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Watch Your Label—Keep Your Subscription Paid In Advance

WILKES LADY COMPLETES FINE TATTED BEDSPREAD; REQUIRED SEVEN AND ONE - HALF YEARS



Mrs. Dalla Thompson, of State Road, is shown here with her tatted bedspread, which she recently completed after seven and one-half years work in her spare time. It is estimated that she worked more than 12,000 hours making the beautiful spread. (Staff photo by Dwight Nichols).

Serves In England



Pvt. Odell Pearson, son of Mrs. Ada Pearson, of Boomer, is now in England. He entered service in September, 1942, and was in training at Atlantic City, N. J., and Tampa, Florida, before going overseas November 1.

Peculiar Egg

A. S. Clark, a well known citizen of the Millers Creek community, brought a most unusual egg to The Journal-Patriot office last week. The egg had a rough shell, which was almost dark enough to be called chocolate color, and was in a flattened, oval shape. In fact, it did not resemble a hen egg, but it was an egg and was found in a hen's nest.

11 DIVISIONS IN BULGARIA ARE DISARMED

Bulgaria's declaration of war on Germany was reported imminent last night as Bulgarian forces attacked Nazi Army units throughout the country; and the Bucharest radio claimed that most of Germany's 11 divisions inside Romania had been disarmed and interned with "the remainder annihilated."

Hastening the complete crack-up of Adolf Hitler's Balkan empire, a general "get-out-of-the-war strike in Hungary was expected hourly as secret broadcasts and a statement by the Hungarian council in Britain urged soldiers and workers to revolt against the Nazis or suffer a fate "identical with that of Germany."

The 1945 wheat goal for the United States, as announced by the WFA, is 1,900,000 acres larger than the crop of this year.

(By DWIGHT NICHOLS)

For ages women have strived to have something exclusive, and what is the woman who does not yearn to have some object, something of beauty, which others do not have?

Mrs. Dalla Thompson, a farmer's wife in the State Road community near Elkin, has such an object, but it took seven and one-half years to make it.

She is, perhaps the only woman in the world who possesses a tatted bedspread. And what is more important, she made it herself.

To those who know little or nothing about the process of tating, the fact that Mrs. Dalla Thompson has tatted a bedspread means nothing. But the average woman who knows how tating is done knows that tating a bedspread is next to being out of the question entirely.

On October 1, 1936, Mrs. Thompson began making the spread, and all her spare time went into making the spread until she finished it this year.

The spread, tatted of white crocheted thread, is a thing of sheer beauty. It is more than that; it is astounding; it is almost unbelievable. Tating is a hand process of weaving with a miniature shuttle. One inch of thread would make several shuttle loops. Imagine, if you can, the inestimable number of times Mrs. Thompson raised and lowered her right hand with the shuttle to make a colonial bedspread approximately ten feet square. The action of her arm over a period of seven and one-half years developed large bicep muscles. (See Bedspread—page 8)

Gets Promotion



Sgt. Ellis Bradley was recently promoted to his present rank at Camp Rucker, Alabama, where he is stationed. He entered the army in April, 1942. Sgt. Bradley has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Lillie Bradley, of Ronda, and his sister, Mrs. Lonnie Brown, at Hays.

Allies Gain Rapidly In France

GALATI GAP DEFENSES ARE SHATTERED

An avalanche of Russian tanks and motorized infantry poured into the rich Ploesti oil region in the heart of capitulated Rumania yesterday, shattering the Galati Gap defenses between the Danube and the Carpathians and overhauling thousands of Germans trying to escape into Hungary.

In a disaster of Stalingrad proportions, the Germans were overwhelmed at Focani and Galati, anchors on the defense line, and the Russians rolled on through the petroleum fields of Ramnicul-Sarat, 22 miles beyond Focani and only 75 miles northeast of Bucharest.

Ramnicul Sarat is on the edge of the Ploesti oil belt whose center in the town of that name lies only 27 miles southwest of the advancing Russians.

Officers Kiwanis Club Coming Year Nominated Friday

Paul Osborne Nominated for President; Raymond A. Palmer Addresses Club

Paul Osborne, well known young business man and civic leader, was nominated for president of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club when the nominating committee made its report at the luncheon meeting Friday noon.

Election of next year's officers, who will go into office at the first meeting in January, will be at a later meeting. The committee nominated the following: Paul Osborne, president; J. B. McCoy, vice-president; T. E. Story, treasurer; J. B. Williams, J. B. Snipes, W. D. Halfacre, G. T. Mitchell and Gwyn Gambill, directors.

Program Chairman Robert Gibbs introduced Raymond A. Palmer, who made a very interesting talk on the subject, "The Challenge of Scientific Progress."

