

## Child Is Killed By Hit and Run Driver At Mountain View

### Ann Lee Clore, Age Five, Is Victim of Accident On Saturday Afternoon

Officers today were continuing their search for the hit and run driver of a car which killed a five-year-old child on the road in the village of Mountain View Saturday afternoon.

Sheriff C. G. Poindexter and Patrol Sergeant A. H. Clark located a car which they are confident is the one which hit and killed Anna Lee Clore, and efforts are being made to locate the young man who was driving the car.

The child was hit in the middle of the road about four o'clock and was instantly killed. Her head and body were badly broken and crushed.

Although several persons were said to have seen the accident, the officers experienced much difficulty in finding a lead toward discovery of the car and driver. The car which hit the little girl and failed to stop, had driven off from a service station less than 100 yards from the scene of the accident.

After much inquiry a description of the car was obtained and the officers found it several miles from the scene of the accident. The left headlight of the car was broken out and bits of hair and scalp were found on the broken edges of the glass. It was established that the registered owner of the car was not driving it Saturday afternoon but officers are looking for a suspect, whose name was not disclosed, and who is reported to have fled from the county.

The accident victim was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Clore, who recently moved from near Jonesville to Mountain View. Surviving are the father and mother, one sister, one brother, two half sisters and two half brothers.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, two p. m., at Swan Creek Baptist church.

## Sam H. Lovette Is Claimed By Death

Samuel H. Lovette, age 50, well known resident of North Wilkesboro, died suddenly Saturday morning, 2:30 o'clock, at his home.

Mr. Lovette had been in apparently normal health. A few minutes before he died he mentioned some pain in his head and death came suddenly.

For several years Mr. Lovette had been engaged in trucking and farming business here.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Goldie Lovette, one son and one daughter, Clyde Dean Lovette and Miss Ruth Lovette, of North Wilkesboro.

Funeral service was held today, 11 a. m., at Reins-Sturdivant chapel and burial was in Mount Lawn cemetery. Rev. L. B. Murray conducted the last rites.

## Cecil Kilby Sells Motor Truck Line

Cecil Kilby, who recently purchased the motor express line between this city and Boone, has sold the line to Buckner Trucking company, of Asheville, which will continue the express service to the points along the line.

## G. E. MILLER IS A SURVIVOR OF THE 'HOEL', U. S. DESTROYER IN HEROIC STAND AGAINST JAPS



G. E. Miller, fireman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller, of Wilkesboro route two, is one of the survivors of the sinking of the destroyer Hoel in the heroic battle of Leyte Gulf October 25.

His ship was one of two destroyers and a small destroyer escort which made a suicide stand against overwhelming odds and covered the withdrawal of vulnerable escort carriers which had protected General MacArthur's army in the initial invasion of the Philippines.

Associated Press dispatches following the engagement listed the forces against the three small ships of being four Japanese battleships, eight cruisers and 13 destroyers. One of the American destroyers laid a smoke screen, darted back into it and delivered

## Gets Bronze Star



Sgt. Russell J. Triplett, who was promoted to his present rank after receiving the bronze star medal for heroic achievement against the enemy, is now home on a 90-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Triplett, of Ronda. The following citation accompanied the presentation of the bronze star medal to Sgt. Triplett by Major General J. Lawton Collins: Pfc. Russell J. Triplett for heroic achievement in action against the enemy on 18 July, 1944, in France. After a heavy artillery barrage, the enemy, armed with small arms, attacked with an estimated force of two platoons of infantry. Noticing that the machine gunner was killed, and that the assistant machine gunner was seriously wounded, Pfc. Triplett left the comparative safety of his foxhole and manned the machine gun, which he found jammed. He reduced the stoppage and put the gun into action, although the enemy was then only one hundred yards away. The quick thinking and unhesitating action by Pfc. Triplett in taking over a machine gun that was a vital point in the defense of his platoon's sector resulting in killing two of the enemy and wounding another three, and was instrumental in stopping the enemy attack.

## Red Cross In Need Of Knitters Now

Wilkes County Red Cross reports that knitting has dropped off greatly during the last few months in spite of the fact that the need for knitted garments by the armed forces is increasing. The local chapter has over 200 pounds of yarn on hand that must be made up immediately.

The type garments now needed are navy scarfs, navy turtle-neck sweaters, army helmets, army wristlets, army rifle mitts and army sweaters.

