

GENERAL DECORATES WILKES MAN



Staff Sergeant Roy C. Russell, right, receives silver star from Major General Walter M. Robertson, commanding general of the second infantry division of the first army at a ceremony in Belgium. S.Sgt. Russell, who had previously received the bronze star and purple heart, was awarded the silver star for capturing 18 and killing four nazis while capturing a German pillbox on the Belgium front. On Tuesday S.Sgt. Russell arrived at Pores Knob for a surprise visit home.

S.SGT. RUSSELL, TWICE DECORATED FOR BRAVERY, HAS ARRIVED HOME ON A SURPRISE VISIT FOR 30 DAYS

Farm Committee To Aid Returning Vets Will Meet Friday

The Farmers Committee, appointed by the Agricultural Workers Council, will meet with the council in the town hall in North Wilkesboro on Friday, January 19 at 2:00 p. m. All members are urged to be present at this time, as an excellent program has been planned.

At this meeting, plans will be made for giving assistance to the returning farm war veterans. Therefore, it is important that all members be present and give your suggestions as to how the services may best be carried out in Wilkes county.

Ralph Duncan Again Heads Telephone Co.

Ralph Duncan, of this city, was re-elected president of the Carolina Mountain Telephone company in the annual meeting of the stockholders held Monday in Asheville. Mr. Duncan has extensive holdings in the company, which operates telephone lines and exchanges in a number of towns in the western part of the state. He went to Asheville Sunday and remained to attend the meeting of the stockholders and directors Monday.

Mrs. Polly Jordan Funeral On Friday

Funeral service will be held Friday, 11 a. m. at White Plains church for Mrs. Polly Jordan, age 84, who died Wednesday at her home in Edwards township. Rev. J. S. Bryant will conduct the last rites.

Mrs. Jordan, widow of the late G. W. Jordan, is survived by two sons and one daughter: B. C. and M. G. Jordan, of Roaring River, and Mrs. Minnie Bell, of North Wilkesboro.

KRUEGER'S MEN ENTER POZORRUBIO

Progress stepped up along the left flank of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's wide Luzon beachhead as Sixth army patrols entered Pozorrubio and cut the main highway, headquarters reported.

Other units were within a half mile of Rosario, nine miles to the north. Action in this northwestern sector had been slowed for days by stiff opposition and one tank-led counterattack.

Other Yank forces, driving 17 miles from captured Alaminos on the left flank, secured the north end of the Bolinao peninsula by reaching the northern extremity. Driving southward from Alaminos, another force was headed toward Dasol bay.

Pvt. Kilby Home

Pvt. Lomas Kilby, aviation student at Lincoln, Nebraska, is spending this week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kilby.

Groups of Wilkes Men Forwarded To Induction Spot

Selective Service boards in Wilkes on Wednesday sent the following men to the induction center for examination to determine their fitness for military service. Those accepted will be inducted in the near future:

- BOARD NUMBER 1**
- Carl Edward Parks
 - John Clarence Brooks
 - Paul Russell Eller
 - Claude Presley Joines
 - James Oscar Faw
 - Ralph Duane Church
 - Carl Hollar
 - L. P. Johnson
 - Roy Lee Mathis
 - Leonard Eller
 - Ray McDonald Walker
 - Charlie Dancy
 - Charlie Richard Smither
 - Howard James Walker
 - Ulysses Vernon Dyer
 - Mount Vernon Jarvis
 - Finley Gibson Nichols
 - Charlie Raymond Clanton
 - Hugh Daner Sale

