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YATES GETS SENTENCE IN COURT

Six Months, \$7,000 Fine and Costs, 4 Years Suspended

Phillip Yates, Purlear man who had heavy fines and a road sentence in Wilkes court Friday when he entered a plea to possession of over 600 cases of tax-paid whisky which was seized from his premises June 1, stated that he is through with the liquor business.

Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., who passed sentence, reprimanded Yates for his attitude toward the courts and told him that he had been a "one-man revolution" in Wilkes.

Yates was fined \$5,000, taxed with \$2,000 court costs which included \$1,800 for the September special term, given an active sentence of six months on the roads, and received a total of four years' sentences suspended on condition he not violate the law, that he not engage in liquor business and on one two-year suspended sentence a condition was placed whereby he must, if summoned, appear in court to testify in any case involving any of his associates in the liquor business or any case relative to his liquor dealings. He must appear at every December term of court and show good behavior and that he has not engaged in the liquor business for a period of five years.

Trial of Yates was scheduled for the September special term, which was called by Governor J. Brantley to try Yates and to try L. W. B. Lentz, of the State Highway Patrol, and Agent Guy of the State Bureau of Investigation, on charges of larceny of about 90 cases of more than

RATION NEWS

ATTENTION Gasoline Dealers!—B2 and C coupons issued by the War Price and Rationing Boards beginning December 1st are valid for 5 gallons of gasoline. B, B1, C and C1 coupons are still valid but are only good for two gallons of gas.

All motor vehicle dealers must register on inventory form R-578 between January 1 and January 11th, 1944. If the dealer is registered with O.P.A. a letter of instructions and a copy of form R-578 will be sent direct. If a copy is not received they can be obtained from the local rationing office as the local boards have a supply of these forms.

Limited eligibility for automobiles — Due to dwindling supply of cars in dealers' hands the following steps have been taken to tighten eligibility.

1. Eligibility of salesmen has been revoked.
2. Mileage test on present year has been raised from 40,000 to 50,000 miles.
3. Applicant is required to show immediate need for a car.

Due to the increase in the county stove quotas, those persons who were rejected for stoves during the early fall may apply if they are still in need of a stove.

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, 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 10 gallons (1 unit), expires Jan. 1. 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 250 gallons (25 units), expires January 3.

Praised By Knox



Arthur Howard Osborne, Navy boatswain's mate second class, recently received a commendation from Navy Secretary Frank Knox, citing him for unselfish courage and endurance when the merchant ship on which he was serving was torpedoed and sunk without warning by an enemy submarine. Osborne and other men in the gun crew did not desert their posts despite the fact that one member was blown overboard and another injured, hoping to fire on the sub in the event it surfaced. At the last minute after the captain had ordered all hands off the rapidly sinking ship Osborne and a shipmate made a search for wounded and rescued a merchant seaman suffering from severe shock, placing him in the last remaining life boat. He was also cited for courage and endurance during the ten exhausting days on the open sea. Osborne is the husband of Mrs. Helen Riggsbee Osborne, of Wilkesboro, nephew of Ex-Sheriff P. E. Brown, and brother of Paul, James and Archie Lee Osborne, all of Wilkesboro. He graduated from North Wilkesboro high school, attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for two years. He was associated with his uncle, P. E. Brown, and brothers in operation of the P. E. Brown lumber industry here before he volunteered for service in the navy.

Yanks Gain; Reds Kill Many Nazis

"V" Nickels Used for \$25 U. S. War Bond

J. Robert Crysel, of Wilkesboro route one, interprets the "V" on old nickels to mean "V for Victory". He saved all the "V" nickels which he found in the course of trade at Forester's Nu-Way Service during a period of a few months and used them for the purchase of a \$25 war bond, which he bought at the North Wilkesboro postoffice. Now he is saving "V" nickels for another bond.

Navy Recruiters Render Program At Club Meeting

WAVE Mary Blackwell and Specialist J. E. Huffman Address Kiwanis Club

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon had an enjoyable meeting, which featured addresses by Specialist First Class J. E. Huffman and Yeoman Mary Blackwell, navy recruiters.

Prior to the program Secretary T. E. Story read a report recently made by Bid Williams, sponsor of Underprivileged Child Committee, on the matter of providing proper recreation and places of employment for the negro people of the community. President J. R. Hix asked the members to consider the suggestions in the report and stated that further time for considering it would be given at a later date.

