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Watch Your Label—Keep Your Subscription Paid in Advance

U. S. Mail Truck May Take Boone-Greensboro Route

Large Truck Making Round Trip Would Carry All Types Of Mail

A proposal that a government mail truck be placed on a route from Greensboro to Boone has been recommended to the Post-office Department in Washington, J. C. Reins, North Wilkesboro's postmaster, said today.

As outlined in the proposal, a 23 foot truck of ample size to carry the mail to postoffices between Greensboro and Boone by way of Elkin and North Wilkesboro would be put on the route. In addition to the driver, there would be a mail clerk to handle all in a manner similar to railway mail clerk operations.

The truck would leave Greensboro about three a. m. and make the trip on to Boone, serving postoffices along the route. It would return to Greensboro in late afternoon.

Principal advantages to North Wilkesboro and all this section for the present system would be that the truck would carry parcel post and registered mail in addition to first class mail as is now carried.

This would provide for two in coming and two outgoing mails daily, carrying all types of mail and would greatly expedite movement of parcel post and registered mail, which are carried in and out of this section only once daily under the present arrangement.

Postmaster Reins predicted today that the mail truck will be in operation between Greensboro and Boone before Christmas.

Mrs. Everett To Speak On Friday

Democratic Vice Chairman Address Voters In Meeting At The Town Hall

Mrs. B. B. Everett, of Palmyra, vice chairman of the State Democratic Executive committee, will deliver an address Friday night, October 27, eight o'clock, in North Wilkesboro town hall.

Mrs. Everett, a talented speaker, will discuss issues of the current election campaign and a cordial invitation is extended to all interested voters to attend. A special invitation is extended to the ladies.

Special Service For Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts and Leaders To Attend First Baptist Service On Sunday Morning

Girl Scout Week will open here on Sunday with a special service at the First Baptist church.

Girl Scouts and Brownies are asked to be in uniform and meet at the church at 10:45. Girl Scouts leaders are asked to be with the Scouts.

Dr. David E. Browning, First Baptist pastor, will deliver a message appropriate for the occasion.

RATION NEWS

SHOES—Airplane Stamps Nos. 1 and 2 in book three good for one pair of shoes each indefinitely. Airplane stamp No. 3 will become valid November 1.

GASOLINE—Coupons No. 11 in A book good for three gallons became effective Aug. 9 and will expire November 8.

SUGAR—Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 (book 4) good for five pounds indefinitely.

PROCESSED FOODS—Blue A8 through R5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens. Good indefinitely.

MEATS AND FATS—Red A8 through Z9 and A5 through K5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each for use with tokens.

SUGAR: Sugar stamp 40 good for five pounds canning sugar until February 23, 1945. Sugar coupons R-325 issued for canning sugar are valid indefinitely and did not expire October 1.

A tire manufacturer may transfer new truck tires to any dealer without certificates, providing the establishment shipping the tires does not have any replacement portions on which orders have not been filled.

Killed In Action



Pfc. Harold Deal was killed in action in Holland on September 19, according to an official message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Deal, of Pores Knob. Pfc. Deal entered the army in August, 1942, and went overseas in August, 1943, serving in the glider infantry. He is survived by his father and mother and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Bill Sherrill, Hickory; Mrs. David McGee, Kernersville; Seth Deal, Pores Knob; Ernest Deal, Hickory; Mrs. Fred Sloope, Moravian Falls; Seaman Second Class Lee Deal, Panama; and Russell Deal, Pores Knob.

RESISTANCE OF THE NAZIS IS BROKEN

Allied armies, in a series of power drives gaining up to eight miles on a 100-mile front, broke the back of German resistance in Southern Holland Wednesday and tightened a squeeze on possibly 70,000 enemy troops which belatedly wheeled north, hoping to escape across the bridgeless Maas Estuary.

Using flame throwers, the British Second Army captured S'Hertogenbosch except for a knot of resistance in the southwest corner of that road hub, smashed into the outskirts of Tilburg, 12 miles to the southwest, and surged ahead in no less than seven columns.

To the west, the Canadian First Army captured Ft. Frederik-Hendrik after a bitter three-day battle, clearing the south bank of the Schelde mouth, and shot six miles up the neck of Beveland Peninsula north of the Schelde against weak opposition. The latter drive resulted in the capture of Rilland, six miles west of Woendrecht on the mainland.

