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Watch Your Label—Keep Your Subscription Paid in Advance

Rev. Sidney Crane Resigns as Pastor To Enter Service

Local Presbyterian Minister Plans to Enter Service as Chaplain in The Army

Rev. Sidney Crane, supply pastor of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, resigned Sunday.

In making his resignation to the congregation, Rev. Mr. Crane stated that he has made application to the army as a chaplain and asked that his resignation become effective February 4.

Rev. Mr. Crane came to North Wilkesboro June 11, 1943, as supply pastor to fill the vacancy when Rev. Watt M. Cooper entered service as a chaplain in the navy. Since taking up the work here Rev. Mr. Crane has won the admiration of the people of the town and community and the church has continued to progress under his leadership.

Mr. and Mrs. Crane will go to Greenville after February 4 to await his call into service.

Rev. Mr. Crane came to North Wilkesboro following completion of his studies in Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. He is a son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Crane. Dr. Crane has recently returned to Belgian Congo in Africa as a missionary after spending several months in this country.

Essential Jobs Open Baltimore, Knoxville

Pipefitters, sheet metal workers, electricians and laborers are needed at Bethlehem Steel Co., Baltimore Yard, Shipbuilding Division. A representative from this company will be in the United States Employment Service office in North Wilkesboro during the week of January 22-27 who can hire workers for these jobs.

During the week January 23-February 3, representatives from both the Carbide and Carbon Chemical Corp., Knoxville, Tenn., and Bethlehem-Sparrows Point Shipyard, Baltimore, will be stationed in the local U. S. E. S. office to hire workers for the following jobs: Shipfitters, welders, trainees, maintenance mechanics, fireman, stationary boiler, steamfitters, stenographers, typists, etc.

Mayor McNiel Has Proclaimed 'Kiwaniis Week'

Anniversary of Kiwanis International Will Be Observed At Club Meet Friday

Commending the community service activities of Kiwanis International, founded in Detroit 30 years ago this month, Mayor R. T. McNiel, has issued a proclamation setting aside the period of January 21 to 27 as Kiwanis Anniversary Week in North Wilkesboro.

Mayor McNiel declared in his proclamation that local communities throughout the United States and Canada have not faltered in the face of the supreme tests of World War II and credited Kiwanis with helping to provide much of the moral stimulus. The proclamation follows:

"WHEREAS, cities, towns and villages on the American home-front have assisted in turning the tide of worldwide aggression by supplying food, equipment, medicine and other needs of the United Nations' fighting forces, and

"WHEREAS, Kiwanis International for 30 years has endeavored to strengthen the local community, which has not faltered in the face of the supreme tests of World War II, and

"WHEREAS, members of the Kiwanis Club of North Wilkesboro, with 139,000 other Kiwanians in some 2,250 clubs throughout the United States and Canada, have cooperated wholeheartedly in the war effort by purchasing bonds, donating blood, giving their time to draft, ration and other emergency boards, and working in war plants, and

"WHEREAS, more than 13,000 Kiwanians are serving in the armed forces,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, R. T. McNiel, Mayor of the City of North Wilkesboro, do hereby designate the period beginning Sunday, January 21, as Kiwanis Anniversary Week in North Wilkesboro and urge all citizens to further strengthen the community and promote the war program by supporting activities such as those carried on by the Kiwanis club."

Reds 175 Miles From Berlin

Missing In Action



Opl. James E. Ashley has been reported missing in action in Germany since December 16, according to a War Department telegram received by his wife, the former Miss Edith Johnson, who, with her nine-month-old son, Larry Edwin, makes her home at Ronda. Opl. Ashley entered service in March, 1942, at Fort Jackson, S. C., was transferred to Tennessee and later to Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He went overseas in October.

"March of Dimes" Board Collecting Dimes For Polio

Lions Club Sponsor of Project To Aid In Raising Funds for Polio

North Wilkesboro Lions club is assisting Chairman Sam Ogilvie in putting on the Infantile Paralysis campaign in North Wilkesboro.

In addition to a committee handling the canvass of the business district, the Lions club has also sponsored a 'March of Dimes' board which will be on Main street throughout the drive for collection of dimes.

The board was first placed on the street Saturday afternoon and several rows of dimes were contributed. When the board is covered with dimes a substantial amount will have been contributed.

The Lions committee handling the business district canvass is composed of James M. Anderson, Ray Manship and C. E. Jenkins, Jr. In addition, Mr. Jenkins is handling arrangements for the President's Ball at the high school gymnasium on Friday night January 26. W. B. Collins, of the Lions club, superintended the making of the 'March of Dimes' board.

A county-wide campaign is being carried out under direction of Mr. Ogilvie to raise the county's quota of \$6,250 for the polio fund.

