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## **SENATE BILL LOOKS LIKE EFFORT** TO GET STATE TO PAY LENTZ AND **SCOTT TRIAL EXPENSES IN COURT**

Measure Would Reimburse Pfc. Arthur Gentle Officers For "Unjust" **Prosecution In Courts** 

Many people in Wilkes are expressing more than usual interest about Senate bill number 70, which was introduced in the senate by Senator J. Hampton Price, of Rockingham, and referred to Judiciary committee number 1 of which Senator Price is chairman.

The bill is entitled "An act to authorize the governor and council of state to reimburse any state officer or employee for legal exs reasonably incurred in de-g himself against unjust cutions growing out of the rmance of his public duty". Section 1 of the bill is concluded with the statement that "The provisions of this act shall be effective as to any such reasonable expenses incurred by any such officer after July 1, 1943"

Because of the retroactive proover a year ago, Wilkes observers see in the bill an attempt to make it lawful for the state to pay trial costs of W. B. Lentz, state highway patrol lieutenant, and Guy Scott, investigator for the State Bureau of Investigation, who were tried and acquitted of charges of larceny of 60 or more cases of expensive liquor when more than 600 cases were seized from the premises of Phil Yates near Purlear in the summer of 1943.

Lents and Scott were tried in a special term in September, 1943, signy's French First Army, which tivities. Each troop is expected before Judge R. Hunt Parker, who includes Arman troops, gained to put on a stunt within the time freed them on a directed verdict up to four miles in what disfreed them on a directed verdict after the state had failed to produce sufficient evidence for the To not to the jury. Yates who was to have been principal witness or the state in the trial of Lents and Scott, failed to show up at the trial and was not located. What many people in Wilkes have wanted to know but have never learned is what went with over 60 cases of expensive liquor which Yates said he had on hand over and above the number of cases hauled to Wilkesboro by the state highway patrol officers and SBI

Text of Senate Bill number 70, which is being considered with more than casual interest here.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the governor and council of state to reimburse any state officer or employee for legal expenses reasonably incurred in defending himself of his public duties.

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## Missing In Action

Pfc. Arthur Gentle has been reported missing in Belgium since January 4, according to an official War Department message received by his mother, Mrs. Annie Gentle, of Oakwoods. Pfc. Gentle entered service in March, 1941, and has been overseas since Aug-

## **ALLIES KILL 5,000 GERMANS**; CAPTURE 2,500

French and American forces fensive along a 65-mile front and killed more than 5,000 Gervisions, and published reports mans and captured some 2,500 tice, Jr. prisoners in the first 48 hours, it was disclosed today.

Virtually the entire western front was stirring into offensive and every Scout in his troop and Patton's Third Army drove into are invited. The Scoutmasters Germany at two new points along the Our River, while two divisions of the U.S. First Army invaded Germany along a four-mile front east of Malmedy, advancing to within rifle fire of the Seigfried Line under cover of a thundering artillery barrage.

Gen. Jean de Lattre de Taspatches from the Alsatian front called a "multiple offensive".

#### Wilkes Mon With The Colors

Edward R. Bishop Is Seeing The World

Petty Officer Third Class Edward R. Bishop, stated in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bishop, of Purlear, the places he had been since going to the South Pacific in April, 1944: Panama Canal, Marshal Islands, Marianas, Guadalcanal, crossed the equator and international date line, New Guinea Australia. Also in the invasion of Saipan, Palau and the Philippine Islands.

Pfc. Charlie W. Elledge Gets Conduct Medal

against unjust prosecutions Mrs. Martha J. Elledge and hus- Boyd Stout, No. 36, North Wilkesgrowing out of the performance band of Mrs. Opal Elledge, of boro Presbyterian church; Dewey Hays, was recently awarded the Minton, 70, Knights of Pythias Whereas, at the last meeting of good conduct medal at an air serv- Lodge; Gorman Johnson, 83, ice command post in England.

