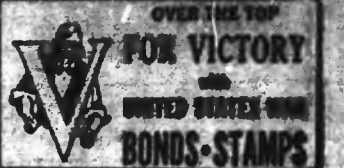


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WILKES Men With The Colors

Navy Veteran



Mr. and Mrs. M. Von Caudill, of the U. S. Navy, are visiting the parents of Mr. Caudill, Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Caudill, of Hays. Von entered the Navy in 1937 as apprentice seaman, serving his apprenticeship in Hampton Roads, Va., after which he took up engineering and served in foreign waters about four years.

Charles C. Elledge Enlists In The Navy
Charles C. Elledge has volunteered his services to the navy, and was accepted at Norfolk, Va., with the rank of chief petty officer. Mr. Elledge for seven years was a member of Mount Pleasant high school and for the past three years was a member of Rutherfordton high school, where he was assistant principal last year. During the summer he had been employed at a war plant at Radford, Va. Mrs. Elledge, the former Miss Grace Gilreath, will continue teaching at Rutherfordton.

Pvt. Kyle Hayes Now On Rifle Range
Pvt. Kyle Hayes, who enlisted in the marine corps four weeks ago today and was assigned to the marine base at San Diego, Cal., for basic training, writes that he is now on the rifle range and is getting along all right. Before volunteering his services in the marine corps, Pvt. Hayes was a well known attorney here. His brother and law partner, Attorney Clyde Hayes, is looking after his law practice while he is in the service.

Paul Warren Promoted
Sergeant Paul M. Warren, son of Mrs. Belle Warren and the late L. C. Warren, of Wilkesboro, has been promoted to his present rank at the Marine base at Parris Island. He volunteered for service August 8, 1940, at the age of 18 years. Sergeant Warren has been at Parris Island since last November and likes nothing better than Marine life.

Pvt. Osborne Home
Pvt. James D. Osborne returned Tuesday to Fort Moultrie, S. C., after spending a few days furlough with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Osborne, of Crickler. Pvt. Osborne has been in the army for 18 months.

Pvt. Watkins Visits His Parents
Pvt. Cecil G. Watkins will return Friday to the army air base at Richmond, Va., after spending a furlough with his father. Mr. Walter Watkins, of Gilreath. Pvt. Watkins has been in the army for four months.

Pvt. Harley Minton Is Now In Africa
Relatives have received a letter from Pvt. Harley Minton, who said he was stationed somewhere in Africa. Pvt. Minton, of near this city, and has been in the army for the past 18 months.

Lewis Broyhill Promoted To Staff Sergeant
Lewis Broyhill, of Purlear route one, who is in the army and has been stationed at Camp (Continued on page 8)

Situation In Russia Is Critical

Stalingrad Near Capture Is Claim Of The Germans

Moscow, Thursday.—The Russians announced officially early today that German shock troops had battered into the northwestern outskirts of Stalingrad where the Red army and civilians were battling desperately to save that southern arsenal city which is the gateway to Astrakham on the Caspian Sea.

A midnight communique which for the first time placed the fighting in the city's outskirts said:

"On the northwest outskirts of Stalingrad our troops fought heavy actions against the enemy. In one sector individual groups of enemy tanks drove wedges into our defenses, but were wiped out in the heavy fighting that ensued."

The Russians, fighting against the flaming backdrop of Stalingrad which has been heavily assaulted by Nazi dive bombers, were under orders to stand or die. There appeared to be no retreat, either, for the civilian army inside the Volga River city named for Premier Joseph Stalin.

The Germans were bringing up reserves steadily to replace the thousands of fallen Nazis, the Russians said. Among these were Rumanians, and the communique said one whole Rumanian regiment was routed in the fight outside of the city.

Airmen Slay 500 and Bag 6 Planes

Pearl Harbor.—U. S. Army planes from Alaska swept down on Japanese held Kiska Island in the Aleutians Tuesday and sank two enemy warships, destroyed six planes and killed 500 Japanese ashore, where storage dumps were blasted, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced yesterday.

The only U. S. casualties were the pilots of two P-38 fighters which collided in mid-air. Nimitz communique said:

Other enemy ships and plane groups in the harbor were hit directly by bombs and subjected to repeated strafing. Explosions and fires were noted among shore installations and the raid was called officially "most successful."

Text of the communique, No. 9 issued by Nimitz:

"September 15—This afternoon our army air forces in Alaska delivered a most successful attack on enemy shipping and shore installations at Kiska. Enemy ships and planes in the harbor received direct bomb hits and repeated strafing. At least two naval vessels were sunk. Five enemy fighters were downed in flames and one four-engined patrol plane burned on the water.

