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Nick Antonakos Is Now Second Lieutenant
Nick Antonakos, son of Pete Antonakos, of this city, has been commissioned as second lieutenant in the U. S. Army Air forces after completion of the officers' training course at Miami, Florida. Lt. Antonakos has been transferred to Langley Field, Va.

Pvt. Dillard Transferred
Pvt. Coy W. Dillard, who had been stationed at Fort Eustis, Va., has been transferred to Camp Edwards, Mass. Before entering the service he had made his home with his uncle, U. M. Myers, of Hays. In his last letter home he said he was getting along fine.

Pvt. Holman at Camp Rucker
Pvt. William Champ Holman, who was inducted into the army several weeks ago at Fort Bragg, is now stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Holman, of North Wilkesboro route one.

Seaman Johnston Home
Lloyd Johnston, Seaman Second Class, stationed at N. O. B., Norfolk, Va., has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson, of North Wilkesboro route three, and other relatives. Before returning to Norfolk, he will visit his brother, Clay Johnston, of Kannapolis.

Pvt. Wingler Transferred
Pvt. Chester C. Wingler says: "I have been transferred from Fort Riley, Kansas, to the Army Air Base at Richmond, Va. Boys, if I can hold it down for one or two more months I think I can get to come back to Wilkes county to see you all again."

Willard C. Land Promoted
Willard C. Land, who is stationed at Camp Polk, La., has been promoted to Technician, 4th grade. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Land, of Boomer.

At Camp Roberts
Corporal Technician Guy Roy Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown, of Cycle, is stationed at Camp Roberts, Arkansas. Corporal Roberts entered the service on September 9, 1941.

Sgt. Frazier In Australia
Technical Sergeant George E. Frazier, an army veteran of about 17 years' service and who for many years was stationed with the army medical corps at Washington, D. C., has landed safely in Australia. Sgt. Frazier is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Frazier, of Popes Knob.

Pvt. Ogilvie Now At Camp Lee, Va.
Pvt. Gordon Ogilvie, who was inducted into the army at Fort Bragg last month, has been transferred to Camp Lee, Va. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Ogilvie of Oakwoods.

Sgt. Gilliam Sails
Sgt. Harlon F. Gilliam, who is attached to the signal corps with the army air force, sailed from New York City to an unannounced overseas destination several days ago, according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gilliam, of Hays. Sgt. Gilliam was in training in Florida until he was transferred to a New Jersey camp a few days before he sailed from New York.

Pfc. Lytton In Ireland
Pfc. Wilton Lytton, who entered the service October 3, 1941, and received his training at Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Dix, N. J., has been in Ireland for three months. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Lytton, of Roaring River, received a letter from him last week. He said he was getting along fine.

Sgt. Sparks Returns
Sgt. Claude M. Sparks, who has been visiting relatives and friends at Moravian Falls, has returned to Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, where he is stationed.

Pvt. Cain In Hawaii
Mrs. Bertha Cain Smithley received a letter from her son, Pvt. Samuel Cain, saying that he had arrived safely in Honolulu.

Sgt. Anderson Here
Sgt. Oliver E. Anderson, son of Mrs. M. M. Anderson of Oak- (Continued on page 8)

Scrap Metal Canvass To Be Saturday

People In Towns Are Asked to Pile Scrap Near Street

Trucks will canvass North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro on Saturday afternoon, August 15, to collect scrap metal. Decision to have a canvass for scrap metals in the towns was reached in a recent meeting of the Wilkes County Salvage committee. All people in the towns are asked to collect all available scrap metals from their premises and to place the scrap on the lawn at a convenient place for loading to the truck. Those who desire may have the metal weighed when the truck arrives and they will be paid the prevailing prices. Those who do not ask payment may donate the scrap metal to the government. Meanwhile, the scrap metal campaign throughout the county is progressing and large quantities of scrap are being purchased daily by scrap dealers here. The WPA truck is also collecting large amounts of scrap metals in rural communities.

Deserter Tries Jail Break Here

James Grimes, Army Deserter and Ronda Wallace, Drunk, Saw Jail Bars

James Grimes, an army deserter from Fort Jackson, S. C., and Ronda Wallace, charged with being drunk and with a previous jailbreak, attempted to break out of the city jail here last night. Police early this morning found that Grimes and Wallace had sawed their way out of their cells and had made much progress toward sawing out of the jail enclosure in the basement of the city hall building. Wallace, who lives near Pores Knob, was promptly tried today before Mayor R. T. McNeil, was given 12 months on the roads for breaking out of jail on April 16 this year, 30 days for being drunk, and 12 months suspended for malicious injury to public property. Grimes, who was picked up here this week on a call from Army authorities at Fort Jackson, is being held until called for by military police. Wallace, who had broken out of the city jail before, was thoroughly searched before he was locked up Wednesday night. Today he said that Grimes had the hacksaw in his cell. Police Chief Walker said that the hacksaw, which had been stolen from the city truck, had probably been smuggled into Grimes' cell by some of the several people who visited him since he was locked up.

\$100 Raised Here For the Orphanage

The sum of \$100 was raised here for the Masonic orphanage at Oxford on the occasion of the orphanage's singing class visit to the city. A class of 14 children under direction of Miss Hughes, of the orphanage faculty, rendered a delightful program Monday night in the lodge hall. There was a large crowd present to enjoy the program, which gave evidence of splendid training given the children at the orphanage. The children spent the night in homes of members of the Masonic lodge here.

Staley Tried In Wilkes Court

German 'Tourists' in Egypt



These German soldiers penetrated much deeper into Egypt than they had planned and are shown on the wrong side of a barbed wire cage for prisoners of war at Cairo. They are some of the men with which General Rommel made his push across the desert to El Alamein, where he was stopped by British forces.

Near Victory In Solomons

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia. — Reports spread through Australia today that United States Marines were within sight of victory in at least three key Solomon Islands and on Guadalcanal, were driving toward capture of the best airdrome site in the entire area. (An Associated Press dispatch, commission correspondent said it was believed the marines were breaking the Japanese hold on Tulagi area, that they had been strongly reinforced and that the Japanese had been driven from many of their positions in hand to hand fighting.) The marines were consolidating positions in Tulagi, Florida, and Guadalcanal Islands, reports to Douglas MacArthur, commander in chief, indicated, and might now have a foothold on a fourth island, probably Malaita.

MET FRIDAY—Smithey Named On State G.O.P. Finance Group

Wilkes Republican Chairman On State Committee Named By Sim DeLapp

N. B. Smithey, chairman of the Republican executive committee in Wilkes county, has been named on the state finance committee of the Republican party. State Chairman Sim A. DeLapp, of Lexington, has named 25 leading Republicans in the State on the finance committee, which had its first meeting in Lexington Friday afternoon. In addition to Mr. Smithey, the members of the committee are as follows: A. L. Ferree, Asheboro, chairman; Mrs. Jefferson Penn, Reidsville; D. J. Lybrook, R1, Advance; Stuart W. Cramer, Jr., Crumpton; John L. Morehead, Charlotte; J. Sam White, Mebane; W. G. Bramham, Durham; Colin Spencer, Carthage; I. H. Powell, Canton; T. J. Harkins, Asheville; Halsey B. Leavitt, Asheville; C. (Continued on page 8)

English Seamen Enjoying Visit In North Wilkesboro

Two British seamen are enjoying North Wilkesboro hospitality this week. They are Ted Rose, 29, formerly from Dover, England, and Jack Farrant, of London. On July 22, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. (Buster) Grayson were vacationing at Wilmington. On the way to the beach from Wilmington they picked up two seamen in blue uniforms. An interesting acquaintance developed and the seamen also made the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Buford Jones, who now live at Wilmington. Later from Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Farrant and Rose got the address of Mr. and Mrs. Grayson and when their ship docked at another eastern port this week they obtained their first ten-day leave in a year and set out for North Wilkesboro to see the town and the country they had heard the Graysons describe. On Tuesday night they arrived at the

