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Signals In Blackout Confused

Many People Failed To Understand Signals

The blackout here on Tuesday night was not very black.

Confusion about the signals created a situation which would have provided enemy bombers a chance for a field day if they had been over this part of the country.

The alert signal soon after nine o'clock was generally taken by the public to mean blackout. That is, those who heard the signal.

Then the total blackout signal was sounded some 30 minutes later, which meant that all lights were to go off.

Instead, the lights which had been turned off at the alert signal popped on.

Air raid wardens were on their posts and succeeded in getting the lights off again. Before the all-clear signal North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro were well blacked out.

The signals failed to reach many rural communities, which knew nothing of the blackout, and on many roads traffic continued as usual.

Civilian defense officials agreed that the blackout was far from perfect.

Court to Begin Monday, March 1 in Wilkesboro

Judge Clement and Judge Ervin To Preside Over Three Weeks Court

Less than 100 criminal cases are slated for trial in the March term of Wilkes superior court which will convene in Wilkesboro on Monday, March 1.

Solicitor Avelon E. Hall recently made out the calendar for the first two weeks of the three-week term. The third week will be devoted to trial of civil actions.

Judge J. H. Clement, of Winston-Salem, who exchanged courts with Judge Zeb V. Nettles, of Asheville, will preside over the first two weeks and for the third week Special Judge S. J. Ervin, of Morganton, will be the presiding jurist.

"Charlie," said the teacher, "what are the effects of heat and cold?"

"Heat expands and cold contracts," promptly replied Charles.

"Give me examples."

"In summer the days are long, in winter they are short."

Instructor



Sergeant C. W. Helbrock, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Holbrook, of Abshers, entered the marine corps October 19, 1940. He took his basic training at Parris Island, S. C. Sergeant Helbrock is now an instructor at the marine base at Key West, Florida, where he has been stationed since March 23, 1941.

Last Confederate Veteran In Wilkes, Head Of Five Generations, Answers Final Call



Seated at the front of this group is Rev. R. F. Jarvis, age 97 and who was the last Confederate veteran in Wilkes. He died Monday night at his home four miles west of Wilkesboro. Standing behind him in the picture are his son, William Felix Jarvis, grandson, Richard Lee Jarvis; great-grandson, Frank Jarvis, who holds in his arms great-great-grandson William Franklin Jarvis.

Recap For Any Auto Tires O.K.

B, C, Book Holders Inspection By March 1

All passenger car owners are now eligible to have their tires recapped without a permit from the rationing board. The same applies to light trucks using passenger grade rubber.

A motorist may now have the recapping job done by any recapping establishment without a permit or certificate.

Inspection Deadline

Attention is called to the fact that tires on cars with B or C gasoline ration book must be inspected by March 1 and that tires on cars with only A books must be inspected by April 1.

Motorists are warned not to hold their certificates for purchase of grade 3 tires until they expire. The stock of new grade 3 (war) tires is almost exhausted and motorists with such certificates may purchase used tires. Dealers will soon receive stocks of used tires which were collected by the government. A certificate for grade 3 tire can also be used to purchase a recapped tire.

Axis Tank Columns Defeated

Allied Headquarters in North Africa.—Combined British and American forces threw Field Marshal Rommel's tank columns into full retreat from the outskirts of Thala yesterday, handing them their first defeat in Tunisia, and last night Allied artillery lobbed tons of explosive steel into German positions in the narrow Kasserine Pass and on the beaten

rearguard columns withdrawing through it.

(Reuters reported in London that latest information indicated the bulk of enemy forces were retreating through the pass, with only a rearguard left to hold the mouth of the gap against furious continuing Allied attacks.

(The British News Agency also said increasing numbers of fight-

ORGANIZATION FOR RED CROSS CAMPAIGN SET UP

Plan Dinner For Workers Of Red Cross

Will Be On Monday Evening Hotel Wilkes

A rally of all Red Cross workers in the Wilkesboros, who are assisting in the War Fund Campaign, together with three representatives from each of the groups of workers in the various Townships of the county, is to be held at a supper meeting in the Wilkes Hotel next Monday 6:30 p. m., March 1. Mr. G. E. Jones, from the National Red Cross Headquarters will be present and make an address on this occasion.

