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AAA Benefits Cited



On Sea Duty

William Barney Mathis, fireman second class, is now on sea duty, according to letters received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Mathis, of the Clingman community. He entered the navy in September, 1943, and was in training at Bainbridge, Md., and Norfolk, Va.

Boy Scouts will not make their scrap paper canvass in North Wilkesboro again until Saturday, March 18. During the past month they have canvassed the homes of the city each Saturday and have carried out a very successful campaign, which will be continued with a house-to-house canvass every other Saturday. All are urged to save all scrap paper and place it on front porches on the Saturdays when the Scouts make their canvass. In the meantime, all who have paper on hand and who wish to dispose of it immediately are asked to call Gordon Finley at Wilkesboro Manufacturing company.

Survey Of Price Control Will Be Started Monday

Price Panel Representatives Will Conduct Survey of Every Food Store

A drive to mobilize price control forces among retailers and consumers in Wilkes county will be launched March 13th under the direction of the local war price and rationing board, W. H. H. Waugh, chairman, announced today. The program calls for about 35 (Continued on page four)

RATION NEWS

LARD—Now ration free.
SUGAR—Sugar stamp 30 (book four) good for five lbs. indefinitely. Sugar stamp No. 31 (book four) good for five pounds, becomes valid April 1. Sugar stamp No. 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar until February 28, 1945.
SHOES—Stamp No. 18 (book one) expires April 30. Airplane stamp No. 1 (book three) valid indefinitely. Another shoe stamp, yet to be designated, will become valid May 1.
GASOLINE—Coupons No. 9 in A book good for three gallons became effective Feb. 9 and will expire May 8.
PROCESSED FOODS—Green K, L and M (Book 4) expire March 30. Blue A-3 through B-3 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens; expire May 30.
MEATS AND FATS—Brown Y and Z (Book 3) expire March 30. Red A-3, B-3, C-3 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens; expire May 30. (Red D-3, B-3 become valid March 12; expire May 30).

Report Given In Luncheon Meet Here On Monday

Farmers Receive Many Benefits Through Triple A In Wilkes

Farmers of Wilkes county will receive approximately \$125,000 through the Triple A program this year, according to the report from H. C. Roberts, chairman of the Triple A committee for the county.

Interesting information about the Triple A program in the county was given at a luncheon Monday noon at Hotel Wilkes by S. L. Turner, executive secretary of the Triple A.

Those attending the luncheon were Mr. Turner, Triple A secretary; Paul J. Vestal, chairman of the county board of commissioners; H. C. Roberts, W. M. Absher and J. A. Poplin, who compose the county Triple A committee; J. Mack Reavis, county accountant; and Dwight Nichols, editor of The Journal-Patriot.

The Triple A now is mainly interested in promoting the war effort to the fullest possible extent, especially in the production of food and feed.

The report of Mr. Roberts to the board of commissioners gives a comprehensive, although brief, resume of Triple A activities. His report follows:

TO THE HONORABLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WILKES COUNTY:

In order that you may have a clearer understanding of the activities of the Agricultural Conservation program in Wilkes county, we are submitting herewith a report of these activities during the past year, together with figures for previous years which may be used in comparison.

As you know, the AAA has been operating in Wilkes county for more than ten years, during which time it has sought to preserve our most valuable resources, the productive soil, and to maintain farm income by adjusting production. Now that we are at war, the primary objectives of the program are: (1) To effect immediate increases in the production of those food, feed, and fiber crops necessary to win the war; (2) To maintain the productivity of the soil in order that maximum production may be obtained from each acre of land as long as necessary during the war and in the post-war period; and (3) To conserve our soil resources for future generations by protecting it against erosion and replacing the life-giving plant food removed each crop year.

To attain these objectives, the AAA has adopted certain farming practices, as recommended by farmers through county and state AAA committees, designed to increase production and, at the same time, maintain productivity of the soil. The extent to which these practices have been carried out by Wilkes county farmers is the basis for this report. For carrying out these practices, farmers in Wilkes county will receive approximately \$120,296.47 under the 1944 AAA program. They will also receive approximately \$4,294.92 in special crop payments. Applications for payment now are being executed by individual farmers. This figure includes the costs of conservation materials obtained by farmers in lieu of cash payments. It may be noted that the cost of administering this program in Wilkes county during 1943 was only \$11,970.37, which includes payments for services of duly elected county and community committees and office personnel chosen by them.

