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## Yates States Liquor Sixty Cases Short

### Enters Plea In Court; Sentence Will Be Passed Friday

Phillip Yates, from whom over 600 cases of whisky were seized in his premises near Purdyville, entered a plea of guilty in Wilkes superior court to charges of violation of the prohibition laws and while on the witness stand stated that about 60 more cases of whisky were taken from his place than were inventoried after it was brought to Wilkesboro.

Reports that there was a shortage in the amount of whisky after it was seized by State Highway Patrol and SBI agents led to the indictment in August of W. B. Lentz, state highway patrol lieutenant in command of the western division of the state patrol, and Guy Scott, investigator for the State Bureau of Investigation, on larceny charges.

Following the indictment Governor J. M. Broughton called for a complete investigation of the affair and ordered a special term of court for September 13 in Wilkesboro to try the officials and to try Yates on the liquor charges.

Yates failed to appear at court either as the defendant in his own case or as a witness for the state against Lentz and Scott. Consequently, the state failed to allege any shortage in the amount of liquor on hand, which was 609 cases, and Lentz and Scott were acquitted by directed verdict from Judge R. Hunt Parker, who was presiding over the special term.

Judge Parker ordered bond set for Yates at \$25,000 but officers were unable to locate him until he voluntarily came in ten days ago and posted the required bond. In court this week Yates said that according to his records the amount of liquor which was hauled to Wilkesboro, and later sold to ABC stores as provided by law, was about 60 cases short of the amount taken from his premises by State Highway Patrol and SBI officers.

Under questioning by Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, Yates testified that on the night of Sunday, September 12, before the special term of court opened for trial of Lt. Lentz and Agent Scott the following day, he had dinner with Lt. Lentz and Captain L. R. Fisher, of the State Highway Patrol, at the Princess Cafe in North Wilkesboro. He stated that they ate in the private dining room and were together about one and one-half hours. Yates stated further that his case and the case against Lentz and Scott were discussed during that time but that he could not recall the substance of the discussions.

When questioned about whether or not liquor was hauled from his premises in care of patrolmen and Agent Scott on the night of the raid in addition to the liquor placed on three trucks, Yates stated that his wife had told him that they saw liquor in care of some of the officers. Mrs. Yates was on the stand during the trial of Lentz and Scott and testified that she did not see any liquor taken away in officers' care.

Comparison of the figures given by Yates in court this week and the inventory of the seized liquor after it was stored following the seizure indicates that the alleged shortage was in number of cases of imported Scotch whisky and Old Crow, the most expensive brands in the large amount of liquor involved.

A great array of character witnesses were presented in Wilkes court this week, testifying that Yates' character as to truth and honesty is good. Among those offered to prove his character were a number of prominent business men in the Wilkesboro and well known citizens from other parts of the county.

Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., who is presiding over court, deferred judgment on Yates until Friday. The 609 cases of liquor seized from Yates was recently sold by the county commissioners to ABC stores for approximately \$17,000.

## TODAY COLDEST

This morning was the coldest of the current winter season. The average of reports of how the mercury tumbled last night was the above, which was the morning by far the coldest this season.

## Gets Promotion



Sgt. Richard McGlamery has been promoted to his present rank at Camp Gordon, Ga., where he is stationed with an armored division. Sgt. McGlamery has been in the army one year. He is expected to come home about January 14 on a ten-day furlough. Sgt. McGlamery is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George McGlamery, of Millers Creek. Sgt. McGlamery has received a medal for expert marksmanship with 77mm gun.

## Red Cross Active In War Work In The Past Month

### Quota on Surgical Dressings Reached; Other Production At High Mark

During the month of November volunteers in Red Cross work here were very active, according to the monthly report. A staff assistance class has been conducted by Miss Katharine Sanford, executive secretary, with chairmen of the various branches telling of their work.

Miss Nonie Gordon taught a class on Junior Red Cross; H. F. Bouknight on first aid; Mrs. Paul Greene on nutrition; Mrs. Ira D. Payne on home nursing; and Mrs. H. B. Smith on volunteer services. The following were members of the class and completed the required 20 hours of lecture and discussion: Mrs. Hadley Hayes, chairman, Mrs. R. G. Finley, Mrs. P. W. Eshelman, Mrs. J. B. Carter, Mrs. Ray Wall and Mrs. J. B. McCoy.