Shotgun Shells, Cigarettes, Gum To Be Auctioned

"Scarce" Merchandise Will Be Sold At Auction At Polio Dance Friday

As a special feature to aid in raising funds for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, an auction of highly desirable merchandise will be conducted at the President's Ball to be held at the North Wilkesboro school gymnasium Friday night, January 26, 9 o'clock.

C. E. Jenkins, Jr., who is in charge of arrangements for the dance, said today that a number of merchants will donate items to be sold at auction. Among the items will be shotgun shells, cigarettes, chewing gum and other merchandise which is difficult to obtain.

Ticket sale for the dance is reported as brisk and it is expected that a large crowd will attend. An orchestra has been secured and there will be both round and square dancing. The dance will be informal.

Fertilizer recommendations for flue-cured tobacco in North Carolina are 800 to 1,200 pounds of 3-9-6 per acre for average conditions; 3-9-9 for potash deficient soils; and 2-10-6 for fertile soils.

NAZIS RACING FOR HAVEN OF WEST WALL

The U. S. Third Army was over-running Northern Luxembourg last night, crumpling the once-powerful south flank of the Germans' Belgian bulge with gains of nearly five miles and smashing with big guns at the enemy now racing for the haven of the Siegfried Line.

Pacing Allied armies that are attacking along most of the 300-mile western front, Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's forces struck from the west and south, bursting into the mountain-bounded little duchy from Belgium and fighting to within a mile of one main enemy escape road.

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Simultaneously, Lieut. General Courtney H. Hodges' First Army some 28 miles to the north closed from north and west to within three miles of St. Vith, without whose roads and railways many Germans may never get out of the 150-square-mile stump of the once 1,000-square mile salient.

Attorney Bryan Is To Speak On Radio

Attorney T. B. Bryan, of Wilkesboro, will deliver a radio address over station WHKY in Hickory Wednesday evening, six o'clock. Attorney Bryan will speak in behalf of the polio campaign and will give his impressions of the emergency hospital at Hickory.

Veterans' Children May Be Registered Thursdays, Fridays

American Legion Auxiliary is asking a registration of all children, under 18 years of age, of veterans of World War 1 and 2. This registration is being carried out at the Red Cross office only, on Thursday and Friday through January. Those registering children of veterans should carry discharge papers of the fathers.

Millers Creek Boys Win Another Game

Millers Creek high school basketball team defeated Mount Pleasant boys at Millers Creek by a 30-point margin.

The Millers Creek boys, undefeated this season, will play a return game at Mount Pleasant Friday night.

Two Wilkes Men In "Cook's Tourists"

Washington, D. C.—C. J. Hendren, aviation radioman third class, and L. E. Johnston, aviation radioman second class, of North Wilkesboro, N. C., have returned from a tour of combat duty in the Pacific, where they served with the Navy's Patrol Squadron 216.

They were aircrewman aboard a Martin Mariner flying boat (PMB), winging lengthy patrols over enemy waters.

Patrol Squadron 216 was nicknamed "Cook's Tourists" after its commanding officer, Commander H. E. Cook, Jr., U. S. N., of Colorado, California.

Lt. Stroud Decorated

Headquarters, Army Air Forces in Burma—Lt. Raeford G. Stroud, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Stroud, of Wilkesboro, N. C., was recently presented with the 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, it was announced by Maj. Gen. Howard C. Davidson, Commanding General, Tenth Air Force, EAC.

Lt. Stroud was active in football at Wilkesboro high school from which he graduated to North Carolina State College. Serving in the capacity of a pilot with a combat cargo squadron group of the Tenth Air Force, Lt. Stroud has spent the past eight months in the India-Burma theatre. He has a total of 125 missions and 500 flying hours to his credit and also holds the Distinguished Flying Cross. He has been in the service 22 months.

Buy More Bonds!

Missing In Action



Pvt. Olen F. (Red) Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alexander, of Bowling River, has been reported missing in Germany since December 16, according to a War Department telegram received Tuesday by his parents. Pvt. Alexander entered service in December, 1942, at Fort Bragg, was in training at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and went overseas in November, 1944.

YANK FORCES ARE 58 MILES FROM MANILA

U. S. Sixth Army tanks and infantry, advancing 18 miles down the Luzon central plains, have captured the communications center of Tarlac and struck beyond to within 58 miles of Manila and 13 miles of the Panagasinan coast.

Two airfields also were seized at Tarlac, where a gallant band of American cavalry and Filipino scouts held the Japanese more than three years ago to cover Gen. Douglas MacArthur's retreat into Bataan, and 20 miles away to the south is the great cluster of airbases at American-built Clark Field.

Tarlac, a town of 17,000 and capital of the province of the same name, was seized Saturday by twin columns which struck 13 miles down Highway No. 13 from Santa Ignacia and a similar distance down Highway No. 3 from Paniqui.

