

CALDWELL ANNEXATION MEASURE IS KILLED

Excellent Report Made of Canvass For the Y.M.C.A.

700 Copies of Question and Answer Information Distributed in Wilkesboros

Results of the house-to-house canvass in behalf of the Y. M. C. A. building fund in the Wilkesboros were reviewed in a meeting of workers at the home of Mrs. E. G. Finley, leader of the canvass. The canvass was primarily to spread information about the plans to erect a modern Wilkes Y. M. C. A. building in North Wilkesboro after the war, and to solicit goodwill and willingness to make donations to the fund. A total of \$36,000 was reached the past year. The goal is \$160,000.

About 700 questionnaires with questions and answers about the proposed Y. M. C. A. were delivered to homes in the Wilkesboros. Many persons were interviewed and the unanimous report of workers was that all contacted had expressed a willingness and desire to back up the "Y". Although the canvassers were not adequately prepared to take donations, a total of \$227 was received. Cards were mailed to these volunteer donors stating that their contributions had been delivered to J. B. Carter, treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. fund.

The Y. M. C. A. promotional campaign was extended into the rural areas by letters to school principals, together with copies of the questions and answers, and with a request that the material be used in chapel programs. Copies were also furnished local pastors with the request they include them in letters to members of their churches in service.

North Wilkesboro Beats Taylorsville

Local High School Team Wins Thrilling Game By Score of 32 to 29

North Wilkesboro high school boys won a thrilling basketball game Wednesday night over Taylorsville team in the local school gymnasium.

Taylorsville took a four point lead in the early minutes of the game but before the first quarter ended North Wilkesboro had gained the lead and held it throughout. However, the game was not decided until the final minute when the score was 30-29 and North Wilkesboro scored the next and final goal.

Playing of Caudill, who displayed remarkable accuracy at the basket, and Turner was outstanding for the local hi. Jenkins was high scorer for Taylorsville with nine. North Wilkesboro and Millers Creek will play here Friday night.

Lineups and individual scores for Wednesday night's game follow:

N. Wilkesboro 32 Taylorsville 29
Turner 8 Stewart 2
Hudson 6 Williamson
Foster 6 Warren 2
Caudill 12 Jenkins 9
Rousseau Stafford 4
Substitutes: Taylorsville—Teague 6, Little 4, Brookshire.

AMERICAN 8TH ARMY TROOPS ADVANCING

U. S. 8th Army troops have advanced 11 miles into Bataan, seizing Abucay which was the eastern anchor of the first American defense line across the bloody peninsula in the dark days of January, 1942, General Douglas MacArthur announced today.

In Manila, where street fighting entered the 13th day, troops of three American divisions pressing the trapped Japanese garrison against the bay along a four-mile front "are gradually compressing the circle", his daily communique announced.

Military observers said organized Japanese resistance possibly would be ended within a few days leaving only snipers to be mopped up.

Now In Belgium



Pvt. Harlie C. Shepherd, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shepherd, of North Wilkesboro route one, is now in Belgium. Pvt. Shepherd entered the army July 13, 1944, was in training at Camp Croft and Fort Jackson, S. C., went overseas January 8 and was assigned to an infantry regiment. His wife is the former Miss Dollie Stamper, of McGrady.

Selective Service Boards Send Men To Begin Service

Small Groups Sent for Induction; Large Number for Examination

Both Selective Service boards in Wilkes yesterday sent groups of men to the induction center to begin service.

The lists of men from the two boards follow:

BOARD NUMBER 1—
Vernon Ralph Marley
Sydney Scion Richardson, Jr.
Arnold Bruce Cooper, Jr.
Gene Harry Smithley
Clyde Lane Reece
Mount Vernon Jarvis
Charlie Raymond Clanton

BOARD NUMBER 2—
Harrison Cecil Byrd
Presley Sylvester Jennings
John Roscoe Cockerham
Bill Mason Myers
Joe Marvin Shoffner
James Oliver Owens

On Monday the board in Wilkes sent the following men for pre-induction examination:

BOARD NUMBER 1—
Glenn Garfield Minton
Ray Ernest Nichols
Clyde Sanford Watson
Clyde J. Steele
Clyde Jones
George Albert Curry
Thomas Preston Scott, Jr.
Philo Franklin Phillips
Gordon Hal Steel

