

## BEST WISHES FOR A VICTORIOUS NEW YEAR

### Christmas Cheer Boxes Given To Needy Families

Seventy Families In North Wilkesboro Taken Care of During Holiday Season

Seventy needy families in North Wilkesboro were provided with Christmas Cheer materials. Mrs. J. L. Clements, city welfare worker, assisted by Police Chief J. E. Walker, delivered boxes of food, clothing, toys and other materials to the families. The welfare department provided help for 27 families, 18 were cared for through gifts from the First Methodist church and members of the North Wilkesboro Lions Club provided for boxes for 18 families.

### Sparta Man Kills Wife, Shoots His In-Laws, Kills Self

Sparta — Walter Maxwell, 54, shot his wife to death, critically injured her mother and father and then killed himself in a Christmas Eve tragedy at the Pine Creek home of the in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Will Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugh were carried to Wilkes Hospital in North Wilkesboro where attendants said they were "doing pretty well."

In an argument reportedly evolving from his wife's separation from him, Maxwell fired one blast from a 20-gauge double-barrelled shotgun into his wife's body and then sent the other charge into the right hip of his mother-in-law, 74-year-old Will Pugh.

Mr. Pugh, also in her seventies, grabbed a heavy stick and attempted to fight off her son-in-law, who drew a knife and slashed her shoulders and chest, according to accounts. He then reloaded the hotgun and shot himself through the temple, dying instantly.

Most of the flesh was torn away from Pugh's hip by the shotgun charge, ambulance attendants reported. They said his condition was regarded as extremely serious.

The shooting occurred about 8 p. m. Christmas Eve, shortly after Maxwell showed up at the Pugh home seeking his wife's agreement to return with him to their home here. She refused, witnesses assert, and Maxwell replied that they would "all die together."

Mrs. Maxwell, 41, the former Miss Ethel Pugh, had been separated from her husband for approximately a week. It was reported they have one child, about four months old.

Besides the Maxwells and the Pughs, only one person, Tom Greene, witnessed the tragedy.

### Both Banks Will Be Closed On Saturday

Both banks here, the Bank of North Wilkesboro and the Northwestern Bank, will be closed on Saturday, New Year's Day, January 1, which will generally be observed as a holiday. Bank customers are urged to attend to their banking needs Friday in order that no inconvenience may result.

### At Fort Bragg



Col. Vernal Hanks, who spent his childhood with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich Hanks, of Wilkesboro, entered the army five years ago and has been stationed at the reception center at Fort Bragg since that time. He is now a lieutenant in the 8888 Central Postal Directory at Christmas Island.

### Gets Promotion



Cpl. Mack Pipes was recently promoted to his present rank at Camp Forrest, Tenn., where he is now stationed. He entered service a year ago and received his basic training at Camp Crowder, Mo. He is now a gunner. Cpl. Pipes is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pipes, of Denny.

### NIPS RETREAT ON HUON; U. S. BOMBS NAURU

Japanese are increasing their aerial and ground opposition in their desperate battle to hold New Britain, slowing down the American advance on that vital South Pacific island.

Across Vitiaz Strait on New Guinea Australians broke Japanese resistance on the Huon Peninsula and sped ahead while American naval planes in the central Pacific again struck at Nauru and the Marshall Islands.

American marines on Cape Torokere, New Guinea, repulsed a Japanese attack on their east flank and ran into reinforced Japanese positions a mile from the airfield, their major objective on New Guinea. General Douglas MacArthur announced today. Battling against stiff resistance they advanced only a half mile, compared with a two-mile advance in the first 24 hours after their invasion.

### Mrs. Larry Wiles Injured In Crash

Mrs. Larry Wiles, of Wilkesboro route two, sustained a severe spinal fracture Saturday when Mr. Wiles' car overturned three times on the highway near Boomer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiles were returning from Morganton when their car struck some ice and began rolling. She is a patient at the Wilkes hospital. Mr. Wiles was not injured.

### Surgical Dressing Room To Re-Open

Surgical dressing room of the Wilkes chapter of the Red Cross will re-open Monday on the regular schedule, Red Cross officials said today.

