

Boomer News Items Of Week

The pastor, Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, of Taylorsville, will preach at the Baptist church here on Wednesday night the 23rd. There will also be a Christmas tree and special music. The public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Rev. S. I. Watts, pastor, will preach at Goshen Baptist church on Christmas day at 11 a. m. The theme will be "The Blessings of the Angelic Message." Special music suited to the occasion will be rendered. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Miss Cleo Earp and Mrs. Warren Earp were visitors to North Wilkesboro last Friday. They were doing some Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Charles Earp visited the Wilkesboros this week.

Mrs. W. H. Hamby and grandson, Casey McNeil, have moved to Taylorsville where they will spend the winter with Mrs. Hamby's daughter, Mrs. Roy Deal. Mr. Deal is in the army.

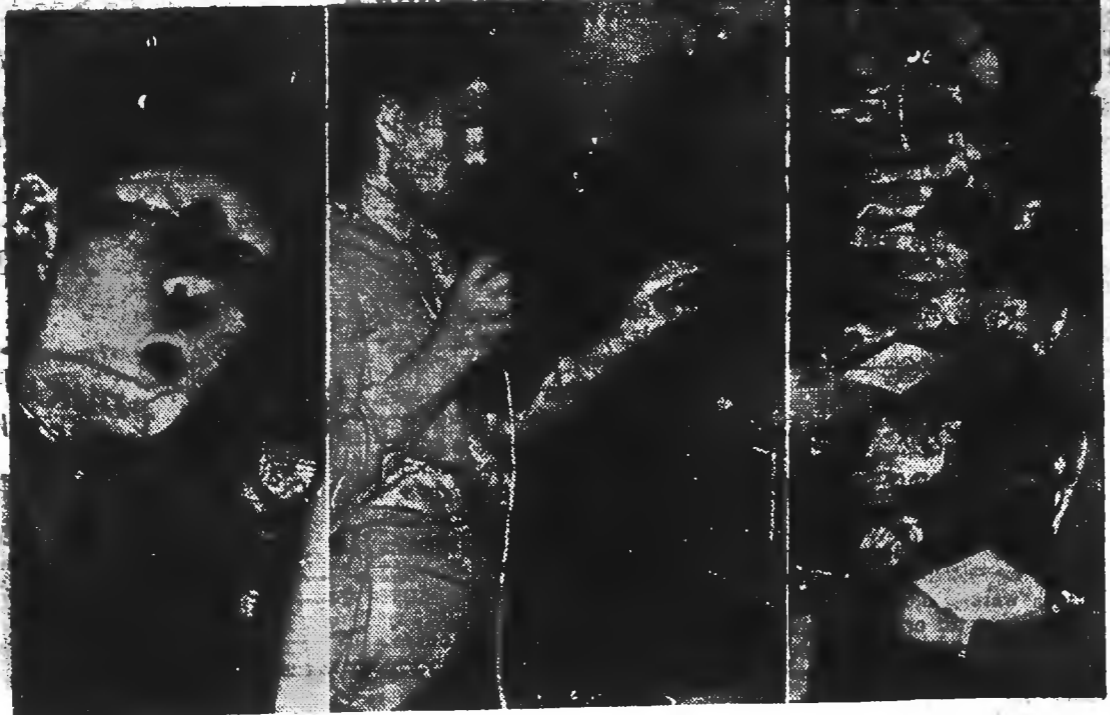
Mr. Atwell German is a patient at the Wilkes Hospital where he has undergone an operation. His many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. William H. Gross died at his home here last Wednesday after an illness of several months. Funeral service was held Friday with Rev. S. I. Watts in charge, assisted by Rev. Mr. Hopkins of Tennessee. Burial was in the church cemetery. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

Home economists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture advise taking a tip from the gas station boy who cleans your windshield, or from the man who cleans hotel windows. They have to know quick, easy methods of getting clear glass. They never use soap because they know that it streaks the glass and is hard to rub dry. And they never use rags that shed lint either.

Approximately one million pounds of lespedeza seed will be harvested in Forsyth county this year the largest crop on record, reports S. R. Mitchiner, assistant farm agent.

'Get the Message Through' Is Job of Signal Corps



In this war, instructions and reports, not only from plane to base but from ship to shore and field commander to officers, are sent by wireless. These pictures show some of the phases of signal corps training. At left, Moon Young, Chinese student, tries to perfect his diction so he can become a member of the signal corps and get out to the Southwest Pacific. He has a score to settle with the Japs. Center: Type of equipment used by planes to keep in touch with home bases and other planes during "dog fights." Right: Skilled fingers beat out messages on semi-automatic telegraph keys.

Farm Labor Still A Great Problem

Labor on farms is likely to continue to become scarcer throughout the war, says R. W. Shoffner, Extension farm management specialist of N. C. State College. This will be especially true, he said, on small farms which are not affected by the Government order freezing labor on "essential livestock farms."

