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WILKES MAN KILLED ON IWO JIMA



Pvt. William Samuel Gilliam died of wounds March 16 which he received on Iwo Jima Island, according to messages received by his wife, the former Miss Louise Childress, of Benham. Pvt. Gilliam entered the marine corps June 9, 1944, trained at Parris Island, S. C., and Camp Lejeune before going overseas in November. He is survived by his wife, three children, Gwyn, Patsy and Kathryn, whom he had never seen; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gilliam, of Benham, and the following brothers and sisters: Jack Gilliam, Roaring River; Miss Clara Gilliam, Winston-Salem; Mrs. William Kegly, Elkin; Misses Anne and Sally Gilliam, both of Elkin. Pvt. Gilliam was a member of Shady Branch Baptist church.

LOCAL MARINE RESCUES WOUNDED COMRADE WHO SPENT THREE DAYS BEHIND ENEMY LINES ON IWO JIMA

Two Jima (Delayed)—A marine who lay wounded within enemy lines for three days, with Japs all around him, today was able to who-crack: "For the first time in my life I learned to keep my mouth shut."
The marine, a private first class whose name cannot be revealed until his next-of-kin has been notified of his wounds, was left in enemy territory when his company was forced to withdraw. He was too weak to follow them, reports Tech. Sgt. Koyles Beech, a marine corps combat correspondent.
When Japs came, the marine played dead. A Jap kicked him to make sure, but the marine did not move. The marine watched while the Japs set up a "knee" mortar, fired a few rounds, and then cooked and ate a meal.
The marine was found and rescued by Sergeant Henry M. Pearson, of Wilkesboro, N. C., who was in charge of a squad carrying food and water to the front lines. "He was lying there in a pile of dead Japs and I almost shot him before he called out who he was," said Pearson.
Sgt. Pearson's brother, Pvt. Alvin Pearson, was killed on Iwo Jima.

Gets Purple Heart



Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif.—Recently awarded the Purple Heart medal was Marine Sergeant Harold D. Caudill, 24, of Millers Creek. Caudill, veteran of two major campaigns and holder of the Presidential Unit citation, was wounded in the right lung and chest by Jap artillery fire with the Fourth Marine division during the occupation of Saipan in the Marianas Islands. He is a graduate of Millers Creek high school, and, prior to enlisting in the marines, he was employed as a freight agent by the C. & S. Transportation Co. Caudill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Caudill, of Millers Creek.

Sgt. Hal Church Wounded Again

Sgt. Hal Church has been wounded the second time in action on the western front, according to a telegram received here by his wife, the former Miss Margaret McGee.
The message received by Mrs. Church said that her husband was slightly wounded in Germany on April 12. He had been back in action only 15 days after recovering from wounds received in Belgium in January. Sgt. Church is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Church, of Purlcar.

RATION NEWS

MEATS, FATS: Red Stamps T5, U5, V5, and X5 will expire April 23; Red Stamps Y5, Z5, and A5, B1, C3, D3 will expire June 1; Red Stamps E2, F2, G2, H3, J3, will expire June 30; Red Stamps K3, L3, M3, N3, and P3 expire July 31.
PROCESSED FOODS—Blue Stamps C3, D3, E3, F3, and G3 will expire April 23; Blue Stamps H3, J3, K3, L3, M3, will expire June 3; Blue Stamps N3, P3, R3, S3, will expire June 30; Blue Stamps T3, U3, V3, W3, X3, Y3, Z3, will expire July 31.
SUGAR STAMP—S5 will expire June 2. No new stamp will be validated until May 1st.
SHOES—Airplane Stamps 1, 2, and 3 in Book Three, good indefinitely.

Serves In Pacific



Benjamin H. Wood, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Wood, of North Wilkesboro, entered the navy October 12, 1944, received training at Bainbridge, Md., Shoemaker, Calif., and is now on duty somewhere in the Pacific area.

Buy More Bonds!

REDS SEIZE 20 SUBURBS OF BERLIN

London.— Russian tanks and Cossack horsemen were reported fighting along Unter Den Linden in the centre of Berlin last night after overrunning one-fourth of the burned and battered Reich capital and capturing 20 of its suburbs.

Swedish newspapers whose correspondents in Berlin were filing their first uncensored dispatches of the war, reported that the Russians reached the center of the city in a seven-mile advance from the northeastern outskirts.

Storming over barricades at every block and blowing down buildings around their suicidal defenders with point-blank cannon-fire, the vengeful Red Army turned Berlin's famed streets into the bloodiest battleground of the war.

Striking 12 miles across the pulverized northern outskirts, the Russians swept within 30 miles of surrounding the city, German reports said. German SS and regular army troops were reported joining the panicky exodus of civilians through the closing corridors.

