

THIRTY-FIVE FIRMS WILL CLOSE HERE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS FROM APRIL 19 UNTIL AUGUST 30

One Of Campbell Twins Succumbs Johnnie Lane Campbell, one of twins born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Campbell at the Wilkes hospital, died Monday. Funeral service was held today at Reins-Sturdivant chapel and burial was in Mountlawn cemetery. Surviving are the father and mother and four brothers and sisters: Marlon Key, Bobby Dean, Virgie Lee and James E. Campbell, all of this city.

Wilkes Y M C A Is Name Of New Organization

CHARTER APPLICATION IS CARRIED TO THE STATE CAPITAL. Wilkes Y. M. C. A. is the name of the newly organized Young Men's Christian Association formed here. Board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. in meeting here this week decided on the name of Wilkes to give special emphasis to the fact that the Y. M. C. A. will be for all the people in this section and will not be confined to any one community. Application was made for a charter and today the charter was carried to Raleigh by Attorney Eugene Trivette, a member of the board of directors and chairman of the committee to draw up a charter and constitution and by-laws. Twenty-two of the 24 members of the board of directors elected in the recent mass meeting of citizens here were present for the meeting held this week. It is expected that an organization will be set up at an early date to handle donations for a Y. M. C. A. building fund, and that arrangements may be made for financing a Y. M. C. A. program here in the near future.

Edd Long Establishes Grocery In Statesville

Edd Long, who for many years was manager of Miller-Long Grocery Store here, has established a grocery store in Statesville. Mr. Long's store is located near the center of Statesville. It is a complete grocery and meat market. Mr. Long has sold his home here to Merrill Wiles, but does not plan to move his family to Statesville until after the end of the school term here.

EXTRA GARDENS INTERVIEWER HERE TO HELP VETERANS TROY L. PERRY TAKES JOB EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

The latest Gallup poll on Victory Gardens shows that the number to be planted is about 19 1/2 million. This is 2 1/2 million short of the goal. Join the Victory Garden Army and fight for your country.

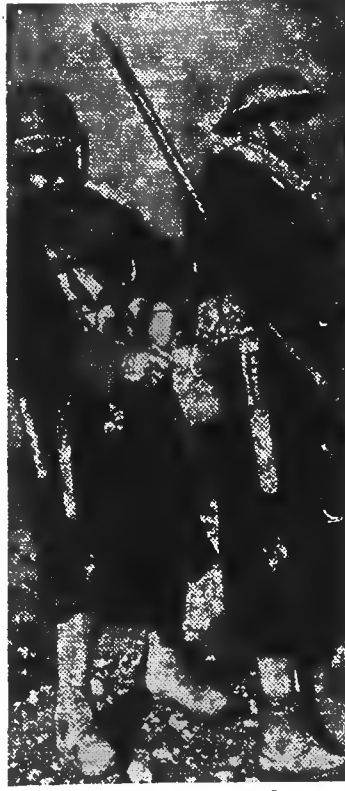
RATION NEWS

SHOES — Stamp No. 13 (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. SUGAR — Sugar stamp No. 30 (Book 4) good for five lbs. indefinitely. Sugar stamp No. 31 (Book 4) good for five pounds indefinitely, becomes valid April 1. CANNING SUGAR — Sugar stamp No. 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar until February 23, 1945. PROCESSED FOODS — Blue stamps in book 4, A3 through K3 now valid at ten points each. Do not expire. MEATS, fats and oils, canned fish, dairy products — Red stamps in book 4, A3 through J8 now valid. Others become valid on the following dates: K3, L8, M8, April 9; N8, P8, Q8, April 23. These stamps good for 10 points each, do not expire.

HALF HOLIDAY BEGINS AT ONE O'CLOCK WEDNESDAY

Thirty-five local stores and business firms have reached a decision to be closed on Wednesday afternoons, beginning April 19, and continuing through August 30. Readers are asked to carefully note the announcement and the list of places to be closed on Wednesday afternoon in order that no inconvenience may result. The firms will close at one o'clock each Wednesday afternoon. The list follows: Better Homes Furniture Co., City Barber Shop, Commercial Barber Shop, Wilkes Barber Shop, Rhodes-Day Furniture Co., Gray Bros. Furniture Co., Reins Market, Belk's Department Store, Harris Bros. Department Store, J. C. Penney Co., Tomlinson's Department Store, Hackney's Department Store, Goodwill Department Store, Carl W. Steele Jewelry, Wiles Jewelry, Burke's Jewelry, Jean's Dress Shop, Western Auto Associate Store, Dixie Home Stores, G. P. Store & Market, Moore's Market, R. & O. Grocery Co., Kash & Karry Grocery, I. F. Foster Grocery, Smithey's Service Station, Community Store, Mark-Down Furniture Co., Wilkes Furniture Exchange, Spainbour-Syndor Co., Sanitary Barber Shop, Horton's Drug Store, North Wilkesboro Drug Co., R. M. Brame & Sons, Red Cross Pharmacy, Wilkes Drug Store.