## SERVICE MEN PRAISE WORK OF AMERICAN RED CROSS ABROAD

Work of the American Red ents here on buses. The Red Cross Cross with service men in all met them with small gifts, a parts of the world is highly prais- sweater and other trivial things, ed in letters home. Read what but things that mean so much to Sgt. Luther Saylors has to say in a fellow just returned from overa letter to Rev. Howard J. Ford, seas. taptist minister in Wilkesboro: letter this afternoon, and let me some reason or other hasn't re-

Appreciation for writing me. but I will attempt of tell you.

You see our organization trans- worthwhile organization. ports all patients who return from the Pacific area. We transport dent told to me by a patient who anchorage and repair base on the them from Letterman General just recently returned from the fringes of Manila Bay followed 1944 epidemic, and that the Foun-Hospital to hospitals closest to Southwest Pacific. He had been unimpeded occupation of Grande dation must have ample funds to their homes. That is whenever it badly wounded on some small, Island, Subic's "Little Corregicontinue its fight against the dis-nine-year-old son of Will and Lesis possible. Naturally it is a very Jap-infested island-wounded so tiring and monotonous trip, badly that it was necessary to There's when the Red Cross comes take 32 stitches across his abin. On each hospital train that domen. When he awoke from the fell to the Japanese in 1942 were with different varieties of games, If it hadn't been for blood plascigarettes, musical instruments, ma, you would of heen". That is phonographs, etc., anything that more important, I think, than

"Then too, at most big cities they serve doughnuts and coffee, where we stop for a few minutes, etc. They buy newspapers, magamines and other reading material

for their convenience.
"Here at the Presidio they are also on hand. For instance, a of the Wilkes chapter of the Red couple of days ago, two hospital Cross: ships docked, in fact, on Christcoas day. They brought the pati-

"Then too, they make necessary "I enjoyed your very welcome monetary loans to fellows who for Express my sincere gratitude and ceived his pay in a couple of Subic Bay, including Olongapo months. They advise of housing naval base, Tuesday without op-"You ask what the Red Cross is situation in the city, etc. In my position, and the U. S. Seventh doing here. Naturally, there is a estimation, any Red Cross chapter Fleet then entered the bay while wast difference in their work with which is organized solely for the to the east the Sixth Army seized tribute. Again Mr. Ogilvie rethe army and with the outside, benefit and convenience of the Calumpit and crossed the Pam-

paves San Francisco there is a ether, the nurse told him, "We member of the Red Cross on it thought you were agoner, Johnny. many case the discomfort of the anything a civilian or service man isn't much to you, but it may mean the very life of your brother, your husband, your father or

your sweetheart". And here is a paragraph from a letter by Ensign Owen E. Duncan to Rev. A. C. Waggoner, chairman

"It should not be difficult for (See Service Men-page 8)

## Scouts Supperee is Planned Here Friday, Feb. 9th

Scouts and Dads To Banquet On Anniversary Of Boy Scouting; Other Events

Scouts and Scouters Supperes. Yes sir! We have camporees to camp, why can't we have supperces to sup? All Scouters, Scouts and their dads are invited to a hot dog feast to be held at the North Wilkesboro American Legion hut on Friday evening Feb. 9, 6:30 to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of Along with the eats and fun will be a few serious moments to emphasize the importance of Scouting in the American way of life.

The Wilkes District Boy Scouts of America will be the hosts and there will be no admission charge. The arrangements for the Suphave launched a new Alsatian of- perce are in charge of the Camping and Activities committee, Bili north and south of Strasbourg Absher, chairman, John Leyshon, Jack Swofford and John E. Jus-

Each Scoutmaster in the district is asked to contact each member of his troop committee action. Lieut. Gen. George S. make it plain that the Scouts' dads are asked to notify any one of the above mentioned names of the number in their troop who will at-

Mr. Lewis Nelson, chairman of the committee on advancements will preside and will be assisted by Mr. Gordon Finley, district commissioner, in directing the ac-

In connection with the celebration of anniversary week neveral troops are going to decorate windows demonstrating the various phases of Scouting. To date four windows have been assigned: Troop No. 36 will use Marlow's Men's Shop window; Troop No. 35, Belk's; Troop No. 90, Duke Power Co.; Troop No. 95, Insurance Service and Credit Corporation. Mr. Bill Absher states that an attractive prize will be awarded to the unit with the best dressed window.

