



WILKES GOES 'ALL OUT' FOR FLOOD CONTROL

Tax Listing Starts In Wilkes County Monday, Jan. 8th

All Urged To List With List Takers In Time Specified For Listing

Tax listing in Wilkes county will begin on Monday, January 8, J. C. Grayson, accountant and tax supervisor, has announced. With but few exceptions, list takers have been appointed for the various townships, and the list takers have made out their itineraries of appointments for the convenience of those who list for taxes.

Listing for the town of Wilkesboro will also begin on January 8. W. P. Kelly, town clerk and list taker, will be with Bradley Dancy, county tax lister for North Wilkesboro township, at the town hall, beginning January 8.

Tax Supervisor Grayson calls attention to the fact that all persons owning property are required to list their property and list for poll tax during the time prescribed by law for listing.

In a public announcement elsewhere in this newspaper, Mr. Grayson gives the names of list takers and their appointments for all except two townships, for which appointments will be announced later.

Ceiling Prices On Eggs, Corn Given

Due to numerous complaints by consumers as to prices on commodities hereafter mentioned. The local war price and rationing board for their information, as well as persons who sell these commodities are quoting the O. P. A. ceiling prices to wit:

Grade A eggs, candled 24 oz., retail group No. 1 stores, 59c; No. 2 stores, 58c; No. 3 stores, 57c. Ungraded eggs, 22 oz., retail group No. 1 stores, 48c; No. 2 stores, 48c; No. 3 stores, 47c.

Prices above for the week only beginning today.

Country butter producers, OPA ceiling price 37 1/2 cents delivered to retailer. Retailer to consumer, 43 cents.

White corn by producers on premises, \$1.43. Yellow corn on premises, \$1.28.

Mrs. Mattie Sprinkle Is Claimed By Death

Mrs. Mattie M. Holloway Sprinkle died Tuesday evening at her home in Fairplains community after a lingering illness of several months. She was the widow of the late W. A. Sprinkle and is survived by eight children: Mrs. Cicero Combs, of Ronda; Mrs. Coy Anderson, North Wilkesboro; Lawrence Sprinkle, North Wilkesboro; Cyrus Sprinkle, in military service in Europe; Vernon Sprinkle, Jackson; Zonnie Sprinkle, White Salmon, Wash.; Connie Sprinkle, White Salmon, Wash.; Don Sprinkle, White Salmon, Wash.

Mrs. Sprinkle was born in Grayson county, Virginia, September 17th, 1882; died January 2, 1945, age 62 years. Funeral service was held at Fairplains Baptist church today at 11 o'clock. Rev. Fred Blevins and Rev. Richardson officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery near the home.

Officers of K. of P. Lodge Installed

North Wilkesboro Knights of Pythias lodge, one of the most active lodges in this section, has installed officers for the coming year.

The installation ceremony was conducted at the meeting Monday night by Lodge Deputy J. B. Carter, at which time the following officers were installed: R. E. Gibbs, chancellor commander; J. B. Gilreath, vice commander; Rev. Howard J. Ford, prelate; R. H. Shell, master of works; Max Foster, master at arms; Clifford Moore, master of finance; W. E. Jones, master of exchequer; F. H. Crow, inner guard; Lewis Vickery, outer guard; J. Q. Adams, keeper of records and seals.

FIDELIS CLASS MEETING
The Fidelis class of Hinshaw Street Baptist church will meet Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Page Choate with Mrs. Ernest Porter as co-hostess.



Pfc. Bauguss Visits Home

Pfc. and Mrs. Paul Bauguss, of Fort Bragg, arrived Tuesday to visit Pfc. Bauguss' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bauguss, and Mrs. Bauguss' relatives in Morganton.

Clarence J. Hendren, Jr., Home

Clarence J. Hendren, Jr., radio man third class who has been in active service in the southwest Pacific war area for nine months, is home on a 30-day leave and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hendren, residents of Brushy Mountain township.

E. D. Dancy, Jr., Here For Christmas

Flight Officer E. D. Dancy, Jr., has reported for duty at Westover Field, Mass., after spending Christmas here with his parents, E. D. Dancy, Sr., and his wife, who has been stationed at Tyndall Field, Florida, and his visit with his parents was incidental with his transfer to Westover Field.

