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Merchants Plan Victory Day Observance Here

24 Stores Continue Half Holiday During Month September

Twenty-four local stores will continue the half holiday Wednesday afternoons thru the month of September, it was announced today.

This decision was reached because of the later date of school opening, the polio epidemic and the need for time for rest and recreation for employees of the stores, officials of the firms to continue the closing stated.

The list of firms which will continue the Wednesday afternoon closing thru September follows: Belk's Department Store, Harris Brothers Department Store, Tomlinson's Dept. Store, Spainhour's, J. C. Penney company, Crest Stores, Hackney's Dept. Store, The Goodwill Store, Jean's, Dixie Home Store, G. P. Store, Moore's Market, Yale's Department Store, Steele's Jewelry Store, Rhodes-Day Furniture company, Wilkes Furniture Exchange, Mark-Down Furniture company, Better Homes Furniture company, Gray Brothers Furniture company, Forester Furniture company, Reins Market, Kash & Kary, R. & O. Grocery, and Foster Grocery.

Mounted Deer At Beech's Place Cafe

Beech Blankenship, proprietor of Beech's Place Cafe on Tenth street, said today that the deer which he killed last fall in Pisgah National Forest has been mounted, life size, in Denver, Colorado, and will arrive in a few days.

The mounted deer will be placed in Beech's Place cafe window, and doubtless will attract much interest.

Mrs. S. B. Gentle Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service will be held Friday, 2:30 p. m., at Mt. Carmel church for Mrs. Lida Margaret Gentle, wife of S. B. Gentle, of Moravian Falls. Mrs. Gentle died Wednesday.

Surviving Mrs. Gentle are her husband and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Lottie Lance, Collett, Va.; Mrs. Carrie Smith, Statesville; Mrs. Lillie Watts, Boomer; W. M. Gentle, Goodwill, W. Va.; Samuel B. Gentle, in the navy; and G. F. Gentle, Moravian Falls.

Rev. Alfred Foster and Rev. Arthur Miller will conduct the funeral service.

Mrs. Alfred Williams, of Raleigh, spent the past week here with her sister, Mrs. J. G. Hackett.

In Pacific Area



Pfc. G. B. Mitchell is now serving in the marine corps somewhere in the Pacific area. He entered service in October, 1943, was in training at Parris Island and Camp Lejeune and went overseas in April, 1944. He is the son of Mrs. Ella Mitchell, formerly of Wilkesboro and now engaged in war work in Baltimore, Md.

Killed In Action



Pfc. Willie L. Haynes, age 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Haynes, of Mertie, was killed in action in Italy on July 16. News that Pfc. Haynes was killed was contained in an official war department message to his mother. Pfc. Haynes entered service November 2, 1942, and received his training at Camp White and Camp Adair, Oregon. He had been overseas since March, 1944. Surviving are his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Robert T. Haynes, Cordia S. Haynes and I. Rowe D. Haynes, of Mertie; Foy M. Adams, of Kannapolis; and Mrs. Odessa Wyatt, of Halls Mills.

Legion-Auxiliary Plan Joint Meet

The members of the Wilkes County Post of the American Legion and the membership of the Auxiliary of the post are to meet together on Friday evening, September 1st at the Legion-Auxiliary clubhouse to install officers for the ensuing year. The installation exercises for the Legion will be in charge of Lewis M. Nelson, district committeeman for the fifteenth district of the Legion, while one of the members of the Auxiliary will give the installation ritual for the Auxiliary. The exercises will begin at 7:45 o'clock.

Major Edmund P. Robinson, veteran of both World War I and II, will head the work of the Legion for the ensuing year while Mrs. John W. Leyshon will lead the activities of the Auxiliary.

After the installation exercises are completed the membership of both organizations, their guests and friends will enjoy a watermelon feast which will be in charge of Legionnaire John W. Hall, chairman of the refreshment committee.

Banks To Be Closed Monday, Labor Day

Both banks here, the Bank of North Wilkesboro and the Northwestern Bank, will be closed on Monday, September 4, which will be labor day and generally observed as a holiday. The public is asked to remember the date and attend to their banking business on Saturday in order that no inconvenience may result.

