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OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS

Pvt. Tommy Crysol Home From Missouri
Pvt. Tommy Crysol, of Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crysol, in Wilkesboro.

Pfc. John Stamper Returns To Camp
Pvt. John Stamper spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stamper, of Reddies River. Pvt. Stamper entered the service in November, 1942. He is stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga.

Birthday Greetings To Pfc. J. B. James
Birthday greetings were sent recently to Pfc. J. B. James, who reached his 24th birthday on December 24 at some undisclosed overseas location. Pfc. James is son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. James, Wilkesboro route two. He entered service in 1941.

Of Dillard Brothers
Mrs. J. H. Dillard of Wilkesboro, have two sons in the armed forces.

Seaman Claude W. Dillard has returned to Norfolk, Va., after spending his leave with his wife, Mrs. Nora Dillard and son, Shelby.

Cpl. Clarence A. Dillard is home on leave from New River. He has rated the rank of sergeant.

Pfc. Freel Billings Now Overseas
Pfc. Fred Billings is now somewhere in the South Pacific. Pfc. Billings is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Billings, of North Wilkesboro.

Pvt. Walker Serving In Australia
Pvt. Rudy Walker, who has been in the armed forces for over three years, is now with the fighting forces in Australia. Pvt. Walker is the son of Mrs. Rhoda Walker, of Greensboro.

Pvt. Hayes In Australia
Pvt. Challice Hayes, son of B. F. Hayes, is now with the fighting forces in Australia.

Blake H. Caudill In North Africa
Mr. and Mrs. James F. Caudill received word that Blake H. Caudill, who entered the maritime service in May, is now somewhere in North Africa. He is getting a long furlough.

Pvt. James R. Caudill
Pvt. James R. Caudill has been transferred from Fort Jackson, S. C., to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Caudill, of Goshen.

Cpl. Harrold Returns
Cpl. John Sherman Harrold, Jr., has returned to Shreveport, La., after spending a 14-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Minnie Holder Harrold, of Hays, and his wife, the former Miss Felicia Johnson, of Purlear.

Pfc. Soots Visits Home
Pfc. Clarence F. Soots, who is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., spent the week-end with his wife and son, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Soots, of North Wilkesboro route 3.

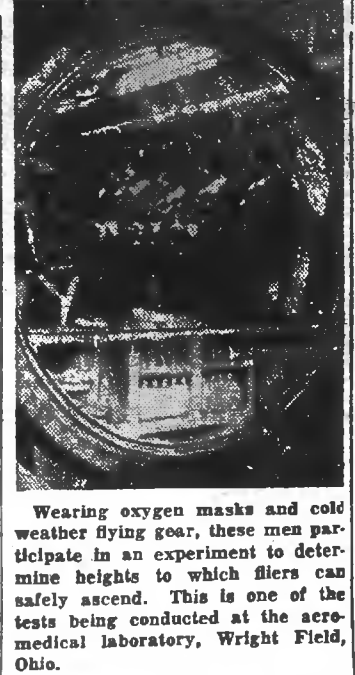
CPO. Gettys Visits Home
Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. Johnnie Gettys, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala., spent last week with Mrs. Gettys' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Porter, Sr., of this city.

Pfc. Jarvis At Willow Run Plane Plant
Pfc. Elmer G. Jarvis has been transferred from Keasler Field, Miss., to Willow Run Airport at Ypsilanti, Mich., where he is taking a few weeks advance course in the B-24 Liberator bomber factory school for specialized training in maintenance of big craft.

Pvt. Ganville G. Myers Home for Week-End
Pvt. Granville G. Myers, who was recently transferred from Camp Butler to Fort Bragg, spent the past week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Myers, of this city.

Carl Gwyn Coffey At Great Lakes
Carl Gwyn Coffey, son of Mrs. Carl S. Coffey, of this city, and who recently entered service in the navy, is now stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., where he is undergoing his "boot" training.

Is the Sky the Limit?



Wearing oxygen masks and cold weather flying gear, these men participate in an experiment to determine heights to which fliers can safely ascend. This is one of the tests being conducted at the aeromedical laboratory, Wright Field, Ohio.

Postal Receipts At Local Office Show Big Gain

1943 Was Record Year With Total Receipts \$42,812, A 12 Percent Gain

Receipts at the North Wilkesboro post office showed a remarkable increase during 1943, according to figures released today by Postmaster J. C. Reins.

