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## Park In City Open

**Park Here Officially Opened; Supervisors Are Employed**

Smoot Park, North Wilkesboro's principal playground and place of recreation, officially opened today.

The park is under supervision of Mrs. J. L. Clements, city welfare worker who is donating part of her time to stay at the park, and Miss Nellie Gabriel.

Miss Gabriel is paid jointly by the Lions and Kiwanis clubs. Mrs. Clements or Miss Gabriel will be on duty each day except Saturday and Sunday from four to nine p. m. Also, a watchman will be on duty every night and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

The park area was acquired last year when the International Shoe company leased to the city for a nominal sum the grounds formerly occupied by company residences and which were destroyed by the August, 1940, flood.

Preliminary development work in the park area included construction of tables, furnace fireplaces, grading and landscaping. Some playground equipment for children was installed and more is to be added, including horse-shoe pitching equipment, volley ball, shuffleboards, slides, swings and see-saws.

Some equipment has been donated and more is desired. Those who have playground equipment which they can give are asked to call Police Chief J. E. Walker or Mrs. Clements.

People are invited to use the park for picnics, socials and other recreation purposes.

## Soliciting Funds For Lunchroom

**Woman's Committee Making Progress In Campaign**

Committee of the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club named to raise funds to buy equipment for the North Wilkesboro school lunchroom reported today that response to the appeal for donations has been very good and that the necessary amount will be raised.

However, the time for soliciting funds has been extended until Monday, during which time it is hoped that a sufficient amount can be collected.

Mrs. N. S. Forester, Jr., is chairman of the committee and other members are Mrs. A. C. Chamberlain, Mrs. W. F. Gaddy, Mrs. Boyd Stout, Mrs. Vernon Deal and Mrs. Frank Tomlinson.

Persons who have not been contacted are urged to hand or mail their contributions to any member of the committee.

## Data On Expired 'T' Gas Coupons

Rationing board officials today pointed out that "T" coupons expired June 30. Retailers have until July 10 to deliver "T" coupons to distributors, who have until July 20 to deposit them. Any truck operators from restricted area seeking to purchase gas on "T" coupons should be sent to rationing board.

## Highest Ranking Girl Scout



Betsy Keith Bowman, a member of Girl Scout Troop Number 7 of North Wilkesboro, was recently awarded the Curved Bar at a Court of Awards held at the Little Scout House. This award is the highest rank to be obtained in Girl Scouting, and Betsy Keith has won an honor not only for herself but for her troop as well. Betsy Keith Bowman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bowman of Marion, N. C., and a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kizer, of this city, with whom she makes her home.

## Wilkes High In Number Going in Navy

**17 From County Help State Set a New Record**

Wilkes county was at or near the top in number of 17-year-olds enlisted in the navy, according to population, last month as the state set a new high record of naval enlistments, Joseph Huffman, naval recruiting officer, said here today.

Over 1,100 boys age 17 in the state joined the navy during June, and of that number 17 were from Wilkes. The rate of enlistments in the state was one for every 3,700 population, which would have placed the Wilkes figure at 11.

Recruiting the 17-year-old youths for naval service means fewer men of draft age are called to the colors.

Not included in the 17 enlistments credited to Wilkes for June were the following six young men who had applied for enlistment but who have not passed their physical examinations: Graham Sidney Holbrook, of Abshers; Tommy Ray Ernest, of Boomer; Richard Brame Sloop, of North Wilkesboro; Atwell Wilson Parsons, of Boomer; Clarence Jack Caudill, of Millers Creek; and Malcolm Curtis Brookshire, of Boomer.

Recruiter Huffman spends Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at the North Wilkesboro postoffice interviewing 17-year-old youths. Seabee applicants and women who wish to enlist in the navy.

## Wilkes, For Many Years, Known For Its Many Fine Riding Horses

**Other Gleanings From the Community And County Gathered by The Journal-Patriot's Special Reporter**

Wilkes county has been famed for its fine riding horses for many, many years, and the younger people, we might say, are holding its record high in this respect. Horsemanship at the present time is a topic that many local people are very much interested in. Probably, we might say that the Russel Gray's, Mrs. C. M. Cranor, and James Cranor are among the veteran present devotees of the saddle. Mrs. Cranor had a beautiful black horse—"Valentine Vox"—but sold him. Now she owns "May Rain". Frank P. Blair is another ardent horseman. He owns "Dawn Glory" now, but was the recent owner of "Cherry Rex" which won the third prize in the local five gaited class at the horse show which was held only recently in Winston-Salem. Local horsemen are now looking forward

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## Boys Begin Play

**Fifty Boys at Park to Begin Softball Games**

Boys softball league was organized here Wednesday evening when a crowd of 50 boys from all parts of town met with representatives of the churches at the park.

