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Boys Here Zealously Play Ball

Games Rained Out But Enthusiasm Runs High

Although rain has forced postponement of boys' softball games in the newly formed "small fry" league here, enthusiasm on the part of the boys has not been dampened.

In the one game which had been played up to yesterday, the East Siders from the Woodlawn part of town defeated the Middle-busters by the very close margin of 16 to 15.

In addition to playing a good game, the boys from 14 years of age on down below the 'teens displayed a brand of sportsmanship which was pleasing to the sponsors.

To afford recreation to boys of the city, a group of men from the Presbyterian, Methodist and First Baptist churches here recently sponsored organization of a softball league for the youngsters and over 50 reported for the first day of practice when three teams were formed to represent three divisions of the town.

A team is expected from Wilkesboro and a schedule will be formed.

A committee of men is supervising the play for each team and parents are urged to encourage their boys to participate.

Bible School At Woodlawn Is To Begin July 19th

At a meeting of representatives of the Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist churches last Sunday afternoon, plans were made for conducting a one-week "Vacation Bible School" at the Woodlawn Community House for the children of the Woodlawn community.

Miss Beatrice Pearson was unanimously elected to be the general superintendent of the school. Her department superintendents and helpers will be selected from available leaders in the several churches.

The Woodlawn Bible school will be held Monday to Friday, July 19-23, from 8:30 a. m. to 11:00 a. m. each day. The daily schedules will include Bible study, character stories, music, handwork, and recreation.

To Attend Meeting Of N. C. Press Group

Several members of the Carter-Hubbard Publishing Co., and members of the staff of The Journal-Patriot are planning to attend the annual convention of the North Carolina Press Association which will be held in Winston-Salem today, tomorrow and Saturday.

Big demand for ferrets arising from soaring prices for rabbit skins have caused record sales in Australia with prices jumping from \$1.80 a pair to \$8 in a single month.

The War Food Administration has announced an increase of 1 cent a bushel in the national average of wheat loan rates for the 1943 crop. The new rate is \$1.25 per bushel.

Wins Medal



St. Sgt. A. Bruce Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Phillips, 1000 D St., North Wilkesboro, has recently been awarded a medal for his achievement in aerial flying over India, Burma and China, carrying supplies to China. He made more than 25 trips from December 2, until February 20th in an unarmored plane. The enemy was expected at any time. Sgt. Phillips has been stationed in India for more than a year and writes his parents that he is getting along fine.

Will Vote On Quotas for Flue Cured Tobacco

North Carolina farmers will vote on flue-cured tobacco marketing quotas for the 1944 crop, or for the three-year period 1944-46, in a referendum to be held on Saturday, July 24, in accordance with War Food Administration regulations.

National marketing quotas and state acreage allotments will be the same as in 1943, with similar provisions for adjustments as have prevailed in the past, it was explained.

At a meeting held in Raleigh, July 14, representatives of all the agricultural agencies in the state, warehousemen, bankers, merchants, and other groups allied with agriculture expressed the opinion that the present marketing quotas should be continued by all means in the interest of the farmer and all business connected with agriculture in North Carolina.

Dean I. O. Schaub of State College said: "It would be a great calamity for the farmers of North Carolina and the state as a whole if quotas were discontinued at this time and growers were allowed to plant an unlimited acreage of tobacco. Prices would probably drop to a very low figure and it would be years before the state could recover from the shock. Also, we must maintain our acreage of food and feed crops in winning the war."

In North Africa



Pvt. Glenn Roten is in North Africa, according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Golden Roten, of Wilbar. He was inducted into the army, Jan. 25, 1943, and received his basic training at Fort Eustis, Virginia. He said in his letter that he saw some beautiful things on his trip to Africa. He said tell all his friends in Wilkes to write him.

Ensign Canter



Ensign Shelton O. Canter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Canter, of Wilkesboro, left Saturday to report for duty at Norfolk, Va., after spending a few days at home following his graduation from naval officers school at Northwestern University, Chicago, where he received his commission two weeks ago. Ensign Canter graduated this year at Wake Forest College and immediately entered naval officers school.

