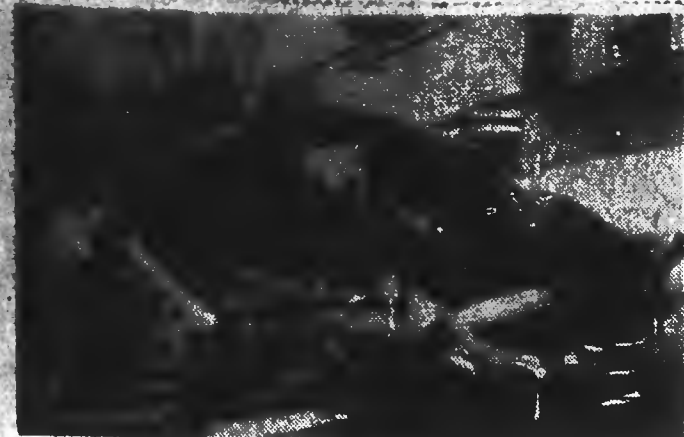


TWO KILLED IN THIS WRECK



Here is a view of what was left of Harry Anderson's automobile after it crashed into a lumber hack on highway 115 near this city Saturday night, killing Anderson and Claud Gryder, who was riding with him when the accident occurred. Many of the thousands who viewed the wrecked car here during the week-end declared that it was demolished to a greater extent than any car they had ever seen. It traveled about 75 feet through the air after leaving the highway over a small embankment, struck the top off one lumber hack and landed squarely against a taller stack of lumber. The mangled bodies of Anderson and Gryder were removed from the wreckage with considerable difficulty. Pieces of the wrecked car were found many yards from the scene of the crash.

SIXTH WAR LOAN ORGANIZATION COMPLETED

Commodore Church Victim Of Accident Wednesday Night

Struck By Hit-and-Run Driver Near This City on Highway 421; Died Today

Commodore Church, age about 45, died at 9:30 a. m. today at Wilkes hospital from injuries received last night when he was hit by a hit-and-run driver.

Driver of a truck from Asheville found Church on highway 421 just west of this city at the intersection of the Gordon Mills road at 11:40 last night and reported the discovery to local police.

State Highway Patrolman Lamar Ratcliff said that Church was struck by a car traveling toward North Wilkesboro and that Church evidently was walking in the same direction on the right side of the highway. He was struck in the back and was severely injured in his back and head. He never regained consciousness.

So far officers have not made any headway toward learning identity of the hit-and-run driver. A heavy fog, which probably was one cause of the accident, hampered officers in their efforts last night to locate the "death car".

Church, a former resident of the Millers Creek community had recently been making his home at Stony Fork. He is survived by several children.

Church was the sixth victim of automobile accidents in this immediate section during the past two weeks. Two of the deaths were caused by hit-and-run motorists.

No funeral arrangements had been made today.

John Anderson Dies Suddenly

Father of Harry Anderson, Accident Victim, Dies of Heart Attack at Ronda

John Anderson, age 70, father of Harry Anderson, who was killed in a tragic automobile accident here Saturday night, died suddenly at Ronda last night.

Mr. Anderson, who lived north of Ronda, had been to North Wilkesboro Wednesday afternoon and was on his way home with members of his family when they stopped before a store in Ronda. While there he stepped to the side of his daughter, told her that he was "going" and fell to the ground, dead. Coroner I. M. Myers said he died of a heart attack. He had been in apparently normal health.

Mr. Anderson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Anderson, and the following sons and daughters: George D. Anderson, Portsmouth, Va.; J. E. Anderson, of Washington; Herman and John Anderson, in the army; Joe William and Gilbert Anderson, in the navy; Mrs. J. R. Britt, of Norfolk, Va.; and Mrs. Linville Walker, of Ronda. Funeral will be held at Edgewood Baptist church but the time has not been set, pending word from relatives at distant points.

State Official Of Juniors Is Coming

Special Meeting Of Local Council Is Planned For Tuesday Night Here

Clyde Green, vice councillor of the Junior Order in North Carolina, will be the principal speaker and honor guest at the meeting of the North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order to be held Tuesday evening, 7:30, in the lodge hall.

In addition to the visit by the state vice councillor there will be other interesting features on the program and refreshments will be served. The annual offering for the Junior Order home at Lexington will be taken at the meeting. Every member is urged to be present.