Last Opportunity For Tax Discount

A discount will be allowed on all county and town taxes paid on or before November 1.

The last tax discount allowed by law will be removed after November 1 and those who wish to save the amount of tax discount allowed on payment of 1944 taxes to Wilkes county, the town of North Wilkesboro or Wilkesboro are urged to pay on or before the first day of November.

Wounded In France



Sgt. Carroll M. Woods was seriously wounded in action in France on September 9, according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Woods, of Darby. A more recent letter from Sgt. Woods stated that he was in a hospital and was getting along very well. Sgt. Woods has been in the army five years and overseas for the past two years.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

R. Gregg Cherry Addresses Large Crowd Monday

Democratic Candidate for Governor Delivers Campaign Address Here

Democrats from all sections of Wilkes county gathered at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Monday night and enjoyed a real, old-fashion rally. The crowd, which had gathered to welcome gubernatorial nominee R. Gregg Cherry, filled the courtroom beyond capacity.

Claude C. Faw, Democratic candidate for member of the state house of representatives, presided at the county wide rally in a truly democratic manner, making a short address during which he told of the great progress made in North Carolina under Democratic government—progress in roads, progress in schools, and progress both industrially and agriculturally. Chairman Faw commended highly the fine record made during the past two years by the two Democratic commissioners—Paul J. Vestal and F. D. Forester, calling the attention of the large crowd present to the fact that on December 7th, 1942, when the Democratic Commissioners entered office, the county had a large deficit as compared with a large surplus, with all current bonds and accounts paid in full as of September 8th, 1944.

Chairman Faw called on the various Democratic county and city officials to stand for recognition, also recognized all past chairmen of the county executive committee, and presented the various Democratic candidates on the county ticket, before calling on Attorney Eugene Trivette to introduce the eminent Democrat, R. Gregg Cherry, candidate for governor of North Carolina.

Mr. Cherry was at his best for the rally. He lauded the Democratic record of governing the state, pointing out the vast progress made in schools, roads, advancement in both agriculture and industry, until today North Carolina ranks in the forefront of the states of the Union, and has one of the finest financial records in the country.

Mr. Cherry struck a responsive chord when he stated that he favored, and would do all he could as governor to see that much of the surplus in the highway fund is spent for construction of farm-to-market roads, and that he would advocate that the surplus in the general fund be earmarked for retiring outstanding bonded indebtedness.

The speaker told his large audience that everything possible would be done in the way of placing service men coming back home from far-flung battle fronts in profitable vocations, and that their welfare would be the first consideration of his administration, if successful at the polls on November 7th.

The gubernatorial candidate endorsed in strong terms the administration of President Roosevelt, and urged the voters of Wilkes county to cast their votes for this great humanitarian on election day. Mr. Cherry also urged strong support of the entire state and county tickets and expressed himself as being confident that the nation, state and county would continue in Democratic control after November 7th.

Mr. Cherry received a warm welcome in Wilkes, coming here from Jefferson, where he addressed Ashe county voters Monday at the noon court recess.

It was pleasing to local Democratic leaders to see so many ladies in the large and representative audience which heard Nominee Cherry's address and they expressed themselves as certain the rally Monday night was a big boost for the Democratic cause in the county.

T. Sgt. Jennings Talks to K. of P.

Technical Sergeant R. C. Jennings, Jr., addressed the North Wilkesboro Knights of Pythias lodge in meeting Monday night.

A large crowd was in attendance to hear the former chancellor commander of the lodge tell of his experiences as a radioman-gunner on a flying fortress over enemy-held territory in Europe. T. Sgt. Jennings was seriously wounded in a raid several months ago. After recovering from the wound he served as an instructor in England.

Three candidates were started in initiation work at the meeting. They were L. D. Cooke, W. O. Johnson and William A. Hardister.

Another class will be initiated on Monday night.

JAPS' FLEETS DEFEATED

United War Fund Total Far Short Of County's Goal

Extra Effort Needed To Put County Over The Top In Current Campaign

With the campaign to raise \$18,000 in Wilkes county for the United War Fund and community chest activities definitely lagging, Wilkes people are urged to greater effort to put the county over the top in the current campaign.

To date only a start has been made toward raising the \$18,000 goal.