STUTTGART IS CAPTURED BY FRENCH TROOPS

Paris.—The thunder of U. S. and Russian guns 15 to 30 miles apart blended into a single victorious roar on the Berlin front Sunday as southbound Allied armies hurled the Danube and reached Lake Constance, 37 miles from Hitler's last stand area in the Alps.

Besides reaching the big lake that forms the western bulwark of Hitler's redoubt, the French seized Stuttgart—most important industrial city of South Germany, with a population of 459,000—and sealed off thousands of Germans in the Black Forest by ramming to the Swiss frontier.

Tanks of the U. S. Seventh Army in a 30-mile dash seized a bridge and sped across the Danube less than 10 miles from a super highway leading 50 miles to Munich, birthplace of Hitler's Nazi movement.

11,738 JAPS SLAIN IN SOUTH OKINAWA

Guam, Monday, April 23.—The troops of the 24th Army Corps have killed 11,738 Japanese troops and taken 27 prisoners on southern Okinawa, Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Nimitz's communique did not give the date for the Japanese casualties but it presumably included some action since the Yanks' all-out offensive began five days ago.

Marines of the Third Amphibious corps occupied Taka Banara Island east of Okinawa on the north of Nakagusuku bay yesterday and landed on Sesoko Island, only a mile west of Motobu peninsula, on the same day.

Candidates File For Election In Wilkesboro 8th

Mayor Hugh A. Cranor has filed for re-election in the town of Wilkesboro.

Also filed for re-election are two members of the present board of commissioners, C. E. Lenderman and Paul Osborne. There are two new candidates, A. R. Gray, Jr., and T. E. Story, Jr. Two members of the present board, W. E. Smith and James Lowe, have not filed. The election will be held on May 8.

Memorial Service For Pvt. Smoot 6th

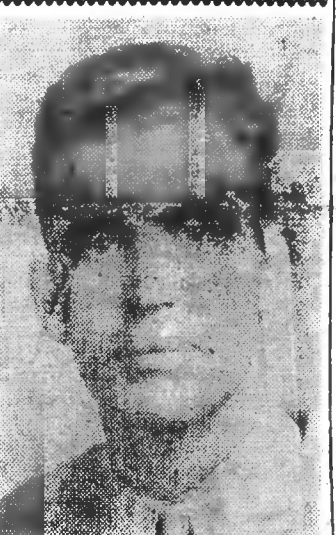
Memorial service for Pvt. Ira H. Smoot, who was killed in action in Belgium January 18, will be conducted at Austin Baptist church on Sunday, May 6, 12 o'clock noon.
Rev. L. E. Sparks and Rev. Charlie Miles will conduct the service and any other ministers who wish to take part are invited. A cordial invitation is extended all to attend.

Local Soldier In Carolinas' Get-Together



South Pacific—Fifty-five soldiers, sailors and marines met here recently in an all-North and South Carolina get-together, sponsored by the American Red Cross. Pictured here are 12 of the 23 North Carolina boys. They are, front row, left to right: MM 1c J. O. Arney, navy, Morganton; Cpl. George W. Myers, army, North Wilkesboro; Pvt. T. A. Morrison, navy, Hickory; Pfc. Stacey T. Hines, navy, Holly Ridge. Second row: Cpl. J. A. McKenzie, army, Rockingham; SSMB 3c Meredith E. Edmondson, navy, Bath; Sgt. Jesse E. Wilcox, army, New Berlin; Cpl. Ellis B. Mills, army, Asheville. Third row: C. S. D. Wentz, Jr., USN, Charlotte; MMM 2c W. H. Sitton, USN, Charlotte; Pfc. Dennis F. Mitchen, USMC, Gastonia; Pvt. Charles G. Byers, USMC, Gastonia. Cpl. George W. Myers entered the army December 30, 1942, went overseas in November, 1943, and has been serving the anti-aircraft in the South Pacific. He is a son of the late John A. Myers, and Mrs. Mae Myers, who resides at Dockery. Before entering service he held a position with the American Furniture Company in North Wilkesboro.

Gets Air Medal



From an Air Base in India—The Air Medal was awarded recently to Technical Sergeant Bradie H. Cothren, of North Wilkesboro, an aerial engineer of a combat cargo group which operates in the India-Burma theatre under Major General G. E. Stratemeyer's Allied Eastern air command. The citation read, in part "For meritorious achievement in aerial fighting while participating in more than 25 combat missions, all highly successful, although flown through hazardous weather and rough terrain, where exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected." T. Sgt. Cothren is a son of Mrs. Dora Johnson, of North Wilkesboro Route 2. His wife is the former Miss Archie Keits, of North Wilkesboro Route 1. He entered service in November, 1941, and went overseas in August, 1942. In addition to the air medal he was awarded the Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster for service as an aerial engineer on a C-47. Planes in his group set a new record carrying supplies.