The quota for 1943 was reached in mid-December and the surgical dressing room was closed during the holiday season. Work will now begin on the 1944 quota and many volunteer workers are asked to report in order that the work may be carried out on schedule.

### POSTPONE AUTO LICENSE DATE

Owners Of Vehicles Will Be Allowed Until Jan. 31 To Purchase State Tags

By virtue of a bill enacted into law by the North Carolina General Assembly at the 1943 session, owners of motor vehicles are allowed until January 31, 1944, to purchase their license plates.

Representing an extension of time to the tune of 30 days by comparison with the previous statute, which made the use of old license plates unlawful after December 31, the statewide measure is expected to prove very helpful to motorists in North Carolina.

Coleman W. Roberts, president of Carolina Motor club, called special attention to the change in the law, which is expected to assist materially in efforts to avoid the usual end-of-the-year rush.

### Lt. Blevins And M. Sgt. Gilliam Meet In England

Neighbors Talk Of Home News; Lt. Blevins Navigator On A Fortress

Lt. C. E. Blevins, navigator on a flying fortress operating out of England, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, according to news received here.

Lt. Blevins writes that he completed the required number of bombing raids to be granted leave from combat but will remain in England and continue flying. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Blevins, of Hays.

Lt. Blevins recently visited one of his former neighbors of the Mountain View community of Wilkes county, Master Sergeant Harlon Gilliam, who is also in England. Lt. Blevins wrote his parents that they had one grand time, talking over old times and exchanging bits of news from home. He also stated that the men working under M. Sgt. Gilliam enjoy their work and that M. Sgt. Gilliam gets along splendidly with the men. M. Sgt. Gilliam is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gilliam, of Hays.

### Watermelon For A Christmas Gift

The Journal-Patriot editor this Christmas received something different as a Christmas gift. It was a real watermelon, grown in Wilkes county.

Mr. G. M. Foster, of Purlear route, sent in the watermelon Friday. The melon was grown on his farm during the summer and is still in an excellent state of preservation.

### Holiday Marriage Business Slumps

Although six marriage license were issued during the Christmas season, the Wilkes register of deeds office had the lightest business in marriage license for the holidays in several years.

License were issued by Register of Deeds C. C. Sidden to the following: Willie Haynes, Benham, and Rosa Lee Wood, Traphill; John Stall, Thurmond, and Connie Hinson, State Road; Bonson Spicer, Traphill, and Bernice Billings, Thurmond; Robert Billings, Lomax, and Leona Shepherd, Roaring River; Albert Wood, Maryland, and Floriel Watkins, Hays; Odell Wyatt, McGrady, and Mazie Severt, North Wilkesboro.

Any money you can give for not paying your payroll savings will please Hiler, Ehrbrito and puppet Mussolini.

### This Week Last Chance To Renew Expired Subscriptions and Remain On Mailing List of Journal-Patriot

After January 1 The Journal-Patriot will adhere strictly to a paid-in-advance policy on subscriptions as required by law and postal regulations.

### In Mississippi



Pvt. Vernon E. Rye is now stationed at Camp Van Dorn, Miss. He entered service on September 1st, 1942. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy C. Rye, of North Wilkesboro route two.

### At Great Lakes



Claude H. Brooks, who was recently promoted to his present rank of fireman, second class, at the Great Lakes, Ill., naval training station, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brooks, of North Wilkesboro route one. He entered service on October 22 this year and recently arrived home on 12 days leave with his parents and his wife, the former Miss Helen Louise Optiz, of Oakwoods.

### NAZI CAPITAL FLAMES AFTER R. A. F. VISIT

British heavy bombers returned to Berlin to blast the battered German capital anew last night, official sources said today, and Swedish reports said the new raid had left many fires burning in the city, which was covered with a great pall of smoke.

Strong formations of the R. A. F. bombers were seen over the German capital after a Christmas lay-off, rained tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs. Germany said, and there were indications the new raid might be one of the greatest ever.

