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Lentz and Scott Seek \$725 Each For Trial Costs

Would Have State Pay Costs of Defending Themselves on Liquor Theft Charge

House of representatives Thursday evening passed and sent to the senate a bill which would provide payment of \$725 each to Lieutenant W. B. Lentz, of the state highway patrol, and Investigator Guy Scott, of the State Bureau of Investigation, for costs of their trial in Wilkes court on charges of larceny of about 70 cases of expensive liquor from the premises near Purlear in Wilkes in 1943.

Listed as introducing the bill, which is of much interest in Wilkes, were Representatives Uzarsky of Rowan, Dobson, of Surry, Gass and Welfare, of Forsyth (Scott's county), Loftin, Craig and Shuford, of Buncombe, where Lt. Lentz is now stationed.

Lentz and Scott were indicted and tried in Wilkes court for larceny of about 70 cases of liquor, the difference between the amount Yates said he had on hand and the 600 cases which were turned over to Wilkes authorities by the patrol and later sold by the county with the proceeds going into the school fund. Yates failed to show up at the trial as a witness against the two officers and the state failed to make out a case against them. They were acquitted at the September special term of Wilkes court by directed verdict of Judge R. Hunt Parker.

Yates was not located during the entire week of the special term, although it was stated by Yates in court testimony in the trial of Yates at the December, 1943, term that he was with Lt. Lentz and some other patrol officers at a steak supper in a cafe in North Wilkesboro on the night before the trial of Lentz and Scott opened.

Whereas, W. B. Lentz of the State Highway Patrol and Guy Scott of the State Bureau of Investigation were indicted in connection with arrests made by them and other officers in Wilkes county, North Carolina, in the year 1943; and,

Whereas, these state employees were carrying out their duties as officers after having been called to Wilkes county to aid in clearing up the whiskey traffic; and,

Whereas, in the process of doing their duties they were falsely accused of abusing their offices; and,

Whereas, these state employees were tried at a special term of superior court called by the Governor of North Carolina for that purpose; and,

Whereas, the state employees were adjudged by the superior court to be innocent of the charges;

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Red Cross Is Over \$16,000

Serves in Pacific



James Robert Smoot, gunners mate, third class on a landing craft, has been in the navy 18 months and for the past ten months has been in the Southwest Pacific. He is the son of the late E. A. Smoot and Mrs. Dora Hall of Hays. His wife, the former Miss Virginia Godbee, and son, James Robert, Jr., make their home in Wilkesboro. Before entering the navy Smoot held a position with Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company in Baltimore, Md.

Plan to Complete War Fund Effort By Saturday, 24

Workers Asked To Complete Canvass And Make Reports Here This Week

With \$16,822.73 in cash and pledges already turned in, Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross is planning to complete the War Fund campaign during the week ending March 24.

Rev. Howard J. Ford, War Fund chairman, today urged all workers to complete canvass of their communities and to make their report to the Red Cross office during the week if possible.

Some divisions of the campaign have already met their quotas and response, generally speaking, has been good. Returns from the industrial canvass are expected to be slightly under last year's totals for that division because local plants have fewer employees than a year ago.

The Special Gifts committee has already exceeded its quota, having raised \$3,480 in cash and pledges. North Wilkesboro residential section, with a quota of \$1,060, has raised \$1,220. Wilkesboro business district with a quota of \$651 has raised \$764.85, and Wilkesboro residential, which had a quota of \$421, raised \$740.25. Edwards township has doubled last year's figures by raising \$453.76, and Lewis Fork has gone over its quota with \$358.15. Jobs Cabin township has also reached its quota.

Returns to date are incomplete from other rural townships and from North Wilkesboro business and industrial divisions.

Prospects are good for reaching the county's goal of \$19,400, Rev. Mr. Ford said.

Pfc. Fred Wingler Slightly Wounded

Pfc. Fred M. Wingler was slightly wounded in Germany on February 23, according to a War Department message received by his wife, Mrs. Zella Wyatt Wingler, of Whitehead. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wingler, of Hays, and a brother of Mrs. Howard Reavis, of North Wilkesboro. He has been overseas since September.

Rural Scouting Meeting Planned Thursday at 1:30

Citizens Of Rural Communities Interested In Young People To Attend

Citizens of rural communities in Wilkes county who are interested in young people are asked to attend a meeting to be held at the Reins-Sturdivant chapel on Thursday, March 22, at 1:30 p. m.

