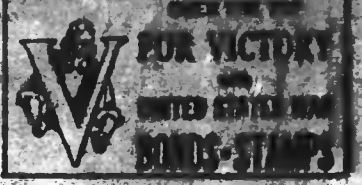


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Rock Specimens Stored Here May Hold Up Construction Of Flood Control Dam

Wilkes School Buses Need 100 Tires Before School Opening August 31



In Rhode Island
John Glass, son of Mrs. Fred Glass, of Wilkesboro, and who enlisted in the navy several days ago, is now stationed in the naval training center, Company 918, Newport, Rhode Island.

Orders The Journal-Patriot
Albert Settle, one of the "four fighting Settles", a quartet of sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Settle in the navy, this week ordered The Journal-Patriot so that he can read the news from his home county while chasing Japs in the Pacific. One of his brothers, Robert Settle, is on the same ship and will share the paper with him.

Ferguson In Utah
T. L. Ferguson, Wilkes man now an army veteran of many years service, has recently been transferred from Camp Chaffee, Ark. to Fort Douglas, Utah.

Promoted To Corporal
Henry Pearson, a youth of the Millers Creek community who enlisted in the marine corps last year and is now stationed at Quantico, Va., has been promoted to corporal. He is only 18 years of age.

Pvt. Walker Home
Pvt. Jasper T. Walker, who has been stationed at Fort Bragg for eleven months, is spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Walker, near Lomax postoffice. Pvt. Walker is recovering from a recent operation performed at the Fort Bragg hospital.

Navy Man Here on Visit
Warrant Machinist Mate B. W. Ball, of one of Uncle Sam's big battleships of the Atlantic fleet, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Delia Ball Marlow, and Mrs. Ball's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Marlow, in the Gilreath community. Ball has been in the Navy for 23 years. For military reasons he could not divulge the name of his ship nor the point of landing in this country.

Marine Bob Laws Recovers From Malarial Fever
Marine Bob Laws, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shafter Laws, of Washington, D. C., and grandson of Editor and Mrs. R. Don Laws, of Moravian Falls, reported very ill several days ago. It was again and has left the marine base at Parris Island. Bob was only ill in the hospital for a few days, quite contrary to reports current that he was critically ill with malarial fever.

Promoted In Australia
Miss Manie Brewer, of this city, has received a cablegram from her brother, Walter S. Brewer, who is in service somewhere in Australia. He has recently been promoted to technical sergeant in the quartermaster corps.

Baxter Davis Promoted
Pfc. Baxter Davis, who is stationed in Hawaii, has been promoted to technician, fifth grade. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Davis, of Wilkesboro.

At Charleston, S. C.
Lieut. Commander J. H. McNeill, of the medical corps of the U. S. Navy reserves, has begun his duties at the naval hospital in Charleston, S. C.

Brothers on Furlough
Pvt. Mont Livingstons, of Fort Benning, Ga., and Pvt. Hugh Livingston, of Fort Custer, Michigan, have been spending their furloughs with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Livingstons, of Millers Creek.

Tire Situation Critical As Date of Opening Nears

Little School Buildings Slated for Abandonment Receive Improvements

To be properly equipped, Wilkes county school buses should have 100 recapped tires by school opening date August 31. C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, said today.

Uniform Opening
Supt. Eller said that August 31 had been tentatively set as school opening date for all schools in the county. North Wilkesboro city board of education has also set the same opening date. There will be two days off for Thanksgiving and schools will close December 18 for two weeks of Christmas and New Year holidays.

In discussing the school bus tire problem, Supt. Eller said the situation was critical and that efforts so far to secure a special allotment of tires for school buses had not been successful. If school bus tires are taken from the regular rationing allotment of tires for the county the supply for trucks, which is already inadequate for eligible and legitimate needs of trucks engaged in essential work, will be distressingly low.