### Pfc. King D. Key Wounded In Leg

Pfc. King D. Key received a leg wound during the capture of Tarawa island in the Gilberts invasion.

Latest news received by his wife, who makes her home in North Wilkesboro, is that he is recovering.

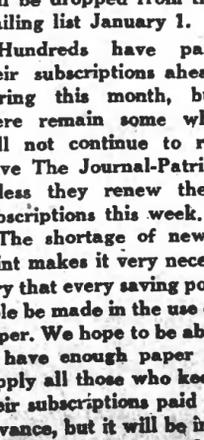
Pfc. Key has been in service with marine forces overseas for the past 11 months in the Second Marines.

Money can fight, buy bonds.

### Christmas Babies

Two babies were born Saturday, Christmas Day, at the Wilkes hospital. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Quincy A. McNeill, of this city, and a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Myers, of Wilkesboro route two.

### Gets Medals



Pfc. Roby P. Yates, now stationed at Camp Phillips, Kansas, has received a medal for good conduct. He has also received his four bars and ribbon for service in the American theatre and has an excellent record in service. He is expected to be granted a furlough soon. Pfc. Yates is a son of Mrs. W. Yates, of North Wilkesboro, and the late General Yates, of Purlear.

### License Bureau Here Has Sold 3,287 License

Carolina Motor Club Branch Office Here Will Be Closed On New Year's Day

Local branch of the Carolina Motor Club sold a total of 3,287 state license plates for 1944 through Wednesday, Dec. 29, T. C. Caudill, manager, said today.

In addition, the license bureau has sold 355 North Wilkesboro town tags.

Mr. Caudill said the license bureau, which is located on Ninth street in a part of the Coffey building occupied by Dick's Re-capping Service, will be closed on Saturday, January 1, New Year's Day. The banks here will also be closed on that date.

### MAIL OR SEND IN YOUR NEWS

This week The Journal-Patriot has gathered all the news which its limited staff could handle, but the editor realizes that it has been impossible to gather all the personal news items of the holiday season.

Knowing this, the editor is asking that every person in Wilkes county who had guests in their homes during the holidays, or who knows any news, to mail or send in the news as quickly as possible. Your cooperation throughout the year in furnishing news items will be greatly appreciated.

However, attention is called to the fact that the names of persons furnishing the news must accompany any articles sent in, although the names of contributors will not be published unless specifically requested.

### Man Is Fined

Salisbury.—Glenn Bell, a young Wilkes county man, was fined \$784, had his automobile confiscated, lost his driver's license for a year, drew two additional fines of \$10 each and costs on two other charges, and lost a cargo of 102 gallons of whisky when he faced Judge Charles Price in Rowan County Court.

The young man—he is 18—was charged with violation of the state prohibition laws, with operating a car without a license, and with driving without an operator's license.

Bell had 102 gallons of white whisky in an automobile last week when officers caught him on the Cool Springs Road in Scotch Irish Township. Sheriff's officers and a state highway patrolman made the arrest.

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Technical Sergeant Cyril H. Hamby was recently promoted to his present rank at Albany, Ga., where he is stationed with air corps troops. T. Sgt. Hamby, son of Edgar Hamby, of this city, is an army veteran of four years service. His wife and son, James Hugh, make their home with T. Sgt. Hamby in Albany, Ga.

### SOVIETS MAKE SPECTACULAR, BROAD GAINS

The Red Army has surged to within 48 miles of the prewar Polish border west of Kiev in a spectacular break-through along a 110-mile arc, continuing today its offensive across flat steppe-lands that offered the Germans few natural defenses short of the Bug River, 200 miles away.

The Soviet power drive took 250 communities in 24 hours, including...

### Town Tax Listing Dates Are Given

Tax listing for the town of North Wilkesboro will begin at the town hall January 3 and continue through January 31. W. P. Kelly is city tax lister and the county tax lister, J. B. McCoy, will also be at the town hall on the same dates. This will be a great convenience to the taxpayers.

Those who desire to list their property in advance of the dates may obtain blanks from the clerk's office in the town hall.