E. H. Bakken, national director of Rural Scouting, Boy Scouts of America, New York, will conduct the meeting on the subject of "The Rural Boy Needs Scouting". The committee in charge of the meeting is composed of Paul Osborne, W. F. Absher, Gordon Finley, Jack Swofford, Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., G. R. Andrews, and C. B. Eller.

Reeves Brothers on Western Front Meet

Pfc. Herman Reeves and Pfc. Gwyn Reeves, sons of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Reeves, formerly of North Wilkesboro, and now residing at Martinsville, Va., recently met on the western front in France. It was the first time they had seen each other in two years and spent several hours recounting experiences and talking of home, letters to relatives here said.

Pvt. Vernon Jones Prisoner of War

A card has been received from Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cooper, of New York City, stating that the German radio on the night of March 9th, said that Pvt. Vernon Jones had recently been captured on the western front and is now a prisoner of war in Germany.

Killed In Action



Pfc. Junior Souther, age 22, only son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Souther, of Union Grove, was killed in action in Germany on February 23. Pfc. Souther, who served in an infantry regiment, had been in active service for two years and three months. He was home on furlough in August, 1944, before sailing for overseas service. Mr. and Mrs. Souther received the purple heart medal awarded their son for wounds received on December 2. Previously he had been awarded two good conduct medals. In addition to his parents, Pfc. Souther is survived by one sister, Mrs. Carr Dancy, of this city. Pfc. Souther was a member of Mt. Pisgah Baptist church and while at home was a regular attendant at church and Sunday school services. He attended Wilkesboro high school. Junior was popular and he had many friends in his community.

Rationing Boards Will Be Closed 2 Days This Week

Both local War Price and Rationing Boards will be closed to the public on Wednesday, March 21, and Thursday, March 22, on orders from the district office, C. F. Walter and C. H. Cowles, chairmen of the boards, said today.

The rationing and price workload at the boards is accumulating to the point where it will cause confusion unless we close the board to the public for two days and give the clerks an opportunity to bring it up to date, they explained.

The board chairmen have asked the public to anticipate their rationing and price needs in advance and not to try to transact any business at the boards on these two days except in case of extreme emergency.

Going to Sea



Arvel G. Dyer, yeoman first class, recently spent a short leave at home prior to his transfer to sea duty. On March 1 he was authorized to wear the navy good conduct ribbon upon completion of three years' naval service with high proficiency in rating and conduct marks. Prior to his transfer he was stationed at the U. S. naval auxiliary air station at Pungo, Va., as yeoman in charge of the central personnel office. Yeoman Dyer is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dyer, of Moravian Falls. His wife, the former Miss Floye Spears, and daughter, Barbara, were with him during the past two years at Pungo, Va., and will now make their home at Obids with her parents.

Buy Extra Bonds!

Collect Paper Wednesdays

Town Truck Will Visit Homes Here Every Wednesday

Paper Should Be Tied In Bundles And Placed On Porches Wednesdays

Canvass of the residential parts of North Wilkesboro for collection of waste paper will be every Wednesday; it was announced today by officials of the town of North Wilkesboro, which has taken over salvage of waste paper and tin in behalf of the war effort.

The town truck will begin the canvass of homes at ten a. m. each Wednesday and all people of the city are asked to tie all scrap paper and cardboard in bundles and place it on their porches with full assurance that the truck will call for it during the day. Business firms will be visited daily or as often as necessary to remove paper and cardboard which accumulates. Those who find they have a quantity of paper on hand which they want removed immediately may telephone the town clerk's office, phone number 86, and the truck will call for it.

Officials of the city also ask that tin cans from which food is taken be prepared for salvage and saved for the tin collection.

Four Boy Scouts Become 2nd Rank

Three members of Boy Scout Troop No. 95 at Hays, and one member of Troop 35 in North Wilkesboro, were advanced from tenderfoot to second class rank in the March meeting of the Wilkes district Boy Scout court of honor and review.

The Scouts of Troop 95 advanced were A. C. Yale, Jr., Charlie Ashlin and Ray Wheeling. The Troop 35 member becoming a second class Scout was Jimmie Day.

Lions Hear Talks About Needs of North Wilkesboro

Campaign Setup, Project Planning Council, Radio Station Discussed

A central organization to handle fund raising campaigns, a council to plan and seek public works projects, and a radio station were the three major proposals put forward in a planning program carried out Friday evening before the North Wilkesboro Lions Club.

The program was in charge of C. E. Jenkins, Jr., and Dwight Nichols, who presented the speakers. Jack Swofford opened the series of three talks on the subject of "What North Wilkesboro and Wilkes County Need." As a former chairman of the United War Fund campaign in Wilkes, he stated the need of a central committee in the county to set up organizations for the Red Cross, United War Fund, polio and other fund-raising campaigns. Under the proposal he set forth, the permanent organization would select chairmen and workers for all the campaigns.