LAON, REIMS AND OTHER CITIES SEIZED

Sweeping 40 miles beyond the Seine, Allied armies drove across the Germans' robot bomb launching grounds to within 25 miles of Amiens Thursday while the U. S. First Army in a secret, 70-mile shift from Paris captured Laon and pounded on to within 30 miles of Belgium.

Simultaneously, both flanks of the buckling German line collapsed as the enemy abandoned the by-passed Seine citadel of Rouen and Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army, now operating on the First's right wing, captured the cathedral city of Reims and stormed across the Vesle.

General Eisenhower was throwing the might of at least four armies into a climatic drive to sweep up the bomb coast and drive to the Reich itself through the Abdenne Gap and the Moselle Valley—both barely 50 miles beyond Allied spearheads. To oppose them, the German command had only about 100,000 weary, disorganized and ill-equipped troops.

Nutrition Month Is Planned Here By County Group

Committee Plans Intensified Education Drive During Month of September

Wilkes Nutrition committee in a called meeting held at the North Wilkesboro town hall Tuesday evening laid plans for an intensified educational drive as observance of Nutrition Month during September.

Mrs. Annie H. Greene, chairman, presided at the meeting. Miss Helen Price is secretary.

Observance of Nutrition Month is designed to acquaint every home with the importance of including the seven basic foods in every daily diet.

The campaign in Wilkes will get under way on September 1st and continue until October 1. By distribution of literature through the schools, by window displays, newspaper articles, posters and other media the organization plans to make the people of the county "nutrition conscious".

Chairmen of the three principal committees at the meeting Tuesday discussed plans for their work. Mrs. Boyd Stout is head of the literature committee, which will use block leaders and the schools to place literature in homes and the various agencies dealing with rural people will reach rural homes. Mrs. George Forester in chairman of the window display committee, which will make effective food displays in the Wilkesborsos. Mrs. H. B. Smith heads the publicity committee for newspapers and has planned a number of newspaper articles.

The following were present at the committee meeting Tuesday: Mrs. Annie H. Greene, Miss Helen Price, Miss Kathrin Sanford, Mrs. Boyd Stout, Mrs. H. B. Smith, Mrs. Russell Hodges, Mrs. W. R. Asher, Dr. A. J. Eller, Charles McNeill, J. B. Snipes, Dwight Nichols, C. B. Eller, Paul Osborne, Paul Cragan, Mrs. Paul Cragan and Rev. A. C. Waggoner.

Fred Gilreath New Traphill Principal

Succeeds Zeb Dickson, Resigned; Principals of The Schools Met Tuesday

Fred Gilreath, of Wilkesboro, has been elected principal of Traphill high school, filling the only vacancy in high school principal positions in the county.

Mr. Gilreath succeeds Zeb V. K. Dickson, who recently resigned to accept a position with Parkway Bus company.

Principals of Wilkes schools were in meeting Tuesday with Supt. C. B. Eller, head of the county school system, and Mrs. Gussie D. Parker, a representative of the state department. Plans were made for the work of the coming school term, which will begin September 18.

Home From Italy



Pfc. Ivan H. Eller, of Purlear, is spending a 21-day furlough with relatives and friends in this community. Pfc. Eller went overseas in September, 1943. He was wounded in January of this year and was presented the purple heart award. His wife, the former Miss Silvana Triplett, and daughter, Peggy Sue, make their home with Mrs. Eller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Triplett, of Purlear.

Killed In Action



Pvt. James Paul Haynes, age 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Haynes, of Cricket, recently was killed in action in France. Pvt. Haynes entered service in September, 1942, at Fort Jackson, S. C., and went overseas in May, this year. Surviving are his father and mother, two brothers and two sisters: Misses Ella Mae and Pearl Haynes, Lawrence, Jr., and L. C. Haynes, all of Cricket.

North Wilkesboro Beats Elkin Two Softball Contests

An all-star team made up of players of the Wilkesborsos defeated Elkin in a double header softball game here Wednesday.

Mack Reavis hurled the first game for the locals and held Elkin to one run as his teammates managed to get three markers across.

Bush shutout the Elkin team in the nightcap by a score of five to 0. The games were played rapidly and both teams put up excellent defensive play.

Funeral Held Today For Miss Rhodes, 24

Funeral service was held today at Haymeadow church for Miss Lona Mae Rhodes, age 24, resident of the North Wilkesboro route one community who died Wednesday.