- BOARD NO. 2**
- William Lawrence Lee
 - Harrison Cecil Byrd
 - Frank Reynolds
 - Weldon Odell Brown
 - Claude Allen Ellis
 - Cleve Manuel Rose
 - John Isaac Wiles
 - Roy Thomas Wells
 - James Albert Wood
 - James Daniel Holloway
 - Burle Odell Wiles
 - John Roscoe Cockerham
 - Stamie Odell Bowers
 - Lonnie Caldwell Handy
 - Fred Monroe Adams
 - Claude Holbrook (Volunteer)
 - Bill Mason Myers, (Volunteer)
 - James Carter Carson
 - Walter A. Holbrook
 - Jessie Ward Hodge
 - Gilmer Eugene Clonch
 - Robert Thomas Dimmette
 - Billy Ervin Absher
 - James Wesley Shamato
 - Willie Eugene Miller
 - Alvin Barney Sloop
 - Claude Roy Elledge
 - Lonnie M. Haynes
 - Marvin Masford Byrd
 - Robert Claude Wall
 - Jack Spicer
 - Leonard William Wyatt
 - Connie Dancy
 - Vernon Eubanks Johnson
 - Franklin Paul Adams
 - Marvin Willie Shepherd
 - Woodrow Wilson Palmer
 - Thomas Ralph Blackburn
 - Justice Aldean Yarbory
 - James Monroe Yarbory
 - Grady Walls
 - James Edwin Burcham
 - Robert Reece Jolly
 - J. C. Blackburn
 - Thomas Hood Byrd
 - Monroe Cecil Gambill
 - Sam Wade Colbert

Guests At Parties To Give Quarter Each; Prize Expense To Polio Fund

As chairman of the Woman's Division of the Infantile Paralysis campaign, Mrs. Richard Finley is asking all social clubs as they have their meetings the week of January 22, to pay to the host or hostess the price for the pleasure of being able to be there. Those having card parties are asked not to give a prize but to contribute the price of the prize together with the amount given them by the guests to the Infantile Paralysis Fund. Mrs. Finley is asking that everybody have parties and teas next week, with no prizes and very little refreshments, with each guest contributing the 25c to the fund.

Need Furniture For Girl Scout Rooms

Girl Scouts are endeavoring to place furniture in the Girl Scout Little House, where meetings are held. Two couches, some chairs and a table lamp are needed. If there is anyone who would donate one of more of the needed articles, please call Mrs. L. S. Spainhour, troop leader.

- George Washington Elmore
- William Harrison Adams
- William Conrad Wyatt
- Calvin Arthur Holleman
- Edmund Jones Melton
- Garvey Clay Mathis
- James Eldon Spicer
- Paul S. Pardon
- Delmar Milton Osborne
- Bobbie Eugene Wall
- Paul Weymouth Chambers
- Dewey Galther Privette

Y.M.C.A. Canvass In Wilkes County To Begin Monday

On Monday, January 22, the house-to-house canvass in behalf of the Y. M. C. A. building fund will begin in the Wilkesboros and throughout Wilkes county.

Mrs. E. G. Finley is chairman of the house-to-house canvass committee. The rural contacts will be through the schools, with emphasis on informing the people of the benefits which may be expected from a Y. M. C. A. here.

The goal for the fund to erect a modern Y. M. C. A. after the war is \$160,000. During the past year \$36,000 was contributed and it is expected that a greater part of the necessary fund may be raised before the end of this year.

Polio Campaign Workers Named For Wilkesboro

W. D. Jester, polio fund campaign chairman for the town of Wilkesboro, has announced appointment of the following co-workers: H. H. Dotson, George S. Parlier, Mrs. N. B. Smith, E. P. Hettiger, Wm. T. Long, Rev. Howard J. Ford and Rev. J. O. Ervin. Girl Scouts will make a house-to-house canvass of the town.

Missing In Germany



Pvt. William Howard Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones, of North Wilkesboro route, one, has been reported missing in action in Germany since December 21, according to an official War Department telegram received here. Pvt. Jones entered the army December 30, 1943, and went overseas in November, 1944. Since that time he had served with a field artillery outfit on the western front. He has a brother, T-5 Clarence A. Jones, who is serving in Belgium.

Women's Division Of Polio Campaign Plans Activities

Assistant Chairman Red Cross War Fund

Maurice Walsh has been named assistant War Fund chairman for the Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross, Rev. Howard J. Ford, War Fund chairman, announced today. Mr. Walsh, manager of the Men's Department at the Goodwill Store in North Wilkesboro, has been very active in church and civic affairs and he is expected to be a valuable addition to the organization for the annual War Fund campaign, which will be carried out in March.



