

GENERAL DECORATES LOCAL YOUTH



Major General Charles L. Bolte, commanding general of the 34th infantry division, is shown placing the bronze medal on Pfc. James M. Anderson, right, for meritorious service in combat against the nazis recently in Italy. The picture above was personally autographed for Pfc. Anderson; by General Bolte, as shown by the inscription at lower left. Pfc. Anderson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Anderson, of North Wilkesboro.

CAROLINA REFRIGERATION CENTER COLD STORAGE SIGN-UP UNDER WAY AND CONSTRUCTION PLANNED SOON

Movement to secure a freezer locker and cold storage plant for North Wilkesboro is well under way and the necessary sign-up of locker space is now in progress. Carl E. VanDeman, orchard research specialist, is in charge of the sign-up and has plans for the storage plant, which were prepared by architects. The preliminary plans call for over 500 freezer lockers, with large spaces for commercial and fruit storage as well as processing room. The plant would have two floors. In order to get War Production Board approval and necessary priorities, 60 per cent of the freezer lockers must be rented in advance of construction. Mr. VanDeman

Boys Who Want To Play Ball To Meet On Tuesday

Boys of the Wilkesboros between the ages of nine and 16 and who are not members of any of the organized softball teams are asked to meet at Smoot Park on Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 p. m. G. R. Andrews, president of the softball league sponsored by the churches, said today that the meeting of all boys who want to play ball was called for the purpose of finding out how many boys want to play and how a boys' league can be organized. A practice game will be played Tuesday afternoon, after which the available players will be organized into teams for play throughout the summer. Parents interested in the softball program for boys are urged to send their boys to the meeting Tuesday afternoon and to encourage a large attendance.

4 Softball Teams Compose League Here This Season

Part of Players Selected; First Game Will Be Played On May 8th
Churches of the Wilkesboros will again sponsor teams in a softball league here. Four teams this year will compose the league. Three North Wilkesboro teams will be sponsored by the First Presbyterian, First Methodist and First Baptist churches and there will be one team from Wilkesboro. G. A. Andrews has been named president of the league with Bill Lee as secretary. All players are asked to meet at Smoot Park for practice on Thursday this week and the league schedule will open on May 8 with games at Smoot Park and on the Wilkesboro athletic field. There will be two games each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon throughout the summer. Players have been selected for the three North Wilkesboro teams and the Wilkesboro team will be selected in the near future. The three North Wilkesboro teams have the following membership: First Methodist—Pat Hunt and Buster Bush, co-captains, Julius Rousseau, Jr., Lloyd Turner, Johnny Redman, Andy Shook, Dick Chamberlain, B. Moore, Thurmond Kenerly, W. B. Collins, Dan Hudson, Joe Byers, Bill Hardister, Eddie Shook, and Guy Lillard. First Presbyterian—Boyd Stout and Staton Melver, co-captains, J. C. Williams, Jim Steele, Gordon Finley, Dwight Pardue, Claude Key, Harry Klutz, Elbert Bowman, Charles Winters, W. J. Bason, Gilbert Bare, Gordon Finley, Jr., and Jack Badgett. First Baptist—John Kerbaugh, captain, Bill Lee, Maurice Walsh, G. R. Andrews, Tommy Templeton, Chip Caudill, B. F. Bentley, Wade Wallace, O. K. Stephens, Paul McGinnis, Gilbert Pardue, Page Choate, Ray Hoover, Dick McNeill and Cyrus McNeill.

RATION NEWS

MEATS, FATS: Red Stamps T5, U5, V5, and X5 will expire April 28; Red Stamps Y5, Z5, and A5, B2, C2, D2 will expire June 1; Red Stamps E2, F2, G2, H2, J2, will expire June 30; Red Stamps K2, L2, M2, N2, and P2 expire July 31.
PROCESSED FOODS: 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, Z2, R2, S2, will expire June 30; Blue Stamps T2, U2, V2, W2, X2 expire July 3.
SUGAR 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 indefinitely.

Lime is badly needed on most farm and pasture lands in North Carolina, says the AAA in discussing conservation materials.

REDS FOUR ON TOWARD CITY ON 3 SIDES, GERMANS SAY

London, Thursday. — Millions of Russians, spearheaded by new "break-through" tanks and automatic weapons throwing 325 shells a minute, were reported by the Germans today to be pouring over the Oder and Neisse Rivers northeast and southeast of Berlin and directly into the city's eastern environs. Moscow gave no official confirmation of any assault toward Berlin. The nazis, however, reported heaviest pressure on a 60-mile arc 18 to 20 miles east of the city and said other powerful armies had crossed the Lower Oder below the Baltic port of Stettin toward the plains northeast of Berlin and were across the Neisse River in Saxony south of the capital.