New Aircraft Classes Soon

A new course in aircraft construction will open Monday at North Wilkesboro school.

This course is especially designed for the convenience of local industrial workers who wish to secure training for war production and the class will be in session only four hours each day, with one hour arranged to make it possible for those who enroll to continue their present employment.

All who are interested are asked to call at the school Monday afternoon between three and six o'clock.

Young American Starts Early



Above is shown D. V. Deal, executive secretary of The Northwestern Bank selling a \$25 War Bond to probably the youngest buyer in the county. The name of this patriotic young American is Louis McLean, aged seven months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. (Pat) Peterson and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. McLean, all of whom reside in the Cricket community.

Boy Scout Council Has Good Reports; Three New Troops

Reports In Meeting Held Here Monday Indicate Progress In Scout Expansion; Three New Troops In Wilkes

Executive meeting of the Old Hickory Boy Scout Council held Monday night at Hotel Wilkes with 28 present, including representatives from Forsyth, Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes counties.

J. M. Brown, of Winston-Salem, president of the Old Hickory council, presided. Prior to the dinner meeting finance chairmen from the various districts in the council held a meeting at 6:30 o'clock.

Featuring the executive meeting were reports from the committee chairmen, which indicated that much progress is being made in the Scout expansion program launched several months ago.

The reports were very encouraging. James M. Anderson, chairman for the Wilkes district, reported that at least three new troops in Wilkes will be functioning at an early date.

Announcement was made of a regional laymen's meeting to be held in Charlotte on October 10 for North and South Carolina and the northern part of Georgia. J. B. Carter, of North Wilkesboro, was named attendance chairman for the Wilkes district and it is expected that several will attend the regional meeting.

COURT OF HONOR TO MET TONIGHT

Wilkes District Boy Scout Court of Honor and Review will meet on this evening, 7:30, in the religious education building of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, L. M. Nelson, chairman, as announced.

Chairman Nelson urged that all parents and friends of Scouts, and others interested in the progress of Scouting attend the court meetings, which are held the third Thursday evening in each month.

Message From Pfc. Homer Wellborn In Australia Recorded and Sent To His Family In Wilkes By Red Cross

The first recorded message from a soldier overseas to his home in this county was delivered Tuesday afternoon by Rev. A. C. Waggoner, chairman of the Wilkes chapter of the Red Cross.

It was from Pfc. Homer C. Wellborn in Australia, to his father, G. G. Wellborn, of Wilkesboro route two.

The record was made from a shortwave program previously produced with the cooperation of the Red Cross over the Mutual Broadcasting System. The message was sent to America from the continent "down under" by radio and was recorded in this country.

The recordings of voices of soldiers overseas to their families is one of the many services being rendered by the Red Cross under its congressional charter as the official link between members of the armed forces and their families.

Needless to state, Pfc. Wellborn's father and other members of the family were happy to hear his voice, which was recorded on the other side of the globe, as it spoke personal messages in natural tone. Instructions which go with the recordings urge that the record be played sparingly, and with a new needle every time. With care, a record may be played fifty times, the instructions said.

Ford Accepts Pastorate At Wilkesboro

Rev. Howard Ford, who is now studying at the Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, has accepted the call to the Wilkesboro church, it was learned today.

Rev. Mr. Ford is a former pastor of the church, having served the Baptist churches in Wilkesboro and at Sparta several years ago. Rev. Mr. Ford's acceptance will be passed on officially by the membership of the Wilkesboro church Sunday morning.

The pulpit committee of the church has been making efforts to get Rev. Mr. Ford to accept the call for several months, and his acceptance will be learned with much interest and pleasure, not only by the membership of the Wilkesboro church but the many other citizens of this section who have had the privilege of knowing Rev. Mr. Ford.

Eshelman At Directors Meet Hosiery Group

P. W. Eshelman, of this city, is in New York City this week attending a directors meeting of the National Hosiery Association.

Mr. Eshelman, president of Wilkes Hosiery Mills company, has been a member of the board of directors of the National Hosiery Association for some time.

The sessions of the board are being held at the Waldorf Astoria hotel.

Committees For Juniors Named

Councilor Bare Names Committees; Charlie Leckie Vice Councilor

North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order held an important meeting on Tuesday night.

One item of business was the election of Charlie Leckie as vice councilor to fill the unexpired term of Bob Tharrington, who has gone into service in the navy.

Councilor Gilbert T. Bare appointed the following committees: Attendance committee—Mr. C. G. Day, Mr. Bradley Dancy and Mr. R. B. Church.