This is an important meeting in order that final announcements and plans may be made before the campaign for funds begins on Tuesday, March 2. Rev. A. C. Waggoner, chairman of the Wilkes Chapter, will explain something of the program of the Red Cross in our county. Chairmen of the various divisions of workers will make brief statements about their organization and plans.

The expenses of this supper meeting are being taken care of by a group of generous citizens who by their kind cooperation are making possible a rally meeting which is very essential for the unification of the efforts and plans of the several divisions of workers in the War Fund Campaign.

AGED MINISTER DIED TUESDAY

Rev. Richard Franklin Jarvis, last Confederate veteran in Wilkes county, died at his home in the Adley community west of Wilkesboro at four o'clock Tuesday morning.

Rev. Mr. Jarvis, who served 23 months in the Confederate army, was wounded in the shoulder and later sustained a broken leg in an accident, retained vigorous health until three years ago. Since that time he had gradually weakened.

The aged minister outlived all his comrades from Wilkes who wore the grey. I. M. Crouch, of Hays, who died a few months ago, was next to last to answer the final summons.

He was a son of the late William and Lucinda Kemp Jarvis and spent practically all of his life on the farm. At an early age he became a minister in the Baptist church and through a long ministerial career he served many churches in Wilkes, Caldwell and Alexander counties. He continued his work in the ministry as long as his health permitted.

Rev. Mr. Jarvis married Miss Martha Anne Pardue, a sister of the late Rev. A. T. Pardue. There were nine children, six of whom survive: W. F. Jarvis, King's Creek; Mrs. J. E. C. Gilreath, Taylorsville; Mrs. T. G. McNeill, North Wilkesboro; J. F. Jarvis, Salt Lake City; Utah; T. B. Jarvis, Wilkesboro; H. D. Jarvis, Los Angeles, California. Also surviving are many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, 2:30 p. m., at Shady Grove church near the Jarvis home. Rev. Isaac Watts and Rev. J. G. Huffman conducted the service.

Owners of automobile tires in Italy have been ordered to keep their tires ready for delivery for war use.

Many 'Bikes' Are Stolen In Wilkesboros

Three Taken Here In The Past Few Days

Bicycle thefts here this week have reached an epidemic stage, Police Chief J. E. Walker said today.

Last night a bicycle belonging to Ted Hayes' son was stolen from the front porch.

A bicycle was also stolen from a son of Quince Hutchison in this city and one was reported stolen from the home of Russell Henderson in Wilkesboro.

So far police have found no trace of the stolen bikes, indicating that some out-of-town thieves may be starting a stolen bicycle racket.

Bicycle owners are asked to lock up their bicycles at night when possible and not to leave them unattended in places where thieves could get them without being discovered.

And all are warned to be on the lookout for bicycles offered for sale at cheap prices unless they know the bicycles have not been stolen.

Gives \$1 Ahead Of Schedule

Now Commander

Golden Roten, a citizen of Union township, called at the office of the Wilkes chapter of the Red Cross Monday and contributed a dollar to the Red Cross war fund.

Mr. Roten said the Red Cross had done so much for a son of his in the army that he was not going to wait until the war fund campaign begins March 2 to show his appreciation as far as he was able financially to do.

Beginning Tuesday, March 2, Red Cross workers will endeavor to give every person in Wilkes an opportunity to contribute to the war fund.



Ensign James I. Bumgarner, who is in service with the Atlantic fleet, has been spending a few days with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. A. Bumgarner, of Millers Creek. Ensign Bumgarner, who enlisted in the navy over a year ago, is a brother of Captain John R. Bumgarner, who is a prisoner of the Japanese on the Philippines.

Ration Books Distributed

Registration for war ration book 2 is in progress this week and all are warned that they must obtain their ration books by Friday evening or wait until March 25 to register.

