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Pvt. J. B. James In U. S. Marines
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. James have recently received a letter from their son, Joe. Private James states that he is in some foreign country and the censor does not let him tell just what part. He states he is getting along fine.

Pvt. Owens Visits Home
Pvt. William Crusoe Owens has returned to Camp Polk, La., after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Owens, of Hays.

Pfc. Homer Elledge Is Now Overseas
Pfc. Homer Elledge is now stationed at an undisclosed overseas location, according to a letter received by his mother, Mrs. M. P. Elledge, of Hays. Pfc. Elledge said he was getting along fine.

Charlie Steelman Transferred To Iowa
Charlie Steelman, navy veteran who has been stationed at Atlanta, Ga., has been transferred to a post of duty in Iowa. He spent a few days at his home at Oakwoods last week before going to Iowa. He is a veteran of 32 years in the navy.

Johnson Is Corporal
Fort Sill, Okla. — Ernest L. Johnson has been made a Technician 5th Grade Corporal in the Seventy-First Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Corporal Johnson is the son of Mr. John W. Johnson, Route 3, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

John K. Blackburn Returns To Virginia
John Kermit Blackburn has returned to Waynesboro, Va. after a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Blackburn. John Kermit was inducted into army service at Camp Lee week before last, and will report today at the camp to start his military service. He will be a candidate for officers' training school.

Corporal Hanks Doing Fine In Army
Corporal Vestal Hanks returned to his post at Fort Bragg yesterday after a visit at Springfield postoffice with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Uira Hanks. Corporal Hanks was inducted into service January 9th. He is stationed at the reception center dispensary, and is getting along fine as an army man.

Seaman Jas. F. Williams Returns To Norfolk
Seaman James F. Williams returned to Norfolk, Va., today after a visit in the Fairplains community with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Williams. He was inducted into the navy on May 16th, and is another Wilkes boy making good in the service.

Robert Byers Promoted
Robert Byers, who is a resident of Purlar, has recently been promoted to the grade of Private First Class, from the grade of Private. Pfc. Byers is stationed at Sierke General Hospital, Charleston, S. C.

Staff Sergeant Hall Is Transferred
St. Sgt. J. T. Hall who has been in training at A. P. Hill Military Reservation in Virginia has been transferred to Camp White, Oregon.

Sherman T. Colvard Is Visitor Here
Sherman T. Colvard, of Wilkesboro, who entered the army Aug. 31 as a volunteer officer's candidate and is presently stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., spent the week-end here with Mrs. Colvard.

Pvt. Joines With Guest Home On Furlough
Pvt. Eugene L. Joines, of Fort Moultrie, S. C., is spending a ten-day furlough in Wilkesboro with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Joines. He has as his guest, Pvt. D. A. Brown, whose home is in Anderson, S. C., and who is also stationed at Fort Moultrie.

Lt. Nick Antonakos Is Here On Furlough
Lt. Nick Antonakos, who is stationed at Langley Field, Va., is spending a few days furlough (Continued on page eight)

Another Group Is Notified

Wilkes Board No. 2 Notifies Many To Report

Wilkes Selective Service board number two on Friday notified a group of men to report at the selective service board office on September 14, on which date they will be sent to an induction station for physical examination and induction into the army.

The list this time contains single men and some few who married since December 8.

According to information obtained here last week from Lt. Patrick Healy, Jr., navy liaison officer who inspected the Wilkes board, the October group will include practically all the single men available.

The list of men notified by Wilkes board number 1 to report August 11 was published Thursday.

