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BOY SCOUT WEEK EVENTS PLANNED

Father and Son Banquet Friday Night a Feature

District Council In Meeting Here; Progress of Scouting Is Reviewed

Plans for the observance of Boy Scout week, and for the continued growth of Scouting in Wilkes county were made by the District Committee of the Old Hickory Council, Tuesday night, February 6. J. B. Carter, district chairman, presided at the meeting. Fifteen members and J. H. C. Thomas, assistant executive of the council, were present.

John Leysdon, representing the Camping and Activities committee, told of plans for the Father-Son "Supper" to be held at the American Legion building Friday night, February 9. Scouts, their dads, troop leaders and committeemen as well as members of the district committee have been invited to be present. The program will include stunts by the patrols of each troop, recognition of Scout leaders and Scouts, and a motion picture in sound and color on "Rural Scouting". W. F. Absher is chairman of arrangements, and L. M. Nelson will be toastmaster for the program.

Robert S. Gibbs, chairman of Organization and Extension, announced plans for the extension of Scouting to more boys in the area. A "boy-fact" survey will be made in the schools and every effort exerted to "follow through" so that every boy who wants to be a Scout may have the opportunity through a troop, a neighborhood patrol, or a Lone Scout Tribe.

J. H. C. Thomas, assistant executive, announced that the membership growth trophy, which had been held by Wilkes district in 1944, would go to the Parkway division for 1945. Clyde Greene, of Boone, is chairman of Parkway, which had a 15 percent increase in membership. Forsyth-Stokes was second with 10 percent, Elkin-Yadkin third with 5.7 percent, and Wilkes fourth with .9 of 1 percent increase. Surry district showed a loss.

Gordon Finley, district commissioner, reported that there were eight active white troops and two live Negro units. The Cub Pack at Wilkesboro and the Neighborhood Den at Cricket are active, and a committee is at work on reviving the North Wilkesboro Pack. There is an active Negro Pack in North Wilkesboro, also. Membership figures at the beginning of 1945 included 127 white Scouts, 34 Negro Scouts, 40 white Cubs and 13 Negro Cubs.

Paul S. Cragan, Leadership Training chairman, announced that the third session of the two training courses in Scouting will be held Thursday night, February 8, at the Education Building of the First Presbyterian church. Nine leaders are enrolled in the basic Scoutmaster's Training Course, and 11 men are taking the advanced Scout Leaders' course.

The resignation of Rev. Sidney Crane as publicity chairman and member of the Advancement committee was announced. He has entered the navy as a chaplain. Robert S. Gibbs was elected Publicity chairman. Selection of Rev. Mr. Crane's successor on the Advancement committee will be announced later by Mr. Nelson.

L. M. Nelson, Advancement chairman, reported that very few advancements had been made since the polio epidemic. Plans for stimulating activity in this field were approved, and will be recommended to the various troop committees.

Members of the district committee present were J. B. Carter, Gordon Finley, R. E. Gibbs, R. S. Gibbs, C. B. Eller, R. M. Brame, Jr., L. M. Nelson, Carl VanDeman, Paul Cragan, G. R. Andrews, J. E. Justice, Jr., John Leysdon, Charles Day, W. K. Sturdivant and Ed Caudill.

Seaman Church Home
Seaman Second Class Willard Church has been spending a 24-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roe Church, and other relatives and friends in Wilkes. He states the navy is not so bad and that he has seen a lot since serving in Uncle Sam's great big navy. He entered service last April and returned back for duty Saturday night.

Killed In France



Pvt. John Worth Chambers was killed in action in France on January 18, according to a War Department message received by his mother, Mrs. Addie Chambers, of Cycle. Pvt. Chambers entered service October 28, 1943, and went overseas in April, 1944, serving with an infantry regiment. Pvt. Chambers is survived by his mother, three brothers, Richard, George and Ward Chambers, and two sisters, Cloa and Thelma Chambers.

150 Young People Visited the Youth Center Saturday

Junior Order Sponsors Youth Center for Recreation Saturday Night

The Youth Center established here by the North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order is growing more popular each week.

The recreation center was set up in the quarters formerly occupied by the Moose lodge on C street and is open every Saturday night from seven until 10:30. The hall is equipped for ping pong, checkers, carmel board, bingo and other games. Just now the great need is for records and donations of popular records are being solicited. Those who wish to give records are asked to take them to Rufus Church and T. H. Waller. If more convenient, the donor may give the price of a record.

More than 150 boys and girls visited the Youth Center Saturday night and apparently enjoyed the privilege afforded for recreation. Parents are invited to visit the youth center on any Saturday night and observe the young people at play.

