Yearly

He placed a third of a million dollars as a minimum to be paid out to the farmers for milk during the first year and the volume is expected to reach twice this amount, according to dairy farming authorities who have been contacting farmers.

He told the club that B. B. Broome, formerly of Walkertown has been selected as superintendent of the new plant and that he and his family will move here soon.

The Lions Club program was in charge of W. O. Absher and James M. Anderson, Vernon Deal introduced the speaker.

Attendance at the club meeting set a new record and the program was well received. Four new members were received into the club. They were C. J. Swoford, T. R. Grayson, Paul Haigwood and E. A. Shook.

TO END SATURDAY— Cubbing Training Course Under Way

The Boy Scout Cubbing Training course for parents which was started November 29th will be concluded this coming Saturday, December 13th, in two sessions, 2:30 to 6:00 and 7:30 to 9:30. The course is being held at the Presbyterian Sunday school building by competent Scout leaders from Winston-Salem, W. E. Vaughan-Lloyd, Scout executive; Prof. Henry Grady Owen of Salem College, and Rev. W. S. Turner. This course is being taken by the following 26 adults representing 23 prospective cubs: Judge and Mrs. J. A. Rousseau, Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Forster, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gaddy, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Gibbs, Jr., Mrs. Jeff Craven, Mrs. J. B. Carter, Mrs. R. T. McNeil, Mrs. W. J. Bason, Mrs. Jack Swofford, Mrs. Mary H. Gale, Mrs. Andy Shook, Mrs. Jack Hadley, Mrs. Marvin McNeil, Mrs. J. D. Gettys, Mrs. A. C. Waggoner, Mrs. Ray Hayes, Miss Lula H. Brame, Mr. T. E. Story, Mr. L. M. Nelson, Mr. R. W. Finley, Paul Cragan, Gordon Finley, R. W. Bowles.

The pack of cubs being formed from this group is being jointly sponsored by the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches of North Wilkesboro.

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 8.—The cabinet asked Cuba's congress today to declare war on Japan.

Complete Unity of The United States Clearly Evidenced

Nation Prepares To Wage Successful Conflict Against Member Of Axis Forces

Germany and Italy today declared war on the United States, and our government immediately answered with declaration of a state of war against them.

Mussolini stated Italy's declaration of war in a brief address. Hitler in addressing the Reichstag a few minutes later stated Germany's declaration of war.

His address, typical of his senseless raving, began in a low voice, and ended in his usual shrieks.

The declaration of war by Germany was delivered formally in Washington at the office of Secretary of State Hull, who refused to see the German representative, at 9:15.

Was No Surprise

It was not unexpected because the entry of Germany and Italy formally into war with the United States had been expected momentarily since Japan's assault on the United States Sunday and the following declaration of war by the United States Monday.

Complete Unity Prevails

Both houses of congress listened today to the reading of a strongly worded message from President Roosevelt asking for a declaration of war with Germany and Italy and the senators and representatives immediately passed the resolution as a matter of form and as the constitution provides. There was, of course, no dissenters and there was evidence that all departments of government and the people are solidly united and steadfastly determined to defeat every foe of the United States.

Better News Today

The war news today was more encouraging, following news of initial setbacks which were to be expected following treacherous surprise attacks by Japanese naval and air forces Sunday.

A communique from the Philippines early today said the United States army forces there have the situation well in hand and were engaged in mopping up remnants of Japanese troops who attempted an invasion of the islands.

Jap Battleship Sunk

It was also announced that a 29,000 ton battleship of the Japanese fleet was sunk by American bombers north of the Philippines. It carried a crew of about 950 men. It was a typical ship of the Japanese fleet, which has lighter ships than the major ships of the United States and British navies.

British Holding Ground

British forces in Malaya today were holding their ground against an attempted Japanese invasion and there was little change in positions.

Yesterday the loss of the battleship Prince of Wales, major ship of the British Pacific fleet, was announced, along with the Repulse, a battle cruiser. About 2,000 of the 3,000 men in both crews were reported rescued. (Continued on Page Five)

John Tevepaugh Is Taken By Death

North Wilkesboro Official Died Tuesday; Funeral Held On Wednesday

John J. Tevepaugh, North Wilkesboro superintendent of water and streets and building, plumbing and electrical inspector died at 6:30 Tuesday morning in Davis hospital, Statesville, where he had been a patient since November 26.

He was one of North Wilkesboro (continued on page four)

