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List Men Sent For Induction

Board No. 2 Sends a Large Group For Examination

Wilkes Selective service boards this week sent a large number of men to the induction center for examination and induction into the army and navy.

The list of men sent by board number 1 was published Monday. Those sent by board number 2 were as follows:

- Udy Clay Wood.
- Carl Warren Holder.
- Coy Ray Myers.
- Willie Reeves.
- Yorkie Bell.
- Glenn Thomas Pierce.
- Paul Gilreath.
- Guy Columbus Spicer.
- Ronald William Spicer.
- Charlie Arvil Waddell.
- Palmer Franklin Craven.
- Paul Herman Miller.
- J. K. Pennington.
- Claude Dean Higgins.
- Oliver Bonson Bauguss.
- James Paul Myers.
- Worth Everett Finney.
- James Earl Smith.
- Warren Harding Hendren.
- Winfred Ivory Winger.
- Fred Fonzo Dillard.
- Carl Royal.
- James Robert Smoot.
- Robert Lewis Bowers.
- Meggie Hall Barlow.
- Avery Columbus Brown.
- John Grant Elledge.
- Jessie Monroe Adams.
- Paul W. Shumate.
- Carl Alexander Shumate.
- James Wade Bryder.
- Ragford Harold Blankenship.
- Steven Harvey Hemric.
- Bruce Paul Holbrook.
- Leo Joshua Darnell.
- Bruce Gibson Joines.
- Vernon Reece Byrd.
- Hilton Eugene Holbrook.
- Howard Glenn Neely.
- James Robert Bauguss.
- Vance Smoot.
- Ralph Alexander Hayes.
- Howard Chester Holbrook.
- Wade Davis Shepherd.
- Paul Edward Church.
- Clay Marvin Crabb.
- Maack Eugene Wood.
- Jack Vannoy Eller (vol.)
- Truman Eooper.
- Harvey Gordon Johnston.
- Horace Davis Hunter.
- Tam Hall.
- Fred Thomas Jennings.
- Edward Eugene Warren.
- Hill Mason Myers.
- Thomas Paul Welch (trans.)
- Banner Franklin Wyatt (trans.)
- Howard Glenn Winger (vol.)

J. M. Gaither Is Taken by Death

Well Known Merchant and Farmer Succumbs; Funeral Service Today

J. M. (Mitt) Gaither, prominent citizen of the Millers Creek community, died Tuesday night at Davis hospital in Statesville. He had been ill for the past several weeks.

Mr. Gaither was 78 years of age. For many decades he had been engaged in the mercantile business at the store near his home five miles west of this city and was also extensively engaged in farming.

Mr. Gaither took an active interest in church and community life and had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He was a member of Friendship Methodist church.

He was a son of the late A. G. and Anne Wright Gaither. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Gaither, and two sons, Ernest S. and Fred Gaither, and two brothers, John W. and W. E. Gaither, all of whom live in the same community.

Funeral service was held at Friendship church today, three o'clock. Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner, pastor, was in charge, assisted by Rev. S. N. Bumgarner and Rev. Fred H. Shlan. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Commissioned



Lt. William G. Gray received his wings and commission as a second lieutenant in the army air corps last week at San Marcos, Texas. Lt. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Gray, Sr., of Wilkesboro, is now home on leave awaiting orders to report for duty.

Holloway Trial Is In Progress

August Term Wilkes Court Is Making Good Progress

Trial of Jack Holloway for the slaying of Willie Gwyn, colored, is in progress today in Wilkes superior court.

The murder is alleged to have been committed several months ago in Rock Creek township east of this city. The state is asking a verdict of second degree murder or manslaughter.

Trial of William V. Osborne, charged with manslaughter for the death of Fred Glass in Wilkesboro, ended with prayer for judgment continued, specifying that the judgment was not intended to prevent the defendant from entering the armed services. Osborne was charged with manslaughter.

Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., of (Continued on page eight)

Seed Available For the Farmers

Austrian Winter Peas, Crimson Clover and Hairy Vetch Seed Are Here

Large quantities of Austrian Winter peas, crimson clover seed and hairy vetch seed have arrived and are available to Wilkes farmers, S. L. Turner, Triple A executive officer, said today. The cost of the seed may be charged against farm program payments for 1943 or 1944. Mr. Turner said.

Farmers wanting less than 100 pounds of either class of seed should bring bags.

It was also announced that lime can now be obtained and the cost charged against payments for 1944.