S.Sgt. Bentley Improving

Staff Sergeant Worth Bentley, who is in a hospital in England and is recovering from leg wounds received December 3rd on the western front, is improving and will soon begin to learn to walk again, according to letters received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parks Bentley, from the hospital where he is a patient. S.Sgt. Bentley has received the purple heart with citation and an oak leaf cluster.

AGREEMENT REACHED ON JOINT PLANS

A second momentous meeting of President Roosevelt, Premier Josef Stalin and Prime Minister Winston Churchill is in progress in the "Black Sea area", the White House disclosed officially yesterday, and the big three already have reached "complete agreement" on joint military operations for the final defeat of Nazi Germany.

The announcement said they are discussing problems "involved in establishing a secure peace"—joint plans for the occupation and control of Germany, political and economic problems of liberated Europe and proposals for "the earliest possible establishment of an international organization to maintain peace".

OPEN SEIGFRIED LINE IN FOUR MORE PLACES

The American First and Third Army broke through the Siegfried Line in four places yesterday as Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's troops exploded a new attack that drove a mile deep into Germany along a 24-mile stretch of the German-Luxembourg river border.

Four new divisions of the Third Army—the 5th and 80th Infantry, 17th Air-borne and 6th Armored—beached the Germans' Our and Sure River defenses at 10 points north of Echternach, extending the blazing American drive to a 75-mile front that reached within 27 miles of the Rhine.

Polio Fund Over \$5,000; All Are Asked For Help

Those Not Contacted May Mail Contributions To Sam Ogilvie, Chmn.

With more than \$5,000 received to date, Sam Ogilvie, Wilkes chairman for the Infantile Paralysis fund campaign, today urged that those who have not been contacted send in contributions in order that the county's goal of \$6,250 be realized.

Many canvassers have sent in their reports, and the response has been good, Mr. Ogilvie said. Some reports are yet to be received and the prospects for reaching the \$6,250 goal are good if a large number of unsolicited contributions are received this week. Contributions to the polio fund may be mailed to Sam Ogilvie, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

In view of the fact that the National Foundation spent approximately \$30,000 for care and treatment of a majority of the 37 cases of polio in Wilkes during the 1944 epidemic, Wilkes people will want to show their appreciation by having a part in the campaign to raise funds for care of future polio victims and to finance research to find ways and means of preventing and treating the disease, Mr. Ogilvie said.

Many organizations, including schools and churches, have been very active in raising the fund in Wilkes during the campaign, and the appeal has received excellent response in every community where canvassers have worked.

In India



Cpl. John J. Reid, son of Mrs. P. M. Reid, of Wilkesboro, is now stationed somewhere in India. Cpl. Reid entered service in October, 1942, and received training in California, Colorado, San Antonio, Texas, and Utah, before going overseas November, 1944.

JAPS CRUSHED IN HALF OF THE MANILA AREA

United States infantry and cavalry, after three days of street fighting, have crushed Japanese resistance in the northern half of Manila and American artillery has been turned against enemy forces making a suicide stand in the southern part of the city across the now bridgeless Pasig River, it was announced today.

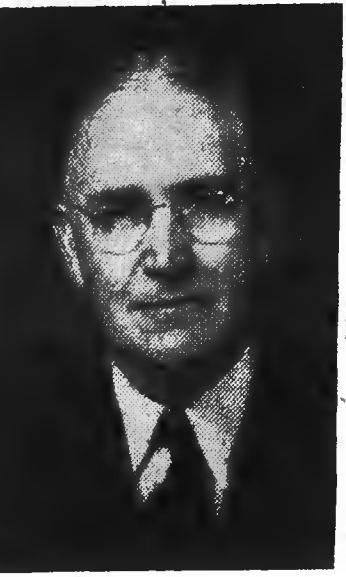
The Japanese dropped mortar and artillery shells on northern Manila yesterday, hitting the San-Tomas and Bilbid prison areas as Gen. Douglas MacArthur made his re-entry into the city he left more than three years ago.

Wilkes People Fight Caldwell County's Annexation Measure

RED CROSS SPECIAL GIFTS COMMITTEE



P. W. ESHELMAN



J. R. HIX



R. G. FINLEY

Left to right are P. W. Eshelman, J. R. Hix and R. G. Finley, who compose the Special Gifts committee for the Red Cross War Fund campaign which will begin on March 1st. This committee, which was very successful last year, will contact larger contributors. Rev. A. C. Waggoner is chairman of the Wilkes chapter of the Red Cross and Rev. Howard J. Ford is the War Fund chairman.

Conference Slated On Yadkin Flood Control Measure

Washington, Feb. 6.—North Carolina solons interested in proposal for flood control, hydroelectric and navigation of the Yadkin-Pee Dee area are preparing to receive a delegation of Tar Heel leaders here during the week of February 19 to discuss the matter informally.

Senator Joseph W. Bailey and Reps. Robert L. Doughton, of Laurel Springs, and W. O. Burgin, of Lexington, today suggested to North Carolinians seeking a conference on the matter that such a meeting should await the certainty that members of Congress representing affected districts would all be able to attend.

Hand James, Bailey's secretary, said the senior senator expects to leave Friday for several days on a visit to Raleigh. Since Bailey is chairman of the Senate commerce committee, where Yadkin-Pee Dee development legislation would be handled, Doughton and Burgin are anxious that he attend the planned conference.

Citizens of Wilkes, Surry and Caldwell counties, at a recent meeting in North Wilkesboro, adopted resolutions memorializing Congress to enact a "purely flood control dam or dams" in the Yadkin headwaters and to create a national park in the area "to be known as the R. L. Doughton national park".

SIX DAMS PROPOSED

The army engineers, under Maj. Gen. Eugene Reybold, have proposed a comprehensive flood control, hydroelectric and navigation program for the Yadkin-Pee Dee basin, providing for expenditure of \$105,840,000 in construction of six dams and development of hydroelectric and navigation resources under a plan patterned after the Tennessee Valley authority.

The senate commerce committee, headed by Bailey, recommended, as a part of the flood control bill enacted in December, the authorization of \$18,840,000 to finance the first of these dams near Wilkesboro.

Acting upon the plea of North Carolinians who object to moving from the lands to make room for such a reservoir, Bailey succeeded in prevailing upon the senate to withdraw from the flood control bill the Yadkin-Pee Dee proposal.

He said he was opposed to "power dams" and desired a flood control program that would not provide for inundation of "rich North Carolina farm lands". He promised, however, that if the senate would strike the army engineers' recommendation from the flood control bill, he would, within six months, conduct hearings on the proposal and endeavor to present to Congress a "flood control program to control floods".

Burton Carlton Home

Burton Carlton, who is in the navy and has been stationed at Gulfport, Miss., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Carlton, at Boomer. At the end of his leave he will report to a naval base in Rhode Island.

Service Officer Legion to Assist In Filing Claims

State Service Officer To Be In This City Thursday, February 15th

R. L. Davis, of Charlotte, state service officer of the American Legion, will be in North Wilkesboro on Thursday, February 15, to assist veterans and dependents of World Wars 1 and 2 in filing applications for benefits provided by acts of congress.

A. F. Kilby, service officer of the Wilkes post of the Legion, stated that Mr. Davis will arrive about nine a. m. and will be at Yadkin Valley Motor company offices on Ninth street throughout the day on February 15. He will have the proper application blanks and will be able to give any desired information about the procedure to file for benefits.

It will be necessary, Mr. Kilby said, for the men to bring their discharge certificates and all papers pertaining to disability. If dependents of deceased soldiers, sailors or marines wish to file for benefits, it will be necessary for Mr. Davis to see the discharge certificates and all papers relative to the service record of the deceased, together with certified copies of marriage certificates, and birth certificates of children under age 18. Claims cannot be properly filled out and completed without the information contained on the above mentioned papers.

The insurance beneficiaries of deceased service men, who are not receiving the insurance payments are asked to bring their papers from the army and navy departments and file claim for these benefits.

It was also explained in the announcement that discharged men or dependents of deceased service men having less than 90 days service are not authorized to file for benefits.

RUSSIAN ARMY ENTERS CITY OF KUESTRIN

Soviet troops established their seventh bridgehead over the Oder River in the Kuestrin area little more than 30 miles from Berlin yesterday and broke into the city of Kuestrin itself, according to German accounts.

Moscow still did not confirm any of the river crossings which Berlin said had been made by Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian Army.

The nightly communique broadcast from Moscow told only of mopping up operations east of the river, including the capture of Guestebese, on the east bank 33 miles northeast of Berlin, and limited advances in the 50-mile-wide Soviet bridgehead in Silesia, far to the southeast.

The new Russian bridgehead south of Kuestrin brought the Berlin-Kuestrin railroad under Russian artillery, the German radio said.

Awards Will Be Given Red Cross Volunteers Here

On Monday, February 12, at 4:00 o'clock in the city hall awards will be given to approximately 45 volunteer workers for their service to the Red Cross. Honorable mention will be made at the annual meeting of the local American Red Cross chapter.

