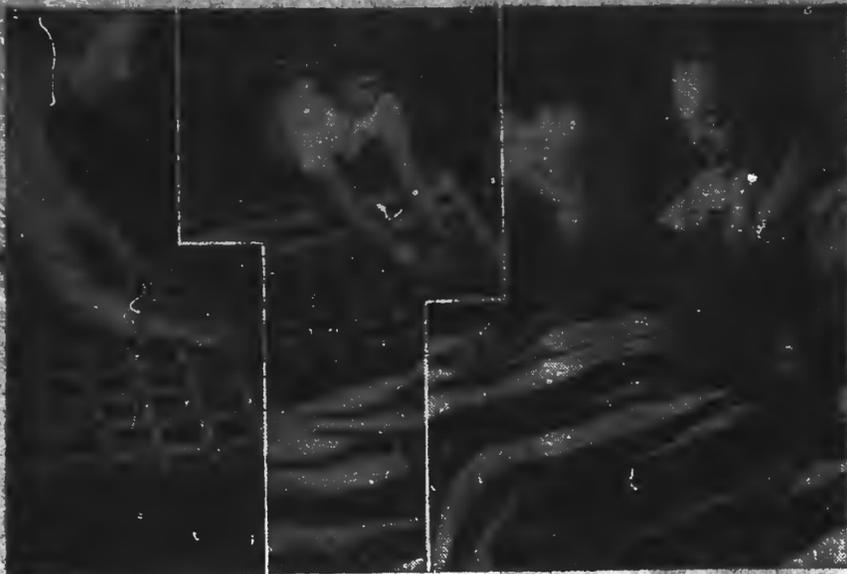


Modern Betsy Rosses Help Keep 'Em Flying



These girl workers at the quartermaster's department in Philadelphia are only three of hundreds employed in making flags, guidons, standards and battle streamers for the U. S. army. At left, the girl marks off the spots on the blue field where the stars go. Right: Sewing the red and white stripes together, and center) the final step in the manufacture of the star spangled banner—the sewing on of the white stars in to blue field.

War News

Dutchmen Stop Japs In Tracks In Java Attack

Furiously fighting Dutchmen battered tirelessly by sea, air and land against a hydra-like Japanese drive toward their final citadel of Java yesterday, and the Dutch inflicted such great damage that the enemy was halted dead in his tracks.

Draft Lottery For 20-44 Age Group Mar. 17

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to be sponsored by the Japanese warships and transports. American and Dutch bombers continued to heap destruction on the vast armada bearing hostile troops to the well defended shores of Java.

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On land, the Japanese made little or no progress in establishing a foothold on the idyllic island of Bali on Java's east flank, or in consolidating their gains in southern Sumatra, which flanks Java on the west.

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The gun crew on the Delplata fired a dozen times at the attacking submarine, according to Capt. Roelf Brouwer, master of the stricken vessel, but they could not be certain of results.

Forester Builds Service Station At Taylorsville

Floyd C. (Tom) Forester, owner of Independent Oil company of North Carolina and Forester's Nu-Way Service stations here, is erecting a modern Forester's Nu-Way service station in Taylorsville.

STEAM OUTFIT—Big Still Found In Home Cellar

Federal Agent Raid Home of Mack Atwood At Twin Oaks In Alleghany

Mr. Forester's Taylorsville station is the only new service station construction business under way in this part of the state at the present time.

Mack Atwood, Alleghany county man who is reported to have said that he was "too smart for the federal officers", has been found over to federal court in Wilkesboro on liquor charges.

Farmers Asked To Sign Applications For '41 Payments

All Wilkes county farmers who have not been notified and who expect to receive payment for compliance with the farm program in 1941 are asked to call at the Triple A office in the court house this week and sign the payment application.

FRIDAY EVENING—Lucas Speaker At Lions Meet

John Paul Lucas, Jr., public relations executive of Duke Power company, Charlotte, delivered a most interesting and entertaining address Friday evening before the North Wilkesboro Lions Club.

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6 Homicide Cases Calendared For Superior Court

Solicitor Hall Makes Calendar For Term To Begin On Next Monday

Six homicide cases are pending trial in the term of Wilkes court to begin on Monday, March 2, according to the calendar released here by Solicitor Avalon E. Hall. Solicitor H. H. Wick, members of the Wilkes bar, made the calendar of criminal cases for the first two weeks of the three-week term, over which Judge J. H. Clement, of Winston-Salem, will preside. Judge Lee D. Johnson, of Clinton, will preside over the third week.

John Goss will be tried for murder for the fatal shooting of Paul Wall. The state charges Goss, a blind storekeeper, with killing Hall on January 11 this year.

Wilmer Byrd, 19, will go on trial for shooting J. D. Willes near Dockery a few weeks ago.

