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Father, Son in Army



Wilkes has at least one father-son combination in the United States Army. Pvt. Ronnie Johnson, left, whose home is on North Wilkesboro route three, volunteered for army service six months ago and is now at an air base at Columbus, Ohio. His son, Cpl. Fred Johnson, has been in the army for nine months and is now in overseas service, having sailed in December.

BIG FIRE TODAY DESTROYS PLANT OF YELLOW JACKET

Moravian Falls Postoffice Also Burns In Disastrous Fire; Much Property Totally Destroyed

Entire plant of the Yellow Jacket type, an automatic press, numerous other items. Mr. Laws carried no fire insurance on the property, which represents a total loss to him. Also in the building was Mr. Laws' library of numerous volumes. He is an authority on history and had collected many books which cannot be replaced. Only a few books and some office equipment were removed from the library. Burning of the Yellow Jacket office and plant was the third large fire loss to Mr. Laws in four years, during which time he lost two residences by fire. Loss to the postoffice could not be determined today. Only a few items were removed from the postoffice and the amount of loss of mail and records by fire was not immediately available.

Wilbar Resident Takes Own Life By Hanging Self

Death of John Eller Saturday Pronounced Suicide By Coroner Myers

Funeral service was held today at Union Baptist church near Wilbar for John Eller, 42, resident of that community who hanged himself in the barn at his home Saturday morning. Coroner I. M. Myers investigated the death and pronounced it suicide. Eller had been a patient of the state hospital at Morganton, where he left without leave one week ago. Members of the family said he apparently was normal mentally until Saturday morning, when he became violent and they called the sheriff to come for him and to return him to the state hospital. When deputies arrived they found his lifeless body hanging by a rope in the barn. He was a son of Frank and Elizabeth Pierce Eller and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ollie Eller, and four children: Celia, Mae, Vergie, Ruby and Margie. Rev. J. E. Hayes conducted the funeral service, assisted by Rev. J. W. Yates.

Service Here Sunday For Scout Week

Free Movie Tuesday and Civic Day On Friday

Boy Scout Week, designated throughout the nation as February 6 to 12, is being observed by the Scouts of the Wilkes district. The first event of the observance was a special service for Scouts at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church Sunday morning 11 o'clock. There were 60 Scouts, Cubs and Scouters in attendance and were seated in a body. At the beginning of the service they dedicated a United States Flag and a Christian flag, which had been donated to the church. Rev. A. C. Waggoner, pastor, delivered an inspiring and appropriate message. The next event in observance of the week will be on Tuesday evening, when all Scouts will be guests for the regular show at the Liberty Theatre as a special (Continued on page eight)

Allies Hit Enemy By Air Raids

Russians Attacking On Outskirts Of Rostov

War news today featured powerful offensive operations by British and American air forces in many parts of the world. In North Africa today American airmen hammered away at axis held positions and shipping from Italy to Africa. The port of Naples was bombed in daylight and great fires were left raging in the city and port. 23 SHIPS SUNK British submarines during the past few days sunk 23 axis ships near Italy and three ships were hit by bombs in Naples harbor. STRIKE BASES, INDUSTRIES British and American flyers from England again bombed the submarine base at Lorient, France, and British raided German industries in the Ruhr valley. RUSSIANS AT ROSTOV From Russia comes more encouraging news as Red Forces are hammering at the gates of Rostov and have cut off 200,000 troops in the Caucasus. Meanwhile, Russian troops are driving swiftly westward at other points and are pulsing with great losses. MANY JAPS KILLED American and Australian forces on the northeast coast of New Guinea continue to slaughter many Japs and American airmen have been very successful in destroying planes and scoring hits on Jap ships while raiding Jap ports and airfields. No further news has been released concerning reports of a big naval battle last week near the Solomon Islands, and it is thought that the reports were principally Japanese propaganda in efforts to get information relative to American naval forces.