The books, which will be used for rationing of food beginning March 1, are being distributed through the schools.

On Monday and Tuesday students carried war ration book 1 (sugar and coffee book), and declaration forms to the schools, where book 2 was issued and sent home by the children along with return of book 1.

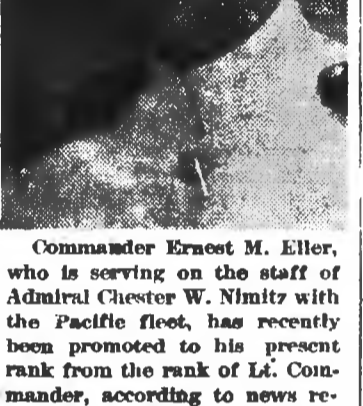
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week were set aside for persons who have no children in school to obtain their ration books at the schools. The hours are from 2:30 to 5:00 o'clock.

A declaration form may be clipped from any newspaper which has one, and should be properly filled out and signed before taking the book number 1 to get book 2. The declaration form tells how much coffee in excess of one pound per person and the number of cans of foods in excess of five per person which were on hand on certain dates.

Sales of foods to be rationed are frozen this week and will be resumed on Monday under the point rationing plan provided by war ration book number 2.

Kincheloe Gives Lists Of Workers

Goal For County Is \$10,000 In War Fund Drive



Commander Ernest M. Eller, who is serving on the staff of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz with the Pacific fleet, has recently been promoted to his present rank from the rank of Lt. Commander, according to news received by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Eller, of this city. Commander Eller is in his 18th year of his naval career. He graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., in 1925 and immediately entered naval service. Commander Eller has carried out assignments in the Philippines, including one to the Philippine Islands early in his career. In 1938-39 he was a professor at the U. S. Naval Academy and in 1940 he spent nine months in England as assistant to the U. S. naval attaché. Since America's entry into the war he has been in the Pacific and his headquarters are at Pearl Harbor.

To Make Surgical Dressing

Work Will Begin At Headquarters Monday

Volunteer workers of the Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross will begin making surgical dressings Monday night, Mrs. J. A. Rousseau, special volunteer services chairman for the chapter, said today.

Mrs. R. P. Casey will be in charge of the surgical dressings making project, which will be carried on at Red Cross headquarters over Tomlinson's Department store.

The rooms will be open for work each Monday night beginning at 7:30, and all day and evening on Thursday and Fridays.

Wilkes has a large quota of dressings to make, there are ample materials on hand, and many volunteer workers are needed, Mrs. Rousseau said.

Those working on dressings are asked to wear freshly washed dresses and to have something to entirely cover their hair.

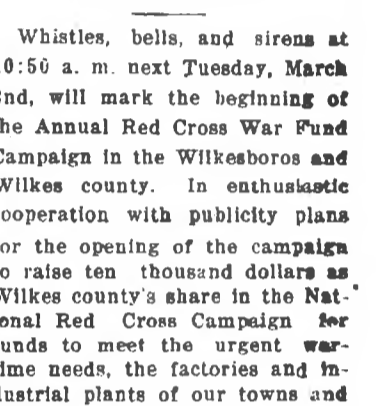
Tax Penalties Will Increase March 2

Attention is called to the fact that penalty as provided by law will be added to all county and town taxes which are unpaid on March 1st.

March 1st is the last day to pay without adding the penalty. Taxpayers are urged to pay before the penalty increases.

Now In Colorado

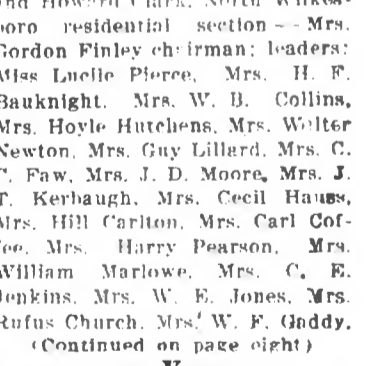
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