The report of these practices since 1936 is as follows: 1936-30 average — Limestone: 1,994 tons; phosphate, 74.9 tons; green manure crops, 8,959 tons; (Continued on page four)

WILKES MAN IN GERMAN PRISON CAMP APPRECIATES WORK DONE BY WILLING RED CROSS GROUPS

A special food package from the Red Cross was very much appreciated by Pfc. Thornton Staley, Wilkes man who is a war prisoner in Germany. In a letter to his sister, Mrs. Gwynn Eller, Pfc. Staley did not fail to mention the special food package, along with letters he had received from home. His letter, dated at the prison

In California



Pfc. Henry Clay Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Adams, of Brushy Mountain township, was recently promoted to his present rank. Pfc. Adams entered service June 22 at Fort Bragg and was transferred to Camp Haan, California. Recently he was home on a 15-day furlough.

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At Camp Wheeler



Pvt. Robert F. Shoemaker is taking training with an infantry regiment at Camp Wheeler, Ga. Before entering service he held a position with Horton Drug Company in North Wilkesboro.

U. S. BOLSTERS ITS POSITIONS; BOMB KURILES

Ineffectual Japanese attempts to seize the offensive in the battles for Los Negros Islands in the Admiralty group were battered down by American troops who have killed at least 2,500 of the defending garrison. General Douglas MacArthur reported today.

A more powerful attempt by a strong force of Japanese moving out from Talasea failed to keep United States Marines from consolidating their newest beachhead on Northern New Britain. The enemy counterthrust from Talasea came Monday night against marines who landed five miles away on Williams Peninsula, less than 170 miles from Rabaul.

Many cities in South Africa are advocating half holidays on general election days.

camp December 26, was received here last week. Text of the letter was as follows: "Your letters of August 10 and 24 were a treat the night before Christmas. I am in good health. Had a special food package from Red Cross for Christmas. I've seen no one since I was taken prisoner from closer home than Mecklenburg county".

Killed In Action



St. Sgt. Painter Killed In Action In Burma Crash

Wilkes Man Killed In Action Against Japs; Parents Get Official Notice

St. Sgt. Lloyd J. Painter, age 23, was killed in action in Burma on February 25. Official notice that St. Sgt. (Continued on page four)

Good Reports Are Received From Some Divisions

Amount Received To Date Is Only A Start Toward \$18,200 Quota

Wilkes Red Cross leaders today urged that all workers in the War Fund campaign complete their canvasses as early as possible and turn in their reports.

In some sections excellent work has been accomplished and almost one-fourth of the quota has been turned in.

However, several substantial amounts from industrial groups and solicitors are near completion and will increase the total materially.

The quota for the county is \$18,200 and much work remains to be done before all people are contacted and the campaign is completed.

Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., War Fund chairman, stated today that a most excellent report has been received from Wilkesboro. Rev. Howard J. Ford, Wilkesboro chairman, reported that the canvass of Wilkesboro had been completed and that results were very encouraging. (Continued on page four)

Wounded



Gunnery Sergeant S. O. Patterson, brother of Pat Patterson, manager of Pat's Place Cafe here, has been seriously wounded in combat against the Japs. Sgt. Patterson, a machine gun instructor, has a record of 26 years in the marine corps and is a veteran of many engagements.

Stress YMCA Need

Home With Bride



Sgt. Harold Proffit, who is spending several days at home on furlough route one after 81 months in the Caribbean area, is shown here with his bride, the former Miss Meneta Wellborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wellborn, of Manchester, Md., and formerly of Mt. Zion. Sgt. Proffit is the son of Mrs. A. J. Proffit, of Paricar.

What is the greatest need of Wilkes county? A flood control dam... a more highly developed poultry industry... more lime, legumes and live stock... better cooperation among the business men... more industries... better support of the churches... a larger donation for the Red Cross... a higher sale of War Bonds... a better environment for boys and girls to grow into dependable, well balanced citizens? Yes—Wilkes county needs all of them, but if she has that "better environment", won't, eventually, "all these things he added unto" her?

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Out of the huge fleet 38 bombers and 16 fighters were lost, but the escorting planes alone knocked down 83 enemy aircraft, gunners aboard the bombers destroyed others yet untabulated.

The communique named the Erkner ball-bearing factory in an eastern Berlin suburb as one of the primary targets for "a concentrated attack by divisions of B-17 Flying Fortresses and B-24 Liberators of the Eighth Air Forces" and said that other industrial and military targets in the capital area also were bombed.

