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4th War Loan Will Open 18th Yanks Gain In Italy

Fourth War Loan campaign in Wilkes will officially open Tuesday morning. W. D. Halfacre, chairman, has announced that "The Price of Rendova", movie filmed by the U. S. Signal Corps of the capture of Rendova island by American marines, will be shown at The Allen Theatre Tuesday morning, Jan. 18, at 8:30.

All retail merchants are asked to permit their sales personnel to attend the show, which will be free, from 8:30 to 8:55 a. m. All merchants and all members of their personnel will be asked to assist in Fourth War Loan bond sales. Quota for Wilkes in the Fourth War Loan is \$843,000.

MRS. JOHN SPEARS HAS FOUR SONS IN ARMY, NAVY SERVICE



CPL. AUBRIE JOLLY

Mrs. John Spears, of Buck, is justly proud of her four sons in the army and navy.

Mrs. Spears was first married to the late Toliver Jolly and after his death married John Spears.

Two sons by her first marriage are in the army. Cpl. Aubrie L. Jolly is with an Engineers regi-



PVT. MARION JOLLY

ment in Italy. He entered service with the National Guard company at North Wilkesboro in September, 1940.

His full brother, Pvt. Marion (Buck) Jolly, is in the same regiment in Italy and he also entered service with the North Wilkesboro company of the National Guard. Both



PVT. ERNEST A. SPEARS

have been overseas since November, 1942, when they participated in the invasion of North Africa. Pvt. Jolly writes his wife, the former Miss Beulah Roten, of Wilkesboro route one, that he is getting along fine.

The Spears brothers, half brothers of Cpl. Jolly and Pvt. Jolly, are Pvt.



R. J. SPEARS

Ernest A. Spears, of Hunter Field, Ga., who entered service in September, 1942, and R. J. Spears, seaman second class, who is stationed at New York with naval forces after completing his "boot" training at Bainbridge, Md.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Bitter Fighting Also Reported Inside Poland

In bitter fighting American Fifth army troops today made substantial gains in the March on Rome. Nazi forces suffered heavy casualties in the vicinity of Cassino, where their defense cracked under constant attack by Americans.

IN RUSSIA—

On the central front Red Army troops have started a new offensive which is driving deep into old Polish territory.

However, farther to the South the Russians yesterday met stiffened resistance, where apparently Germans had thrown in many fresh troops.

GAIN ON JAPS—

In the South Pacific it was announced that American Marines in the new campaign north of the Solomons had lost only 400 men as compared to 2,500 Japanese killed, and that the Marines are continuing to make steady gains in the face of determined resistance.

IN WASHINGTON—

Biggest news in Washington this week was President Roosevelt's recommendation to congress for immediate passage of a National Service Act, whereby every able-bodied adult could be placed in positions where they could be of maximum benefit to the war program and essential civilian economy. A bitter congressional fight is in prospect over the proposal.

Turning Back Time Over 25 Years



Turn back time a little more than a quarter of a century and you find scenes like this in North Wilkesboro. Perhaps you don't recognize him, but the man seated on the running board of the 1914 Ford is none other than Iredell M. Myers, who is now Wilkes county's coroner and is manager of the Call Hotel in North Wilkesboro. At the time this picture was made Mr. Myers had recently purchased the Ford from the late John Finley, and used it in his traveling salesman work in calling on merchants in this part of the state. Mrs. Myers is in the back seat on the outside. If you are old enough, maybe you can name the others in the picture. T. C. Caudill was given the picture by Mr. Myers about 25 years ago.

Wilkes Man Held For Murder

Cager Kilby Held For Slaying Aged Man In Virginia

Cager Kilby, a resident of the Millers Creek community, is being held without bond on a charge of murdering an 84-year-old man at Bassett, Va., last week.

Wilkes Sheriff C. G. Poindexter on Saturday received request by telephone from Police Chief O. T. M-Gray, of Bassett, to arrest and hold Kilby in connection with the death of Dane A. Craig, 84.

Craig died early Thursday in the Henry county hospital in Virginia of a fractured skull. The aged man was found Wednesday afternoon in an unconscious condition at an unoccupied building to which he had gone to get it in condition to leave. How Kilby was connected with the crime was not learned here.

Sheriff Poindexter said he had been informed by Chief McCray that Kilby had confessed to inflicting fatal injuries on the aged man.

Sheriff Poindexter and deputies trailed Kilby Saturday for several hours and on Sunday he was arrested in this city. On Sunday night officers came from Virginia and carried him there to face the murder charge.