The money to be raised for the war fund will go to help your son, your brother, your husband, your kinsman, your friend who is serving his country, and to relieve suffering in countries torn by the ravages of war.

The few dollars from each of the people in Wilkes who can give are not comparable to the sacrifice being made by those who meet and defeat the enemy.

And the money which will go to furnish food, clothing and medical supplies to people who are starving, homeless and ill will show to the world that Americans are grateful for the plenty which they enjoy.

There is yet time to put this campaign over, and to give Wilkes a perfect record in patriotic endeavors.

Some of the rural workers have not had the opportunity to contact all the people in their communities. They are urged to complete the task as thoroughly as possible.

Those who are not contacted are urged to send their contributions to C. J. Swafford, county chairman, or to W. J. Caroon, treasurer of the United War Fund, North Wilkesboro.

HDC Federation To Meet On Wednesday

All-Day Program Planned For Home Demonstration Meeting November 1st

Wilkes county federation of home demonstration clubs will meet on Wednesday, November 1, in the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse.

Mrs. Annie H. Greene, home agent who announced the meeting, stated that the program will open at 10:30 a. m. Miss Annerie Arant, northwestern district supervisor will be in charge of the meeting.

One feature of the program will be a ten minute skit by each club in the county, which will portray some of the clubs' activities. All home demonstration club members are asked to attend and to carry lunch with them to the meeting.

Missing In France



Pvt. Hanford T. Church has been reported missing in action in France since October 8, according to a War Department message received by his wife, the former Miss Cora Pruitt. Pvt. Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phaisy Church, of Millers Creek, entered the army in January and went overseas in August.

Killed In Action



Pvt. Burl W. Love was killed in action in France September 11, according to a War Department message received by his wife, the former Miss Mabel Brooks, of North Wilkesboro route three. Pvt. Love entered the army in February, 1944, and received basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala. He went overseas in August. He was the son of Mrs. Mary E. Love, of Wilkesboro route two. His wife and two children, Barbara Ann and Burl W. Love, Jr., live on North Wilkesboro route three.

GROUP OF MEN SENT TUESDAY FOR INDUCTION

Twenty men, who had previously been examined and accepted for military service, were sent by Wilkes Selective Service board number one Tuesday to the induction center at Camp Croft, S. C., to enter service in the army and navy. The list of men follows:

- Lytle Gwyn Elmore
- Merrill William Call
- Clyde Winfield Warren
- Arnold Wayne Jarvis
- Julius Edsel Minton
- James Parsons
- Kermit Walter Johnson
- Odell Wilton Walsh
- Blaine Calloway Estep
- Charles Hughes Dyer
- James Sampson Osborne
- Thomas Gaither Walsh
- James William Wagoner
- Bayden Smithy Combs
- James Earl Bumgarner
- Arthur Eugene Adams
- Joseph Spencer Payne
- Max Aldean Hamby
- Benjamin Allen Elledge
- J. P. Glass

Four notified to report for induction failed to appear. They were: Calvin Carl Combs, Samuel David Shatley, Roby Elbert Swain and Thomas Jefferson Oakley.

57 Examined In Eye Clinic Held At Health Office

Successful Clinic Sponsored By North Wilkesboro Lions Club; Many Attend

Fifty seven were examined in the free sight clinic held October 16 at the county health office under sponsorship of the North Wilkesboro Lions Club.

Of the 57 examined 43 were found to need glasses and surgery was recommended in 13 cases. One emergency case was sent directly to the Baptist hospital in Winston Salem.

Dr. John V. Wilsey, of Winston-Salem, examined the patients at the clinic. By working without ceasing throughout the day he was able to examine all those present with the exception of 20 who could not be reached. Sponsors are hoping to be able to hold another such clinic in the near future.

Cost of the clinic was paid by the North Wilkesboro Lions Club and the State Commission for the Blind.

72 1/2-Lb. Pumpkin

Arthur Welch, of Deep Gap, produced a 72 1/2-pound pumpkin this year on Joe Welch's land at Mt. Zion. The pumpkin is one of the largest produced in this section. Mr. Arthur Welch is the grandfather of Mrs. Ray Welch, born of Cricket.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

JAPS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES IN MAJOR BATTLE BETWEEN THE FLEETS AROUND PHILIPPINES

Latest tabulation on the results of the gigantic naval battle in Philippine waters lists 30 Japanese ships sunk or damaged. The enemy ships sunk include one battleship, two carriers, four cruisers and two destroyers. Nine battle ships and cruisers of the enemy were reported as badly damaged, in addition to many smaller craft.