BOARD NUMBER 2—
Clinton Wood
Percy Everett Sebastian
Roosevelt Church
Quincy Monroe Reavis
Arle Vannoy
Monroe Tracy Shumate
Letcher Houston Kidd
Ransom Roscoe Harris
Tom Roten
T. C. Lear

William Grant Waddell
Robert Henry Wagener
Wedford James Wagoner
Charles Raymond Cothren
Ralph Presley Holbrook
Robert Fletcher Absher
Hampton Odell Wyatt
Ernest William Wood
Robert Lee Parsons
Coy Tolbert Ashley
Paul Edgar Church, Jr.
Mack Blane Absher
Wilfred Lee Black
Robert Davidson Qufan
Oscar Dean Sloop
George Hampton Eller, Jr.
Silas Buel Harrold
Wrenn Odell Hayes
Henry Robert E. Prevett

Otis Anderson Is Killed In Crash Of Car On 421

Young Man Loses Life When Automobile Crashes Off Highway East of City

Otis Anderson, age 24, was killed some time after midnight Tuesday morning when his automobile crashed off highway 421 six miles east of this city.

Anderson was found dead in his wrecked car by passing motorists early Tuesday morning. Coroner I. M. Myers, who with State Highway Patrol Sergeant A. H. Clark investigated the accident, said that Anderson had apparently been dead for a few hours and that it was probable that he was instantly killed in the accident sometime after midnight.

His body was not badly crushed but he had received two or more blows on the head in the crash. The car had been traveling east, apparently at a high rate of speed, and had run off the left side of the highway. It was badly demolished.

Anderson was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Anderson, of North Wilkesboro route three. He is survived by his parents, his wife, Mrs. Claire Prevette Anderson, one brother and one sister, Wesley and Beulah Anderson, of North Wilkesboro route three. Funeral service was held today, two p. m., at Shady Grove church.

Anniversary Meet Of K. of P. Lodge

Rev. Douglas Rights To Be Speaker; Barbecue Supper On Monday Night

North Wilkesboro Knights of Pythias Lodge number 67 will hold a Pythian Anniversary meeting Monday, February 19, 6:30 p. m., in the lodge hall in observance of the 81st anniversary of Knights of Pythias.

A barbecue supper will be served at 6:30, after which Rev. Douglas Rights, of Winston-Salem, a noted speaker, will deliver an address as the principal feature of the program. A class of seven candidates will be guests at the supper.

Delegations of Pythians from Winston-Salem, Hickory and Lenoir will meet with the local lodge for the anniversary meeting.

Crowded Hendon, England, will erect 500 bungalows.

Lonnie Ray Casey
John Chester Holbrook
John Eugene Myers
John Sanford Roberts
Lincoln Watkins (Vol.)

MILLERS CREEK'S CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TEAM WILL PLAY NORTH WILKESBORO HERE FRIDAY NIGHT



Millers Creek high school basketball team with the exception of two games has taken all opposition in stride this year and has piled up an impressive string of victories over teams in western North Carolina. Left to right in the above picture are Hensley Eller, coach, Bill Bumgarner, Billie Clark, Mack Eller, Paul Jenkins and Dale Church, who compose the starting lineup. The Millers Creek team, undefeated in Wilkes, is recognized as Wilkes county champions. They will face one more test in the county before entering tournament play for higher honors. On Friday night Millers Creek will meet North Wilkesboro in a game in the North Wilkesboro high school gymnasium. Two games will be played, with first and second teams of the two schools. The first game will open at 7:30. Millers Creek boys have entered the Elkin tournament which opens on February 26 and will play their first game there on March 3 against the winner of the East Bend and Flat Rock contest to be played earlier. The Millers Creek team is also entered in The Journal-Sentinel's Northwest tournament in Winston-Salem, beginning March 6th.

Gets Purple Heart



Pfc. Odell A. Marsh, who was wounded in France October 1, has sent the purple heart which he received to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Marsh, of Wilkesboro star route. Recent letters from the War Department stated that he is making normal progress toward recovery in the 48rd General Hospital in France. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery and a safe return home.

List Your Property Before March 1st

All taxpayers of the county who have not listed their property for the year 1945 are urged to do so before March 1st. County Accountant J. C. Grayson stated today. Arrangements have been made for listing at the county accountant's office, and failure to do so before March 1st will subject all delinquents to a severe penalty. Remember, March 1st is the deadline for listing your property with the county for the tax year 1945. Be sure to list before this date.

Seriously Wounded

Sgt. Hal E. Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Church, of Champion, was seriously wounded in Belgium on January 24, according to an official message received by his wife, the former Miss Margaret McGee, of North Wilkesboro. Letters received stated that he received shrapnel wounds in his left side. Sgt. Church entered the army in March, 1943, and went overseas in November, 1944. He is a member of an infantry regiment.

Hearing On Flood Control Project To Be March 2nd

Washington.—Efforts to give the Yadkin River valley of North-western North Carolina the benefits of flood control and at the same time prevent the flooding of farmland and home areas in Caldwell, Surry, and Wilkes counties, will be pursued at a meeting of Tar Heel lawmakers and leaders from the affected area to be held on Capitol Hill the first or second day of March.

George F. Weise, of Ledgerwood, president of the Yadkin Valley Citizens Association and an educator in Caldwell county and J. E. Justice, of North Wilkesboro, furniture manufacturer and chairman of his local flood control committee, have been working together to achieve this objective.

They will come to Washington, accompanied by 10 or 12 other citizens from the affected area, to try to work out the plan. The Senate Commerce Committee ultimately will have to authorize an investigation of anything the Federal Government is to do on flood control in the Yadkin Valley.

Members of Congress who will participate in the meeting here include Representative Robert L. Doughton, John H. Folger, and William O. Burghis, and Senators Bailey and Hoey.

The meeting will be held in the office of Senator Bailey, who is chairman of the Commerce Committee, as soon as he returns from a trip to North Carolina, presumably the first of the month.

Mrs. Bumgarner Taken By Death

Mrs. Elizabeth McNeill Bumgarner, age 80, well known resident of Millers Creek community, died at her home yesterday afternoon. She was in ill health for several years and was seriously ill for a week.

Mrs. Bumgarner was the widow of Daniel Bumgarner, who died January 14 of last year. Survivors include the following sons and daughters: Green Bumgarner, Mrs. Roby Snyder, Odell Bumgarner, Mrs. Anderson Lovette, Lin Bumgarner, Elisha Bumgarner all of the Millers Creek community, and Harrell Bumgarner of Goldsboro.

Mrs. Bumgarner was a member of Millers Creek Methodist church where the funeral will be held at 11 o'clock Friday morning.

Osbornes Visit Home
Sgt. and Mrs. Wade Osborne, of Fort Bragg, spent the week-end with Sgt. Osborne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Osborne, of McGrady.

Now Recovering



Pvt. Richard L. Whitley, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Whitley, of North Wilkesboro route two, is at Welch convalescent hospital at Daytona Beach, Florida, where he is recovering from wounds received while in service in Italy. Pvt. Whitley was in some of the toughest combat during his two years overseas. He served in North Africa and with General Patton's invasion forces in Sicily and Italy, including the bloody Anzio beach head fighting.

TWO-PRONGED OFFENSIVE IS UNCHECKED

Red Army troops yesterday captured seven major Nazi strongholds and more than 200 villages in a great two-pronged drive on Berlin and Dresden across lower Silesia. The unchecked offensive has encircled the Silesian capital of Breslau, eighth city of Germany, Berlin reported.

Smashing through apparently crumbling enemy resistance on Berlin's southeastern flank, the First Ukrainian Army offensive, led by Marshal Ivan S. Konev, also crossed the Silesian border into Brandenburg province, the enemy admitted. The Russians reportedly reached a point 79 miles southeast of Berlin and 66 miles northwest of bomb-blasted Dresden.

Easing supply problems for the Red Army's assault on the shortest roads to Berlin, the Russians captured the Pomeranian rail city of Scheidemuehl, on a direct Warsaw-Berlin railroad, after a two-week encirclement in which more than 12,000 enemy troops were killed or captured.

Cpl. Caudill Home

Cpl. H. D. Caudill, who was wounded while in combat on Saipan with the marine corps, arrived home last week to spend 30 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Caudill, of Millers Creek.