Mr. Palmer pointed out that the modern conveniences we now enjoy, such as automobiles, good roads, radios, and other modern time saving equipment have for the most part come to us since the first World War. But, said he, all of these have been in more or less elementary stages as compared to the equipment we shall see following the present war. Even the machinery for conducting the present war is far superior to that of the other war. The planes, the cars, the radios and all other present (See Kiwanis—page 5)

Polio Situation Is Now Favorable

Health Officer Says Continue to Keep Children In to Prevent Outbreak

With no new cases of infantile paralysis reported in Wilkes since August 2, the situation in the county is favorable, Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, said today.

However, Dr. Eller urged that the precautions which have been carried out and which apparently have been so successful be continued in order to be on the safe side and not have another outbreak.

The situation is not so good in many piedmont and eastern Carolina counties, where new cases are reported daily.

\$400.00

Members of North Wilkesboro Lodge Number 407, A. F. & A. M., and friends of Masonry raised \$400.00 for Oxford Orphanage.

The committee on behalf of North Wilkesboro lodge and Oxford Orphanage want to thank every one that helped to make this nice contribution possible.

Oxford Orphanage has cared for over 5,000 children over a period of 70 years. 212 boys from the orphanage are in the armed forces, from privates to Lieutenant-Colonels. Some of this number have already been decorated for valor.

Children that go out from the orphanage are in all walks of life, and there is no record of any former pupils having been convicted and sentenced for committing a major crime.

Killed In Action



Private First Class Baxter D. Mastin was killed in action in France July 30, according to a message from the War Department. 17c. Mastin entered the service Sept. 14, 1942, and was assigned to the infantry. He was trained at several camps, including Camp Wolters, Texas; San Luis, Obispo, California; Camp Rucker, Ala., and Camp Butner. He went overseas the first of May, to England and later went to France. Surviving Pfc. Mastin are his wife, Mrs. Irene Mastin, one infant daughter, father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Mastin, and the following brothers and sisters: Miss Blanche Mastin, Mr. Willie Mastin, Mr. Lee Mastin, Miss Fearnie Mastin, and M. P. Mastin, Jr., all of North Wilkesboro.

Board of stewards of the First Methodist church will meet Tuesday evening, seven o'clock, at the home of Mr. Edd F. Gardner.

Seriously Wounded



Cpl. Marvin K. Williams, U. S. M. O., son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Williams, of Wilkesboro route two, has been wounded on Tinian Island, according to a letter received by his parents Thursday. In the letter he said, "I am in a good hospital now, and they are really taking good care of me here. I was wounded at Tinian. I got three machine gun bullets in my left side, one in my arm and after it went through my arm it went between my ribs, through my left kidney, and hit my backbone. Then I got one through the hip and it hit my back, and I got one in the upper part of my thigh, so you see I am kind of beaten up a little. I was operated on and brought over here from Tinian in a hospital ship. If they hadn't taken good care of me on the ship I could never have made the trip. I was on the hospital ship 22 days and nights. I was in a cast from my arm pits to my left toes for nine days, but they took the cast off the day I got here the 16th of August. Since the cast is off I have rested a lot better and have slept all night and part of the days for the first time since I was wounded. I have complete use of my right leg now, and my back is so I can turn over by myself. I hope I'll get so I can use my left leg soon, and the doctor says I will in a month or so. They say they are going to send me back to the states soon." Cpl. Williams graduated from Wilkesboro high school May 7, 1941. He entered the Marine Corps September 28, 1942, took training at Parris Island, S. O., New River, N. C., and Camp Pendleton, California, went overseas with the Fourth Marine Division in January of this year. He was in battle on the Marshalls and helped take Saipan, before he was wounded on Tinian.

NAZIS RETIRE TO NEW LINE IN ADRIATIC

German troops were withdrawing along a 75-mile front east from Florence to the Adriatic yesterday toward the shelter of their Gothic line as Polish forces strengthened a bridgehead over the Metauro River little more than 23 miles below Rimini and Allied heavy bombers choked two of the enemy's main rail lines in Northern Italy.

The Germans resisted with cannon and machine guns as the Poles branched out across the Metauro, which reached the sea 29 miles below Rimini, but in the upper Arno Valley the enemy sometimes was leaving his positions before the Allies reached them.

Wilkes Lagging In Scrap Paper Salvage Duties

A representative of the War Production Board in Wilkes last week with a report of scrap paper salvage for the various counties in the state pointed out that Wilkes is far behind its quota in the amount of paper salvaged.

Only 6,500 pounds of scrap paper were collected in the county during the past month, which is only a fraction of the quota as set up according to population.

Commenting on the need for scrap paper, the WBP representative said that it is now the most critical of salvage materials and no scrap paper should be wasted.

In conference here with a number of civic leaders, he stated that the Kiwanis club directors will take the matter under consideration at their meeting Thursday evening.

The WBP representative said that a more concerted drive for scrap paper is badly needed in Wilkes, and that rural areas should be contacted. Many tons of paper are being destroyed which should be going into the war effort, he said.

Wyoming Sheep Are Brought to Wilkes

Two hundred fifty purebred Wyoming sheep, excellent for breeding purposes, have been brought to Wilkes by J. W. Thompson, a prominent Wyoming sheep rancher who was born and reared in Wilkes.