Paint School Houses
Plans have been underway for the past few years for further consolidation among the smaller schools of Wilkes and erection of modern school buildings. However, the war has prevented further construction and forces have been busily engaged during the past several days in painting the interior of some of the buildings, which will improve their appearance and lighting conditions to a great extent.

Plan Purebred Guernsey Sale

Plans are under way for a pure bred Guernsey sale for Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin counties in October. J. B. Snipes, Wilkes county farm agent, said today.

Plans for the sale were laid at a meeting in Elkin with representatives of the three counties this week. J. A. Arey, F. R. Farnham and John Hobbs, of the extension service, assisted in the meeting, which was attended by county agents and business and civic leaders.

Those from Wilkes present were J. B. Snipes and H. C. Colvard, agent and assistant agent; B. B. Broome and John F. Brown, of Coble Dairy Products.

Develop Park

Development of the recently acquired city park here is well under way and the area will be ready for use in a few days.

Through a generous offer by International Shoe company the town leased the former residential property near the tannery site for a nominal sum.

The area has beautiful trees, grass and shrubbery. There is also a swimming pool which may be used later.

Development work, which is under direction of Cecil Hayes, city streets and water superintendent, will include erection of barbecue furnaces, picnic tables and playground equipment.

Location Draft And Rationing Board Offices

WHERE TO GO—

For the benefit of the public here are listed the locations of the Selective Service (Draft) boards, and rationing boards for Wilkes county.

For Wilkes area 1: The Selective service board office is located in the federal building in Wilkesboro in the office of clerk of the federal court; the rationing board office is located in the federal building in the district attorney's office.

For Wilkes area 2: The Selective Service board office is located in the North Wilkesboro town hall, top floor; the rationing board office is on the second floor of the Bank of North Wilkesboro building adjoining the office of Attorney W. H. McElwee.

CCC Disbanded

Camp Buildings May Be Used To House Unit of Conscientious Objectors

Laurel Springs C. C. Camp, located on the Blue Ridge Parkway near the intersection with highway 18, was disbanded Tuesday, according to information received here.

Abandonment of the camp, along with other C. C. Camps, resulted from failure of Congress to appropriate funds to continue that government agency.

The camp members had been engaged in work on the Blue Ridge Parkway, which now will be confined to activities under supervision of the U. S. Bureau of Roads.

According to unofficial information received here, the camp buildings may later be used to house conscientious objectors.

Synthetic Rubber Prospects Outlined

R. T. Hammett In Address Before Banquet Tells How Standard Oil Company Vintally Helped In War Effort

Instead of hampering production of synthetic rubber as charged in a recent government investigation, Standard Oil company spent \$12,000,000 in synthetic rubber research and endeavor to interest the government and major units of the rubber industry in synthetic rubber production, R. T. Hammett, special representative of Esso Marketers, said in an address at a banquet at Hotel Wilkes Tuesday night.

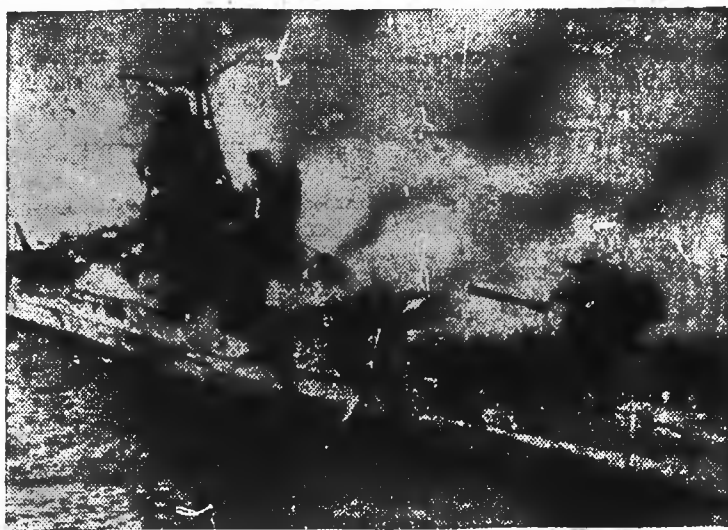
The banquet here was arranged by L. M. Nelson, of this city, local district manager for Standard Oil company and about 100 men and women, representative of the business and civic life of the town and community, were guests, in addition to the Esso dealers in this territory.