James M. Yates, age 76, well known citizen of Wilkesboro, died at his home shortly after midnight this morning. He had been in ill health since August, 1944, and critically ill for several days.

Jas. M. Yates, 76, Dies In Wilkesboro

Mr. Yates was a member of a well known Wilkes family, being a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Yates, of the Purlear community. He was born and reared in the Purlear community but moved to Wilkesboro many years ago. At one time he served as keeper of the Wilkes county home, and for the past several years had devoted his time to the poultry business.

Mr. Yates is survived by his wife, Mrs. Pearl Yates; three brothers, W. L. Yates, of Wilkesboro, John Morgan Yates and Tom Yates, of Purlear; two sisters, Mrs. Alice Watts of Purlear; and Mrs. Alpha McNeill, Kansas City, Mo.

Funeral service will be conducted Friday, one o'clock, at the Wilkesboro Baptist church, with Rev. Howard J. Ford in charge. Burial will be in the New Hope cemetery.

Plant Established In This City Now Makes Cloth Bags

North Wilkesboro's newest industry is manufacturing small cloth bags for packing smoking tobacco.

For many years bag manufacturing companies have been sending the bags into Wilkes county to be "strung" in homes. Stringing bags consists of placing the draw strings in the hem at the top.

Believing that it would be practical to manufacture the bags here as well as string, Millhiser Bag Company, of Richmond, Va., has established a North Wilkesboro branch plant with L. L. Godfrey, of Wilkesboro, as manager. Mr. Godfrey for many years had previously represented that company here as stringing agent.

Six automatic machines have been installed in a part of the Coffey building on Gordon Avenue and the plant is in operation. Each machine has a capacity for making about 25,000 bags daily, which will make the capacity of the small plant here about 1,000,000 bags per week. One operator can care for two machines. George Wells is in charge of the machines.

The machines make the bags complete except for insertion of the draw strings, which still must be done by hand and the bags are sent out to homes for stringing. A strip of cloth from a large roll goes into the machine continuously and a bag well hemmed and sewed comes out at the other end at the rate of one per second.

The small plant has been established here on a trial basis and if results are satisfactory it is expected that the plant operations here may be expanded to supply a greater part of the company's output of small, cloth bags.

Crusade For Christ Union Service Here Sunday Afternoon

All the Methodist churches of Wilkes county will participate in a union service in the interest of "The Crusade for Christ" at the First Methodist church of North Wilkesboro Sunday afternoon at 3:30.

The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Benjamin G. Childs, lay leader of the Durham District and professor of education at Duke University. Dr. Childs is well and favorably known among Methodists of Wilkes county, having spoken here at a Laymen's Day program and in a training school last winter.

All Methodist churches of America are now engaged in the program of "The Crusade for Christ" which has as its objective the raising of 25 millions of dollars and an intensified program for four years in Evangelism, Education, Crusade for a New Order, World Relief and Reconstruction and Stewardship.

The entire program will be of interest to people other than Methodists and everyone is invited to attend the service.

Milk From Plant At Home Reaches Lieut. Spainhour

After 18 months overseas Lt. Jaek Spainhour, who is serving in the navy on a landing craft ship, got his first bottle of milk and was agreeably surprised to find that it came from his home town.

While off the shore of England another officer brought to the ship a bottle of milk for Lt. Spainhour. Imagine his pleasant surprise to find on the label that it had been bottled at Lexington and frozen at the Wilkesboro plant of Coble Dairy Products company.

Lt. Spainhour is now in New York after 20 months of overseas duty, during which time he has participated in at least three invasion campaigns. He is expected home in a few days to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spainhour, and his wife.

Ceiling Prices On Used Motorcycles

J. R. Henderson, local rationing official in charge of ceiling prices, announced today that used motorcycles now have OPA ceiling prices. Information on ceiling prices may be obtained from the rationing board office in the Reins-Sturdivant building.