"There are ways that farm families can help improve the labor situation on their farms," he declared, "and first and foremost is careful planning. The family should plan together how its family life should be carried on so as to release time for farm work. Divide the work and cut out less necessary tasks."

Shoffner also said that old men, women and children will have to do more of the farm work. Children will have to be taught to share in farm work, home-making skills and care of the younger children.

Other suggestions include: Neighbors swap work, tools and equipment. A community workshop where farm and home equipment may be repaired. Keep tools and equipment in good condition so that they will operate easily and efficiently at all times. Adjust livestock and crop enterprises to the labor supply.

Shoffner said that production of "enough to eat, then something to sell," is the first duty of the farm family. Home-grown vegetables, fruits, meats, and poultry products will free transportation facilities and containers badly needed in meeting the demands of the armed forces, war industrial workers in cities, and others of the United Nations.

"The cost of things you buy will be higher," Shoffner warned farm people, "and labor costs will be higher, too—if you can get labor."



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Former Vichy Chief Denies Any Ambition

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Dec. 16.—Admiral Jean Darlan declared in a formal statement today that "French Africa, with the Allies, must make the maximum military effort for the defeat of Germany and Italy."

The former commander of all Vichy's armed forces disclaimed personal ambition as his motive for joining the Allies and said that once free of the Axis yoke, "the French people themselves will decide freely the form of government and national policy they desire."

"I have stated emphatically and repeatedly to Commander in Chief General Eisenhower that in

Tire Thieves Are Choosey

Elkin.—The thieves are getting choosey. They took four tires, including the spare, from the automobile of J. Mark McAdams, superintendent of Elkin schools, but did not bother one which had seen more wear than the others.

The car was recovered in the Austin community of Wilkes county Thursday afternoon, approximately 12 hours after it was stolen from near the McAdams home on Church street. Locked, the machine apparently had been towed away.

leading North and West Africa against Germany and Italy and into the ranks of the United Nations, I seek no assistance or support for my personal ambition," he told American and British correspondents.

Reuters quoted him as telling this press conference that the Germans "had me by the throat," and that cooperation with the Nazis in the days before the Allied occupation of French Africa had been forced upon him.

"Every move I made," he continued, according to Reuters, "everything I said or wrote, and everyone with whom I talked came under the closest German scrutiny. There were spies about me all the time."

Standing beside Darlan as he read his statement to correspondents at his luxurious villa was Robert Murphy, President Roosevelt's special representative.

British Strike At Axis Rear Guard

London.—British advance columns have fought an important action with Marshal Rommel's Axis rear guard in desert wastes "somewhere west of El Aghelia" and taken a number of prisoners, reports from Cairo said while a rising Allied air attack beat at the Axis in both Libya and Tunisia.

Berlin bore out the report that an engagement had taken place when the official German news agency, D.N.B., broadcast, obviously for foreign consumption, that the British Eighth army lost 20 tanks in a fight lasting several hours.

Neither the Berlin nor the Cairo report gave any hint of Rommel's position except that the British indicated he was continuing his flight.

British reports said the Allied air forces ceaselessly supporting the ground troops of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery was constantly attacking the retreating Axis soldiers.

Fertilizer Changes May Help Farmer

Farmers of North Carolina should not be inconvenienced—in fact, they should be benefited—by the restriction in the number of fertilizer grades, says E. R. Collins, Extension agronomy leader of N. C. State College. The War Production Board will allow only 18 fertilizer grades to be sold in the state in 1943.

"In the fertilizer year, 1940-41," said Collins, "there were 187 different grades of fertilizer registered and sold in North Carolina. Many of the grades were so similar in analysis that it would be practically impossible to show differences where they were applied side-by-side in the same field."

"The last Legislature restricted to a maximum of 50 and a minimum of 35 the number of fertilizer grades that could be sold in the state in 1941-42. Actually, only 36 grades were registered and sold last year. Therefore," he added, "it is not anticipated that any one will suffer a hardship by further reducing the number of grades to a well selected group of 18."

He pointed out that South Carolina and Georgia have only 13 grades approved, and Alabama has only 4 grades.

The 18 approved grades were selected with the idea of excluding filler from the fertilizer, Collins explained. This will save transportation facilities and bags.

"The farmer must realize," said the Extension agronomist, "that he will be buying, in most cases, a higher analysis fertilizer. If he applies it at the same rate as in 1941-42, it will cost him more to fertilize his crop. But if he decreases the application he will get the same result at about the same cost. For instance, a man who used 400 pounds of 3-8-3 last year will get the same amount of nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash by applying 300 pounds of a 4-12-4 this year."

CIGARETTES

Figures just released show that the September output of cigarettes reached a total of 21,789,717,220; as compared with 18,760,756,617 during the same month in 1941.

RUMORS

Coffee and tea production in this country, or satisfactory substitutes, is not in the offing despite persistent rosy rumors born of war shortages, according to scientists.

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