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State Councilor Speaker Ladies' Night Banquet

Over 100 Juniors and Guests
Enjoy Banquet Meeting
Held Tuesday Night

"The enduring strength of any structure depends on the quality of the foundation upon which it rests," Clyde A. Shreve, of Stokesdale, councilor of the Junior Order in North Carolina, told members of the North Wilkesboro council of the order and guests Tuesday night in the annual Ladies Night banquet in the lodge hall.

Address of the state councilor was centered around the three basic principles of the Junior Order: Virtue, Liberty and Patriotism.

The banquet was one of the most largely attended in the history of the council, there being more than 100 Juniors and guests present.

G. B. Eller was toastmaster for the occasion and following a splendid dinner served by the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club with assistance of Girl Scouts, Mr. Eller presented Miss Helen Hensley, a graduate of the Junior Order Children's home at Lexington who is now commercial teacher at Mount Pleasant high school. Miss Hensley spoke interestingly of the training given children at the Lexington home, and how the training and instruction received enabled the children to successfully face life's problems.

Miss Hensley was followed by Robert Bruton, superintendent of the Lexington Home, whose subject was "Work of the Lexington Children's Home". In his introductory remarks, Mr. Bruton talked of "Juvenile Delinquency", saying that delinquency on the part of parents makes children wayward. Post war planning at the Lexington home, he said, is planning to make the best possible citizens of the children who are admitted to the home. He stressed the vital necessity of the proper environment for children whose characters are forming as a continual process.

Mr. Eller then introduced the State Councilor, pointing out that under his leadership the North Carolina council is one of the few among the states showing a gain in membership last year under war time conditions.

The speaker opened his address with the assertion that a gathering such as the banquet could not happen in most of the nations of the world, giving evidence to one of the many freedoms Americans enjoy. Founders of the Junior Order, he said, created a medium by which the foundations on which America is based could be preserved and strengthened. He pointed out how the three principles of the fraternity—virtue, liberty and patriotism—inspire men to live lives which add to the sum total of human happiness. He urged on the part of members that they have an enduring love and devotion for their country, not only in war, but in peace as well, and that the safeguards of freedom be ever preserved.

Address of State Councilor Shreve was received with rapt interest.

Rationing Board Offices Not Open 3rd Day of Month

Announcement was made today that both rationing board offices will be closed to the public on Monday, April 3, and will be closed on the third day of each month hereafter in order to get off the voluminous reports required.

At Fort Bragg



Pvt. Frank Lee Rainwater, left Tuesday, March 21st, to serve in the armed forces. He is now stationed at Fort Bragg. Pvt. Rainwater has been in business for the past two years in North Wilkesboro. His many friends will be glad to hear his studio will remain open Friday and Saturday.

Has Recovered



Pvt. Hansford T. Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Church, of Millers Creek, and husband of the former Miss Cora Pruitt, recently has been home on furlough and has returned to Camp Wolters, Texas, where he has been stationed since he entered the army in January, 1944. He has just recovered from an attack of pneumonia.

RENEW NOW!

If your subscription label on your Journal-Patriot read 4-44 that means that your subscription will expire on April 1, 1944.

In accordance with the law and with the paid-in-advance policy in force since January 1, all subscriptions with a date of 4-44 will be removed from the list April 1 unless renewed before that date.

Boy Scouts Will Collect Paper On Saturday, Apr. 1

Boy Scouts in North Wilkesboro will continue their scrap paper salvage campaign with a house-to-house canvass on Saturday, April 1.

People of the city who have paper they wish to give the Scouts in this war effort project are asked to tie the paper in bundles and place it on their front porches Saturday. Those who have quantities of paper they wish to dispose of at any time other than during the regular canvass are asked to call Gordon Finley at Wilkesboro Manufacturing company, telephone number 7.

People in rural communities who have paper they wish to give to the war effort may leave it with Mr. Finley, who is Scout commissioner, at the Wilkesboro Manufacturing company at any time. To date the Boy Scouts have collected approximately 12 tons of scrap paper.

