

GENERAL COWLES DECORATED



Lieut. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, shown presenting the Silver Star award to Brigadier General Miles A. Cowles, native of Wilkesboro, N. C., for his gallantry in action in Italy as artillery commander of the 36th Infantry Div.

GENERAL MILES A. COWLES IS DECORATED FOR GALLANTRY

Advisory Council And Directors Of Y.M.C.A. to Meet

Meeting of the directors and members of the advisory council of the Wilkes Y. M. C. A. has been postponed from July 25 to Tuesday, July 11th.

The Y. M. C. A. is now in the midst of a campaign to raise \$160,000 with which to erect a Y. M. C. A. building here after the war.

Forester Furn. Co. Open For Business

A new furniture company has opened its doors to the public and is now ready for business. It is to be operated under the name of Forester Furniture Co., and is located in the F. D. Forester & Co. building, corner B and Tenth streets.

A most complete line of furniture and other home needs will be carried by the firm, and the patronage of the public is not only invited but respectfully solicited.

The store will be managed by Mr. George S. Forester who has the assistance of Mr. R. C. Goodwin, an experienced furniture man.

Return From Chicago

Messrs. T. R. Bryan and H. P. (Pat) Eller returned Saturday from Chicago where they attended the sessions of the Republican national convention. Being descendants of Republicans of several generations, it goes without saying that they greatly enjoyed being present at the convention and were fortunate in having seats near the platform.

Mr. Bryan was an alternate delegate from the Eighth Congressional District.

J. Paul Leonard Speaker Friday At Kiwanis Meet

Paul Leonard, of Statesville, told the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club Friday that he "is convinced that unless more of our citizens who believe in true democracy allow their Americanism to supersede their party affiliations and immediately organize on a non-partisan basis to set up an effective counter influence to offset the effects of activities by organizations like Sydney Hillman's Political Action Committee, we may lose much of the ground that has been gained during the past two years in the battle waged under the generalship of Senator Byrd to eliminate New Deal agencies maintained at public expense which have proven prolific breeding places for the socialistic and totalitarian tendencies which threaten the foundations of our (See Leonard—Page Five)

In the face of a furious German barrage in Italy, Brigadier General Miles A. Cowles of Three Rivers, Mich., artillery commander of the 36th Infantry Division, remained in a forward position with his men and inspired American gun crews to a high peak of courage, according to a citation accompanying the award to him of the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

The award was presented to General Cowles, a native of Wilkesboro, North Carolina, by Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, during a ceremony at AGF Headquarters in Washington, D. C. General Cowles is now assigned to duty in this country.

"General Cowles went forward of his division artillery command post to coordinate artillery fires for an attack on the town", the citation sets forth, referring to action which took place in Italy last September 13. "When he had successfully completed his self-assigned mission, he determined to remain in the forward artillery positions overnight, although a heavy shelling from enemy artillery was anticipated. When the furious barrage began, General Cowles fearlessly moved from position to position, advising the men, and by his very presence assuring them of ultimate achievement of their goal. His calm demeanor and steady assurance under the harrowing circumstances inspired the gun crews to a high peak of courage and efficiency, and the warmth and strength of his personality encouraged the men to work tirelessly in an effort to emulate their commanding general's valor."

General Cowles was born on May 19, 1894. He was graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1917 and served overseas during World War I, taking part in the Meuse-Argonne, Aisne-Marne and St. Mihiel offensives.

A graduate of the Ordnance School of Technology at Watertown, Massachusetts, and the Ordnance School at Aberdeen, Maryland. Proving Ground, General Cowles served as an instructor at West Point from 1929 to 1934. Immediately prior to his assignment as artillery commander of the 36th Infantry Division he was director of publications at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

General Cowles is a half brother of Mrs. T. B. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, and a cousin of C. H. Cowles, of Wilkesboro.

Cripple Clinic 13th

Regular monthly clinic for cripples will be held at the Wilkes hospital on Thursday morning, July 13. Dr. O. L. Miller, orthopedic specialist, will make free examination of all crippled and deformed persons at the clinic. The public is asked to cooperate in providing means for crippled and deformed children to reach the clinic.

'E' Bonds \$95,000 Short Of Goal

Fourteen Cases Of Polio Now In Wilkes County

People Urged To Continue Precautions Against Spread Of Disease In County

Infantile paralysis cases in Wilkes county today had reached a total of 14, Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, stated today at noon.

This report shows an increase of eight in the total since Thursday and shows the importance of continuing precautions against further spread of the disease, the health officer said.

With few exceptions, the cases in Wilkes have been placed in hospitals and have been isolated.

Parents have been asked to cooperate by keeping their children from attending any public gatherings while the disease is spreading. Health authorities are hopeful that if precautions are continued for some time that the epidemic threat will pass.

Practically all public gatherings for children have been cancelled and children are banned from theatres and other places of entertainment until the polio threat subsides.

Tax Authorities Eight Counties Will Meet Here

A series of eighteen district meetings for town and county tax collectors and attorneys is now being held throughout the state, under the auspices of the Institute of North Carolina.