Receipts for 1940 totaled \$42,812.56, which was \$6,554.71, or more than twelve per cent, over the 1942 total of \$36,258.85.

During the month of December the postoffice broke all records in amount of mailed handled for one month. However, Christmas mailing was spread over a longer period of time than usual, enabling the postoffice, although handicapped by lack of sufficient manpower, to handle the large volume of mail promptly.

Paul Cragan Heads Knights of Pythias

Officers of North Wilkesboro lodge number 67, Knights of Pythias, for 1944 were installed in the meeting held Monday night.

Paul Cragan, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, will lead the chapter during the year as chancellor commander. The other officers installed were as follows: J. B. Snipes, vice chancellor; Rev. Howard J. Ford, prelate; R. E. Gibbs, master of works; J. Q. Adams, keeper of records and seal; Clifford Moore, master of finance; W. E. Jones, master of exchequer; Harvel Howell, master of arms; R. H. Shell, inner guard; Max Foster, outer guard.

The lodge is one of the most active in this part of the state and has a large membership.

Wilkes Men Taken On Liquor Charge

Accused of manufacturing and possessing non-taxpaid whisky and possessing unregistered distillery in violation of the internal revenue code, Ralph W. Henderson and Marvin T. Wiles, of Wilkes county, have been taken into federal custody.

The office of United States Marshal Edney Ridge said that each posted \$500 bond before J. W. Dula, federal commissioner at Wilkesboro, after federal warrant had been served there on an alcoholic tax unit complaint. The men were bound over to the term of United States District court that convenes in Wilkesboro in May.

Lions Will Hear Dr. Alfred Shaw

Splendid Program Arranged for Meeting of Club To Be Held Friday, 7:30

Dr. Alfred O. Shaw, director of the animal husbandry department of North Carolina State College Raleigh, will address the North Wilkesboro Lions Club Friday evening, seven o'clock.

The program will be in charge of B. B. Broome and Paul Cashion. A large attendance of members is expected.

Money can fight, buy bonds.

Schools Closed Will Reopen On Monday Morning

Attendance Is Higher In Schools Now Operating; Flu Situation Improved

There were indications today that the flu epidemic in Wilkes county has passed its peak and that conditions in that respect are improving.

C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, said that school attendance throughout the county has picked up since the first of the week, and that many of the absences during the latter part of last week and on Monday of this week were due to bad weather instead of illness.

However, there were numerous cases of flu and several teachers were unable to report for duty this week. Wilkesboro, Moravian Falls, Boomer and Ferguson schools are closed this week but will reopen on Monday, January 10.

Road conditions have improved greatly since the first of the week, Supt. Eller said, and all school buses are able to run on schedule throughout the county.

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RATION NEWS

TRUCK GAS—Gasoline coupons for the first quarter for trucks are not being mailed in Wilkes. Truck operators may call for their coupons at the rationing board office in Wilkesboro.

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, R. S. expires Jan. 29. Green stamps, Book 4, processed foods, D, E and F expire January 20.

FUEL OIL—New No. 1 coupon, 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 2; new No. 1 coupon, Class 6 sheet, good for 250 gallons (25 units), expires January 1.

Many Men Are Sent To Induction Center

Both Boards Send Large Groups of Men Composed Principally of Pre-War Fathers; Accepted and Rejected In Published Lists

Both Selective Service Boards in Wilkes County sent large groups to the induction center Tuesday for induction into the various branches of the service.

Both lists include the names of many pre-war fathers. The bill as passed by Congress putting fathers at the bottom of the lists for induction had little, if any effect on the situation because Selective Service boards had already been following the policy of calling pre-war fathers only to make out the number called for by state headquarters.

Following are the names of men, including those accepted and rejected, who went to the induction center Tuesday:

