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## Food Goals Fixed

### Production Goals For Wilkes Is Higher For 1944

Goals for production of food for freedom in 1944 are higher than the goals for the year now ending, J. B. Snipes, county agent, said today.

The program of food and feed production next year calls for production of 25 per cent above that for 1941.

Commenting on the goals, County Agent Snipes said: "It is a big job. But if our fighting men can reach their goals—Berlin and Tokyo—we can reach ours here on the home front. What we must do is nothing compared to their job."

Mr. Snipes outlined the following crop goals in acres for 1944: corn 28,718; oats 2,500; rye for grain 1,451; wheat 9,000; barley 213; soyhurm 126; hay 14,588; lespedeza for seed 830; tobacco 3,376; burley tobacco 14; cotton 350; Irish potatoes 1,800; sweet potatoes 1,500; fresh vegetables 2,479; home gardens 2,900 acres.

Other food production goals are: milk cows 11,000; other dairy cattle, 4,975; pounds of milk, 44,189,000; beef cows, 598; other beef cattle, 392; all cattle, 16,385; sheep, 200; sows farrowing in spring, 487; sows farrowing in fall, 434; broilers, 1,935,341; chickens raised, 3,445,515; laying hens, 325,000; dozens eggs, 2,152,484; turkeys, 1,056.

Goals for 1943, which were met in practically all instances and with a substantial margin in excess, were about 15 per cent above the 1941 production. With the labor and machinery shortage more acute, the county agent believes that the goals will be hard to meet but that Wilkes farmers will more than meet them as their contribution to the nation's all out war effort.

## Bible Instruction Is Given Children Of Schools In City

### Miss Margaret Nifong Instructor For Bible Classes In North Wilkesboro

Under the program of instruction supported by the leading churches of North Wilkesboro, all children in the North Wilkesboro schools are now receiving lessons in the Bible.

Bible instruction is under the supervision of Miss Margaret Nifong, who is carrying out this work successfully for the second year. Miss Nifong is a graduate in Religious Education from Greensboro College and has had graduate study at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Classes are taught daily to the pupils of the 7th and 8th grades and one lesson per week is given in the 6th grade. In high school an elective class in Bible meets one period each day.

In addition to teaching these regular classes the instructor meets at certain intervals with pupils in the lower grades for Bible story supplementary readers to all elementary pupils.

In addition to this work the Bible teacher assists classroom groups and the regular teachers in preparing and presenting suitable devotional exercises each morning in every homeroom in grades 1-12, and in the weekly assembly programs.

Miss Nifong is also assisting from time to time in the various churches with the worship programs and Bible study for young people's groups.

WFA points out that farmers can save money and at the same time make a substantial contribution to the war effort by buying their supplies together.

# Thanksgiving

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, AND FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS—PSALMS 103:2

## Farmers To Elect Triple A Committees In Wilkes

### TWO SCOUTS ADVANCED TO EAGLE RANK

#### RALPH CHURCH AND PAT MURPHY HUNT GET TOP RATING

Ralph Church and Pat Murphy Hunt were promoted to rank of Eagle Scout in the November meeting of the Boy Scout council of honor and review, L. M. Nelson, chairman, reported today.

Ralph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Church. Pat Murphy is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Hunt. Both of the new Eagle Scouts live in North Wilkesboro. Chairman Nelson said the Eagle certificates and badges will be awarded in the December meeting of the council.

Ralph Key and Billy Bason were advanced to rank of first class Scout and S. P. Mitchell, Jr., was advanced to rank of star Scout. Julius Rousseau, Jr., advanced to life Scout rank.

The following merits were passed for Scout advancement: Billy Bason, music; Julius Rousseau, Jr., athletics; Ralph Church, camping, cooking, dramatics and pioneering; Pat Murphy Hunt, civics; Dudley Moore, handicraft, craft and safety; S. P. Mitchell, Jr., personal and public health.

### School Holiday Dates Announced

School authorities have announced the Christmas holiday dates in Wilkes in order that people may plan their Christmas vacations accordingly.

The county schools will close on the afternoon of Friday, December 17, and reopen after Christmas on Thursday, December 30.

North Wilkesboro city schools will close on the afternoon of Friday, December 17, and reopen on January 3.

### Litter Of Eighteen Pigs Is Reported

When a brood sow gives birth to 36 pigs in about a year, that's news.

Such a sow as the one on the farm of Paul J. Vestal at Moravian Falls should have a pedigree and a fancy name about so long, but she has no other distinction than the "old sow".

The last litter, which was born Saturday, broke the record with 18 pigs. Previously in a period of less than 18 months there had been other litters of 18 and five pigs each. Before that time there had been still another litter with 18 pigs.

