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Allies On Offensive In Battles

Reds Drive Forward Toward Two Centers

War news today was highlighted by accounts of varied Allied successes on three or more fronts.

In Africa the Allies are busy trying to keep Rommel's German troops from retreating into Tunisia, where they may seek to unite with axis forces at Tunis and Bizerte, and some fierce fighting has been in progress with British, French and American troops uniting against axis forces.

From Russia comes the good news that the great Red offensive continues to roll westward toward Rostov, Kharkov and other centers in spite of all out efforts on the part of the Germans to make a stand.

Entire regiments, numbering more than 1,000 each, have been captured and killed by the Russians during the past week and the Red drive goes on.

American airmen from Guadalcanal have raided nearby Japanese bases of Munda constantly during the past few days.

Meanwhile, there is some ground action going on in Guadalcanal against Jap forces still in the area there.

At Guadalcanal, several Wilkesboro men, were removed from the island several days ago for a rest and will be used elsewhere, later, according to news dispatches Friday.

Pass Exams

Local School Makes Good Record In Examination for Last Year Students

Seven students of North Wilkesboro high school successfully passed the state's college entrance examination given recently and may now enter college as high school graduates under the accelerated war time educational program.

The examination was offered high school seniors age 16 and over throughout the state who were in the upper third in their respective classes in scholarship.

North Wilkesboro students made a most enviable showing in comparison with other schools in the state. Durham, Charlotte and Winston-Salem, which are included among the state's largest, were the only schools to equal or excel the record of the North Wilkesboro school in number who passed the state examination.

The students here passing the examination were Hill Carlton, Jr., Kern Church, Mary Moore Hix, Peggy Finley, William Halfacre, Peggy Nichols and Henry Waugh.

Reins-Sturdivant Mutual Burial Association Has 55,000 Members

Annual Statement Shows Cash Surplus Of Organization Now About \$70,000

In North Wilkesboro is home office of by far the largest burial insurance organization in the state of North Carolina, and perhaps the largest in the nation.

It is Reins-Sturdivant Mutual Burial Association, which has a membership of more than 55,000 people. In addition to the home office here, there are branch offices in Sparta, West Jefferson, Boone and Lenoir.

Annual statement of the association published this week shows that the association is in splendid condition financially, having a surplus in cash and bonds of approximately \$70,000. Of that amount, about \$21,000 was added during the past year. A total of 318 members died during 1942 and burial benefits

Cashier Honored



R. W. Gwyn, who was presented with a \$500 war bond Thursday at the annual stockholders meeting of the Bank of North Wilkesboro as a token of the bank's appreciation for his more than 50 years of service with the bank.

Gwyn Presented 500.00 Bond For 50 Years Record

Bank Cashier Honored At Stockholders' Meeting Held Thursday

At the stockholders meeting, J. R. Hix, president of the Bank of North Wilkesboro, presented to R. W. Gwyn, cashier of the Bank of North Wilkesboro, a \$500.00 U. S. Bond in the following appropriate manner:

"You will recall that in our last year's minutes mention was made of the fact that Walter Gwyn in 1942 would have completed his fifty years of service with the bank. This is a meritorious achievement for any man. According to the best informed statisticians, not many corporations, companies, or partnerships exist for a period of fifty years—therefore, it is all the more remarkable for a man to serve an institution for so long a period. Through these years of efficient and faithful service his reputation and character has been established.

"I know of no man who is more highly regarded by the public and his associates. He has been fair and courteous in all of his dealing with the public. Through the years he has established himself as a man of highest character and civic leadership. No institution has been more helpful in promoting the progress and development of North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county than the Bank of North Wilkesboro—Walter Gwyn is part and parcel of the bank. His high Christian character, integrity, and sound judgment has been a powerful influence on the life of our community.

"As a small token of appreciation for the faithful service rendered for these fifty years and as an expression of the high esteem of the stockholders, officers, and employees of this bank, I have the pleasure to present you with this \$500.00 United States bond, and with the bond goes my sincere wish that you will have many more years of active service for the bank and this community."

Jesse Farris Killed

Jesse Farris, former North Wilkesboro resident, has been killed in action in New Guinea, according to information received here.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Farris of York, S. C., formerly of the Roaring River community of this county, Farris was employed for a number of years with the Wilkes Drug store here.

Details of his death were not learned.

Pvt. Farris was well known in North Wilkesboro and had many friends here. During the time he was in North Wilkesboro he was a member of the First Baptist church and was very active in church organizations. His family lived in the Roaring River community of Wilkes county before moving to York, S. C.