- BOARD NO. 1**
Charles Clinton Eller, Clyde Nathan Parker, Calvin Lee Wellborn, Cecil Lawrence Wood, Joe Dempsiey Church, Troy Cicero Foster, James Walton Sparks, John James Craig, Crollie Dolman Laws, Fred Millus Nichols, James Raeford Pierce, Harold Vincent Bumgarner, James Monroe Comba, Spencer Otto Yates, Luther McKenneth Morrison, Ralph S. Staley, William Franklin Welch, Joe Hampton Pearson, Charlie Roosevelt Minton, Amos Taft Michael, Sherman Colonel Carlton, Arthur Harrison Lambert, Roy Edgar Felts, Raymond Smith Foster, Henry Kerley Clanton, George Vestal Faw, Isaac Norman Greene, Sidney Marshal Walsh, Robert Lee Foster, William Leonard Brown, James William Dakey, Noah Thomas Jarvis, Hardin Jim Benton, Jesse William Watts, Gwyn John McNeill, Robert William Edwards, Phillip Lloyd Scroggs, Burl William Lowe, Toy William Michael, Robert Plato Smithey, John Robert Ellis, Parks Glen Nichols, Woodrow Wilson Key, Roland Sanford Englebert, Paul Blunford Adkins, James Carl Church, Fred Minton Watts, Buel Slater Bonchelle, Reuben Anderson, Clarence Everett Whittington, Lytle Columbus Pardue, Darius Edgar McGee, Julius Jackson Johnson, Troy Vincent Faw, Homer Woodrow Brookshire, James Ray Wakefield, Keith Bert Walsh, Thomas Carlyle Jordan, William Roscoe Martin, Dillard James Carroll, Eugene Smith, Percy Shelton Triplett, Walter James Foster, Eugene Forest Pardue, James Lloyd Anderson, Jr. Richard Smithey, Clarence Andrew Jones, George Washington Barlow, Hansford Thomas Church, James Marvin Eller, Kimp Odell Bowers, Brady Deamus Greene, R. O. Cail, Marvin Theodore Wiles, Jr., Dewey Wren Elledge, Wade Peyton Coffey, Ralph Carson Lyall, Calvin Coolidge Anderson, Elbert Edison Craig, Theoford Benson Parker, Mansfield Krevette, Jr.

- BOARD NO. 2**
Noah Walter Parks, Paul Vernon Brewer, Grant George Miller, Richard Paul Boyd, Garnett Sheets, Robert Crompton Baker, Lloyd Blanco Davis, Dennis Grant Miller, Steven Grant Lyon, Sam Johnson Brown, James Eli Combe, Albert Hawkins, Roy Lee Clonch, James Gaither Felts, Richard Edward Keys (Trans), James Calvin Johnson, Robert Henry Webb, Guy Arvel Sheets, Aldine Pruitt, Guy George Perry, (Trans), Clarence Emanuel Lewis, Arlis Ray Combe, Page Manard Hutchinson, Doctor Commodore Myers, Raymond Talmadge Petty, Harvel P. Howell, Richard Sylvester Elledge, James Edward Holleman, Fred Wyatt, Dean William Daniels, Glenn George Byrd, Travis Wyatt, Press Wingler, (Trans), Hansome Glenn Johnson, Roland Harry Reavis, Henry Cormon Carter, Charlie Robert Creed, Theodore Roosevelt Harrold, Linville Eugene Brown, Ira Clifton Shepherd, Hex West, James Comie Walker, (Trans), Jesse Leonard Brown, Ora Marvin Wyatt, James Harlie Billings, Ralph Bumgarner, Denver Hobert Woods, Theodore Wilson Blackburn, Bruce Roope, Paul Morris Bumgarner, Henry Albert Wellborn, Arvel August Phifer, William Howard Raffle, Edd Darnell, James Paul Ellis, Glenn Howard Hall, James Lafatte Combs, Todd Wyatt, Charlie William Roberts, Henry Howard Couch, (Trans), Ira Shumate, Thomas Edward Day, Howard William Burke, William Lester Knight, Jacob Clyde Michael, Doctor Vernon Wadkins, William Mack Holbrook, Royal John Foster, James Elbert Pardue, John Quincy Clonch, Hodger Hourd Triplett, Charles Eddie Anderson, Edward John Settle, (Trans), Louis Everette Swaim, Grant Roberts, Lytle Adam Bowlin, John Albert Hinshaw, Joe Lee shew, Willie Edward Dancy, Timothy Hayes, Fred Reeves, Gwyn Franklin Vannoy, Paul Edward Porter, Thomas Ralph Blackburn, Jessie Howard Adams, Edsel Ford Carter, Cyrus Ray Sprinkle, William Dwight Settle, James Gordon Hayes, Charles Dayton Miller, Eugene Wood, William Hayes Reynolds, Calvin Coolidge Walker, C. B. Brown, Jr., Grady Harris, Charles Bruce Oliver, Walter George Spicer, Stephen Erwin Triplett, Willie Wyatt.