The list from board number 2 to report on August 14 follows:

- Iredell Dancy
- George Edwin Eller
- Clarence Eugene Elledge
- Collin Joshua Couch
- Robert Chy Pruitt
- Kelly Blane Combs
- William Albert Martin
- James Berkeley Barnett
- Roy Prevette
- Robert Earl Jennings, Jr.
- Hervey Lee Higgins
- Dewitt Spicer
- Lawrence Clifton Settle
- Fred Monroe Hayes
- James William Adams
- Paul Edward Swaim
- Charlie Smalls
- Claude Allen Ellis
- Walter Bettie Pugh
- Gurvie Lester Wilmet
- Garnie Hamilton Faw
- Presley Alexander Brown
- Arnold Glenn Waggoner
- William Cleve Gambill
- French Billings
- Henry Ford Shepherd
- William Mack Bell
- Paul Reese Norman
- Joe Henry Combs
- Terry Bullis
- Roy Thomas Porter
- Frank Hampton Watson
- Paul Allen Taylor
- Barney Franklin Smith
- Coy Handy
- Luther Childress
- John Walter Spicer
- Russell Miller
- Roby Calvin Jennings
- Jones Darnell, Jr.
- James Decatur Minton
- Charlie Spurgin Sebastian
- Clarence Darnell
- Ransom Vaughn Durham
- Vernon Leonard Shumate
- Bones Reese Elledge
- Charles Edward Lentz
- Luther Thomas Key
- Ted Roberts
- Marvin Joseph Holloway

Stamp Matinee Is Big Success

Packed House Is Response At Alien Theatre to War Bond Drive

Despite a steady downpour of rain, an over-capacity crowd was present at Allen Theatre Sunday afternoon for the first of a series of four Sunday afternoon matinees to stimulate the purchase of war stamps and bonds.

Admission to the show was free, the only stipulation that before entering each person must buy a war savings stamp of not less than 25 cents denomination.

The theatre was packed and all standing room was taken. Prior to showing of the picture, "Atlantic Convoy," Attorney J. H. Whicker was presented to the crowd by W. J. Allen, theatre manager, and Mr. Whicker spoke very forcefully, urging all to buy war bonds and stamps to the limit and to support the war program to the full extent of their ability.

Mr. Allen said today that he was pleased with the response to (Continued on page eight)

Allies Inflict Heavy Damage To Enemy On Three Fronts

Trains for Double Revenge on Japs



C. E. Baker of St. Louis, machinist's mate first class (left), learns to use a Tommy-gun at a Seabee base near Norfolk, Va., from which point he will soon depart to seek revenge for the death of two sons in the Pacific. One was killed with the army when Manila fell. The other is missing from the aircraft carrier Lexington, which went down in the Coral sea.

Office Of Civilian Defense Is Set Up

Office Located In Town Hall; Full Time Clerk

Meeting of Heads of Various Parts of Civilian Defense Setup Is Planned

An office for the Wilkes County Civilian Defense setup has been established in town hall building, Judge J. A. Rousseau, chairman of the civilian defense council, said today.

A full time WPA employee will be at the office at all times to assist any member of the organization in carrying on the work. The office is located on the first floor of the town hall in a room back of the fire department.

Judge Rousseau, who recently was appointed by Governor Broughton to succeed Attorney W. H. McElwee, who enlisted in the army as a first lieutenant, appointed J. E. Walker, North Wilkesboro police chief, as coordinator and J. B. Norris, also of this city, as assistant coordinator.

During Judge Rousseau's absence from the city as he presides over courts of the state the coordinator and assistant coordinator will carry on the work of the civilian defense organization. Judge Rousseau has planned a meeting of the various members of the civilian defense organizations to be held in the near future.

Jap Nests Around Milne Are Blasted

Japanese stragglers around Milne Bay, believed to be running short of food and ammunition, were reported under heavy pressure by Australian jungle fighters and Allied bombers last night.

They were believed to have been lightly armed and supplies only with emergency rations when they came ashore more than a week ago and were surprised by Allied forces lying in wait for them.

Miss Bessie Hendrix spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Waggoner at Wilkesboro. —Alleghany News, Sept. 3.

Gen. Rommel Is Beaten Back; Toll Is Heavy

Allied guns and planes have beaten Marshal Edwin Rommel's desert army back to the starting line of his Egyptian offensive which he launched a week ago with a proclamation to his troops that "we are off to Cairo," it was revealed last night.

