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WILKES Men With The Colors

Pfc. Archie McNeill Home on Furlough
Pfc. Archie McNeill, of Fort McClellan, Ala., has arrived to spend a nine-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus McNeill, in this city.

Pvt. Rester Blackburn Is Home on Furlough
Pvt. Rester Blackburn, of Drew Field, Florida, arrived Friday on a ten-day furlough, which he is spending with relatives and friends at Hays and in North Wilkesboro. Pvt. Blackburn has been in training in signal corps work at Atlanta, Ga.

Pvt. Russell At Ft. Myers
Pvt. Ronda W. Russell, who has been in the service four months and has been stationed in Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida, is now at Fort Myers, Florida. He writes home, "Send me The Journal-Patriot".

Corporal Arthur Nichols Is Transferred
Corporal Arthur Nichols, who was stationed with the marine corps at New River, N. C., was transferred a few months ago to the west coast and is now believed to be in service somewhere in the Pacific. He is a son of Mrs. Gordon Nichols, of Purlear.

Pvt. Ivan Absher In San Diego, Cal.
Pvt. Ivan Absher, who enlisted in the U. S. Marine corps last week at Oklahoma City, has been sent to the Marine base at San Diego, California, for training.

Seaman Stone Home
Seaman Stone, who enlisted in the navy recently, has just completed his "boot" training at Norfolk, Va., and is enjoying a furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stone, of North Wilkesboro route one.

Pvt. Kyle Haves In San Diego, Cal.
Pvt. Kyle Haves, who enlisted in the Marine Corps last week at Oklahoma City, Okla., has been sent to the Marine Base at San Diego, California, according to a message received by Mrs. Haves. Prior to his enlistment, Pvt. Haves was a well known attorney here.

Glenn Marlowe In Navy on Yorktown
Glenn L. Marlowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Marlowe, of North Wilkesboro route three, was on the U. S. S. Yorktown when it sustained bombing attacks in the Pacific. Marlowe escaped without injury and writes his parents that he is feeling fine.

Pvt. Frazier In California
Pvt. Hayden Frazier, formerly of Pores Knob, is now stationed with air forces in California.

Colored Youth In Navy
Great Lakes, Ill., Aug. 20.—William Thomas Harris (colored), 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Harris, Sr., Wilkesboro, N. C., entered training here at the U. S. Naval Training Station this week as an apprentice seaman, under the Navy's recently inaugurated program for enlisting men of the Negro race.

Patton Aviation Cadet
Randolph Field, Texas, Aug. 23.—Another rough and ready group of potential Axis-busters with 18 aviation cadets and student officers from North Carolina among the number, have reported to the "West Point of the Air" for nine weeks of training as Army Air Force fighting and bombing pilots.

Members of this latest basic class (Uncle Sam turns them out with clock-like regularity) include Aviation Cadet Benjamin D. Randolph, son of Capt. William M. Randolph, for whom Randolph Field was named; fifteen West Point students who enter the second phase of their aerial education prior to their return to the U. S. Military Academy this fall.

5 Brothers In Navy 117 Years

FDR's Chief of Staff Five Steelmans Amass Record In Service In Navy



Rear Adm. William D. Leahy, pictured at his desk at the state department in Washington, as he assumed his duties as President Roosevelt's chief of staff, Leahy, in his new capacity, is responsible only to the President.

They Are Charlie, George, John, H. A., and Bill Steelman, of Oakwoods

Five brothers of a Wilkes county family have served a total of 117 years in the U. S. Navy and are still going strong.

This is believed to be a national record for one family. The brothers, their present stations, and number of years in the navy are as follows:

- Charlie Steelman, Atlanta, Ga., 32 years.
- George Steelman, Seattle, Washington, 27 years.
- John Steelman, Lakehurst, N. J., 21 years.
- H. A. Steelman, Norfolk, Va., 19 years.
- Bill Steelman, San Diego, Calif., 18 years.

They are sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Steelman, who died only a few years ago. They were reared on a farm in the Oakwoods community near Wilkesboro.

All five Steelmans have excellent records in the navy and have advanced far in rank.

H. A. Steelman, here this week with his wife and son, wears the coveted "E" for excellence and he has just received promotion to the rank of chief machinist mate.

The Steelmans enjoy their work in the navy and are proud of the opportunity to fight the axis.

Charlie Steelman, who had retired from active service and was an alcohol tax unit investigator assigned to this territory, was recently called back into the service. He is the dean of the five veterans, H. A. and Bill Steelman, with only 19 and 18 years service to their credit, are just recruits in the eyes of their brothers.

Stamp 8 5 Pounds Of Sugar

Rationing Board officials announced today that war ration stamp number 8 may now be used for the purchase of five pounds of sugar.

The stamp became valid August 23 and may be used at any time in the ensuing ten-week period for the purchase of five pounds, which is the same rate of one-half pound per week for each person.

Attention was called to the fact today that no person, who has received as much as eight pounds of sugar for canning, need apply for additional rationing stamps. The average in Wilkes county has already exceeded the eight pound average requested by rationing administrators.