Goums Go 'G. I.'



African Goums of the 9th French army are provided with U. S. uniforms but, since they refuse to give up their native gowns, one uniform is worn over the other. Besides their modern fighting equipment, Goums still carry knives which they use for both wood and throat cutting.

Miss Mary Ellen Hendren, sister to Mr. J. W. Moore, of the Straw community, is quite ill, we are sorry to state.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kennedy, of Wilmington, are visiting relatives in Wilkesboro.

Reds Gain 37 Miles In Day

JAPS RECEIVE HARD JABS BY ALLIED PLANES

American heavy bombers ranging over the enemy-held reaches of the Pacific, have struck again at Japan proper, extended their operations against the Carolines and intensified their efforts to "soften up" remaining Japanese bases on the Northern New Guinea Coast, communiques revealed Wednesday. Aleutian-based Liberators of the 11th Army Air Force carried the American attack to the northern rim of the Japanese homeland Monday, blasting Matsuwa and Onnekotan Islands in the Kuriles, little more than 1,000 miles from Tokyo, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced. General Douglas MacArthur reported that bombers of his command had hit Nomol Atoll, in the Carolines 150 miles southeast of Truk, in the first attack on that enemy base. The Satawan airdrome there was the target.

Curious People Rushing to Fire Will Get Pinched

Police To Crack Down On Motorists Who Get In Way of the Fire Department

People who have no business rushing to fires except to satisfy their own curiosity and craving for excitement, and who get in the way of fire fighting equipment will be arrested and taken to court, Police Chief J. E. Walker said today. Recently firemen have been seriously hindered in fighting fires because motorists have parked their cars near the scene of the fire and in the area where it is necessary to manipulate the fire trucks to carry hose or other equipment. Members of the fire department have lodged a complaint that so many people in their cars rush to fires that it is often impossible to place fire fighting equipment without moving cars which are in the way, and that entails delay which may mean destruction of property. And the police department is not going to be lenient with excitement-seeking motorists who rush to fires in a reckless manner and at a high rate of speed, endangering the lives of pedestrians and other motorists.

Evangelist Preaches Gospel in Local Cafe

Called by many as "John, the Baptist, of Wilkes County" Evangelist Charles A. Keys, Jr., is preaching the Gospel everywhere regardless of where it is, as long as he has an opportunity to reach men and women in need of Christ. This past week-end the Evangelist arrived in North Wilkesboro as usual with his Bible and a song book to sing and preach wherever the Lord may lead that lost despondent sinners may turn to God from their wickedness and be saved. The young evangelist walked into a local crowded cafe, and with permission from the manager began service. Everyone in the cafe stopped their eating, drinking and music to listen to the Word of God in song and message. Many good singers joined in the singing and he soon had a fine choir worked up, singing hymns and praises unto God. The cafe was full, and many trying to get in. After several led in prayer, the preacher brought forth a soul-stirring message, applying the truth of God's Word to the conscience of his listeners. Many souls were convicted and came forth confessing their sins before God and man. The evangelist is in earnest in his great calling as a preacher of the Gospel, and in a Gospel which he says has done so much for him, he sees that which will do as much for others, and he presses the gospel with its warning voice upon the conscience of those who hear.—Reported.

Scrap Paper Will Be Collected On Saturday, 15th

Scout Cub Pack will meet Friday evening, 7:00 to 8:15, at the Methodist church Scout hut. The program will be in charge of C. J. Swofford. All Cub parents and others interested are asked to attend.

Boy Scouts To Make Canvasses of Homes; Put Paper on Front Porches

Saturday of this week will be the date for another canvass of North Wilkesboro for scrap paper collection. The Boy Scouts will make the rounds of the homes and places of business Saturday and all who have scrap paper are urged to be requested to tie it in bundles and place it on front porches. Those who have paper they wish to dispose of at any other time are urged to call Gordon Finley at Wilkesboro Manufacturing company, and any people in rural areas may leave the paper with Mr. Finley, who is Scout commissioner.

Spanish railways are not standard European gauge.

The volume of eggs has exceeded expectations, and collecting routes as well as storage, are being taxed to capacity, reports Hazel Meacham, extension marketing specialist at State College. Eat more eggs.