Secretary Story, at the suggestion of the president, read an editorial that appeared in Friday morning's Winston-Salem Journal concerning the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club.

Program Chairman L. M. Nelson introduced Joe E. Huffman, of the U. S. Navy, who spoke in complimentary terms of the support the Club members has given him in his work of recruiting reserves for the Navy. He came here in April of this year and has recruited more than one hundred 17 year old boys from Wilkes for the Navy Reserves. They belong to the V-6 department of the Navy and will be in the service through the duration. They are given splendid training in their choice of 55 trade schools. Mr. Huffman stated that now about one fourth of the boys in the service are in the Navy in some branch or other.

At this point Mr. Huffman introduced WAVE Mary Blackwell, who is here for the purpose of enlisting girls in the service of the Navy. She stated that there are now only six girls from Wilkes in the WAVES and that there is a great need for many more girls to join. She says every time a WAVE is enlisted that another man is released from some present duty for active duty on ship. There are 16,000 naval trained men now on some sort of duty in the city of Washington doing jobs that women could do. Many of these were trained at the Naval Academy. She says every girl joining is given a \$1500 education in Hunter College, New York, where they may train for any service they may choose. They are given the closest supervision and training. Only those young women of high character are eligible to join. Miss Blackwell's talk was well made and appreciated.

At the meeting Friday Rev. A. C. Waggoner was a guest of J. B. Carter. The program speakers were guests of L. M. Nelson.

Mrs. M. D. Phillips, of Dalton, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. T. Mitchell.

20,000 Nazis Are Reported Killed

Russia's first Baltic front army has cracked German positions on a 50-mile front to a depth of nearly 20 miles, killing 20,000 Germans in a powerful five-day surge toward Polotsk, key rail junction near the Old Polish and Latvian frontiers, Moscow announced last night.

The Red Army troops under General Ivan Bagramian were believed to be within 40 miles of Polotsk hacking their way forward over frozen land in a triangular area formed by Polotsk, Nevel and Vitebsk. They were less than 70 miles from the Latvian frontier when they began this offensive which has netted them gains of 18.6 miles, the bulletin disclosed.

Five hundred villages and hamlets fell to the Russians who also captured 2,000 prisoners and inflicted staggering losses on the enemy in men and equipment, said the communique recorded by the Soviet Monitor from a broadcast.

White Christmas Service Is Held

The annual White Christmas service was held Sunday evening at the First Methodist church.

Many generous gifts were given by members of the church for needy families. The gifts included food, clothing and liberal contributions in cash. The service was held under sponsorship of the Youth Fellowship, of which Shoun Kerbaugh is counselor. This organization will deliver the gifts to the families to be provided for at Christmas time.

Also at the service was observance of the holy communion. Rev. A. C. Waggoner, pastor, was assisted in the service by Rev. Fred H. Shinn, pastor of Wilkesboro and Union Methodist churches.

Cold Wave Passes

During the week-end the cold wave, which had kept people in this section of the country shivering for several days, moderated into milder winter weather.

On Wednesday of the past week the mercury sank to about 10 to 12 and on the following morning temperatures were reported from zero up to six above. Since that time the mercury has been gradually rising to normalcy. This morning it was 40 degrees above zero.

Now In North Africa



Pvt. John A. Banguss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Banguss, of North Wilkesboro route two, is now in North Africa. He received his basic training at Aberdeen, Md. He entered the army April 22nd, 1943, and went overseas after six months training. He says tell all his friends "heilo" and write him.

Two Reach Eagle Rank In Boy Scouts



Latest additions to the Eagle Scout ranks in North Wilkesboro are Ralph Church, left, and Pat Hunt, right, who received their Eagle Scout certificates and badges in a special service at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, sponsor of troop 36, of which Church and Hunt are members. Ralph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Church and Pat is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Hunt. Rev. Sidney Crane, pastor, was in charge of the service in which the awards were made.

Lions Providing Christmas Cheer Underprivileged

Members of Club At Meeting Friday Evening Agree To Treat One Family Each

Members of the North Wilkesboro Lions Club will provide Christmas cheer for approximately 25 families in North Wilkesboro.

At the meeting of the club Friday evening the members present were given names of needy families as furnished by Mrs. J. L. Clements, city welfare worker, and each member agreed to provide for one family.