Baptist Pastors To Meet Monday

Wilkes County Baptist pastors conference will convene in January session Monday morning, January 10, at Reins-Sturdivant chapel.

An interesting program has been arranged and all pastors are invited.

Those to appear on the program will include Rev. Fred Blevins, Rev. George Osborne, Rev. Lester Younger, Dr. John W. Kincheloe, and Rev. Howard J. Ford.

Cripple Clinic On Thursday, Jan. 13th

Clinic for crippled and deformed people will be held at The Wilkes Hospital on Thursday morning, January 13. Free examination will be made by a specialist of all simple cases.

Legion Meeting On Friday Night

January meeting of the Wilkes post of the American Legion will be held in the gymnasium at the home of W. C. Grier Friday evening, 7:30 o'clock. All members are asked to attend.

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Coroner I. M. Myers was called to the home of George C. McNeill in Elk township, where Mr. McNeill was found dead in bed early Wednesday morning.

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Legion Auxiliary To Meet Monday, 10th

The Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Julia A. Housman with Mrs. C. G. Frazier and Mrs. W. R. Ables as associate hostesses.

Aerial Gunner



J. B. Brookshire, Jr., petty officer third class, recently arrived in North Africa. He is a radio operator and gunner on a Navy patrol bomber based in North Africa. J. B. recently spent ten days leave at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brookshire, Sr., of Moravian Falls, before leaving for service overseas.

Seniors Allowed To Enter Navy; Then Graduate

J. E. Huffman, navy recruiter who is in charge of a navy recruiting office Tuesday and Wednesday of each week in the North Wilkesboro postoffice, stated today that he would like to interview high school boys who have not reached age 18 and who will graduate this spring.

Recruiter Huffman said the navy has a new program of training which enables the senior boys under 18 to enlist in the navy now and remain at home on inactive duty until after graduation later this year. There are several new programs, including radar training, which offers many opportunities. There is also the hospital apprentice program, where boys are trained to become pharmacist mates. Recruiter Huffman will be glad to explain the program to any high school boys under 18 who will graduate at the end of the present school term.

Fire Damages Pottery Plant

Flames Early Wednesday Morning Do Extensive Damage To Pottery

Fire which was thought to have originated from a drying room chimney extensively damaged the Kennedy Pottery plant in Wilkesboro Wednesday morning about 3:30 o'clock.

A night employe of the plant discovered the fire burning between the ceiling and the roof in the drying room and turned in the alarm. Fireman extinguished the blaze but with considerable difficulty due to the fact that it was under a composition and metal roof.

Greatest damage was to the building. However, there was a considerable stock of partially completed pottery in the drying room, which was destroyed. Plant operations will be necessarily curtailed while reconstruction is in progress.

The pottery plant is the property of B. J. Kennedy and Claude L. Kennedy. The damage is a loss to the owners, there being no insurance on the property.

R. A. Morrison, Taken By Death Last Rites Today

Funeral service was held today at Roaring River Baptist church for Richard A. Morrison, for many decades a well known citizen of Wilkes county.

Mr. Morrison, who reached the age of 90 years, died Wednesday morning at the home of a daughter in Greensboro.

Surviving Mr. Morrison are the following sons and daughters: Mrs. C. M. Reavis, Ronda; Mrs. R. L. C. Hubble, Bluefield, W. Va.; C. P. Morrison, Wilkesboro; John Morrison, North Wilkesboro; D. H. Morrison, Elkin; Mrs. N. M. Hedgecock and Mrs. Larkin Sanders, of Greensboro.

Rev. Lloyd Pardue conducted the last rites.

Tax Listing Is Now Under Way

Tax listing is now under way in every township in Wilkes county. The complete list of tax listing appointments as furnished by J. Mack Reavis, county accountant and tax supervisor, by the various list takers is published elsewhere in this newspaper.

Those who have not listed are asked to refer to the advertisement and meet the list taker at the most convenient time and place listed.

Barn In City Burns

The barn on the premises of Everett Elledge's home in this city was destroyed by fire of unknown origin Tuesday night. When the fire was discovered it had made much headway and it was impossible to subdue a cow which was hoisted in the barn. The cow perished in the flames. The barn on the premises of J. W. Pitt, nearby, also was destroyed but was not mentioned in the report.

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