The Red Cross will be glad to teach groups to knit if there is interest in this type class. Anyone who would like to learn to knit should call the Red Cross office telephone 307 and make an appointment so an instructor could be secured.

The Red Cross office is open from 8:30 to 12:00 and from 1:00 to 4:00 each day except Saturday at which time it closes at noon. Yarn may be obtained at any time the office is open.

L. G. Critcher Home  
L. G. Critcher, printer first class, of Camp Peary, Va., spent the week-end at his home at Moravian Falls.

## ARMIES NOW 36 MILES FROM GOAL, MANILA

Fast-rolling American Army spearheads reached within 36 air miles of Manila yesterday, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today, as the Yanks crushed weak opposition to take the town of Angeles and swept to the environs of the vital city of San Fernando.

Meantime Yanks of the First Army Corps scored a triumph on the stubbornly-held left flank by capturing the bitterly-defended city of Rosario. They pressed on toward a junction with another U. S. column on the road leading to Gagalgo, Philippine Summer capital.

## J. W. Clay Tells Kiwanis About Travels in Brazil

### Club Observes Anniversary Week; More Effective Paper Salvage Planned

J. W. Clay, of Winston-Salem, delivered a most interesting account of his travels through Brazil, in an address Friday noon before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club.

Dudley Hill was program chairman and presented Mr. Clay. He related that he was born in Caldwell county and early in life had the urge to roam, which resulted in his being a printer and later a tramp printer. His travels carried him to Brazil, which country afforded much material for discourse. The address of Mr. Clay was very humorous and highly entertaining.

Kiwanis on Friday celebrated anniversary week. E. G. Finley, member of the Kiwanis Education committee, read greetings being sent to International Kiwanis President Dean. Ten members of the local club plan to attend an inter-club meet at Salisbury Wednesday evening to hear Dean in an address.

R. E. Zimmerman of the War Production Board and in charge of salvage, was present at the club meeting and explained the need for more paper salvage in Wilkes county, which is training in the state. Following the meeting he met with the Public Affairs committee to lay plans for more effective means of paper salvage.

Guests Friday were as follows: Bill Gabriel with W. G. Gabriel; Joe Clements with Pat Williams; H. M. Hutchens with P. W. Eshelman; Oscar Phillips with H. H. Morehouse. J. W. Clay, Rev. A. C. Waggoner and R. E. Zimmerman were club guests.

## Crusade For Christ Movement Now On

### Methodist Churches Get Willing Response to Appeal For Funds For Work

Crusade For Christ movement among Methodist churches in Wilkes is making excellent progress and apparently all the quota of funds for the Wilkes churches will be reached.

In the First Methodist church in North Wilkesboro excellent response was given the movement financially at the service Sunday and the task of contacting all the membership is continuing this week.

On Sunday morning the congregation of the Wilkesboro Methodist church raised the church's quota and on the previous Sunday the Union church reached its goal. Good reports have been received from other Methodist churches in Wilkes.

## Missing In Action

Pfc. Ray L. Hayes was reported missing in action in Belgium since December 22, according to an official War Department telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Hayes, of Poros Knob. Pfc. Hayes entered service in 1942, received training at Camp Polk, La., Los Angeles, Calif., and Fort Benning, Ga. He went overseas in June, 1944; was wounded in France in September and went back on duty October 18. When last heard from he was in Germany. Pfc. Hayes has two brothers in service: Cpl. Brady L. Hayes, serving with an engineers regiment in Italy; and Pvt. Roy F. Hayes, who is in training at Fort McClellan, Ala.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

## Killed In Action



Purple heart award has been received posthumously by Mrs. Cora Pruitt Church for her husband, Pvt. Hansford T. Church, who was killed in action in France on October 10, only 29 days after he landed. Pvt. Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Church, of Millers Creek, entered service in January, 1944, and received training at Camp Wolters, Texas. A letter from the chaplain of Pvt. Church's regiment stated that he was killed in Monteny, France.

## Deadline Is Set For A.A.A. Application

### Farmers Notified of Periods When Applications For Payments Accepted

S. L. Turner, executive secretary of the Wilkes Triple A, today announced a number of deadlines for farmers to make application.

February 15 will be the date on which Wilkes farmers may file their applications for practices carried out under the 1944 program.

Applications for subsidy payments for dairy feed for the months of November and December will be accepted until March 1. Applications for payments for January, February and March may be made in April and May.

The date for filing for new tobacco grower allotments has been extended to February 28. After that date no applications for new allotments will be accepted.

