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PLANS MADE FOR SCHOOLS AFTER WAR

Post War Building Program For Wilkes Schools Mapped By County Board

One of the principal post war projects planned for Wilkes county consists of school buildings for the overcrowded schools. O. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, said today that plans for school buildings in Wilkes county have already been tentatively adopted by the county board of education and have been submitted to W. F. Credle, head of building division of the state department of education.

Commenting on the tentative plans, Supt. Eller said that every central school district in the county system is in need of additional building facilities, and that North Wilkesboro city schools also have plans to relieve overcrowded conditions.

Saying that erection of buildings now is practically impossible due to the scarcity of materials and labor and the need to use all available materials and labor in the war effort, Supt. Eller said plans are being made ready for use conditions will permit construction of good type buildings at reasonable cost.

Four-room frame structures are being erected this year to relieve conditions at Millers Creek, Wilkesboro and Roaring River. After the war when it becomes practical to erect more permanent type buildings, the 4-room structures will be used for vocational education. The frame buildings are being erected mainly from materials salvaged from old school buildings.

Mrs. Lowe Clerk For Draft Board

Mrs. David Lowe Succeeds Wm. A. Stroud, Resigned, As Clerk of Board No. 1

David Lowe has been promoted to the position of clerk to selective service board number 1 in Wilkes. In that capacity Mrs. Lowe succeeds Wm. A. Stroud, clerk, who resigned to devote his full time to the insurance business and his position as secretary-treasurer of the Wilkesboro Building and Loan association. Mr. Stroud had been clerk to the board since it was established in the fall of 1940.

Mrs. Lowe has served efficiently as assistant clerk to Selective Service board number one since Selective Service was established. She is succeeded as assistant clerk by Miss Willa Mae Tevepaugh, who has been employed in the board's office in Wilkesboro for some time.

Members of Selective Service board number 1 in Wilkes are O. K. Whittington, chairman, and J. W. Dula, of Wilkesboro, and T. B. Minton, of Champion.

SOVIET ARMY NOW 33 MILES FROM CAPITAL

The Red Army trust within 33 miles of Budapest Monday in a great drive rolling rapidly northward across the Hungarian plain between the Danube and Tisza Rivers.

Armored spearheads undoubtedly already were even nearer to the imperiled Hungarian capital as the midnight Moscow communique announced definitely that the railway town of Lajosmizse, only 33 miles southeast, along with more than 100 other communities in the marsh-dotted belt between the rivers.

These were Kecskeket great railway junction point and last major defense bastion 44 miles southeast of Budapest. Kecskeket fell after 24 hours of heavy street fighting during which the Russians also pushed past the city on both sides.

The Germans contended this bypassing was what finally forced them to abandon Kecskeket, but the Russians also thrust straight through the city of 80,000 and northwestward another 11 miles by the railway toward Budapest. They also announced capture of Kecskeket, 10 miles west of Kecskeket on a spur railway, and Utszok, 17 miles northeast of the Kecskeket-Szolnok line.

The three-year REA plan for rural electrification includes a probable investment of \$100 million dollars for distribution lines in North Carolina and \$100 million dollars for related facilities.

Killed On Peleliu



George B. Mitchell, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, was killed October 1, 1944, at Peleliu Island, according to an official message received by his mother, Mrs. Ella Mitchell Mullis. Pfc. Mitchell entered the Marine Corps on Oct. 13, 1943, received boot training at Parris Island, S. C., and New River. He went overseas in April, 1944. He is survived by his mother, one sister, Mrs. Ernestine Joiner, and three half-brothers, Vance, Billy and Charles Mullis. Another brother, S. Sgt. James P. Mitchell, U. S. Army quartermaster corps, died in Puerto Rico on May 20, 1941.

ALL BUT ONE JAP ESCAPE ROUTE IS CUT

American Infantry, meeting increasing resistance from Japanese rear guards, pushed two more miles up the Leyte Valley yesterday to within six miles of the north coastal stronghold of Carigara in a drive that cut all but one escape route for an estimated 2,000 Japanese threatened with entrapment.

The 24th Division, pushing up the Leyte Valley in a drive apparently aimed at cutting the last Japanese escape hatch west of Carigara, slashed an overland trail leading 19 miles southwest across the 4,000-foot, jungle-covered Mamban Mountains to Ormoc. The 24th Division, pushing up the Leyte Valley in a drive apparently aimed at cutting the last Japanese escape hatch west of Carigara, slashed an overland trail leading 19 miles southwest across the 4,000-foot, jungle-covered Mamban Mountains to Ormoc.

