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## Democratic Convention On Saturday

W. A. McNeil is Re-Elected Chairman; Miss Zelle Harris, Vice Chairman, and P. J. Vestal, Secretary

### RECORDS ARE ENDORSED

Democrats from every precinct in Wilkes county assembled in regular biennial convention Saturday at 1:00 o'clock at the county courthouse in Wilkesboro. While attendance was not as large as on former occasions due to war conditions and a busy farming season, there were representative Democrats present from all sections of the county and a fine harmonious convention was held.

In the absence of County Chairman W. A. McNeil, the convention was called to order by C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, who named Claude C. Faw, candidate for the State House of Representatives, as temporary chairman. Paul J. Vestal, executive committee secretary, R. B. Pharr, co-publisher of The North Wilkesboro Hustler, and Julius C. Hubbard, co-publisher of The Journal-Patriot, were named temporary secretaries of the convention. The temporary organization on motion, duly made and seconded, was made permanent.

Chairman Faw, who presided over the convention in a splendid manner, expressed his pleasure

During the convention, executive committee members from the various precincts of the county, held a meeting and unanimously re-elected W. A. McNeil, chairman, Miss Zelle Harris, vice chairman, and Paul J. Vestal, secretary. The committee was in executive session only a few minutes.

over seeing so many representative Democrats present, (several ladies being in attendance,) stating that when a Democrat leaves his work during these busy times, "he means business".

As there were no contests presented to the convention, the credentials committee was dispensed with. On roll call of townships it was found that every precinct in the county was duly represented.

### RESOLUTION ADOPTED—

The first business of the convention was the adoption of a resolution offered by Attorney J. H. Whicker, Jr., commending the present board of commissioners for the splendid financial record made since taking office on December 7, 1942, and both the state and national administrations. This resolution was unanimously adopted by the convention following motion to adopt by J. G. Hackett, seconded by Attorney Eugene Trivette, and is as follows:

"At this time, I would like to read to you the records made by our present Board of County Commissioners from December 7, 1942, to April 29th, 1944. The following figures were certified to me this morning by the County Accountant's office, and the records are open for inspection by anyone:

"December 7, 1942, the General Fund had outstanding unpaid bills in the amount of \$20,031.13; bonds and interest in default, \$9,750.00; unpaid bills and school notes due by the School Fund, \$24,033.34, making a total of \$53,814.47. This represents unpaid bills and interest on bond principal and interest and school notes.

"The county records show all bills paid and all outstanding bonds interest and principal paid. Today the general fund has a bank balance of \$11,083.83.

"I would like to make a motion that this convention go on record as endorsing the splendid record made by our present board of county commissioners, Mr. Paul J. Vestal, chairman, Mr. F. D. Forester, and Mr. M. F. Absher.

"Be it resolved, that this convention go on record as endorsing the splendid record made by our present Democratic members of the County Board of Commissioners and the splendid record made by the other Democratic officials in Wilkes county.

"Be it also resolved, that this convention go on record as endorsing both the National and State administrations in the splendid record they have made in our domestic policies and affairs and in the successful prosecution of the war."

Chairman Faw then called on Mr. Eller, in a surprise move, to

## Ensign Parsons



Ensign Irene Parsons of the Coast Guard SPARS, the daughter of Mr. Everett T. Parsons, North Wilkesboro, is nearing completion of nine months service at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C., where she is stationed in the office of the Engineer-in-Chief as assistant conservation officer.

Miss Parsons joined the Woman's Reserve of the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve in May, 1943, and received her commission on August 6 at the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn.

Prior to entering military service, Miss Parsons was employed at the Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., as a representative of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. During the school year 1941-42 she conducted classes for advanced secretarial students at the Roanoke Rapids high school, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Ensign Parsons attended Brevard College, Brevard, in 1936-37 and received a B. S. in Secretarial Administration from Woman's College, University of North Carolina, in 1941. She was graduated from Taylorsville high school, Taylorsville, in 1939. A brother, Pvt. Royal E. Parsons, is in the U. S. Army.

## Victory Gardens Subject Meeting Workers' Council

### Vital Importance of Abundant Food Production Stressed in Meeting

The Agricultural Workers Council met in the Courthouse in Wilkesboro, Thursday, April 27, with most of the members present. The council is composed of Mrs. Annie H. Greene, home demonstration agent; J. B. Snipes, county agent; H. C. Colvard and James E. Rollins, assistant county agents; and M. B. Bryan, farm forester, all of the Extension Service; Paul Church, and Mrs. Mary A. Gale of the FSA; R. E. Runn, SCS; S. L. Turner, AAA; C. B. Eller, superintendent of county schools; Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer; Charlie McNeill, superintendent county welfare; Mrs. Kathryn Lott, U. S. employment service; Carl VanDeman, apple research specialist; B. B. Broom, with Coble Dairy Products company; Mrs. Annie Cragan, home economics department of North Wilkesboro high school; Miss Tuttle, home economics department of Wilkesboro high school.