Pleasure Drivers Are Tried

Rationing Boards In County Hear 7 Cases

Wilkes rationing boards during the past week penalized persons in seven cases for violation of the pleasure driving ban and other rationing regulations. Disposition of the cases tried, as related by the rationing officials, was as follows: Tim Yates—charged with pleasure driving—all gasoline ration for the car which was apprehended and revoked until May 21, 1943. This case was carried over from January 28. Eli Prevette—speeding and reckless driving—all gasoline ration revoked for period of 12 months. Ralph Sawyer—charged with pleasure driving—two coupons removed from A book. W. B. Church and Gordon Church—Gordon Church charged with pleasure driving in car owned by W. B. Church—1 coupon removed from W. B. Church's A book. Gordon Church barred from obtaining any gasoline ration for period of six months. Warner Miller, Jr.—charged with pleasure driving—two coupons removed from A book. L. H. Patterson and Robert McLean—McLean charged with pleasure driving in Patterson's car—one coupon removed from Patterson's coupon book; McLean barred from obtaining any gasoline ration in six months. James Dowell—charged with pleasure driving—failed to appear; all gasoline ration automatically revoked for period of 12 months.

From Guadalcanal



Captain James M. Hayes, Jr., who has just returned from combat service on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands, addressed a large audience Sunday night at the Wilkesboro Baptist church.

Capt. Hayes Tells About Guadalcanal

Marine Officer Is Speaker Sunday At Wilkesboro

Captain James M. Hayes, Jr., marine officer home on leave after four months of combat service on Guadalcanal, addressed a capacity audience Sunday night at the Wilkesboro Baptist church. The audience listened with intense interest and the young officer related experiences of the marines on Guadalcanal, where they were recently relieved after getting the "situation well in hand." "We have just started to fight," Captain Hayes said as he spoke of the war situation in general and cautioned against over optimism. During the course of his address he related many incidents which happened on Guadalcanal, two of which he said were the only things which could be called funny during those long months. Captain Hayes said the Japs there had broken every rule of warfare and were fanatics who apparently did not care to die. He told of how hundreds of Japs, many of them armed with small weapons and some with no weapons at all, stormed Bloody Ridge one night and lost a thousand men in the unsuccessful attempt to capture the position held by 350 marines. He said that soon after he and his men arrived on the island he was shocked to see an American carrying the head of a Jap, but he soon learned that the Japanese has resorted to every cruelty imaginable. On one occasion, he said, Jap soldiers carved a wounded marine to pieces while he was still alive. He told of how Japs shot and killed two companions of Barney Ross as the three were on their way to bring back a wounded man, and how Ross (Continued on page eight)

New Furniture Store To Open

North Wilkesboro is soon to have a new furniture store, which will be operated in the original Marlow-Shook Hardware building now owned by Mrs. J. R. Marlow, by Messrs. Avery and Quincy Whittington. The name of the new store will be "Better Homes Furniture Co." Mr. Avery Whittington is a former manager of the Mark-Down Furniture Co., of this city, but has been at Elkin for the past two years as manager of the Home Furniture Company in which he owns a half interest. The new firm will be open to the public about the first of March, and will carry a complete line of home furnishings.

Goodman To Speak On Friday

Friday Farmers' Day Local Kiwanis Club

John W. Goodman, of State College, assistant director of the North Carolina extension service, will address the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club and farmer guests on Friday noon, February 12. J. B. Snipes, county agent and who is program chairman for the meeting, announced that a change had been made and that Goodman would speak instead of F. H. Jetter, agricultural editor at State College, as previously announced. It will be farmers day for the Kiwanis club and each Kiwanian is expected to have one or more farmers as guests at the meeting. A total attendance of 150 is expected. The meeting will be held in the banquet hall of Hotel Wilkes.

Pennies For Bonds



Tommie Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Turner, of Crick-et, last week exchanged 1,875 pennies for a war bond. Tommie had consistently saved the pennies over a period of time with his goal a war bond. Exchanging the pennies for a bond not only helped the war effort by furnishing money, but releases 12 pounds and thirteen ounces of copper, a vital and scarce war material.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

High School Girl Overpowers Robber

Armed only with a fire poker, Miss Hope Allen, a North Wilkesboro high school student, attacked a burglar in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allen, and recovered the money and other things he had taken from the home. Not only did Miss Allen recover the stolen property, but she was instrumental in the capture of the burglar, Carl Lyalls, age 15, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Lyalls, of near this city. On Friday afternoon when Miss Allen returned from school the other members of the family were away. She heard a noise upstairs and before she could investigate she saw a man coming down the steps. He was masked with a handkerchief around the lower part of his face. She stood near the foot of the stairs and when the masked man came down she went into action. The result was that she wrenched from his hands a stick about two feet long, which he was carrying, and took from him a pocket-book containing money, which he had picked up, and caused him to run from the home. Miss Hope Allen, her sister,

TO SPEAK FRIDAY



John W. Goodman, assistant director of the North Carolina extension service, will address the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club on "Farmers' Day", Friday, February 12.