After he was returned to Virginia, Sheriff Poindexter found evidence which was sufficient to hold Kilby for investigation in connection with the assault on Irvin Woods, his father-in-law, which occurred near North Wilkesboro some time Saturday. Woods was found in an unconscious condition and there was evidence that he had been severely beaten. He was carried to the Wilkes Hospital, where his condition remains critical. Sheriff Poindexter said he had been informed that Woods and Kilby were together Saturday afternoon and that someone had seen Kilby strike Woods following an argument over some liquor.

On that information Sheriff Poindexter later called the police chief at Bassett and requested that Kilby not be released if he was not charged with the murder of Craig and that he be held to face charge of assault on Woods near here. At that time Police Chief McCray told Sheriff Poindexter that it would probably be a long time before Kilby could be returned to Wilkes, because he had confessed to the murder of the aged man there.

Craig's body was found across a bed in the house to which he had gone near Bassett the day before. The aged man is said to have normally carried much money on his person, but none was on him when he was found. A heavy cane he customarily carried was also missing.

Blackout Tonight

A practice blackout and air raid drill will be carried out tonight, beginning about 9:15. All air raid wardens are asked to be on duty at co-operation of the public will be appreciated by Civilian Defense officials.

Present Charter To Troop No. 70

Knights of Pythias Lodge Presents Charter To Boy Scout Troop Monday

Charter was presented Monday Night to Scout troop number 70 by its sponsor, the North Wilkesboro Knights of Pythias lodge.

Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, chairman of the Scout committee of the lodge, presented the charter to A. A. Phifer, Scoutmaster of the troop. William Walker, assistant Scoutmaster, was also present for the presentation.

Tenderfoot badges were presented to the following Scouts of troop 70: Jones Wood, Shirley Adams, Albert Minton, Joe Church, Cameron Perry, Roy Adams, Jimmie and Leon Watson attended as spectators.

Dokies Will Meet On Friday Evening

North Wilkesboro Dokies Club will have its January meeting Friday evening, seven o'clock, at the Princess Cafe, Paul Osborne, president, said today. J. C. Reins has arranged an interesting program for the meeting.

Tax Listing Well Under Way In County; All Urged To List Now

Splendid progress is being made in the job of tax listing in all precincts in Wilkes county.

J. Mack Reavis, county accountant and tax supervisor, has visited many of the tax listers during the past few days making a survey of progress made in the annual tax listing task. He stated that in view of weather conditions and other difficulties that excellent progress has been made. However, there are those who have not listed property for taxation and they are urged to see the list taker as early as possible and complete the job. While some tax listers have completed their rounds, others still have appointments to fill. In precincts where all tax listing dates have already been filled, persons who have not listed should call at the homes of tax listers at once. The list of tax listers for all precincts follows: Antioch, A. F. Sale; Beaver

The Northwestern Bank Had Biggest Year During 1943

Resources of Bank Show Increase of More Than Five Million Dollars in Year

Stockholders of the Northwestern Bank, which has home office here and branches in nine other northwestern North Carolina towns, in annual meeting here Tuesday heard a report of remarkable growth of the institution during the year 1943.

During the year the resources of the bank increased over five million dollars.

Stockholders re-elected all members of the board of directors by acclamation. They in their meeting which followed the stockholders meeting elected all officers of the bank for another year.

Representative R. L. Doughton presided at the stockholders meeting for President R. A. Doughton, who was ill with a cold. The president's report was delivered by Edwin Duncan, executive vice president of the bank.

The net operating profit for 1943 was \$4.15 per \$10 par value share of stock. During the year a dividend of 12 per cent, or \$1.20 per share, was paid and after an ample reserve for state and federal income taxes was set aside, the sum of \$2.04 per share was added to the undivided profits account. The report said: "During the year the capital account of the Northwestern Bank

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In Middle East



Seaman First Class Stonewall Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jackson, of North Wilkesboro, sent this picture home to his parents to show something of life in the middle east, where he recently landed. The native boy shown here with "Stoney" told him his age was 16, although he is very small, undernourished and undeveloped. Note the mud on the boy's bare feet and legs.

No Jurors For January Session of Wilkes Court

Three-Weeks Term Canceled Except for Hearing Motions and Divorce Suits

Jurors summoned to appear in Wilkesboro for the three-weeks court scheduled to begin Monday, January 17, have been notified not to appear.

Wilkes Bar Association in a meeting Tuesday afternoon decided to postpone trial of cases in which juries would be necessary. The majority of the bar members present reached this decision in view of the fact that so many witnesses are absent from the county and others will not be able to reach court because of illness and weather conditions.

However, court will convene on Monday, January 17, with Judge J. A. Rousseau, of this city, presiding. Motions will be heard and other court business not requiring a jury will be taken up. Uncontested divorce cases may be tried.

Ragusa Hall, historic portion of the town of Ragusa, was reported to be owned by the Ragusa family.