The topic for discussion was "Victory Gardens". It was brought out in the discussion that very little gardening has been done so far this spring due to the cold and wet weather but all the vegetables possible to produce should be grown during the next five or six months.

It was also brought out in the meeting that the fine spirit the town people and farmers showed last year in the Victory Garden program perhaps prevented a food shortage. It is the belief of the agricultural leaders that it is still most important to put forth every effort possible this year to see that an abundance of food is produced. The time and weather is right now for some real Victory Garden work. The members of the agricultural workers council will be glad to assist anyone wanting information on growing Victory Gardens.

C. B. Eller, superintendent of county schools, stated that the government had recently donated a 120-quart pressure cooker which is being installed in a newly constructed building over at Lincoln Heights school. He stated that this equipment would be available for canning to anyone who might not have canning facilities at home.

The council members are expecting the civic clubs and merchants to join in special Victory Garden campaign.

# ALLIES POUND INVASION COAST

## NIPS REEL UNDER BLOWS OF AIR FORCE WEIGHT

U. S. Naval units teamed up with Fifth Air Force heavy and medium bombers Saturday and Sunday to pour 126 tons of explosives into the Makde Island area and the Sarmi coastal sector 110 miles west of Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea. It was announced yesterday.

Lieut. Gen. George C. Kenney's Fifth Air Force, sweeping over enemy bases along the 1,500-mile New Guinea coastline from Hansa Bay to Sorong and Geelvink Bay, blasted the Wakde and Searair airfields on the island with 51 tons of bombs, while American warships pounded the island and the mainland with 75 tons of explosives.

General Douglas MacArthur's communique announced that Fifth A. A. F. Liberators ranged 450 miles west of Hollandia to drop 77 tons of bombs on the Mokmer airdrome on Blal Island in Geelvink Bay, only 120 miles east of Manokwari, former capital of Dutch New Guinea.

## Pfc. Wyatt Killed In Action Mar. 26 In Solomons Area

Wilkes Youth, Reared In Vannoy Community, Entered Service In West Va.

Pfc. Eugene Clifford Wyatt, age 19, was killed in action on Bougainville in the Solomons on March 26, according to official message received by members of his family.

Pfc. Wyatt was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wyatt, of Coal City, W. Va. He was born and reared in the Vannoy community of Wilkes county, the family moving to West Virginia a few years ago.

Pfc. Wyatt entered service at Beckley, W. Va., on April 7, 1943. He served in an infantry regiment.

Surviving Pfc. Wyatt are his father and mother and four brothers and three sisters: Guy Wyatt, who is in the army and is stationed in Indiana; Marvin Wyatt, with the army in New Guinea; Lawrence and Billie Wyatt, Coal City, W. Va.; Mrs. R. L. Vannoy, Reddies River; Mrs. Orlan Lilly and Miss Helen Wyatt, of Coal City, W. Va.

## Legion Will Meet On Friday Evening

Wilkes post of the American Legion will meet on Friday evening, 7:30 o'clock, at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse. A full attendance of members is desired.

## Guernsey Sale At Hall Farm May 9

Coble Dairy Products company is sponsor of a guernsey sale to be conducted Tuesday, May 9, 12 o'clock noon, at Dave Hall's farm near Wilkesboro.

