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LATE WAR NEWS—

Singapore Still Holds

Latest war news this afternoon was to the effect that the city of Singapore, British stronghold in the far east, was still holding out against Japanese invasion forces. British, Australian and Indian troops were battling fiercely against numerous Japanese soldiers and allied forces were greatly handicapped because of lack of air support. General MacArthur's forces on Bataan peninsula in the Philippines today continue their courageous resistance against seemingly overwhelming odds. However, British military authorities expressed little hope that allied forces in Singapore could long hold out and in American circles it was suggested that American forces on the Philippines may soon have to retreat to Corregidor fortress in Manila bay.

'Seeing' London



Pretty Kathleen Harriman, daughter of W. Averell Harriman, head of the U. S. lend-lease war mission in Moscow, is being shown the sights of London by a steel-helmeted policeman, who seems to be enjoying the "job" to the utmost.

ONE WAY TO HELP— Drive For Books For Armed Forces Under Way Here

Boxes Where Books May Be Placed Located At Several Places In City

Drive for books for use by men in the armed forces is progressing in Wilkes under the direction of C. O. McNeil, chairman. In order to make it convenient for people to donate books, boxes have been placed at several points in North Wilkesboro, including Hotel Wilkes, Rose's, postoffice, Brame's, the public library in the city hall and at the postoffice in Wilkesboro. Any good books are acceptable and late fiction is very much in demand by soldiers, sailors and marines. Sponsors point out that this represents a good opportunity to help the fighting men without any cash expenditure and it is believed that Wilkes people will contribute many books.

PATRIOTIC RALLY— Wilkes History Is Discussed In Meeting Tuesday

Loyal Order of Moose lodge here on Tuesday night staged a patriotic rally, which was held at the city hall with many lodge members and visitors present.

Preceding the planned program, the North Wilkesboro high school band rendered a concert. Featuring the program was a discussion on Wilkes county history, led by J. G. Hackett, assisted by J. B. Williams. Many interesting facts about the part Wilkes county people have had in building the nation were brought out by Mr. Hackett, who is one of the most outstanding authorities on the history of Wilkes county and all North Carolina.

Some of the facts about Wilkes county history included the following: Wilkes has furnished a governor, lieutenant governor, United States senator, state treasurer, superior court judge, congressman and a United States court judge. Wilkes was formed in 1770 from Surry county and included all lands west to the Mississippi river. The first assembly in Wilkes and county council and court was at Brown's Ford. Colonel Ben Cleveland was member of the council and Richard Allen was first sheriff. William Lenoir was first court clerk. At that time only 300 taxable men lived west of Haw river, which is about the center of the state. There was a fort about where J. R. Rousseau's home now stands in North Wilkesboro. The fort was used as protection from marauding Indians.

Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) was nearest settlement and store for first white settlers in Wilkes. Moravians who came to Wilkes with intention to establish settlement in 1752 found only one white man, a man named Owens who lived near what is now Owens Knob west of Wilkesboro. The first state constitution was written at Halifax in 1776. Charles Gordon of Wilkes, was a member of the convention. The second state constitution was written in 1866. Col. Calvin

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MANY FROM WILKES— Plan To Attend Lincoln Day Meet

Annual Party Gathering To Be Held At Greensboro On Saturday Night

Wilkes Republicans will be plentiful in Greensboro Saturday night for the annual Lincoln Day dinner, party leaders said here today.

Although no predictions as to number were made, it was indicated that many from Wilkes will be in the crowd at the annual event.

Senator Raymond E. Willis, of Indiana, will be the feature speaker at the dinner, which will be at King Cotton Hotel Saturday night. Several from Wilkes also plan to attend the Young Republicans meeting Saturday morning in Greensboro.

TO TRAIN AIRCRAFT WORKMEN—

Aircraft Courses To Be Given Here

Instructors From Factory Courses Will Be In Charge

Two Classes To Begin At School Here On March 2nd; Capacity 40 Men

Classes in aircraft sheet metal work and riveting will begin at North Wilkesboro school on March 2nd, Paul S. Cragan, superintendent, said today.

