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NATION'S MANPOWER TO BE COUNTED—

Men 20 To 45 Will Register Feb. 16

TRADITIONAL WEATHER PROPHET SAYS—
WINTER IS NOT OVER YET!



Today is groundhog day and tradition says that when the groundhog saw his shadow today he went back into hibernation for six more weeks of winter. This weather prophecy was made by Mr. Groundhog in defiance of government censorship of advance weather reports. While the weatherman last night held his prediction to 24 hours (continued cold) the bold groundhog tells us that there will be six more weeks of winter.

MOVE UP CLOCKS SUNDAY NIGHT—

Daylight Saving Time Will Begin On February 9

On February 9th the United States will begin using daylight saving time on a national scale. Time will be advanced one hour throughout the country in the interest of greater war production. Congress passed a law authorizing daylight saving time to begin February 9 and continue for the duration of the war. Little confusion is anticipated because the time will be used throughout the country. Clocks will be moved forward one hour. Nothing definite was announced here today but the opinion was freely expressed that daylight saving time would prevail in local industries and throughout the city.

Schools on the Wilkes county system will operate on daylight saving time but the opening time will be 9:30 instead of 8:30. Actually, the schools will be opening at the same time (by the sun) as at present. It was pointed out that if rural schools opened at 8:30 daylight saving time that a majority of those who ride buses would have to leave home before daylight.

Pacific Fleet Sinks Auxiliary Sea Craft and Wrecks Enemy Planes

America's mighty Pacific fleet, striking boldly in terrible vengeance for the sneak attack last December 7 on its Pearl Harbor base, has raided six Japanese bases in the Marshall and Gilbert Islands on the main supply route to Australia, causing great damage. The Navy Department announced yesterday. Many auxiliary craft were sunk, beached or damaged extensively. Numerous planes were wrecked and military establishments ashore were left in shambles. 11 Planes Lost Two American warships were damaged slightly, and 11 American warplanes were lost. The attack came eight weeks after the treacherous raid on Hawaii. The depredations of the Pacific fleet men-o'-war were the second disaster in a fortnight for the

ambitious men of the Mikado. The bottom of the narrow Macassar Strait between Borneo and the octopus-like Celebes was strewn with the debris of a vast Japanese armada, apparently intent upon overrunning the vital Dutch Treasure Island of Java. Perhaps half the Japanese fleet of 100 ships was sunk or crippled. The Marshalls, 2,000 miles southwest of Pearl Harbor and 1,800 miles from the Australian continent, were wrested from Germany, now Japan's ally, after the first World War. The Gilbert Island base of Makin was seized from the British soon after war erupted in the Pacific. The sneaking Japanese had thumbed their nose at the League of Nations, whose mandate forbade them to fortify the positions.

BEATEN BY BOONE—

Two Games This Week For Lions

North Wilkesboro high school basketball team will play Hiddenite team there on Tuesday night and its next home game will be on Friday night, 7:30, when a strong team will come here from Galax, Va., high school. North Wilkesboro has a better-than-average team this year and has won some exciting games. On Friday night Boone high school defeated North Wilkesboro here by the score of 30 to 11. Boone has one of the fastest high school teams in the state and has amassed an impressive record of victories. One-tenth acre will provide sufficient vegetables for one person; hence, a farm family of five should plant at least one-half acre to meet vegetable requirements of the family.

WAS COACH HERE—

Franklin Takes A Defense Job

Miss Evelyn McGee, of Winston-Salem, New Math Teacher In School F. H. Franklin, math teacher and coach for North Wilkesboro high school this year, left Saturday to accept a position with the Douglas Aircraft company on Long Island, N. Y. Franklin's successor in the classroom is Miss Evelyn McGee, of Winston-Salem. Miss McGee is a graduate of Salem College and comes to North Wilkesboro highly recommended. The ideal garden soil should be fertile, well-drained, retentive of moisture and soil nutrients, should warm up quickly in the spring, and should not bake after hard rains.