These sheep are being sold through the state department of agriculture and about 2,500 have already been placed in North Carolina. Robert S. Curtis, of the state department of agriculture, recently spent several days in the county assisting in placing ewes and rams on farms.

Farmers interested in purchasing any of the sheep should get in touch with J. B. Snipes, Wilkes county agent.

WALSH BROTHERS ARE OVERSEAS



Pfc. Vaughn V. Walsh, left, who was inducted into the army on September 1, 1942, is now in France. He received training at Camp Wolters, Texas; Los Angeles, California; Obispo, California; Camp Rucker, Alabama; maneuvers in Tennessee, was at Camp Butner before going overseas in May this year. He received a number of medals for proficiency with weapons and a certificate as an expert sniper. Pfc. Van H. Walsh has been in service for the past 2 1/2 years in Hawaii. His wife, the former Miss Chelcie Barnes, makes her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bain Barnes, of Boomer. The Walsh brothers are sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Walsh, of Boomer.

Now In India



Cpl. Clifford Elledge entered the army in January, 1943, at Fort Meade, Md. He received his training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., Fort Belvoir, Va., Salt Lake City, Utah, and Geiger Field, Wash. He was also on duty at Geiger Field and in New Mexico before going overseas in March, 1944. He was first sent to North Africa and from there to India, where he is now stationed. Cpl. Elledge is in the engineers. His wife, the former Miss Gladys Prince, and their two-month-old son, William Clifford, are making their home with her parents in Raleigh. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Elledge, of Hays. The above photo was made in India. He says he is getting along fine.

Apply For Fuel Now

Those who have not made application for fuel oil ration stamps are urged to complete the application and file it as early as possible with the rationing board.

The U. S. farm-mortgage debt was reduced by \$50 million dollars during 1942 and 1943.

At Fort McClellan



Pvt. Commie L. Johnson, who entered the army in March 1943, is stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama. His wife, the former Miss Iner Myers, and son, Ray Lee, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Johnson, reside at Wilkesboro.

TROOPS SET FOR INVASION OF GERMANY

In a lightning northward thrust of 25 miles, a U. S. tank spearhead reached the River Marne 15 miles east of Paris Sunday and other American armored columns thundered toward that historic stream of a 100-mile front to gain a springboard for the invasion of Germany.

While Anglo-Canadian troops outflanked Rouen in a new thrust across the lower Seine and thus trapped the last remnants of the German Seventh Army, Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's Yanks shot around pockets of resistance on the Paris outskirts and drove to the Marne at Lagny from the Melun area southeast of the capital.

Moving north and east in a powerful force Patton's troops also captured Pecy, 21 miles northeast of Melun. Nogent, 30 miles northwest of Troyes, and Provins, 12 miles northwest of Nogent. Another column had raced nearly 20 miles beyond Troyes to within possibly 100 miles of the German frontier and still another was approaching Romilly on the Seine 10 miles east of Nogent.

Rev. D. J. White Dies Suddenly

Methodist Minister In This Part of State for 45 Years Suddenly Stricken

Rev. David J. White, age 82, beloved Methodist minister who for nearly half a century had served churches in Western North Carolina, died Sunday afternoon at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Granyille C. Green, at Ronda.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, two p. m., at Smith's Chapel in Iredell county. Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner and Rev. Grady White will conduct the service.

The aged minister died as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. He had been in normally good health until he was stricken about 11 a. m. Sunday, and had driven his car Sunday morning. Death came a few hours following the stroke.

Surviving Rev. Mr. White are four sons and five daughters: J. L. White, Union Grove; T. S. White, Statesville; F. C. White, Mocksville; A. J. White, Ronda; Mrs. Granyille C. Greene, Ronda; Mrs. Emily Welborn, Hickory; Mrs. J. C. Byrd, Ronda; Mrs. E. R. Woolridge and Mrs. H. J. Willoughby, Roanoke, Va. Also surviving are 45 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Nutrition Group To Meet Tuesday

Important Meeting of County Nutrition Committee To Be At Town Hall

Wilkes Nutrition Committee will hold an important meeting Tuesday afternoon, August 29, 3:30 o'clock, at the North Wilkesboro town hall.

Mrs. Annie H. Greene, Wilkes home agent who made announcement of the meeting, explained that a special wartime nutrition program is planned for the month of September and all members of the nutrition committee and others interested are asked to attend.

Red Cross Calling For Volunteers to Make Kit Bags

Urgent Need for More Kit Bags As Men Are Being Sent Overseas Rapidly

Wilkes chapter of the Red Cross is making a special appeal for helpers to make overseas kits for service men.

Chapter officials said today that the need for additional kits now is urgent with so many men going overseas. Those who have already secured materials for making kits are urged to complete them as early as possible and return them to the Red Cross office over Tomlinson's Department store.

Those who have not secured materials and who find that they can render this type of service are asked to call Mrs. J. W. Layson or the Red Cross office.