Colored Men Go For Examination

On Tuesday Wilkes Selective Service board number two sent the following colored men to the induction center for examination for military service:

George Parks
James Monroe Turner
Troy Patterson
Victor Ford Dennis
Fred Roberts
Marvin Garland Grier
Willard Wilfred Harris
James Little
Donald Venson Adams
Robert Brown
James Eugene Brown
Raymond Bailey
Howard Samuel Turner
Caswell Harris Watkins
Gerald Ander Watkins

U. B. Walters Is Taken By Death

U. B. Walters, age 63, Wilkes native who for several years was engaged in the clothing business here, died Thursday at his home in Oxford, Pa. News of his death was received here by his brother, R. E. Walters.

Mr. Walters was born and reared in the Dockery community, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Walters. He was in business in North Wilkesboro for several years before going to Oxford, Pa., 14 years ago. There he had operated a dairy farm.

Mr. Walters is survived by his wife, the former Miss Ursula Ashkettle, four sons and one daughter: Paris, Burette, Vernon, Roby and Winona Walters.

5,000 Japs Killed

GATEWAY CITY TO BALKANS IS UNDER ATTACK

The Red Army yesterday smashed over the upper Prut River and into the outskirts of the Balkan gateway city of Cernauti, while 42 miles to the northwest in old Poland a Soviet tank and infantry spearhead cut the Bucharest-Lwow railroad, last direct German rail link to Cernauti and the entire southern front.

Veteran troops of Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First Ukrainian Army making the first Soviet crossing of the Prut, swept into the northern and western outskirts of Cernauti and began fighting the partially isolated German garrison in the third largest city of prewar Rumania, Moscow's communiques announced. The bulletins said the Russians were inflicting heavy losses on the Germans in the suburban street battles.

Rural Division Is Short Of Quota Red Cross Funds

All Divisions Reach Quota Except Rural Groups; County Over Top

Wilkes Red Cross War Fund has reached \$19,869.24, it was learned today from Red Cross headquarters.

All divisions of the very successful campaign have exceeded the quotas set except the rural division, which remains about \$1,500 short.

A special appeal is made for any people in the county who were not contacted in the solicitation to mail or bring a contribution. Letters may be addressed to the Wilkes chapter of the Red Cross, North Wilkesboro.

The quota for the county was \$18,200, which has been exceeded by \$1,669.24. However, Red Cross needs are great and chapter leaders earnestly ask that every person who can have a part in raising the war fund this year.

State Guard Week Is Being Observed

Men Needed To Raise Numerical Strength of Unit To Required Number

This is state guard week in North Carolina by proclamation of Governor J. M. Broughton, and locally by Mayor R. T. McNeil.

The State Guard company here needs a number of men to fill vacancies caused by men going into service. The company must have several men immediately to keep the company's numerical strength up to requirements.

The State Guard was organized to afford protection on the home front, and it is vital that the organization be maintained.

Any officer of the local company will accept applications for membership from men ages 18 to 60. The company meets every Monday night in the rooms over Rexall Drug company.

Now In England



Birthday greetings are being sent to Pfc. Archie W. Laws somewhere in England by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Laws, of Parsonsville. Pfc. Laws will reach his 25th birthday on April 20. He has been in the army three years.

WAVE Promoted



Iris O. Hamby, specialist third class, has recently been promoted to her present rank. She is stationed in Washington, D. C., after completing boot training at Hunter College, New York. Miss Hamby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hamby, of Purlear route one, has been in the WAVES nine months.

TRAPPED JAP FORCES FACING QUICK DEATH

Violent death for thousands more Japanese in the next few days in Burma and Bougainville from the entrapment and a suicidal quest for glory was predicted today by American commanders.

Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell reported his Chinese forces had trapped 1,000 Nipponese soldiers in a goose-egg shaped sector of Mogaung Valley in Northern Burma by looping through the jungles. The Chinese came out on the main road behind the enemy forces which had been stubbornly resisting frontal attacks for a week.

"I can't conceive of the Japs lasting more than ten days longer on Bougainville", said Major General Robert S. Beightler of Columbus, Ohio, commander of the 37th Division. "They're already unimportant as a fighting force."

He estimates that conservatively 5,000 Japanese have died in futile, glory-seeking attacks on that Northern Solomon island. Another ranking officer estimated 20,000 were left.

Y. M. C. A. PLANNING MEETING IS TO BE HELD AT TOWN HALL ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK

Large Attendance Urged; Needs and Resources Locally to Be Determined

"There is more wealth—and I speak now of worldly and economic wealth—there is more real wealth in one Y. M. C. A. building than in the largest factory ever built." Who do you think said that? No, it wasn't some local squirt with another "bright idea", it was the famed economist Roger W. Babson. Woodrow Wilson said, "You can test the modern community by its degree of interest in the Y. M. C. A."