Plans Call For Registration In Every Precinct

Will Be Third Registration Under Provisions Of Selective Service Act

On Monday, February 16, men between ages of 20 and 45 who have not previously registered will register for military service. In Wilkes county the two draft boards plan to have a registration place in every voting precinct. Registration of every man between the prescribed ages who has not already registered for military service is required and penalties are prescribed by the law for any who fail to register. Proclamation by President Roosevelt on the third registration stated that men who had attained their 20th birthday on or before December 31, 1941 and who will not have reached their 45th birthday on February 16 will be required to register. Both draft boards in Wilkes are expected to announce detailed arrangements, including all places of registration, at an early date. The registration will be from seven a. m. until nine p. m. Teachers will assist in the registration and the county school system will not operate on registration day, February 16.

Several Cases Are Disposed Of In Wilkes Court

Three Weeks Term for Trial of Civil Cases Ended On Friday, Last Week Wilkes superior court closed a three-weeks' term Friday. Judge J. H. Clement, of Winston-Salem, presided over the lengthy court, during which civil cases were tried. Several were disposed of while many which were calendared for trial were continued. Cases disposed of during the latter part of the court were as follows: J. M. Bauguess, administrator for Charlie Bauguess estate, versus Arnie Byrd. Plaintiff recovered nothing on claims for death of Charlie Bauguess in automobile accident. Zoellie Dunn versus Vera R. Dunn, divorce granted. M. E. Foster versus R. H. Anderson, plaintiff recovered \$150. Mrs. L. M. Combs versus Dr. E. N. Phillips, judgment of non suit and notice of appeal given by plaintiff. W. B. Somers versus M. F. Absher and Wilkes county commissioners, voluntary non-suit by plaintiff and by defendants on counterclaims. E. V. Williams versus John Weaver, mistrial when the jury failed to agree. Yadkin Valley Motor Company versus N. T. Wood, plaintiff recovered \$225. Mrs. Joyce Yale DeLarue versus Howard DeLarue, marriage annulled because defendant was married at the time of marriage to the plaintiff. D. J. Faw versus Citizens Insurance company of New Jersey. Plaintiff recovered \$135. Cordella A. Felts versus Shenandoah Life Insurance company. Plaintiff recovered \$1,000 on disability claim. Charlotte Hicks Greene versus Edward L. Greene, divorce granted. Bessie Wilcox versus Royal Holland, plaintiff recovered nothing for alleged assault.

Howie Will Take Job At Leaksville

County Sanitarian Will Take Similar Job There; Sam Hensley Coming Here

H. B. Howie, Wilkes county sanitarian for the past three years, will assume a similar position at Leaksville in Rockingham county on February 10. It was learned today from the county health department. Howie, whose home is at Monroe, has worked very efficiently in Wilkes and his ability as a sanitarian has been respected by all concerned. He will be succeeded in Wilkes by Sam Hensley, a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. Hensley and family, which consists of Mrs. Hensley and two children, will move to Wilkes soon and he will begin his duties on February 10.

FRIDAY NIGHT— Safety Program At Millers Creek

Social Problems Club of Millers Creek school will present a patriotic program on the subject of "Safety" at the school on Friday night, February 6, seven o'clock. Assisting the club in presenting the program will be a number of business and professional leaders in the county. A. V. Nolan, high school faculty member, is club sponsor; Arnold Hurley, who will preside, is president. Aline McNeill is president of the glee club, which will help in the program, and Mrs. Fred Gaither is glee club sponsor. The public, and especially all patrons of the school, have a cordial invitation to attend the program. The program has been outlined as follows: welcome by Edward Rash; invocation by Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner; "America The Beautiful," by glee club; "History and Meaning of Our Flag," Ben Blakewood; "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," by glee club; pledge of allegiance to flag, by everybody; "Star Spangled Banner," by glee club; list of men in service, and silent prayer; "Battle Hymn of Republic," by glee club; "World War number 2," Fred Day Kilby; "Pearl Harbor," by glee club; "Safety and the War," by Arnold Hurley; "America," by glee club; "Safe Driving," by Ray Whittington; "Safe Walking," by Woodrow South.