The program opened with the singing of "God Bless America", followed by invocation by Judge Johnson J. Hayes. At the close of the banquet meal music was furnished by a string band.

Mr. Hammett was presented by Mr. Nelson.

The speaker gave an account of dealings of Standard Oil company with the I. G. Farbenindus-

GOOD NEWS PICTURED HERE— PLANES BLAST A JAP CRUISER



This is one of the first pictures of the battle of Midway island, and shows a Jap cruiser of the Magami class listing badly after being hit by bombs dropped from U. S. carrier-based navy planes. Billows of black smoke fill the air, and the deck is a mass of wreckage. Many Jap seamen lost their lives in the water when they dived overboard.

Russians Rally In 2 Counterattacks

Moscow.—Russian troops have pushed the Germans back toward the front line in the central sector of the Eastern front, special dispatches from the front said today.

Led by the army guards and covered by Stormovik dive bombing planes, the Russians struck out a new series of counterattacks against the massed German tanks and motorized infantry driving into the city.

They inflicted enormous losses on the enemy, dispatches said, and at several points forced them to take up defensive positions.

As the result of the Russian attack, in the face of heavy, German fire, enemy pressure was eased on the north side of the city, dispatches said, adding that counterattacks were continuing.

AIN'T SINNED MUCH

Preacher: Tut, tut, little man; didn't you know it is a sin to catch fish on Sunday?

Boy: Well, I ain't sinned much yet. I haven't got a nibble.

3 More Ships Are Submarine Victims

Nine persons were lost and 51 injured when a medium-sized American ship carrying 331 passengers and crew was torpedoed and sunk in the Atlantic Ocean about two weeks ago. It was disclosed Wednesday as the Navy Department announced the sinking of three more United Nations vessels by Axis submarines.

In all, 17 men died in the latest sinkings, which brought the total by Axis submarines and mines in the Western Atlantic area since mid-January to 390, according to an unofficial compilation.

Two New Faculty Members Named

Two new members have been named for the North Wilkesboro school faculty to replace two high school teachers who will soon enter the armed services.

Miss Betty Story, of Lenoir, has been employed by the city board of education as band instructor and director, succeeding Lawrence Cameron, who is going into the service.

Miss Story was student band director at Lenoir-Rhyne College and for four years was assistant to Prof. Harper as director of the famous Lenoir high school band.

Miss Mary Speer, of Boonville, will be math teacher, succeeding Robert Taylor, who soon will enter a branch of the armed services. Miss Speer is a graduate of Meredith College and has taught at Mountain View, Mountain Park and Boonville.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Jarvis returned to their home on Roaring River route two Monday night from a ten day trip during which they visited relatives at New Castle, Indiana, Cincinnati and Portsmouth, Ohio, and Charleston, W. Va.

Stone Samples Not Sent Out For Tests

391,127 Pounds Scrap Rubber In Wilkes Collected

Final report on the scrap rubber drive for Wilkes shows that 391,127 pounds of scrap rubber, an average of almost ten pounds per person, were collected, W. J. Bason, scrap rubber chairman for the petroleum industry, said today.

Of that amount petroleum products dealers collected 288,727 pounds, scrap dealers 101,400 pounds and 6,000 pounds were furnished by the state highway organization within the county. Average per person in Wilkes was approximately twice the national per capita average.

NEAR RONDA— Federal Officers Get A Huge Still

Two Men Arrested At 300 Gallon Still Tuesday Night; Big Plant Is Destroyed

Federal officers destroyed one of the largest stills ever found in Wilkes county Tuesday night and arrested two men.

The still, a 300-gallon outfit with a 200-gallon boiler, was found between Clingman and Ronda and had not been in operation but a short time.

