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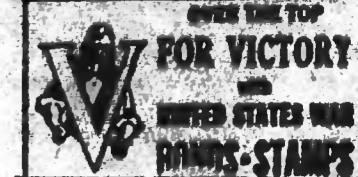
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Aged Lady Is Burned To Death

Mrs. Jane Darnell, Age 80, Loses Life When Her Home Near Ronda Burns Shortly After Midnight; Remains Charred

Mrs. Jane Darnell, 80-year-old widow who lived alone nine miles north of Ronda, was burned to death early today when her house was destroyed by fire.

Coroner I. M. Myers and Sheriff C. G. Poindexter investigated the death of Mrs. Darnell and found no evidence of foul play.

The fire was first discovered by someone who passed the road nearby about one o'clock. At that time the house was afire all over and the roof was falling in.

When the fire, of undetermined origin, died down the charred remains of Mrs. Darnell, its only occupant, were found.

The house, of frame construction, was said to have been moderately well furnished.

Mrs. Darnell, widow of the late Alvin Darnell, leaves no near relatives except nephews and nieces.

Funeral arrangements were not learned here to-day.

Scouting Finances Drive On

Campaign Launched Today at Breakfast At Hotel Wilkes

Annual campaign to raise funds to finance the expanding Boy Scout program in Wilkes was launched at a breakfast this morning at Hotel Wilkes.

At the breakfast Jimmie Anderson, district chairman, presided, and talks were made by G. E. Ashwill, assistant Scout executive for the Old Hickory council, and P. W. Eshelman, of this city.

W. K. Sturdivant, who had been handling advance contributions, made a splendid report and teams were formed for the funds canvass today and tomorrow.

The drive will end Tuesday night, 7:30, when all workers will report at a meeting at Hotel Wilkes.

Cooper Is Feted

Rev. Watt M. Cooper, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, left today for Norfolk Va., where tomorrow he will enter the chaplains' training school of the U. S. Navy.

Rev. Mr. Cooper had his final examination at Raleigh Friday and was inducted into the navy as a chaplain.

On Saturday night men of the Presbyterian church, assisted by the ladies, gave their pastor a farewell banquet in the religious education building of the church. About 150 were in attendance.

Boyd Stout was toastmaster and among those who spoke were J. R. Finley, Lewis Vickery, Mrs. A. R. Ogilvie, Carl E. Vandeman, Paul S. Cragan, P. M. Williams, J. W. Leyshon and C. L. Gibson. Mr. Gibson, secretary of the men's class, presented Rev. Mr. Cooper with a farewell purse.

Rev. Mr. Cooper will be in chaplain's school at Norfolk for eight weeks before being assigned to service.

The church has appointed a committee to arrange for services on December 20 and 27. On December 27 a congregational meeting will be held to plan future services.

After January 1 Ration Board To Be Open 10 to 4

Notice is being given that after January 1 open hour for the two ration board offices in Wilkes will be from ten a. m. until four p. m.

These hours will allow time for clerks to carry on necessary office work.

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GETS WINGS AND COMMISSION



Pvt. Luther Billings Transferred

A card was received by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Billings, of Hays, that their son, Pvt. Luther B. Billings, had arrived safely at his new destination.

Pvt. Watkins At Camp Claiborne

Pvt. Sherman Watkins, who took his basic training at Fort Eustis, Va., is now stationed at Camp Claiborne, La. Pvt. Watkins is the son of Mr. T. Y. Watkins, of Hays.

Seaman Glass Returns To Philadelphia

Seaman John Glass returned to Philadelphia Friday night where he is now stationed, after spending several days in Wilkesboro with his mother, Mrs. Fred Glass.

Seaman Yale Miller Will Return Tuesday

Seaman (second class) Yale Miller will leave Tuesday after a few days at his home in Wilkesboro. He is the son of Mrs. C. Y. Miller, and is now stationed at Sanford, Florida.

Pvt. Austin T. Fortner At Camp Young, Calif.

Pvt. Austin T. Fortner, son of J. C. Fortner of Pores Knob, who is stationed at Camp Young, California, spent a few days furlough here with his father and relatives. He was glad to be back home again. He was inducted into the service April 14, 1942. Pvt. Fortner said he was liked by the army fine.

Royal Eudaly Graduates At Naval School

Chicago, Ill.—Royal R. Eudaly, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Eudaly, 1108 Trogdon Street, North Wilkesboro, N. C., was graduated with a petty officer's rating today from the U. S. naval training school for aviation machinist's mates at the Navy Pier.

Achieving one of the highest records of his class, the Blue-jacket completed a comprehensive 24-week course, which included instruction in assembling, servicing and repairing airplane engines, and the principal theory of flying.

Promoted to the rating of aviation mate, third class, he now awaits assignment to the fleet or to another naval shore station.

Pvt. John J. Reid Transferred

Pvt. John J. Reid, who was inducted into the army recently, has been transferred from Fresno, California, to Denver, Colo. He is a son of Mrs. P. M. Reid, of North Wilkesboro route three.

Pvt. Warren At Fort Benning, Ga.

Pvt. Buell O. Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Warren, of Traphill, and who was recently inducted into the army, is now in training at Fort Benning, Ga.

Clifford Smith Is Here On Visit

Clifford Smith, a first class petty officer at the Norfolk, Va., navy yard, is spending a short time here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Goldston Smith.

Pvt. James Garwood Home Week-End

Pvt. James Garwood, of Camp Gordon, Ga., spent the week-end in Wilkesboro with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Garwood.

Pfc. Maurice Marlowe and Cpl. Clarence Call Listed Among Wounded

A casualty list issued Saturday by the Navy Department contained the names of two Wilkes men who have been wounded in the Solomon Islands fighting.

Pfc. Maurice Marlowe, son of Mrs. Essie Marlowe, of Pores Knob, and Cpl. Clarence E. Call, son of Hugh Call, of North Wilkesboro route three, were listed as wounded. Details of injuries and dates were not given.

Both are members of the marine corps and had been on Guadalcanal Island for some time.

Lt. W. H. Patton, Jr., yesterday received his wings and commission as a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army at graduation exercises held at Randolph Field, Texas. Lt. Patton is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patton, Sr., of Wilkesboro. He graduated from Andrews high school and attended N. C. State College two years. He was employed for two years in Asheville before enlisting in the air corps as an aviation cadet. Lt. Patton will arrive here Wednesday for a ten-day visit with his parents.

Local Firm Is Honored By Morgenthau

Eshelman Presented 'T' Flag For The Hosiery Mills

Wilkes Hosiery Mills received wide recognition and high honor at the dinner given Saturday in Winston-Salem for Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau and R. L. Doughton, chairman of the Ways and Means committee in congress.

Wilkes Hosiery Mills was one of 136 North Carolina firms presented the "T" flag for having 90 per cent of its employees regularly buying war bonds.

However, the local firm had been awarded the flag several months ago and the percentage of war bond buyers among its employees is 100 per cent instead of the 90 per cent required in order to fly the "T" flag.

Wilkes Hosiery Mills company was represented at the dinner by P. W. Eshelman, president and manager, and H. M. Hutchens. They were accompanied by J. R. Hix, who was bond sale chairman for Wilkes county.

Secretary Morgenthau personally presented the "T" flag for Wilkes Hosiery Mills to Mr. Eshelman. Not all of the 136 firms could be personally awarded and from the 136 five were chosen to be called forward for presentation, among the five being the local firm which has made a most outstanding record, not only in percentage of employees participating, but in percentage of the payroll volume going into bonds.

Each of the five business men called forward were asked to make brief remarks relative to bond buying. In substance, Mr. Eshelman said: "I have never taken part in any movement during my business career in which I have received such splendid cooperation from our 700 employees, all of whom are 100 per cent behind me in this movement; and all seem to derive a pleasure from investing part of their savings in the future freedom of our country."

The banquet at Winston-Salem was part of a nation-wide radio program, which began in New York city with Ronald Colman as toastmaster and was switched to Winston-Salem for the addresses of Representative Doughton and Secretary Morgenthau.

Approximately 450 attended the banquet, which was held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel.

Prior to the banquet, Robert H. Hanes, president of Wachovia

Bank and Trust company in Winston-Salem, entertained Morgan-

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Arnie Lee Lipford, negro patient at the Wilkes tubercular hospital, went on a rampage during the week-end and landed in Wilkes jail after a rough manhandling and suffering from exposure of one foot.

Lipford stole a Jenkins Hard-

ware company pickup from be-

hind Smoak Furniture company

Saturday evening about dark.

He started up the river road

west of Wilkesboro and ran off

in a ditch.

Sam and Joe Davis, two resi-

dents of the community where

the pickup truck mishap took

place, arrived on the scene and

Lipford tried to hold them up

with a sawed off shotgun.

While he had the gun on one

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