DROWNING VICTIM— Rites Thursday For Dent Turner

Last rites for Dent Turner, native of Statesville and a brother of Miss Laura L. (Toby) Turner, of North Wilkesboro, will be held at Oakwood cemetery, in Statesville, on Thursday, February 5, 2:30 p. m. He was drowned in Lake

Plan Allied Air Moves Against Axis



Air chief marshal Sir Charles Portal (left), chief of the air staff of the Royal Air force, and Lieut. Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the United States air forces, are shown during their meeting in General Arnold's office at Washington, D. C. They discussed aerial details of the grand allied strategy.

CHAIRMAN N. B. SMITHEY SAYS—

Republicans Plan Lincoln Day Rally In Wilkes Feb. 14

Cripple Clinic On Thursday, Feb. 12

February clinic for free examination of cripples will be held at the Wilkes hospital on Thursday, February 12, it was announced today by the county health department.

Party Leaders Expecting Very Successful Event

N. B. Smithey, chairman of the Republican party in Wilkes, said today that plans are under way for a Lincoln Day dinner and rally to be held in Wilkes county on Saturday, February 14, following Lincoln's birthday anniversary on Thursday, February 12.

Time, Place, Speaker And Other Arrangements To Be Announced Soon

Chairman Smithey said that all plans for the rally have not been completed but that party leaders are expecting a most successful party gathering for the event. Tentative plans, which are subject to change, call for holding the rally at the county courthouse at eight o'clock on the night of February 14. It will be the first attempt for a Lincoln Day rally in Wilkes and already party leaders have expressed much enthusiasm over the plan. Having a rally of that kind at home will encourage a large attendance and make possible participation by a much larger number of Wilkes people than could possibly attend Lincoln Day dinners elsewhere, Mr. Smithey said. Further plans for the event, including identity of the feature speaker, will be announced soon.

"Big Apple" Guard At Used Car Lot

That big German police dog in the little house on Yadkin Valley Motor company's used car lot on ninth street is the night watchman. With cars becoming scarce, a lot of good used cars is quite a temptation to a would-be thief. But "Big Apple" is on the job night and day. If you don't believe it, just try getting too close.

FIFTH MONTH— School Payroll Total \$35,000.00

Fifth month payroll for the Wilkes county school system went out Friday to teachers, bus drivers and all other employees. It was learned today from the office of the county board of education. The total payroll was approximately \$35,000, greater part of which was made up of teachers' salaries paid by the state.

Mrs. Ed Griffin Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Lucretia Griffin, age 84, died Thursday at her home in Reddies River township. Funeral was held Friday at Congo Holiness church. She is survived by her husband, Edward Griffin, and two sons, A. M. Griffin, of Hays, and H. T. Griffin, of Buck.

PATRIOTIC RESPONSE TO APPEAL—

Scrap Metals Drive Success

Legion Will Meet Here Friday Night

Wilkes post of the American Legion will meet on Friday night, 7:30 o'clock, in the Yadkin Valley Motor company show rooms on Ninth street. All members are urged to attend.

FEBRUARY 6th— Advisory Group To Be Installed On Friday Night

Local advisory council for the Employment Service and Unemployment compensation office here will be installed on Friday night, February 6, 7:30 p. m., at the office in the Duke Power company building on Ninth street. Members of the council, who were appointed by Governor Broughton, are as follows: A. F. Kilby and one member to be named, representing employers; Dwight Nichols and H. M. Hutchens, representing employees; Mayor R. T. McNeil, Mrs. C. T. Doughton and Representative T. E. Story, representing the public. Major A. L. Fletcher, chairman of the Unemployment Compensation Commission, will install the council. Illustrations of the functions of the Unemployment Compensation Commission will be carried out for the benefit of the council. B. G. Gentry, manager of the local office, said today.

