

Brief Local News Items About

People You Know

Mr. J. H. McCoy, of this city, will return to Boone today.

Mr. G. Stedman was a visitor to Boone Wednesday night.

Mr. J. H. Yale, of Hays, was a visitor in the city today.

Attorney J. H. Burke, of Taylorville, is attending Wilkes superior court.

Rev. James T. Nichols, of Wilkesboro, was a visitor in this city today.

Sister to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Henderson, of Wilkesboro, a son, was born Wednesday at the Wilkes hospital.

Mrs. W. E. Jones spent several days last week visiting with friends in Washington, D. C., and Thomasville.

Mr. W. A. Payne, of Summit, has been spending a few days in the Wilkesboro. He is a member of the grand jury.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair Gwyn returned Friday from their wedding trip to points of interest in Florida.

Mrs. Mary Robinson, aged resident of the Purlear section, is quite ill again, we are sorry to state.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Johnson at the Wilkes hospital on Wednesday a son, William Thomas, Jr.

We are pleased to state that Mrs. Mabel Lottes has improved to the extent that she was able to be removed from the hospital here to her home several days ago.

Private Paul Gambill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Gambill, of Chart, is here on a visit with his parents. He is stationed at Suddantown Gap, Pa., and is a member of the medical detachment there.

Messrs. Frank and Charlie Myers and Daniel Wagoner, two brothers and a neighbor, have returned to their home near Cyle from the Wilkes hospital, where they had identical operations on the same day last week. They are recovering.

Mr. E. D. Moore, Sr., has returned to his home from the Wilkes hospital, where he underwent treatment for a few days. Friends will be glad to learn of improvement in his condition.

SHOOT DOWN 16— Only 2 Jap Planes Escape Americans

Aircraft Carrier Was Target of Nipponese In Action Off Gilbert Islands

Washington—A thrilling account of an attack by 18 Japanese heavy bombers on a United States aircraft carrier and other warships in which 16 enemy planes were shot down—six by a single, doughnut-fighting plane pilot from the carrier—was told by the navy tonight.

A lieutenant junior grade, Edward H. O'Hare of St. Louis, was the hero who took the heavy toll. The other 10 bombers were accounted for by other fighting planes from the carrier, two of which were lost, and by anti-aircraft fire from the warships. The carrier itself and other ships—cruisers and destroyers—suffered not a scratch.

The brilliant action occurred "in the course of recent naval operations west of the Gilbert islands," a navy communique related, the carrier and the undisclosed number of cruisers and destroyers of the Pacific fleet were operating as a task force at the time.

The location lies along the main supply route from the United States to New Zealand and Australia. Whether the task force was conveying transports to the western Pacific fighting theatre or whether it was a force which participated in the foray on the Gilbert and Marshall island January 31, when Japanese land bases, and 16 enemy ships were destroyed, was not disclosed.

Adroit dodging by the aircraft carrier helped to baffle the attacking Japanese bombers, which operated in two waves of nine each. "Only three enemy planes of the first formation reached their bomb release point over the aircraft carrier which avoided all bomb hits by split-second maneuvering," the navy related.

The leading bomber of this group attempted a crash landing on the carrier and was shot down by heavy close-range anti-aircraft fire when barely 100 yards from its objective."

In the second attack, the navy continued, only five enemy bombers reached the bomb release point. In the two attacks two American fighter planes were lost. The pilot of one was recovered.

The communique said that despite the severity of the Japanese attack there was no damage to the American surface forces.

The attacks, the navy continued, occurred late in the afternoon and were timed about one-half hour apart.

Lieutenant (J. G.) Edward H. O'Hare, one of the navy pilots from the aircraft carrier to engage the enemy, personally accounted for six Nipponese bombers.

O'Hare who lives at (4108 Holly Hills) St. Louis, Mo., is a graduate of the U. S. Naval academy and has been on duty with navy flying squadrons since July, 1940.