Second speaker on the program was Staton McIver, who advocated that a council be formed of leading civic and business people to plan and seek post-war projects if and when a public works program is put into effect, and to seek each project with unity and understanding of the objectives.

C. E. Jenkins, Jr., concluded the discussions with a talk showing the need of a radio station for North Wilkesboro and advocated that the Lions Club give serious thought to backing a movement for the establishment of a North Wilkesboro radio station in post-war years.

Prior to the program Flake Cooke, local manager for the Standard Oil Company, was inducted into membership of the club. Rev. A. C. Waggoner delivered the induction message. Lloyd Pardue was a guest of President Vernon Deal at the meeting. Clyde Pearson returned to membership in the club after an absence of several weeks.

Now in France



Pvt. Ernest C. Walsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Walsh, of Purlear, entered the army June 14, 1944, was in training at Fort Bragg, N. C., and Camp Chaffee, Ark., and is now in France. Pvt. Walsh's wife is the former Miss Helen Bumgarner.

Rev. Howard Ford Is Speaker Friday At Kiwanis Meet

Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of Wilkesboro Baptist church, delivered an inspiring message Friday noon before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club.

"Christianity Looks to the Future" was the topic of the address by Rev. Mr. Ford, who stated that great changes have recently been made in the world, mentally and materially. He pointed out that countries we have liberated are now almost our enemies. "We face dissolution, youth delinquency, drunkenness, vice and immorality. Christianity should and must meet the demand of this era," he said and urged that better business methods be used in the churches and that religion be practical and usable. "All of us must have a place in future construction, with youth having its place in the onward march of Christianity," Rev. Mr. Ford said. The members and guests were deeply impressed by the address.

Edd Gardner was in charge of the program and presented Rev. Mr. Ford. Another feature of the program were two solos by Mrs. T. G. McLaughlin: "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," and "Irish Lullaby."

President Paul Osborne presented Troy Perry, of the local employment office. Mr. Perry, a returned veteran, is in charge of veterans' placements through the employment office here. He said that plans are under way here to develop openings for 300 veterans.

CARRIER SHIPS ATTACK JAPAN; NAGOYA IS HIT

Guam, Monday, March 19.—A United States carrier plane fleet, estimated by the enemy to total 1,400, attacked southwestern Japan Sunday and a giant armada of 300 or more Superfortresses followed up by dropping 2,500 tons of fire bombs on Nagoya, Japan's third city, in the early hours of this morning.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, announcing the carrier plane attack, said only that a strong force of carrier aircraft attacked enemy aircraft and installations on Kyushu, southwesternmost of the Japanese home islands.

But detailed enemy broadcasts said that the attack extended to Shikoku and Honshu islands adjoining and the attack area was that in which the battered Japanese main fleet is believed hiding. BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Both Boards Send Groups of Men to Induction Station

Groups Go From Two Boards For Pre-induction and to Begin Service

Both Selective Service boards in Wilkes last week sent groups of men to Fort Bragg for pre-induction examinations and to begin service in the army and navy. Those going for pre-induction examination from the two boards were as follows:

- BOARD NUMBER 1**
- Coleman Treadway
 - Robert Hendrix
 - Woodrow Wilson Shew
 - Ralph Douglas Jones
 - Donald Duncan
 - James Lloyd Broynhill
 - Paul Taylor
 - James Vestal Johnson
 - Clarence Marshall Shoun
 - Charlie Richard Smithy
 - Floyd Abe Minton
 - Glenn Elbert Laws
 - Luther Leroy Marlow
 - Walter Basil Parlier
 - Joe Royal Johnson
 - James Pedro McGlamery
 - Fred Edmon Cardwell
 - Albert Glenn Jarvis
 - Denver Woodrow Johnson
 - William Port Barlow
 - Phillip Lloyd Scroggs
 - Willie Clifton Harris
 - James Thomas Foster
 - Harold Howard Hartley
 - Dewey Phillip Yates
 - Sheriff Don Elledge
 - Robert Lee Treadway
 - Raymond Elijah Ferguson
 - Weaver Byers
 - Thomas Casper Hawkins
 - Fonse Blanche Johnson
 - Onville Lee Gregory
 - Cletus Franklin Powell
 - Sanford Eugene Mastin
 - James Abe Marley
 - Wiley Thomas Lambert
 - Tom Ernest Walsh
 - Henry Clay Mitchell
 - Ernest Marshall Lackey
 - James Claude Casdill
 - Robert Smith Anderson
 - Archie Gilbert Segraves
 - Charles Marston Adams
 - Harm Johnson Crane
 - Henry Roosevelt Anderson
 - Walter Lee Glass
 - Charlie Guy Harris