RUSSIANS GAIN RAPIDLY; NAZI FORCES IN SICILY NEAR DEFEAT

U. S.-BRITISH DRIVE UNIFIED WITH CONTACT

Allied Headquarters in North Africa. — British and American attacks, knifing through both coastal flanks, put the heart of German bitter-end resistance at Randazzo in Sicily under increasing pressure yesterday.

While British naval units in a foray up the coast of Italy raked targets at the edge of the Bay of Naples, British Tommies of the 50th Northumbrian Division fought their way through the town of Cuordia, seven miles north of Acireale on the east coast of Sicily, and advanced to within a short distance south of Riposto.

Ross Munro, Canadian press correspondent with the British Eighth Army, said contact was established between British and American forces about midway between Bronte and Randazzo, about nine miles northeast of Bronte. Munro reported the British were working into German positions in the area while the Americans, a few miles northwest of them, were moving slowly down the Cesaro-Randazzo Road.

Stone Mountain Singing Aug. 29

Regular session of the Stone Mountain Union Singing association will be held at Maple Grove church two miles north of Hays postoffice on Sunday, August 29.

J. A. Gilliam, chairman, has announced that the singing will begin at one p. m. and that all gospel singers have an invitation to participate in the singing.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

In the Navy



Ivan M. Rhoades, first class seaman, entered the navy eight months ago and was assigned to naval duty with the merchant marine. He has been in service in Alaskan waters and among the Aleutian islands. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rhoades, of Hays.

ALLIES SLOWLY CLOSING IN ON JAPANESE BASE

Allied Headquarters, Australia. — Allied ground forces on New Georgia Island are continuing to advance against the remaining Japanese units, a communique reported today.

The communique announced that local enemy resistance was developing around Zieta Village. Zieta is four and a half miles southwest of Bairoko Harbor.

A headquarters spokesman said elements of the 25th, 37th and 43rd U. S. Infantry Divisions, plus marines, were involved in the Munda operations.

Many Get Smallpox Vaccination

Those Not Vaccinated Should Enter School On Opening Date

Parents in Wilkes county are cooperating wonderfully well in the campaign for smallpox vaccinations, Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, said today.

Dr. Eller said that numerous children have been vaccinated since the announcement was made saying that the law compelling parents to have children vaccinated against smallpox before entering school will be enforced.

However, he explained that some parents who have found it impractical to have their children vaccinated before schools open August 16th, have called asking whether or not their children can begin school until they are vaccinated.

Dr. Eller said that the children should be started in schools and that the vaccination will be given them as soon as possible. In the meantime the health officer urged that the children begin school on opening day and remain in school, although it may be weeks before all can be reached with vaccinations.

In commenting on the subject of vaccinations, Dr. Eller reminded the people that the law makes it mandatory for parents to have children immunized against diphtheria when they reach six months of age.

1 Marriage License

Only one marriage license was issued during the past week by Register of Deeds C. C. Sidden, that being to Clyde Walker, of Wilkesboro route one, and Mazie Walker, of Reddies River.

At the request of Mexico, the U. S. Department of Agriculture is aiding in the control of the pink boll worm in Mexico.

COMBS BROTHERS IN THE ARMY



Pvt. Comie G. Combs, who entered the army in December, 1942, is in North Africa. Pvt. Roger C. Combs is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. They are sons of Harvey R. Combs, of Wilkesboro route two, and brothers of Mrs. Thelma Call, of North Wilkesboro route three.



PEAK OF LAST WINTER'S GAIN IS SURPASSED

London — Powerful, fast columns of Red Army tanks and motorized infantry cut the Kharkov-Poltava railroad yesterday, passed the peak point of last Winter's offensive, captured the German base of Aktyrka, 62 miles northwest of Kharkov, and drove to a point seven and one-half miles northwest of Kharkov.

The cutting of the Poltava railroad isolated Kharkov on the west, made its fall within a matter of days almost inevitable, and left the Germans with only two escape routes by rail for the tens of thousands of men garrisoned there.

Tens of thousands of acres of rich grainlands, nearly ready for a harvest which the Germans had expected to reap, were freed in a day of wild, confused fighting in which the Russian columns crushed or drove before them the garrisons of more than 50 towns and villages in gains of up to 12½ miles.

In Wednesday's advances, the Red Army, by capturing Krasnokutsk and Perkhomovka, 42 miles northeast of Poltava, passed the westernmost point of their Winter offensive in that area.

Orchardists' Picnic Program Outlined

At Fort Dix



Pfc. Clem R. Brookshire entered the army April 14, 1942, at Fort Bragg, where he stayed for six months. He was transferred from there to Augusta, Ga., where he stayed five months and then he was sent to Fort Sill, Okla., to help train officers to operate machine guns. After staying there six weeks he returned back to Augusta and was transferred to Fort Dix, N. J., where he is now taking training for military police.