William Osborne, of McGrady, will face a charge of manslaughter for the death of Fred Glass in Wilkesboro when Glass was hit by a car driven by Osborne.

Robert Chatham, who is alleged to have fatally cut Royal McCarter in Wilkesboro, will be tried for murder.

Monroe Shumate will face a murder charge for the death of John Miles at Dockery.

Hort Absher will be tried again for the death of Leonard Lankford about three years ago at the Lankford home northwest of this city. Absher was convicted of second degree murder and sentenced but gained a new trial in his appeal to the supreme court.

Solicitor Hall said that none of the defendant's will be tried for first degree murder but for second degree or manslaughter as the evidence may warrant.

A great majority of the cases are expected to be tried during the term.

Congratulations

Brig. Gen. Laurence Kover, 26 years of age, who has won the distinction of being the youngest brigadier general in the U. S. army, a brigadier general in an officer ranking next above a colonel.

Exciting Finals—Ronda Girls and Millers Creek Boys, Champs

Two Close and Fast Games End County Basketball Tournament Thursday

In two of the most exciting games ever played here, Ronda girls and Millers Creek boys won the county basketball championships Thursday night in the annual goodwill tournament sponsored by the North Wilkesboro school.

Both games were top-notchers as tournament finals and in neither game was the winner apparent until the final minute. Ronda girls won 36 to 35 over Roaring River and Millers Creek forged ahead to beat Ronda boys 36 to 29.

The girls game stood at 19-18 favoring Ronda at the end of the half, the same margin as existed when the game ended. Millers Creek, winning its fourth county championship, forged ahead in the third period after being

PERMITS ISSUED—Tire Boards In Weekly Meeting

Both Rationing Boards Have Many Applications For Few Tires In Quotas

Wilkes tire rationing boards in regular weekly session for the third week in February were faced with the task of rationing the few tires allowed under the quota to many applicants.

Wilkes board number 1, composed of C. H. Cowles, C. B. Elter and Mack Moore, issued permits to the following: Marshall Franklin Phillips, Walsh; Carl Chapman Ferguson, Boomer; Robert Laudan Woodie, Reddies River; Herman Elmore, Oakwoods; Eugene Smith, Pores Knob; Thomas Wiley Ferguson, Ferguson; Scroggs and company, Moravian Falls; permits to purchase obsolete size tires were granted to: William Felix Lawrence, Mary Elizabeth Staley, William Eagle Morton, Flora Mathie, Ason Roscoe Smith, Harvey Pendergrass, Hubert Calvin Roberts, William Walter Vandy, Kirby Brown, Mrs. Jessie Ruth Holder, Albert Alonzo Walsh, Warren William Walsh, James Dwight Gilreath, Chelcie Gross, Dr. F. C. Hubbard, William Walter McEwen.

Wilkes board number two, composed of C. P. Walter, J. B. Carter and W. W. Harris, issued permits to buy tires to: Beldon C. Osborne, North Wilkesboro; Tam Spicer Hutchison, North Wilkesboro; Robert Buley Adams, North Wilkesboro; Christy C. Alexander, Roaring River; Oscar Cicero Rhoades; Bruce W. Brooks; Odell Whitington, Reddies River.

Office of board number two in the Bank of North Wilkesboro building will be open from 8 to 12 a. m. and one to five p. m. each week day and from 8 to 12 on Saturdays.

Boards were notified to announce that recappers and retreaders who sell after February 18 will be subject to all penalties therefor and that no recapping of passenger type tires before March 1 will be permitted.

New shipments of books go out to libraries of U. S. Naval vessels quarterly.

Navy Veteran Is First Wilkes Man Prisoner

Kendall Elison Holt, of Ferguson, was the first Wilkes man to become a prisoner in World War number two, according to the list of prisoners released in Washington last week.

Holt, chief pharmacist mate in the navy, was at Peiking, China, when the war with Japan began on December 7, and as far as is known he is a prisoner of the Japanese.

Holt is a son of Mrs. Mary Victoria Hall Bentley, of Ferguson, route one. He entered the service in his youth and has been in the navy for about 25 years.

Contrary to a rumor which was circulated here a few weeks ago, the name of Dr. James H. Bumpston, captain in the medical corps and stationed at Camp when the war started, was not included in the list of those believed to be prisoners. Dr. Bumpston, a son of Ray and Mrs. J. B. Bumpston, of 1911 1/2 S. Third St., was at Camp General Hospital at Manila, P. I., and is believed to be with General MacArthur's forces on Bataan peninsula, on Corregidor fortress or in Australia.

22 Wilkes Boys In NYA Training For Defense Jobs

Welding, Sheetmetal And Other Trades Taught In NYA Resident Centers

Twenty-two Wilkes boys have entered NYA training centers this month, Mrs. Maud S. Miller, NYA interviewer, said today, and vacancies exist for other boys who wish to receive free training to fit themselves for jobs in shipbuilding and other war industries.

