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Lists OCD Division Leaders

Names of Department Heads Posted At Control Center

Organization of Civilian Defense in Wilkes county has recently been brought up to date with addition of several department leaders.

Judge J. A. Rousseau is chairman of the Civilian Defense Council. Police Chief J. E. Walker and J. B. Norris are coordinators.

On the executive committee are the following: Judge J. A. Rousseau, chairman, A. F. Kilby, J. B. McCoy, S. V. Tomlinson, George Kennedy, Dwight Nichols, J. B. Snipes, Charles C. McNeill and J. E. Walker.

At the head of the control center, which operates in the town hall, are Mayor R. T. McNeil and Paul S. Cragan.

Dwight Nichols heads the publicity division and W. P. Kelly is in charge of the finance division of the organization.

Other department heads follow: C. G. Day, fire chief, J. E. Walker, police chief; W. K. Sturdivant, vital services chairman; George Kennedy, utilities chairman; Dr. John W. Morris, emergency medical services chairman.

The full plan of organization with names of all department chairmen is posted on a large board in the control center in the town hall.

The Northwestern Bank Adds 2 New Units to Its System

Branches Opened By Local Bank At Black Mountain And Old Fort; Now 12

The Northwestern Bank, which has home office here and branches in several northwestern North Carolina towns, has opened branches in Black Mountain and Old Fort.

At the request of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Gurney P. Hood, North Carolina commissioner of banks, and the citizenship of the two towns, the Northwestern Bank was able to furnish Black Mountain and Old Fort banking facilities within 24 hours after the Bank of Black Mountain and its Old Fort branch were closed.

At a mass meeting of citizens of Black Mountain held in the school building, Commissioner Hood made a report on the progress of the Northwestern Bank since its organization by a merger of a number of banks on July 1, 1937. He stated that the banking department is well pleased with the record of the bank and the excellent services it is rendering to the people of northwestern North Carolina.

Although the Black Mountain and Old Fort branches are now operating efficiently, no officials have been permanently appointed for the two branches.

The Black Mountain and Old Fort branches brings to a total of 12 the units of the Northwestern bank, which are as follows: North Wilkesboro, Sparta, Jefferson, Boone, Blowing Rock, Bakersville, Burnsville, Taylorsville, Valdese, Spruce Pine, Black Mountain and Old Fort.

Car Stolen Friday Recovered Saturday

Officers made quick work of recovering a car belonging to H. L. Eller which was stolen here on Friday afternoon.

On Saturday the car was reported seen in the Traphill community. State Highway Patrol Sergeant Carlyle Ingle went to Traphill, found trace of the car and chased it over several roads.

The car was recovered and James Holbrook, of Traphill, was charged with larceny. His trial has not been held.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

In Air Forces



Pvt. Everette Tedder, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Everette Tedder, of Wilkesboro, was inducted into the service February 5, 1943. He was assigned to the air forces and is now taking his basic training at St. Petersburg, Fla.

New Man On Board Welfare

Freel Johnson Is Put On Welfare Group

Freel C. Johnson, a prominent citizen of Rock Creek township, on Wednesday was named a member of the Wilkes county board of welfare.

Mr. Johnson succeeds W. E. Smithey, of Wilkesboro, who was appointed by the board of commissioners and whose term expired this year.

Chairman Paul J. Vestal and F. D. Forester were present for the board of commissioner's meeting. M. F. Absber was not present.

The welfare board is composed of three members, one each appointed by the state board of charities and public welfare, the county commissioners and the third named by those two. Terms of P. J. Brame and Dr. J. G. Bentley on the board do not expire this year.

All members of the board now are Democrats. Smithey was a Republican.

April 15 Is to Be Deadline Signing For '43 Triple A

3,775 Have Signed To Date; Expect More Than Number Signed Last Year

A total of 3,775 have signed for participation in the Triple A farm program in Wilkes this year and others have an opportunity to sign up before April 15, S. L. Turner, executive officer of the Triple A, said today.

For the year 1942 there were 3,934 who participated and Mr. Turner predicted that there would be a much larger number this year due to increased farming operations to meet war time food goals.

Farmers who have not signed the form indicating that they intend to participate are urged to call at the Triple A office at the earliest opportunity.

U. S. Marshal Died Today

Funeral Will Take Place At Greensboro Tomorrow At 3 P. M.

United States Marshal William T. Dowd died at the Wesley Long Hospital in Greensboro this morning at 3 o'clock where he had been carried Friday in a critical condition.

Funeral and burial services will be held tomorrow afternoon in Greensboro. Funeral will take place at 3 o'clock at the Hanes Chapel.