L. P. Johnson and Ralph Spicer, both under 18 years of age were arrested at the still and later gave bond for appearance in federal court at Wilkesboro in November.

In addition to the still the officers found 18 box fermenters with 4,000 gallons grain and commercial syrup mash, which were destroyed, and a late model truck, which was confiscated.

Alcohol Tax Unit investigators staging the raid were C. S. Felts, Roy Reese, J. S. Cabe, R. M. Gambill and Deputy Marshal Walter Irwin.

No Service Sunday At Episcopal Church

There will be no service in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Sunday evening, July 19th, due to the fact that the rector, Rev. B. M. Lackey, is on his vacation.

WILKES MEN— 13 Join Navy

Harry Gatton, representative of the Salisbury office of the Navy recruiting service, here today listed 13 Wilkes men who have enlisted in the navy during the past few weeks.

They were: Curtis Nelson, James G. Little, John H. Clark, Coy R. Stout, William T. Raymer, Hugh Harley and D. P. Wellborn, Jr., of North Wilkesboro; John W. Glass, of Wilkesboro; James A. Bumgarner and William M. Price, of Pores Knob; John L. Miller, of Wilbar; Ray E. Sale, of Cycle; Sydney Eugene Lyall, of Glendale Springs.

In addition to this number, there are many applications pending and it is expected that a great majority of those who have applied will be accepted. Gatton will spend all day Friday here interviewing men interested in enlisting in the navy and will return in two weeks for another two-day stay. He maintains headquarters in the fire department of the town hall.

Congressmen Urged To Work For Flood Dam

Delegation From Elkin In Conference Here Tuesday Night With Local Men

Engineering duties preliminary to a definite proposal to construct a flood control dam on the Yadkin river west of Wilkesboro have not been completed, according to information gained locally.

When the field survey was completed last fall at the proposed dam sites by the war department engineers, samples of bedrock to be sent to Washington for analysis as to construction qualities were left there, and were recently stored on the farm belonging to Mrs. J. M. Bumgarner of Wilkesboro. This information was learned here from Walter Ferguson, citizen of that community, who stated that the engineers said the specimens may remain there for a year or more before being sent away for tests.

It is suggested that local citizens leading in the appeal to have a flood control dam constructed on the Yadkin get in touch with the proper authorities at once and have the preliminary work completed in order that a definite proposal can be made before congress for appropriations for construction of the dam.

Due to the fact that rivers and harbors, including flood control proposals, are under direction of the War Department, it is presumed that urgent duties in prosecution of the war have necessarily delayed action in completing the preliminary work on the Yadkin flood control plans.

Elkin Interested

A delegation from Elkin met with local citizens at the Hotel Wilkes here Tuesday night to lay plans to renew appeals to Congressmen to have the dam constructed and thus prevent recurrence of disastrous floods, such as the one in August, 1940, which destroyed lives and millions of dollars worth of property, a similar one in 1916, and smaller floods which also caused much damage.

Among those at the conference here Tuesday night from Elkin to meet with local citizens were H. P. Graham, Joe Bivins, E. S. Spainhour and Hoke Henderson. Sponsor Josiah W. Bailey, chairman of the commerce committee in the U. S. Senate, W. O. Burgin, eighth district representative and R. L. Doughton, ninth district representative and chairman of the Ways and Means committee in Congress, have given their assurance that they will exert every effort for early construction of a flood control dam on the Yadkin.

M. E. Bauguss Is Inspector For The Watershed Areas

M. E. Bauguss, of this city, has been appointed inspector for the North Wilkesboro watershed.

Today Mr. Bauguss said that watershed laws and regulations will be enforced and any violators will be prosecuted.

He warned that it is a violation of the law to swim or go wading in Reddies River or its tributaries within five miles of the water plant.

Mr. Harold Ponzell, who is working in Baltimore, spent the week-end at Cricket with Mrs. Ponzell and daughter, Mary June.