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Eugene Trivette To Speak at Benham

Eugene Trivette, prominent local attorney, will discuss issues of the current election campaign in an address Friday night, November 3, eight o'clock, at Benham school. The public is cordially invited to hear the address.

Serves On Saipan

Pfc. Granville Baldwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baldwin, of North Wilkesboro route two, recently sent home a Japanese sword which was captured on Saipan Island. The sword is now on display at The Journal-Patriot office. Pfc. Baldwin, who received training at Camp Wolters, Texas, and in California, has been overseas 31 months. In a recent letter home he stated that he obtained the Japanese sword "the hard way".



War Fund Total Reaches \$9,000 In Wilkes County

Those Not Contacted Asked To Send War Fund Donations Campaign Leaders

Campaign to raise \$18,000 for the United War Fund and community chest program in Wilkes county picked up materially this week.

The total of contributions to date have reached \$9,000, which is exactly half of the goal. Continued effort on the part of workers and numerous and liberal contributions are needed to reach the goal.

Reports not yet received are expected to swell the total and it is evident that the task of canvassing the people of the Wilkesboros and the rural communities has not been completed.

Doubtless, many will not be reached by the canvassers. Those who are not called on for donations are asked to mail them to C. J. Swofford, chairman, or W. J. Caroon, treasurer of the United War Fund, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Bishop Gribbin To Visit Saint Paul's

The Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, will make his annual visitation to St. Paul's Episcopal church on next Sunday, November 5th, at five o'clock p. m. At this service he will preach and administer the Rite of Holy Confirmation. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Girl Scout Hut Is Now Ready to Use

Girl Scout leaders announced today that the Girl Scout hut is now ready to use.

The Girl Scout hut was moved from D street to its present location near the Woman's Club house. The hut is now ready to use.

HINSHAW FIDELIS CLASS WILL MEET ON FRIDAY

Fidelis class of Hinshaw Street Baptist church will meet Friday evening, 7:30, at the home of Mrs. Paul Bumgarner with Mrs. Richard Whittington as co-hostess.

Killed In Holland



Pvt. Richard D. Hayes was killed in action in Holland on October 9. Pvt. Hayes, who served in the glider infantry, entered the army January 8, 1943, received training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and went overseas in July. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clossie C. Hayes, of Purlear; his wife, Mrs. Mary Martin Hayes, and son, Charles David, of Winston-Salem route two; and the following brothers and sisters: Petty Officer Second Class Conrad D. Hayes, in the navy; Pvt. Carl Hayes, Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Louise Hayes and Mrs. Agnes Cook, Winston-Salem; and Mrs. Ella Kennington, Rock Hill, S. C.

Girl Scout Meet Saturday, P. M., At Smoot Park

Girl Scout Week will reach a climax here Saturday with the annual "Out-of-Doors" Day Saturday afternoon, November 4, three to six p. m., at Smoot Park. The occasion will be annual registration day for the Girl Scouts of the Wilkesboro District. The registration will have a representative to present the money at the ceremony.

Those attending are asked to carry nosebag lunches and drinks. In case of rain, the event will be staged in the religious educational building of the First Presbyterian church.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Interest In Campaign Grows As Election Approaches

Somers Township Citizen Commits Suicide Nov. 1st

R. L. Jennings Takes Own Life By Firing Shotgun Into His Abdomen

R. L. Jennings, age 42, ended his own life near his home in Somers township early Wednesday by firing a shotgun charge into his abdomen.

Coroner I. M. Myers, who with Sheriff C. G. Poindexter investigated the death, termed it suicide. Jennings, unmarried, lived alone in his own home but took his meals at the home of a brother, Turner Jennings, nearby, Wednesday morning he ate breakfast heartily, and returned to his own residence.

Coroner Myers said that indications were that Jennings had fed his hog, walked about 30 feet from the path, placed the butt of the shotgun on the ground and used a piece of plank to push the trigger. He died instantly.

In a planned up pocket of Jennings' overalls Coroner Myers found a pencilled note which said: "Nobody is to blame for this but me—R. L. Jennings".

Relatives could attribute no cause for the suicide. They said that Jennings was apparently in a normal state of health. He was a farmer.

Jennings was a son of the late Z. O. and Della Ladd Jennings. Surviving are three brothers, W. V., T. W. and J. T. Jennings, and four sisters: Mrs. Tyne Gray, Mrs. John Gray, Mrs. Talmadge Cheek and Mrs. Webster Henson.