Albert Coates, director of the institute, has pointed out that these meetings should be of particular interest to town and county tax collectors, attorneys, accountants, mayors, managers, chairmen of boards of county commissioners, and other members of town and county governing boards.

The meeting for Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell, Iredell, Surry, Watauga and Wilkes counties will be held at the town hall in North Wilkesboro at 3 o'clock, Tuesday, July 11.

The district meetings are being conducted by Peyton B. Abbott, assistant director of the Institute of Government, who has just completed two guidebooks: "The Foreclosure of City and County Property Taxes and Special Assessments in North Carolina", already distributed, and "Guidebook for Tax Collectors in Cities and Counties of North Carolina", which is in process of printing.

Their purpose is to discuss matters of interest to county and city tax collectors, attorneys and finance officers in the field of local taxation and possible improvements in the tax laws.

The meetings started at Chapel Hill on June 19 and will end at Bryson City on July 17. They are designed to cover the entire state so that no interested party will have far to travel.

RATION NEWS

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

GASOLINE—Coupons No. 10 in a book good for three gallons became effective May 9 and will expire August 8.

SUGAR—Sugar stamps No. 30 and No. 31, (book 4) good for five pounds indefinitely. Stamp No. 32 becomes good indefinitely June 16 for five pounds.

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

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue A8 through Z8 and A5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens. Good indefinitely.

MEATS AND FATS: Red A8 through Z8 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens. Good indefinitely.

SUGAR: Sugar stamp 40 good for five pounds canning sugar until February 28, 1945. Apply to local boards for supplemental rations.

Commissioned



Lt. Mack T. Miller Gets Wings and Commission

Aviation Cadet Mack T. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McT. Miller, 807 9th Street, North Wilkesboro, Saturday was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces after completing bombardier training at the Carlisbad (New Mexico) Army Air Field.

Lieut. Miller now becomes one of the Army Air Forces new "triple-threat men"—airmen who have completed instruction in dead-reckoning navigation and aerial gunnery in addition to the regular bombardiering course.

As an officer in the Army Air Forces ready for active duty, his destination is not disclosed.

He is a former student of North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C.

NAZIS LOSE MANY TANKS IN THRUSTS

Field Marshal Erwin Rommel has hurled strategic reserves and a panzer corps from Russia into 25 counter-attacks against the British salient below Caen, but the Allies with a joint land, air and sea barrage, smashed them all and broke up an attempt grand-scale assault before it could be mounted, reports said today.

Calling on seven tank divisions and four of infantry, Rommel achieved a slight penetration near the base of the salient Saturday during a day of fierce battles, but by nightfall his forces were thrown back to their starting point with heavy losses.

The Allies' situation was viewed as highly satisfactory after 90 hours of fighting off the German jobs which, cumulatively were regarded as representing the most serious effort yet to drive back our French beachhead.

TIGHTEN HOLD ON GARAPAN; TAKE VILLAGE

Veteran American marines and army troops, supported by a thundering aircraft, artillery and naval bombardment, have scored gains ranging from 500 yards to a mile along the entire front on Saipan Island to seize heights overlooking Garapan and Tanapag Harbor, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced yesterday in communiques on the progress of the Marianas campaign.

Sweeping ahead in one of the bloodiest battles of the entire Pacific campaign, the Americans strengthened their hold on Garapan, captured the mountain village of Charan Tabute and at one point on the fluid front were only a few miles from the northern end of the island, Nimitz announced.

The American invaders of the strategic island within bombing distance of Tokyo forged ahead on Saturday to move their flank on the eastern side of the 18-mile-long island to within five and a half miles of its northern tip, Nimitz said in his second communique within five hours.

Purlear Revival To Begin On June 9th

The public is cordially invited to the revival services which will begin Sunday, July 9, at Purlear Baptist church.

The pastor, Rev. Fred Blevins, will be assisted during the revival by Rev. Charles J. Poole.

Hail and Wind Badly Damaged Corn and Apples

Storm Saturday Evening Hits Part of County With Hail, Strong Winds

Hail and wind did extensive damage to crops in several sections of Wilkes county Saturday evening.

J. B. Snipes, county agent, said today that a survey of crop damage showed that the hailstorm extended from a point near Millers Creek in a southerly direction across the county and that many corn crops were extensively damaged by hail and wind.

Orchards between Oakwoods and the summer colony on the Brushies were heavily damaged by hail. Much of the growing apple crops on orchards in that vicinity was beaten from the trees, or badly bruised, which will result in some apples being culls which would have developed into first class fruit.

Extensive damage was reported to the corn crops on S. V. Tomlinson's farm near Miller's Creek, to crops on the farm of Dave Hall, Charlie Howard and R. E. Prevette on the Yarkin west of Wilkesboro, and to crops of other farmers in the path of the storm across a large part of the county.

Other sections of the county reported excellent rains during the week-end, which broke a drought which had become serious.