Marshal Dowd had not been (Continued on page eight)

72 From Wilkes Placed

NYA Training Centers Turning Out Trainees

War production training of the National Youth Administration, War Manpower Commission, in North Carolina placed 72 youths from Wilkes county in employment in industries holding essential war contracts during the first six months of the current fiscal year, Deputy Regional Administrator Warren T. Davis, Jr., announced yesterday.

North Carolina youths were principally placed in the shipbuilding and aircraft industries, with largest groups entering employment in the yards of the Norfolk Navy Yard, North Carolina Shipbuilding Company, Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company, and the Glenn L. Martin bomber factory at Baltimore. Among other industries taking substantial groups of North Carolina youths were Wright Automatic Machinery Company, Baltimore Dry Dock Company, United States Signal Corps in civil service positions, Fairchild Aircraft Corporation, and military bases recently located in the state. Several placements were made in the government shipyards at Pearl Harbor during the same period.

NYA projects now in operation in North Carolina, with the types of training provided, are located as follows: Elizabeth City, welding and machine shop; Rocky Mount, sheet metal, foundry, machine shop, aircraft wood-working, and welding; Greensboro, radio, machine shop, and aircraft woodworking; Wilmington, welding; Scotland Neck, aircraft woodworking; Kingston, aircraft woodworking; Washington, aircraft woodworking; Durham, sheet metal, radio, machine shop, and aircraft woodworking; Burlington, aircraft sheet metal, aircraft welding, aircraft woodworking, and machine shop; Greensboro, power sewing; Lexington, aircraft woodworking; Lenoir, production woodworking; Winston-Salem, welding and machine shop; Charlotte, sheet metal, welding, radio, machine shop, and production woodworking; and Asheville, machine shop, radio, welding, sheet metal, ship carpentry, and auto mechanics.

Young men and women between the ages of 16 and 24 inclusive who wish to take training for war jobs are asked to file applications by mail at once with F. W. Lawrence, Jr., National Youth Administration, Charlotte, North Carolina.

In the state as a whole, the 19 NYA war production training projects now in operation placed a total of 2,775 youths in employment, with more than 95 per cent entering firms holding defense contracts, with the remaining group entering work in industry. (Continued on page five)

Now In Florida

Seaman (sc) Herman H. Lockhart, who recently spent a seven-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lockhart of North Wilkesboro route one, has been transferred from Bainbridge, Md., to the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Jacksonville, Fla.



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IN NORTH AFRICA



Cpl. Joseph G. Owens, who volunteered for the army in February, 1941, is now stationed somewhere in North Africa and is getting along fine, according to letters received by his sister, Mrs. E. F. Parsons, of Wilbar. Cpl. Owens sailed in September of 1942.

24 Justices Are Named For Wilkes

Story Lists Names Of Newly Appointed Magistrates

T. E. Story, Wilkes representative in the General Assembly, listed 24 names of those who were appointed for Wilkes by act of the legislature.

The magistrates appointed by townships follow: Boomer, Ralph Swanson; Edwards, J. M. Walker, T. D. Barker and R. C. Harris; Elk, Mrs. S. F. Miller; Jobs, Cahin, W. A. Payne; North Wilkesboro, A. E. Spahnower and L. B. Pierce; Reddies River, H. I. Shoemaker, A. G. Bumgarner, Mrs. Kate Hayes and W. H. Hurley; Rock Creek, Harrison Felts; Stanton, H. O. Parsons; Traphill, W. F. Cooper; Union, S. J. Dancy, A. R. Miller, Vance Miller, David Roten and Coy Miller; Walnut Grove, A. J. Moxley; Wilkesboro, Ed Crysel, C. G. Glass and Miss Clyde Shepherd.

Navy Wants WAVES Now

The United States Navy is asking newspapers to publicize the fact that women between ages of 20 and 36 are badly needed in the WAVES and that their services are a vital part of the war program.

Lt. Comm. Charles B. Neely, of Raleigh, in charge of navy recruiting in North Carolina, has written for The Journal-Patriot a comprehensive article on the subject, and the article appears on the society page of this newspaper, along with a coupon for interested women to fill out to get full data on WAVES enlistment. Attention of all women is called to the article.

Incidentally, a naval recruiting officer will be at the post-office here Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Women in the 20-36 age bracket and young men age 17 are asked to contact the recruiting officer.

\$1,000 Liquor Haul Made Here

Two highway patrolmen captured a load of liquor valued at about \$1,000 in a car near here last night.

Edward W. Cline, of Hickory, route one, driver of the car, was arrested and placed under bond for trial.

The car contained 567 pints of federal tax paid liquor, which was taken to be turned over to the county as the law provides.

Nazi Attacks Repulsed In North Africa

ESTES BROTHERS IN THE NAVY



Two sons of B. F. Estes, of this city, are in service in the United States navy and are making good. Left above is Benjamin S. Estes, a second class petty officer, who is now stationed at Bainbridge, Md. On the right is Billy Wade Estes, who enlisted in the navy a few months ago and was recently transferred from Charleston, S. C., to Norfolk, Va.