To begin play two captains were selected and they "choosed up" as boys did around the little red school houses in days of yore, and many of the boys outplayed anything adults have shown in their league this year.

Following the game, in which practically all the boys participated at some stage, the boys were divided according to three sections of town. From the school east is the east side, from the school west to Ninth street is the middle section and from Ninth west to city limits is the western territory. It is expected that Wilkesboro will have a team at the next meeting on Monday evening, seven o'clock, at the park.

A committee of volunteers from the various churches will be present at the games in a supervisory capacity. The committees are as follows:

East side—Carl E. Vandeman, chairman; A. A. Phifer, Shoun Kerbaugh and J. E. Rollins; middle—G. R. Andrews, chairman, W. B. Collins, R. H. Shell, J. W. Steele and Bryan Gilreath; Julius Rousseau will be team captain. J. B. Carter is chairman of the west side committee and the other members are W. J. Bason, "Chip" Caudill and Harvel Howell. "Reddies River Wildcats" is the name of the team and Gordon Finley, Jr., is team captain.

It is expected that a schedule of games for Monday and Wednesday evenings will be formed on next Monday. The play will stress sportsmanship rather than games won or lost. All boys who have not reached their 15th birthday are invited to join the teams and enjoy the play.

## Eat More Potatoes!

The lowly Irish potato, which took on added importance during an early spring shortage when the price soared to ten cents per pound and customers asked if they were gold plated, has now become plentiful.

The new crop has come in, and what a crop!

Now food authorities are asking

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## LOVE BROTHERS IN SERVICE



Pvt. Rufus Love, left, of Fort McPherson, Ga., and Pvt. Leroy Love, who was recently transferred from Camp Haan, California to a camp in New York State, are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Love, of North Wilkesboro route three. Both were home on furlough a few days ago.

## Board 1 Calls Men For Armed Forces

### In England



Pvt. Githern L. Eller, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Eller, of Wilkesboro route one, is somewhere in England. He was inducted into the army Jan. 8, 1943. He took his training at Camp Croft, S. C., before going overseas. He wrote he was well and doing fine. He said tell his friends "hello" and that he hoped to be back soon. Before he entered the army Pvt. Eller was employed at the Wilkes Hosiery Mills Co. His wife, the former Miss Carrie Gamble, now holds a position in Kannapolis.

## Local Boy Winner In 17 States

**Richard Reins Is First Prize Winner In Poster Contest**

Richard Reins, elder son of Lieut. Colonel Ralph Reins, who is stationed at Swannanoa, and Mrs. Reins, of this city, is the proud winner of an outstanding honor in art work, having won just recently first place in a poster contest sponsored by the Baptist Training Union. Richard, a member of the local B. T. U., in the contest competed.

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## STANDINGS Churches' Teams Softball League

Both games scheduled for Tuesday were rained out.

| Teams         | W | L |
|---------------|---|---|
| Wilkesboro    | 3 | 0 |
| Baptist       | 2 | 2 |
| Methodist     | 1 | 4 |
| Presbyterians | 1 | 4 |

## Many Called For Examination and Induction

Wilkes Selective Service board number 1 has called the following men to report for examination and induction into the armed forces:

- Charles Harrison Parsons.
- Richard Earl Caldwell.
- John Perry Church.
- Sanford William Gregory.
- William Ernest Parsons.
- Sam Russell.
- Jay Clayton Church.
- Hilsey Yates.
- Carr Everett Hayes.
- John William Johnson.
- Clyde Woodrow Brown.
- Frank Monroe Bouchelle.
- Clifford Nathan Minton.
- William Ralph Parsons.
- James Arthur Sheets.
- Huster Bengt.
- Roby Dar Kilby.
- Wade Elmore Shumate.
- Hughes William Robinson.
- Philo Miller.
- Lonnie Church.
- Willard Easter Michael.
- Irdel Ray Bulls.
- James McKinley Baker.
- Joseph Flake Steelman.
- William Dean Transon.
- Randolph James Hendren.
- Eugene Mathis.
- Everett Bower Bouchelle.
- Gwyn Rogan Mathis.
- Ira Allen Church.
- George William Ashley.
- Cecl Norman Pipes.
- Cecl Lewis.
- Robert Peter Holcomb.
- Oliver Franklin Davis.
- Hobert Lee Spears.
- Ambrose Junior Johnson.
- John Roland Wright.
- James Everett Souther.
- Roby Presley Blevins.
- Allen Watson.
- Clafie William Church.
- Archie B. Simpson.
- Joe Ed Greene.
- James Hafford Calk.
- Clifton Eugene Church.