Petty Officer Joe Hunt Home For Christmas

Petty Officer Joe Hunt was among the many Wilkes men in the service home to spend Christmas with homefolk. Joe is stationed at Virginia Beach and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Hunt, of this city.

John W. Gaither Home For Christmas

Petty Officer John Walter Gaither, who is on active duty in the navy, has returned to his home after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gaither. He is a brother to Mrs. Lee Edward Harris, of this city.

Sebastian Brothers Home

Lt. Dwight Sebastian, who recently received his wings and commission in the army air force at Blytheville, Ark., is spending several days with his wife, the former Miss Annie Ruth Owens, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sebastian, at Halls Mills. His brother, Bryce E. Sebastian, yeoman second class in the navy, is spending 30 days leave at home after 19 months overseas service in North Africa.

Mack Kerley Visits Home

Mack Kerley, hospital apprentice second class, of Bainbridge, Md., spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. Nell Kerley.

Ensign Andrews Home

Ensign Edna Andrews, of Charleston, S. C., spent a short visit at Christmas with her brother, Bill, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Andrews, of Boomer.

Pvt. Clint Bentley Home

Pvt. Clint Bentley, A.S.T.P. student of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala., is spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Bentley, of Pores Knob. Pvt. Bentley is wearing a star on his left sleeve, denoting excellent grades. He was one of six in 600 to win the distinction.

Pfc. Williams Home

Pfc. and Mrs. R. J. Williams, of McCook, Nebraska, recently spent a 19-day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Georgia Williams, of North Wilkesboro route three, and Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Watts, of Lenoir.

Pvt. Sparks Home

Pvt. and Mrs. Buel Sparks and son, Jimmie, of Petersburg, Va., spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Sparks' mother, Mrs. B. L. Combs, of North Wilkesboro route three.

Jenkins Hardware Be Closed 2 Days

Announcement has been made that Jenkins Hardware company will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, January 9 and 10, for the purpose of taking inventory. All patrons of the store are requested to remember the closing dates in order that no inconvenience may result.

Miss Libby Sides, of Charlotte, visited here last week with Miss Carolyn Moore.

County Council Of Home Clubs Plans Its 1945 Program

Mrs. ANNIE H. GREENE, Home Agent; Miss HELEN L. PRICE, Assistant Home Agent.

The County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs met on Monday, January 1, at 2:30 o'clock, at the town hall in North Wilkesboro with 27 members present. The meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Mrs. M. F. Bumgarner, after which the group sang "Onward, Christian Soldiers". At this time, a group discussion on "What we can do to make our clubs better in 1945", was led by Mrs. W. E. Snow. Each member was called upon to render suggestions as to how club work might be made stronger for the new year. Mrs. Annie H. Greene, home demonstration agent, discussed the reading certificates that will be awarded to home demonstration club women in the county who reads and reviews before her home club three books from the list compiled by the North Carolina Library Commission. The list is available to all women interested at the public library in North Wilkesboro.

The council decided that for the year of 1945, no cash prizes would be given for recognition of the work done—only ribbons. The following were decided upon:

GARDEN PRIZE—1st prize: blue ribbon; 2nd prize: red ribbon; 3rd prize: white ribbon.

The garden record sheet will also be given out to members desiring them.

Club having highest per cent of attendance at regular club meeting in the year of 1945—1st: blue ribbon; 2nd: red ribbon; 3rd: white ribbon.

Club having best scrap book on publicity for year of 1945—1st: blue ribbon; 2nd: red ribbon; 3rd: white ribbon.

It was decided that the next council meeting will be held the first Monday in March at 1:30 instead of the usual hour which is 2:30, at the town hall in North Wilkesboro.

Legion Will Meet On Friday Night

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion will be held at 7:30 p. m. Friday, January 5th, at the office of the Yadkin Valley Motor Company. There are a number of questions for discussion, which are of local interest and importance. A full attendance of the post's almost 100 members is urged and requested.