Surviving Miss Rhodes are two brothers and one sister: Eugene David Rhodes, Junior Rhodes and Mrs. Ruby Scarborough, all of North Wilkesboro route one.

Mrs. G. T. Mitchell and daughters, Betsy and Carolyn, have returned to their home in Wilkesboro from Camp Mont Shenandoah, Va., where Mrs. Mitchell was music counsellor for eight weeks. About 100 girls from various sections of the United States attended the private camp this summer. Miss Frances Mitchell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell, spent the summer with her father in Wilkesboro, and Dr. Mitchell's mother and sister, Mrs. Ella Mitchell and Mrs. C. E. Comer, in the Union Grove community.

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YANKS HACK AT FLEEING NAZI TROOPS

American forces hacked relentlessly at fleeing survivors of the German 19th Army along a 20-mile stretch of the Rhone Valley yesterday, while 90 miles to the east a strong Nazi armored force struck into France from the Italian frontier in an effort to relieve the pressure on Gen. Johannes Blaskowitz's shredded army.

Yank motorized infantry attacked the Germans retreating from Southern France with particular ferocity at Loriol, 13 miles north of Montellimar, where the Nazis were attempting to get across the Drome River on hastily-thrown pontoon bridges and resumed their flight toward the Fatherland.

One three-mile German column estimated to have contained nearly 300 vehicles, including numerous pieces of horsedrawn artillery, virtually was wiped out by American artillery and planes in the "Nazi-graveyard" between Montellimar and Valence, headquarters announced.

Last Call Renewal 9-44 Subscriptions

Journal-Patriot subscribers whose address labels are dated 9-44 (September 1, 1944) are urged to renew their subscriptions immediately in order that they will not miss any copies of their paper.

War-time restrictions do not allow mailing papers to persons whose subscriptions have expired, and cooperation on the part of subscribers in renewing promptly will be greatly appreciated.

Rod and Gun Club Organization Set Up Monday Night

Group of Sportsmen Meet to Lay Plans for Development Game and Fish

Wilkes County Rod and Gun Club was organized in a meeting here Monday night when R. V. Day, principal of Millers Creek school and well known sportsman, was elected president.

The other officers are Wm. T. Long, vice president, and Tam Shoemaker, secretary.

The newly formed organization will promote conservation and development of wildlife in the county for the purpose of making streams, field and forests more productive of game and fish.

Plans were made for the next meeting of the club, time of which will be announced later, and Jake Wade, sports editor of the Charlotte Observer, will be the speaker.

Miss Rousseau Is Case Work Aide

Charles C. McNeill, head of the Wilkes County Welfare Department, announced today the appointment of Miss Nell Rousseau, daughter of Judge and Mrs. J. A. Rousseau, of North Wilkesboro, to the position of case work aide with the local welfare department. Miss Rousseau will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Corinne Faw, who resigned her position with the welfare department on May 31 of this year in order to accept employment with the American Red Cross.

Miss Rousseau received her college training at St. Mary's in Raleigh and Greensboro College, Greensboro. For several weeks during this summer, Miss Rousseau was employed as instructor at Camp Shirley Rogers for girls at Roaring Gap.

Mr. McNeill stated that some difficulty had been experienced in finding workers who were interested and could meet the qualifications for case workers set up by the North Carolina merit system council. The welfare department operates under the North Carolina merit system plan and Miss Rousseau has been approved by the merit system as meeting the requirements for this position. Mr. McNeill further stated that his department felt fortunate in securing the services of Miss Rousseau who will begin her new duties on September 1.

Son of Soldier



Fred Lee Hall, seaman second class, is in the navy and is serving in the North African area. His father, Pfc. Tyro Lee Hall, is in the army, having entered service with the National Guard unit here in September, 1940. Fred volunteered for naval service in July, 1943. His mother makes her home in North Wilkesboro.

Wounded In France



Pfc. Earl Rhymer was wounded in France August 8, according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Rhymer, of Purlear. He is now in a hospital in England, and has been awarded the purple heart. Pfc. Rhymer entered service September 1, 1942, and received his training at Camp Wolters, Texas; also Camp San Luis, California. He has been overseas since May of this year. The above picture shows Pfc. Rhymer and his nephew, Dennis Combs.