Ten thousand high explosive bombs and 350,000 incendiaries were cascaded down upon the ruined capital, the communique disclosed, and this devastating load was estimated at approximately 2,000 tons.

Child Killed When Lightning Strikes Home On Monday

Home Of C. H. Baker Near Wilkesboro Almost Demolished Monday Night

Wade DeForest Baker, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Baker, was instantly killed Monday night when lightning struck the Baker home in the Brown's Ford community west of Wilkesboro.

Lightning almost demolished the residence of Mr. Baker. The child was struck in the face by a piece of flying timber in the house and died instantly. Travis Bernard Baker, other child of Mr. and Mrs. Baker, was injured but recovered. He received burns on one foot.

Windows were thrown from the house, large holes were torn in the walls and the roof was partially torn from the building. Mrs. Baker was not injured. Mr. Baker was away at work.

Funeral services for the child was held Wednesday afternoon at Shady Grove church with Rev. Isaac Watts in charge. Burial was in the Mount Pleasant cemetery.

Young People In Meeting Sunday Begin Movement

Charter Will Be Secured and Donations Can Be Received

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A Y. M. C. A. is frequently started at a mass meeting of responsible citizens who then elect 12 of their members to act as a board of directors who formulate policies to fit conditions. Mr. McKnight suggested that a competent lawyer be included for the obvious purpose of keeping them on the straight and narrow legal path. The organization is then usually incorporated to afford certain legal protection to those (Continued on page four)

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Draft Dodger Gets Three Years In Pen

Silas Edgar Hutchison, of Traphill, Gets Sentence At Rockingham

Silas Edgar Hutchison, 20-year-old resident of the Traphill community, was sentenced in federal court Tuesday to three years in a federal penitentiary for failure to report for induction into the armed forces.

The case was tried in Middle District federal court at Rockingham before Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkesboro, who passed sentence on Hutchison.

Sam Ogilvie, clerk to Selective Service board number two in Wilkes, was a witness for the government in the case. He testified that Hutchison had failed to report for induction as ordered through the Selective Service board.

Missing In Action



Pvt. Fred L. Chandler, of Wilkesboro route one, is reported missing in action since January 23 in Italy. Pfc. Chandler is a son of Cpl. Arthur L. Chandler, of Winston-Salem.

Band Instruments Wanted For Men Of Armed Forces

North Wilkesboro Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Is Serving As Collecting Agency

Wanted—musical instruments for our fighting men! In response to a request from the Army, a campaign to round up all those banjos, saxophones, and other musical instruments that are lying forgotten in closets and attics will begin here on March 13. It will run for two weeks.

The variety of instruments wanted is unlimited, except that pianos, and bull fiddles are excluded because of their size, and phonographs because of a lack of facilities for keeping them in repair at the front.

Instruments collected in this nation-wide drive will enable the soldiers in all parts of the world to form orchestras to entertain themselves and their camp buddies. It will also enable them to engage in less formal musical recreation like gathering around in the evening and singing to the accompaniment of a banjo, harmonica, or other instrument.

Because of their distribution facilities the army has asked the Coca-Cola bottlers all over the country to act as collecting agents for this drive. Any person who has any idle musical instruments is asked to take them to any grocery store, filling station, drug store, or other place that sells bottled "Coca-Cola." The bottling company's trucks will pick them up there and ship them immediately to the Army for distribution at army camps all over the world.

"There are hundreds, if not thousands, of these instruments hidden away and forgotten in the closets and attics of homes in this area," said W. A. McNeil, president of the North Wilkesboro Coca-Cola Bottling company. The American soldier loves his music, but he particularly likes to make his own. Through this campaign, we shall be able to help make his life in camp and at the fronts a happier one".

SOVIETS GAIN TOWARD VITAL RAIL JUNCTION

The Soviet First Ukrainian Army hurled back repeated counterattacks by reinforced German infantry and tanks yesterday and advanced along the north bank of the Upper Bug River to within seven miles northwest of the key junction of Proskurov on the Odessa-Lwow railroad by capturing the town of Grushavitsa, 59 miles north of the Rumanian border.

Attacking toward Proskurov and the railroad on a curving 60-mile front, the Russians also penetrated the outskirts of Starokonstantinov, German stronghold 24 miles northeast of Proskurov, Moscow's broadcast communique said fierce fighting is now in progress for that town of 16,300 at the top of a German salient extending northward into the Russian lines.

Under Nazi pressure Dutch cities are contracting huge loans to maintain municipal services.