The Wilmington center, where boys are trained and placed in shipbuilding jobs after completion of their training, has been enlarged. Those interested should see Mrs. Miller at the NYA office in the county courthouse on Fridays.

During the month the following boys from Wilkes county have been accepted in NYA resident training centers:

Paul M. Brinsgar, North Wilkesboro; Willie James Giddell, Springfield; Samuel Harvey Harris, Roaring River; Edward F. Cleary, Dehart; Sheldon E. Gamhill, Springfield; Billie Church, North Wilkesboro; Willie E. Whittington, Reddies River; Fred Amos Wood, Hays; R. S. McHone, Jr., North Wilkesboro; Lee Hayes Hayden, Jr., Pores Knob; John Scott Johnson, Millers Creek; Virgil H. Mabe, Ronda; Everett Lowe, Traphill; Frank Crudill, Wilkesboro route one; Everett J. Carter and John Herman Mastin, Elkin route one; Joseph Payne, Cricket; Homer Brinsgar, North Wilkesboro; Clyde Adams, Halls Mills; Paul Wilson, North Wilkesboro; J. C. Wiles, Hays.

Three colored youths have gone to the center at Rocky Mount for negroes.

Robert Baxter Thomas, North Wilkesboro; Charles Saner, Moravian Falls; Robert Hill, North Wilkesboro.

BIBLE IS SUBJECT—Waggoner Speaks At Club Meeting

Rev. A. C. Waggoner, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church, addressed the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon. His subject was, "The Bible, the Lost Book".

W. K. Sturdivant was program chairman and J. B. Carter presented Rev. Mr. Waggoner.

He gave a graphic background of the influence of the Bible on the peoples of the world and stated that the record shows that those people who have disregarded the Bible have lost their place in the progress of the nations.

He contended that the Bible furnishes reading material for any mood that the reader may possess. It is large in history, rich in literature, challenging in dramatics, and provides the way for spiritual growth.

He suggested that our people are woefully ignorant of the contents of the Bible and suggested as a member of the local committee of men and women who are studying the advisability of teaching Bible in the local schools that he neighbor town-Salisbury is very successfully offering such a course to the students in its high school.

He also stated that a program would be held at the Methodist church here next Wednesday evening to discuss the advisability of having such a course offered in local schools.

The message was well received by all members of the club.

At the meeting Ray Handing was a guest of W. J. Carson and T. J. Beckner was a guest of J. R. Prevette.

IN WINSTON-SALEM—Many From Wilkes At District Rally

About 400 At Washington Day Dinner; Senator Brown Speaker

Wilkes was well represented in the large number of Democrats attending the Washington Day Dinner at Hotel Robert W. Lee in Winston-Salem Saturday night.

The dinner, one of several held throughout the state, was attended by about 400 Democrats and was a very enthusiastic gathering.

Gordon Gray, state senator from Forsyth county, was master of ceremonies and principal speaker was Senator Prentiss M. Brown, of Michigan. He made a very impressive speech, urging unity under the leadership of President Roosevelt, "in whose term we earnestly hope for the end of the present world war."

Leading the Washington Day dinner were the following: Chairman J. R. Rousseau, Sheriff C. T. Doughton, Homer Brookshire, R. C. Jennings, Dr. M. G. Edwards, Wm. T. Long, R. V. Day, Judge and Mrs. J. A. Rousseau, Mrs. D. J. Carter, Attorney Eugene Trivette, C. C. Faw, J. C. Reins, P. E. Forester, E. P. Inscore, C. C. Staley, Joe Zimmerman, W. A. McNeil, Attorney W. H. McElwee and T. O. Minton.

Democratic leaders from many northwestern North Carolina counties were present at the rally.

You Are Needed

The following statement was issued here today by the committee for study of Bible in the North Wilkesboro schools.

There will be a very important meeting at 7:30 on Wednesday evening in the North Wilkesboro Methodist church that will vitally effect every future citizen of our town.

For some time the idea of teaching Bible in our schools has been discussed and investigated. Many and various are the questions concerning this project. On Wednesday evening Rev. David L. Woodward, pastor of the First Baptist church of Salisbury, Mrs. Jane Grey, teacher of Bible in the Salisbury schools and a student from there will present how the Bible was put in their school system, how it is being taught, and how it is being received. This is a recent thing in Salisbury and their experience should be of utmost value to us.

Men and women of North Wilkesboro you are needed, for on you will rest the issue. Parents of North Wilkesboro you are needed for it is your children that will benefit. Come out to hear this project discussed. Let us consider together and thoroughly investigate and understand what it will mean to have Bible taught in our schools and what it will take to put it into the teaching system.

LEADERS

Richmond county demonstration poultry flock led the show during December with 100 eggs per bird as compared with the show average of 81. Assistant Farm Agent Q. S. Ward.

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