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Holiday Services Planned

Special Services to Be Held Sunday For Christmas

Local churches and many churches in rural communities are planning Christmas services for the holiday season. In the Wilkesboros the Christmas services will be held on Sunday, December 20.

First Baptist
A special program of Christmas music will be presented by the choir of the First Baptist church at a vesper service this Sunday afternoon at 6:00 o'clock. Candlelight will be an impressive feature of the service, together with seasonal decorations. Mrs. Andrew Kilby, choir director at the First Baptist church, will be in charge of the musical program, and Miss Ruby Blackburn will be the accompanist at the organ console.

The order of service for the program is as follows:
"Silent Night," Gruber, Choir; "Watchman, Tell Us Of The Night," Mason, Choir; Miss Lucile Casey, Soloist; Prayer; Woman's Choruses: "On Flambeau, Jeanette, Isabelle," Old Provençal; "Sing We Noel," French Carol of 16th Century; Offertory; "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Neillinger, Choir; "Rise Up, Shepherd, And Follow," Stickles, (Christmas Plantation Song), Women's Choruses; "Mary's Little Son," Demarest, Choir; "Hallelujah Chorus (from 'The Messiah')", Handel, arranged by Warhurst for women's voices; Benediction.

An invitation is extended to the public to attend the vesper program of Christmas music this Sunday afternoon.

North Wilkesboro Methodist
White Christmas will be observed at the church on Sunday evening, five o'clock. The public has a cordial invitation to this special service.

Wilkesboro Baptist
Christmas treat will be distributed at the Sunday school hour and at 11 o'clock Rev. Howard Ford will begin his pastorate of the church and fill the pulpit. Rev. Mr. Ford has just completed his three-year course at the Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. He was called as pastor of the Wilkesboro church several weeks ago.

Wilkesboro Methodist
Christmas will be the theme at Sunday school and a Christmas treat will be given the children.

Presbyterian
Rev. J. W. Foster, of Mount Airy, will fill the pulpit Sunday morning, 11 o'clock, at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church. The evening service at 7:30 will be a Christmas program. The public has a cordial invitation to all services.

New Materials At The Library

New publications have been received for the war information center at the Wilkes County Public Library, which is located in the town hall building.

Included in the list are the following: A Graphic history of the war; report of rubber survey committee; how to keep warm and save fuel; Latin America—its people, resources, problems and share in the war; the role of the house building industry; the offensive phase—General Smut's historic speech to members of the two houses of Parliament on October 21, 1942; a manual of law to be used by advisory boards of registrants; Elmer Davis' address "War Information and Military Security"; "Selective Service Recast."

Attention is called to the fact that the library will be closed on Friday and Saturday, December 18 and 19.

Senior—Dad, can you help me with this problem?
Father—I could son, but I don't think it would be right.
Junior—No, I don't suppose it would, but take a crack at it and see.



Only Six More Shopping Days 'Til Christmas

Only six shopping days remain before Christmas. Already Christmas buying has exceeded in volume that of any season to this date. But North Wilkesboro stores have the goods, and in great variety for those who wait no longer to select Christmas gifts.

Fortunate for the buying public in this part of the state, North Wilkesboro merchants anticipated the heavy holiday demand for merchandise and stocked accordingly.

Many merchants here still have for sale items which are no longer manufactured because of the need for materials and labor in the war. But there will be no more of those items when present stocks are exhausted.

Santa Claus is going to visit numerous people this year after filling his sack at North Wilkesboro stores.

Men May Volunteer For Navy, Marines

Until February 1 Selective Service boards will handle enlistments for the navy, marine corps and coast guard on a volunteer basis, according to regulations received by the two local boards for Wilkes.

Under the temporary plan adopted since the Manpower Commission stopped voluntary enlistments of men 18 to 38, men wishing to enlist in the navy, marines or coast guard may file voluntary enlistment papers at draft board offices.

The draft board will put the volunteer through the same procedure as if he were called into the army and give him notice to report for induction at the nearest recruiting station of the branch of service for which he is enlisting.

The volunteer will be examined locally the same as persons called for the draft and his induction papers will be drawn up.

His enlistment is, of course, subject to the approval of the Selective Service board, which must certify that he is not a key man in any war industry.

Pennies Go Into Banks; Be Used In War Materials

Pennies, the lowly money made from copper, are coming out of hiding and back into circulation.

But many of the pennies may not be used as money again. Copper is too scarce and Uncle Sam needs copper to go into war materials.

All people are urged to get pennies back into circulation. Getting the pennies out of hiding will mean that pennies will not have to be minted and all copper mined can go into war goods.

