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News Of Schools Here Fighting Fronts

Allied and axis forces today were reported to occupy about the same positions in the battle for Tunisia as during the past few days. Allies have been rushing up reinforcements for the impending assault on Tunis and Bizerte, axis strongholds. In Russia today German counterattacks to the Russian winter offensive were reported beaten back with big German losses. R. A. F. planes during the past 24 hours have raised several war industries in southwest Germany. In New Guinea, U. S. and Australian troops continued to close in on Japanese forces at Buna and nearby points on the northern coast. From the Solomons comes news of continued mopping up operations by American forces and systematic slaughter of Japanese.

French Units Take Heights Near Line

London. — The stalled British first army with its American components was reported fighting a bitter holding action in the face of daring German dive-bombing and tank attacks in the mountains around the Mateur-Tebourba-Djeida rim in northern Tunisia last night while waiting for important reinforcements with which to resume its offensive. While Allied bombers struck long-range but sharp blows on axis supply centers, a new threat to the axis position in Libya was taking form in the direction of the Sahara 850 miles south of Tunis. The Morocco radio, broadcasting a communique from the headquarters of French General Henri Giraud said Mehari (native) companies had occupied heights on the Algeria-Tripolitania frontier east of Djanet. Djanet is in the south of Tunisia and about 30 miles from the Libyan frontier.

Japs Are Dared Back to Pearl Harbor Again

Pearl Harbor and other Hawaiian defenses are now stronger than they were before the Japanese attack a year ago and our forces there are eager for the Japs to try again, naval and army commanders of our Pacific bastion said in anniversary interviews. In the following interviews, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Pacific fleet, and Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emons, commander-in-chief of the army's Hawaiian department, review the past year of war in the Pacific and report on our present position there. Their conclusions summarized:

1. Both afloat and ashore, our Hawaiian defenses are far stronger now than a year ago. Damages have been repaired, lost ships and planes have been replaced and strong reinforcements added. 2. Naval victories have cost the Japanese heavily and have restored the confidence of the people of the United States in our armed forces. Close cooperation between the army and navy has been obtained. The Japanese will come again, but this time the defenders of Hawaii are ready and eager for the battle, confident the enemy will be hurled back with disastrous losses.

Court To Begin Monday, Dec. 14

September term of Wilkes superior court for trial of criminal and civil cases will convene in Wilkesboro on Monday, December 14. Judge Felix E. Allen, of Waynesville, will preside. Attorney Arlon H. Hall has set out calendar for the term. The complete calendar appears elsewhere in this newspaper.

Schools Here Plan Two-Day Scrap Cleanup

Tuesday and Wednesday This Week Dates to Canvass Entire City as Clean-Up Of Scrap Metal; Nation Needs Metal

North Wilkesboro school, which accomplished a splendid job during the October scrap drive, will make a final clean-up of scrap in North Wilkesboro Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The campaign will take the form of a house to house and lot to lot canvass of the entire city and will be under the direction of the Student Activity Council, of which Miss Tudie Hix is chairman, and the home room chairmen of the council. For the canvass on Tuesday and Wednesday the city has been divided into 15 districts with 15 teachers and home room chairmen in charge. Every residence and business house will be visited in search of scrap metal. The scrap will be assembled and picked up by trucks. The students will give their services in cleaning off vacant

lots and in cleaning out basements and other premises where scrap metal exists. Persons who desire such services are asked to call the school office not later than Tuesday. The two-day canvass has a two-fold objective—to furnish needed scrap for war production and to provide a means for the school to earn some funds badly needed for several activities. During the October drive scrap collected by the school netted \$387 when sold to scrap dealers. Of that amount \$100 went to purchase a war bond for the school athletic association and funds were used on the purchase of new band uniforms, music stands and for other student activities. The school needs addition funds for other projects and the scrap canvass will yield a substantial sum if people of the city cooperate fully.

Wilkes Man Kills Himself

After saying that he had rather die than see his son go to the army, Jesse Roberts, age 53, blew the top of his head off with a shotgun Friday morning at his home in the Chestnut Grove community of Mulberry township.

Wilkes Coroner I. M. Myers, who investigated the death, pronounced it suicide after talking with members of Roberts' family. Roberts, according to the account given the coroner, arose about five o'clock Friday morning and three times walked to the bed where his son, Boyd, was lying, and each time looked at his son. Then he picked up the shotgun and shot himself in the forehead. The entire top of his skull and brain were blown away and he fell dead. Members of the family stated that Roberts apparently was in good health. On Thursday he was quoted as saying he had rather die than see his son go to the army. Funeral was held Saturday, 11 a. m., at Roberts Cemetery near Reddies River. Surviving are the widow, Mattie Roberts, three daughters and one son, Savannah Roberts. Mrs. Jane Key, Mrs. Belle Absher and Boyd Roberts.