Guy Leaves For Studies at Yale

Supply Pastor of First Baptist Church During Summer Very Successful

Rev. T. Sloane Guy, Jr., supply pastor of the First Baptist church here since June 1, left today for Gatesville, where he will visit his father before going to Yale university to continue his studies. He was accompanied to Gatesville by his wife and daughter, who will make their home there while he is at Yale.

Rev. Mr. Guy, a former pastor of the Wilkesboro Baptist church, came here after Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., resigned to become pastor of the First Baptist church in Norfolk, Va. His work as supply pastor of the First Baptist here has been very successful. Church attendance has been remarkably high in view of the polio epidemic and other factors which have restricted travel.

One feature of his work was inaugurating of the mid-week prayer service as a service for men in service. Each week the families of eight service men from the church were notified that the service would be especially for that group and the average attendance at the services has been 143. Following each service the pastor wrote to the eight men in whose honor it was held and the services were much appreciated. Following each evening service open house was observed at the pastorium, during which an hour was spent in fellowship, conversation and singing.

At Yale Rev. Mr. Guy will continue his studies leading to a master and Ph.D. degree.

Supply ministers will be obtained for the services at the First Baptist church here until a pastor is called.

NAZIS DRIVEN FROM PLOESTI OIL FIELDS

The Russians cleared the Germans out of all the rich Ploesti oil fields and penetrated the Bucharest metropolitan area yesterday while linking up their two armies in the Romanian theatre for a concentrated blow in the direction of the Hungarian plains.

Fall of Ploesti, long the greatest single source of oil for the German armies, was hailed as the most significant day's victory of the 12-day campaign, which forced Romania a week ago to jump from the Axis to the Allied camp.

In capturing more than 200 towns in a day around Ploesti and northeast of Bucharest, the nearest announced Soviet approach to the Romanian capital was 17 miles, at the village of Meriuta.

Speedy patrols, however, were believed to be much nearer to the capital, which the Romanians have announced they themselves already have retrieved from the Germans.

Stores Are to Close When Victory News Is Received In City

Uniform Closing In Observance of Victory Over Germany Is Arranged

Merchants and business men of North Wilkesboro in a called meeting held Wednesday morning at the town hall agreed upon closing hours for observance of victory in Europe.

The plan as adopted by the merchants assembled was as follows: If the news of victory arrives before one p. m., the stores will close immediately and be closed the remainder of the day, but will be open on the following day. If news of victory arrives any time after one p. m. the stores will close immediately and be closed the remainder of the day and the following day. If news of victory comes after closing hours the stores and business firms will be closed the following day.

This plan, it was explained in the meeting, is being followed in arrangements being made in other North Carolina cities and towns.

W. K. Sturdivant presided at the meeting.

A committee composed of J. B. McCoy, Mayor R. T. McNeil and W. G. Gabriel was elected to confer with ministers of the city relative to plans for thanksgiving services and appropriate programs immediately after news of allied victory in Europe is received, regardless of whatever time of day or night it may be, and regardless of the date. J. B. McCoy was named as chairman of the committee.

Sentiment was expressed in the discussion that observance of victory should be in the form of thanksgiving and reverence and complete agreement was expressed on willingness to cooperate with churches and civic organizations in arranging for appropriate observance of victory over Germany.

Roy Reins Purchases Johnson's Herefords

Roy Reins, proprietor of Reins Market, in this city, has purchased the purebred herd of 15 Herefords from Ex-Sheriff J. H. Johnson.

The herd is one of the best known in the beef cattle business in this section and contains some excellent animals. Mr. Reins plans to continue purebred breeding of Herefords. The herd is now in pasture on Mr. Johnson's farm on the Blue Ridge but will be moved by Mr. Reins' farm near Wilkesboro this fall.

The fourth quarterly conference for the Wilkesboro and Union Methodist churches was held Sunday afternoon at Union with Rev. Joe S. Hiatt, the district superintendent, presiding. Officials for the ensuing year to serve each church were elected. Prior to the business session, Rev. Mr. Hiatt delivered a strong gospel message.

Was In Invasion



Walter Mack Johnston, seaman second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnston, of North Wilkesboro, has been in service since May, 1943. He received his training at Seabridge, Md., and Little Creek, Va. In a letter to his mother he said he came through the invasion of Northern France O. K. and that he is now back in England. He has been overseas since October, 1943.