

### LOCAL YOUTH— W. Hale Jones Is In The Canadian Air Force At Moncton

William Hale Jones, of North Wilkesboro, who volunteered with the Canadian Royal Air Force in October, 1941, is now stationed at Moncton, New Brunswick, according to a recent letter from him. After graduating from North Wilkesboro High, he attended Appalachian State Teachers College and North Carolina State. He was studying aeronautical engineering in a technical college in Indiana when he decided to join the Canadian force. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Jones of North Wilkesboro.

### Four Scientists Find Corn Makes Rubber

Washington. — Representative Coffee said yesterday four chemistry research executives had worked out a process by which they believe farm products can supply the nation with all the rubber it normally needs. He named the men as Dr. Leo M. Christensen of the University of Nebraska, W. K. McPherson of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Harry Miller of the University of Missouri, and L. A. Underkofler of Iowa State College. Dr. Christensen and McPherson told a House agriculture subcommittee. Coffee said, "that they could get 10 pounds of synthetic rubber out of a bushel of wheat or corn or any agricultural commodity with starch or sugar in it." He added: "One hundred and twenty million bushels of corn or wheat would produce 600,000 tons of rubber which is our normal annual consumption. That would be about five per cent of the corn crop in the nation. "The rubber would be produced at a cost of 15 to 20 cents a pound, a little less than the cost of making rubber out of oil. Synthetic plants would have to be established but they could get into production about six months after they were set up."

Paul—What's the difference between learning to drive a car and learning to play golf?  
Ralph—Easy. When you're learning to play golf you don't hit anything.

### Rabbit Brush In U. S. Enough For 5-Month Supply of Rubber

Berkeley, Calif., Jan. 19.—On the alkali desert's of six western states there are 500,000,000 pounds of natural rubber—enough to supply the United States for five months—ready for immediate harvesting, University of California scientists informed the government today.

The rubber, although not quite as good as the prime product of the East Indies, is entirely satisfactory, the experts reported.

Most important, they said, is that it is already on hand and can be collected and made into tires, tubes and other finished products without undue effort.

It exists in the rabbit brush, a large perennial shrub which covers vast stretches of the west's great open spaces. California, Nevada and Colorado have most of it but there are large tracts also in New Mexico, Utah, Idaho and perhaps other states.

The report was made by Dr. T. H. Goodspeed, noted botanist, and Dr. H. R. Wellman, agricultural economist.

The rabbit brush, which is a species of chrysothamnus or golden shrub, grows wild in places where alkali inhibits most other kinds of vegetation.

Since it is a relative of guayule, richest known source of native rubber, Dr. Goodspeed believes it can be harvested and handled in much the same way as guayule.

Machinery for harvesting and processing guayule exists in California and New Mexico. A temporary change over to rabbit brush might be feasible, Dr. Goodspeed said it should be possible to produce rabbit brush rubber for about 45 cents a pound. The nominal price of East India rubber is around 22-1-2 cents.

### WILKESBORO Y. W. A. IS NOW REORGANIZED

Wilkesboro Y. W. A. held a meeting on Monday night with Mrs. H. C. Colvard hostess at her home. During the business session officers were nominated and election of officers will be at the next meeting, which will be held with Miss Roena Bullis. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Colvard during a social period following the meeting.

### Japs Lose 12 Planes In Raid On Singapore

Singapore, Jan. 21. — Twelve Japanese planes were shot down this morning during a sharp air raid on Singapore, an official source said today.

During the assault, which was lengthy, the Japanese unloaded large quantities of explosives over residential districts and on the edge of the city.

Eyewitnesses reported two raiders were destroyed by anti-aircraft fire.

Embattled Australian troops holding down the left flank of the Singapore defense only 60 miles from Johore Strait, struggled to prevent new Japanese landings on the Malayan west coast, which might force them to retreat still further to avoid encirclement.

Reports from the battle zone indicated the Japanese were applying heavy pressure on the entire front, but the danger that the invaders might be able to repeat their sea-borne flanking activities caused most concern here.

Bitter fighting raged all day yesterday along the narrow coastal strip between the mouth of the Ruar River and Batu Bahat, some 30 miles to the south, with imperial troops attempting to mop up Japanese forces which already had gained a foothold.

### Intangible Tax, Income Tax Soon Due To The State

J. R. Rousseau, deputy collector of revenue for the state of North Carolina, today called attention to the fact that tax returns on income and intangibles taxes are now due to the state and must be paid before March 15 to avoid penalties as prescribed by law.

The state levies taxes on income and attention is also called to the tax on intangibles—such as notes, bonds, mortgages deeds of trusts, stocks in corporations other than domestic, accounts, etc.—which must be paid before March 15.

Those needing assistance in completing returns should see Mr. Rousseau, who has an office on the second floor of the Bank of North Wilkesboro building.

### COOPER CHAIRMAN— Local Ministers On Monday Form An Association

Pastors of the leading churches in North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro met on Monday in this city at the home of Rev. Watt M. Cooper and formed a ministerial association, the first organization of its kind for the two towns.