Bottles of blood plasma can be dropped without a parachute from 10,000 feet without breakage.

## Gets Purple Heart

Somewhere in the Pacific (Delayed) — Marine Sergeant William G. Anderson, 25, of Wilkesboro, N. C., was presented with a Purple Heart, at a Pacific base for wounds he suffered on D-Day of the invasion of Normandy.

The award was pinned on him by Major General Clifton B. Cates, commanding general of the Fourth Marine Division, at impressive ceremonies during which 26 other Marines also received Purple Hearts. Gen. Cates, in a brief address, said: "All America is proud of the work you have done. You men paid for this medal in your own blood." Anderson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Anderson, of Wilkesboro, was hit in the chest by shrapnel from a Jap artillery shell while he was in a landing craft going to Saipan. He returned to duty nine days later. Anderson, who was a service station operator before he enlisted May 16, 1941, was educated in the North Wilkesboro public schools.



## Reds Making Gains

### THIRD JOINS DRIVE ALONG BROAD FRONT

Exploding a new Allied Winter offensive along a 17-mile front in the St. Vith area, veteran U. S. First Army doughboys smashed ahead two miles yesterday in a combined assault with the Third Army, which captured seven towns of the fringe of the main Siegfried Line defenses.

Opening the attack at 4 a. m. in a blinding snowstorm the crack U. S. 1st Infantry Division spearheaded the drive east of Melmedy and quickly took the towns of Bercheld, Heppenbach and Heppscheld, clustered in a group some eight to 10 miles northeast of St. Vith.

Other infantry units driving through a winter gale and four inches of new-fallen snow, captured Vallender in the same general area and pushed 500 yards beyond.

### Local Kiwanians To Hear Ben Dean At Kiwanis Meet

Ben Dean, advertising executive and president of Kiwanis International, will be the principal speaker at an inter-club meeting sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Salisbury Wednesday evening, Jan. 31, at the Radkin Hotel there.

Some 150 Kiwanians from Greensboro, Lexington, North Wilkesboro, Winston-Salem, and other nearby clubs have indicated that they will attend the meeting, according to Harry W. Lawrence, president of the Salisbury club.

In announcing plans for Dean's appearance, Lawrence said that Kiwanis had 11 members at its initial meeting at Detroit in the winter of 1915. Today the community service organization points to a membership of 100,000 with 13,000 in the armed forces.

Dean, a former newspaper editor and now owner of a widely known advertising agency will discuss the role of Kiwanis in the war and post-war world as key administrative theme for 1945, by Kiwanis International's theme—Build for Peace.

### Methodist Midweek Service Cancelled

Wednesday evening prayer service at the First Methodist church here this week has been called off in order to allow more time for the Crusade For Christ campaign now under way. The board of stewards meeting scheduled for Tuesday night this week has been postponed until Tuesday night next week.

### Choir Practice For Juniors Wednesday

Announcement has been made that junior choir practice at the First Methodist church will be held Wednesday afternoon, 3:30, at the church.

### Knitting Club Is Active In Making Service Sweaters

For two or three years a knitting club has been functioning in North Wilkesboro on Red Cross work. The club has not even sought or received publicity, the only reward for their work being the satisfaction in knowing they have been serving their country in the war effort.

Some facts about the club have been uncovered by Mrs. Hadley Hayes, publicity director of the Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross. The membership of the club is composed of women and girls who reside on C, D, and F streets in the eastern part of North Wilkesboro. The members have been meeting regularly on Thursday nights at the homes of members and the army and navy sweaters they have knitted have accounted for a substantial proportion of the sweater output by the Wilkes chapter.

New members are received at regular intervals and the club will accept members who do not know how to knit and will supply the necessary instruction to teach them. Red Cross leaders suggest similar clubs in other localities.

### Wounded In Germany



Pfc. Frank Dean Jarvis was seriously wounded in Germany January 2, according to a telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jarvis, of Cycle. Pfc. Jarvis entered service in February, 1943, received training at Fort Knox, Ky., Camp Campbell, Ky., Camp Rucker, Ala., and Camp Pickett, Va. He went overseas a year ago and was in England until June 6, when he participated in the invasion of France on D-Day. Since that date he served in a tank division of the First Army.