Ministers Meet On Sunday Night

The Ministerial Association of the Wilkesboros will meet in monthly session, with the Reverend J. O. Ervin in Wilkesboro Sunday evening at nine o'clock. New officers for the association will be elected at this meeting.

Cripple Clinic 11th

Cripple clinic for the month of January will be held January 11 at the Wilkes hospital, beginning at 9:30 a. m. Free examination will be given all crippled and deformed persons present at the clinic.

PLANES SINK OR SET AFIRE 25 NIP SHIPS

United States troops have made new landings on Mindoro island, swarming ashore on the east and west coasts against no opposition, while warplanes have sunk or set fire to 25 Japanese ships in a two-day series of attacks on Luzon island, it was announced today.

The Yanks drove ashore on the east coast of the big island due south of Luzon on Monday and landed on the west coast Tuesday, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's daily war bulletin announced. The original landings at Mindoro on December 15 were made on the south-western coast in the San Jose area 155 miles south of Manila.

Mindoro is separated from the southern tip of Luzon by Cape Verde passage, eight miles wide at its narrowest point.

The new invasions—fourth and fifth on the Philippines campaign—were made while fleets of warplanes were hammering Luzon for a fifth consecutive day.

Killed In Action



Pfc. Lloyd Palmer was killed in action in Germany December 14, according to a War Department telegram received this afternoon by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Palmer, who operate the City Florist Shop here. Pfc. Palmer had been overseas for several months and had a splendid service record.

Stokes V. Phillips Named Policeman

City Council Meets; J. T. Kenerly Succeeds C. G. Day As Fire Chief

Stokes V. Phillips was appointed as a member of the North Wilkesboro police force by the city council in meeting Tuesday night.

Mr. Phillips is a native of the Summit community of Wilkes county, but for many years has been a resident of Louisville, Ky., where he has been a member of the police force. On the force here he will succeed Buren Yates, who resigned.

J. T. Kenerly was appointed chief of the North Wilkesboro fire department to succeed C. G. Day, who has resigned after several years of splendid service as head of the department.

Mayor R. T. McNeil and three members of the board of commissioners, Ralph Duncan, R. G. Finley and A. F. Kilby, were present for the meeting. J. R. Hix and H. M. Hutchens were unable to attend.

T-5 James L. Ward Is Now Recovering

T-5 James L. Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Ward, of North Wilkesboro route two, is now in a hospital in England, where he is recovering from injuries received November 6.

T-5 Ward received training at Camp Campbell, Ky., and Camp Phillips, Kansas. He went overseas in July and since August had been serving with an armored field artillery regiment in the third army.

Local Democrats At Inauguration

Among the local Democrats going to Raleigh for the inauguration of Governor-elect R. Gregg Cherry which took place in Raleigh today were J. R. Rousseau, Harry L. Summers, John E. Walker and Carlyle Ingle. C. C. Wallace, of Gastonia, who is engaged in the lumber business here and who is a close friend of Governor Cherry also attended the inauguration ceremonies.

Transeau Brothers Missing and Found

Sgt. Simon Transeau, reported missing in action in Germany for a month, is back on duty with American forces on the western front, according to a War Department telegram received Friday by Sgt. Transeau's mother, Mrs. Della Transeau, of North Wilkesboro route three.

Apparently it is customary for the Transeau boys to show up after being reported missing. Pvt. Rufus Transeau, also a son of Mrs. Della Transeau, was captured by the Germans during the North Africa campaign. He was in a prison camp in Italy for seven months, escaped, made his way back to American forces and later returned to the States. He is now stationed at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

CITIZENS OF THIS CITY AND ELKIN IN CONFERENCE HERE DISCUSS PROJECT

Sloan Hill And Arlie Foster Pass Air, Radar Tests

Two North Wilkesboro young men have been accepted for special training programs in the Naval Reserve, according to announcement made this week by J. E. Huffman, chief specialist, who makes weekly visits to this area on Wednesdays. The two young men are Arlie Oseco Foster, who for some time has been connected with Wilkes Tire Co., and Dudley Sloan Hill, Jr., a graduate last year at North Wilkesboro high school.