Mrs. James Anderson and Mrs. R. P. Casey reported that 6,300 dressings were made in the surgical dressing room with 92 women giving 310 hours. In December 29 women have given 80 hours of work to make 900 dressings and complete the quota assigned for 1943. The surgical dressing room will not be open again until the first of the year when the regular schedule will be followed.

Mrs. N. S. Forester, Jr., reported that 26 women have knitted 61 garments in a total of 1,023 hours. There is still a plentiful supply of wool for navy garments and those who can use it are urged to continue this work.

Mrs. Palmer Horton reported that seven nurse aides gave 87 hours of service at the Wilkes hospital during the month.

## RATION NEWS

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

**GASOLINE**—Coupons No. 3 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, L, M, N, and P, expire Jan. 1. Green stamps Book 4, processed foods, A, B, C, expire December 20. D, E, and F valid December 1, expire January 20.

**FUEL OIL**—New No. 1 coupon, Class 4 sheet, good for 16 gallons (1 unit), expires Jan. 2; new No. 1 coupon, Class 5 sheet, good for 30 gallons (5 units), expires January 3; new No. 1 coupon, Class 6 sheet, good for 35 gallons (25 units), expire January 5.

## Many Cases Are Tried In Court Term

### Much Headway Made Toward Clearing Docket

Much headway toward clearing the criminal docket has been made this week in the December term of Wilkes superior court, over which Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marion, is presiding.

Following are the cases in which judgments have been rendered:

Claude Smith, assault with deadly weapon, 18 months suspended on payment of \$150 fine and cost and \$100 to prosecuting witness.

H. W. Huggins, operating car while intoxicated, 12 months suspended on payment of \$150 fine and costs.

Willie Foster and Esther Foster, violation prohibition laws, not guilty.

Margaret Bynum, violating prohibition laws, three months suspended on payment of \$100 fine and cost.

John Mitchell, violation prohibition laws, four months suspended on payment of \$22 fine and costs.

Marvin Holloway, setting forest fire, not guilty.

Walter Lowe, larceny, four months.

James Shew and Annie Shew, assault, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Walter Steele and John Fred Miller, larceny, verdict of guilty; sentence not passed.

James Church, drunkenness, 30 days on roads.

Eudally Billings, breaking and entering, 18 to 24 months.

Harry D. Hunter, bad checks, 30 days in one case; six months suspended on condition he pay checks in other cases.

Mrs. Branson Benton, violation prohibition laws, not guilty.

Jack Ingram, non-support, two years suspended on condition he support family.

Buster Transeau, breaking and entering, not guilty.

Gene Bengo, larceny, verdict of guilty, sentence not passed.

Divorces were granted in the following cases: Mamie Mullis versus W. C. Mullis, Hubert Hawkins versus Delphia Prevette Hawkins, Alice B. Turner versus James Turner, B. L. Anderson versus Becky Anderson.

## WILKES HOSIERY MILLS CO. PAYS \$470.00 FOR NEW BABY ARRIVALS

### 94 Babies Born To Company Employees Given Savings Account of \$5.00 Each

Quite a tidy sum of money has been given to babies born since 1940 to parents who are employees of the Wilkes Hosiery Mills company through its president, P. Ward Eshelman.

Starting in 1940, the company has made it a regular policy to deposit in the Bank of North Wilkesboro the sum of \$5.00, this being placed to the infant's credit in the savings department. Since that date there have been 94 babies born to company employees, the total sum given them amounting to \$470.00.

It is interesting to note that of the 94 children born, 52 were boys and 42 girls, only ten difference.

Mr. Eshelman, since the establishment of the Wilkes Hosiery Mills company here, twenty-five years ago, has always taken much personal interest in the welfare of his employees, and this is only another instance of the commendable spirit shown toward the hundreds of people working in his mill and their families.

## BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Response to the appeal to all subscribers to have their subscriptions paid in advance by January 1 has been excellent to date. However, there are yet many who will fail to receive The Journal-Patriot after January 1 unless renewal subscriptions are paid before that date. Necessary conservation

## Gets Air Medal



Flight Officer Donald D. Story has been awarded the air medal for meritorious service in combat in the South Pacific area of war operations. Flight Officer Story, son of Attorney and Mrs. T. E. Story, of Wilkesboro is a bomber pilot in the army air forces.

## LT. CULOS SETTLE HAS NARROW ESCAPE AS HE BAILS OUT AT 300 FEET BEFORE BOMBER CRASHES

Lt. Culos Settle, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Settle, of this city, narrowly escaped death recently, along with the radio operator, when a bomber on which he was co-pilot crashed in the Sierra Nevada mountains in California.

Five members of the crew were lost.

Lt. Settle told of the crash in a recent letter to his parents. He stated that he was co-pilot on a plane piloted by his commanding officer, Captain Darden.

The plane crashed while on a searching trip for another plane which had been reported missing. Lt. Settle said the plane was cruising at an altitude of about 800 feet over the mountains when something went wrong and the plane rapidly lost altitude.

Captain Darden gave the command to bail out. Lt. Settle said he was unable to open the bomb bay in the darkness and the engineer quickly opened it. Lt. Settle and the radio operator dropped through and immediately opened their parachutes. The altitude then was only three hundred feet and the chutes barely got open in time to break the fall as they reached earth.

## Sale Of License Plates Increasing

### All Urged To Buy Early and Avoid Rush; City Tags Are Also Required

Sales of automobile and truck license plates at the North Wilkesboro branch of the Carolina Motor Club are increasing and all who can be urged to buy as early as possible to avoid a rush later, T. C. Caudill, manager, said today.

Attention was also called to the fact that residents of North Wilkesboro must display new city tags on January 1 and that city tags are also sold by the Carolina Motor Club office. The price for city tags is one dollar for each vehicle.

## Emergency Crop Loans Available

Emergency crop and feed loans are again available to farmers, C. Gordon Taylor, of Boone, field supervisor for the FCA, said here while making arrangements for Wilkes farmers to fill applications.

Mr. Taylor said that Miss Elsie Foster will take the applications at the office of Clerk of Court C. C. Hayes in the Wilkes courthouse. Farmers are urged to anticipate their needs early for next year and are asked to purchase their fertilizer needs earlier than usual because of war time difficulties in transportation.

## Many Renew Subscriptions

measures make it mandatory that all subscribers pay in advance if they are to continue receiving this newspaper. Use of newspaper must be held to the necessary minimum. Attention is called to the fact that those who are sending The Journal-Patriot to others should keep in mind the expiration

# Jap Base Hit; Reds Force Nazi Retreat

## NAZIS REPORT TWIN ASSAULT

The Russians announced officially early today that they had linked their Cherkasy and Kremenchug bridgeheads on the west bank of the middle Dnieper, completely clearing the Germans from a 65-mile stretch of vital territory. "Southeast of Cherkasy our troops, continuing the offensive, captured several populated places and joined hands with groups operating west of Kremenchug", said the Moscow midnight communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor from a broadcast.

## Heads District



J. B. Carter, who has been elected chairman of the Wilkes district of Boy Scouts, Mr. Carter has been very active in promoting Scout expansion work in the county, which will be continued during the coming year.

## Sidden Purchases Furniture Plant In North Wilkesboro

C. C. Sidden has purchased the Modie Upholstering company. The deal in which Mr. Sidden became sole owner of the furniture manufacturing plant was completed Monday. He purchased the business from Edd Gardner and Dr. J. S. Deans.

Mr. Sidden said today he plans to have the business continue in operation in the manufacture of furniture. The plant, which was erected two years ago, is located on highway 18 just north of the city limits.

## Bank Pays 10 Per Cent In Dividends

### Directors of Bank of North Wilkesboro Authorize 5% Semi-Annual Payment

At a meeting Tuesday of the directors of the Bank of North Wilkesboro the board authorized the payment of a semi-annual dividend amounting to 5 percent, this making a total dividend for the year of 10 percent.

The dividend authorized Tuesday is payable as of March 3, 1944.