Women Work In Furniture Factory Here

Forest Furniture Co. Is Now Hiring Women

For the first time in the history of North Wilkesboro, furniture manufacturing women were put to work today in a woodworking plant. Forest Furniture company today placed on the payroll several women employees and plans to increase the number as the need arises. During the past few weeks workmen have been making changes and improvements in the plant especially to provide conveniences and comforts for women employees. An official of the company today stated that it is one of the changes brought about by the war and resultant scarcity of labor. The company, he said, does not expect the venture to be profitable, but is offering employment to women who cannot very well go elsewhere to engage in war work. The armed forces and war industries in larger cities have drained many potential workmen from this vicinity. The Forest Furniture company has made arrangements for women to replace many of the men who have been called away and thus will be able to continue operation and to furnish a substantial payroll locally.

GIANT HEN EGG

T. F. Anthony, Ronda citizen, was here Saturday showing the biggest hen egg of them all. The egg had a weight of over one-quarter pound, was 8 1-2 inches in circumference the long way and 6 1-2 inches around the short way. He said he knew that it was a hen egg, because it came from the chicken lot where there were no signs of bigger fowl. "Set", the Australian Army journal, is being supplied American forces in Australia at the request of U. S. authorities. BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Coble Co. Begins To Dry Eggs

Plant In Wilkesboro Will Dry 1,100 Cases Daily

Coble Dairy Products company plant in Wilkesboro today began drying eggs. By high pressure and heat the water is taken from the eggs and a fine powder is the result. Add water and you have scrambled eggs. The company plans to dehydrate eggs in tremendous quantities and will buy from six states. George S. Coble, president and principal owner of the company which operates large plants in Wilkesboro and Lexington, said the eggs drying capacity of the Wilkesboro plant will be 1,100 cases per day and that he intended to keep the plant running at capacity 24 hours per day. A large warehouse recently erected is being converted into a cold storage plant for the eggs and another warehouse is being constructed. Already a small addition to the main plant has been constructed to house the extra machinery necessary for preparing eggs for dehydration. The same machinery used to powder milk will be used to change the eggs into powder. Addition of egg drying to the plant's activities will not affect buying of milk and manufacture of dairy products, which is continuing with many dairy products being turned out in large quantities. Coble Dairy Products company proposes to purchase all the eggs available during the low price egg season, thus stabilizing the price of eggs. Last week the price paid was 33 cents per dozen. Each Monday the company will quote a price good for the entire week. At the present time the company is buying only from jobbers in lots of not less than 25 cases each. Tom Story, who has held an office position with the North Wilkesboro branch of the Duke Power company for the past several years, has accepted a position with the Coble company as egg receiving clerk. Warner Miller, Jr., who has been in charge of distribution of newspapers for the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel in Wilkes, will operate the egg drying machinery and is being trained for those duties. Addition of egg dehydration to the Wilkesboro plant will provide jobs for about 90 more people than have been employed there. Thirty-five women and girls were placed on jobs there today candling and breaking eggs. As soon as the plant gets into full production two more shifts of women and girls will be added, keeping that phase of operations under way 24 hours daily. The government will buy all (Continued on page eight)

Shells Stolen From The Allen Theatre

Thief Takes Many Shotgun Shells and Box of Cigars From Allen Theatre

Thieves of unknown identity entered the office of Allen Theatre here on Sunday night and took some things which are valuable and hard to replace. W. J. Allen, manager of the theatre, said that the thieves did not get any money, which they apparently were looking for, but did make away with many of his shotgun shells and a box of Naurica cigars. The shotgun shells consisted of one whole case of Arrow shells, 16-gauge, number 8 shot; also 15 other boxes of shells, six of which were 12-gauge number 2, 4 and 8 shot, and 11 12-gauge number 8 shot. Mr. Allen will give a liberal reward for information leading to return of the shells and conviction of the guilty parties.