### W. E. Gaither Is Taken By Death

### Well Known Citizen of Millers Creek Community Died Sunday; Funeral Tuesday

W. E. Gaither, well known and highly respected citizen of the Millers Creek community, died Sunday evening at his home following an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Gaither was a lifelong resident of his home community, being a son of the late Alexander and Anne Gaither. He was 74 years of age. Throughout his life Mr. Gaither was engaged in farming and was actively interested in church and community affairs. He was a member of Friendship Methodist church.

The surviving members of Mr. Gaither's family are his wife, Mrs. Hattie F. Gaither, two sons and two daughters: Mrs. L. E. Bobbitt, Greensboro; Winton E. Gaither, Pittsburg, Pa.; Mrs. Lee Edward Harris, North Wilkesboro; and John Walter Gaither, a first class petty officer in the navy and now on sea duty. Also surviving is one brother, John Gaither, of Millers Creek.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, 11 a. m., at Millers Creek Methodist church. Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner will conduct the service, assisted by Rev. S. N. Bumgarner and Rev. Mr. Greene.

### Harvel Howell With Eller's Hatchery Now

Harvel Howell, for the past several years manager of the men's department of Belk's Department store here, has resigned his position to enter business with his father-in-law, Z. O. Eller, in the operation of Eller's Hatchery and feed store on Tenth street. Mr. Howell assumed his new duties this week.

## THE FIGHTING "ZOOKS" IS AT HOME AGAIN; STEELMAN IS STILL BOXING

Hugh Steelman, known in boxing circles as "Hector Zooks", has taken time out during 14 trips across the Atlantic to keep in fighting trim.

Hugh, who has fought over 300 fights and lost less than a dozen, is a specialist, first class, in the navy and is captain of the boxing team on the destroyer which he has served on continuously between American and European ports.

Hugh has had a fight at about every port, and the destroyer has put in at many ports. Recently he fought to a draw with a good boxer at an English port and didn't know until after the fight that his opponent's name was Ryan and that he was from Greensboro. During the bout, however, he did learn that his opponent was better than average in (See Steelman—page eight)

## REDS ON MAIN BERLIN ROAD; MEMEL FALLS

The Red Army, in the greatest single blow to Germany's war production, yesterday cleared the industrial and mining area of Upper Silesia, reached the border of Northeast Germany and smashed to within 109 miles of Berlin, in its advance beyond encircled Posen, Moscow announced last night.

The Soviet high command revealed that Russian troops were plunging toward the German capital and the Baltic inland port of Stettin on a 135-mile front and were within 88 miles of Stettin, at the mouth of the River Oder.

At the same time, Soviet forces ended a three-month siege of Memel by capturing that port and completely freeing Lithuania while Berlin reported that Soviet tanks had penetrated to "the built-up" area of the East Prussian capital of Konigsberg, Moscow dispatches described Konigsberg as "going down in flame and smoke".

## Mrs. Yates Dies Here On Sunday

### Well Known Resident of the Boomer Community Dies At Home of Daughter

Funeral service was held this afternoon at Zion Hill Baptist church at Boomer for Mrs. Martha Phillips Yates, highly respected lady of the Boomer community who died Sunday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. W. F. Jones, in North Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Yates was visiting in the home of Mrs. Jones a few weeks ago when she became ill.

A daughter of the late Eliza and Mary Ferguson Yates, Mrs. Yates was 88 years of age. Her husband, Robert F. Yates, died several years ago.

Surviving Mrs. Yates are one son and two daughters: Thomas E. Yates, Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. J. D. Phillips, of Lenoir; Mrs. W. F. Jones, of North Wilkesboro; and Mrs. Johnson Caldwell, of Boomer.

Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, pastor conducted the funeral service at Boomer this afternoon. The service was largely attended and many beautiful flowers attested to the esteem in which the life of Mrs. Yates was held. Burial was in the church cemetery.

## Grandson Of Dr. Taylor Is Killed

Pfc. William Floyd Taylor, Jr., of Youngstown, Ohio, grandson of Dr. W. A. Taylor, of this city, was killed December 25th in Luxembourg.

## Pfc. Reo J. Wood Gets Purple Heart

Pfc. Reo J. Wood, son of Jim and Alda Wood, of North Wilkesboro, has received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action in Germany on December 6. He sent his medal to his mother, and is back on duty with his outfit, having recovered from his wounds. He entered the army November 13, 1942, and trained at Camp Adair, Oregon; also Los Angeles, Calif., and Camp Carson, Colo., before going overseas in August, 1944.



HUGH STEELMAN, Spc. 1c