Directors present for Tuesday meeting were J. R. Hix, W. D. Halfacre, S. V. Tomlinson, R. W. Gwyn, E. M. Blackburn, R. G. Finley, John E. Justice, Jr., and Ralph Duncan.

Bank officials announced today that the institution's resources reached an all-time high on November 30th, amounting to \$5,521,391.94. Deposits increased during the year Nov. 30, 1942, to November 30, 1943, over \$1,600,000.00. They state that 1943 has been the best since the bank was established in 1892.

Officials of the institution have given much time during the past two years to the various bond drives, and the bank has been very instrumental in making everyone of them a success.

The regular stockholders of the bank will be held on the third Thursday in January, at which time reports of the year's business will be given by the president, J. R. Hix, and other active officials.

## M. L. Hayes Dies At Home at Gilreath

Melver Lloyd Hayes, age 81, well known citizen of the Gilreath community, died at his home Wednesday.

Funeral service will be held Friday, 11 a. m. at Liberty church.

Surviving Mr. Hayes are two sons, T. R. and Clarence Hayes, of North Wilkesboro, and three daughters: Mrs. J. P. Tadder, of Poree Knob; Mrs. J. P. Robinson and Mrs. D. T. Fletcher, of Oil

## Jap Shipping Base Struck Hard Blow

A great fleet of American warplanes blasted a little Japanese shipping point with the heaviest bomb load ever loosed in the Southwest Pacific. General Douglas MacArthur announced today as his stepped-up offensive against New Britain entered its second day.

The bombers dropped 356 tons of explosives on Arawe, one of the two really good harbors on the south coast of New Britain facing probable Allied invasion bases on New Guinea. Linden Harbor, the only other really good harbor on the coast, was hit the day before in a 248-ton bomb attack in the Gasmata area.

A night flying Catalina bomber scored direct hits on a heavy cruiser off Kavieng, New Ireland, on the supply route between New Britain and the Japanese naval bastion of Truk. Admiral William F. Halsey's bombers, now in a position to join in an aerial pincer move on invasion-threatened New Britain, blasted Japanese positions on Bougainville Island in the Solomons with 134 tons.

## Howard Osborne Is Commended

### Highly Praised For Bravery In Citation From Secretary of Navy Knox

Charleston, E. C., Dec. 15.—How Arthur Howard Osborne, a Navy boatswain's mate second class, made a "daring search" for wounded shipmates aboard a torpedoed merchantman just before it sank and rescued a crew member suffering from severe shock has been disclosed in a commendation by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, citing Osborne for "unselfish courage and endurance."

Boatswain's Mate Osborne, who wife, Helen Riggsbee Osborne, lives in Wilkesboro, N. C., was a member of the armed guard unit aboard an American merchantman when it was torpedoed and sunk at night by an enemy submarine. The location of the attack was not revealed.

"Reports of the disaster," said Secretary's Knox's letter, reveal that without warning a torpedo struck the port side after part of number five hatch with a terrific explosion which instantly disabled the vessel, buckled the after gun platform, and caused the stern to sink below the surface of the water. Despite the fact that one of your comrades had been blown overboard and two more cruelly injured, the men of the Navy Gun Crew refused to abandon the sinking ship along with other personnel and gallantly remained on board, manning the forward and amidships guns on the oil-covered decks in utter disregard for their own safety for a full hour and ten minutes, hoping only to join battle with the enemy warship if she should surface.

"Even at the last moment and after the Captain had ordered all persons off the then rapidly sinking merchantman, you personally accompanied a shipmate in a daring search for the wounded and, upon finding Merchant Seaman Robert P. Burton, Fireman, suffering from severe shock, effected his rescue to the remaining lifeboat. Throughout the ensuing ten exhausting days on the open seas you displayed remarkable fortitude, courageously maintaining your morale and efficiency at an exceptionally high level.

"Your aggressive fighting spirit and your brave devotion to others on the above occasion" were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

Howard Osborne is a nephew of P. R. Brown, and a brother of Paul, Archie Lee and James Osborne, of Wilkesboro.

## Singing Sunday At Lewis Fork Church

A singing convention will be held at Lewis Fork Baptist church Sunday afternoon, December 19, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

All quartets and singing classes are invited to attend and take part.