The incident was described in navy communique No. 51, which follows:

In the course of recent naval operations west of the Gilbert islands a task force of the Pacific fleet consisting of an aircraft carrier, cruisers, and destroyers, was attacked by 18 heavy bombers of the enemy operating in two groups of nine each. "These attacks occurred in the late afternoon and were timed about one-half hour apart.

"The Japanese formations were closely and vigorously engaged by our carrier fighter planes and by anti-aircraft fire from the ships of our task force.

"Only three enemy planes of the first formation reached their bomb release point over the aircraft carrier which avoided all bomb hits by split-second maneuvering.

"The leading bomber of this group attempting a crash landing on the carrier and was shot down by heavy close range anti-aircraft fire when barely 100 yards from its objective.

"In the second attack only five bombers of the enemy formation reached the release point. In this instance the salvo of enemy bombs was closer to the carrier than in the first attack but again no hits were obtained.

"Sixteen of the 18 attacking enemy bombers were shot down in this action. There was no damage to our surface forces. Lieutenant (J. G.) Edward H. O'Hare, U. S. navy fighter pilot, personally accounted for six bombers of the enemy.

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Jap Roundup



Many Japanese have been taken into custody in FBI and police roundups in San Francisco during recent weeks. This photo shows an official of the Japanese association, Shojiro Hori, being led to a car by Police Officer Bert Nelson.

4th Defense Line Built By Germans

Washington—New German defenses have begun a general retreat across the whole central and north fronts and are hurriedly throwing up a fourth defense line stretching 450 miles from Slovakia to the Baltic, well outside Soviet territory proper, a government official said last night.

Political commentator Y. L. Karobka said in a public lecture that Red army forces were advancing on all fronts in sectors exceeding the German invasion pace of June and November, and were "compressing the ring ever tighter around 100,000 Germans trapped at Staraya Russa."

Withdrawal Pauses—Afteday, Karobka said, the Germans have withdrawn their prized panzer units behind the third line on the north-central front, hinged at Smolensk, 233 miles west of Moscow. The fourth line which he said was being created from Slovakia to the Baltic would put the German defenses in Poland and the Baltic states of Estonia and Latvia.

Karobka added that the Russians have cracked the German siegelines around Leningrad at two more vital points and have encircled several other garrisons in their front-wide advance.

(The German 16th army enclosed at Staraya is being "methodically annihilated" said a Moscow radio broadcast heard by United Press in London. Other advisers reaching London said that strength of the trapped Germans had been reduced from 90,000 or 100,000 to 60,000.)

3 Bombs Dropped On Hawaiian Isles

Honolulu—The army announced yesterday that "what was believed to be an enemy plane flew over Oahu Island early yesterday and dropped three medium sized bombs on the outskirts of Honolulu."

"The plane was flying at a high altitude," the announcement said. "Where it came from is not known. There were no casualties and no damage except a few broken windows."

"It was believed the plane possibly was from a cruiser or other enemy vessel at sea. It was the first reported bombing of the island since that of December 7 which precipitated the war with Japan.

Three heavy explosions shook Honolulu immediately after screaming air raid sirens awakened the city.

Army officials at the time, however, said there was no air raid, that the sirens were sounded inadvertently and did not disclose the cause of the explosions.

Later, however, army authorities announced they were investigating reports that holes "resembling bomb craters" had been found about two miles from the heart of the city.

The army announcement made no mention of damage. Honolulu police earlier had said a number of windows were broken by the concussion.

Wheat Ship For Greece

London—A safe conduct had been received from the German government for passage of a ship to carry wheat to Greece and an Italian decision on safe conduct was expected soon, Dingle M. Foot, parliamentary secretary for the ministry of economic warfare said today.

In reply to questions whether other ships would follow, he said that safe conduct had been received so far for but one ship.

Jones county poultrymen are finding that it pays to use lights in the poultry house during the winter months, since hens eat more mash and thus lay more eggs.

