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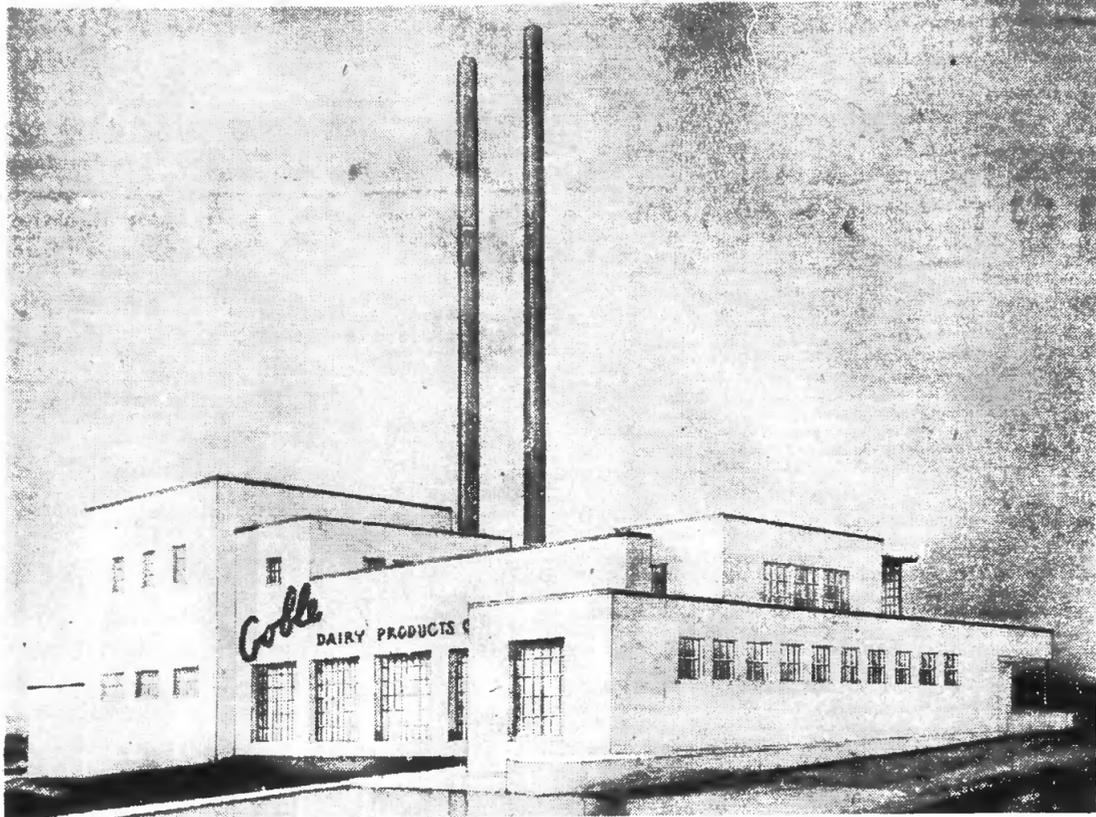


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TO MAKE DRIED MILK, DRIED EGGS, AND MANY DAIRY PRODUCTS— COBLE PLANT IN WILKESBORO PLANS TO OPEN ON FRIDAY



Here is a drawing of the large Coble Dairy Products plant in Wilkesboro, which has been completed and will open on Friday, May 1, if all machinery can be installed by that date. The plant will provide a market for all the milk which can be produced in northwestern North Carolina. Scores of milk routes will operate in

gathering the milk from farms. Location of the plant in this section is expected to mark the beginning of a great era of agricultural progress. In addition to providing a market for milk, the company will purchase surplus eggs in the low egg price season, thus holding up the market price on one of the most important agricultural products in the state.

MOON AND FOREST FIRES WERE EXCEPTIONS—

Blackout Friday Night Was Very Successful

COUNT MANPOWER— Men 44 To 65 Registered In Nation Today

The Fourth Registration in Wilkes Carried Out Efficiently By Volunteers

The nation today completed its count of available manpower by registration of men between ages of 44 and 65.