Crane Will Be Ordained Here Sunday

Ordination Service At North Wilkesboro Presbyterian

At the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, July 19, the pastor, Mr. Sidney D. Crane, will be ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian church in the United States by a commission from Winston-Salem Presbytery.

The members of the commission will be Rev. P. J. Garrison, of Lee Memorial Presbyterian church, Winston-Salem; Dr. J. W. Witherspoon, of the First Presbyterian church, Lexington; Rev. B. A. Meeks, of the Presbyterian church, Jefferson; Rev. R. L. Berry, of the Presbyterian church, Sparta; and Elders J. R. Finley and Pat M. Williams, of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church.

Mr. Garrison will preside and propound the necessary questions to the minister and the congregation; Dr. Witherspoon will deliver the ordination sermon; and Mr. Meeks will deliver the charge to the congregation.

The remaining members of the commission will join these three ministers in the laying on of the hands of the presbytery, symbolizing thereby the setting apart of the candidacy to the Presbyterian ministry.

To Begin Revival At Union Church

Revival services will begin at Union church at Wilbar on Sunday, July 16. Rev. W. T. Whittington, pastor of the First Baptist church at West Jefferson, will assist the pastor, Rev. J. E. Hayes, in the revival. The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

Baptists And Wilkesboro Are Winners Games

Wilkesboro won another game in the churches' softball league Tuesday evening to take a more commanding lead in the league standing for the first half, which the Wilkesboro team has already won.

The score was 16 to 1 in favor of Wilkesboro over the Presbyterians, who were unable to solve Mack Reavis' hurling.

On Tuesday the Baptists played an outstanding game to win over the Methodists also to two. A playoff game Friday between the Baptists and Presbyterians resulted in a five to three decision in favor of the Baptists.

Saving food is one of the most effective ways for the average citizen to help win the war.

Sicily's Biggest City Falls To Advancing Allied Armies

Red Army Takes Initiative On the Eastern Front

Latest news dispatches from the Russian front today indicated that the big German drive had been repulsed and that the Russian army was on the initiative all the way along the long front.

German drive on the Kursk front was repulsed with exceedingly heavy losses, Russian news said today.

London.—Germany's offensive on the 90-mile Orel-Kursk stretch of the eastern front subsided Tuesday and the enemy lost 96 tanks in vain thrusts in the Belgorod area 80 miles to the south, a Russian communique said today.

It was not yet clear whether the Germans had abandoned their offensive on the Orel-Kursk line after nine days of some of the costliest fighting of the war or whether they were regrouping for a new start, as minor attacks continued.

But the offensive at the northern end of the line had stalled and Moscow dispatches reported that the Russians had recovered much of the ground they lost in days of the German offensive.

"During July 13 our troops continued to fight enemy tanks and infantry in the Belgorod direction," the Russian communique said as recorded here. "In the Orel-Kursk directions the enemy during the day did not launch a large offensive."

Watson Member Crew of Helena

Ernest D. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Watson, of Summit, was a member of the crew of the U. S. S. Helena, a cruiser which was sunk by the Japanese in the recent navy battle in the Solomons.

Ernest's father said today that he had not heard any news of his son since the sinking but was in good heart that his son was saved.

Ernest has been in the navy since before Pearl Harbor and his ship was hit in the Pearl Harbor attack.

Millers Creek Home Club Meets Monday

The Millers Creek Home Demonstration club will meet with Mrs. Van Caudill at her home on Monday, July 19, at 2:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present and new ones invited.

On Maneuvers



Pvt. Clifford Vickers, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vickers, of Wilkesboro route two, is now on maneuvers near Nashville, Tennessee. Pvt. Vickers entered the service in November, 1942.

ELLEDGE BROTHERS IN SERVICE



Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Roby Elledge, of Union Grove, are in service overseas. Sgt. Claude Elledge, left, is fighting Japs in New Guinea. He volunteered in October, 1940. Pfc. Clinton Elledge, right, volunteered in June, 1940, and is now with American forces in Tunisia.