Schedule Rural Clubs Next Week

Miss Annie Laurie Herring, Wilkes home demonstration agent, today announced the schedule of home demonstration and 4-H club meetings for the week beginning March 9.

On Tuesday, March 10, Ronda home demonstration club will meet at two p. m. in the lunch room; on Wednesday Ferguson 4-H club will meet at 10:15 a. m. at the school; Mountain View home demonstration club will meet at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. C. C. Blevins.

On Thursday Roaring River 4-H club will meet at 9:30 a. m. at the school and Ronda 4-H club will meet at 10:45 a. m. at the school. Ferguson home demonstration club will meet at two p. m. at the home of Mrs. J. M. Bentley.

BAPTIST HOUR—Dr. Johnson To Speak Sunday

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor Third Baptist church of St. Louis, Missouri, and past-President of the Northern Baptist Convention, will be the speaker on the program of the Baptist Hour on the next three Sunday mornings, 8:30 to 9:00, EWT, according to Chairman S. F. Lowe of the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, his subject being "The State"; March 15, "Dual Loyalty"; March 22, "Surviving Faith".

Mr. Lowe states that in the judgment of many this series of messages on the subject of "The State" by so able speaker will be of vital service to our country in this crucial time when there is world-wide organized effort to destroy the Christian State as we know it in America.

These Sunday morning broadcasts are carried by an independent network of 32 stations from the District of Columbia to the Gulf and westward including Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri.

Dr. Lowe further announces that if there are any who do not have satisfactory reception of the messages from stations closer by, the programs can be heard over one of the following clear channel stations which serve some rural areas in America not otherwise having satisfactory radio service: WFAA, WHAS, WSB, and WSM.

Funeral Rites For Mrs. Fields At Elkin Today

Elkin—Funeral rites for Mrs. Nancy Harris Fields, 84, widow of Rev. C. F. Fields, pioneer Baptist minister who succumbed to a 10-day illness of pneumonia on Wednesday morning are being conducted this afternoon at Benham Baptist church of which she was a member, and which church her husband organized.

Mrs. Fields, a member of the Baptist church more than 70 years, was perhaps the most beloved woman of the Cool Springs Benham community. She had never been able to walk after an injury suffered in a fall in May of last year. Since leaving the hospital she had resided with a daughter, Mrs. H. F. Byrd, at Benham.

Other survivors are two daughters, Mrs. T. L. Byrd, Ronda; Mrs. G. W. Haynes, Mountain View; 23 grandchildren, and 41 great-grandchildren. Her husband

DURING FEBRUARY—USES Office Finds 86 Jobs

233 New Job Applications, 300 Renewals, 88 Original Claims, 1,057 Others

February was short but the North Wilkesboro branch of the U. S. Employment Service had much activity.

During the month 86 job placements were made. There were 233 new applications for jobs and 300 renewals of former applications during the month. The average at the end of the month.

The Unemployment Compensation Division of the office handled 81 original claims and 1,087 continuations. There were a total of 3,488 personal calls at the office during the month.

Figures of the work for the month were released by E. B. Gentry, office manager.

MacArthur's Airmen Sink 5 Jap Ships

Washington—General Douglas MacArthur's tiny, but hard-biting air fleet was revealed last night to have dealt a smashing blow to Japanese invaders of the Philippines, sinking five ships and inflicting extensive shore destruction in a daring raid on Subic Bay.

The stirring victory—one of the most notable in the Philippines campaign—was announced by the War Department which said more than 30,000 tons of enemy shipping was wiped out.

Listed as sunk were one 12,000-ton ship, one 10,000-tonner, one 8,000 tonner and two 100-ton motor launches. Many smaller craft were damaged and, on the docks of Ilongapo and Grande Island, the Americans set large fires which were followed by "many heavy explosions among enemy stores."

