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## Major Robinson Is Commander Of American Legion

### Membership In Legion Now Open To Veterans World War One and Two

The regular meeting of the Wilkes County Post of the American Legion for June was held in the Legion-Auxiliary Club house on the night of June 2nd. At this meeting the following officers were elected to head the activities of the local post for the ensuing year:

Commander, Major Edmund Robinson; First Vice-Commander, John W. Leysen; Second Vice-Commander, Dr. J. G. Bentley; Third Vice-Commander, Walter Morrison; Adjutant and Finance Officer, Charles Jenkins; Service Officer, A. F. Kilby; Sergeant-at-Arms, Charlie Porter; Chaplain, G. Finley; Historian, T. A. Finley; Athletic Officer, W. J. Bason; Child Welfare, Dr. Fred Hubbard; Americanism Officer, W. D. Halfacre; National Defense Officer, J. B. McCoy; Graves Registration Officer, Dr. M. G. Edwards; Employment Officer, T. L. Perry; Boys' State Officer, L. M. Nelson; Boy Scout Officer, A. G. Finley; Publicity Officer, Julius C. Hubbard; Oratorical Contest Chairman, W. D. Halfacre; Chairman, Sons of Legion, A. G. Finley.

At the last meeting of the National Convention of the American Legion which was held at Kansas City, Mo., the Charter of The American Legion was amended so as to include honorably discharged veterans of World War Two. The Wilkes County Post considers itself most fortunate in that it has at its helm for the incoming year, Major E. P. Robinson who served in both World Wars 1 and 2.

The Adjutant and Finance Officer for the ensuing year is Charles Jenkins, a veteran of World War number 2. T. L. Perry, a veteran of World War 2, has been elected to the post of Employment Officer. Mr. Perry is a member of the staff of the U. S. Employment Service for North Carolina and is well qualified to head this important post for the Legion. No doubt many returning veterans of World War 2 will avail themselves of the good services of his office in re-adjusting themselves to civilian occupations after having been honorably discharged from the service.

Major F. C. Hubbard, chairman of the Child Welfare committee, is a veteran of both World Wars 1 and 2. The other officers and committee chairmen are veterans of World War 1. The post and the auxiliary of the post are organized to render the best possible service to the community, state and nation.

## Tax Advertising To Be In August

Real estate on which 1943 taxes have not been paid will be advertised during the month of August and will be sold for taxes on the first Monday in September.

The Wilkes county board of commissioners in session yesterday ordered the real estate on which 1943 county taxes have not been paid advertised as the law provides, and sold for taxes September 4.

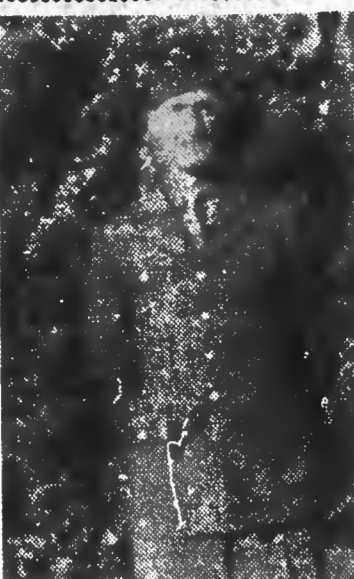
All who have not paid 1943 taxes are urged to do so during the remainder of this month and save additional penalty and advertising costs.

## Returns to Duty



M. A. Blevins, gunners mate third class, returned to Gulfport, Miss., July 20 after spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Blevins, of there. He received training at the Gunners Mate school at St. Augustine, Florida, and was assigned to a coast guard cutter at Gulfport.

## Missing In Action



Pvt. Claude E. Wallace has been reported missing in action in France since June 12, according to a message received by his mother, Mrs. J. C. Wallace, of North Wilkesboro. Pvt. Wallace entered the army in February, 1943, received training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and was sent overseas in July, 1943.

## Serving In France



Staff Sergeant Ora M. Hudson is now with invasion forces in France. Ora volunteered for service in 1940 and has been overseas since November, 1943. In a recent letter received by his wife, the former Miss Edna Wiles, he stated that he had been in action but came through without a scratch. He said he was getting along fine and thought the war would soon be over. His wife and little daughter, Karen Linda, make their home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hudson, 904 Trogon street, North Wilkesboro.

## Chief Petty Officer Frank Pennell Here

Chief Petty Officer Frank Pennell, a veteran of over 30 years in the navy, was here on a visit to his old home at Cricket this week. Petty Officer Pennell was in all of the three invasions—North Africa, Sicily, and France, and during the latter his ship, the Susan B. Anthony, was sunk, and he narrowly escaped with his life.