The association was formed to promote collaboration and coordination of religious activities, especially those pertaining to interdenominational work.

In setting up the organization, Rev. Watt M. Cooper was elected chairman. He is pastor of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church. Rev. T. Sloan Guy, Jr., pastor of the Wilkesboro Baptist church, was elected secretary. Other members are Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro; Rev. A. C. Waggoner, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church; and Dr. J. C. Stokes, pastor of the Wilkesboro Methodist church.

The association will meet at ten a. m. on Monday following the first Sunday in each month, and the meetings will rotate between homes of members, in alphabetical order. The next meeting will be held at the home of Rev. T. Sloan Guy, Jr. in Wilkesboro.

At its initial meeting the association went on record as approving the proposal of the Federal Council of Churches for one minute prayer by everybody at six p. m. each day. All persons are asked to pause for one minute in silent prayer.

The association also approved the efforts of the North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association for employment of a full time Bible teacher in North Wilkesboro schools.

### Mrs. A. F. Foster Funeral Is Today

Mrs. Rebecca Foster, wife of A. F. Foster, of Lewis Fork township, died early Wednesday at her home.

Funeral service was held at Lewis Fork Baptist church this afternoon, two o'clock, with Rev. Levi Greene in charge.

Surviving Mrs. Foster are her husband and four sons and daughters: Vernon Foster, Purlear; Mrs. Millard Lewis, Idaho; Mrs. A. O. McGlamery, Wilkesboro; Mrs. J. C. Stokes, Purlear.

### Will Begin Revival At Holiness Church

A series of revival services will begin at Pentecostal Holiness church on Sixth street Sunday night and continue until February 8th.

The pastor, Rev. Woodrow Smith, will be assisted by Rev. Jasper Honeycutt, of Mount Airy. Everybody is invited to the services, which will be held at seven o'clock each evening.

### Scourge of Typhus Threatens Nazis

The dread war-born scourge of typhus, which a generation ago killed more than 8,000,000 Europeans, is spreading behind the crumbling German lines in Russia as the victorious Red army battles the Nazis farther westward, it was disclosed Wednesday.

The British government revealed it was taking special precautions to protect troops in the Middle East to prevent spread of the deadly disease to the British Isles. The lice-borne scourge is creeping through eastern and south-eastern Europe and has appeared in Spain and North Africa.

Reeds Drive West  
On the eastern front the Red Army drove relentlessly westward from captured Mzhaisk on the heels of a defeated German army fleeing in a sub-zero blizzard. Soviet advances also were reported to the north in the Valdai hills area and in Karelia, indicating a general offensive from the Moscow section to the Leningrad region.

German dispatches mentioned heavy fighting in the Donets Basin to the south, where fighting in the outskirts of Kharkov had been reported earlier, but this sector was ignored in Soviet dispatches. Nor did the Russians mention the Crimea, from which no Soviet word has come for day, indicating that German claims of victories over Russian columns there may be true.

### Shumate Child Dies

Funeral service was held at Harmony Baptist church Wednesday for Dwyane Edward Shumate, two-months-old son of Walter Franklin and Nellie Wood Shumate. Surviving are the father and mother, seven brothers and sisters.

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### THEATRES TO HELP— Anderson Head Theatre Group For Polio Fund

Ivan D. Anderson, manager of Liberty Theatre in North Wilkesboro, has been informed of his appointment as chairman for six counties for the Motion Picture Industry's participation in the drive to raise funds to fight infantile paralysis.

He is chairman for Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Caldwell and Avery counties. Appointment was made by Nicholas M. Schenck, National chairman for the motion picture industry.

The drive will be held from January 22 to January 29, inclusive. Collections are to be made in lobbies. Collections may also be made in auditoriums but that is not required. The objective of the drive is to collect and turn over to the fund as much money as possible. Each theatre will be asked to sign a pledge promising to make collections during the appointed week. Each theatre making the pledge will receive an acknowledgment certificate. Each theatre cooperating will receive a special appeal trailer, supplied gratis. It is to be run at all shows during the week. Half of all the money raised in each community will be

returned to that community use of local charities.

### IN THIS CITY— K. Of P. Lodge Elects Officers

Knights of Pythias Lodge North Wilkesboro has installed officers for the year.

V. E. Jennings, member of Wilkesboro high school faculty is chancellor commander. Officers are as follows: P. Church, vice chancellor; Pres. Myers, prelate; W. C. Haver, keeper of records and seal; Clifford Moore, master of finance; Tom Story, master of execution; Paul S. Cragan, master at arms; R. E. Caldwell, master of work; J. B. Snipes, inner guard; Ch. Hulcher, outer guard.

### Rescind Rubber Price Increase

Washington—Price Administrator Lean Henderson said yesterday, at his request, the Firestone, Goodrich, Goodyear and U. S. Rubber companies had agreed to rescind price increases on tires and farm machinery.

Henderson said the firms agreed to re-bill, at former prices, all sales of such tires made since January 1.

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