Foster has received word that he has passed the Eddy test and that he will on induction be sworn into the Navy as a seaman, first class, and after receiving boot camp at Great Lakes, Ill., will begin an intensive year's study of electronics and radar. At the conclusion of this training Foster will be given a petty officer second class training, and his duties will be the operation of vital radar devices which have played such an important part in the Navy's push in the Atlantic and Pacific areas. Recruiter Huffman stated that inductees as well as 17-year-olds, having high school educations, are eligible to take these qualifying examinations and that they are given each Wednesday.

Hill, after passing rigid mental and physical tests, has qualified as an aircrewman, and was sworn in this week as seaman, second class. He will soon report for active duty at a naval air station where he will begin a year's training in aviation radio, gunnery, radar, and operational flying as a member of the Navy's aviation forces. On completing this training he will have obtained a rating of petty officer third class, will receive additional flight pay, and will be assigned either to carrier or land based planes. Seventeen-year-olds, who have high school education, possess normal good health may qualify for this training program, according to the recruiter. Also young men, unmarried, who are between the ages of 17 and 27, who have not received their call for pre-induction, are eligible and are asked to see the recruiter at the postoffice on Wednesdays.

YANKS SHAKE 11 ENEMY DIVISIONS

The United States First army drove into the northern flank of the German's Belgian bulge today, joining the United States Third army which is on the southern side in putting a gigantic squeeze on the salient where 11 enemy divisions have been hacked to pieces and 400 enemy tanks destroyed from December 18 thru December 31.

Location and depth of the First army thrust were not disclosed in the official information released at supreme allied headquarters late last night.

The Third army, however, has smashed into Bourcy, 5 1/2 miles northeast of Bastogne. It was announced, amid reports from the field, that the Germans were heavily reinforcing their marbled divisions facing that flank.

Frontline correspondents estimated that the Germans still had about 60 divisions, half of them panzers, in the bulge; official sources said that eight divisions were facing the Third army on 25 to 30 miles of the bulge's southern flank from a point east of St. Hubert to north of Wiltz. At least half of these were panzers, with bulk of the better German troops centered around Bastogne.

The Germans were reinforcing heavily around Houffalize, nine miles north of Bastogne and five miles beyond Bourcy, deepest and most important point of Yank penetration into the bulge, AP correspondent Roger Greene radioed from the front.

NURSE AIDS TO MEET

Nurses Aides will meet Monday night, 7:30, in the dining hall of the Wilkes hospital.

W. F. Randolph Is Missing In Action

Mrs. W. F. Randolph, a teacher in North Wilkesboro schools, has received news that her husband has been reported missing in Italy, where he was serving in the army. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph make their home in Bluefield, Va.

Richardson New Speaker of House

Raleigh, Jan. 2.—Rep. Oscar L. Richardson, of Union county, who served his first term in 1939, received the Democratic nomination for speaker of the house tonight over Rep. George Uzzell, of Rowan. The vote was 70 to 31.

A total of 102 of the 106 Democratic representatives attended the caucus, which saw the somewhat unusual speakership fight taken to the floor. Generally, where there are only two contestants, one withdraws prior to the meeting.

The 14 Republicans, meanwhile, nominated Rep. T. E. Story, of Wilkes, for speaker, and his name will be presented tomorrow before the full house by Rep. J. H. Hutchins, of Madison. The designation automatically made Story the minority leader.

Both Uzzell and Richardson had five seconding speeches. Richardson was nominated by Rep. W. E. Horner, of Lee, and Uzzell by Rep. F. E. Wallace, of Lenoir.

Supporting the nomination of Richardson were Representatives Blalock of Anson, Moseley of Guilford, Mrs. G. W. Cover of Cherokee, Stony of Burke, and Peasall of Nash. For Uzzell were Representatives McDonald of Polk, Custard of Orange, Dehlinger of Gaston, Marshall of Stokes, and Taylor of Wayne.

Mrs. Annie E. Cooper, of Wake, was named principal clerk of the house; Ralph Monger, of New Hanover, reading clerk; and H. L. Joyner, of Northampton, sergeant-at-arms.