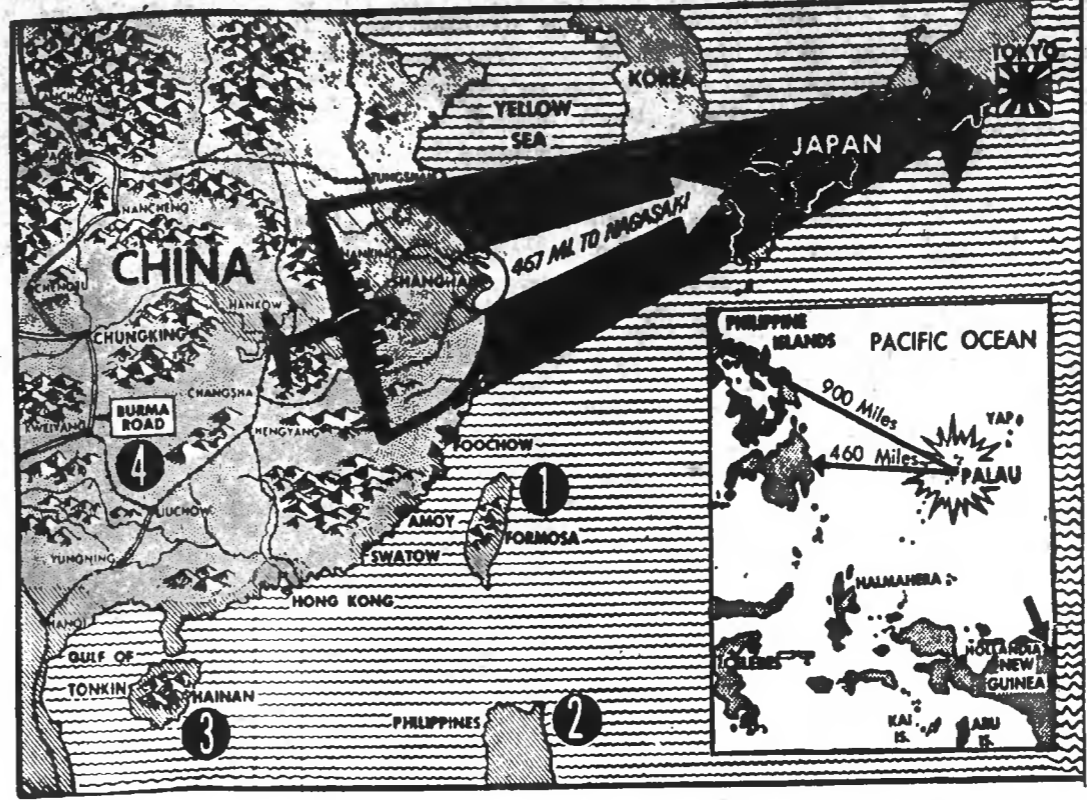
Fifty-four high producing guernsey cows, including six registered cows, will be sold to farmers producing milk for Coble Dairy Products company. The sale represents a splendid opportunity for farmers to secure cows with high production records at reasonable prices.

## Wilkes Poultry Is Going to War

Wilkes poultry is going to war in vast quantities, especially during the past week when the Champion Poultry Farm, owned and operated by T. O. Minton, released thousands of hens which are being dressed by the Joe Darlington Poultry Co., of this city.

Several thousand hens of the Champion flocks were dressed by the local poultry firm last week for one of the large packing companies of the nation which is sending them on for consumption by service men. Other big shipments will be made this week and for several weeks to follow. It is estimated that in all approximately 25,000 to 30,000 Champion hens will be dressed here for the nation's armed forces.

## Campaign to Gain Coast Air Bases to Bomb Tokyo



Tokyo by way of the south China coast—that seems to be the major strategy. Figuring in the China coast campaign are, as the map shows (1) Formosa, which has been invasion fitters, (2) the Philippines, towards which a swift drive appears to be directed, (3) Hainan, often bombed recently, and (4) the center of the battle for China's lifeline.

## Gets Promotion



Sgt. Thomas E. Crysel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crysel, of Wilkesboro, has been promoted to his present rating. He entered the army March 12, 1943, and is now at Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

## Sgt. Jack Vannoy Sends Interesting Italian Souvenir

Sgt. Jack Vannoy, who is stationed in Italy, recently sent a most interesting souvenir from Italy to his sister, Mrs. R. E. Black.

The souvenir was a 100 lire Italian bank note, which was autographed by Irving Berlin, famous music producer; John Garfield, movie actor; Eddie Foy, Jr., comedian; Jean Darling, singer, and two other famous USO entertainers.

Sgt. Vannoy was a member of a regimental band at Fort Bragg for two years before going overseas.

## At Camp Peary



William T. Johnson left Thursday for the Navy and is now stationed at Camp Peary, Va. His wife, the former Miss Roscoe Gilbreath, and son, Tommie, Jr., are now making their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Gilbreath.

## RATION NEWS

**SHOES**—Airplane stamps No. 1 and No. 2 (Book 3) valid indefinitely.

**GASOLINE**—Coupons No. 9 in A book good for three gallons became effective Feb. 9 and will expire May 8.

**SUGAR**—Sugar stamps No. 40 and No. 41 (book 4) good for five pounds indefinitely.

**CANNING SUGAR**—Sugar stamp No. 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar until February 28, 1945.

**FOOD**—Book 4 stamps good for 10 points each for which tokens are used as change. Meats and fats: A8 thru Q8 red. Processed food: A8 through Q8 blue.

Reduction of point values of creamery butter from 16 to 12 points per pound and the placing of eight ration vegetables on the point-free list is the big news for food shoppers this week. Reduction of point values of butter reflects improvement in the supply situation. Sales ran below increased production during the past month. Point value of margarine was reduced from 6 to 4 points per pound.

Tomatoes, corn, asparagus, beets, leafy greens, spinach, canned blackeye peas and garbanzo beans, join the list of pointless processed foods. Points were reduced on spaghetti sauce, soups, grape and tomato jams and preserves, apple, grape, mint and plum jellies, bakers' jellies and fruit butter.