On the second Monday of February each year the local chapter holds a meeting to which the general public is invited. A report of all the work of the chapter for the past 12 months is made and plans for the new year are discussed.

All who are interested in the work of the American Red Cross in Wilkes county are invited to be present for the presentation of awards and the general meeting of the chapter.

Prisoner In Germany



Pfc. Willard R. Hamby, a prisoner of war in Germany, under date of December 5 wrote his mother, Mrs. Roxie Hamby, of the Maple Springs community, that he did not think that he would have to be a prisoner of war much longer.

Text of his cheerful letter follows: "Will answer your three letters I received Saturday. I was very glad to hear from home. I have received 25 letters from you, one from Edna and Lance, five from Beatrice and one from Josephine Crane, one from Jessie Marley and one from Bob and Faye Shepherd. I am well as usual. I would like to have a bunch of pictures from home. Thanks, mama, for those good packages you are sending to me. Those yarn underwear sure are good. I don't think I will be a prisoner much longer. When I come home I am going to buy me a team of horses and farm for a change. Mama, I met Thornton Staley. He was pleased to see me. (Staley, a former teacher of Hamby, is another Wilkes man in the same prison camp). I am getting your mail regularly now. I am treated well. Don't worry about me. I

Committee Here Is Organizing the Opposition to Bill

Many Citizens of Area Involved Sign Petition Opposing Measure

Wilkes people, thoroughly opposed to the measure introduced in the legislature which would give Caldwell Beaver Creek township, parts of Boomer and Elk, will be in Raleigh when the hearing is held before the committee on Counties, Cities and Towns February 14.

The measure was introduced in the house last week by Representative J. T. Pritchett, of Caldwell county.

On Tuesday night many leading citizens of North Wilkesboro and other parts of Wilkes held a meeting at the North Wilkesboro town hall. R. T. McNeil, mayor of North Wilkesboro, was chairman, and several talks were made in opposition to the Caldwell measure.

Mayor McNeil appointed a committee composed of W. D. Halfacre, P. E. Brown, J. R. Rousseau, C. B. Eller, J. B. McCoy and R. G. Finley to organize the opposition to the bill and to devise ways and means of fighting the bill in committee hearing February 14.

The committee met on Wednesday afternoon and again today, this time conferring with the Wilkes county board of commissioners composed of M. F. Absher, chairman, C. C. Sidden and I. J. Broyhill.

Already petitions have been circulated in the area which the bill would take from Wilkes and annex to Caldwell, and many citizens of that area which has a population of more than 2,000 have signed the petitions opposing the annexation to Caldwell.

And while Caldwell proponents of the measure claim 98 per cent of the Wilkes area favoring the move to join Caldwell, those here in touch with the situation discredit that report and say that if the people of that area are informed that a substantial majority will oppose the bill.

Opponents of the annexation measure here point out that those carrying petitions for the measure in western Wilkes grossly exaggerated and misrepresented the proposition to obtain signers. In some cases citizens understood they were signing petitions for a new road. In other cases they were told that the Caldwell county tax rate is \$1.00 compared to Wilkes' \$1.38 but were not informed that the average valuation in Caldwell is much higher than in Wilkes.

Wilkes county officials have reported that one whole township and sizable parts of two others—townships whose total property valuation now is \$872,537—would be annexed to Caldwell under provisions of the bill.

Representative T. E. Story, of Wilkes, said county accountant J. C. Grayson had notified him that all of Beaver Creek Township, which has a property valuation of \$198,926 and brought \$3,002 in taxes last year, would be annexed under the bill and that about one-third of Boomer and two thirds of Elk also would be lost.

Total valuation of Boomer Township is \$335,560 and it yielded \$5,175 in 1944 taxes. Valuation of all of Elk is \$338,101 and it brought \$5,310 in taxes. Grayson said he had been informed that Lewis Fork Township, previously thought to be partially affected, was not within the boundaries proposed for annexation.

The county accountant wrote Wilkes county's total liabilities, for which the bill makes no provision as relating to the annexation area, are now \$1,393,976.37 and that schools owe the state \$78,081.87. He said the bonded debt is \$1,125,000 and that capital liabilities and surplus total \$268,976.97.

The bill makes no provision for the part of Wilkes to be annexed to Caldwell to assume any part of Wilkes' bonded debt.

will be o. k. Tell W. P. Davis and C. O. Crane 'hello', and to write me. I would like to hear from everybody back in good old Wilkes".