The audacious blow apparently was aimed at one of the enemy's main supply bases in the Bataan area. It marked the second time within a week that MacArthur had directed surprise thrusts at the enemy.

The blow—all the more daring in that the Japs are supposed to have command of the air over the Philippines—was calculated to dis-

rupt further the enemy timetable for an all-out attack. Following by less than 24 hours announcement of the smashing naval air victory in the Gilbert Islands area, the Subic Bay action was further evidence that the Americans are carrying the fight to the enemy and stopping it out.

Boost In Service Pay Is Approved

Washington—A raise in pay for the fighting forces won approval of a Senate subcommittee yesterday and will be submitted to the full military committee Friday.

The measure, introduced by Chairman Johnson (D), Colo., of the subcommittee, would apply to enlisted men, noncommissioned officers and the lowest grade of commissioned officers in the army, navy, marine corps and coast guard and to employees of the army and post office and public health service.

Johnson said that on the basis of the pay roll January 1, the proposed increases would cost an additional \$255,000,000 annually. Men who have less than a year of service would benefit most. A

111 automatic increases in pay for the first four months of the year would start at \$21 for the first four months and reach \$30 thereafter and \$40 in the second year. Second lieutenants who originally now receive \$1,500 a year would get \$1,800. In addition, their total allowance would be increased from \$480 to \$720 and their subsistence allowance from \$319 to \$504 a year.

HOUSEWARES YOU WILL NEED DUST PAN Short Handle, New Size—Red or Green 11c Several Colors Hand Coated Easy To Use 49c CARLTON'S

3% PENALTY

Will be added to all unpaid 1941 Taxes due the Town of Wilkesboro if payment is not made before...

Wednesday, April 1

Make payment before this date and save the additional penalty.

Notice To Water Patrons...

I have been ordered by the board to collect all back water accounts. If payment is not made at once, it will be necessary to discontinue water service to all delinquents. Come in and make settlement today and save this embarrassment.

J. F. JORDAN, Clerk TOWN OF WILKESBORO, N. C.

CHILDREN'S COLDS

FOR DIRECT RELIEF from miseries of colds—coughing, phlegm, irritation, clogged upper air passages—rub throat, chest, and back with Vicks VapoRub. Its poultice-and-vapor action brings relief without dosing.

ALSO, FOR HEAD COLD "sniffles", melt a spoonful of VapoRub in hot water. Then have the child breathe the steaming vapors.

SIDE-BUTTONED MODE IS WORN AT HOME



Pattern 408 is cut in misses' and women's sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28 and 30. Size 16 requires 3 1/2 yards 50 inch fabric and 3/4 yard ribbon. FIFTEEN CENTS (15c) in store for this pattern. WRITE CLEARLY SIZE, NAME, ADDRESS AND STYLE NUMBER. Send orders to Neversett Pattern Department, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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Rhodes-Day's Window Contest

Here's what you do—just drop by our store and take a look at the living-room window. There will be a number of things wrong with this display, such as arrangement, color, etc. List what you think is wrong with this display on the entry blank below and leave at our store. That's all there is to it, and here's hoping you win! THE PRIZE...

A Beautiful Aladdin Electric Table Lamp

RULES FOR WINDOW CONTEST

- 1.—Person under 16 not eligible. 2.—Only one entry per person. 3.—Entries must be in by Monday, March 16th, 6:00 P. M. 4.—You do not have to be here to win the prize. Just fill out the blank below complete with your name and address. If you win you will be notified. 5.—Decision of the judge to be final.

Contest to begin Monday, March 2nd, to end Monday, March 16th; 6:00 P. M.

Rhodes-Day Furniture Company's Window Contest Entry Blank

DATE NAME ADDRESS I think the items listed below are wrong in your Living Room Window. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

Rhodes-Day Furniture Co. COMPLETE FURNISHERS OF THE HOME

Come "C" and visit us. 1000 N. W. 10th St. Phone 1000