Hill Earp, 65, Dies Near Taylorsville

Mr. Hill Earp, 65, died at his home near Taylorsville Friday following a lingering illness. He was a son of the late William and Polly Earp, of the Boomer section of the county, and is survived by his widow and several children. Also one brother, Mr. Goodman Earp, of Oakwoods, and one sister, Mrs. Tom Davis, of Boomer.

Funeral and burial services were held Sunday at Whiteplains Baptist church near the deceased's home in the presence of a large concourse of relatives, neighbors, and friends.

Assistant Manager



Miss Esther Wendland, efficient and popular cashier for The Orpheum and Allen Theaters for several years, has been promoted to the position of assistant manager of The Allen. Miss Wendland is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wendland, of this city.

REDS INVADE GERMANY ON BROAD FRONT

Latest radio reports today stated that the Russian army spearheads on the eastern front have advanced to within only 175 miles from Berlin, which represents a gain of 25 miles as compared to reports earlier today.

The Red Army invaded the main body of Germany in massive strength yesterday, sweeping 19 miles inside industrial Silesia on a 46-mile front and capturing the German Military Shrine of Tannenber in a new 16-mile lunge into Southern East Prussia on a 50-mile front.

German-revered Tannenber is the burial place of von Hindenburg and was the scene of that German leader's defeat of the Russian Imperial Army in the First World War.

Berlin said that Soviet spearheads were only 10 miles from the Oder River in Silesia. Once that German defense line is forced the Nazi war machine may collapse.

Russian spearheads were only 47 miles from the big Silesian communication city of Breslau on the Oder after capturing five towns.

In one of the greatest military spectacles in history, white hooded Soviet troops and flame-throwing tanks moved across the snows of Western Poland and into Germany. In Poland they were reported 195 miles due east of Berlin, and to the southwest, where the crossing into Silesia was made, were within 200 miles of the Reich capital.

Report of Funds In Hands of Clerk Is Shown In Report

Annual report of Clerk of Court C. O. Hayes is published in this newspaper today on pages 6 and 7.

The report shows the amount of money being held for people as the result of court actions. Persons calling for the funds listed should give the docket and case number in every instance in order that the proper record can be located promptly.

Has Information On Army Nursing Corps

Major E. P. Robinson, commander of the Wilkes post of the American Legion, has comprehensive information concerning the army nurse corps and also has application blanks for any nurses who wish to enlist.

Inspiring Address Is Made to Lions By Dr. Browning

Seven New Members Received Into Lions Club At Meeting Friday

A splendid address by Dr. David E. Browning, pastor of the First Baptist church here, and induction of seven new members featured the meeting of the North Wilkesboro Lions club Friday evening at Hotel Wilkes.

Attorney J. H. Whicker, Jr., was program chairman and presented the speaker. Dr. Browning used for a subject, "The Christian Conscience and the Present Crisis". He described the condition of the world today and declared that the future of mankind hangs in the balance. The way out of the present crisis, he said, is for every man in making a decision to ask himself the question: Is it right or is it wrong?

Prior to the program Rev. A. C. Waggoner with appropriate remarks inducted the following new members: Bill Lee, J. T. Kerbaugh, Edward McIntyre, William T. Long, Ed Dancy, Sam Ogilvie and Dr. James Willis.

President Vernon Deal reported that nine members of the local club had attended the charter night banquet last week by the newly organized Elkin club. He also announced that the board of directors will meet with Boyd Stout on Friday night of this week.

Guests at the meeting Friday were as follows: Paige Choate with G. R. Andrews; F. B. Hethcock and J. T. Kerbaugh with C. L. Gibson; H. E. Greens and Pvt. Green with Paul Greene.

Missing In Action



Staff Sergeant James Eldridge Nichols has been reported missing in action in Germany since December 16, according to a War Department telegram received Friday by his grandmother, Mrs. Ida Nichols, of Wilkesboro route one. S. Sgt. Nichols entered the service in March, 1943, received training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and went overseas in October, 1944.

Bank Of North Wilkesboro Has Annual Meeting

Local Institution Shows Remarkable Growth In Resources and Deposits

The Bank of North Wilkesboro, largest unit bank in this part of the State, has had its most successful year in 1944, as shown by the report of J. R. Hix, president, to the stockholders in annual meeting.

The stockholders' meeting, held at the bank Thursday morning, was well attended. J. H. Johnson presided and W. D. Halfacre was secretary for the meeting. The following directors were re-elected: E. M. Blackburn, Ralph Duncan, R. G. Finley, R. W. Gwyn, J. R. Hix, W. D. Halfacre, John E. Justice, Jr., and S. V. Tomlinson.