The club enjoyed an interesting program Friday evening, which was given under direction of M. B. Bryan, program chairman for the meeting. He presented the Damascus choral club, which rendered several numbers in a most entertaining way.

Truck Operators To Call For Their Gasoline Coupons

Truck operators in Wilkes county will not receive their first quarter gasoline coupons by mail, rationing officials said today.

The coupons for the first three months of 1944 will be issued from the rationing board office in Wilkesboro and truck owners may call for their coupons there in person any time after December 31.

1st Baptist Christmas Program Wednesday

The annual Christmas program at the First Baptist church will be presented this Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Representatives of the Sunday school and Training Union are planning a program of Christmas carols, music and recitations. At the close of the program the annual Christmas "treat" will be given to the children of the Sunday school.

YANKS TAKE SAN PIETRO

American troops broke through to the Roman Valleys yesterday capturing San Pietro and driving on three miles beyond that last Nazi mountain stronghold to within five miles of Cassino, which is only 70 miles from the Eternal City.

San Pietro, a blazing shell of a town, fell to Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's American vanguard late yesterday after a bloody, three-day struggle in its streets and on the surrounding slopes that culminated in one of the most significant Allied victories in Italy.

Swiftly following up their triumph the Americans cleared away the mines and booby-traps that the Nazis planted in their retreat, and today drove on along the Apennine Way northwest of the town to the area of San Vittore, three miles from San Pietro.

Many Scouts Are Advanced By The Court Of Honor

Much Interest In Boy Scout Work Evidenced By Number Before The Court

Number of advancements passed by the Wilkes district Boy Scout Court of Honor and Review in December meeting indicates the high interest being shown in Scouting among the nine troops now in operation.

From troop 90 four were advanced to rank of second class Scouts. They were Linville Jennings, William Jennings, Jimmie Billings and James Lovette. Three others were advanced to rank of first class. They were T. C. Plexico, of troop 36, Gene McNiel and Dick McNiel, of troop 35.

And three reached the rank of Star Scouts. They were Lewis Mann Nelson, Jr., and Gordon Finley, Jr., of troop 36, and Buddy McGinnis, of troop 35.

Merit badges were passed as follows: athletics, Phil Mitchell and Buddy McGinnis; cooking, Lewis Mann Nelson, Jr.; path-finding, Buddy McGinnis and T. C. Plexico; personal health, Billy Bason and Lewis Mann Nelson, Jr.; poultry keeping, Lewis Mann Nelson, Jr., and Gordon Finley, Jr.; public health, T. C. Plexico, Dick McNiel, Lewis Mann Nelson, Jr., and Billy Bason; safety, Phil Mitchell; stamp collection, T. C. Plexico; woodworking, Buddy McGinnis.

Patrolman Ratcliff Is Stationed Here

Lamar S. Ratcliff, who recently received a medical discharge from the army and returned to his former position with the State Highway Patrol, is now stationed in North Wilkesboro with Sgt. A. H. Clark, who assumed his duties here some time ago.

Patrolman Ratcliff had seven years experience with the patrol before entering the army. He was injured while on maneuvers and was discharged after several months hospitalization.

Round Mountain Hotel Is Burned

The 23-room frame structure, erected some 20 years ago on top of Round Mountain in Rock Creek township, was destroyed by fire this morning about 9 o'clock.

The large structure, erected by a stock company of Wilkes citizens, was occupied by three families, and was formerly the property of Jack Stearnes, of Statesville.

The hotel property is now owned by a Winston-Salem resident whose name could not be learned here today.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

RENEWAL SUBSCRIPTIONS COMING IN RAPIDLY; JANUARY 1 DEADLINE

During the past week hundreds of Journal-Patriot subscribers have paid their subscriptions in advance in order that they may continue to receive The Journal-Patriot after January 1.

Due to increasing circulation and the necessity of keeping the amount of newsprint used down to a minimum, it is mandatory

that a strict paid-in-advance policy be followed on subscriptions.

During the past several days statements have been mailed to all subscribers whose subscriptions have expired or which will expire in January. Your prompt attention to the matter will be appreciated, and it is urgently asked that your renewal reach

this office before January 1.

Due to the fact that posting the records on many renewals entails much work and that the limited office force is anticipating a large number of renewals during the closing days of the month, we urge that you bring or send your renewal as early as convenient.