McNiell-Kenerly Contest Monday In Primary Here

Race For Mayor Only Contest In North Wilkesboro Municipal Primary

With the mayoralty contest between Mayor R. T. McNiel and T. S. Kenerly the only thing to be voted on, the North Wilkesboro municipal primary will be held Monday, April 23. County board of elections in a meeting today with Carl J. Jones, chairman and M. B. McNiel present certified the present members of the board of commissioners as nominated, there being no other candidates filed. Members of the board are J. R. Hix, R. G. Finley, A. F. Kibby, H. M. Hutchens and Ralph Duncan. Also certified as nominated were the three who have filed for membership on the school board, there being no other candidates. They are W. E. Jones, Ira D. Payne and Rufus B. Church. For the town primary J. M. Eller is the registrar and Harry Pearson and Claude Key are the judges. Voting will be from seven a. m. to seven p. m.

Court of Honor To Meet Tonight, 7:30

Boy Scout Court of Honor and Review will meet at the Presbyterian church hut tonight at 7:30.

Cragan Re-Elected Superintendent Of City School System

Paul S. Cragan was re-elected superintendent of the North Wilkesboro schools Monday for another two-year term. Announcement of his re-election was made by D. J. Carter, chairman of the North Wilkesboro board of education. Supt. Cragan came to North Wilkesboro from Ruffin school near Reidsville in 1938, succeeding W. D. Halfacre as superintendent of the local school system. In North Wilkesboro he has made an excellent record, maintaining the high standards of the schools, despite wartime handicaps.

FOUR SHUMATE BROTHERS FROM WILKES SERVING IN ARMY AND NAVY

Four sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Shumate, of the Mulberry community are in service and are getting along fine, according to their most recent letters home. Seaman First Class Lewis E. Shumate has been serving on a ship in the Pacific for the past six months. He entered the navy in June, 1944, and received boot training at Camp Peary, Va. His wife, the former Miss Ora Burgess, and two children, Martha Jane and Jerry, reside on North Wilkesboro route one. Pvt. Rex L. Shumate has recently arrived in France, according to news received by his wife, the former Miss Rosa Lee Myers. He entered service October 11,



LEWIS E. SHUMATE, S10

Italians Impose On Cows; Milk Them Then Hitch to Plows

Pfc. Bartie Osborne writes from Italy that he will bet his father, T.M. Osborne, of Wilkesboro rents one, that he has seen something the like of which his father has never laid eyes on. Quoting from his letter, Pfc. Osborne said: "Today I was working and I saw a farmer plowing, and he was plowing with two milk cows! Those who don't plow cows dig up the dirt with a shovel. They milk and plow the cows. Now, have you ever seen such doings? So, tell me and you win the plug of tobacco. In Sicily I saw a farmer plowing a mule and a milk cow together. And their plows are not like our plows back home. They are just logs sharpened and with a pole nailed to the log—just one pole to hold to. And where they plow a furrow it is just like where a log had been dragged through soft dirt. Have this put in the paper so all the farmers can see it. They might want patterns of the plows here."

Wounded In Action



Pfc. Hancil Wingler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wingler, of Vannoy, was wounded in action in Germany March 18, according to a message received by his mother, Mrs. Hancil Wingler, of Vannoy.

Returns to U. S.



Pfc. Ocie Adams has arrived back in the states and is now in California after serving two years in the Pacific theatre of the war. Pfc. Adams was wounded in action on the Philippines in the later part of 1944. He is a son of Mrs. Maggie Hutchison, of Buck, Wilkes county.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

FORMER WILKES MAN DECORATED



Major Thomas O. Pardue, right, received the bronze medal from General Lawrence, left, for meritorious service with the air force in Italy.

MAJOR THOMAS O. PARDUE GETS BRONZE MEDAL AWARD IN ITALY

Now In Arizona

Major Thomas O. Pardue, son of Mrs. P. H. Pardue, of Ronda, has been awarded the bronze medal for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations as an executive officer in a 15th AAF flying fortress squadron. Major Pardue, whose home is in Durham, is a brother of H. A. Pardue, of Elkin, Maynard and Max Pardue, of Ronda, and Mrs. M. F. Bumgarner, of Millers Creek. His wife and two children live in Durham. The citation accompanying the medal awarded Major Pardue was as follows:

"Since location in Italy, Major Pardue has spent immeasurable length of time fixing the camp area. He has supervised the construction of a shower, office buildings, officers' mess hall, officers' club, enlisted men's club and mess hall. He has designed and constructed an ingenious mess kit wash room and cleaning unit which has been widely imitated and served the lighting system through the squadron area. Major Pardue has carried out all these improvements at the sacrifice of many hours of hard labor, besides his executive duties which were given the rating of superior, superior and excellent at a recent administrative inspection. Major Pardue, by his unfailing good humor, his personality, his unceasing devotion to duty far beyond that required of him has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Army Air Forces."