Pennell arrived in Wilkes from the west coast, but will report for duty at some point on the Atlantic seaboard.

While in Wilkes he visited his sister, Miss Laura Pennell, at Cricket, and before leaving the state he and his sister visited their brother, Mr. James Pennell and family, at Cleveland.

Chief Petty Officer Pennell is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pennell.

## YANKS TAKE 14 TOWNS IN NEW DRIVE

A great combined American tank and infantry assault smashed through the German first and second defense lines and into rear artillery positions west of St. Lo Wednesday, scoring gains up to five miles deep through a four-mile wide breach in the Nazi positions.

At least 14 towns, including two important road junctions, fell in the drive, which outflanked the stubborn Nazi line running north-westward to the coast.

On the eastern flank of the Allies Normandy beachhead the British-Canadian offensive bumped to a standstill against the toughest defense belt yet encountered, and press dispatches reaching London early today reported a serious setback in the Orne-Odon wedge where the British were said to have been buried from the town of Equey and strategic Hill 112. This dispatch remained without headquarters confirmation.

## Another Case Of Polio Is Reported In Wilkes County

### Health Officer Sternly Warns Parents to Continue Precaution In The County

"If parents in Wilkes county wish to protect their children, if they are interested in their health and future welfare, they will keep their children at home and not become lax in the precautions to prevent further spread of infantile paralysis", Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes health officer, said today.

Dr. Eller made the statement when he received reports that some parents have been allowing their children to be on the streets, at stores, ball games and at other public places since the polio epidemic has begun to wane.

However, two new cases have been reported this week. The one reported today, which swelled the total since June 1 to 34, was Wayne Pardue, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pardue, of the Clingman community near Ronda. He has been placed in the emergency hospital at Hickory.

Dr. Eller said that precautions to prevent spread of the disease apparently have been of much benefit, because the number of new cases during the past two weeks has been much smaller than in the three previous weeks. However, he explained that at this season of the year there may be a serious outbreak of new cases unless rigid precautions are followed.

## Mount Pleasant Masons Planning A Masonic Hall

### Dr. James W. Davis Host To Mount Pleasant Lodge In Annual Banquet Here

Decision to erect a modern fraternity hall for Mount Pleasant Masonic lodge was reached in the annual banquet given that lodge here on Saturday evening by Dr. James W. Davis, of Statesville, who was host and toastmaster for the occasion.

Twenty members and three guests were present for the banquet, which was given at Hotel Wilkes by Dr. Davis, who has been a member of the lodge for many years.

Following the banquet Dr. Davis led in a discussion of the plans to erect a modern building for the lodge when conditions will permit. The building is to have an assembly hall, dining room, kitchen, library and other facilities.

A committee composed of Dr. Davis, D. F. Shepherd and J. C. McNeill was appointed to raise funds for erection of the building. It was explained that receipts will be given donors and that donations may be exempted from taxable income in making income tax returns.

## News Of Kilby Brothers

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Kilby this week received letters from their sons in service overseas. Sgt. Conrad Kilby, who is in the air corps ground crews, has arrived in China. Sgt. Gwyn J. (Shine) Kilby is now with invasion forces in France. Their many friends will be glad to know they are getting along fine.

## Twice Wounded



Opl. King D. Key for the second time has been wounded in action against the Japanese, according to a message received here by his wife. The last wounds were received while in action on Saipan. In November, 1943, he was wounded during the capture of Tarawa. He was wounded both times in the right leg. Opl. Key has been in service overseas with the marines for the past 18 months.

## Drowns In Lake



Pvt. Arthur Ashley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ashley, of Wilbar, was accidentally drowned in America Lake in Tacoma, Washington, Sunday, July 9. He and one of his buddies were pleasure riding in a boat on the lake when the boat overturned and both were drowned. Pvt. Ashley had been in service 18 months and had been in training in several states. His body arrived home Monday, July 17, and funeral service was held Wednesday, July 19, at Piny Ridge Baptist church. Pvt. Ashley is survived by his father and mother, six sisters and one brother: Mrs. Thurmond Paw, Wilkesboro route one; Mrs. Ernest Parsons, Wilkesboro; Mrs. David Deal, Bassett, Va.; Mrs. Andrew Whittington, Wilkesboro route one; Miss Pansy Ashley, Baltimore, Md.; Miss Lily Ashley, Wilkesboro route one; and Mrs. Rocy Ashley, Martinsville, Va.