British communiques disclosed that the axis suffered continued heavy losses during the week-end and the American and British heavy bombers, in pulverizing assaults on Rommel's communications, again have blasted Tobruk and the Candia base on the island of Crete.

Wedge Wiped Out
The 20-mile-wide wedge which Rommel drove into the British mine fields at the lower section of the Alamein line has been wiped out, official reports said, and "every effort of the enemy failed to penetrate our main defense system at any point."

The threat eased, it now can be revealed that Rommel threw his entire striking force, including practically all his armor, in a full dress drive for the Nile delta and the Suez Canal.

Aircraft Course Can Accomodate More Students

Splendid Training Is Offered Free Here In Sheet Metal and Riveting Course

The aircraft sheet metal and riveting courses offered at North Wilkesboro high school can accommodate a larger number of students than are now enrolled.

A factory trained instructor is in charge of the class, and two shifts will be formed if enough students apply. W. B. Collins, head of the industrial arts department of the school, said today.

The courses during the past year have turned out many trainees and jobs were awaiting each one when the course was completed.

Application for training in the courses should be made at the North Wilkesboro branch office of the U. S. Employment service, which is located on the second floor of the Duke Power company building on Ninth street.

Rev. Mr. Shannon Takes Up Duties

Is New Pastor of Wilkesboro and Union Methodist Churches

Rev. Charles E. Shannon, of Monroe, arrived Friday and has assumed his new duties as pastor of the Wilkesboro and Union Methodist churches.

Rev. Mr. Shannon succeeds Dr. James C. Stokes as pastor of the churches, Dr. Stokes having recently resigned the work to enter the navy as a chaplain.

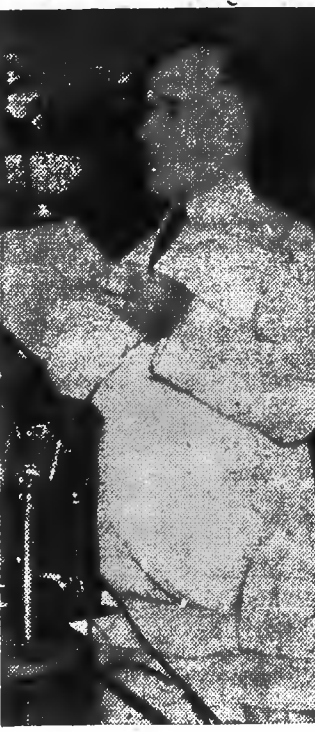
A splendid congregation heard Rev. Mr. Shannon deliver a forceful sermon on "Salvaging" at the Wilkesboro Methodist church yesterday morning. His sermon was developed along the line that in this day of salvaging almost every available scrap material, that the church needs to start a christian salvage campaign to revive interest on the part of its membership and also to bring new members into the church. His sermon was most practical and timely.

Last night, Rev. Mr. Shannon filled his regular appointment at the Union Methodist church.

Rev. Mr. Shannon is a graduate of the Duke School of Divinity, having attended Duke University for the past seven years.

—BUY WAR BONDS—

Brazil Enters War



Getulio Vargas of Brazil, president of the first South American nation to enter the war. War was declared on Germany and Italy following the sinking of five Brazilian ships by the Axis, with the loss of 600 lives. Brazil's army is estimated at about 100,000 men with 300,000 active reservists.

Red Cross Office Set Up In City

Wilkes county chapter of the American Red Cross now has a full-time, executive secretary, Rev. A. C. Waggoner,

And a Red Cross office has been opened on the second floor of the Tomlinson department store building on Main street, where the secretary will have her office and where the sewing and surgical dressings room will be located.

The executive secretary is Miss Leona Graham, of Farmington, who has several years experience in Red Cross work. Part of her salary will be paid by the national chapter of the Red Cross.