Eight troops are now active in the district and too much credit for the fine, unselfish work they are doing. These Scautmasters. their troop members and the sponsor institutions are as follows: Carl Bullis, No. 32, Wilkesboro Baptist church; Harvel Howell, 35, North Wilkesboro Pfc. Charlie W. Elledge, son of Baptist and Methodist churches, Roaring River Community club: Joe Johnson, No. 90; North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club; P. W. Grier, No. 95, Mountain View school; R. V. Day, No. 99, Millers Creek school.

## **OLONGAPO NAVAL BASE IS CAPTURED**

Eighth Army troops secured

American guns which were defending Grande Island when it recaptured. Olongapo was dotted with dugouts and pillboxes—all abandoned.

## Sexton Child Dies

Funeral service was held today at Austin Baptist church for Ray-Sexton. The child died Tuesday. Surviving are the father and mother, one sister, Doris Anne Sexton, and one brother William

Sexton. Rev. Charlie Miles conducted the funeral service.

In Rhode Island



Fireman First Class Thomas Mack Brock, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brock, of Pores Knob, husband of the former Miss Agnes Craven, of North Wilkesboro, is now in Newport, Rhode Island. He received his boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, and completed further training at Gulfport, Mississippi, and New York City.

"I call upon the millions of victory gardeners who have done so much to swell the nation's food supply in these war years to continue their good work", President Roosevelt says.

Due to the fact that it was impossible to revise the mailing list this week, Journal-Patriot subscribers whose labels bear the date of 2-45 (February 1, 1945) have through the remainder of this week to renew their subscriptions without miss. ing any issues of the paper.

If the pink label on your paper has the date of 2-45, won't you ple bring, mail or send your renewal now in order that you may continue to receive the Journal-Patriot. War time restrictions do not allow carrying past due subscriptions on the mailing list.

Those who are sending The Journal-Patriot to service men are urgently requested to renew subscriptions before they expire. It is impossible to notify parents and friends of expiration dates on subscriptions which they are paying. Considerable delay may result in reinstating subscriptions which have expired and have been removed from the list. It is our aim to get The Journal-Patriot to service men who have reexpiration date.

#### quested it, and to that end we urgently ask relatives who are paying the subscriptions to cooperate by renewing before the POLIO FUND HALF RAISED; DATE

**CLOSING MOVED TO FEBRUARY** 15 TO GIVE ALL CHANCE TO GIVE

With approximately one-half of the county's quota of \$6,250 contributed, it was announced today that the polio campaign has been extended in Wilkes county until Falcuary 14.

To Reach \$6,250 Goal

Sam Ogilvie, Wilkes chairman of the Infantile Paralysis campaign, stated that the postponment of the closing date was in accordance with advice received from Dr. Raiph McDonald, state cannot be given the Scoutmasters chairman, asking that the campaign be extended because weathor conditions during the early part of the campaign make it impos- shore and is now stationed at sible for all the people to be contacted during the al lotelime.

The response in Wilks has been good so far, Mr. Ogilvie said, but explained that much work remains to be done if the county's goal is reached.

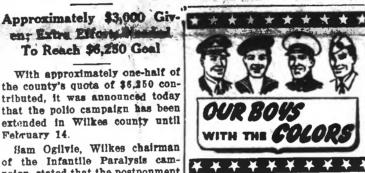
Substantial amounts have been raised by various means. These include solicitation from business firms and individuals, contributions gathered by rural chairmen and school children, March of Dimes sponsored by Lions Clubs, and the President's ball held on Friday night, at which time a substantial amount was raised. Several schools are carrying out public entertainment programs for the benefit of the fund and theatres here have been active in taking contributions.