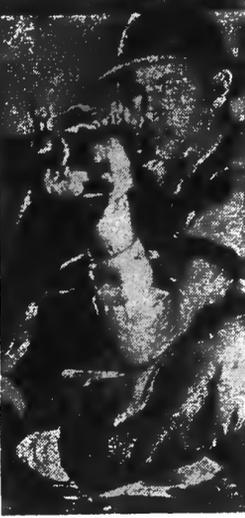
Women Schooled In Home Economics to Register In County

Mrs. Annie Laurie H. Greene, Wilkes home demonstration agent, today asked that all women and girls who have received two or more years of college training in home economics register in accordance with a war time order.

Mrs. Greene explained that it is a vital war measure and said that women who have not already registered should get in touch with Mrs. Edd Gardner in North Wilkesboro, Mrs. C. T. Doughton or Mrs. N. O. Smoak in Wilkesboro, or Mrs. Greene in Wilkesboro.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Celebrities join up with Uncle Sam



Men in all walks of life are answering Uncle Sam's call for fighters. In photo at left, Lieut. Charles Gehring, former Detroit Tiger slugger, is shown leaning on a wall decorated with baseball photos as he studies a map of the United States. Center: Two sons of the late emperor of Austria and Hungary are examined at Fort Myer, Va., for induction in the U. S. army. They are Karl Ludwig Hapsburg and Felix Ludwig Hapsburg (seated). The boys enlisted as privates. Picture at right shows Stirling Hayden, yachtsman husband of Madeleine Carroll, slinging lead on the rifle range at Farris Island marine corps recruiting station.

Local School Is Fully Accredited By Association

Received Current Year Membership Certificate Among Accredited Schools

North Wilkesboro school has received its certificate of membership in the Southern Association of Accredited Secondary Schools and Colleges for the current year. The local school has for years been a member of the association, which requires high standards and excellence in many departments.

Being accredited by the association means that any high school graduate of the North Wilkesboro school may enter any college in the south without taking an entrance examination. Only schools which meet the high standards specified are granted memberships in the association.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Important Farm Meets Planned

Tuesday At Inscore's Store and Wednesday At Henderson's Store, Gilreath

Two very important farm meetings are scheduled for this week.

Farmers and home demonstration club women are asked to meet at Inscore's store on North Wilkesboro route three on Tuesday, January 26, two p. m., and a similar meeting will be held at Henderson's store in the Gilreath community Wednesday, January 27, two p. m.

Farmers and home club members will be informed of war food production goals for the year and the Triple A program for the year will be explained. The meeting this week will be part of a series of meetings for the county and all rural people are urged to attend the meeting most convenient.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Bank of North Wilkesboro Has Annual Meeting

Directors and Officers Re-elected; Bank Experienced Excellent Year

Stockholders of the Bank of North Wilkesboro in annual meeting heard a report of the bank's splendid growth during the past year and accounts of achievements of the institution.

The meeting was held Thursday morning at the bank with a good attendance of stockholders.

J. H. Johnson presided over the stockholders meeting and a number of short talks were made. Speakers included Mr. Johnson, S. V. Tomlinson and E. M. Blackburn.

J. R. Hix delivered his report as president of the bank, which was well received and highly prized by the stockholders. As pointed out in the report, one of major achievements was the retiring of \$50,000 preferred stock by the sale of \$50,000 new common stock. During the year \$25,000 was added to the surplus fund, giving the bank one of the best capital structures to be found in the state.

All directors of the bank were re-elected as follows: E. M. Blackburn, Ralph Duncan, R. G. Finley, R. W. Gwyn, J. R. Hix, W. D. Halfacre, John E. Justice, Jr., and S. V. Tomlinson.

Directors in meeting following the stockholders meeting re-elected the officers of the bank. They are: J. R. Hix, president; W. D. Halfacre, vice president; S. V. Tomlinson, vice president; R. W. Gwyn, cashier; W. W. Starr, J. G. McNeil and J. T. Brome, assistant cashiers.

Report of President Hix to the stockholders follows: (Continued on page eight)

Highway Commission Opens Lime Mine In Yadkin County

STATE-OWNED LIME MINE OPENED



Governor J. Melville Broughton as he pressed down the detonator which set off nearly 400 sticks of dynamite, officially reopening the century-old state-owned lime mine in Yadkin county. D. B. McCrary, acting chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, looks on as the Governor fires the charge. Broughton said the State would sell the lime to farmers at \$1.25 per ton. This is the second mine in the State, owned by the State Highway Commission, which is turning out agricultural lime to aid farmers of North Carolina.