Do we want a Young Men's Christian Association? We do not have a Santa Claus—if we want it we will have to work for it and maybe it will mean more to us to get it that way. Do we want a Y. M. C. A. had enough to work for it? These are questions that cannot be answered by a few. They should be answered by every citizen in Wilkes county. It is for this very purpose that a meeting is being called on Sunday, April 2, at 2 p. m., in the city hall of North Wilkesboro. At this meeting Mr. T. C. McKnight, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Elkin, will tell us some of the possibilities of that great organization.

Bill Gabriel and Mary Gage Barber are going to express the needs and desires of the young people in the Wilkesboros.

Dr. Fred C. Hubbard will bring us up-to-date on what has been done locally. Mr. J. Eld Williams will present the names of 15 men who have been nominated to serve as directors of the Y. M. C. A., if and when the organization is completed. After the board of directors are elected they will make an intensive study of our community, of the needs on the one hand, and of the resources on the other, and formulate a campaign in accordance with their findings.

At a meeting the other night someone said, "If we had the funds for a building where could it be built." A very resourceful and capable citizen remarked, "When the funds are in sight I will provide a building site." Now that is quite a start. The building lot is provided. What can each of us give?

We can do it IF we all work together. Is there anything more important for us all to cooperate together on than our youth?

Come to the city hall on April 2nd at 2 p. m.

(Note: Only one per cent of the annual operating budget of a Y. M. C. A. goes to the National Organization, instead of 17 per cent, as was erroneously printed in a previous Y. M. C. A. article.)

Coca-Cola Plant Has Doubled Its Bottling Capacity

Musical Instruments Wanted
For Men and Women
In The Service

The North Wilkesboro Coca-Cola Bottling Company, of which W. A. McNeil is president and manager, recently installed another automatic bottling machine which increases the company's capacity 100 per cent.

"While our company is limited to 70 per cent of the production of 1941", Mr. McNeil said, "we want to continually improve our plant and be in position to serve our patrons the best way possible when peace-time comes."

Incidentally, the local Coca-Cola Bottling Company is now (Continued on page twelve)

PETE JOHNSON'S BODY FOUND; DETAILS OF ACCIDENT RELATED

Body of Emmett Johnson Never Found In River Following Drowning Mar. 18

The body of Pete Johnson, son of Emmett Johnson, who was drowned with his father in the Combahee river near Varnville, S. C., on March 18, was found a week later in the river about one-half mile from where the accident occurred.

Mr. Johnson and family were former residents of North Wilkesboro, where they made many friends.

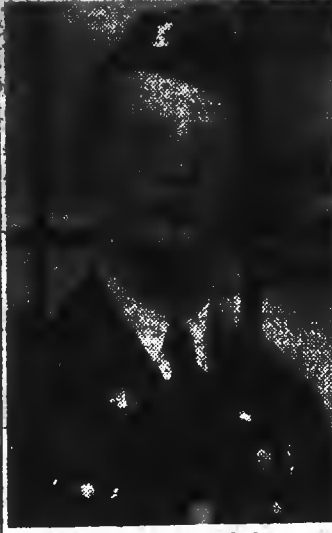
Because of the interest among friends here, R. G. Finley, who visited the Johnson family following the tragedy, prepared the following account of the accident as he learned the facts while there:

"The tragedy occurred where the Charleston highway crosses the Combahee river, two or three miles east of Yamassee, S. C., about noon, Saturday, March 18th. The Combahee river where it is crossed (See Pete Johnson—Page six)



EMMETT JOHNSON

Now In Hospital



Pfc. Clinton H. Elledge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roby Elledge, of North Wilkesboro, is now in a hospital in North Africa. His letter home did not give any details about illness or injuries but said he was getting along fine. Pfc. Elledge entered the army in 1940 and is a veteran of the North African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns.

John Walker To Manage Cherry's Campaign Here

Candidate for Governor Here
Last Night Planning His
Campaign In Wilkes

John E. Walker, North Wilkesboro police chief, was named last night to manage R. Gregg Cherry's campaign in Wilkes county.

Mr. Cherry, of Gastonia, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, spent last night in North Wilkesboro and perfected his primary campaign organization for Wilkes.