Yes, the mother and little pigs are doing well.

### Paul Ferguson Has Boxing Team In Coast Guard

Paul (Country) Ferguson, professional fighter who entered the coast guard over a year ago, is athletic director for the Mounted Beach Patrol of the Coast Guard of the sixth naval district, with headquarters at Charleston, S. C. Paul, who had won many professional fights, entered the Coast Guard as an apprentice seaman. Now he is a chief petty officer. He is here on leave now visiting relatives and will return to Charleston Friday.

CPO Ferguson has a boxing, basketball and volley ball teams. But he naturally takes more interest in the boxing team, which he himself coaches. His boxing team has only one lost out of nine engagements, and they didn't feel too badly about that one loss because it was to the Farris Island marines, one of the best boxing teams in the service. The basketball team has won two games and lost one.

### Coming Sunday



Dr. Luther L. Gobbel, president of Greensboro College, Greensboro, will be in North Wilkesboro Sunday with a group of students who will render the program Sunday, 11 a. m., at the First Methodist church. See program in church announcements.

### TAX COLLECTION RECORD IS GOOD IN THIS COUNTY

Wilkes county taxpayers this year set a new record of pre-payment of 1943 taxes.

Accountant J. Mack Reavis collected over \$84,000 in 1943 county taxes before the books were turned over yesterday to Sheriff C. G. Poindexter. The total levy for the year is \$245,055.46, which makes the total of pre-payments approximately one-third of the levy for the year.

Sheriff C. G. Poindexter made settlement for the 1942 taxes and it was found that only \$22,408.67 remains of the 1942 levy unpaid, of which more than 50 per cent is in land sale certificates. This represents a high percentage of collections and with less than ten per cent being delinquent at the present time.

Taxes for the current year are now payable to Sheriff Poindexter and taxes for 1942 or any previous year may be paid at the office of Accountant J. Mack Reavis.

School children in Currituck county helped save a good part of the cotton crop, as the county schools closed at one o'clock every day during the harvest season, says the agent.

Trial by battle was used to decide court cases in Scotland until the close of the 16th century.

### Visits Home



Pvt. Harry C. Hayes, of Fort Meade, Md., recently spent a ten-day furlough with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Hayes, of the Ferguson community. Pvt. Hayes entered the army June 22, 1942.

### Thanksgiving In A Foxhole

(By Rolland P. Wirths)

Today I heard a doughboy pray In a desert foxhole, far away, Where life is cheap and death is living And every day is his Thanksgiving. "Today, dear God, we give our thanks In foxholes, trenches, planes, and tanks, For there's so much to be thankful for Despite the bitter pangs of war. We're thankful for the chaplain's prayer While shells are bursting everywhere, And for the courage, faith, and truth That guides our country's fighting youth. We're thankful for the words of cheer From all the friends we love so dear, And for the flag for which we fight Which symbolizes, 'right is might'. We thank Thee for our daily bread, The strength that helps us forge ahead, And for Thy Word, that keeps alive The faith that freedom will survive. We're thankful for the starlit nights, The folks at home, our Bill of Rights, The hills of home we know so well— The valleys, where our memories dwell." And then a tear...

He raised his eyes, but did not speak, The hour had come to strike again With flaming gun, and a hushed 'Amen', For this is the man that fights for me In a foxhole-church across the sea Where Thanksgiving rises with the sun, And carries on till day is done.

### Mastin Brothers Serving Overseas



Cpl. Wardner M. Mastin and Pfc. Monzel Mastin are with U. S. forces overseas but are on almost opposite sides of the globe. Cpl. Wardner M. Mastin entered service in October, 1941, and has been in Australia since July this year. His brother, Pfc. Monzel Mastin, entered the army in July, 1941, and has been with air corps forces in England since August 1 this year. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Mastin, of North Wilkesboro route three.

### John R. Caudill Taken By Death

John R. Caudill, age about 80, died this morning, three o'clock, at the home of his son, Earl Caudill, with whom he had been making his home in Wilkesboro for some time.

Funeral service will be held Friday, ten a. m., at Walnut Grove church near Springfield with Rev. Troy Bieffus in charge of the service.

Mr. Caudill, a member of one of Wilkes county's best known families, lived practically all his life in the Springfield community. He is survived by three sons, J. R. Caudill, of North Wilkesboro; Earl Caudill, of Wilkesboro; and Trealy Caudill, of Springfield.

Poultrymen get preference on purchase of certain kinds of anthracite coal to be used for heating brooders and hatcheries.

### Dates and Places For Elections Are Now Announced

Farmers of Wilkes county will go to the polls during the week of November 29-December 3 to elect leaders for the AAA Farm Program.