Q. E. Mathis, of the division of trades and industries, North Carolina department of vocational education, was in North Wilkesboro yesterday completing arrangements for the courses.

The courses will be conducted in the industrial arts department of the high school building and two classes will be in session daily for eight hours each, the first class beginning at three p. m. in the afternoon and the second class ending at eight o'clock in the morning. Each class can train 20 men in six weeks and some may be able to complete the training in four weeks.

Instructors will be sent here from aircraft factory training schools. Tools and equipment identical with that used in aircraft plants have been ordered under priority ratings and is expected to arrive soon.

The courses will be thoroughly practical with each member being taught operations identical with what he will be required to do when he secures employment in an aircraft plant.

Youth and men from 17 years of age up are eligible to enroll in the classes and selection of members will be the duty of the U. S. Employment Service office here. B. G. Gentry is manager of the office, which is located in the Duke Power company building.

Persons who are to take the courses must be in good physical condition, have at least a seventh grade education and before taking the course must sign a statement that they are willing to accept employment in aircraft plants wherever it may be available on completion of the course.

Those who wish to register for the courses are asked to call at the employment service office between 8:30 a. m. and 1 p. m.

Further announcements relative to the courses are expected soon.

Six Enlist In CCC This Week

Six Wilkes boys enlisted in the C. C. Camp at Morganton this week, Charles McNeil, county welfare officer in charge of selecting applicants for enlistment, said today.

Two of the six were white, George William Ashley and Filmore Nelson, and four were colored: Robert Lee Ferguson, Fred Colbert, John Milton Davenport and Frank Junior Little.

Goes to Bat for U. S.



William L. Batt, chairman of the new requirements committee created by Donald Nelson, war production czar, to allocate raw materials for war and civilian defense.

Both Have Hearts in Right Place



Maj. Bernie Bierman of the U. S. marines (left) who has generated several Minnesota teams to football titles, is shown here ready to join the Leathernecks at Quantico, Va. Right: Because the navy already has a Thomas Hart, and also because this Thomas Hart of Reading, Pa., is only 10, he will have to wait until Admiral Hart retires.

FOR MEN AGE 20 TO 45—

Registration to Be On Monday

On Monday, February 16, men 20 to 45 who did not register in either previous registration under the selective service act, will register.

Those who had reached their 20th birthday by December 31 and who will not have passed their 45th birthday on February 16 are required by federal law to register. Severe penalties are provided for any who fail to register as required.

In Wilkes the two draft boards have supervision of the registration in their respective parts of the county. Draft board number one is composed of O. K. Whittington, T. O. Minton and J. W. Dula. Members of draft board number two are J. R. Hix, R. G. Finley, and J. B. Williams. Registration places have been designated for all precincts in the county. County school teachers will assist in the clerical work of registering the men and schools of the county system will not operate Monday, February 16.

North Wilkesboro registration point will be at the city hall. Many volunteer workers will handle the work of registration.

NAMES WANTED—

First Aid, Fire Courses Planned for Defense Here

All Who Will Take Either Course Asked To Notify Civilian Defense Office

Courses in first aid and in auxiliary fire fighting will be carried out here soon as a part of the civilian defense program, W. H. McElee, civilian defense chairman, said today.

R. E. Caldwell, science instructor in Wilkesboro high school, will conduct the fire fighting course, which will deal principally with incendiary bombs. He plans to use real incendiaries in his demonstrations.

A competent first aid instructor will give a first aid course. Before the courses are started the civilian defense office must know the number who will take them in order that textbooks can be secured. All who are willing to take the courses are urged to call at civilian defense office next door to Attorney McElwee's office in the Bank of North Wilkesboro building or call The Journal-Patriot office and the names will be turned in to the civilian defense office.

CRIMINAL COURT— 3 Weeks Session of Wilkes Court To Open March 2nd

Judge J. H. Clement and Judge Jeff D. Johnson, Jr., For Lengthy Court

Term of Wilkes superior court which will begin on Monday, March 2, will be three weeks instead of two, it was learned today from the office of C. C. Hayes, clerk of court.