- BOARD NUMBER 2**
- William Grant Holbrook
 - Sam Cothren
 - John Alexander Elliott
 - Victor Garris
 - Foy Austin Collins
 - Charlie Miller
 - Joe Henry Soots
 - Roy Calloway Brown
 - James William Benge
 - Johnnie Isaac Johnson
 - Wilmer Willie Hutchison
 - James Thomas Cloer
 - Carl Dean Cothren
 - Thomas Owen Phillips
 - Lemon Garfield Combs, Jr.
 - Jackie Cranford Combs
 - Archie James Pless
 - John R. Call, Jr.
 - James Bruce Wood
 - Richard Mack Wingler
 - Dee Blackburn
 - Charlie McLain Phillips
 - Essert Ray Jenkins
 - Royd Ashlin
 - Harold Weaver Hemric
 - Oscar Martin Watkins
 - John Palmer Horton, Jr.
 - Talmage Garfield Blackburn
 - Arnold Thomas Harless
 - Harvey Lee Johnson
 - Bruce Wyatt
 - John Walter Pardue
 - William Clyde Brown
 - Transferred from other boards:
 - Charley Randolph Cooper
 - Russell Muncie Hayes

- Those going for induction from the two boards were as follows:
- BOARD NUMBER 1**
- Glenn Garfield Minton
 - Gwyn Rogan Mathis
 - Roy Lee Mathis
 - Gordon Hal Steelman
 - Crafton Blaine Roberts
 - L. P. Pendergrass
 - Millard Lee Shew
 - Ray Walter McNeil
 - Claude Nathaniel Griffin
 - John Thomas Wright
 - Arva Orren Cardwell
 - Ellis Alvin Beshears
 - Garvey Gregory
 - James Clyde James
- BOARD NUMBER 2**
- Russell Richard Darnell
 - Ben Seldon McCrary
 - Joseph Mack Reavis
 - Joseph Hebert Hawkins
 - Robert Claude Wall
 - Ernest Paul Cauthren
 - John Thurman Holloway
 - George Lee Pierce
 - Rescoe Cockerman
 - Wilfred Lee Black
 - James Monroe Yarboro
 - Edward Winfield Lanford
 - Paul Clyde Dimmetts
 - Amol Dean Andrews
 - Charles Earl Provette
 - Jack Cothren
 - Frank Martin Tharpe
 - Forester Samuel Griffin
 - Clyde Donald Carpenter
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RATION NEWS

STAMPS, PANTS — Red Stamps Q5, R5, S5 will expire March 31; Red Stamps T5, U5, V5, W5, and X5 will expire April 28; Red Stamps Y5, Z5, and A2, B2, C2, D2 will expire June 2; Red Stamps E2, F2, G2, H2, J2, will expire June 30; new stamps will be validated April 1.

PROCESSED FOOD — Blue Stamps X5, Y5, Z5, and A2 and B2, will expire March 21; Blue Stamps C2, D2, E2, F2, and G2 will expire April 28; Blue Stamps H2, J2, K2, L2, M2, will expire June 2; Blue Stamps N2, P2, R2, S2, will expire June 30. New stamps will be validated April 1.

STAMP — 35 will expire June 2. No new stamp will be validated until May 1st.

FUEL OIL — All coupons valued 10 gallons, Period 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 coupons for current heating season valid through current season.

SHOES — Airplane Stamps 1, 2, and 3 in Book Three, good immediately.

PATTON'S MEN REACH RHINE AT BINGEN

Paris, March 18.—United States Third army tanks swept unchecked across the Nahe river, 21 miles from the toppling Saarland's rear door at Mainz today while the First army beyond the Rhine broke almost to the inner German plain despite the collapse of its important Remagen bridge.

The Nahe—last barrier before the onrushing Fourth armored division and the Rhine bend—was crossed at Bad Kreuznach, a wading place famous in the last war as German headquarters.

While tanks fought into that town on the Nahe's east bank, the 90th infantry, a short distance north, in a six-mile push, entered the west-bank town of Bingen, 17 miles west of Mainz.

PFC. BROOKS IN ARMY HOSPITAL IN ENGLAND

Pfc. Edd J. Brooks, who was wounded in France, is now in an army hospital in England. Pfc. Brooks, son of Mrs. Jasper Dyson, served in Italy and later in France.