Mrs. Pauline W. Horton, federal representative of the wage and hour law administration, will be at the North Wilkesboro town hall Friday afternoon, 3:30, to address local employers. Announcement of the meeting was made here by Mrs. Kathryn Lott, manager of the local employment and Manpower Commission office. Mrs. Lott urges that employers subject to provisions of the wage and hour law attend the meeting.

Wage and Hour Law Meeting To Be Held Friday

Manila — Infantrymen of the 24th Division made another landing Tuesday on Mindanao, second largest island of the Philippines. They went ashore on the northeast shore of Moro Gulf with air and naval support and secured a 35-mile beachhead. This was announced today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who said guerrillas had aided the operation by constant attacks on the Japanese. American troops already have control of the Zamboanga Peninsula, southeastern top of Mindanao. They landed March 10.

INFANTRYMEN LAND ON ISLE OF MINDANAO

The camporees will open on Saturday morning at 8:30, and will close Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Church service will be on the Sunday program.

Car Wrecked After Stolen; Recovered; One Man Arrested

An automobile was stolen, wrecked, recovered and the alleged thief jailed here, all Tuesday night. A 1936 Ford belonging to Carl Royal was stolen at 11:30 p. m. from where it was parked on Tenth Street. The car was driven off the highway and overturned one mile west of this city a few minutes later by Roscoe Harding Wyatt, of Vannoy, who was arrested by local police and charged with auto theft, driving while intoxicated, driving without driver license and reckless driving. Wyatt was given a hearing before Mayor R. T. McNiel and was bound over to Wilkes superior court.

HERBERT W. MARLOW GETS OAK LEAF CLUSTER

With U. S. Forces in France—Private Herbert W. Marlow, son of Mrs. Della Marlow, of Gilreath, North Carolina, has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to a Purple Heart for wounds received in action on the Western Front. Pvt. Marlow, an infantry soldier, was wounded by artillery fire on March 10, 1945, in Germany. The decoration was presented by Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. Barksby, commanding officer of the U. S. Army's 216th General Hospital in France.



PFC. RICHARD B. SHUMATE

PATTON'S MEN CROSS BORDER, GAIN INSIDE OF SUDETENLAND

Paris.—Infantrymen and tanks of the U. S. Third Army slashed across the border of Czechoslovakia yesterday, cutting Germany in two geographically, while other American forces conquered Magdeburg, 60 miles southwest of Berlin and drove almost to the heart of Leipzig, the Reich's fifth largest city. The historic crossing into the Sudetenland, which Hitler annexed in 1938, was made north of Asch by doughboys of the 90th Infantry Division riding in jeeps and on the backs of tanks. Last night they were reported two miles inside Czechoslovakia in the vicinity of Gott Mannsgrun, 10 miles east of the German city of Hof.

District Patrol Camporee Sites Scouts Chosen

Council Camporee To Be Held At Bluff Park On May 19-20th
Camporee sites for the annual patrol camporees of the Old Hickory Council have been selected by the camping and activities committees of the seven districts in the area. Six separate camporees will be held on May 5-6. Ashe and Watauga districts will co-operate in combining their camporee, which will be held on Negro Mountain near West Jefferson. The Elkin-Yadkin district event will take place at Neaves Park in Elkin. The Forsyth district camporee will be held at Camp Lasater, the council camp near Winston-Salem. Surry district's affair will be held at Bluff Park in North Wilkesboro. All events in the camporee are on the patrol basis, with patrols competing against standards for a pennant. Each patrol earning 774 or more points of a possible 860 will receive a blue pennant, and will be eligible to attend the council camporee at Bluff Park in Wilkes county on May 19-20. Patrols develop their own menu, provision list, equipment list, improvise their own equipment as far as possible and bring everything needed except wood and water. Patrols must register with the district commissioner not later than April 28 in order to take part. The camporees will open on Saturday morning at 8:30, and will close Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Church service will be on the Sunday program.

Stokes district will conduct its own camporee for the first time at Hanging Rock Park near Danbury. Wilkes district will have its affair at Finley Park in North Wilkesboro.

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