Funeral will be held Saturday, 11 a. m., at Union Baptist church. Revs. J. N. Binkley, John L. Wells, W. P. C. Paris and the pastor will conduct the service.

American Legion To Meet Friday

Wilkes post of the American Legion will hold an important meeting Friday evening, 7:30, at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse. A large attendance of members is especially desired.

Wounded In Holland



Pvt. Bonnie M. Minton was seriously wounded in Holland on October 13, according to a War Department telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Dora Minton, of Cricket. Pvt. Minton entered the army in November, 1943, and has been overseas since June this year.

NAZIS BELIEVE ALLIED SHIPS TO ANTWERP

Allied shipping already has entered the three-mile-wide Schelde River Estuary with supplies bound for the Great Belgium port of Antwerp, the Berlin radio said early today.

This reported movement of shipping toward the important port which is expected to supply many Allied troops into Germany, stalked the last Germans within gunshot of the vital 50-mile long inland waterway.

"German E-boats attacked enemy shipping in the Schelde Estuary," was the way the Berlin radio stated the situation, "and destroyed one vessel of 2,000 tons and a small gunboat.

The enemy broadcast was the first indication that supplies had started moving into the estuary to build up stores for the eventual great offensive again the Reich itself.

The front lines facing Germany, and at many places lapping into the Fotherland, are but 75 miles east of Antwerp. Until now Allied supplies have come 400 miles by road and rail, from Cherbourg or a slightly shorter distance from prefabricated beachbarbs on the Normandy Channel coast.

Get 13 'Opossums One Night's Hunt

A group of men with one dog claim some sort of a record in opossum hunting Saturday night. Hobert Smithey and son, Jack; Howard Ferguson and son, Dan, Elijah Crews and Carl Davis with one dog caught 13 medium-sized opossums on Saturday night.

Ministers to Meet On Sunday Night

The Ministerial Association of the Wilkesboros will meet Sunday evening at nine o'clock with Rev. A. C. Waggoner at the parsonage of the First Methodist church in North Wilkesboro.

In Letter to Mother S. Sgt. Russell Tells of Killing Six and Capturing 18 Nazis In Taking German Pillbox



In a recent letter to his mother Staff Sergeant Roy C. Russell casually mentioned the fact that he had captured a Nazi pillbox in the Slegfried line and had killed six Germans and captured 18 in the accomplishment.

Mention of his deeds, which were so outstanding that newspapers throughout the country carried a war correspondent's news account of his feat, was interspersed in the letter with good wishes for the health of his people at home and mention of the bad weather where he was.

Text of his letter follows: "Hello, mother and all: I will answer your letter that I got today. I was glad to hear from you all, and I hope this will find you all well and doing fine. This leaves me ok and doing fine. It is bad weather over here. Hey, (See Sgt. Russell—Page 15)

SAMPLE BALLOT Official Ballot for State Senator, House of Representatives and County Officers

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<input type="radio"/> MARK WITHIN THIS CIRCLE For State Senate, 24th Senatorial District: <input type="checkbox"/> HENRY A. BRANDEN For House of Representatives: <input type="checkbox"/> C. C. FAW For Register of Deeds: <input type="checkbox"/> H. H. BESHEARS For County Surveyor: <input type="checkbox"/> T. G. CASEY For County Commissioner: Division No. One <input type="checkbox"/> WILLIAM S. TOMLINSON Member of Board of Education: <input type="checkbox"/> D. F. SHEPHERD	<input type="radio"/> MARK WITHIN THIS CIRCLE For State Senate, 24th Senatorial District: <input type="checkbox"/> W. B. SOMERS For House of Representatives: <input type="checkbox"/> T. E. STORY For Register of Deeds: <input type="checkbox"/> TROY C. FOSTER For County Surveyor: <input type="checkbox"/> T. G. CASEY For County Commissioner: Division No. One <input type="checkbox"/> C. C. SIDDEN Member of Board of Education: <input type="checkbox"/>

Election November 7, 1944.
C. J. Jones
Chairman Wilkes County Board of Elections.

NOTE: The above is a reproduction of the sample ballot for commissioner district number 1. In number two the ballot will have the names of Paul J. Vestal, Democrat, and I. J. Broyhill, Republican, for county commissioner. In district number three M. F. Absher is the Republican candidate for commissioner and has no opponent on the ballot.