Our losses were listed as one carrier sunk, one badly damaged and some damage done to smaller craft.

EARLIER REPORTS

The Imperial Japanese Fleet, which raced out of its hiding places to present a massive challenge to American liberation of the Philippines, has been defeated, heavily damaged, and put to flight in what may be one of the decisive naval battles of all time, a series of historic announcements declared last night.

A message from Admiral William F. Halsey to President Roosevelt said that the enemy has been "defeated, seriously damaged and routed". Fragmentary reports filtering in from other sources presented this picture:

Five Japanese battleships damaged, with some possibly sunk. An aircraft carrier sunk. Several cruisers and destroyers sunk and others badly damaged.

(A dispatch from C. Yates McDaniel, Associate Press war correspondent at Seventh Fleet headquarters, said the Japanese left one Yamashiro class battleship abandoned and sinking. There are two ships of this class, the Huso and the Yamashiro, built in 1914 and 1915. There are 29,300 tons and carry 12-inch guns.)

American losses so far made public were the light carrier Princeton, an escort carrier and several P. T. boats sunk and a number of planes lost: Several escort carriers and destroyers damaged.

It was obvious, however, that so much of the full story remained to be told that these tabulations would undergo extensive revision.

The OWI picked up a special statement from General Douglas MacArthur, as transmitted by the Signal Corps, which said:

"The Japanese Navy has received its most crushing defeat of the war. Its future efforts can only be on a dwindling scale."

If so, the battle of the Philippines may be ranked in this war, as was the battle of Jutland in World War I, as the decisive naval engagement of the conflict.

District Library Meeting Monday

District library meeting for five counties will be held Monday, October 30, in the North Wilkesboro town hall.

Miss Julius Amis, of the State Library Commission and who is supervisor of rural libraries, will be in charge of the meeting, which will begin at ten a. m. and continue until four p. m.

The five counties in the district to meet here are: Wilkes, Surry, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga. All persons connected with libraries and who are interested in public or school libraries are asked to attend.

The Wilkes public library will be closed all day Monday.

Wounded In France



Sgt. Paul Parsons, son of Mrs. Lily Paul, of Parsonville, was seriously wounded in action in France on October 3, a War Department telegram to his mother said.

Sgt. Parsons, who entered the army over a year ago, went overseas in July and was in combat with an infantry regiment. His wife, the former Miss Lucille Baker, and one son, Tony, reside at Parsonville.

Wounded In France



Pfc. Jesse E. Wiles, Jr., was slightly wounded in action in France on September 27, according to official War Department messages received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Wiles, of Hays. Pfc. Wiles entered service March 23, 1943. He went overseas to Italy three months ago and was later sent to France.

AMERICAN TROOPS LAND ON SAMAR

American dismounted cavalry troops have invaded Samar, third largest of the Philippines and last island barrier on the road to Luzon and Manila, while forces fighting on Leyte have punched nine miles inland to seize the key road junction to Burauen.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur also announced in a special communique that Field Marshal Count Jui-chi Terauchi's Japanese defenders of the Northern Leyte front were "disintegrating" under the American hammer blows.

The three-mile American advance which occupied Barauen, southern terminus of an island highway, split the Japanese lines in Northern Leyte, and threw the enemy back toward the hills, where fierce Filipino guerrillas were reported in action.

The new American triumphs pushed our lines nine miles inland and raised to 31 the number of towns and villages captured. Six airfields also have been seized.

Sgt. Paul Parsons Seriously Wounded

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Mrs. Edd Anderson To Address Woman's Club of Wilkesboro

The Wilkesboro Woman's Club will meet tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, 3:30 at the home of Mrs. C. H. Cowles with Mrs. L. B. Dula and Mrs. J. B. Henderson associate hostesses. Mrs. Edd Anderson, district president, and Mrs. Wright, of West Jefferson, will be guests at the meeting.

Halloween Party At Ronda School

A Halloween carnival which promises to be a treat for the entire family will be held Tuesday night, October 31, 7:30 o'clock, in the Ronda school gymnasium. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.