Wilkes Among Top 100 Counties In Nation In Value Garden Food

Wilkes county is one of the first 100 counties in the entire nation in the value of food produced on gardens, according to a report received today by J. B. Snipes, county agent, from the United States department of agriculture.

The statistics were based on the ten-year period from 1929 to 1939. In 1929 value of garden products in Wilkes was listed at \$205,000 as compared to

\$219,000 in 1939. There being more than 3,000 counties in the nation, it is considered noteworthy that Wilkes was included in the top 100 and ranked 86th among all counties in the country. Last year there were more than 4,000 productive gardens in Wilkes. The number will be much larger this year and value of products will reach an all-time high, Mr. Snipes said.

LOST PARACHUTE REPORTED HERE

In response to a news item in The Journal-Patriot Monday, a parachute lost by one of the fliers who bailed out of a bomber before it crashed near Morevian Falls, has been recovered.

Mrs. Tom Greer, of Boomer, reported to Police Chief J. E. Walker here that the parachute was found near her home and it will be sent to Morris Field, Charlotte, as requested by army officers.

John Robert Church Graduates at State

John Robert Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Church, of North Wilkesboro route two, received his degree yesterday at State College in the early graduation. Mr. Church majored in animal production in the agricultural division of the college.

In Tennessee



Pvt. Wm. F. A. Rash, who had been stationed at Camp Blanding, Florida, has been transferred to a camp near Nashville, Tenn. Pvt. Rash is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rash, of Cycle, and has been in the army 10 months.

Reds Make Gains Near Smolensk

German counter attack against the British Eighth army's newly won positions in Tunisia today were all beaten back, according to late radio reports, but no indication was given that the battle for Tunisia had reached a crisis.

Fighting between Rommel's German forces and the attacking British today had reached great intensity and German losses in counter attacks were reported as very high.

While Mareth line fighting raged, American patrols were advancing to the north and west to put the squeeze on Rommel's army.

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Reports from Russia today were continued their advance on the central front near Smolensk, attacking from the east and northeast. In the Donets river area a desperate attack by German forces near Kharkov failed and both sides were sending up reinforcements for another major battle. Losses were described as particularly heavy for the Germans.

LITTLE AIR ACTIVITY

The R. A. F. operating from England was held to the ground last night by bad weather. Four German raiders were shot down over parts of England and their bombs did little damage.

News came from England that the American bomber forces there are receiving reinforcements for heavier scale bombing of points on the continent in daylight.

SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Very little activity except air patrols and light bombing raids was reported from the South Pacific war against the Japs today.

Army and Navy Offers College Training Free

Eligible Boys 17-20 May Get Paid While in Specialized College Work

North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county high school principals are announcing the college training program now open for boys at government expense.

The specialized training program for the army and college training for the navy is offered high school graduates, college students or boys who will graduate from high school this year. They must be age 17 and not over 20 by July 1, 1943.

The tests will be given in the schools on April 2 and application blanks may be obtained now from high school principals.

From those who successfully complete the tests candidates for the Army Specialized Training Program and the Navy College Training Program will be selected to attend college under contract to the respective services.

Students selected for the Army Program must undergo further screening during thirteen weeks of basic military training before they are finally qualified for college attendance. Students chosen for the Navy Program, after selection by the Office of Naval Procurement, will be detailed directly to college. Students who attend college under either of

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Annual Meeting of Wilkes Red Cross Tuesday, March 30

Public Invited To Meeting of Chapter; Officers For Year To Be Named

Annual meeting of the Wilkes County chapter of the American Red Cross will be held in the North Wilkesboro town hall on Tuesday afternoon, March 30, 4:30 o'clock.

Rev. A. C. Waggoner, chapter chairman, in making announcement of the meeting stressed that the public is cordially invited and that a large attendance is urged. Officers of the chapter will make their reports for the year and officers will be elected for the coming year.

The nominating committee is composed of A. F. Kilby, chairman, P. W. Eshelman, W. C. Grier, Mrs. W. D. Halfacre and Mrs. J. A. Rousseau.

The Red Cross faces perhaps the greatest year in its whole history during the coming year. The wholehearted support of every citizen of Wilkes county to this organization is necessary if the Service Men on the various battle fronts are cared for as they should be. Lend the Chapter your support by your presence at the meeting Tuesday.

400 Pounds Sugar In Auto Taken

Highway Patrol Sergeant Carlyle Ingle chased a car over highways near the city until it stopped and the occupants, who appeared to be young men, made their escape on foot.

In the car the officer found 400 pounds of sugar. The sugar was stored at the police department here, but owners have not called for it.

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