Detached Shoe Coupons Worthless, OPA States

Charlotte district OPA to caution both dealers and the public against the use of loose coupons for the purchase of footwear.

The No. 18 coupon in War Ration Book 1, which may be used to purchase shoes until October 31, is worthless if detached, OPA emphasized.

Merchants have been instructed that in cases where they find it necessary to refund a ration stamp in connection with the sale of shoes, they are to give the customer a special shoe stamp known as "OPA-R 1708". The merchant must date this stamp at the time it is issued to the customer, and

Union Services Selective Service Officials Visit Here

Major Thomas Upton, of state Selective Service headquarters in Raleigh, and Captain Luther O. Hinson, commanding officer of the Camp Croft, S. C., induction center, met with members of the two Selective Service boards in Wilkes and their clerks on Monday night. Problems of mutual interest were discussed by the army officers and members of the boards.

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In the Army



Pvt. Richard L. Whitley, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Whitley, of North Wilkesboro route two, is now somewhere on the east coast of the United States. Pvt. Whitley was inducted into the army Jan. 23, 1943, and took his training at Camp Pickett, Va. Before entering the army he was employed at the American Furniture Co., at North Wilkesboro. He says tell all his friends "hello" and he hoped to be seeing them real soon.

STANDINGS Churches' Teams Softball League

Wilkesboro	9	1
Baptist	5	5
Presbyterians	4	6
Methodists	2	8

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Important Posts Taken By Allies In Island Drive

Allied forces are making rapid headway in the invasion of Sicily and during the past 24 hours, have captured many important points.

With the Axis admitting reverse, Allied communiques stated that Augusta had been taken and that troops were advancing on Catania, a big naval base.

However, sterner opposition was met as troops moved farther inland on Italy's big island where naval guns did not reach with their protective bombardment.

The Allies have captured Ragusa, largest city in Sicily, and at one point Americans had advanced 30 miles inland.

Meanwhile, allied air power was continually making itself felt against the enemy. In 24 hours 32 axis planes were shot down against the loss of seven for the Allies. Two freighter ships were destroyed by bombing and great damage was done to railways and equipment.

The Allied 15th Army group moved swiftly toward the heart of Sicily and along its coast last night after effecting a new landing near Catania and conquering the southeast corner of the Italian island with the capture of Augusta, Ragusa and Palazzolo.

The British Eighth Army was advancing astride the main east coast road from Augusta to Catania. Its 19-mile gain overnight was too slow, however, so a water-borne force swamped ashore near Catania, halfway up the island to the Messina Straits.

(The London radio in a broadcast recorded by NBC quoted Italian sources as "admitting that Allied ships are now in the roadsteads at Catania.")

The Allies were 20 miles inland and curled 150 miles around the south and east coast. The U. S. Seventh Army advanced north of Gela after hurling back a counter-attack that pierced their lines and penetrated to the beaches. The large Comiso airdrome near Ragusa was imminent periled by Allied troops on its outskirts.

Twelve Tyrrell county growers recently sold 108 lambs for \$968.75, the best cooperative sale ever made in this section, reports County Agent H. H. Harris.

Rations

BLUE STAMPS—(For canned, frozen and certain dehydrated foods)

Stamps N, P, Q, became effective July 1 and remain so until August 7.

COFFEE—Stamp No. 21 in War Ration Book One, good for one pound of coffee, became valid July 1 and is good through July 31.

GASOLINE—"A" book coupons No. 5 good for three gallons each and must last till July 31.

RED STAMPS—(For meat products, canned fish, most edible oils and cheeses).

Red stamps P, Q, R, S became effective on the following dates and are good through July 31—P, June 27; Q, July 4; R, July 11; S, July 18.

SHOES—No. 18 stamp in War Ration Book One good for one pair of shoes until Oct. 31.

Stamp No. 12, good for 5 pounds of butter, valid until August 15. Stamp No. 22, good for 10 lbs of War Ration Book One good until August 15. Stamp No. 23, good for 10 lbs of War Ration Book One good until August 15.