200,000 Pounds Collected During Scrap Iron Week

Leaders Say Present Drive Only A Beginning For Collection Needed Metals

Over 200,000 pounds of scrap iron were sold by Wilkes people during "Scrap Iron Week" which closed Saturday, but that is only a beginning. J. B. Snipes, county agent, who is directing the campaign to collect scrap metal throughout the county, said today. During the week many farmers and other residents of the county carried and hauled away scrap iron to 28 rural buyers in addition to C. A. Lowe and Sons, local licensed buyer. While there was not as much scrap in Wilkes as in some counties where there had not been a buyer for many years, it is expected that many tons will be sold during the next few weeks, the county agent said. The drive last week was carried out in connection with a campaign among farmers to have them begin repair of farm machinery, to order parts and to sell for scrap any machinery beyond repair and other metals about their premises. A special effort will be made, the county agent said, to have owners sell junked automobiles because much valuable metal can be obtained in that manner. Farmers and others who have scrap metal can render a patriotic service and help themselves financially by selling scrap metals.

Major A. L. Fletcher To Install Advisory Council for UCC Here Friday

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WILMER BYRD HELD FOR MURDER—

Wiles Youth Killed Saturday Evening

J. D. Wiles, 15, was shot and instantly killed Saturday evening at the home of Oscar Wiles, a neighbor, in the Dockery community of Wilkes county.

Wilmer Byrd, 19, was arrested by Sheriff C. T. Doughton and placed in jail on the charge of killing Wiles. Byrd, Wiles and two more youths were at Oscar Wiles' home when Byrd picked up a shotgun in the hall and shot the Wilkes youth as he stood on the back porch, according to the account of the affair given Sheriff Doughton. Wiles' fall dead when the full charge, struck him on the left side of his chest below his heart and Byrd left the scene. He was found by the sheriff a short time later in the same neighborhood and was intimated. Today he is reported to have said he did not remember anything that happened in connection with the death of Wiles. Byrd will be given a hearing Tuesday morning in Wilkesboro.

The officers received no reports of any trouble or quarrel between Byrd and Wiles, who had been associates since childhood. Byrd is a son of Charlie Byrd, of Rock Creek township and Wiles was a son of Vestal and Ethel Wiles, of the same community. In addition to his parents he leaves three sisters and five brothers. Funeral for Wiles was held today 11 a. m., at Covenant church with Rev. J. S. Bryant and Rev. Cuger Dillard in charge.

IN ADDRESS FRIDAY BEFORE KIWANIS CLUB—

Judge Hayes Says War Consciousness And Unity Essential In Present War

"Our Attitude Toward The War" was the subject of an inspiring address Friday noon by Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes of Wilkesboro, before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club. The program was in charge of C. O. McNeil, who presented Judge Hayes. The jurist urged that all take hope and that he believed that there is a great and wonderful life for Americans after they come through the present conflict. "We have the capacity to defeat the enemy but we must awake to our duty and our opportunity or we might be too late," he said. The first essential he spoke of was that the people must be war conscious. In this connection he said that it had been necessary for many to revise their thinking because they had thought that the enemy was not so formidable and they had proved to be. He said that such things as the lack of rubber, loss of silk, failure to get all the sugar we want, insufficiency of cans for vegetables, increased numbers of tax collect-

ors, etc., are making the people conscious of war and that such realization is necessary. The second essential he spoke of was unity. He told of American victories in the past when the people were solidly united and that all must now be united to preserve the heritage won by unity of perseverance of those in former generations. In illustrating unity he called attention to a snowflake, infinitesimal within itself, but when combined with millions of others can stop a train. W. B. McEwen, of High Point, was a guest of Genlo Cardwell at the meeting.

Junior Minstrel On Friday Night

Pupils of the Finley Studio and Dance and Drama, under direction of Mrs. R. G. Finley, will present a junior minstrel at the school auditorium on Friday night. It will be a full pledged minstrel show with the children doing all the parts and promising to be very entertaining.