Associational Training Union Meeting Tuesday

B.T.U. of Brushy Mountain Association Will Meet at Moravian Falls

Training Union organization of the churches of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association will join in Southwide simultaneous training union night on Tuesday, April 24, eight o'clock.

The meeting for the Brushy Mountain association will be held at Moravian Falls Baptist church. An interesting program has been arranged, including special music by youth choirs of the churches, and an address by Dr. David Browning, pastor of the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro.

Officers will be elected at the meeting because some of the present associational training union officers elected a year ago no longer live in the county. The present officers are: Rev. Howard J. Ford, director; Miss Lucy Thompson, associate director; J. F. Jordan, adult leader; Mrs. R. T. McNeil, young people's leader; Miss Lunda Hendren, intermediate leader; Mrs. J. F. Jordan, junior leader; Mrs. Monroe Eller, story hour leader; Miss Edna Bullis, secretary treasurer; Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., pastor advisor; Miss Faith Sparks, choir-leader; Miss Elsie Nichols, pianist.
"Due to transportation difficulties, there will be no regional meeting or southwide assembly at Ridgecrest. Therefore, the associational meeting is of special importance to our churches," Director Howard J. Ford, said in announcement of the meeting.

Now In Belgium



Opl. Arnold W. Jarvis has arrived safely in Belgium. In a recent letter received by his mother, Mrs. B. R. Jarvis, Opl. Jarvis stated he is getting along fine. He asks that all his friends write him.

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS COUNCIL APPEALS FOR PRODUCTION OF FOOD IN VICTORY GARDENS THIS SEASON

LACK OF INTEREST IN GARDENING HERE DEPLORED; URGENT APPEAL MADE FOR MORE FOOD TO BE GROWN IN HOME GARDENS

Agricultural Council of Wilkes county in recent meeting deplored the lack of interest in Victory gardens this season and took steps to impress upon the people the dire need of producing a maximum amount of food at home.

The Agricultural Council, through the newspapers and civic organizations, is making an urgent appeal for greater production of garden foods than ever before. The council issued the following statement:

"Not since the war began has the home food supply of fresh vegetables and fruits been so critical as now. Yet there is an alarming lack of interest in Victory gardens being evidenced in this community.

"Altogether too few people are making gardens this year. Due to the extreme shortage of food, which is becoming more critical every day, it is extremely necessary that every family who has a plot of land produce some food.

"This appeal is being made through the newspapers and all the civic organizations in the community. Regardless of how large or small your Victory garden may be, it is a direct and important contribution to the war effort. The food you produce and use in your home will release that much more to join the supply going to our armed forces and to starved people in other countries."

Local Lions Club To Sponsor Eye Clinic On May 2

North Wilkesboro Lions Club in co-operation with the Wilkes County Welfare Department and Health Department, and the State Commission for the Blind, is sponsoring an eye clinic which will be held in the county health office on May 2.

Any person in the county who is financially unable to make arrangements for the necessary eye care is eligible to attend this clinic. However, in view of the fact that only a limited number can be examined, it is absolutely necessary to secure an appointment through the county welfare office in Wilkesboro. Unless appointments are made in advance it will not be possible to have an examination at the clinic. One of the major interests of the local Lions Club is giving assistance and service to the blind and the visually handicapped in the county.

In October of last year the Lions Club sponsored an eye clinic at which time 57 persons were examined. Of this number several have been given hospitalization through the State Commission for the Blind. Approximately 40 were fitted with glasses. The clinic was very successful and numerous requests have been made for another clinic in the county. The Lions Club is very glad that it will be possible for another clinic to be held in the county. It is understood that an ophthalmologist from Winston-Salem will come to the county to conduct this clinic.

Pressure Cooker Clinic To Be Held Tuesday, April 26

By Mrs. ANNIE H. GREENE and Miss HELEN L. PRICE
Would you like to have your pressure canners checked? If so, be sure to label your canner and turn it in to the home agents office between Monday, April 23, and the morning of Thursday, April 26.

This clinic is being sponsored by the extension service and farm security administration. It is most important that all housewives owning a pressure canner make every effort possible to get their canner checked at this clinic. This is a service free of charge. If the engineer finds that your canner needs any part such as a safety valve or a gage, these will be replaced at a minimum charge.

With the scarcity of food that is facing the nation this year it is most important that we take all precautions to do away with the risk of canning this year. Checking your pressure canner is one way in which we can help make our canning more successful.

Please clean your pressure canner, label it and turn it in to the home agents office any time between Monday, April 23, and not later than Thursday, April 26.

Please make arrangements, if possible, to get your canner at the close of the clinic on Thursday afternoon. It will probably be best to come between 4 and 5 o'clock.

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