## Minimum Fare On Local Bus Lines To Be Ten Cents

### Five-Cent Fare Will Be Discontinued August 1 Because Increased Costs

Wilkes Transportation company and Parkway Bus company will discontinue the five-cent minimum fare on local buses, effective on August 1st.

In announcements today, and which appear in the advertisements by Parkway Bus company and Wilkes Transportation company elsewhere in this newspaper, explained that the five-cent fare must be discontinued because of increased costs of operation. The minimum fare will be ten cents, and the minimum price for ten-ride ticket books will be 90 cents.

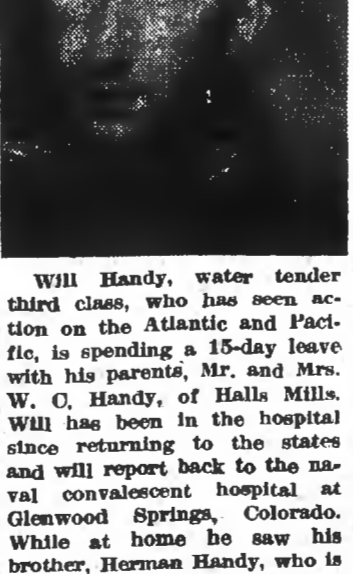
By raising the minimum fare to ten cents, both companies will be able to maintain the excellent bus service in this community and to the many rural communities in this county now being served regularly with bus transportation several times daily.

## 11 Colored Men Gone For Exams

The following colored men were forwarded to Camp Croft, S. C., for pre-induction examination today by Wilkes Board No. 2:

- George William Long
- George Thomas Alexander
- William Cockerham
- Leroy Hampton
- Clarence Arthur Dowell
- John David Edwards
- Fred Moore (trans. out)
- Carlson Henderson Waugh
- Julian Junior Dowell
- Nathaniel B. Williams
- Walter Horton, Jr. (trans. in)

## Naval Veteran



Will Handy, water tender third class, who has seen action on the Atlantic and Pacific, is spending a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Handy, of Halls Mills. Will has been in the hospital since returning to the states and will report back to the naval convalescent hospital at Glenwood Springs, Colorado. While at home he saw his brother, Herman Handy, who is back from service with the Seabees in Alaska. It had been 18 months since they saw each other. Will has been in the navy two years, spending most of the time on sea duty. While on leave he spent a few days in Charlotte with his sister, Miss Novella Handy, and with relatives and friends in Lenoir.

Misses Fannie Ruth and Ruby Kilby, Edith and Margie Beamon spent last week at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

# Saturday Last Day To Reach Goal In E Bonds

## People of Wilkes May Aid Hickory Polio Fund Drive

### Money Needed To Build and Equip Buildings For Polio Emergency Hospital

A movement is well under way to raise money for buildings, improvements and equipment for the emergency hospital for infantile paralysis victims, which was set up a few weeks ago at Hickory and which is now caring for well over 100 cases, including several from Wilkes county.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, assisted by the American Red Cross, is paying for the treatment of the patients in the emergency hospital, but a fund is being raised in Hickory and many other western North Carolina towns to provide for the buildings and equipment to make of the emergency hospital an institution to be used in any future outbreaks of polio, as well as during the present emergency.

The Journal-Patriot has volunteered to aid in this movement by acting as a receiving agent for contributions, which will be forwarded to headquarters for the fund.

Two voluntary and unsolicited contributions have already been received by The Journal-Patriot: \$25 from R. Don Laws, of Moravian Falls, and \$25 from a Big Star store in Portsmouth, Va. The North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club members donated \$403, which was sent to the State Orthopedic Hospital at Gastonia and the Emergency Hospital at Hickory, the two institutions now caring for practically all the Wilkes patients.

It is believed that many people in Wilkes will contribute something to the institutions which are caring for the infantile paralysis patients. There is no organized drive for funds, but this newspaper, for the convenience of the people it serves, will act as receiving agent for any and all contributions for treatment and care of infantile paralysis victims.

Following is a copy of a letter from Walker Lyerly, mayor of Hickory, to R. T. McNeil, mayor of North Wilkesboro, which explains the appeal for funds for the emergency hospital at Hickory: (See Hickory—page two)

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## Wounded In France



Pfc. Edward E. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Johnson, of North Wilkesboro route three, was wounded in action in France June 23, according to a letter received by his mother. Pfc. Johnson, who has been overseas four months stated in his letter that he was sending a purple heart for "a little accident that happened to me somewhere in France". The purple heart was received by Pfc. Johnson's mother Friday.