Noted Authorities To Speak During the Gathering

The Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers picnic on Thursday, August 19, will be held at Perry Lowe's near the Apple Research Laboratory. The program, beginning at 10:30 a. m. e. w. t., will be in charge of the president, Ray Hendren.

M. E. Gardner, head of State College Dept. of Horticulture will introduce the guest speaker, Dr. L. D. Bayer, director of the Experiment Station.

J. R. Niswonger, in charge of Horticultural Extension, will give advice on orchard problems. Carl E. Vandeman, in charge of the Apple Research Laboratory, will give preliminary reports on progress made in control of bitter and black rot.

County Agents George Hobson, of Alexander, and J. B. Snipes, of Wilkes, will speak briefly.

The usual basket dinner will end the program.

All fruit growers, families, and friends are cordially invited.

Red Cross Asks For Knitted Garments

The Red Cross is asking that all who have completed knitted garments turn them in to Red Cross headquarters. The garments are needed now and early action is urged.

In Alabama



Pfc. Junior Livingston, who is stationed at Camp Rucker, Alabama, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Livingston, of Millers Creek.

Scenes Of 'Wild West' Are Re-Enacted

People of the Millers Creek community were treated to a "wild west" show Monday afternoon, and it didn't cost them a cent for a ringside seat—or standing room.

Here is the story, as told by Highway Patrol Sergeant Carlyle Ingle, who participated, and some who were only spectators: Glenn Pierce, of Reddies River, was driving his car west on highway 421 when he lost control, or something else happened, and the car landed in the yard of the home of Balmer Hayes.

Jim Wiley McNeill, who operates a service station nearby, went to see if anyone was hurt. No one was, but he thought he

was going to get hurt.

Pierce is said to have drawn a gearshift lever on Mr. McNeill, who hurried to the station to call Sgt. Ingle, or maybe to get his gun.

Sgt. Ingle was in the Wilkes courtroom, and, minus his gun, hurried to Millers Creek.

Pierce didn't seem to relish the idea of being placed under arrest. Sgt. Ingle put him in the patrol car. Then he left the car to look at Pierce's car.

Then Pierce got out of the car. And what's more, he got out with his knife.

He backed Sgt. Ingle away by waving the knife and making dire

threats.

Sgt. Ingle looked around for a weapon with which to defend himself and enforce the law.

He found a sizeable club, and stood Pierce off at distance not too safe if he had decided to use the knife.

Meanwhile the crowd of spectators grew as more came in for the second act.

Mr. McNeill carried his gun to Sgt. Ingle.

Pierce is said to have pulled back his shirt to give the officer a "white spot to shoot at," and dared him to shoot, saying that he was going to have to go to the army next day and it didn't make any difference.

Sgt. Ingle didn't shoot. He thought if the army wanted Pierce he would perhaps be more useful not shot, although he was about "half shot" at that time.

Pierce later submitted to arrest and was placed in jail. Sgt. Ingle said Pierce had been drinking and that when he became sober he also became very apologetic.

If the army accepts Pierce the law is willing to forget. If Pierce is rejected he will face charges of driving while intoxicated, resisting arrest and assault with deadly weapon—to wit: one knife.

Anyway, the spectators said it was a good show.

Singing Aug. 29 At Cooper Tent

Blue Ridge Singing Association Will Have Fifth Sunday Singing In City

Next session of the Blue Ridge Singing association will be held on Sunday, August 29, in Rev. George W. Cooper's revival tent located on the lot next to North Wilkesboro town hall.

Announcement that the singing will be held in the tent instead of Gordon Baptist church, as was originally scheduled, was made here by Rex West, chairman. The singing will begin at one o'clock and all gospel singers are invited to attend and take part.

Part of the singing will be broadcast over radio station WHKY, Hickory, beginning at three o'clock.

"Success comes in cans, failure in cant's" say the home economists of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

Rations

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

Blue stamps N, P and Q, are valid through August 7. Blue stamps R, S and T became valid August 1 and will be good through September 7.

GASOLINE— "A" book coupons No. 6 good for three gallons each and must last till November 21.

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

Red stamps T and U are valid now and stamp V will become valid August 8. T, U and V will remain valid through August 31.

SHOES— No. 12 new in War Ration Book One pair for one pair through October 31st.

SUGAR— Stamp No. 12, good for 5 pounds, becomes valid June 1 and is good through August 15. Stamps Nos. 13 and 14 in War Ration Book One now are valid for 5 pounds of sugar each, for use in home cooking.