This will be the first time that a full time Red Cross secretary has been obtained for the Wilkes Wilkes chapter.

Rev. Mr. Waggoner, chairman, said that the rapidly increasing number of men from Wilkes going into the service made it mandatory that there be a full time worker to handle the various duties of the Red Cross chapter, which renders many services to enlisted men and their families.

The Red Cross has the duties of investigating dependent families of service men and many other services in connection with the armed forces. Miss Graham's services will be available to any families of enlisted men.

Open hours for the Red Cross office are 8:30 a. m. until 12 noon, 1:00 to 5:30 p. m.

Miss Graham is residing at the Tevepaugh residence on Kensington avenue, where she may be reached when the office is not open.

Navy Recruiting Officer Coming

Yeoman H. M. Champion of the Navy Recruiting Station in Salisbury, will open a temporary Navy Recruiting substation in the Town Hall, North Wilkesboro, on Wednesday and Thursday, September 9 and 10.

All men between the ages of 17 and 50 who are considering joining a military service should investigate the opportunities offered by the United States Navy. The Navy depends on voluntary enlistments for its entire enlistments, and you may enlist in the Navy up until the time you are actually inducted into the Army under Selective Service.

Many patriotic Wilkes county men are now serving their country and themselves in the United States Navy.

—BUY WAR BONDS—

River Floods Lands

Heavy Rains Sunday Flood Parts Of The Valley

The Yadkin River, which has become notorious for floods, overflowed its banks Sunday afternoon and night and caused considerable damage to crops all along the valley in Wilkes.

With the extent of rainfall in the mountains on the headwaters of the Yadkin not generally known, local people late Sunday feared a repetition of the disastrous flood of August, 1940.

Rains Saturday night and practically all day Sunday swelled Yadkin's tributaries out of banks and as the water rushed down the Yadkin valley Sunday afternoon the flood threat caused considerable alarm and uneasiness.

The water gauge kept by Sam Craven at the water plant here showed five inches of water in 24 hours, which approximated the eight inches in 24 hours in August, 1930. However, the rainfall was not as heavy in mountains west of here and in 1940 the rain in those localities was greater than here.

Parts of the fairgrounds were flooded Sunday evening and night and Wilkesboro Avenue was closed.

Some corn in lowest portion of the Valley was damaged and there were reports of extensive damage to hay crops in the lowest portions of the valley.

Some residents in homes in parts of the valley devastated by the flood in 1940 moved out their furnishings Sunday evening.

Although the rains were heavy, there were some sections which did not have rainfall Saturday and Sunday of unusual proportions and the rainfall volume was not uniform over all great area.

Two spans of Brown's Ford bridge on the Yadkin west of Wilkesboro were washed out by the flooding Yadkin Sunday. Highway forces reported a bridge out on Roaring River near Roaring River cotton mills.

Some damage was reported to county roads in scattered localities, but no major routes were closed because of the rains.

The flooding Yadkin Sunday evening and night was striking evidence of the need for flood control facilities on the Yadkin and the flood threat may give impetus to the efforts to secure such measures for the valley.

Liberty To Honor The War Mothers

War mothers will be honored as special guests every Thursday night at the Liberty Theatre.

Full details are contained in the following announcement by Ivan D. Anderson, theatre manager:

"To honor the mothers of our fighting men, each Thursday night in September a number of war mothers will be honored guests of the Liberty Theatre. All that war mothers need do is to register their names, addresses and branch or branches of service in which they have sons serving. Relatives or friends may register for the war mothers if they so desire, or they may send in their names by mail.

"The Liberty Theatre will then present, or send, each mother who has sent in or registered her name a special guest ticket for a selected Thursday night. Send in your name now so you will be selected among the first war mothers—and remember to buy a bond for every mother's son in the service."

Miss Juanita Rorie, of Wadesboro, has been spending a few days here with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gaddy. Miss Rorie returned to Wadesboro today.