Following the stockholders' meeting the directors met and re-elected all officers of the bank as follows: J. R. Hix president; W. D. Halfacre, vice president; S. V. Tomlinson, cashier; W. W. Starr, J. G. McNeil and J. T. Brame, assistant cashiers.

The following report of President Hix gives a comprehensive account of the year's activities:

"With pleasure do I submit herewith a brief report of your bank's activities and operations during its 53rd year of service.

"After three years our country is still at war and although there is hard fighting ahead, victory appears to be about in sight. The whole economy of our country is geared to the successful prosecution of the war and your bank has endeavored to assist in every possible way. We have since May, 1941, sold Government bonds. One of our officers holds the position of Wilkes County War Finance chairman and another officer has served as county chairman in all of the six successful war loan campaigns. During the year closed, we sold at the bank \$653,250.00 of E Bonds, in addition to bonds ordered for individuals and corporations. We are continuing to handle ration banking for the OPA, and serving as a U. S. Government depository for War funds and withheld Federal taxes. Last October 1st, we qualified as an agent for the Government in cashing War Saving Bonds.

"The close of the year, December 30, 1944, recorded total resources of \$7,435,966.37. This is a gain of \$1,879,482.04 over the same date of 1943. Deposits at the year end were \$7,011,266.90 or an increase of \$1,826,751.14 during the year. These large increases in resources and deposits must be recognized as a result of the abundance of currency in circulation as a result of the war economy. It is not to be expected that these figures will continue to increase so rapidly when hostilities cease.

"Due to conditions already cited the necessity and desirability of borrowing on the part of individuals and businesses has decreased. To offset the diminished (See Bank Meeting—page five)

Farmers' Meetings Are Well Attended In Wilkes County

Outlook and Planning Meetings Being Held Throughout The County

Wilkes farm men and women continue their 1945 outlook and planning meetings, according to Mrs. Annie H. Greens, home demonstration agent, and Oscar H. Phillips, who is acting county agent at large in Wilkes county. These county agricultural workers say that the previous meetings the farmers have been holding are most promising in spite of the bad weather and roads. The attendance has been fair. The Double Creek school at Absbers is the place of the meeting on Monday, January 22 at 2:00 p. m., and the other meetings follow closely throughout the week.

Leading farmers say that the meetings are most interesting and timely and every farmer and his boys and girls should attend these meetings. The county workers are eager that every one who possibly can attend the following meetings: Inscore's Store, Tuesday, January 23 at 2 p. m.; Gilreath-Hendren's Store, Wednesday, January 24 at 2:00 p. m.; Pleasant Ridge school, Thursday, January 25, at 2:00 p. m.; Benham school, Friday, January 26 at 2:00 p. m.; Mulberry school, Monday, January 29, 2:00 p. m.; and Austin school, Tuesday, January 30, 2:00 p. m.

Watts With Dick's Recapping Service

Graydon Watts, former assistant county accountant, has accepted a position with Dick's Recapping Service which is located on Ninth street. Mr. Watts, since coming to Wilkes from Alexander county, has made many friends who are delighted to know that he will continue to be associated with local business and civic affairs.

Mrs. Jane Carlton Rites Held Today

Funeral service was held today at Little Rock church for Mrs. Jane Carlton, resident of the Boomer community who died Friday at her home.

Mrs. Carlton, widow of the late F. G. Carlton, leaves one son and two daughters: L. L. Carlton, Mrs. Gerlie Medlock and Mrs. Mary Lou Knight, of Boomer.

Rev. W. O. Johnson and Rev. Isaac Watts conducted the last rites.

Brookshire Child Last Rites Today

Last rites were held today at Edgewood Baptist church for Jimmy Ray Brookshire, infant son of James and Virginia Bumgarner Brookshire, of Wilkesboro. The child died Sunday.

Surviving are the father and mother and one sister. Rev. Ed Hayes conducted the funeral service.

Sparta Furniture Co. Sold By Local Men

Sparta Furniture company, which was recently established in Sparta by J. G. Chipman and W. N. Roope, who own and operate Wilkes Furniture exchange here, has been sold to Homer Edwards, of Elkin.

Mr. Edwards will operate the Sparta firm in the name of Edwards Furniture company.

Dr. Childs Tells Methodists Here Of Crusade Move

"Crusade for Christ" Program Explained By Lay Leader From Duke

Dr. Benjamin G. Childs, professor of education at Duke University, addressed a county-wide rally of Methodists held Sunday afternoon at the First Methodist church in North Wilkesboro.

Dr. Childs spoke in behalf of the "Crusade For Christ" movement in Methodist churches, which is being inaugurated to support an intensified four-year program of evangelism, world relief and reconstruction and stewardship. A fund of 25 million dollars will be raised among Methodists to finance the program.

A large crowd was present for the county-wide meeting. A delegation from the Wilkesboro Methodist church and several from rural churches were among the congregation.