License to Wed

During the past week marriage license were issued by Register of Deeds Troy Foster to three couples: Stancel Gentry, Benham, and Edna Stone, Benham; Ronald Green, Mt. Zion, and Viola Green, Deep Gap; James R. Bailey, Raleigh, and Nellie Rouseau, North Wilkesboro.

Now Recovering



Pvt. George Miles, who was wounded in Italy on September 29, 1944, is now a patient at Northington General hospital, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he recently underwent a head operation. Before going to Tuscaloosa he spent a 21-day furlough with his wife, the former Miss Jennette Shumate, and daughter, Portia, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Miller, of Hays. Pvt. Miles entered the army in September, 1943, and received training in Texas.

Old Hickory Scout Council Officers Chosen at Meet

Gordon Finley Is Accorded High Honor Monday at Council Meeting

With but few changes, 1945 officers of the Old Hickory Council of Boy Scouts of America, were elected at the annual meeting held in Winston-Salem at the Home Moravian church education building Monday night, January 15th. John M. Brown was re-elected as president.

Other officers chosen were R. E. Lesater, honorary president; R. W. Harris, J. B. Carter, Levern Johnson, and J. Raymond Smith, vice presidents; John M. Brown and H. Banks Newman, national council representatives; H. Banks Newman, council commissioner; and E. C. Goodman, treasurer.

District chairmen named were: W. N. Vogler, Forsyth; Tom Roth, Elkin-Yadkin; R. M. Green, for Stokes; J. F. Yockley, Surry; Clyde R. Greene, Watauga; Levern Johnson, Ashe; J. B. Carter, Wilkes.

District commissioners are J. Mark McAdams, Elkin-Yadkin; R. C. Whitaker, Stokes; W. S. Porter, Surry; Dr. R. C. Busteded, Watauga; Gordon Finley, Wilkes; Roy Hinshaw, Forsyth. A commissioner for Ashe will be named later.

Executive board members elected were Parks D. Hunter, W. F. Carter, J. Harry White, A. O. Bryan, E. T. Mickey, Sr., Dr. S. H. Templeton, J. T. Reece, Gordon Finley, and Dr. Robert Busteded.

The Silver Beaver award was presented to Gordon Finley of Wilkes, and posthumously to E. M. "Tom" Holder. H. Banks Newman, council commissioner, made the presentations of the highest award a local council may bestow for "distinguished service to boyhood."

Certificates for bravery were presented for Mr. Holder, who lost his life last summer while aiding in the rescue of a Scout in distress in the lake at camp, and to Scout Kyle Barnes, who took part in the rescue. Dr. E. S. Thompson, chairman of the Health and Safety Committee, presented the awards.

E. Urner Goodman, national director of the Division of Program, spoke on the "Scout Trail to Peace." While scouting is only 35 years old as an organization, its ideals date from the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. It is a part of our life that will go on for generations and is a world movement. One of every two boys now becomes a scout.

"Peace will not come unless the state retains discipline and manliness that is an outgrowth of army life," Mr. Goodman stated. "Human life without hardihood would be contemptible." Scouting provides virility and hardihood through combat with old Mother Nature herself. Through the operation of the Patrol system and with the Oath and Law to guide them, the discipline that comes to scouts is from within. They do things because they are right, not because of force from without.

Scouters and their guests present from the Wilkes District were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Finley, Miss Mary Elmore Finley, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson, R. S. Gibbs, and L. M. Nelson.

BRITISH PUSH TAKES VILLAGE OF DIETEREN

White-clad British Tommies advanced 1,000 yards and captured the village of Dieteren in their new offensive in the Dutch panhandle yesterday as the United States First army in two-mile gains to the south lunged through snow-drifted battlegrounds to a point within four miles of the strategic Ardennes communications center of St. Vith.

Farther southward in the bulge the United States Third army cleared the entire Bastogne-Houffalize road and hammered the enemy back toward the St. Vith-Wiltz ridge. Below the bulge American Third army infantry, fighting on German soil between the Moselle river and the Saar east of Luxembourg, closed a trap around an enemy force of undisclosed size in a woodland southeast of Tettingen.

The Germans appeared to be digging in again in the Ardennes, stiffening their resistance with the first armor seen in days.

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