It was also announced today that there are no eligibles in Wilkes county for the grade 2 passenger tires. The county had a quota of ten tires of that grade.

Says Men With Dependent Wives To Be Called Soon

Evanston, Ill.—Major General Louis B. Hershey, national selective service director, yesterday advised men with dependent wives only to "begin making arrangements now" to enter the army.

Asserting that the "end is in sight" of the available supply of single men for military duty, the director said that reclassification of all married men would start "probably in October and certainly by Christmas."

"When the supply of single men is gone in the next few months," he said, "we must dip into the group of men with wives and secondary dependents." General Hershey explained secondary dependents were those other than wives and children.

Expressing his views at a press conference and in an address before the National Institute for Commercial and Trade Organization Executives at Northwestern University campus, the director said that the number of able-bodied men in industry must be drastically reduced in the very near future.

Going Into Navy



DR. JAMES C. STOKES

Large congregations heard Dr. James C. Stokes at both the morning and evening services at the Wilkesboro Methodist church yesterday. They were the last sermons delivered by Dr. Stokes before his departure to soon take up (Continued on page five)

Mrs. Settle Gets 4-Star Emblem for Four Sons In Navy

Emblem Of Honor Association Of America Pin Is Presented By Mayor

Mrs. T. H. Settle on Sunday afternoon was presented with a beautiful 4-star gold eagle emblem for having four sons in the U. S. Navy.

The emblem, furnished by Emblem of Honor Association of America, was presented to Mrs. Settle at her home north of this city Sunday afternoon, three o'clock, by Mayor R. T. McNeil.

Mrs. Settle's sons in the navy are Roy Ernest Herman Settle, Robert Davis Settle, Albert Conrad Settle and Culos Marion Settle. The four brothers have excellent records in the service.

Mr. C. C. Hayes has purchased six purebred Jersey heifers from J. M. German & Son. The heifers will be placed on Mr. Hayes' farm near Purlear.

McNeil Heads Democrats

Committee In Meeting Saturday For Organization



W. A. (Lon) McNeil, prominent business man here and a leader in the Democratic party for several years, was elected chairman of the Wilkes County Democratic Executive Committee in meeting Saturday afternoon.

W. A. (Lon) McNeil succeeds J. R. Rousseau as Chairman of the Party

W. A. (Lon) McNeil, for several years a leader in the Democratic party in Wilkes county, on Saturday afternoon was elected chairman of the Wilkes Democratic executive committee.

Mr. McNeil succeeds J. R. Rousseau, chairman for the past several years and who tendered his resignation.

C. O. McNeil, who has served the party as secretary of the executive committee for a similar period of time, resigned but the vacancy was not filled at the meeting Saturday. Miss Zelle Harris was re-elected vice chairman.

Chairman McNeil said following the meeting of the committee that the Democratic party will wage a most active campaign in Wilkes this fall and that the campaign will begin on September 1. He is the Democratic nominee for the 24th district, which is composed of Wilkes, Yadkin and Davie counties.

The meeting Saturday was called for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the executive committee, which was postponed at the time of the county convention. At the meeting here Chairman Rousseau and Secretary McNeil tendered their resignations.

Apple Drying In County Urged

John E. Justice Investigates Possibility of Operating A Drying Plant

Carl E. VanDeman, research specialist in charge of the apple laboratory on the Brushies, said today that the demand for dried apples will be great this year and urged that all apple growers dry apples which they cannot sell profitably.

Meanwhile, John E. Justice, of Oak Furniture company, is investigating the possibility of converting the company's lumber dry kiln into a dehydrating plant to dry apples.

However, if that project goes through, it will be a few weeks before the kiln can be changed over and many apples are now ready for drying.

It is earnestly urged that the apples available now and which are not marketed be sun dried and thus saved for food for future use.

The government is buying all apples dried in dehydrating plant for use by the armed forces and for lend-lease. However, it is expected that the sun-dried apples market will be much better than in former years.

Last year local dealers purchased 500,000 pounds of dried apples.

Messrs. E. R. Cushman, J. E. Galters, S. A. Campbell, and P. R. Hills, of Hickory, attended the truck conservation meeting at the Gaddy Motor Company building Friday night.

September to Be 'Salute To Our Heroes Month'

Keeper Of County Home Has Worries

S. M. Shumate, keeper of the county home, has additional worries.

Mack Gantt and Estill Miller, who once stole all the meat from the county home smoke house, were sentenced in Wilkes court to 12 months at the county home farm.

Now Mr. Shumate must not only watch the two prisoners, but the meat supply as well.

Special Meeting Order Eastern Star

There will be a special meeting of Wilkes chapter number 42, Order of the Eastern Star, on Thursday night, August 27. The worthy matron asks every member to be present as she has important business to discuss with the chapter. There will also be a special meeting on Friday night, August 28, for the official visit of the district deputy grand matron. All members will want to be present to welcome her at this time, the announcement by Mrs. Susie Williams, W. M., and Mrs. William Felts, secretary, said.

Revival Going On At Woodlawn House

Revival services are in progress at Woodlawn community house this week with services each evening being conducted by pastors of the First Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches here. All are invited to the services.