Richardson's nomination was made unanimous on motion of Uzzell; and Richardson, in a speech of acceptance, said he would serve to the best of his ability.

Richardson was born February 25, 1896, in Union county. After receiving his elementary and high school education there, he entered Trinity college, now Duke university, where he won scholastic honors and was a member of the track and baseball teams.

He entered the air corps when the first world war started and served two years, 18 months overseas.

In 1924 he was admitted to practice at the Union county bar. He taught school and served as clerk of superior court for 10 years.

During his legislative career he has served on many important committees, was vice chairman of appropriations in 1943 and chairman of judiciary two.

He is a Methodist, Lion, former Kiwanian, and a charter member of the Melvin Deese post of the American Legion.

He married Sarah Cowan, of Rutherfordton, and they have two children, Sarah Louise, and O. L. Richardson, Jr.

Uzzell first entered the house in 1931 and since 1935 has served continuously in that branch of the assembly. For the past several seasons he has been recognized by his colleagues as an influential member. In 1941 he was a candidate for speaker but finally threw his support to O. M. Malk of Cleveland.

New Law Gives Benefits to War Widow, Orphan

Recently the American Legion sponsored a bill was enacted into law, which provides benefits to certain war widows and orphans.

The American Legion and the Auxiliary have cards to be completed by the above women and children, and those who need and are entitled to these benefits are requested to call on the Legion or the Auxiliary and fill out the cards.

Unity Sought In Effort to Provide Flood Prevention

Senators and Congressmen Will Be Urged To Provide Control on Yadkin

At a meeting of a number of citizens of North Wilkesboro and Elkin held here Tuesday afternoon, plans were made to continue the fight for flood control in the Yadkin Valley.

A consensus of opinion among those present was to the effect that all people of the valley, interested in flood control would unite their efforts in order to secure adequate protection from floods.

The flood control-hydroelectric project recommended by War Department engineers, which called for construction of a huge dam near Wilkesboro, was removed from the flood control bill pending in congress when Senator Bailey, committee chairman, voiced objections which he said were based on protests from people in western Wilkes and Caldwell counties whose lands would be flooded.

It was brought out in the meeting here that grossly exaggerated reports had been circulated as to the extent of the lands which would be inundated by the dam as proposed by the War Department engineers, and that some of the protests doubtless were caused by the exaggerated reports.

The proposal recommended, which was eliminated from the bill, called for construction of a 175-foot dam with a permanent lake for generation of power and a space at the top for additional water storage in case of flood. The lands inundated would include a few hundred acres in Caldwell county but not nearly so much as exaggerated reports which have been circulated have claimed.

However, the local flood control committee, with cooperation of other interested citizens and groups along the valley, take the position that the valley is definitely in need of adequate flood control for protection of industries and agriculture, and that they will continue to fight for relief from floods.

The flood control committee is striving toward unity of purpose, and is hopeful that a flood control program can be devised and placed before congress which will not meet such vigorous protests.

Flood control advocates are going into the question as to whether it shall be a combination flood control and hydroelectric project, or purely a flood control project, leaving that up to the engineers and congress, and are hopeful that Senator Bailey, Senator Hoey, Representative Burgin of this district and Representative Doughton, of the Ninth district, which includes Caldwell, all can lend their support and influence toward removing the danger of floods from the valley of the Yadkin.

One alternate proposal for flood control and which is being given much consideration is a dam on the Yadkin west of Wilkesboro, and which would be purely for flood control purposes. Proponents of such an alternate proposal point out that a much less area of land would be taken over for a flood control project than for a combination power and flood control development.

Many erroneous reports have been circulated among the people relative to their property in case a dam is constructed. It is to be used or inundated, purchased by the government, full value. In agreement upon could not be reached, property owners would have the courts to have a valuation upon their lands and property.

Sgt. Worth Bentley Slightly Wounded

Sgt. Worth Bentley and Mrs. L. P. Bentley, of Knob, was slightly wounded in action in France December 18.

News of his injury was received in a War Department telegram to his parents, Sgt. Bentley has been overseas since March.