On Tuesday Attorney J. H. Whicker, Sr., was observed here on the way to the bank with a jar of pennies saved from sales tax change.

Throughout the country are large amounts of copper tried up in children's toy banks.

The government is asking that the pennies be taken out and that silver money or currency be substituted.

Better still, it is asked that the pennies be used to buy war stamps and bonds, thus helping the nation in a twofold way.

Marriage Licenses

During the past ten days licenses to wed have been issued in Wilkes by Register of Deeds C. C. Slidden to the following couples: Roger Combs and Eva Johnson, both of North Wilkesboro; William O. Haynes and Ruth Jones, both of Moravian Falls; Vergil Stanley and Cleo Yates, both of Cricket; Eugene Tilley, of Roaring River, and Ophelia Byrd, of Benham; Joseph E. Wilson, of Elkin, and Mary E. Hodges, of Ronda; Harold E. Trapp, of South Carolina, and Roselle Childress, of Ronda.

Scout's Finance Goal Achieved; Total \$1,800.00

Scout Expansion Will Be Continued In Wilkes As Result Of Campaign

Annual Boy Scout finance campaign was carried out very successfully here this week, James M. Anderson, Wilkes district Boy Scout chairman, said today.

As a result of the canvass Monday and Tuesday, the amount may reach \$1,800, which was the amount raised and used last year, Mr. Anderson said.

The Wilkes district assists in financing the Scout program for the Old Hickory council, which has headquarters in Winston-Salem and includes several northwestern North Carolina counties.

Expansion of Scouting in Wilkes will continue during the coming year, Mr. Anderson said, with formation of new troops and maintenance of present ones.

Mr. Ogilvie Shows British Newspaper

George Ogilvie, native of Scotland, recently brought to The Journal-Patriot office some newspapers which he received from Scotland.

The papers, of course, show the effect of the war, but the papers are doing a splendid job under trying difficulties.

One of the papers received by Mr. Ogilvie is the Glasgow Herald. It is interesting to note that the papers there carry classified advertisements on the front page, which is entirely devoted to classifieds and announcements.

NOW IN AFRICA



Mr. Fred Gilbert, well known young man of the Boomer community before he entered the army, is now serving overseas with the American expeditionary force in Africa, according to letters received by his wife, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Walsh, of Boomer, and sisters, Mrs. T. F. Greer, of Boomer, and Mrs. Everett Jarvis, of Wilkesboro. Pfc. Gilbert was inducted at Fort Bragg and received training at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Negroes Are Tried In Two Court Cases

Clemmons Fletcher, negro native of the Traphill community, was convicted in Wilkes court Wednesday for attempt to commit rape.

After short deliberation the jury returned a verdict of guilty. Mrs. C. C. Tharpe, well known white woman of the Ronda community, identified Fletcher as the negro who forcibly entered her home on the night of November 3, attempted to criminally assault her in the ball of the home and dragged her into the yard.

She said that Fletcher fled when her cries awoke children sleeping upstairs in the home. Her husband was at Wilkesboro that night awaiting news of election returns.

Fletcher, who had recently completed a long prison term received for pushing a man into hot mash at a still in the Traphill community several years ago, was arrested here by Police Chief J. E. Walker as Fletcher was ready to board a bus for army induction. He was identified by a finger bruise which Mrs. Tharpe said (Continued on page eight)

Local Ration News Items Announced

Instructions Concerning Coupon Use Given Out

Rationing boards here today released the following information of public interest relative to various phases of rationing:

Coupons for heating oil are different from other oil coupons. There are two types of coupons on each sheet issued for heating purposes. One portion of the sheet is composed of coupons marked period 1, period 2, period 3, period 4, and period 5. These coupons are good for 10 gallons per unit. The coupon states whether it is one unit or more. Coupons marked period 1, and period 2, are now good. Period 1 coupons expire December 26, 1942 and period 2 coupons expire January 23, 1943. You will be notified later of the expiration dates of other coupons. The other portion of the coupon sheet is composed of definite value coupons for the purpose of making change. These coupons have the gallonage value stamped in the circle. They are good during any period.

Stamp No. 27, of War Ration Book No. 1, is good for 1 lb. of coffee through January 3, 1942. Only those stamps from books issued to persons 15 years old or older are valid for coffee.

Please Note Carefully—Beginning Monday, December 21, 1942, Ration Board offices in both Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro will open to the public at 10:00 a. m. and close at 4:00 p. m. This is absolutely necessary in order that the office forces may have time to take care of correspondence, filing and reports.

Ration Board offices will be closed December 25 and 26 for Christmas holidays.