Nazis Smile at Capture



These two Nazi soldiers, captured from the lines near Carroceto, Italy, were also caught by the camera of an alert signal corps photographer. Completely unconcerned at being taken prisoners, the pair smile broadly for the cameraman. Or perhaps at their pleasure at having been captured.

REGISTRARS AND JUDGES FOR PRIMARY AND ELECTION ARE NAMED BY ELECTIONS BOARD

Iredell Singing At Central School 23

Iredell county singing convention will convene at Central school 15 miles north of Statesville on highway 115 Sunday, April 23, two p. m. C. E. Madison, chairman, and S. C. Johnson, secretary, issued announcement of the singing and urged all to attend.

Canning Sugar Registration To Be In Schools

Contrary to previously published reports, canning sugar applications will be made through registrations in the schools some time next month. Wilkes rationing officials said today that the plan as heretofore announced for making application at rationing board offices had been discarded in favor of registration for canning sugar at schools. No one should apply to rationing board offices now for canning sugar, and all will have to wait until the registration at the schools, exact date of which will be announced later. All are warned not to detach spare stamp number 37 and send to the rationing board, as previously announced, and that rationing boards cannot accept applications for canning sugar now.

Wood Infant Dies

Funeral service was held Tuesday at Rock Creek church for Elmer Junior Wood, one-month-old son of Vern A. and Patsy Porter Wood. The child died Saturday.

Men In Service Allowed to Vote In the Primary

Application for Ballot Must Be Made By Mail To Chmn. Election Board

Men in service may vote absentee in the primary and election in North Carolina. Application may be made in writing by mail only to the chairman of the county board of elections or the Secretary of State. No special form is required for the application, but it must give the name, voting residence, army address, age, and educational qualifications as to ability to read and write. Application may be made by the service man or by his parents, child, wife, brother or sister. The application must be mailed and the ballots will be mailed by the board chairman to the applicant, who must mail them back to the chairman and not send them by any other means.

CRIMEA PUSH TAKES KERCH PENINSULA

Russian mobile columns, rolling unchecked through shattered enemy defenses, raced more than 37 miles southward into the heart of the Crimea yesterday, covering almost half the distance to Sevastopol in a single day, while other Red Army forces striking from the east captured all of the Kerch peninsula and opened the way for a flanking drive down the Black Sea coast. Gen. Feodor I. Tolbukhin's fourth Ukrainian Army, registering one of the greatest one-day gains of the war by any Red Army force, plunged down the center of the diamond-shaped Crimea along the Dzhohna-Simferopol railroad and captured the town of Karacha-Kangli, 11 1-8 miles north of Simferopol, Crimean capital. The broadcast Moscow midnight war bulletin said that Soviet mobile formations and infantry, developing their offensive south of the town of Dzhankoi which was captured Tuesday, advanced 60 kilometers (37 1-4 miles) to capture Karacha-Kangli. It represented a gain of 43 miles from Dzhankoi, last reported position on that front.

Two Held Here For Three Thefts

Fingerprints Lead To Arrest of Gerald Ander Watkins and Donald Harris. Three robberies here over the week-end have been solved by the arrest of two colored boys, Police Chief J. E. Walker said today. Gerald Ander Watkins, 18, colored youth of the Fairplains community, has confessed to breaking into Wilkes Laundry Friday night. There a watch was taken and a chewing gum vending machine placed by the Lions Club to raise funds to aid the blind was robbed of about two dollars in pennies. On Monday night Nath Ford's cafe and Bill Hoskins shoe shine stand were entered on A street. About \$29 in nickels were taken from piccolo machines. Finger prints were taken and Watkins, with Donald Shelton Harris, were arrested as suspects. After they were fingerprinted and prints were compared, they confessed to the thefts.

Saturday 6 P. M. Deadline To File For the Primary

Only Two Candidates Have Filed For Office To Date In Wilkes County. Six o'clock in the evening of Saturday, April 15, is the deadline for filing as a candidate for any county or township office. Notice of candidacy must be filed with the board of elections by that time. To date only two candidates have filed notice of candidacy. Representative T. E. Story has filed for representative in the general assembly on the Republican ticket. I. J. Broyhill, of Boomer, has filed as a candidate for county commissioner in district number two on the Republican ticket. Both parties are expected to have a full slate of candidates filed before the deadline Saturday. If there are no contests, those who filed will be certified as nominees of their party for the November election.

Five Meat Markets To Close 8 o'Clock P. M. On Saturdays

The following grocery stores and meat markets will close at 8 p. m., beginning Saturday, April 15th. This is being done in order to give their patrons better service, and make it unnecessary to remain in the store until a late hour each Saturday night. The following stores will adopt the new Saturday closing hour: G. P. Store & Market, Moore's Market, Dixie Home Super Market, Kash & Karry Store, and Reins Market.