The fourth registration, sometimes called the industrial draft, is for the purpose of ascertaining the number of men who can be used in industrial and other uses except actual combat in the war.

The men who registered today will not receive a questionnaire to determine their eligibility for armed service but for labor and occupational service.

In Wilkes the registration was handled efficiently at the schools with the teachers volunteering their services to do the work. The county schools had a holiday because many of the school buildings were used as registration points and teachers were registering the men.

In North Wilkesboro schools operated and other volunteer workers did registration at the town hall until 2:30, when school teachers took over and kept the registration places open until nine p. m.

Volunteers in addition to teachers here were Miss Mary Nichols, Miss Lucille Adams, Miss Mary Heister Clark, Mrs. Rufus Church, Miss Janie McDiarmid, Mrs. Mary Moore Hix, Miss Kate Ogilvie, Mrs. Harry Pearson, Mrs. Louise Tate, Mrs. Betty Whitesides, Mrs. Boyd Stout, Mrs. R. G. Finley.

Nominated



Attorney B. C. Brock, above, of Mocksville, was nominated by the Republicans of the 24th Senatorial district, comprised of the counties of Yadkin, Wilkes and Davie. Mr. Brock has served in the Senate and House before.

Same Signals Will Be Used In Case Of Real Air Raid

Tannery Whistle, Sirens, Telephone Signals and Auto Horns To Be Used

Except for moonlight and some forest fires, Wilkes was black on the ace of spades for half an hour Friday night.

The first general blackout for a large territory in this part of the country was acclaimed a success and cooperation was extended throughout the area in the maneuver, which extended from Raleigh westward through 22 counties.

It was the second blackout for North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro, which had a successful trial blackout several weeks ago.

It was a fitting test to civilian defense preparations, should the need arise for the actual thing.

No one here knew the exact time for the blackout since it had only been announced as somewhere between nine and 11 o'clock.

As the hour of nine o'clock approached a tenseness seemed to prevail and people waited quietly in expectancy.

At 9:20 the tannery whistle boomed its bass tones into the air and lights began going off rapidly. Only a few seconds were needed to get both towns black.

And almost as rapidly the blackout extended into rural communities. Telephone operators rang every rural line for half a minute, which was the given signal. Auto horns began letting out their blasts, and as others heard the noise they pressed their horn buttons to carry the news farther out.

In several communities church and school bells helped herald the news, as well as the all clear signal which followed a half hour later.

Air raid wardens, auxiliary police and others of the civilian organization did a splendid job, not only here but along the highways and in thickly populated rural communities.

Traffic was at a standstill on the highways as all motorists stopped and turned off their lights.

The same signals as were used Friday night for the practice blackout will be used should a real blackout be ordered because of presence of enemy planes. W. H. McElwee, chairman of the civilian defense council, said today. The tannery whistle for two minutes at night will signal a blackout and the same system of telephone rings and auto horns will carry the blackout news to rural areas.

MANY FIRES RAGE— State Guard Is Fighting Fires In Mountains

Company Here Called Out Sunday To Join Lenoir Guardsmen In Work

North Wilkesboro company of the state guard was called out by Governor J. M. Broughton Sunday to fight forest fires which are still raging in western North Carolina.

The company here under command of Captain Harry Pearson went to Lenoir to join the company there. Presumably, the two companies are being used in the Johns River part of Caldwell county, where destructive fires Sunday were out of control.

Meanwhile, the bad fires in the northeastern part of Wilkes county had been brought under control. A. A. Triplett, Wilkes forest warden, said.

Three large fires burned over more than 10,000 acres of heavily timbered lands on Garden Creek, Greenstreak mountain and other points.

HERE TODAY— Sentence One For Fraud In Getting U. C. C. Payments

B. M. Wilson Must Refund \$58 and Pay Cost Or Go To The Roads

B. M. Wilson, local resident, in city court today was sentenced to 30 days on the roads, the sentence suspended on condition that he refund \$58 he received in unemployment Compensation Benefits while employed.