Hail fell in some localities in record breaking amounts. The hail was so dense that in places it remained on the ground until Sunday. Rev. J. C. Pruitt and C. H. Lenderman, of this city, reported finding hail large as part

Now In Illinois



Pvt. James H. Watts has been transferred to Glenview, Ill., after he completed his basic training at Fort Custer, Mich., where he had been since entering service December, 1943. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie S. Watts, of Lenoir route one and was recently home on furlough.

SOVIETS CUT ROADS WEST FROM MINSK

Triumphant Soviet troops yesterday cut off Minsk, main Nazi stronghold before Warsaw and Berlin, from all major communications westward, and sent armored spearheads racing to within 12-38 miles of the city's northeastern gates as they rapidly be

ed up a bucketful of the hail at that time. This morning deposits of hail were still in evidence near Moravian Creek. Andy Roberts brought to this city a gallon of hail at ten a. m. today. Many of the hailstones were still as large as partridge eggs and at some places were several inches deep on the ground.

Boys Have Good Time In Exciting Softball Games

Boys softball league is in full swing here and some exciting games have been played during the past two weeks.

The East Side kids met their first defeat on Friday evening when the Middlebusters took a game by the score of 14 to 9. The Middlebusters had previously suffered three defeats at the hands of the East Side kids and were jubilant over breaking their string of victories. The East Side kids have won two games from Wilkesboro.

In its first 24 days of operation the new Blood Bank of Calcutta, India, received 57,476 donations of blood.

TAYLOR BROTHERS IN SERVICE



Two sons of Mrs. Lillie Taylor, of North Wilkesboro route one, are in service in the army and navy. Seaman Second Class Roy Austin Taylor, entered service in the navy air corps on April 20, 1944. He received his boot training at Jacksonville, Florida, and was recently sent to Bainbridge, Md. His wife and son, Kelly, are making their home with Mrs. Taylor's parents., T.Sgt. Steve M. Taylor, of the army air corps, entered service April 16, 1942, and is now in the Gala Pagos islands. His wife, the former Miss Madeline Golliher, and son, Mike, are now in Arlington, Va., with her parents.

Extra Effort This Week Necessary To Reach Quota

DISTRICT COMMITTEES AND STORES AIDING IN CAMPAIGN

Bond sales in Wilkes county in the Fifth War loan have reached a total of \$748,000, but approximately \$95,000 in "E" bonds are needed to reach the sub quota for "E" bonds.

W. D. Halfacre, war loan chairman, today emphasized the need of more sales of "E" bonds. The county has a quota on "E" bonds of \$227,000, which is included in the total quota of \$990,000.

In order to have a perfect record, the county must reach the "E" bond total as well as the total quota of \$990,000.

Efforts are being made to reach both the overall and the "E" bond quotas this week.

Community organizations are asked to double their efforts through this week, and to contact as many people as possible with the appeal to buy more bonds now and substantially back the attack of fighting men. Retail stores are also asked to push sales this week, and to successfully wind up the campaign and again give Wilkes a perfect record in another great war effort.

Mr. Halfacre stated today that the larger investors have completed their buying and that it now remains for individuals purchasing bonds from \$18.75 up to reach the county's quota.

A number of outside corporations doing business in Wilkes have cooperated by allocating bond purchases to Wilkes' credit in the campaign. Mr. Half-

acre and Telephone company, \$10,000; Dixie Home Stores, \$2,000; Early and Daniel (Tuxedo Feeds), \$5,000; International Shoe company, \$25,000; J. C. Penney company, \$2,000; West Virginia Pulp and Paper company, \$3,000.

Priority Plan In Employment Is Now In Effect

By MRS. KATHRYN LOTT, Manager U. S. E. S.

The new priority referral plan effective July 1st brings a realization to all of us that even though we have made great strides towards defeating our enemies, a tough fight is still ahead. It is true that some production has been curtailed—naturally, since the invasion, landing craft production has been decreased while on the other hand, tanks, guns, and ammunition have been stepped up to an urgent demand. Some of this increased production has been a request direct from General Eisenhower.

Therefore, during the next several months, all personal desires and self interests must be put behind us—by employers and employees. At no time during the war, has it been so necessary to furnish our boys the equipment they need.

The Priority Plan works as follows: Certain industries vital to the war effort will be given a priority rating and to those industries, the U. S. E. S. will be required to refer all male workers available for employment. When those needs have been met, the U. S. E. S. will be required to refer all male workers to industries listed as essential—and not until these needs have been met, can the U. S. E. S. refer male workers to other than essential establishments. At the same time, an employment ceiling will be established for each industry to provide for the most effective possible utilization of manpower. It will be necessary, under this plan, for other than essential employers to use every means to reduce turnover and thus stabilize their present employment because there will be little chance of replacement, particularly of male workers.

Lt. Jack Spainhour In Invasion Forces

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spainhour received a letter a few days ago from their son, Lt. (jg) J. E. Spainhour, Jr., USNR, from somewhere in France. He was in the invasion and has arrived safely. Lt. Spainhour writes he is in a lovely part of France and is happy.