CANADIANS GO THROUGH SIX TOWNS

Seven spearheads of the advancing Canadian First Army ripped two miles into the Germans' Northern Rhine defenses yesterday, fighting into or through six towns as thousands of Allied planes pounded the enemy from the air in attacks along and behind the front.

Advancing under the roar of their planes and of massed artillery, Field Marshal Sir B. L. Montgomery's troops smashed deep into patched up German defenses in multiple drives aimed at the major transit hubs of Goch, Uden and Calcar and at the vital Rhine ferry crossing of Emmerich.

Tactical planes struck everywhere along and behind the front and joined with heavy bombers and fighters from British to rake transportation facilities and troop movements east of the Rhine.

German guns, troops, ammunition dumps, trains, motor transport and road junctions were flayed from dawn until dusk as the full weight of Allied airpower hit the enemy in the greatest aerial slaughter since the retreat from the Ardennes bulge last month.

Growing of Turkish tobacco is being tried in Southern Rhodesia.

Committee Votes Unanimously To Kill the Measure

Delegation Wilkes Citizens Aids Representative Story In Opposing Bill

By unanimous vote the Counties, Cities and Towns committee of the house of representatives in Raleigh yesterday killed the bill introduced to take from Wilkes Beaver Creek township and parts of Elk and Boomer and place that area in Caldwell.

The hearing was held in the Revenue building yesterday morning.

Large delegations were on hand for and against the bill, which was introduced in the house by Representative J. T. Pritchett, of Caldwell county.

Leading the opposition to the bill was Wilkes' Representative T. E. Story, who was ably assisted by other members of the Wilkes delegation who went to Raleigh to fight the measure.

Principal spokesman for the Pritchett bill was T. W. Ferguson, prominent citizen of the Ferguson community. He cited as main reasons for the bill a desire for better roads and schools, that the people in that area were more accessible to Caldwell than Wilkes, and because of the desire on the part of many people in Wilkes to build a flood control dam which would inundate the upper part of the Yadkin valley in Wilkes.

Petitions pro and con were offered, W. H. Strickland, Lenoir attorney representing Wilkes petitioners for the move, submitted one which he said carried the names of 243 persons, or 98 per cent of the voting population of the area. Against annexation, Kyle Hayes, North Wilkesboro attorney, displayed a petition which he said was signed by 687 persons, mostly residents of the area or adjacent communities.

Assisting Representative Story in the argument against the measure were Former Sheriff P. E. Brown, Attorney Eugene Triplett and Attorney Kyle Hayes.

Wilkes county residents recognized by Story as opponents to the bill included Paul J. Vestal, former chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; J. R. Rousseau, former chairman of the Democratic executive committee; I. J. Broyhill and C. C. Sidden, county commissioners; Watson Brame, Coy Marley, Dana Triplett, John Walker, North Wilkesboro chief of police.

Among the proponents on hand but not participating in the debate were the following Wilkes residents: Vilas Walsh, former county commissioner; Geno Walsh, Fate Matherly, Mrs. Tom Ferguson, Miss Blanche Ferguson and Sam Jones. Caldwell county delegates, present but leaving the controversy for Wilkes countians to debate, included W. T. Carpenter, chairman of the county commissioners; Mark Goforth, a member of the board of commissioners; John C. Baskerville, secretary of the Lenoir Chamber of Commerce, and Finley German, formerly of Wilkes but now of Lenoir.

Caldwell's Representative Pritchett stated that he was only "acting on request" of the people in the area which his bill proposed to transfer to Caldwell. At the beginning of the committee hearing he offered a substitute bill for the one he earlier introduced. The substitute bill would have provided for the transfer of the area involved provided the residents of that area by majority vote in a special election chose to be annexed to Caldwell and provision would have been made for them to assume their proportionate part of Wilkes county's outstanding indebtedness. His substitute measure was also killed by the committee.

Joines Buys Cash Wholesale Firm

Mr. C. L. Gibson, who has been operating the Cash Wholesale Grocery in this city for sometime, has sold the business to John H. Joines, proprietor of Joines Cash Store. The trade was made this week.

Mr. Joines will continue to operate the business at its present location on Forester Avenue, and the stock of merchandise of both firms has been combined.

The population of the world-estimated to be double what was in 1800.