Wilson, now employed at Martin Aircraft plants in Baltimore, was arrested here Saturday on a year old charge of fraudulently obtaining unemployment benefits. He is a former employe of American Furniture company. While making applications here several months ago for benefits, he failed to report earnings as required by law.

CIVIL TERM— Court To Begin Tuesday Morning

April term of Wilkes superior court will get under way in Wilkesboro Tuesday, April 28.

Court was scheduled to begin today but Judge J. H. Clement ordered adjournment until Tuesday morning because today was registration day for men between ages of 44 and 65.

Civil cases will be tried during the two-weeks term.

SAW NEWS ITEM— Radio Stolen From Town Hall Here Returned

Theodore Rush Had Sold It for \$2.50 To Resident Near North Wilkesboro

A news item in Thursday's Journal-Patriot was indirectly responsible for the return of a radio which had been stolen from a desk in the fire department of the town hall here.

The radio was stolen late on the night of Friday, April 17, from the desk which is often used by police near the front of the building. No clues relative to the bold theft were found but on Friday, one week after it was stolen, a man brought it in.

A Mr. Eller who lives a short distance west of this city brought in the radio, saying that he had purchased it for \$2.50 from Theodore Rush on the night it was stolen from the fire department.

When he saw the news item about a radio being stolen he put two and two together and realized that he had purchased a stolen radio for only a fraction of its real worth and proceeded to return it to its proper place.

Police Chief J. E. Walker said that Rush is also charged with stealing a pickup from Forester's Nu-Way Service station but to date he has not been located.

The pickup, which was taken from the station and near where the attendants were working, was found the following day near Champion. It had not been badly damaged.

Associational W. M. U. Meet

Annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Union of Brushy Mountain Baptist association will be held at Wilkesboro Baptist church on Friday, May 1, beginning at ten a. m.

The associational meeting will continue throughout the day and picnic lunch will be served at noon.

Visiting speakers will include Mrs. W. D. Briggs, of Raleigh; Mrs. J. B. Hipps, of Asheville; Mrs. B. C. James, of Elkin. All churches in the association are asked to be well represented.

ORGANIZATION MEETING— Call For Democratic Convention May 16

Postcard Costs \$50

Durham.—It cost the Durham Fire Department about \$50 to mail a penny postcard. That's the estimated expense of answering a false alarm.

At 6:03 o'clock one morning three trucks rolled out of Station No. 1 in answer to an alarm turned in from Box No. 315 at the corner of Queen and Liberty streets.

But the only thing the firemen saw was a penny postcard in the firebox addressed to Mrs. Laura White of North Wilkesboro, Route 1. The person who mailed the card mistook the fire box for a mail box.

Chief Bennett said he has instructed Captain B. C. Cannady to serve as the "mailman" in the case and to send the card to North Wilkesboro.

ALL LAST WEEK— "Frog Millhouse" Spends Few Days In N. Wilkesboro

High Ranking Screen Comedian and Family Puts Up Here For A Week

Smiley Burnette, probably better known on the screen as "Frog Millhouse", comedian partner of Gene Autry, came here a week ago for a personal performance at Liberty Theatre and liked North Wilkesboro so well that he made North Wilkesboro headquarters for a week.

He and associates played before large crowds at the theatre Monday night and his show was enthusiastically received. Throughout the week Burnette played at several towns in the western part of the state and he and his family, which consists of Mrs. Burnette and two children, were guests at Hotel Wilkes in North Wilkesboro. He said he liked North Wilkesboro very much and was happy to be able to make his headquarters here while playing in other towns.

BUY DEFENSE BONDS

TEACHERS' JOB— Gas Rationing Registration On May 12, 13 and 14

Motorists Will Register For Gasoline Rationing To Begin May 15th

Registration of car and truck owners for gasoline rationing will be on May 12, 13 and 14 and rationing will begin on May 15.

Late news dispatches from the nation's capital indicate that a larger amount of gasoline than the 2 1-2 to five gallons weekly, as was first suggested, may be allowed each motorist.