Youths Reaching Age 18 Register In Three Weeks

Both Selective Service boards in Wilkes today announced registration for men who have reached age 18 since the last registration. Registration will be at Selective Service board offices. Offices for board number one is in Wilkesboro next to J. W. Dula's store and for board number two on the second floor of the North Wilkesboro town hall building. Those who reached their 18th birthday in July and August this year will register from December 11 to December 18. Those who reached their 18th birthday in September and October this year will register from December 18 to December 26. Those who reached their 18th birthday in November and December this year will register from December 26 to December 31. Registration is compulsory.

Young Men Must Register Who Have Reached 18 Since June 30, 1942

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

WILKES Men In The SERVICE

Sgt. Williams Is Now Overseas



Sgt. Eustice Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, of the Fairplains Community, has been in overseas service since April of this year. He entered the army in May, 1941, and received his training at Fort Screven, Ga. In his last letter home he said tell all his friends "Merry Christmas."

Pvt. Avery Dillard At Fort Bragg

Pvt. Avery Dillard is now stationed at Fort Bragg, according to a recent letter received by Mrs. Dillard who resides at Hays post office. Pvt. Dillard has been in the army two years.

Pfc. John T. Dillard Now Overseas

Pfc. John T. Dillard is now overseas, according to the last information received by his relatives who reside in the county. Pfc. Dillard was stationed at Parris Island, S. C., for a year, and in Cuba for several months before going overseas with his marine detachment. Pfc. Dillard is the son of Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Dillard, of Hays postoffice. He joined the marines in May, 1941.

R. S. Godfrey Promoted To Corporal

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Godfrey, of Wilkesboro, have received word that their son, R. S. Godfrey, has been promoted to corporal. Cpl. Godfrey is now stationed at Halton, Maine.

Pfc. John S. Johnson On Police Duty

Pfc. John S. Johnson, who is with marines stationed at Quantico, Va., has been transferred to marine guard or police duty at Quantico. (Continued on page five)

DAY KILLS LARGEST DEER



Here is R. V. Day, principal of Millers Creek school, with the 185-pound deer which he killed and brought back from the Mount Mitchell game preserve. The deer, a 10-point buck which forest rangers said was seven years old, was the largest killed during the two-day hunt, in which a total of 196 hunters participated.

District Scout Meet Father, Son Banquet

Annual Meeting Wilkes District Will Be On Friday Evening at Woman's Club House; Interesting Program Being Planned

Annual meeting of the Wilkes district of Old Hickory Boy Scout council will be in the form of a father and son banquet and will be held at the Woman's Club house Friday, December 11, 6:45 p. m. Scouting has made much progress in Wilkes during the past year and a most interesting annual meeting is anticipated. The meeting will open with a banquet dinner, which will be served by ladies in the canteen course being taught by Mrs. Paul S. Cragan. Price of the dinner will be fifty cents each for adults and 35 cents each for Scouts and Cubs. Jimmie Anderson, chairman of the Wilkes district, will be toastmaster. Invocation will be by Rev. Watt M. Cooper and troop 36 will give the flag ceremony. Bryan Higgins will lead group singing, which will be followed by introduction of troop and pack officers by the chairman, who will also introduce the district committee. G. E. Ashwill, assistant Scout executive for the council, will give a report of 1942 activities. Report of the nominating committee will be made by T. E. Story and installation of the 1943 district chairman will be by P. W. Eshelman. Jimmie Anderson will then introduce the speaker, Rev. Wm. S. Turner, of Winston-Salem, who will address the assembly on the subject, "Scouting and Cubbing Has Green Light". Rededication of the Scout Oath will be led by Mr. Ashwill as the closing number on the program.

Oil Painting of Rev. C. W. Robinson Presented to Presbyterian Church

Services at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church Sunday morning were concluded with the presentation of a beautiful oil painting of Rev. C. W. Robinson to the church. The painting of the beloved former pastor, who died in 1933, was given to the church by Mrs. C. D. Coffey, Jr. Presentation was made in the ladies parlor of the church at the close of the morning service. J. R. Finley talked briefly, paying high tribute to the many years of service to the church and community by the late Rev. Mr. Robinson.

High School Band Gives Concerts at Meetings of Clubs

Program Before Kiwanis and Lions Clubs Friday Are Well Received

The North Wilkesboro high school band, splendidly dressed in new uniforms, had a full day of activities Friday. On Friday noon the band, under direction of Miss Betty Story, director, rendered a concert before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club. The program was in charge of Paul S. Cragan, school superintendent, who presented the band. Five numbers were given and the program received high praise from club members. (Continued on page eight)

Brotherhood Is To Meet Tuesday Night

All members of the Brotherhood of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church are urged to attend the meeting which will be held Tuesday evening, December 8th, at 8:30, in the church hut. Rev. Watt Cooper, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, will make a short talk. A feature of the meeting will be a big turkey dinner which will be served by ladies of the church. Every member is invited to bring a visitor with him.