Entertainment committee—Mr. C. B. Eller, Mr. Monroe Eller, Mr. B. F. Bentley.

Refreshment committee—Mr. O. K. Pope, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. A. A. Cashion.

Publicity committee—Mr. S. L. Pades, Mr. E. A. Shook, Mr. Johnson Sanders.

WPA Scrap Gets To Mills

Salvage Drive Is Progressing In This County

Metal Collected By WPA Trucks Is Sold To Lowe

WPA trucks in Wilkes county have collected over one-half million pounds of scrap metals since they began operation only a short time ago, J. B. Snipes, Wilkes Salvage committee chairman, said today.

The trucks are being used to collect and bring in metal from farms and other homes which do not have means of transportation to bring it to local scrap dealers. This work is continuing with the result that Wilkes is making an excellent showing in collection of scrap metal, and much greater quantities are reaching the steel mills than would otherwise be possible.

The scrap collected by the trucks was piled on the lot at the state highway prison camp. The lot is now being sold to U. A. Lowe, local licensed dealer, by the WPA for \$8.75 per ton and bids are now open on the second lot consisting of 296,941 pounds.

In collecting the metals, the men with the WPA trucks weigh that collected on the premises and payment at the prevailing prices is forwarded by mail.

Efforts are now being made, Mr. Snipes said, to reach scrap metal quantities at several points where owners have made no effort to dispose of it. He urged that all who have scrap metal carry it to dealers or call for the WPA truck. If persons who have substantial quantities refuse to sell, the metal can be taken and the owner paid the prevailing price. The need for scrap metal in war production is acute and no one will be allowed to obstruct progress.

Sam T. Hensley Now With Coble

Sanitarian Resigns to Become Producers Inspector For the Coble Company

Sam T. Hensley, for the past several months Wilkes county sanitarian, has resigned his position with the Wilkes county health department to become general inspector for producers for Coble Dairy Products company.

Mr. Hensley, who began his new duties Wednesday with the Coble company, will maintain headquarters at the new Wilkesboro plant of Coble Dairy Products company and will inspect receiving stations and producers' source of milk supply.

Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes county health officer, said today that the vacancy in the position as sanitarian has not been filled, but may be soon by appointment by the state health department.

Roy C. Lowe, Bus Driver, Injured In Accident Tuesday

Roy C. Lowe, formerly of North Wilkesboro and now residing at Hickory, was slightly injured Tuesday night when a Queen City bus which he was driving crashed into a Standard Oil tank truck near Hickory.

Lowe suffered an injury to his right knee but did not remain in the hospital. Eight passengers were hurt, but none were reported in serious condition. Lowe formerly drove buses in this territory and is well known in Wilkes.

'Pudding Bomb'



The "pudding bomb," used with good effect in the Egyptian desert, is said to be more potent than the "Molotov cocktail" for rendering German tanks hors de combat. Thrown at a tank, the "pudding" sticks to the side until it explodes.

Parish Day At St. Paul's Sunday

Bishop Gribbin Will Speak In Service at Wilkesboro Episcopal Church

St. Paul's Episcopal Church next Sunday, September 20th. The day will begin with the administration of the Holy Baptism at 10:30 a. m. At 11:00 o'clock a. m., there will be a Celebration of the Holy Communion, at which service the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, D. D., will be present and preach. The offertory, "O Rest in the Lord" from Elijah by Mendelssohn, will be sung by Miss Betty Story. At 1 o'clock a picnic dinner will be served on the lawn at the home of Miss Elizabeth Barber.

All members of St. Paul's, also friends and visitors are given a special invitation to attend and participate in all activities of the day.

Democrats Open An Office In City

Campaign Headquarters Are Opened In Tomlinson Department Store Building

Wilkes county Democratic organization has opened headquarters in an office room on the second floor of the Tomlinson building on Main street. W. A. McNeil, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, said today.

The office will be open daily from now until election and will serve as campaign headquarters. Mr. McNeil said. Mrs. Iva Paw Welles, formerly secretary in the office of Attorney W. H. McElwee, will be in charge of the office.

School Bus and Truck Collide

A Mountain View school bus and a Blue Ridge Hatchery truck collided on a county road near Rock Creek church Tuesday morning.

The bus and truck were badly damaged but no one was seriously hurt. One child in the bus suffered minor bruises.

The driver of the truck, which was said to have been on the wrong side of the road, was reported to have assumed full responsibility for the accident.

The army mule, long a standby for drawing escort wagons and other vehicles but rather generally replaced a few years ago by motor transport, is now making a remarkable comeback.