Elkin.—Governor J. Melville Broughton, January 22, set off nearly 400 sticks of dynamite, which officially reopened the century-old state-owned Yadkin county lime mine at Limerock, N. C. With a deafening report, which echoed back from the heights of Pilot Mountain, many hundred tons of lime rock fell from the newly opened face of the old mine onto the floor below. Rocks from the blast hurtled far out into the muddy Yadkin river several hundred yards away.

Attending the opening ceremony, in addition to the Governor, were many other state officials, including D. B. McCrary, acting chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission. In an address, following a banquet sponsored by Elkin civic clubs, Governor Broughton announced that cost of the lime to farmers would be \$1.25 a ton. This price will cut costs of lime for Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin county farmers by more than half. Broughton pointed out that possibly the price could later be reduced, should the State Highway Commission find that production costs would permit. In his address, aimed directly at the more than 250 farmers of the section attending, he pointed out that their part in the war effort was as important as the men who were actually on the fighting front or those manufacturing war materials.

The Governor lauded the efforts of the three members of the lime committee, H. F. Laffoon, J. W. L. Benson and W. M. Allen, who had untiringly fought for the reopening of the mine.

Highway Commission Chairman D. B. McCrary placed credit for (Continued on page eight)

Calf Show Event Is Planned

Agricultural Leaders In Meeting On Friday

Agricultural leaders of 24 piedmont and western North Carolina counties in meeting here Friday as guests of Coble Dairy Products company laid plans for an annual junior dairy show to be staged annually for five years.

George Coble, president and principal owner of Coble Dairy Products company which operates plants in Wilkesboro and Burlington and is buying about 250,000 pounds of milk daily from 4,500 farmers, proposed to give \$7,500 in cash prizes for the show, \$1,500 annually for five years.

Large Number Present

Present for the meeting were more than 100, including county agents, assistant agents, vocational home economics teachers, FSA representatives and several representatives of State College and the extension service.

As a steering committee the assembly named a group of six representing the county agents, agricultural teachers, State College, Coble Dairy Products company and the FSA.

Committee For Show

The committee, which will make arrangements, including time and place, for the annual show was named as follows: County Agent R. A. McLaughlin, of Yadkin county; Assistant County Agent A. N. Harrold, of Davidson; J. A. Arey, extension dairyman, of State College; T. S. Royster, of Lexington, district supervisor for the Farm Security Administration; A. L. Teachey, of Raleigh, district superintendent of vocational agriculture; R. J. Peeler, of Raleigh, executive secretary of Future Farmers of America in North Carolina; John F. Brown, field manager for Coble Dairy Products company.

From 24 Counties

John F. Brown, of the Coble company, opened the meeting and a roll call of counties found the following well represented: Alamance, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga, Caswell, Davidson, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes, Yadkin, Rowan, Alexander, Caldwell, Cabarrus, Iredell, Davie and Stanley counties.

Many Speakers

Among those who addressed the meeting were: I. O. Schuch, dean of the extension service; Roy Thomas, head of vocational agricultural department; Miss Anna (Continued on page eight)

Cub Pack Puts On Circus As a Feature Of January Meeting

The January meeting of the Cub Pack of the Boy Scout organization was held in the office of the Duke Power Company Friday night, and was in the form of a circus with most everything you would expect to find on a midway of a fair or traveling circus like Ringling Brothers or San Brothers.

The meeting was attended by a large number of cubs, and their parents, and upon arrival the cubs serving in the capacity of "barkers" quickly went into action, calling attention to their games of skill, zoo and bingo table, with the red lemonade and hot dog departments to make the affair complete.

After those present enjoyed the circus, Cub Pack Leader Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., invited those taking in the circus to come to another part of the building where stunts were put on by members of the various dens.

The performance got underway with a black-face comedian act by Gordon Forester, Jr., after which the local magician, Charles Tevepaugh, assisted by Dudley Moore,

did a number of tricks that were cleverly and quickly performed. Next came the lion tamer's stunt with John Hubbard being the lion, and Joe Eller the lion tamer. John Hubert Emerson and Carroll Yates put on a love scene, followed by good stunts by Julius Rousseau, Jr., and Eugene McNeill, Dudley Moore and Carl Swofford.

Following the stunts the cub pack business meeting took place. This opened by everyone present saluting the flag and repeating in unison the cub pledge and giving the cub pack sign.

Eugene McNeill was promoted to the rank of Lion; Bobby Story to the rank of Webelos; and silver arrow points were presented to Louis Mann Nelson, Jr., Jimmy Moore, and J. C. Hayes.

The cub pack objectives for the month of February were chosen to be gathering scrap for the war effort and Robinson Crusoe.

After expressing appreciation to Mr. Gibbs for his courtesy in making it possible to hold the meeting in such fine quarters, the meeting adjourned with the Scout benediction.