Officials have again called on the teachers to handle the gasoline registration as they did the selective service registrations and the sugar registrations soon to be held.

Due to a shortage of transportation facilities, a temporary gasoline rationing system will be set up to last until July 1, at which time a more permanent rationing system in accordance with supplies anticipated will be set up.

Since announcement of gasoline rationing was made, there have been different statements made by national officials as to the amount of gasoline which will be available for the average motorist and it may be several days before any definite amount is set.

Meanwhile, a curtailment of gasoline deliveries to dealers will go into effect on May 1, which will necessitate less gasoline consumption before rationing is begun.

AT TOWN HALL— Navy Recruiters Coming Friday

Navy recruiters J. L. Brown and F. A. Yarbrough from the Navy Recruiting station at Salisbury will establish temporary headquarters at the Post Office in North Wilkesboro on Friday, May 1st, for the purpose of interviewing men desiring to enlist in the Navy or Naval Reserve.

Men with trades are especially desired in the Naval Reserve as Petty Officers. Those who are not skilled in any particular kind of work may qualify for one of the Navy's many trade schools and learn the kind of work they wish to follow. All interested men in this locality are urged to see Mr. Brown and Mr. Yarbrough on May 1st at the Post Office in North Wilkesboro.

Baptist Meeting Will End Friday

The series of evangelistic services at the First Baptist church will close on Friday evening. Rev. H. F. Jones, of Appomattox, Virginia, is guest minister and the services at eight o'clock each evening are being well attended and much interest is being shown.

"Wilkes County Night" will be observed tomorrow night and all Baptist churches in Wilkes are asked to have representatives at the service.

A rented locomotive furnished the steam heat that has made possible a third shift at a Lester, Pa., plant participating in the War Production Drive.

Sugar Rationing Registration Data For All Announced

Applicants for sugar rationing books today were cautioned by C. B. Eller, Wilkes sugar rationing administrator, to come prepared with full information when they register at elementary schools in their vicinity May 5, 6 and 7.

Institutional and industrial users of sugar will register April 28 and 29 at high schools in their communities. They will be required to file detailed records for two years. In the meantime, they will not be permitted to make any sugar sales after April 28 except upon surrender of sugar certificates. Hence, retail sugar sales will be suspended for a brief period.

Only one member of each family may register for the family unit, but he or she must have with them data regarding the other members of the family. Ration books will not be issued until all the data are furnished, it was made clear.

Here is the information which should be furnished at the time of registration:

1. A list of the members of the family and their exact names.
 2. An exact description of each member of the family unit—height, weight, color of eyes, color of hair, age and sex.
 3. The exact relationship of each member of the family unit to the person who is registering for the family unit.
 4. It is necessary to know to the pound just how much sugar is in possession of the household. The amount of sugar will be divided by the number of people in the family unit and stamps will be torn out by the registrar for all sugar in excess of two pounds per person. If more than four stamps have to be removed, issuance of the book will be withheld until later.
- A family unit has been defined by the Office of Price Administration as "a group of two or more individuals consisting of all persons who are living together in the same household who are related by blood or marriage." (See blank on page 8)

LETTER SAYS— Marines Like N. Wilkesboro

The two U. S. Marine recruiting sergeants who manned the recruiting station here last week were favorably impressed with North Wilkesboro.

After taking several enlistments, the officers left on Friday. Their sentiments relative to cooperation received here were expressed in the following letter addressed to Dwight Nichols, news editor of The Journal-Patriot:

U. S. Marine Recruiting Office—North Wilkesboro, N. C. The Journal-Patriot North Wilkesboro, N. C. Sir,

Just a note to thank you for the kind cooperation that you have shown us in our work in this city. If we could count on the people in every town as we can North Wilkesboro, our work would be most pleasant at all times. We sincerely hope that some day in the near future our officers will deem it advisable to return to this city.

Yours for Victory,
ROBERT L. COOPER
Sgt. Sgt. U.S.M.C.
ROBERT H. BARTHOLOMEW
Sgt. Sgt. U.S.M.C.