Wilkes District of Boy Scouts Awarded Trophy

Wilkes District Gets Cup At Meeting Of Old Hickory Council On Tuesday

Wilkes district of the Old Hickory council of Boy Scouts of America was awarded the trophy cup for outstanding achievement during 1943.

The award was made on the basis of achievement in the various districts included in the Old Hickory council. Wilkes had an outstanding record, having increased the number of troops from three to nine, organized cubbing, colored Scout troops and carried on an intensive campaign of Scout work in the established troops.

Representing the Wilkes district at the meeting in Winston-Salem were J. B. Carter, James M. Anderson, Gordon Finley, Paul Osborne, Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., and Buster Bush.

Discount Sales Taxes Paid Early

J. R. Rousseau, collector of taxes for the state in this section, calls attention to the fact that a discount of three percent is allowed merchants who pay their sales taxes to the state on time.

Attention is also called to the fact that those who neglected to deduct the discount on a previous return are entitled to the discount provided they will claim it on a future sales tax return.

Mr. Rousseau pointed out that a penalty of five percent, or not less than \$1.00, will be charged to those who do not make sales tax returns by the 15th of each month for business during the preceding month.

Mrs. Nancy Joines Age 98, Succumbs

Funeral services will be held on Friday, 10:30 a. m., at Walnut Grove Baptist church near Pores Knob for Mrs. Nancy Meredith Joines, who died Tuesday at her home in the Pores Knob community.

Mrs. Joines was one of the oldest residents of this part of the state, having reached the age of 98 on January 8.

Mrs. Joines leaves three sons and six daughters as follows: Tom, Leola and Cal Joines, Mrs. Sis Joines, Mrs. Mary Long, Mrs. Joe Joines, Mrs. Verna Long, Mrs. Victoria Joines and Mrs. Martha Gambill.

Captured German Helmet At Bank Of N. Wilkesboro

The Bank of North Wilkesboro has on display a German helmet which was taken from a burned German tank during the Tunisian campaign. The helmet was sent to W. D. Halfacre, War Loan chairman for Wilkes county, and who is vice president of the bank.

Merchants To Get Ration Tokens To Be Used for Stamps

Application Blanks for Tokens to Cover Inventory At Board Offices

Merchants in Wilkes county who have not received blanks on which to apply for ration tokens may get them by contacting local rationing board offices in Wilkesboro or North Wilkesboro.

All merchants who handle meats, fats or processed foods will be required to have the tokens before making sales after the effective date, which will be in the latter part of February. In order to determine the amount of tokens needed it will be necessary to have the allowable inventory which can be obtained at the rationing board if the merchant has registered at the proper time. If no retailer's registration has been filed to date, blanks can be obtained from ration board offices, local rationing officials said.

Cadet Honored



Cadet William Henry Todd recently graduated from the Lafayette, La., army air school and was presented with a gift of sterling silver identification bracelet for being one of three outstanding cadets on the list of scholarship students and military training. He is now stationed at Walnut Ridge, Ark., for advanced training as a pilot. Cadet Todd is the son of Mrs. P. D. McGinnis and the late W. A. Todd, of North Wilkesboro, and before entering the army was employed at Bell's Department Store.

USES Office Has A Good Record In Filling Jobs

North Wilkesboro Employment Office Placed 1,910 On Jobs In 1943

Local branch of the U. S. Employment service made a total of 1,910 job placements during 1943, according to a report released by Mrs. Kathryn A. Lott, manager.

Under stepped-up war conditions, the office had a most active year, devoting much time to supplying labor for vital war work.

The stabilization program which went into effect in May added much to the duties of the office. A total of 3,285 persons requested statements of availability. Of that number 3,121 were granted and 164 were denied. The denials were due chiefly to the persons making the requests being needed on local jobs.

During the year a total of 18,566 persons called at the office. Unemployment compensation claims dropped sharply during the year. There were only 1,538 claims as compared to 9,024 during the year 1942.

Commenting on the report of the activities for the year, Mrs. Lott said: "We feel proud of our record and our contribution to the nation's war program. May we exceed that record during 1944 with an all-out effort toward Victory."

John E. Justice Head of Important Scouting Committee

In publishing the list of Scout committees for the Wilkes district, the name of John E. Justice, Jr., was inadvertently omitted from the list which appeared in The Journal-Patriot Monday. Mr. Justice is chairman of the Health, Safety and Camping Activities committee for the district. The list as furnished The Journal-Patriot was correct and contained the name of Mr. Justice, which was omitted through typographical error.

School Attendance Here 91 Per Cent

In spite of flu and bad weather, attendance at North Wilkesboro schools this month has been up to par, it was learned today from the office of Paul S. Cragan, superintendent.

Attendance last week was 91 per cent, which is not considered low for the middle of the winter season. This week's average attendance is expected to be about the same.

According to reports from the school, there have been a great number of children absent on account of flu or other illness.