### Ten-Pound Turnips

Paul Church, field supervisor for the Farm Security Administration in Wilkes and Alexander counties, last week brought to The Journal-Patriot some giant turnips.

The two turnips, which are now on display at The Journal-Patriot office, tipped the scales at nine and ten pounds each when taken from the ground on the farm of Arthur Meadows, an FSA farmer, in Alexander county.

### 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 L, M, N, P and Q expire January 1. R expires January 15. Green stamps, Book 4, processed foods, D, E and F expire January 20.

FUEL OIL—Class No. 1 coupons, Class 4 (good for 10 gallons (1 unit)), expires Jan. 3; new No. 1 coupons, Class 1 (good for 10 gallons (1 unit)), expires January 3; new No. 1 coupons, Class 2 (good for 10 gallons (1 unit)), expires January 3.

### Jurors Drawn For January Session Of Wilkes Court

Judge J. A. Rousseau Will Preside Over 3-Weeks Term Beginning 17th

Jurors have been drawn for the next term of Wilkes superior court, which will convene on Monday, January 17.

Judge J. A. Rousseau, of North Wilkesboro, resident judge of the 17th judicial district, will preside over the term, which will be for three weeks and will be for trial of civil cases. The Wilkes bar association has arranged calendar of cases for the term.

Jurors have been drawn by the county commissioners for the three weeks of court as follows:

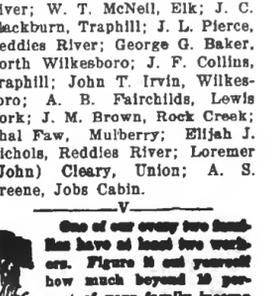
First Week  
A. T. Jones, Wilkesboro; J. I. Lyon, Traphill; Clarence Henderson, Lovelace; Worth W. Vannoy, North Wilkesboro; A. E. Winger, North Wilkesboro; T. J. Brown, Mulberry; C. A. Taylor, Stanton; W. B. James, Wilkesboro; Claude Clark, North Wilkesboro; W. A. Alexander, Rock Creek; J. B. Wiles, Walnut Grove; J. P. Pierce, Reddies River; L. W. Wood, Edwards; Frank Tidline, Edwards; W. C. McNeill, North Wilkesboro; Bill Nichols, Reddies River; K. D. Adams, New Castle; W. A. Gregory, Somers; J. W. Yale, North Wilkesboro; Elbert Fletcher, Jobs Cabin; Q. A. McNeill, North Wilkesboro; Vannoy Byrd, Edwards; Lawrence Church, North Wilkesboro; A. C. Privette, Wilkesboro; A. V. Byrd, New Castle.

Second Week  
William I. Bumgarner, Reddies River; Huie Hamby, Jobs Cabin; O. K. Pope, North Wilkesboro; L. M. Southern, Somers; John W. Hamby, Elk; J. Y. Mayberry, Walnut Grove; Clyde Stokes, New Castle; Carl Vannoy, Reddies River; Everett Caudill, Wilkesboro.

Third Week  
Jess Nichols, Wilkesboro; John Adams, Reddies River; Millard M. Blevins, Walnut Grove; T. J. Hayes, Traphill; Lundy Holbrook, Traphill; M. P. Tedder, North Wilkesboro; J. R. Call, Wilkesboro; R. S. Ferguson, Boomer; Hubbard Greene, Elk; Ambrose H. Roberts, Antioch; Tom Johnson, Elk; George Combs, Lovelace; J. S. Steelman, Reddies River; W. T. McNeill, Elk; J. C. Blackburn, Traphill; J. L. Pierce, Reddies River; George G. Baker, North Wilkesboro; J. F. Collins, Traphill; John T. Irvin, Wilkesboro; A. B. Fairchilds, Lewis Fork; J. M. Brown, Rock Creek; Chal Faw, Mulberry; Elijah J. Nichols, Reddies River; Loremer (John) Cleary, Union; A. S. Greene, Jobs Cabin.

One of our every two fund-raisers have at least two workers. Figure it out yourself how much beyond 10 percent of your family income you can put into War Bonds.

### Returns to Camp



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