Mr. Ogilvie today urged all workers to make a thorough canvass in view of the fact that the fund is only half completed at the present time, and to take whatever time is necessary between now and February 15 to give all the people an opportunity to conminded the people that the Naneedy, is undoubtedly a most panga River, 28 road miles from tional Foundation during the past year spent approximately \$30,000 "Also let me relate a little inci- Fleet entrance into the good for care and treatment of the 37 cases from Wilkes during the ease which annually cripples so many children.

#### Gordon Church Gives from injuries received earlier in \$50.00 to Polio Fund

Gordon Baptist church, which has liberally supported many worthy causes, contributed \$50 to the polio fund last Sunday. Rev. Ralph Miller, pastor, stated that it was the desire of the burn Charles Sexton, five-year-church that the money be used for crushed. old son of Charles and Mae Lyons, the patients which have been treated at Hickory and have been transferred to the polio department of Charlotte Memorial hos-

**Buy More Bonds!** 



### Van Church Transferred

First Class Petty Officer Van Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Church, of Moxley, has recently been transferred from sea duty to Oakland, California.

> Pfc. Eller Transferred

Pfc. Ernest Eller has been the Pacific. transferred from New Guinea to the Philippines. He stated he was getting along fine and was hoping time this year. His wife, the -Salem.

#### Cpl. Wiles In Hospital In England

Cpl. C. D. Wiles is a patient at his leave. an army hospital in England, where he underwent a minor operation a few days ago. Cpl. Wiles, who is serving in the army mall service, is a son of Mrs. D. G. Wiles, of this city.

## Mine-Year-Old Boy Killed When Run Over By a Tractor

Sam Porter, Age Nine, Victim of Accident Tuesday; Funeral Held Today

Funeral service was held today at Rachel church for Sam Porter,

Death occurred Tuesday night the day when he was run over by a tractor. According to reports tractor passed over his body. Exdisclosed that his chest was

Pauline, Opal, Arlee, Wanda, program. Nancy, Bobby Jean and Larry Porter, all of Roaring River.

the funeral service.

## If Date is 2-45 Pay | THREE-COUNTY COMMITTEE ASKS Your Subscription | FLOOD CONTROL DAMS, NATIONAL And Stay On List PARK ON THE YADKIN WATERSHED

Used Pianos Now Un der Ceilings

A R. Henderson, in charge of the retail price division of the local rationing board, announces that ceiling prices have been fixed for used planos. Those desiring information relative to the prices are asked to call at the rationing board office.

## **RED ARMY'S ADVANCE IS** UNCHECKED

checked across the frozen approaches to Berlin, was 63 miles from the Nazi capital by its own account today and a scanty 45 according to the alarmed German

The Soviet communique late last night announced the capture of Beyersdorf. This represented a 10-mile advance in 24 hours for Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian Army, which took the big communications center of Landisberg in passing. One report from the German ra-

dio placed Marshal Zuhkov's men north of Frankfort-on-the-Oder in the Oder River valley, not more than 35 miles from the capital, and driving on Kustrin, a rail center 41 miles east of Berlin, scarcely more than the distance from Washington to Baltimore,

#### Sgt. Minton Home

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Minton, arrived home Tuesday night after over two years service overseas. Sgt. Minton entered service with the National Guard company here in September, 1940, and went overseas with North African invasion forces in the fall of 1942. cated on the sub-marginal lands He participated in the North African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns, serving with the 175th engineers. He has a 30-day fur-lough.

#### Ivey Moore Returns

spending 30 days leave with his control can be proposed and enfamily here. Before coming home acted which will not meet with he spent many months on duty in vigorous opposition as did the

Vaughn Cook Here

Chief Pharmacist Mate and to get a furlough back home some Mrs. Vaughn Cooke, of Seattle, Washington, are visiting Mrs. Miss Ila Church, holds a Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. at the carbon plant in Grady Canter, of Wilkesboro route one. Cook has been transferred from Seattle, Washington, to Oakland, California, and will report at Oakland at the end of

#### Pfc. John J. Kennedy Is Honored

With the Twenty-Ninth Infan- Valley section of Caldwell. try Division-Pfc. John J. Kennedy, son of Nathaniel Kennedy, of Thurmond, N. C., has received be adequate, and the resolution as a certificate personally signed by formed by the committee suggests his commanding general honoring a dam or dams purely for flood him for fighting with the Twenty- control and which would not be Ninth Infantry Division from D- as large as a dam which would Day to St. Lo.

from Maj. Gen. Charles H. Ger- would not take as much land. The hardt to the officers and men National Park request is in line who battered their way through with soil conservation and reflooded areas and the Normandy forestation methods of flood and hedgerows and stormed the key erosion control which would be city of St. Lo in a campaign where combined with flood control dams the taking of every 500 yards for complete flood control in the was a major battle.