WILKES Men In The SERVICE

Herman Lockhart In The Navy

Herman Lockhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lockhart, of North Wilkesboro, enlisted in the navy at Winston-Salem December 5, 1942, was assigned to active duty December 8, at Balnbridge, Maryland.

Pvt. Henry Pendergrass At Camp Beale, Calif.

Pvt. Henry L. Pendergrass, who was inducted in the army on Sept. 26, 1942, was sent to Camp Walters, Texas, and has been transferred to Camp Beale, Calif. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Romie Pendergrass of North Wilkesboro route three. He states in his letter that he was well and hoped for all his friends a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Pvt. Culus Roberts On Furlough

Pvt. Culus Roberts, of Camp Blanding, Florida, has been spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Roberts, of Cycle.

Pvt. Arnold E. Rhoades At Camp Croft

Pvt. Arnold E. Rhoades, who was inducted into the army in February, 1942, is stationed with a medical detachment at Camp Croft, S. C. Pvt. Rhoades is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Philo Rhoades, of Hays.

Chas. Dwight Horton M. P. At Camp Shelby

Pvt. Charles Dwight Horton, who before his induction recently was a member of the State Highway patrol, has been assigned to Military Police and is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Horton, of North Wilkesboro.

Captain Edward Finley Is Transferred

Captain Edward Finley, who had been stationed near Boston, Mass., has been transferred to Harrisburg, Pa., where he has been assigned to officers' intelligence school. Mrs. Finley is making her home with him in Harrisburg.

Pvt. Jay Powell Is Transferred

Pvt. Jay Powell, who was recently inducted into the army, has been transferred from Lake Field, Phoenix, Arizona, to the gunnery (Continued on page eight)

Rommel's Army Now Is Divided

Germans Flanked and Libyan Army Is Cut In Two

British eighth army pursuing Rommel's remnants westward across Libya today flanked a part of the German forces and divided them, according to latest reports from Cairo.

The maneuver is designed to cut off Rommel's forces from joining the axis army now fighting the American, British and French forces around Tunis and Bizerte.

Meanwhile, Allied air attacks are constant on Tunis, Bizerte and other axis strongholds in Tunisia. It was apparent from reports that a long assault by Allied troops on axis forces is imminent and may already be underway.

RUSSIANS ATTACK

Russians have renewed their offensive operations near Stalingrad after a pause during which several German counterattacks were thrown back with heavy losses.

R. A. F. ASSAULTS RENEWED
British air forces continued pounding targets in Germany last night with usual success. Several targets in northwest Germany were practically devastated.

SOUTH PACIFIC

Allied troops in New Guinea today continued mopping up operations of Japs in the vicinity of Buna and Gona and were wiping out segments of a force of Jap reinforcements which tried to land 40 miles northwest of Buna.

In the Solomons was the scene of good news. U. S. flying fortresses completely wiped out a formation of 12 Jap planes while losing only one.

Land fighting on Guadalcanal was limited to patrol activity.

Pfc. Max Kilby Is Among Wounded

Local Boy Wounded In Battle With Japs, Lieutenant's Letter Says

Pfc. Max Kilby, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kilby, of North Wilkesboro, has been wounded in battle on Guadalcanal island in the Solomons.

News that he was wounded was received in a letter here by his father and mother from Lieut. Geo. McConnell, a friend of Max and who visited the family here while Max was in training at New River.

Lieut. McConnell said in his letter that he was not with Max at the time he was wounded but had learned that he was removed from Guadalcanal to a naval hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Kilby have not received official notice of their son's injury from the navy department.

Pfc. Kilby is the third Wilkes man to be wounded in battle with the Japs on Guadalcanal. The others were Cpl. Clarence E. Call, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Call, of North Wilkesboro route three, and Pfc. Maurice Marlowe, son of Mrs. Eastie Marlowe, of Pores Knob. To date none of the many Wilkes boys with the marines on Guadalcanal have been killed, according to official reports which have been released.

Lt. Johnson Gets Fourth Jap Plane

First Lieut. Richard Johnston has shot down at least four Jap planes in combat in the Solomons area.

Lt. Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnston, of this city, has been in the thick of the fighting for the past few months and has been in the South Pacific area since February this year.

Yesterday his parents received a letter dated December 6, which told of his getting his fourth enemy plane.

Local Man—My motto is: What is worth doing is worth doing well.
His Wife—Yes, I notice that when you make a fool of yourself.

CAR JUNK YARD TAKEN BY U. S.

Charleston, S. C.—The automobile junk yard of the A. K. Brown Motor company, one mile south of Lake City, was seized today under a requisition of the Federal government. United States authorities announced here today.

They said the materials in the yard would be turned over to the Camden Iron and Metal company which has a government contract.

The seizure was said to be the first of its kind in this area.