Point values increased on cranberries and cranberry sauce, large containers of tomato juice, canned or bottled dry varieties of beans (except soy, blackeye and garbanzo), tomato catsup and chile sauce and raspberry and strawberry jams and preserves.

On the lower-point side of the red stamp ledger are lamb and mutton, which are reduced approximately 50 per cent.

Slight increases in many choices beef cuts appear on the new charts, as a result of popular demand for them that exceeds current supplies. Veal points remain unchanged, and pork ration values are about the same as those for April.

## Canning Sugar Registration On

Registration for canning sugar began this afternoon in Wilkes schools and will be completed tomorrow afternoon, May 2.

Registration is between the hours of two and five p. m. and a maximum of ten pounds per person is allowed during the registration. After June 15 those who need additional canning sugar may apply for an additional ten pounds each.

Those who register for canning sugar today or tomorrow must take or send their number four ration books.

## Story Is District Head Meredith College Drive

### Organization Set Up to Raise Over Half Million Dollars In This State

Attorney T. E. Story, of Wilkesboro, has been appointed chairman of the seventh district for the Meredith College expansion program.

Attorney Story, for many years a leader in church and civic life, is moderator of the Brushy Mountain Baptist association and has taken an active interest in work of the Baptist denomination.

Commenting on Meredith College expansion plans, the district chairman said that plans are well under way for raising more than one-half million dollars with which to expand the Baptist college in Raleigh. Already more than \$100,000 has been contributed in Wake county and the state has been divided into districts for raising the remainder of the fund.

The seventh district contains several northwestern North Carolina counties.

Cotton classing records showed one community in Franklin county had cotton of poor staple length. Growers now have certified seed stocks for 1945, reports Dan Holler, extension specialist at State College.

It is easy to find fault with others and overlook your own.

## A 'Long Story'



This 34-foot letter is the answer to a GI's dream. Sent to Pfc. William Faulk, East Orange, N. J., it is made up of cartoons, stories, messages from friends, photos and other items—enough to keep him busy for hours.

## ROUND CLOCK AIR BLOWS ARE CONTINUED

Probably 3,000 Allied planes—including three American task forces of upward of 1,000 heavy bombers and fighters—poured explosives on German airdromes, coastal defenses and railyards in France yesterday, and Europe's radios blared forth indications that the Gargantuan aerial offensive was rolling inexorably on into the night.

Streams of planes thundered across the Channel throughout the day—the 16th straight day of history's greatest sustained air assaults. Only one heavy bomber and four fighters were lost in the operations, in contrast to the 63 bombers and 14 fighters which failed to return from Saturday's 2,000-ton hammering of Berlin.

Formations believed to include heavy bombers were seen crossing the Channel Sunday evening, indicating anti-invasion targets in France were being still pounded. The Vichy radio said Allied formations flew over the Alps and the Danube at about 7:30 p. m., suggesting that targets in Austria might be under attack by Italy-based planes.

## Duke Power Office Closed at 1 P. M. Each Wednesday

In cooperation with other businesses of North Wilkesboro, the office of the Duke Power company will close at 1 o'clock on Wednesdays until further notice. The office hours are 9 to 5, except on Wednesday, 9 to 1. The service department will remain open from 9 to 5 every week day—phone 420.

## "Three Little Pigs" Musical Program To Be Given On Friday

"Three Little Pigs", a musical playlet, will be given Friday night, May 5, in the North Wilkesboro school auditorium by pupils of Mrs. A. F. Kilby's musical classes in grades one through five.

The performance, which is expected to be very entertaining, will be sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary and a small admission charge will be made. An outline of the program will be published in this newspaper Thursday.

## John Melvin Greene Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held Saturday at Stony Fork church for John Melvin Greene, age 78, a well known citizen of the Stony Fork community who died Thursday.

Mr. Greene is survived by his wife, Mrs. Josie Greene, and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Grace Miller, Deep Gap; Arthur Greene, Morganton; Mrs. Ida Miller, Deep Gap; G. N. Greene, Stony Fork; also one brother, Linzey Greene, of Deep Gap, and one sister, Mrs. Camilla Carlton, who lives in Maryland.

## Wilkesboro School Recitals This Week

Mrs. R. E. Prevette will present her music pupils in a series of recitals this week at Wilkesboro high school auditorium. On Thursday evening at eight o'clock the junior pupils will appear. Friday afternoon at 1:15 a group of junior and senior pupils will be presented, and on Friday evening, May 5, at 8 o'clock, another group of high school pupils will give their recital. The public is cordially invited to all of these programs.

## FRANK KNOX RITES TODAY

Washington.—The nation and a navy which he guided to greatness say hall and farewell today to Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox whose body will be committed to a war hero's grave in nearby Arlington National Cemetery.

All the honors reserved for one who dies fighting for his country will be accorded the 70-year-old Secretary who succumbed suddenly Friday to heart disease.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS