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## PEARS BROTHERS SERVING NATION



Pvt. Baxter Spears entered service July 21, 1942, received training at Hendrick Field, Fla., went overseas March 13, 1944, and is stationed now somewhere in England. Walter Spears, seaman second class, entered the service on June 20, 1944, received his training at Camp Peary, Va., and is now somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Spears, of Parsonville.

## NAZI CORRIDOR IN BELGIUM IS CUT DOWN

Infuriated American troops have gone over to the offensive on one sector of the flaming Belgian front and in the past 24 hours have driven a deep fissure into the salient carved by some 250,000 German troops.

A front dispatch last night said doughboys and tanks in a smashing counterblow at an unspecified point had given Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt his "first serious setback" since he hurled his forces December 16. The Luxembourg radio said the enemy salient had been narrowed to 20 miles.

All along the northern flank of the 35-mile-wide salient there were indications that the Nazis were on the defense for the moment, said Associated Press Correspondent Wes Gallagher. With hundreds of American and British planes searching the roads, he said von Rundstedt could not use his tanks on a big scale without risking a massacre.

News that Gen. Eisenhower had struck his first serious counterblow at the Germans after backtracking 50 miles across Belgium came on top of the two-day-old information that the spearhead of the enemy drive had been blunted short of its Meuse River goal.

## Southside Singing At Little Rock 31st

Southside Singing association will meet with Little Rock Baptist church Sunday, December 31, according to an announcement by Attorney F. J. McDuffie, chairman. The day's program will open at 11 a. m. and all singers are invited to take part. Dinner will be spread picnic style at noon.

## Mrs. Nelson Dies

Mrs. Annie Nelson, age 22, wife of Johnnie Nelson, of Traphill, died Friday in the hospital in Elkin.

Mrs. Nelson leaves her husband and one son, Paul Curtis Nelson.

## Robert Hayes Home

Robert Hayes, aviation machinist mate second class, of Lakehurst, N. J., is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hayes, of Millers Creek.

## REDS CROSS DANUBE, SPLIT THE DEFENDERS OF BUDAPEST

Russian troops smashed across the Danube River's eastern branch north of Budapest, captured Szentendrei Island and split the German-Hungarian forces defending the city, Moscow announced last night.

Part of the enemy units have been driven into the mountainous forested terrain in the Danube bend north of the capital and the others have been caught in a vise of Budapest, the Soviet communique said, as the Russian forces on Szentendrei Island established contact with their comrades on the Danube's west bank.

Other Red Army troops stormed into Budapest from the south, west and east, the communique reporting numerous new penetrations of the city limits, including capture of the Kelenfold district in the southwest.

## Methodists Will Raise Big Fund For World Help

Methodists of North Wilkesboro are being called by the Rev. A. C. Waggoner, minister of the First Methodist church, to take part in raising \$25,000,000 for world relief and reconstruction, the first phase of the denomination's nationwide Crusade for Christ program of post-war service.

The local appeal, for which the goal is \$4,800, will begin January 28, Mr. Waggoner announced. The Methodist congregation here is part of nearly 8,000,000 members of 41,000 churches in the United States who are participating in the four-year, five-fold Crusade.

Expenditure of the Crusade fund by the regular, general agencies of the church will provide for feeding the hungry, clothing the destitute, and freeing the minds and spirits of the ignorant, the underprivileged, the driven and the dispossessed, Mr. Waggoner said. Three-fifths of the fund has been allocated for the "rebuilding and rehabilitation of human life" in foreign countries, nine-tenths in war-devastated areas and the rest in other mission fields. The balance will be used for emergency, war-caused needs in this country.

Other phases of the Crusade for Christ program call for continued education in and expression of opinion for "co-operation among nations in the post-war world", renewed evangelism efforts with special emphasis in 1946, education for Christian stewardship of ability, time and money, and improvement of Sunday School enrollment and attendance.

"The Crusade for Christ is Methodism's organized response for assuming its part in meeting the unsettled conditions and vast staggering needs created by the second World War", Mr. Waggoner stated.

## Shatley Funeral Held On Sunday

Charles Edmund Shatley, prominent resident of North Wilkesboro route one, passed away at his home December 22nd following an illness of several months.

Funeral services were held at Cross Roads church on December 24th, 3:30 p. m., by the Revs. John Wells, Jr., and A. B. Hayes, Baptist ministers, and Rev. A. C. Waggoner, pastor of North Wilkesboro First Methodist church. Burial was in the family plot. Pall bearers were J. L. Wells, Sr., Rom Jennings, L. H. Shumate, Gentry Adams, L. D. Absher and Joe Adams. Flower girls were granddaughters, nieces and friends of the deceased.

Born in Ashe county on July 2, 1881, he was the son of the late Martin and Sarah Adeline Brooks Shatley, who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death were his sister, Maggie Irene Shatley, and grandson, Martin Van Buren Shatley.

He is survived by his widow, Laura Rhodes Shatley, and the following sons and daughters: Morgan and Gordon Shatley, North Wilkesboro; Cody Shatley, Tacoma, Washington; S.Sgt. Paul Shatley, in France; Von Shatley, Dallas, Texas; Pvt. Charlie L. Shatley, Camp Croft, S. C.; Mrs. J. S. Kyle, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Kermit Cloninger, Bryson City; Mrs. Thad Chaney and Mrs. Joseph Barman, Baltimore, Md., and ten grandchildren.

**BUY MORE WAR BONDS**

## Ronda Resident Takes Own Life Saturday Noon

**Arllis G. Lowe Shoots Self With 22-Calibre Rifle; Funeral Monday**

Arllis Greenwood Lowe, age 33, ended his own life Saturday at noon by firing a bullet from a 22-calibre rifle into his head.

Coroner I. M. Myers, who investigated the death, pronounced it suicide. He stated that Lowe fired the bullet into his forehead while in a bedroom of his home.

Coroner Myers stated that members of the family informed him that Lowe had been drinking for some time.

Funeral service was held Monday at New Light church with Rev. L. E. Sparks in charge of the service.

Lowe is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary B. Lowe, and one son, Lester Lowe.

## Clint Bailey Dies From Gunshot Wound Saturday

**William Harris Surrenders to Sheriff On Charge Of Killing Bailey**

Paul Andrew Clinton Bailey, 26-year-old colored resident of this city, was shot and killed Saturday afternoon on highway 18 two miles north of this city.

William Harris, Wilkesboro colored man, charged with the fatal shooting, gave himself up to Sheriff C. G. Poindexter late Saturday night.

Investigation of the shooting revealed few facts. Sheriff Poindexter said that he had been informed that Bailey and Harris had quarreled earlier in the day at a pool room on A street, and that the quarrel involved a small sum of money, possibly fifty cents.

Harris, with a 38-calibre pistol, met Bailey in the Fairplains community and after a few words were exchanged Harris shot Bailey twice, in his head and back. He died before reaching the hospital.

Harris fled from the scene of the shooting and Sheriff Poindexter conducted a search which continued into the night. Late at night Harris appeared at the Wilkes jail and surrendered to arrest.

Bailey for several years had been employed as an auto mechanic at Motor Service company here. He is survived by his wife and children. Funeral service was held Tuesday at the colored Baptist church here.

## Scrap Paper Will Be Collected In This City Friday

Residents of North Wilkesboro will have an opportunity Friday to support the war effort by furnishing scrap paper to replenish the nation's supply of paper and wood pulp products.

A canvass of the residential section of North Wilkesboro will be made Friday and all residents are asked to place all the paper they can salvage on front porches and street curbs in front of the houses.

It is not known at what time the paper collector will visit any section of the city, and for that reason it is asked that paper be placed outside by nine a. m. Friday. Paper is vitally needed and every pound turned in will be that much added to the nation's dwindling stockpile.

## Two Men Caught Breaking Into A Service Station

Local police on Monday night arrested two men who were breaking into Charlie Johnson's service station in this city.

Claude Higgins, who was home on leave from the navy, and Allen Adams were arrested at the station. A third member of the party escaped.

The arrests were made before the men could take anything from the station.

## RATION NEWS

**SHOES**—Airplane Stamps Nos. 1, 2, and 3 in book three good for one pair of shoes each indefinitely.

**GASOLINE**—Coupons No. 13 in A book good for four gallons became effective Nov. 9 and will expire December 31.

**SUGAR**—Book 4, stamp 34 good for 5 pounds indefinitely.

**FOOD**—Red stamps Q5 thru S5 in book 4 valid indefinitely for meats, fats, and oils. Blue stamps X5 through Z5 and A2 and B2 in book 4 valid indefinitely for processed foods.



**OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS**

## Capt. Eller Here

Captain Ernest M. Eller, a member of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz's staff at Pacific fleet headquarters, spent Thursday and Friday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Eller. Capt. Eller was accompanied here by his wife and sons, Peter and Johnny, who make their home in Winston-Salem.

## Major Johnston Returns

Major and Mrs. Richard B. Johnston returned today to Dayton, Ohio, after spending several days here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Caroon. Major Johnston is stationed at Wright Field.

## Cadet Harvel Home

Aviation Cadet Paul W. Harvel, Jr., who has been in training at Greenwood, Miss., is spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Harvel. Cadet Harvel's wife, the former Miss Rose Wade Scroggs, of Chapel Hill, is visiting with him here.

## Lt. Jones Here

Lt. Walter E. Jones, Jr., who received his wings and commission in the army air force as a second lieutenant December 23 at Marfa Army Air Base, Marfa, Texas, has arrived to spend several days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jones.

## Cpl. Gilreath Home From Overseas

Cpl. Ralph Gilreath arrived home Monday on a 30-day furlough after serving overseas since the North African invasion in November, 1942. Cpl. Gilreath entered service with the National Guard company here in September, 1940, and served through the North African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns in a regiment of engineers with the Fifth Army. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gilreath, of North Wilkesboro route one.

## Pvt. Kilby Home

Pvt. Tommie Kilby, who has just completed his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., is spending several days furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Kilby. Pvt. Kilby will report at the end of his furlough to Fort George G. Meade, Md.

## Pvt. Coffey Home

Pvt. Manley Coffey has completed his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and is spending a few days furlough at home prior to reporting for duty at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

## Jack Anderson Home

Jack Anderson, naval V-12 student who has been in school at Jefferson City, Tenn., is spending a few days leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Anderson.

## Pvt. Nichols Home

Pvt. Quentin Nichols, of Camp Croft, S. C., has been spending a few days with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Don Nichols, of Purlear. Pvt. Nichols is expecting overseas service soon.

## Pvt. Morrison Returns

Pvt. Luther (Rat) Morrison, of Atlanta, Ga., has returned to camp after spending the week-end with his wife and children in Wilkesboro.

## Final Warning To Subscribers With 1-45 Label Dates

Hundreds of subscriptions to The Journal-Patriot will expire on January 1 (Monday).

Those whose address labels have the date of 1-45 (meaning January 1, 1945), are urged to renew their subscriptions not later than January 1 in order that their subscriptions will not be discontinued. War time restrictions do not permit mailing papers to persons whose subscriptions have expired. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

## Scout Program Is a Feature Of Kiwanis Meet

Featured by a program on the subject of "Scouting", North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club held an interesting meeting Friday noon.

Prior to the program Secretary T. E. Story read a copy of a letter which was prepared by the Citizenship committee and mailed to sons of Kiwanians in service.

County Agent J. B. Snipes, who is leaving January 1 to be county agent of Chatham county, spoke briefly and expressed appreciation to the club for cooperation in the agricultural program in the county. Paul J. Vestal responded, and expressed for farmers of the county gratefulness for the work of Mr. Snipes during the past four and one-half years.

Dr. Fred C. Hubbard called attention to the campaign for securing funds for the new YMCA and stated that he desired that all members of the committee finish their work and report to him before the end of the month.

Program Chairman L. M. Nelson conducted his own program, which was well done and well received by the members. He demonstrated a Court of Honor Meeting for the Scouts, putting on the Investiture Ceremony, etc.

Eagle Scout Pat Hunt led the scouts and scouters in the Scout Oath. The Investiture Ceremony was led by Mr. Nelson together with six Scouts as follows: Eagle Scout Pat Hunt, Life Scout Gordon Finley, Jr., Star Scout L. M. Nelson, Jr., First Class Scout Dudley Moore, Second Class Scout John Gibbs and Tenderfoot Scout Henry Church. They lighted 15 candles representing the 12 parts of the Scout law and the three great duties of Scouts.

Mr. Nelson led the entire group in giving the Scout Benediction. The Scout Slogan was displayed and discussed by the leader who pointed out that we can only make men out of boys.

Lewis Vickery sang "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer, accompanied by Mrs. L. M. Nelson at the piano.

Guests Friday were as follows: Ed Gardner had Bill Gardner, Jack Quinn and Jack Quinn, Jr.; Pat Williams had Pat Williams, Jr., and Chas. Williams; P. W. Eshelman had Capt. Fred Wyatt; J. E. Justice had John E. Justice, III.; H. H. Morehouse had Mary Morehouse; Carl Van Deman had Henry Church; Gordon Finley had Gordon Finley, Jr.; J. B. Carter had Dudley Moore; J. B. Snipes had R. W. Murdock, of Durham; L. M. Nelson had C. D. Coffey, Sr., and Mrs. Coffey, Don Coffey, Jr., and L. M. Nelson, Jr.

## YANK DUCKS JUST IN TIME

With the United States 3d Army, Dec. 20.—Staff Sergeant Fred Myers, of North Wilkesboro, N. C., probably is one of the few soldiers who have seen oncoming death through field glasses, ducked and lived to tell about it.

Myers was watching enemy positions for the 9th Cavalry Squadron of the 10th Armored Division when he spotted two Germans in a foxhole a few hundred yards away. While focusing on the Jerries, Myers saw one of them aim a rifle at him and, almost at the same instant, a tracer bullet leave the rifle as the German fired.

The sergeant ducked and heard the bullet sing overhead even before he heard the sound of the rifle report.

Sgt. Myers is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Myers, of Halls Mills. He entered the army in November, 1943.

## Killed In Action



Pfc. Carl Miller was killed in action in the Philippines on October 22, according to a message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Miller. Pfc. Miller entered service September 14, 1942, and sailed for overseas service in May, 1943, being overseas 19 months. He received training at Fort McClellan, Ala., Camp Butler, N. C., and Fort Ord, California. Surviving are his father and mother and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Frank Huffman, Reddies River; Mrs. Robert Dillard, Glendale Springs; Mrs. W. D. Dillard, Wilbur; Mrs. J. E. Cokerham, Wilbur; Mabel, Clara, Barbara, Sterilia, Don, George and Berl Miller, all of Wilbur. A memorial service for Pfc. Miller will be held soon.

## Mrs. Edith Brown Is Taken By Death

**Well Known Wilkesboro Lady Died Saturday; Funeral Held Sunday Afternoon**

Mrs. Edith Foster Brown, well known and highly respected resident of Wilkesboro, died Friday afternoon, 1:30, at the home of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Foster, in Wilkesboro. Mrs. Brown had been in ill health for the past several years and critically ill during last week.

Mrs. Brown was born September 11, 1906, making her age 33 years, three months and 11 days. She graduated from Wilkesboro high school in May, 1924, and attended Greensboro College, where she graduated in June, 1928. On November 10, 1928, she was married to Attorney J. Mack Brown, who preceded her in death.

Surviving Mrs. Brown are one daughter, Miss Nancy Brown, and her father and mother.

An impressive funeral service was conducted Sunday afternoon at the Wilkesboro Baptist church by Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor, and burial was in Mountlawn cemetery.

Pall bearers were O. F. Barnhardt, L. B. Hahn, John Prevette, Albert Vestal, Robert Huffman, George Kennedy, Bryan Gilreath and Joe Pearson. Many beautiful flowers were evidence of the esteem in which the life of Mrs. Brown was held by many friends and acquaintances.

Out-of-town people who attended the funeral service included the following: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Williams, of Statesville; Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Barnhardt, of Danville, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hahn, of Asheville; R. F. Reins, of Lenoir; Mrs. Fred Neaves, of Elkin; Mrs. G. M. Kirkpatrick, of Taylorsville; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Robertson and Mr. Fred Hall, of Raleigh.

Between 15,000 and 30,000 Libyans work on the country's rubber plantations.

## THREE JAP DESTROYERS SUNK AS AMERICANS ROUT ENEMY'S TASK FORCE IN PHILIPPINES

U. S. warplanes and torpedo boats sank three Japanese destroyers and scored hits on a battleship and a heavy cruiser Tuesday night in putting to flight an eight-ship enemy task force which inaccurately shelled American positions on southwestern Mindoro for 30 minutes, it was announced today.

The enemy forces, first major one to venture out to battle since Japan's disastrous defeat in the Philippines Sea in October, comprised a battleship, a heavy cruiser and six destroyers, and was kept under steady attack from dusk until midnight.

## \$35,000 'E' Bonds Needed For Wilkes To Reach Its Goal

**County Already Over Total Quota But "E" Bond Purchases Are Needed**

People of Wilkes county have until Saturday noon to put the county over the top in "E" bond purchases during the Sixth War Loan.

And much yet remains to be done, because the county is short of the "E" bond goal by about \$35,000. In order to reach the goal of \$198,000 in "E" bonds, many bonds must be purchased by noon Saturday of this week.

An urgent appeal is made to the people of Wilkes county to buy extra bonds this week in order that the county may continue to have a perfect record in War Loan drives. The overall quota of \$809,000 has already been exceeded by a wide margin, but to fully back the war effort, the "E" bond quota must be met.

W. D. Halfacre, War Loan chairman, earnestly requests every district committee member and every retail store to push the sale of bonds during the remainder of this week, and to have all reports in the banks at the close of business Saturday noon.

The reports from issuing agents will go into the Federal Reserve bank Saturday noon and the final report will be available January 2.

Some extra "E" bonds by regular bond buyers, and purchases by those who have not been buying bonds can put the county over the top, although the remaining \$35,000 appears to be a big task ahead with such little time to go. Reaching the quota is definitely a possibility, and will be done if the people of Wilkes county make a final effort.

The war is definitely in a critical stage, when the need for war materials is greater than ever before, and money must be furnished for materials to supply the fighting men and carry the fight to a successful conclusion at the earliest possible date.

## 85 Families Given Holiday Cheer In North Wilkesboro

**City Welfare Department and Cooperating Agencies Aid Underprivileged**

Eighty-five underprivileged families were remembered with Christmas Cheer materials during the holiday season, Mrs. J. L. Clements, city welfare officer, reported today.

The Christmas Cheer materials for the families were furnished by the First Methodist church, organizations of other churches, members of the North Wilkesboro Lions Club, some individuals and by the city welfare department. In most instances the Christmas packages and boxes were delivered by the donors Saturday and Sunday.

## Home Club Council Will Meet Monday

Wilkes county council of home demonstration clubs will meet Monday afternoon, 2:30, in the North Wilkesboro town hall. A large attendance of club members is requested.

## Harry Schaefer Home

Harry Schaefer, photographer in the navy, has arrived to spend several days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Schaefer. Harry has been serving on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific.