

## Poppy Day Will Be Observed Here On Saturday, June 2

### Was Postponed From Last Saturday Because Of Weather Conditions

Poppy Day was postponed Saturday, May 26, because of rainy weather, until Saturday, June 2. Women of the American Legion Auxiliary will be on the streets with baskets full of poppies for sale, next Saturday, June 2. This large corps of volunteer workers, organized by Mrs. Richard Finley, Poppy Chairman, will see to it that everybody in the city has an opportunity to buy a poppy.

Disabled war veterans—young men from this war, older ones from the last—made these poppies at Oteen. These men who have been working in the hospital during the winter and spring to have the little flowers ready for Poppy Day have benefited not only financially but mentally as well. To be able to earn money, to have a pleasant occupation has done a great deal to maintain their interest in life. The memorial flowers have small intrinsic value, but the buyer can give for one whatever he feels he can for this symbol of the sacrifice made by some of his countrymen. All the money contributed goes into the Legion and Auxiliary rehabilitation and welfare funds and forms a large part of these funds which do so much to help the disabled veterans, their children and the children of the dead and disabled of both wars.

Last year the Auxiliary distributed more than 19,000,000 poppies and as another year of war drags along, as more soldiers are killed or disabled, as more families feel the personal tragedy of war, it is expected that the public's wish to wear the badge of honor and tribute will be greater than ever. The local Auxiliary Unit will make a poppy available to every citizen tomorrow.

## Baptists Beaten In Game Tuesday

First Baptist team in the churches' softball team took its first defeat on Tuesday afternoon when the Presbyterians gained a 5 to 3 decision at Smoot Park. The game entered the final inning with the Baptists leading 3 to 2. A hit, an error and a walk filled the bases and Williams, Presbyterian pitcher, won his own game with a triple.

In Wilkesboro the Methodists rallied in the latter part of the game to take a 12 to 7 count over Wilkesboro. The game was featured by heavy hitting by both teams.

The standing score is as follows:

TEAM	W	L	PCT
Baptist	5	1	833
Methodist	3	3	500
Presbyterian	1	3	400
Wilkesboro	1	4	200

## FIREMAN LEONARD PARSONS VISITING PARENTS

Fireman First Class Leonard Parsons is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Parsons, in the Boomer community. He has served seven years in the navy, and will report for duty to Seattle, Wash.

## ENSIGN SCHAEFER GOING TO JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Ensign Robert K. Schaefer will report to aviation ordnance school at Jacksonville, Fla., at the end of his present 12-day leave, which he is spending here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Schaefer.

## RATION NEWS

**MEATS, FATS:** Red Stamps Y1, Y2, and Y3 through D3 will expire June 2; Red Stamps E2 through J 2 will expire June 29; Red Stamps K3 through M2 will expire July 21. Red Stamps Q3 through U3 expire August 21.

**PROCESSED FOODS:** Blue Stamps N3 through N2 will expire June 2; Blue Stamps N2 through S2 will expire June 29; Blue Stamps T3 through X3 will expire July 21; Blue Stamps Y2, Z2, A1, B1, C1 will expire August 21.

**SUGAR STAMP:** S5 expires June 2; Stamp No. 36 will expire August 21.

**ALCOHOL—Alkyne Stamps 1, 2, and 3 in Book Three, good indefinitely.**

# Wilkes E Bond Total Climbs Slowly

## Serves In Germany

Pfc. K. D. Provette, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Provette, of Woodleaf, has been overseas for nine months, serving with the 94th Division. He has been in combat in France and Germany. His wife and children, Betty Gay, and J. D., are now making their home with Mrs. Charlie Souther, of Mocksville route 4.

## Service Officer U. S. E. S. Office Helping Veterans

Did you know that there is a Veteran Employment Representative located in nearby every USES office in North Carolina? Troy L. Perry is the Veterans Employment Representative for Wilkes County. He is stationed in this office full time and will be glad to discuss with veterans, their families or any other interested persons concerning veteran rights and benefits. Mr. Perry is a veteran of World War II, a member of the American Legion and other local organizations. He has recently accomplished much in helping veterans. By his efforts, seven veterans with service connected disabilities are now receiving vocational rehabilitation.

## 40 Wilkes Men Sent This Week For Induction

Selective Service boards in Wilkes this week forwarded to Fort Bragg a total of 40 men for induction into the army and navy. The list of men sent from the two boards follows:

**BOARD NO. 1**

Raymond Nichols, James Christie Greene, Raymond Spencer Cardwell, Cletus Franklin Powell, Clark Champ Mayberry, Henry L. Phillips, Robert Gwyn Triplett, William Jeff Fletcher, Thomas J. Walsh, Thomas H. Greene, Elbert Edson Craig, Donald Duncan, Floyd Abe Minton, George R. Hamby, Stewart Potest, Carey William Parker, L. L. Marlow, Ray Foster, Vance Pipes, Noah Ed Ball, Don James Jones, Otis C. Wellborn, Jr., Branson N. Benton, Richard S. Church, Harn Johnson Crane, James P. Mahaffey, Franklin C. Hamby, Charley Gwyn Nichols, Willie D. Ayers, Don W. Howell, Jr.

**BOARD NO. 2**

Millard A. Y. Williams, Thurman Robert Wiles, William F. Sebastian, Turner Adam Church, Hampton Odell Wyatt, Johnny Isaac Johnson, Johnny William Myers, William Clyde Brown, Lester Edward Carson, Hugh Leo Marlon, Claude Shepherd, Turner Eugene Parks, John Preston Batty, Hilary Walker, Elias Buel Harrold, Thomas Ralph Blackburn.

## Noisy Trucks Are Banned From Use Of Sixth Street

The following Resolution was passed by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of North Wilkesboro, on Tuesday, April 3. "It appearing to the Board of Commissioners from evidence given by Committees from the Baptist and Methodist Churches and from various citizens living on Sixth Street that there has been a great increase in the truck traffic on Sixth Street between 'D' and 'G' Streets and that the noise from these heavily loaded vehicles, the back-firing of the vehicles as they come down the hill in high and lower gears and the vibration caused by them are obnoxious and disturbing to the residents living on said Street and constitute a nuisance and that on Sunday the noise caused by these vehicles is unusually loud and disturbs the congregation of both First Baptist Church and the Methodist Church which are located on Sixth Street between 'D' and 'G' Streets and that said noise greatly interferes with the religious services being carried on in said churches, therefore;

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## Month-End Sales May Give Wilkes Better Showing

Some increase in E bonds sales in Wilkes county for the Seventh War Loan campaign was reported today by W. D. Halfacre, chairman.

The total in E bond purchases through May 28 was listed by the Federal Reserve system at \$50,812.50, which is still a very long way from the country's goal of \$320,000. Following the first of the month the E bond total may show substantial increase, but attention is called to the fact that only 30 days of the campaign remain and only one-sixth of the quota has been sold.

It is evident from the report that the people of the county to date have failed to give their usual response to the bond appeal, when as a matter of fact the need for backing the final phase of the war financially is greater than ever before. Supplying the men who are fighting the Japs means that they can complete the job more quickly and with fewer casualties.

Many of the rural district chairmen have not made a report of the campaign to date and they are urged to make a preliminary report of sales in their respective communities as early as possible.

Preliminary reports today indicated that the overall quota will be reached easily. The larger denomination bonds are being purchased today and will apply on the quota of \$896,000.

But in the purchase of E bonds it is more evident that much work must be done in bond selling to put the county over the top and keep the country's record in War Loan campaigns high. Wilkes has yet to fall to meet any war loan quota, and concerted effort, together with liberal purchases of bonds by all people who are financially able and who are willing to do their part for complete victory, can yet put Wilkes over the top.

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## Blair Coffey And Jane Cragan Now First Class Scouts

Blair Coffey and Jane Cragan gained the high award of first class Scouts at the Girl Scouts court of awards held Monday night at "The Little House."

Blair and Jane are members of Troop 8, of which Mrs. Richard Finley is leader. First Class is the highest rank in Girl Scouting and corresponds to Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts. Both girls took Home Making as their major, getting four merit badges under two heads—hostess, cooking, housekeeping and sewing. Blair Coffey also had merit badges in design, interior decoration, swimming, life saving, dramatics, campcraft and outdoor cooking. In addition to her major, Jane Cragan had merit badges in design, dramatics, bibliophile, campcraft, outdoor cooking and interior decoration.

Other girls receiving merit badges at the meeting were Betty Lou Kearny, Geraldine Gaddy, Gladys Sebastian, Joan Byers, Margaret Anderson, Doris Wiles and Jean Summers.

## Replacements For Ration Books Only In Extreme Cases

Recently local rationing boards have had numerous requests for replacement of mutilated ration books, since these applications have reached such great proportions, officials stated that in the future books will be replaced only if mutilated under unusual circumstances, and the applicant will have to appear before the board to verify such circumstances.

## TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE:

Your sons, husbands and brothers who are standing today upon the battle fronts are fighting for more than victory in war. They are fighting for a new world of freedom and peace.

We, upon whom has been placed the responsibility of leading the American forces, appeal to you with all possible earnestness to invest in war bonds to the fullest extent of your capacity.

Give us not only the needed implements of war, but the assurance and backing of a united people so necessary to hasten the victory and speed the return of your fighting men.

- GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL
- ADMIRAL WILLIAM D. LEAHY
- GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR
- ADMIRAL ERNEST J. KING
- GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
- GENERAL H. H. ARNOLD

## Gets Citation

Thur B. Jones, seaman first class, U. S. Navy, has received a citation from the commander of his ship for meritorious service in the Lingayen Gulf and Iwo Jima campaign. The citation was as follows:

"As a member of the ship's company during the grueling and extended Iwo Jima campaign, 19 February to 6 March, 1945, in which this vessel was frequently under fire, was required to be in a constant state of readiness for air attack, and was charged with responsibility of landing troops and cargo through heavy seas and surf over an insecure beach consistently under enemy fire, calling for the utmost in effort and loyalty from the members of this command, he performed his duties in a gallant and outstanding manner. In recognition of which and for excellent performance of duty during the Lingayen Gulf campaign, 11 to 12 January, 1945, this citation is presented."

Mr. and Mrs. Jones have two other sons in service. Seaman First Class Thomas W. Jones volunteered for service just after Pearl Harbor and has been stationed in France for the past 11 months. Pvt. Arthur Jones, who has been in service one year, is in Germany, where he served with the Infantry in the Third Army.

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## Wilkes Soldier Describes Beastly Acts In Germany

T-Sgt. Johnson Describes Scene Where Germans Burned 1,200 Alive

Technical Sergeant Claude Johnson, one of four sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Johnson, of Hays, in service, in a recent letter to his parents described some German atrocities which have come to his attention in Germany.

An excerpt from his letter follows: "Yesterday I saw something that is unbelievable. I saw where the Germans drove about 1,200 Polish and Russian prisoners to a barn about 50 by 800 feet. They put straw into the barn, wet it with gasoline and set it on fire. They set up machine guns to cover the doors of escape. I counted one pile of bodies six deep to one corner of the barn. One can't believe that any human being could do a savage thing like that."

Brothers of T. Sgt. Johnson in service are: James A. Johnson in England; Clyde R. Johnson in the navy on the Pacific; and Ralph Smith Johnson in the Philippines.

## Commencement Sermon June 3 Wilkesboro High

One Of Largest Classes In History Of School To Get Diplomas June 7

Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian, supply minister for the North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro Presbyterian churches, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night, June 3, at the Wilkesboro high school.

The service will be held in the school auditorium and will begin at eight o'clock. Rev. Howard J. Ford and Rev. J. O. Ervin, Baptist and Methodist pastors in Wilkesboro, will participate in the service.

Final program of the high school commencement will be on Friday night, June 2, at eight o'clock, when diplomas will be presented to a large class of 67 high school seniors. The program will be carried out by members of the class, who will portray the history of education in Wilkes county.

Other commencement programs at Wilkesboro will include music recitals on Friday night, June 1, and Tuesday night, June 5.

## Graduation City High 8 Tonight

Diplomas Will Be Presented To Large Class Of Graduates In Final Program

North Wilkesboro schools will close a successful term tonight, May 31, when students will present their final commencement program and high school diplomas will be presented to a class of 45 seniors.

The program will open at eight p. m. with invocation by Ruth McNeil, followed by a vocal solo by T. C. Plexico. "The Victory Is Ours" will be the theme of the student program with Joanna McNeil, class president, presiding. The program numbers will be as follows: "A Knowledge Character", Nancy Rousseau; "A Christian Character", Faye Ellledge; "The Call To Colors", Dick Sloope; "The Soldier", Bill Casey; "The Red Cross Nurse", Pauline Hawkins; "The Civilian", Pat Hunt; trumpet solo, Dick Sloope; "The World Is Round", Gordon Reins.

Following presentation of diplomas and awards by members of the city board of education and other guests, the program will be concluded with "The Graduate's Creed", by Joanna McNeil.

Members of the class are as follows: Roy Absher, Troy Absher, Selma Anderson, Grace Beamon, Lou Brooks, Madeline Brown, Geraldine Caldwell, Dorothy Campbell, Wanda Campbell, Bill Casey, Doris Casey, Edna Caudill, Charles Foster, Doris Foster, Daphne Gibson, Pauline Hawkins, Vera Haynes, Wila Jean Hayes, Bucky Horton, Pat Hunt, Dolores Jackson, Annie Johnson, Jay Johnson, Ruth Kay, Sue Landon, Cybil Lovette, Joanna McNeil, Ruth McNeil, Gavia Miller, Thomas Nelson, Dwight Pardo, Ethel Parker, Penny Pearson, T. O. Flicker, Gordon Reins, Nancy Rousseau, Dick Sloope, Mary Taylor, Rose Targman, Max Vandy, Ethel Westmoreland.