Grayson home here, after getting 14 rides on the way from the coast. They said they had longed for months to see some of the United States except the eastern coastline, which they considered uninteresting. But it is different as far inland as North Wilkesboro. "This is a fine country. You have a nice town. The air feels great. We are enjoying our visit very much," Rose, the older and more talkative of the two, said yesterday in an interview here. They find the hills of the Piedmont section not unlike their native England and our mountains they think are really wonderful. Although only about 300 miles inland, their trip here from the coast has given them a conception of about how big this country is as compared to England, which is only one third as large as the state of Texas. (Continued on page 8)

Manslaughter Is Verdict Returned In Murder Trial

Jim Watts Slain In 1936; Illness Of Defendant Prevented Earlier Trial

Buster Staley was convicted of manslaughter in Wilkes Superior court today for the fatal shooting of Jim Watts at a service station one mile east of Wilkesboro in October, 1936. Trial of the case had been delayed for almost six years due to illness of Staley, who had been a patient at tubercular sanatoriums. The defendant pleaded self defense, saying that Watts had been assaulting Coy Staley with a knife and was advancing on him when he fired his gun three times and killed Watts. Sentence has not been passed by Judge Felix E. Alley, who is presiding over the two weeks' term of court now nearing the end of the first week. Other cases disposed of this week were as follows: Hubert Pierce, operating a car while intoxicated, \$50 fine and 90 days suspended. Wade Grider, Gordon Johnston and Clay Rowland, assault, verdict of guilty; sentence not passed. (Continued on page 8)

Divorces were granted in the following cases on grounds of two years' separation: Herbert Hester versus Capitola Hester; Noah Wedkins versus Lizzie Wedkins; T. G. Thomas versus Frances Holloway Thomas; R. S. Godfrey versus Alta Godfrey; Edith Turner versus Edgar Turner.

Members of the grand jury in the present term of court are as follows: L. M. Adams, G. N. Green, Charles Harrold, Everett Tedder, Mansfield Green, R. M. Hincher, John Roten, Harrison Billings, Will Watson, D. J. Faw, J. J. Pierce, W. M. Eller, G. C. Caudill, J. G. Billings, Smith Johnson, C. C. Burchette and W. S. Byrd. Lee Edward Harris is foreman of the grand jury.

Equipment C. C. Camp At Laurel Springs Is Moved

Army task forces from Camp Sutton, near Monroe, were in North Wilkesboro Tuesday night and Wednesday en route to and from the C. C. Camp at Laurel Springs. The men were moving equipment from the camp, which was vacated shortly after July 1, to Camp Sutton. Several truck loads of usable equipment were moved from the C. C. Camp to the army camp. The buildings, however, remain near Laurel Springs.

Two Age Nine and One Age Eight Enter John Joines Store At Night

Police Chief J. E. Walker today was holding Ot Taylor, age 9, Harless Taylor, age 8, and Charlie Bauguss, Jr., age 9, for breaking into John Joines store on Forester Avenue last night. The boys broke into the store by a back window and took a quantity of cigarettes. The Taylor brothers are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Taylor. The boys will be tried before C.C. Hayes, Wilkes clerk of court and juvenile court judge. Police Chief Walker said today that the boys have been connected with other larceny reports in this city.