All farm operators, share-tenants, and share-croppers in Wilkes county will be eligible to vote in the election, providing they are participating in the Agricultural Conservation program under the allotment and boll conservation provisions, or if they are participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program. Persons who are nominated or elected as Community Committees must be farmers who are members of the county association and who reside in the community for which they are nominated. They must have qualified during the current year for conservation materials, a crop payment, or services under the conservation program.

Wilkes county is comprised of 39 communities, for which the county committee has designated the following polling places and election chairmen:

- Community No. 1, Astloch, L. Johnson, chairman.
- Community No. 2, Beaver Creeks Township—Beaver Creek voting precinct, December 2, at 1:30 p. m., T. W. Ferguson, chairman.
- Community No. 3, Boomer Township—Boomer school, December 2 at 3:30 p. m., Ralph Swanson, chairman.
- Community No. 4, Brushy Mountain Township—Morris Henderson's store, December 2, at 7:30 p. m., J. C. Tedder, chairman.
- Community No. 5, Edwards Township No. 1—Roaring River high school, November 29, at 3:00 p. m., John Q. Burcham, chairman.
- Community No. 6, Edwards Township No. 2—Ronda high school, November 29 at 7:30 p. m., Irvin Key, chairman.
- Community No. 7, Edwards Township No. 3—Benham school, November 30, at 7:30 p. m., W. F. Gilliam, chairman.
- Community No. 8, Edwards Township No. 4—Benham school, November 30, at 7:30 p. m., Fred Norman, chairman.
- Community No. 9, Elk Town—(Continued on page seven)

### Mac ARTHUR'S BOMBERS RAID IN WIDE AREA

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### Christmas Seals To Go On Sale In City This Week

The 1943 Christmas Seal sale opens this week and will continue until Christmas.

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The artist of this year's Seal is Andre Dugo, an American-Hungarian, who lived in Paris before coming to this country years ago. Mr. Dugo, an American citizen is married to an American woman, and their son is an officer in the United States Navy.

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### BUY MORE WAR BONDS

War Bonds should mean something more to you than just "a good sound investment." Figure it out yourself.

## Scout Meet Dec. 2

### Roundup of Boy Scout Leaders Planned For District

A training session for all members of the Boy Scout organizations in the Wilkes district will be held at the Presbyterian church on Thursday, December 2, 7:30 p. m.

In addition to the training course, a Scout movie entitled "Trail To Citizenship" will be shown.

Gordon Finley, Scout commissioner for the Wilkes district, urged that every member of the district committee, all Scoutmasters and assistants and members of every troop committee attend.

Members of the Wilkes district organization are as follows: James M. Anderson, chairman, T. E. Story, E. G. Finley, Rev. A. C. Waggoner, J. B. Carter, W. F. Absher, C. B. Eller, Robert S. Gibbs, W. D. Halfacre, Gordon Finley, C. D. Coffey, Jr., Paul Osborne, A. F. Kilby, L. M. Nelson, C. J. Swofford, Cryus McNeill, J. B. McCoy, P. W. Eshelman, R. T. McNeil, John E. Justice, Jr., R. E. Gibbs and Rev. Sidney Crane.

In addition to the members of the district organization, the Scoutmasters, assistant Scoutmasters, and all Scoutmasters of the district are asked to attend. They are as follows:

- Troop 32, sponsored by Wilkesboro Baptist church; Scoutmaster O. K. Stevens; troop committee, H. C. Colvard, George Johnson and Charles C. McNeill.
- Troop 34, sponsored by Loyal Order of Moose lodge; Scoutmaster Robert Jones, Assistant Scoutmaster Shoun Kerbaugh; troop committee, Jack Swofford and S. T. Anderson.
- Troop 35, sponsored by First Baptist church; Scoutmaster Harvel Howell, Assistant Scoutmaster—(Continued on page eight)

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### RATION NEWS

SUGAR—Book 4, stamp 29, good for five pounds, will expire January 15.

GASOLINE—Coupons No. 8 in A book good for three gallons became effective Nov. 9 and will expire February 8.

SHOES—Coupon 18 in the sugar and coffee ration book valid for one pair of shoes has no expiration date. No. 1 airplane stamp in book three became valid November 1 for one pair shoes.

FOOD—Brown stamps, book 3, meats and fats, G, H, J, K, expire December 4. Green stamps, book 4, processed foods A, B, C, expire December 30.

FUEL OIL—New No. 1 coupons, Class 4 sheet, good for 10 gallons (1 unit), expires Jan. 3; new No. 1 coupon, Class 5 sheet, good for 50 gallons (5 units), expires January 3; new No. 1 coupon, Class 6 sheet, good for 350 gallons (35 units), expires January 3.