## Received Wound



Paul Candill, third class petty officer and gunners mate, is at home at North Wilkesboro on a 17-day leave after several months of convoy duty. He is recovering from a shrapnel wound received May 15. He spent several weeks in a naval hospital in England.

## Activity Wilkes Chapter of Polio Foundation Told

### Wilkes Chapter Had June 30 Balance of \$1,364.36; Underprivileged Helped

By MRS. W. R. ABSHER, Secretary-Treasurer, Wilkes Chapter National Infantile Paralysis Foundation

The Wilkes county chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, wishes to express its appreciation to citizens of Wilkes county for their unsolicited contributions to the sufferers of infantile paralysis; also to the doctors of Wilkes county who have given their services at one-half price to those unable to pay and to Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home who sent patients to the Orthopedic Hospital at Gastonia in ambulance, charging one-half of the usual price.

Transportation charges to Hickory and Gastonia, local medical care and hospitalization of a case at the Baptist Hospital (which was later transferred to Gastonia), amounting to \$180, during the month of July have been paid by the Wilkes county chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Through the generosity and cooperation of the citizens of Wilkes county in the annual drive for funds for infantile paralysis in January, 1944, we have been able to meet all costs for local medical care, transportation, telephone calls, etc., (telephone bill for July has not been received).

The chapter wishes to appeal to all citizens in Wilkes county to report illness of children having symptoms of infantile paralysis to family physicians at once. Please note that local medical care, telephone calls to hospital, transportation, etc., for all citizens unable to pay will be paid by local chapter. Paul Cashion, North Wilkesboro, is chairman.

A case of infantile paralysis was (See Polio Chapter—page 12)

## REDS SEEK BRIDGEHEADS ALONG WISLA

Russian troops, having reached the Wisla (Vistula) River on a 30-mile front in central Poland, fought yesterday for bridgeheads on the western bank which would outflank Warsaw, 57 miles to the northwest, and place them across the last large natural defense line guarding Germany, 140 miles away.

While these sagging Nazi defenses on the Wisla underwent the scourge of Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's massed forces, the North Baltic front split open with Soviet capture of the Estonian city-fortress of Narva and neighboring towns on the south shores of the Gulf of Finland, and the Germans and their Hungarian puppets in the south reeled back into the Carpathian Mountain passes below encircled Stanislavow and Kolomyja on the routes to Czechoslovakia.

## County \$17,000 Short Of Quota; Drive Near End

With the "E" bond phase of the Fifth War Loan closing Saturday, July 29, Wilkes still has \$17,000 to go in "E" bonds to reach the quota, W. D. Halfacre, war loan chairman, said today.

Mr. Halfacre emphasized the importance of all workers and issuing agents getting their reports in by Saturday noon. All bond sales reports postmarked not later than Saturday will count on the Fifth War Loan total.

An urgent appeal is made to the people of Wilkes county to buy additional "E" bonds to the limit of their financial ability Friday and Saturday morning in order to put the county over the top fully in the campaign. The "E" bond quota is \$227,000. The county has long since passed the overall quota of \$200,000, with total sales soaring above two million dollars in all types of bonds.

Extra efforts on the part of rural workers and sales people in retail stores can help to put the county over, Mr. Halfacre said.

If the "E" bond quota is reached, Wilkes will be honored by having the county's name on a landing craft now under construction in the Charleston navy yard.

## Wilkesboro Red Cross Workers Needed at Once

### Quota For July Much Behind At Surgical Dressing Room

Volunteer workers are badly needed at the Wilkesboro Red Cross Surgical Dressing Room in order to make it possible to meet the July quota. Mrs. J. B. Henderson, chairman, stated this morning.

For the past several weeks very few volunteer workers have been going to the Red Cross room in the James Lowe building, and as a result the quota expected to be turned out this month is far behind. "It's going to take a number of volunteers to make this month's quota", Mrs. Henderson said, "and increased number of casualties among our fighting men will necessarily mean larger quotas to be filled in the future", she continued.

The Red Cross Surgical Room in Wilkesboro is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons and evenings, and it is urgent that more women work during the remainder of the month if the July quota is finished on time.

Mrs. Henderson expressed herself today as confident that the women of the Wilkesboro community will rally to this urgent call and put over the job in a big way.

Mrs. L. D. Cooke has returned from a week's vacation at Asheville and Marion.

## Shot 12 Nazis



Pvt. Alvin Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Baker, of Parlear, knocked down 12 Nazis with well placed shots from his rifle while attacking a German machine gun nest in Italy. An article from the "Stars and Stripes", army publication, telling about Pvt. Baker's excellent marksmanship, appears elsewhere in this newspaper, as well as one of his recent letters home.