#### Committee In Meeting Here Tuesday Passed Resolutions Asking Control

Through a committee from three counties an agreement has been reached in the fight for flood control in the Yadkin river val-

As a result of the agreement, citizens of Wilkes, Surry and Caldwell counties will press the fight for flood control on the Yadkin; and also the creation of a national park on the submarginal lands along the Blue Ridge on the

Yadkin watershed. The committee in resolutions passed in a meeting at North Wilkesboro Tuesday asked that the park be named R. L. Doughton National Park.

Members of the three-county committee agreeing upon the objective of adequate flood control and who formed and passed the resolutions here were as follows: John E. Justice, Jr., North Wilkesboro: George F. Wiese, Ledgerwood: Mark Goforth, Lenoir; John R. Prevette, North Wilkesboro; T. W. Ferguson, Ferguson; R. G. Finley, North Wilkesboro; W. M. Allen, W. A. Neaves, C. A. McNeill and R. G. Smith, of Elkin; Judge Johnson J. Hayes, Wilkesboro.

The resolutions follow: "We, the committee from Caldwell county, Wilkes county, and Surry county, respectfully resolve that a complete flood control project he inaugurated in congress for the protection of the Yadkin valley, commencing at North Wilkesboro and controlling the flood waters necessary above North Willieshoro, and to construct purely flood control dam or dams at such sites as the engineers of

of the Yadkin valley watershed of the Blue Ridge mountains". The committee selected representatives who were instructed to

make the necessary contacts in

the government deem necessary

for complete flood control pur-

poses: and to create a national

park, to be known as the R. L.

Donghton National Park to be lo-

Washington immediately. With the people of the three Pharmacist Mate First Class counties united for flood control, vey Moore left Monday for leading advocates express the Treasure Island, California, after opinion that a system of flood proposal by the War Department engineers to construct a combination hydro-electric and flood control dam near Wilkesboro. Because of protests of home owners in the upper part of the valley in Wilkes and Caldwell counties, Senator Bailey had the project removed from the flood control bill which was before the Senate Committee on Commerce, of which Senator Bailey is chairman. Representative Doughton of the Ninth District and which includes Caldwell county, also stated that he had received vigirous protests from the people of the Happy

The movement now is for flood control by whatever means may also be used to create a power The honor is a personal salute reservoir, and consequently valley.

## nine-year-old son of Will and Lessele Pruitt Porter, of Roaring RED CROSS DISASTER RELIEF **COMMITTEE NAMED IN WILKES**

here, the boy was riding on a lief chairman, announced today ent need for an organized local tractor when he fell from his that approximately a thousand group that can administer relief seat and the rear wheel of the North Carolinians in nine counties during the emergency period of were left in need by the four dis- any disaster that occurs and, amination at the Wilkes hospital asters that struck during the year more important, one which will be just ended and said immediate ready to help rehabilitate stricken steps are being taken to prepare families. Further evidence of the Surviving are the father and Wilkes county for any eventuality need for such a move was offered mother and the following broth- through an American Red Cross in Red Cross statistics showing ers and sisters: Hazel, Roselle, Disaster preparedness and relief that 29,414 persons in 51 North

R. M. Brame, Jr., Disaster Re- | Mr. Brame said there is an urg-Carolina counties required relief North Carolina's four major as a result of the 81 tornadoes, 5 disasters in 1944 were caused by floods, and 8 hurricanes strains Rev. John Burcham conducted two hurricanes, one tornado and the state in the 21 year period one flood. (See Red Cross—Page 8)