He stated while here that he had visited every section of the state and was confident of receiving the nomination in the primary.

Chief Walker has been a member of the North Wilkesboro police force for 13 years and is widely and favorably known in this section of the state. He was appointed police force chief eight years ago.

Commenting on campaign plans, Chief Walker said today that an active campaign in behalf of Mr. Cherry's candidacy is planned in Wilkes.

Nineteen Men Go Into U. S. Navy

On March 16th the following white men were sent by Wilkes Selective Service board number two for induction into the navy:

Carmel Monroe Wagoner
Charles Gilbert Hayes
Thomas Locke Kenerly
Vernon Edward Key
John K. Holbrook
Thomas Edwin Brown
Lonnie Roosevelt Perry
James Dewey Bauguss, Sr.
Arvin Lee Foster
Deice Jolly
Clate W. Kilby
Lester Gambill
Lawrence Windell Shumate
Herman Granville Dillard
Roosevelt Kilby
Ernest Kyle Dockery
Lunda Hart
Ernest Odell Brown
Silas Caudill

Millers Creek First Aid Grads

Nine Complete The Course
Taught My Mrs. Gaither
At Millers Creek

Nine residents of the Millers Creek community have completed a first aid course, H. F. Bouknight, first aid chairman of the Wilkes chapter of the Red Cross, said today.

Members of the class completing the course were Alpine M. Bumgarner, Clate Bumgarner, Esther N. Elledge, Mariann C. Elledge, Frances Jones, Mable Kilby, Myrtle C. Kilby, Hester Tulbert and Vivian Tulbert.

The class was instructed by Mrs. Fred Gaither, a most capable instructor who had previously taught a class of junior girls in first aid. Commenting on the class Mr. Bouknight said: "This was a fine class. At the end of the course the members presented Mrs. Gaither with a beautiful set of table linens. Mrs. Gaither is doing a splendid job, as this is her second first aid class. Mrs. Gaither has done this work in addition to her regular duties as a member of the Millers Creek high school faculty."

Outline Program BTU Convention Here April 7-8th

Regional Convention Will Be
Held With First Baptist
Church In This City

Regional Baptist Training Union convention will be held with the First Baptist church in this city Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8.

Miss Lucy Thompson, of Champion, will preside over the convention in the absence of Rev. Paul Forsythe, of Booneville, who is now a chaplain in the service.

The first session of the convention will open at 2:55 p. m. on Friday, April 7, with special music, followed by group discussions led by BTU leaders of the North Wilkesboro and Boone churches. A junior work tournament will precede an address by Dr. O. G. Mangum, of Lenoir, on the subject, "The World That Now Is."

The Friday night session will open at 6:55 o'clock, with special music by the delegation from the First Baptist church of Mt. Airy, followed by a conference period of one hour and a fellowship hour. Visiting delegates will be guests in homes of Baptists in North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro for the night.

A sunrise service will be held at sunrise on Saturday morning. An address by a ministerial student from Mars Hill College will feature the program.

The regular Saturday morning session will open at 9:30 with a sword drill by intermediates and there will be a scripture reading tournament. There will be two feature addresses for the Saturday session. Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkesboro, will speak on the subject, "The World That Ought To Be". Rev. W. W. Lawton, missionary to China now residing in Charlotte, will deliver the closing message.

District Meeting Of Juniors Soon

State Councilor and State
Secretary Will Address
Meeting April 6th

District meeting of the Junior Order will be held with the North Wilkesboro council on Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p. m.

The district is composed of Wilkes, Ashe, Alleghany, Surry and Yadkin counties. All councils in the district are asked to be well represented.

Speakers for the district meeting will include State Councilor Clyde A. Shreve, of Stokesdale, and State Secretary Forrest Sherrin, of Scotland Neck.

Truckers Must Put New License Number On Books, Coupons

Truck gasoline rationing coupons for the next three months are being made up with the old license numbers due to the fact that rationing boards do not have the 1944 numbers.

Truck operators must write the 1944 license number on the cover just over or under the old number and must endorse each coupon with the 1944 license number.

Mr. Charlie Howard, of Wilkesboro, has resumed his position with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company as its local representative.

In Radio School



Pfc. Archie Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Miller, of Fergusson, was recently promoted to his present rank in the marine corps and has been assigned to radio school at San Diego, Cal. Pfc. Miller entered service in November. He graduated from Wilkesboro high school with the class of 1943.