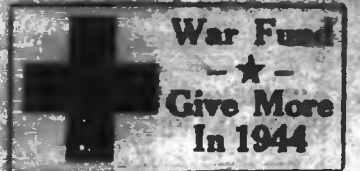


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Enemy Blasted On For Flung Fronts

HEAVY BOMB LOAD SPREAD OVER WEWAK

American bombers struck a new atoll in the Central Pacific Caroline Islands within 200 miles of vaunted Truk and blasted Wewak, last major Japanese stronghold on the Bismarck Sea, for the first straight day.

Druk, newest target in the Carolines, has no obvious military significance but the attack, made midway between the fortresses of Truk and Ponape, was a further demonstration of Japan's weakening position in the Central Pacific.

Thirty Japanese interceptors roared up from Wewak's air bases to stave off the attack on the northeast New Guinea base. Eight were shot down.

NAZIS FIGHT MIRACULOUSLY AFTER ATTACK

Cassino was demolished yesterday by American air power and last night Allied infantry supported by tanks fought through the flaming, smoking rubble of the town against German snipers and machine-gunners who had miraculously survived the greatest aerial attack of the war.

American and British ground troops moved into what was left of the stubbornly-defended town after the fall of the U. S. Air Forces in the Mediterranean was turned loss on the objective, beginning just after daybreak yesterday.

Warn Motorists To Purchase '44 City Auto Tags

Records show that there are a number of motorists in North Wilkesboro who have not purchased town auto license for 1944.

Police Chief J. E. Walker said today that the law requires purchase and display of the license plates and that those who do not comply with the law immediately may expect to be cited to court.

The town tags are sold by the Carolina Motor club office on Ninth street.

James H. Triplett Last Rites Today

James H. Triplett, age 82, well known resident of Elk township, died at his home Wednesday. Funeral service was held today, two p. m., at Mount Zion church, with Rev. Ed Hodges in charge of the service.

Surviving, Mr. Triplett are his wife, Mrs. Alice Triplett, and two sons, Mathie Triplett, of Purlear, and J. E. Triplett, of Hendrix.

Perhaps the talk is trivial. Well, lets keep it so. Better discuss the weather. Than where our tropes will go!

At Bainbridge



W. L. Knight was recently promoted to his present rank at Bainbridge, Md., where he is now stationed. Last week he was called to his home on North Wilkesboro route one because of the serious illness of his son, Richard, who suffered an attack of pneumonia. He returned to the navy in January this

Policemen Know Spring's Here

Regardless of what the calendar may say, spring is here. Police Chief J. E. Walker knows it's spring because the people have begun complaining about their neighbors' chickens.

And Chief Walker makes his annual warning to all poultrymen in North Wilkesboro, amateurs or professionals, that chickens must be confined and cannot lawfully run loose and damage gardens.

Father of Mrs. W. F. Gaddy Passes Away

Mr. D. A. Hudson, 67, father of Mrs. W. F. Gaddy, of this city, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Virgil Whitley, in Albemarle, yesterday morning. Mr. Hudson was ill only a few days. Mrs. Gaddy was summoned to his bedside Tuesday and was present at the time of his death.

In addition to Mrs. Gaddy, three sons and four daughters also survive.

The funeral was held at Silver Springs Baptist church this afternoon at four o'clock, interment following afterward in the church cemetery nearby.

Mr. Gaddy and sons, Frederick and Jack and daughter, Geraldine, Mrs. Ivey Moore, Mrs. Faye Hulet, and Mr. R. R. Church attended the funeral and burial services.

SIXTEEN BOYS PASS AIR CORPS TEST AT SCHOOL

Local Students Make Excellent Showing On Examination Given By The Army

Sixteen boys in North Wilkesboro high school passed the army air corps examination given recently, it was learned today from Paul S. Cragan, superintendent. The test was given by Lt. L. T. Crozier and the number of boys making passing grades was considered outstanding. There were eight seniors, six juniors, one sophomore and one freshman.

Students passing the examination were Tal S. Barnes, William Elber Casey, Eddie Allen Caudill, Ralph B. Church, James Richard Hix, Pat Murphy Hunt, Jay Johnson, Jr., Edwin Long, Tom Finley Neelson, Robert Davis, Charlie Gilreath, Sloan Hill, J. C. Pardue, Dick Underwood, Thomas Whicker and Wayne Wilson.