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BUY MORE WAR BONDS

WILKES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS-ELECT



C. C. SIDDON



I. J. BROPHYLL



M. F. ABSHER

Above are shown the candidates who were elected to the office of county commissioner on November 7 and who will take office on Monday, December 4. C. C. Siddon, local furniture manufacturer and who is at present register of deeds of Wilkes county, was accorded a majority of 564 votes over his opponent, William S. Tomlinson. I. J. Brophyll, orchardist and farmer, won in district 2 by a majority of 154 over Paul J. Vestal, present chairman of the board. M. F. Absher, farmer and merchant, was not opposed in the election in district 3. He is a veteran of several terms on the board. All three commissioners-elect are Republicans. Siddon and Brophyll will succeed the two Democratic members of the present board.

U. S. FORCES ARE 10 MILES FROM ORMOC

U. S. 24th Division troops, in a double flanking drive, have almost completely encircled a regiment of Japanese at the northern end of the Ormoc corridor and the Seventh Division, in a two-mile advance up the west coast of Leyte, have pushed to within 10 miles of the last enemy stronghold today.

Maj. Gen. Frederick A. Irving's 24th Division forces, fighting almost three weeks without relief in the steaming Leyte jungles and mountains, all but snapped the trap shut on a Japanese regiment—3,000 to 4,000 men—by driving toward the corridor road from both ends and west at a point slightly south of the town of Limon, 20 miles up the highway from Ormoc.

The Japanese were fighting stubbornly from caves and hill positions around Limon, at the western end of a two-mile hairpin turn in the road running from the north coast of Leyte south to Ormoc, but the Americans slowly were annihilating them in savage hand-to-hand fighting, front dispatches reported.

Marriage License

Since November 4 license to wed were issued by Register of Deeds C. C. Siddon to the following couples: Charles Clay Mooney, Lenoir, and Martha Laws, Purlear; James Adams, North Wilkesboro, and Ruby Brown, Halls Mills; Grant Prensell, Sparta, and Lorene Brooks, Glade Valley; James Shumaker and Lola Bare, both of Wagoner; Donald R. Laws and Naomi Ballard, both of North Wilkesboro; Charles Owen Sebastian and Sarah Johnson, both of North Wilkesboro; Otis Ellis and Hazel Brown, both of Mertle.

Injured In Africa

First Lieutenant James Ralph Holder, son of W. M. Holder, of Hays, was slightly injured Monday when a medium bomber, which he was piloting over West Africa, crashed in an attempted landing. Lt. Omar K. Brokaw, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was killed.



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Dies In England



Sgt. Warren G. Roope in service as a member of the Ninth Airforce, died in England on September 18. News of his death was contained in a War Department message to his wife on October 31. Roope entered service August 27, 1942, trained at radio school in Chicago, advanced training at Tomah, Wis., and went overseas in June, 1943. He participated in the Sicily invasion in July, 1943, and the invasion of Italy in September, 1943. Sgt. Roope came home on furlough in December, 1943, and reported to Orlando, Florida, for reassignment in January this year. Going back overseas in March, he participated in the invasion of France on June 6. Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Beatrice Sloope, of Moravian Falls, his father, F. F. Roope, of Wilkesboro, seven sisters and five brothers: Pvt. John H. Roope, in France; Pvt. Marvin Roope, in service overseas; Morgan, Elmina, Victoria, Garley and Clifton Roope, Mrs. Clarence Jones, Mrs. Rell Parsons and Mrs. William Watkins, of North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Vada Bullis and Miss Maxine Roope, of Burlington.

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REDS CAPTURE HUNGARIAN BASTION

Red Army tanks and infantry, battering down Budapest's crumbling defense system, yesterday captured the shell-torn stronghold of Jaszbery, 31 miles east of the Hungarian capital, and advanced to within nine miles of Miskolc, Hungary's fifth city.

The Russians also hammered to within nine miles of Hajnav vital rail junction 23 miles northeast of the capital which governs enemy communications between Budapest and Czechoslovakia.

German broadcasts announced flatly that Budapest never would be declared an open city and it would be defended as bitterly as Aachen on the western front. Moscow dispatches, however, said that the final stage of the battle was under way. The Germans admitted extensive withdrawals "to husband their forces", and the Red Army won more than 50 Hungarian towns and settlements.

Kyle Hayes Back At Law Practice

Sgt. Kyle Hayes, who has been in service in the marine corps for the past two years, has received an honorable discharge from the marine corps and has returned home.