An act passed by the 1941 legislature revised the schedule of Wilkes courts, making the March term for the trial of criminal cases three weeks and establishing a three weeks term for civil cases in January.

Judge J. H. Clement, of Winston-Salem, will preside over the first two weeks of the court and Judge Jeff D. Johnson, Jr., of Clinton, who was appointed a special judge by the governor, will preside over the third week.

Board of county commissioners in February session drew jurors for the third term as follows:

First week: Walter Davis, G. W. Yates, T. R. Triplett, Howard Holsclaw, F. M. Ellis, Will Ashley, J. C. Parsons, F. C. Tomlinson, Monroe Blevins, Lawson Eller, Ed Faw, J. R. Nichols, W. F. Rash, H. W. McCann, Tyre Byrd, W. M. Eller, T. W. Caudill, Robert Spencer, Hardin Hutcheson, L. E. Phillips, Mansfield T. Jarvis, P. W. Eshelman, W. A. Payne, Albert B. Carlton, Robert Billings, Rom H. Pearson, A. Brown, Elbert Johnson, Jake Woodie, W. A. Blackburn, L. Spurgeon Gentry, J. C. Wheeling, M. H. Gambill, John A. Holbrook, Paul Lenderman, H. A. Welborn, C. T. Campbell, Colon Foster, H. C. Miller, James Glass, H. T. Stout, Sankie Wiles, J. C. Felts, R. A. Greer.

Second week: H. B. Dodson, W. F. Gaddy, D. L. Henderson, D. A. Frazier, W. F. Bowers, Nance Jones, Robert Nichols, W. R. Hubbard, Dr. Norman, Fred Anderson, Z. V. Yates, H. M. Phillips, Coy Wyatt, J. A. Adams, J. H. Adams, W. A. Burgess, H. H. Rhodes, Floyd Gregory, B. F. Call, M. A. Spencer, B. W. Carter, C. P. Walters, W. R. Yannon, J. C. Norman, H. C. Parsons, Ivy Hendrix.

Third week: C. M. Gregory, Guy Cox, Glenn Anderson, Chas. E. Byrd, J. W. Walker, A. E. Winkler, Simpson Walsh, A. C. Roberts, F. M. Coekerman, T. D. Barker, James M. Brown, E. H. Blackburn, Moses E. Thompson, Walker W. Selastian, Russell Horton, J. C. Adams, A. E. Foster, C. F. Yates, Edward G. Finley, C. F. Davis, W. C. Church, J. W. Jones, T. J. Haigwood, Bud Spears, Flake Cook, J. Robert Crysel.

STONE MOUNTAIN—

S. S. Association Meets March 4th

Annual meeting of the Stone Mountain Sunday School association will be held at Maple Grove Baptist church on Wednesday, March 4, seven p. m. according to an announcement here by J. A. Gilliam, associate moderator.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lane and other workers sent out by the Baptist state convention will assist in the program, which will be announced in full soon. All pastors, officers, workers and others interested are asked to attend, Mr. Gilliam said.

Lights First Time At Pores Knob P.O.

Moving clocks up one hour this week caused Pores Knob postoffice to use lights for the first time.

Heretofore the office had been open only in daylight hours because the mails did not arrive until about sunup.

But on Monday this week when the mailman arrived by war time it was too dark to read the addresses on the mail and an extension cord was rigged up from a residence nearby.

Church Infant Dies

Verdine Linda Church, infant daughter of Elbert John Church and Virginia June Young Church, of Hays, died Wednesday night and funeral will be held Friday, one o'clock, at Mountain View church with Rev. G. W. Sebastian in charge.