4-H CLUBS ARE MOBILIZED FOR VICTORY WORK

By ANNIE H. GREENE, home demonstration agent; J. B. SNIPES, county agent; H. C. COLVARD, J. E. ROLLINS, assistant county agents.

At the present time we have 1,700,000 4-H Club boys and girls to do club work in the nation. During this National 4-H Club campaign which is being launched all over the nation, it is hoped that the enrollment will reach 2,000,000.

We hope that each old and new 4-H Club member will produce enough food to feed one boy or girl who has gone into the armed forces from Wilkes county.

Listed below are the goals set up for the boys and girls to work toward:

Conduct a Meat Animal Project which will produce 1300 pounds of meat. Either of the following shall be sufficient:

1. Feed 2 baby beef animals.
 2. Feed 6 pigs.
 3. Feed 16 lambs.
- Grow 300 broilers to 2-1/2 lbs., or a total of 750 pounds.
Care for 50 hens that will produce 470 dozen eggs.
Feed and handle one milk cow which will produce 5500 pounds of milk.
Grow 113 bushels of corn.
Grow 110 bushels of tomatoes.
Grow 135 bushels of sweet potatoes.
Grow 135 bushels of Irish potatoes.
Produce 270 gallons of cane syrup.
Grow one acre of mixed vegetables.

In California



Pvt. John R. Eller has returned to Ford Ord, California, after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Eller, of Hendrix. Pvt. Eller entered the army in September, 1943, and received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala.

GRANGE AND FCX HAVE MEETING IN CITY THURSDAY

Addresses By Harry B. Caldwell and M. G. Mann Feature Meet Here

Wilkes county Grange and Farmers Cooperative Exchange held a most interesting meeting Thursday afternoon at the North Wilkesboro town hall.

Featuring the meeting were addresses by Harry B. Caldwell, master of the North Carolina State Grange, and M. G. Mann, general manager of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange in North Carolina.

Mr. Caldwell spoke mainly of food and feed goals to meet wartime needs and the need for price adjustments in order that farmers may realize just returns from their labor. Mr. Caldwell in recent months has spent much time in behalf of the farmers, acting as a special representative to secure price adjustments favoring greater farm income.

Mr. Mann highly complimented the record of the FCX store since it was established here, citing the rapid growth in volume of business during the past year.

He also pointed out that the state FCX had done more than \$13,000,000 volume of business during the past year. He told of the combining of seven eastern and midwestern cooperatives which resulted in a total purchasing power of \$350,000,000.

C. F. Jones, manager of the FCX store here, was secretary at the meeting.

An advisory board for the Wilkes FCX was elected as follows: T. J. McNeill, of Roaring River; T. W. Ferguson, of Ferguson; W. M. Absher, of Halls Mills; W. H. H. Waugh, of North Wilkesboro; J. M. Gorman, of Boomer; J. W. Nichols, of Wilkesboro route one; and J. W. Hurt, of Ronda. J. B. Snipes, Wilkes county agent, talked briefly and urged larger membership in the Grange in Wilkes county.

Gets Promotion



Wayne Elledge, aviation ordnance mate third class, who is stationed at the air station at Banana River, Florida, was recently advanced from rating of seaman first class to his present petty officer rank upon completion of the required examination. He entered the navy on May 15, 1943, and was sent to Jacksonville, Florida, for training. After graduation from the naval air technical center there he was transferred to his present station, and has been on duty as a gunnery instructor in the ground training department. He is doing well, and sends greetings to all the people of

N.B. Smithey Again Heads Republicans

County Convention Endorses Dewey Candidacy

Republicans of Wilkes county in convention Wednesday re-elected N. B. Smithey as county chairman, endorsed Attorney J. H. Whicker, Sr., as candidate for congress from the eighth district, named delegates to the state convention and endorsed New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey for presidency.

The convention, featured by attendance of party leaders from all parts of the county and complete party harmony, met at 10:30. Chairman N. B. Smithey opened the convention and named Attorney J. H. Whicker, Sr., chairman, T. E. Story and Dwight Nichols as convention secretaries.

The chairman named J. W. Robbins, W. B. Somers and T. J. Frazier as a committee to nominate delegates to the state convention. On the credentials committee he named P. E. Brown, Attorney John R. Jones and J. B. Norris.