After a rest period he will resume his law practice here in the firm of Hayes & Hayes, in which he was the senior partner before volunteering for service in the marine corps.

During his service career Sgt. Hayes was stationed in California, at Parris Island, S. C., and more recently at Pensacola, Florida.

Wounded In Italy

Pfc. Roby F. Wilcox was wounded in Italy on October 10, according to a War Department telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Wilcox, of North Wilkesboro route two. He entered the army Sept. 23, 1943, and has been overseas since March 1.



Richard Webb Bowles, age 43, former resident of North Wilkesboro, died Tuesday in Mercy hospital, Baltimore, Md., and funeral service will be held Saturday, two p. m., in Reins-Sturdivant chapel here. Burial will be in Mount-lawn cemetery.

Mr. Bowles is survived by his wife, Mrs. Blanche Daugherty Bowles, two sons, Richard and Robert Bowles, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bowles, of North Wilkesboro, and the following brothers and sisters: Gwyn Bowles, Roanoke, Va.; Leonard Bowles, Peoria, Ill.; Jones Bowles, in the army in France; Deward Bowles, Houston, Texas; Delston Bowles, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Harold Cooks, High Point.

Offensive Is Started

FIRST ARMY, NINTH ARMY OPEN DRIVES

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DOUGHBOYS NEUTRALIZE 2 BIG FORTS

American doughboys by-passed bloody Fort Briant yesterday and boiled in close to the suburbs of Metz from three sides, clamping the great fortress city in a death grip, while in the north British troops drove five miles through the boglands of Eastern Holland to within 37 miles of the key German industrial center of Duisburg.

Both Fort Briant and Fort Jean D'Arc—two of the nine major bastions ringing Metz—were neutralized by Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's 95th Division, which captured two smaller forts, Hubert and Jusy, as it smashed toward the outskirts of the city from the west. Fort Illange, 14 miles north of Metz and just south of Thionville, also were stormed and its Nazi garrison killed or captured.

Driant's guns, which barked spasmodically Tuesday when the Yanks began pushing past it on the north, were silent yesterday, suggesting that the Germans had abandoned the mighty mile-and-a-half-long structure on the west bank of the Moselle River as they previously had evacuated Forts Woebl and L'Aisne after only a brief stand.

C. Shepherd Is Wounded In France

Pvt. C. Shepherd was slightly wounded in France on October 20, according to a War Department message received by his wife, the former Miss Eloise Millam, of North Wilkesboro route one. A recent letter said that he was in a hospital in Italy and was getting along all right.

Pvt. Shepherd entered the army in January and went overseas in July. He is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shepherd.

Foster's Majority In County 3,775

The majority of votes received by Troy Foster, Republican elected to the office of register of deeds on November 7, was 3,775 over H. C. Cheshears, his Democratic opponent. A typographical error in the tabulated vote table published in this newspaper Monday listed Foster's majority at 3,375 instead of 3,775, which is the correct figure.

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Killed In France



Cpl. James Gordon Kilby, son of Mrs. Etta Kilby, of Purlear, and the husband of the former Miss Inez Campbell, of North Wilkesboro, has been reported killed in action in France on August 25, 1944. He entered service March 11, 1942, and trained at Camp Polk, La., and Fort Benning, Ga. He had desert training in California and was sent overseas March, 1944. He is survived by his mother, four sisters and one brother: Miss Mildred Kilby, of Mars Mill; Mrs. Elmore Myers, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Grayson Parsons, of Portland, Maine; Miss Martha Kilby, of Purlear, and Pvt. Warren Kilby, of Indiantown Gap, Penn. Memorial service will be held Sunday, November 26th at New Hope church at 2:00 o'clock. Services will be conducted by Rev. Isaac Watts, pastor, and Rev. A. W. Eller.

Clyde Warren III

A-S Clyde W. Warren, of the Navy, stationed at Bainbridge, Maryland, has been confined in the hospital for the past week. He is the son of Mrs. Belle Warren.

Slightly Wounded

Rocco O. Wiles, a soldier from the Hays community of Wilkes county, was slightly wounded in action in France, according to a War Department telegram received by his wife, the former Miss Mary V. Cleary, of Hays. Wiles is a son of Mrs. Stella Wiles, of Hays. His wife and daughter, Linda, make their home at Hays.



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