## Don Roy Laws Listed Missing

Wilkes Sailor, Son of Edward Monroe Laws, Reported As Missing

Washington, June 24. — The Navy department in an official announcement today stated that Don Roy Laws, seaman, U. S. Navy, whose father is Edward Monroe Laws of Purlear, N. C., is missing in action.

## Offices Rationing Boards To Close 5th

Both rationing board offices in Wilkes will be closed on Monday, July 5th, which will be generally observed as a holiday instead of July 4th, which will be Sunday.

# Americans On Offensive In Solomons

## ALLIES GATHER ARMS, SHIPS, SPAIN SAYS AMERICANS PROGRESSING ON ISLAND

London. — Spanish dispatches reported that 24 strongly convoyed Allied merchant ships and a number of large invasion barges crammed with guns, trucks and men steamed into the Mediterranean from Gibraltar yesterday.

This report came as Swiss dispatches said Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was in Lyon presiding over a military camp of 350,000 men assigned to a third line of defense in Europe while from Cairo came word that three picked Nazi divisions had been sped to Greece from the eastern front.

Quoting advices from La Linea, Spanish town near Gibraltar, Madrid dispatches said the invasion barges left Gibraltar about noon and were followed a short time later by the merchant convoy.

The German Transocean News Agency's broadcast version of the La Linea reports, heard by United Press here, said there were eight landing barges of a capacity of 100 men each in addition to war materials.

## Big Stills Are Not Found In Wartime

**Small Outfits Raided By the Federal Officers**

In spite of the shortage of sugar and grain, and a corresponding shortage of labor, moonshiners continue to make liquor in the hills of this part of the state, but on a much smaller scale than formerly, it was learned today from the Wilkesboro office of the Federal Alcohol Tax Unit.

During the past week the officers destroyed three stills in Wilkes, but like those found in other raids during the past several months, there was no indication of large scale liquor manufacturing.

Moonshiners get some sugar in spite of rationing, and this they are using with ground grain and commercial chop to make mash from which to distill liquor. In some instances molasses is used instead of sugar and to supply grain.

On Tuesday federal officers raided a still in the Adkins Shop community in western Wilkes and arrested Roy Triplett and Cecl Marley. A 50-gallon still, 300 gallons of grain and sugar mash, and ten gallons of liquor were destroyed. Triplett and Marley filed bonds for appearance in federal court.

On Saturday an 80 gallon still was found on Yates creek near Hendrix. There were 600 gallons of grain mash. The still was not in operation and no arrests were made.

On Saturday night the officers raided a still in the Hunting Creek community but the operators escaped. It was a 150-gallon still with 1,200 gallons of molasses mash.

The eight bay horses that used to pull the Lord Mayor of London's coach are now employed in farm work.

Latest news communique on the new American offensive operations in the Solomon Islands reported that operations are proceeding as expected. Strong opposition has been encountered in some sections but American soldiers and marines continued their successful offensive operations today.

## MUNDA BASE APPEARS TO BE OBJECTIVE

Washington — American forces launching their long-expected campaign to break Japan's South Pacific defenses have landed on Rendava Island in the enemy-held Central Solomons, the navy announced yesterday, and violent fighting was in prospect — if it had not already begun.

The Japanese air base at Munda, about 100 miles from Rendava, appeared to be the immediate objective of Adm. William F. Halsey's powerful aggregation of land, sea and air fighters, but in the absence of any official comment there remained the possibility that Halsey is after some more significant prize.

A 22-word navy communique reported that operation, which by some standards shaped up as the first thoroughly offensive campaign of the war against Japan. The communique said:

"On June 30, during the early morning, combined U. S. forces landed on Rendava Island, New Georgia group. No details have been received."

## Many Stores To Be Closed On July 5th

A great majority of the stores in North Wilkesboro will be closed on Monday, July 5th, it was learned today.

Those to be closed include department stores, clothing stores, jewelry stores and garages. Grocery stores, drug stores and hardware are expected to be open.

Among the firms that have announced they will be closed Monday are the following: Wilkes Tire Store, The Watch Shop, Band Box Cleaners, Quality Cleaners, Payne Clothing Company, Jean's Dress Shop, Harris Bros. Department Store, Yale Department Store, J. C. Penney Company, Hackney's Department Store, The Northwestern Bank, Bank of North Wilkesboro, Marlow's Men's Shop, Dean's Jewelry, Stevie's Jewelry, Tomlinson's Department Store, Spainhour's Department Store, Belk's Department Store, Pevette's Stores, Bare's Department Store, Southern Bargain Store, The Goodwill Store, Gaddy Motor Co., Yacklin Valley Motor Co.

## Banks To Be Closed On Monday, July 5

Both here will be closed on Monday, July 5, which will be observed as a holiday instead of July 4th, which will be Sunday.

More than six million people derive their livelihood directly from the forest products industry.