PROCLAMATION

From our beloved state and all its cities have gone thousands of our young men and women into the armed services of our nation at war. They are now facing and suffering death so that we may continue to live in the American way. Or they are training for that supreme test. They are meeting America's great crisis.

Now is the time for us, who must stay at home, to send forth a roaring cheer of encouragement to our fighting forces, wherever they may be. Now is the time to let them know we have faith in them and place our very lives in their hands and that we stand ready to help all we can on the home-front.

THEREFORE, I consider it fitting and urgent that we all join in a demonstration of faith and courage—Salute To Our Heroes! At 11 a. m. on November 11—Armistice Day—we come to attention and pay reverent tribute to our honored dead. I propose and hereby proclaim that at 9 o'clock, on the night of Tuesday, September 1st, we all come to attention and give three rousing cheers for our fighting Americans. Instead of blowing taps, let "reveille" and "charge" ring out! Instead of a dim-out, let there be a one-minute "light-up" of the American spirit!

WHEREAS, September has been designated as "Salute To Our Heroes" month in the Treasury's billion-dollar war bond and stamp drive, it is proper that we arrange our home-front "salute" on September 1, at 9:00 P. M.

I call upon every man, woman and child, no matter where he or she may be or what they may be doing—to come to attention at 9:00 P. M. September 1 and give three rousing cheers to salute our fighting forces. I urge that these demonstrations be organized and given proper patriotic leadership and take place in theatres, on the streets, in radio stations, everywhere. I am hoping that short wave radio may carry our cheers to the very front lines.

And, during September, let all of us "Buy A Bond To Honor Every Mother's Son (and Daughter) in Service!"

R. T. McNeil, Mayor of North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Special Drive In Sale Of War Stamps Planned

Street "Stamp Stomp", Orchestras, Military Company Visit Planned

September has been designated as "Salute To Our Heroes Month" in the nation's billion dollar per month sale of war bonds program.

The film industry has been asked to lead this "Salute To Our Heroes" campaign for the month of September.

North Wilkesboro's two excellent theatres—the Liberty theatre and the Allen theatre—and their managers and personnel are already making plans to lead Wilkes county's part in this patriotic movement.

Both theatres here will have a supply of special cards to be given to persons who buy bonds during September.

The card is designed for mailing to some man in the service, and bears this inscription:

"I've just bought a war bond and was thinking of you when I did it. Our job back home is to buy bonds that buy the tools for victory. That's the least we can do to be worthy of what you are doing."

A proclamation by Mayor R. T. McNeil, which appears elsewhere in this newspaper, officially designates September as "Salute To Our Heroes" month, and fixes September 1, 9 P. M., as the time for a home front salute. Every person is asked to come to attention at that time and give three cheers for our fighting forces.

Various features of entertainment are being planned for beginning of "Salute To Our Heroes" month here next Tuesday night, September 1st.

A big street dance with two orchestras, performance by The Tennessee Ramblers and a visit of a military company from an army camp in the state are planned. Further details will be announced later.

In September the call is "Buy a bond for every mother's son (and daughter) in the service."

Newspapers, merchants, every business house and every organization are asked to support the bond sale movement in every way possible.

Board Of Stewards Will Meet Tuesday

An important meeting of the board of stewards of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church will be held at the church hut on Tuesday evening, seven o'clock.

Bell Appeals On \$75 Fine and Cost In Court Today

Faces Two Charges For Speeding And Keckless Driving Here Recently

Marvin Bell, who is alleged to have created much excitement in the wee hours of morning here a few weeks ago by reckless driving on North Wilkesboro's streets, was tried in city court here today and he appealed from a judgment of guilty and fine of \$75 and costs assessed by Mayor R. T. McNeil.

He was also given a four months road sentence and the court recommended his driving license be immediately revoked.

Bell, is alleged to have driven over the streets here at a high rate of speed at several intervals, during which officers were unable to apprehend him.

At the close of his trial here today, Bell was served with a warrant charging speeding and reckless driving outside of the corporate limits of North Wilkesboro. He is scheduled to be tried on that charge before J. C. McDiarmid, justice of the peace, next Monday.

4-H Club Youth Grows 10 lb. Stock Beet In 3 Months

Jack Caudill, president of the Millers Creek 4-H club and president of the 4-H council in the county, has done exceedingly well with his stock beet project.

As evidence of success with stock beets, Jack here Saturday was showing a ten-pound beet which grew in three months. It was 25 inches long, not counting the beet tops. Jack has two rows of the beets, and many of them are more than seven and eight pounds each. Jack is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Caudill, of Millers Creek.

Pay Taxes And Save Sale Cost

People of Wilkes county who have not paid their taxes for the year 1941 should pay now and save further costs.

Real estate on which taxes for 1941 have not been paid is now being advertised and the land will be sold for taxes on Monday, September 7, by the sheriff as required by law.

After the date of sale the cost of sale and land sale certificate will be added to the amount of the taxes.

By paying now, those whose lands are being advertised will save the extra costs and prevent sale of their respective lands.

Attention is also called to the fact that garnishee and levy proceedings will be taken against those who have no real estate and who have not paid their poll and personal taxes due the county.