Clinic On Thursday

December clinic for cripples will be conducted Thursday morning at the home of the Wilkes hospital. All crippled children and deaf-mutes are invited to be present for free examination by an orthopedic specialist. (Continued on page five)

Doughton Is Named Accountant; Sheriff Poindexter In Office

Sheriff C. G. Poindexter Names Deputies; Commissioners Name County Home Keeper, Accountant, Forest Warden and Janitor as New Two-Year County Term Starts.

C. G. Poindexter, Republican, today took office as sheriff of Wilkes county, succeeding C. T. Doughton, Democrat, who had held the office for the past six years. Poindexter, who had held the office of county accountant for the past four years and who was defeated by Sheriff Doughton by 85 votes four years ago, took the oath of office before C. C. Hayes, Republican clerk of court who was sworn in today for his third four-year term.

Sheriff Poindexter today appointed three deputies: H. C. Kilby, of North Wilkesboro route one; Rastus Darnell, of Edwards township; and Blaine Sparks, of Traphill. Describing the organization as temporary, Sheriff Poindexter did not designate either as chief deputy or jailor. Oath of office was administered to C. C. Hayes, clerk of court, by Miss Elsie Foster, a justice of the peace. Clerk Hayes then administered oaths of office to Sheriff Poindexter, Coroner I. M. Myers, Surveyor Earl S. Caudill and to the board of commissioners elected in November: Paul J. Vestal and F. D. Forester, Democrats, and M. F. Absher, Republican and only incumbent member of the board.

C. T. Doughton, who today completed his term as sheriff and was succeeded in that office by C. G. Poindexter, Republican, was elected by the board as county accountant. M. F. Absher nominated George S. Forester, of North Wilkesboro, as county accountant and F. D. Forester nominated Doughton. Paul J. Vestal, chairman, broke the tie by casting his vote for Doughton. Salary for the position was set at \$200 per month, which is the same as had been paid to Accountant C. G. Poindexter, and Doughton was also elected purchasing agent with an additional salary of \$25 per month.

Chas. Jones, Democrat, was appointed by the board as keeper of the county home at the present salary of \$100 per month. He succeeds S. M. Shumate, Republican, who now holds that job. The board authorized Shumate and Jones to name one man each, who in turn will name a third man, to serve as a county home inventory committee in connection with the change in management of that institution. Jones is a former county home keeper. Frank Hendren, of Wilkesboro, was elected county forest warden, subject to approval by the state department of conservation and development, and at whatever salary the state prescribes. There were two applications for the job of courthouse janitor, W. A. Brown, a former janitor, and Leander Harris, local colored resident. Harris was elected by votes of Forester and Vestal. Absher cast his vote for Brown.

Men Over 38 Out Of Draft

Age 18 to 38 Cannot Voluntarily Enlist; Must Be Called

A sweeping man power order from Washington Saturday lowered the draft age from 45 to 38 and cut out voluntary enlistments of men 18 to 38 in the army, navy or marine corps. The order also authorized that men between 38 and 45 who have been drafted be released from service and returned to civilian life if they so desire. Those who made application to enlist in any branch of the service prior to Saturday may be accepted but no other voluntary enlistments can be accepted between 18 and 38, according to the order. Local draft board officials said today that the order lowering the draft age will have but little effect, due to the fact that very few men over 38 have been accepted to date by the army.

Pastor Called

At the close of the Sunday morning service at the Wilkesboro Methodist church yesterday, the pastor, Rev. Fred H. Shinn, announced that in all probability he would enter the navy as a chaplain within the next few days. Rev. Mr. Shinn had previously volunteered his services to the navy, but had been rejected on account of a minor defect in health. This defect, Rev. Mr. Shinn stated had been removed, and he had been ordered to report for examination at Raleigh.

Dr. R. S. Moore Dies Suddenly

Dr. Robert S. Moore, age 74, father of Mrs. Robert Morehouse, of Oakwoods, died suddenly Thursday morning on a street in Providence, R. I., near his home. Dr. Moore, for several decades a Methodist minister, was well known in Wilkes. He had spent much time in the home of his daughter and on several occasions had addressed church congregations and clubs here. He was a member of widely recognized abolition societies. In June this year Dr. Moore reached his 74th birthday in the ministry. In addition to Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Morehouse, Dr. Moore is survived by other daughters, Mrs. M. E. Story, of Syracuse, N. Y.

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