COUNTY AGENT ANNOUNCES—

27 Meetings For Farmers

Food For Freedom Campaign Will Be Discussed In Meetings In Every Section Of Wilkes County

J. B. Snipes, county agent, and H. C. Colvard, assistant agent, have announced a schedule of farmers' meetings to be held soon. The announcement issued by the county agent and assistant agent follows:

We are holding a series of twenty-seven meetings next week beginning Monday, February 16 and continuing through Friday, February 20, for the purpose of explaining the Food for Freedom program to the farmers. We are planning to discuss in these meetings the things that are being asked for in our Food for Freedom Program, such as, more milk and butter, more poultry and eggs, more pork and more and better gardens (Victory Gardens), more soybeans and peanuts for oil and seed. We will also discuss methods of producing more legumes and grasses, more and better pastures and other things which are essential for livestock production.

Below we are giving a schedule of these meetings and we would like to have all farmers who can attend, and especially do we urge the community and neighborhood leaders, who were elected under the Land-Use Planning Program, to be present: Monday, February 16, McGrady Post Office, and Thurmond Post Office, 2:00 p. m. Monday, Feb. 16, Shepherd Cross Roads, near Roaring River

4:00 p. m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, Gus Myers Store, Cycle, and J. Z. Adams Store, 2:00 p. m.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, R. C. Jarvis Cycle, and Charlie Miles, Trap-hill, 4:00 p. m.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, Scroggs Store Moravian Falls, and A. R. Miller, Vannoy, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday, Feb. 18, Lonnie Holbrooks Store, Abshers, and M. F. Absher, Hays, 2:00 p. m.

Wednesday, Feb. 18, W. W. Gambill Store, Dockery, and W. J. Templeton, Hays, 4:00 p. m.

Wednesday, Feb. 18, Tom Griener Store, Boomer, and A. T. Nichols, Wilkesboro, 7:30.

Thursday, Feb. 19, G. C. Parsons, Parsonville, and Virgil Church Store, 2:00 p. m.

Thursday, Feb. 19, L. E. Woodie Store, Summit, and Taft Foster, Champion, 4:00 p. m.

Thursday, Feb. 19, W. W. Harris Hardware Store, Roaring River and Comers Store, Union Grove, 7:30 p. m.

Friday, Feb. 20, T. W. Ferguson, Ferguson, and Mrs. R. H. Green, Ronda, 2:00 p. m.

Friday, Feb. 20, Robert Spencer Store, Benham, and Morris Hendren Store, 4:00 p. m.

Friday, Feb. 20, Leet Poplin Store, Ronda, and Press Inscore Store, North Wilkesboro, Route 3, 7:30 p. m.

All meetings will be on war time.

AT THE COURTHOUSE—

Poultrymen To Meet Saturday

Poultrymen of Wilkes county will meet at the county agent's office Saturday afternoon, 1:30, for an organization meeting.

Wilkes is perhaps the largest volume poultry producing county in the state and there are many who are engaged in what might be called mass production of poultry and eggs for market.

The agricultural authorities wish to form an organization of poultrymen to expand production to fill war needs and to solve mutual problems. All poultry producers and others interested in that branch of agriculture are invited to attend. J. B. Snipes, agent, said in announcing the meeting.

Marriage License

License to wed were issued during the past week in Wilkes by C. C. Sidden, register of deeds, to the following couples: Jesse Huffman, of Buck, and Mary Foster, of Wilkesboro; Martin Gentry and Decie Luffman, both of Benham; Odell Mathis, Roaring River, and Sarah L. Foster, Ronda; Nellie Glass and Ruth Edwards, both of Mount Airy.

IN WILKES COUNTY—

Field Men Talk Milk Production

Extension workers, representatives of Coble Dairy Products company and others held a conference in Wilkesboro this week to lay plans for increased production of milk in Wilkes and adjacent counties.

The Coble Dairy Products plant now under construction in Wilkesboro will be completed about April 15 and already field men of the company have been organizing milk routes and making a survey to determine the expected production of milk.

Present at the meeting were J. B. Snipes, county agent, H. C. Colvard, assistant agent; J. A. Arey and R. W. Shoffner, of State College; John Brown and B. B. Broome, of Coble Dairy Products company.

Plans were laid for farmers' meetings to be held throughout Wilkes county in the next few weeks.

Have you any mathematics books you can spare? Our soldiers and sailors really need them! Take them to the Public Library and the Victory Book Campaign will place them promptly where they are most needed.