Banker 50 Years



R. W. Gwyn With Bank Fifty Years

R. W. Gwyn this month has rounded out fifty years of continuous services with the Bank of North Wilkesboro, of which he has been cashier for almost as many years. Few men, anywhere, can match that record of more than fifty years in one institution. Mr. Gwyn came to North Wilkesboro from Elkin in July, 1892, and accepted a position in the Bank of North Wilkesboro, at the request of the late J. E. Finley, who was president of the bank. He came with the intention of staying only a month. Mr. Gwyn then went back home in a short time, but Mr. Finley sent for him to come back to the bank, and he has been a resident of the city since that time. Mr. Gwyn's decision to come back has meant much to North Wilkesboro and all northwestern North Carolina during the past half a century. There are few, if any, men who have transacted business dealings with more people in this section than has R. W. Gwyn, and there are few, if any, who have made fewer mistakes in business judgment. (Continued on page 8)

AT POSTOFFICE—Victory Letter Stationery Is Now Available

Postmaster J. C. Reins Has Letter Forms For Mail To Go Overseas

Postmaster J. C. Reins has received a supply of V-Mail stationery at the North Wilkesboro postoffice. The stationery received by Postmaster Reins is supplied by the government, and is the correct form for writing letters to men in the service who are overseas. No charge is made for the letter sheets, which are a combination of letter and envelope, but only three sheets may be given to any one person in one day. When transmitted by V-Mail, a miniature photographic film is made of the letter and the film is sent to the destination country, where it is used to make a photographic enlargement almost as large as the original letter. The purpose of the plan is to save space and weight in transmitting mail to men overseas. Thousands of the films can be sent in the space and amount of weight which would be necessary for a fraction of the number of letters in the original form. On one side of the V-Mail sheet complete instructions are given for using the stationery, and users should follow instructions closely for best results.

Marketing Plans Made For Apples

Maps of Apple Growing Section Will Be Distributed To Truckers This Fall

Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers association has adopted tentative plans to expedite marketing of a bountiful fruit crop this season. In a meeting held Friday night at the research laboratory on highway 16, a committee named at a previous meeting outlined several plans. A map of the fruit growing section, containing the location of orchards and names of orchardists, will be made and copies will be placed at information points on highways leading into the Brushies on all sides. Signs will be placed stating that apple information may be obtained and truck operators who stop will be given copies of the map. Orchardists will send to the county agent each week a card telling the number of bushels of the several varieties they will have for sale the following week and information obtained from the cards will be distributed with the maps. (Continued on page 8)

Farmer Resigns

C. B. Farmer, principal of the Roaring River high school for the past three years, has resigned, C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, said today. In his letter of resignation Prof. Farmer said that he would either enter the armed forces or enter a line of work vital to the prosecution of the war. Prior to being elected principal of Roaring River school, Mr. Farmer was Traphill school principal for several years.

Chamberlain K. P. District Deputy

Fourteen members of the North Wilkesboro Knights of Pythias Lodge attended a district meeting in Lenoir Tuesday night with the Lenoir and Lincoln lodges. Forty-eight were present. Ivey Moore, District Deputy, presided, and at the close of the meeting submitted his resignation because he is entering the navy. Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, of North Wilkesboro, was elected as his successor. Principal business of the meeting was discussion of plans to raise in the grand lodge \$5,000 to repair the girls' dormitory at the lodge's children's home at Clayton. Those going from North Wilkesboro were: Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, Paul S. Cragan, T. E. Stovr, R. E. Gibbs, Bryan Gilreath, J. C. Reins, J. O. Emerson, Paul Osborne, V. E. Jennings, Ivey Moore, P. E. Church, Glenn McNeill, Cecil Hauss and George Jackson. (Continued on page 8)

Sherman T. Colvard Enters Army Soon

Sherman T. Colvard, until recently proprietor of the Cardwell Lumber Co., of this city, and a member of the Wilkesboro board of commissioners, received orders this week to report for army duty at Charleston, S. C., on August 31st. Mr. Colvard, an army veteran with nine years of military service to his credit, will enter an officers' training corps at Camp Croft. Much of Mr. Colvard's former army service took place in Hawaii and Panama where he was stationed with the United States Army. Mr. Colvard will be placed with a quartermaster detachment at Camp Croft.