Republicans from Wilkes who may attend were authorized as delegates to the congressional convention meeting in Lexington Wednesday afternoon and to the state senatorial convention, date for which has not been set.

T. J. Frazier, of North Wilkesboro, presented a resolution for the convention to go on record as endorsing Dewey for the Republican nomination for president. The resolution carried by unanimous vote.

Attorney John R. Jones placed the name of N. B. Smithey before the convention for re-election as chairman of the Republican executive committee, highly praising the record of Mr. Smithey as head of the party during the past eight years. P. E. Brown, who seconded the nomination, also paid high (See Republicans, Page 12)

Eighth District G. O. P.'s Name B. C. Brock

Lexington. — B. C. Brock, Mocksville lawyer and farmer who has served three terms in the House and four in the Senate of the State Legislature, was nominated for Congress by the Eighth District Republican Convention here yesterday.

C. M. Wall, Sr., of Lexington and D. B. Harding of Yadkinville were elected delegates to the national convention, with Dr. A. D. Barber of Sanford and T. R. Bryan of Wilkesboro alternates. D. J. Lybrook of Davie county was named elector-at-large.

These were chosen members of the State Executive Committee; J. T. Jackson and J. B. Payne, Davidson; R. B. Alexander, Davie; C. R. Hall, Lee; Coy S. Lewis, Moore; A. M. Snider, Richmond; P. E. Brown and Mrs. W. B. Somers, Wilkes, and T. C. Prim, Yadkin.

RATION NEWS

SUGAR—The expiration date of March 31, 1944, originally set for stamp 30 is removed. Reasonable notice will be given when expiration date is set for stamp 30 and also 31 that becomes valid on April 1 for 5 pounds of sugar.

LARD—The release of lard from rationing refers only to hog lard and not to the compounds on the market.

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 20. Blue A-8 through E-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 20. Red A-8, B-8, C-8 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens; expire May 30. (Red B-8, B-4 become valid March 13; expire May 30.)

In Rhode Island



Robert W. Edwards, seaman second class, was advanced to his present rank on completion of boot training at Bainbridge, Md. Recently he spent a leave with his wife and two sons at their home in the Edgewood community. Seaman Elledge, son of Mrs. W. S. Elledge, of Ronda, and the late Rev. W. S. Edwards, is now stationed at Newport, R. I. Before entering service he was a deputy sheriff of Wilkes county.

DIRECTORS OF Y. M. C. A. ARE NAMED

On Sunday afternoon, March 12, several men, a good representation of the civic clubs, churches, and fraternities of this community, met with several young men of the Interdenominational Young Peoples Council at the Reins-Sturdivant Chapel. The meeting had been called by Bill Gabriel, president of the young people's group, and the object was to nominate a board of directors of the proposed Y. M. C. A. and to make further plans for the mass meeting which has been called for April 2nd in the Town Hall.

Although this meeting was actually serving as a nominating committee, it was felt that better results could be obtained in a shorter time if a smaller group would first select a list of names from which the larger group could then choose the board. Accordingly five men went into a huddle for about 45 minutes and returned with a list of about 40 names. The following day those men receiving the highest number of votes expressed their willingness to serve the youth of their community as directors of the YMCA.

These men are: Dr. F. C. Hubbard, R. G. Finley, J. B. Carter, Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, Jack Swoford, Paul Osborne, Bill Sturdivant, Carl VanDeman, Jimmy Anderson, Boyd Stout, A. F. Kilby, Robert Gibbs, Edd Gardner, Vernon Deal, and Bill Absher.

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\$5.00 PRIZE OFFERED FOR BEST SUGGESTIONS ON RECREATIONAL NEEDS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE HERE

The Boys and Girls committee of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club has given considerable time and thought through the years to greater opportunities for wholesome recreation for the young people in this section. After investigating many possibilities, they have come to the conclusion that the Y. M. C. A. organization, set up to serve young women and well as young men, might be the best means of serving this purpose. However, they feel that that great organization might do a much better job if the young people themselves had a hand in the planning. They feel that if the wishes and needs of the young people are better known now while the plans are being made that a better understanding may be encouraged from the beginning. With this in mind, they are offering a prize of \$5.00 in war stamps to any young man or woman in Wilkes county under 18 years of age who submits the best suggestions consisting of not more than 100 words, "The Greatest Recreational Needs of the Young People of Wilkes County". The suggestions must be mailed not later than March 28th, 1944, and should be addressed to Mr. Carl VanDeman, North Wilkesboro, N. C. Also please give your full name, mailing address and age.

At Great Lakes



C. B. Brown, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown, of North Wilkesboro route one, is now stationed at the Great Lakes

Red Cross Fund War Now Over \$15,000

Dog Rescued After Eight Days In Well

A Collie dog was rescued from an abandoned well at the old Parasade Cooper homestead near Purlear after being imprisoned in the well for eight days.

Walter Pierce, Ernest Pierce and Edd Pierce rescued the canine, which apparently was a homeless, but beautiful dog, and it is now making its home at the premises of Ernest Pierce, one of his rescuers.

The dog evidently had spent most of its time in a cave-like cavity caused by a cove-in on one side of the well. It greeted its rescuer, who was let down by a rope and windlass, with humble whining.

Armfield Bauguss Freed On Charge Gilreath Murder

Jury Returns Not Guilty Verdict In Wilkes Court Tuesday

Armfield Bauguss was acquitted in Wilkes court Tuesday on the charge of killing Arnold Gilreath, of this city, at the Bauguss home near Traphill on Sunday, November 28, 1943.

The state was unable to produce convincing evidence against Bauguss, who had admitted on the night following the death of Gilreath that he killed Gilreath but claimed it was an accident.

Reports of the slaying as gathered by officers from Bauguss at that time was that Gilreath, in company with Clate Riggs, went to the Bauguss home and Riggs purchased a gallon of liquor. An argument over payment for the liquor ensued and Bauguss told that while going around a car with a gun in his hand and while looking for Riggs to try to make him pay for the liquor, he ran into Gilreath and his gun accidentally discharged.

However, there was little evidence introduced at the trial. Riggs was the principal witness. He said he was in the car and that he did not see Bauguss shoot Gilreath.

The defendant, represented by Attorney Eugene Trivette, of this city, and J. E. Holzouser, of Boone, offered no testimony. Solicitor Avalon E. Hall prosecuted the case.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty after short deliberation.

In 1818 about 40 tons of abaca were imported into the U. S., and the plant soon became the leading export of the Philippines.

Never in our history has idle talk helped to win a war!

But \$3,000 More Needed to Reach Goal For County

Extra Effort To Contact All People For Donations Urgently Asked

Red Cross War Fund in Wilkes county has passed the \$15,000 mark but \$3,000 yet remains to be raised to reach the county's quota of \$18,000.

Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., War Fund chairman, stated today that the larger gifts are practically all in and that the remainder of the quota must come from donations by individuals.

The chairman urged that workers make a special effort to contact every individual and he asked that all make their contributions as liberal as possible because of the great need for increased Red Cross funds to be used for the benefit of service men throughout the world.

Canvass of all parts of North Wilkesboro should now be completed, Red Cross leaders said today, and rural workers are urged to make a thorough canvass of all the people, even if it takes through next week to complete the job.

The amounts turned in to the Red Cross office includes the report of the special gifts committee, practically all of the industrial groups and the funds raised in the canvass of business districts. The Wilkesboro canvass, including residential and business, was completed very successfully during the early days of the campaign.

Rodent Campaign Now Under Way In Wilkesboro

Rat Eradication Work To Be Done In North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro

Rat eradication campaign in North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro got under way today.

Dr. L. C. Whitehead, of the department of agriculture, arrived yesterday and work has begun on the campaign to kill all the rodents in this community.

The project was originally designed for North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro has also joined in the campaign. North Wilkesboro city council appropriated \$200 as part of the cost here and the balance of the estimated \$500 cost is being raised by private donations.

Several hundred pounds of bait poison for rats has been secured and will be distributed throughout the two towns. Excellent results have been secured by similar campaigns in many towns and communities, Dr. Whitehead said.

Bible Class to Meet With Geo. P. Johnson

The Men's Bible Class of the Wilkesboro Baptist Sunday school will hold its regular meeting for March Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the home of George P. Johnson. All members are requested to attend.

Visits Home



Pvt. Monroe Williams has returned to Camp McCain, Miss., after spending a seven-day furlough with his wife, the former Miss Inez Call, and son, Charlie, and his mother, Mrs. Katie Williams, of Wilkesboro route two.