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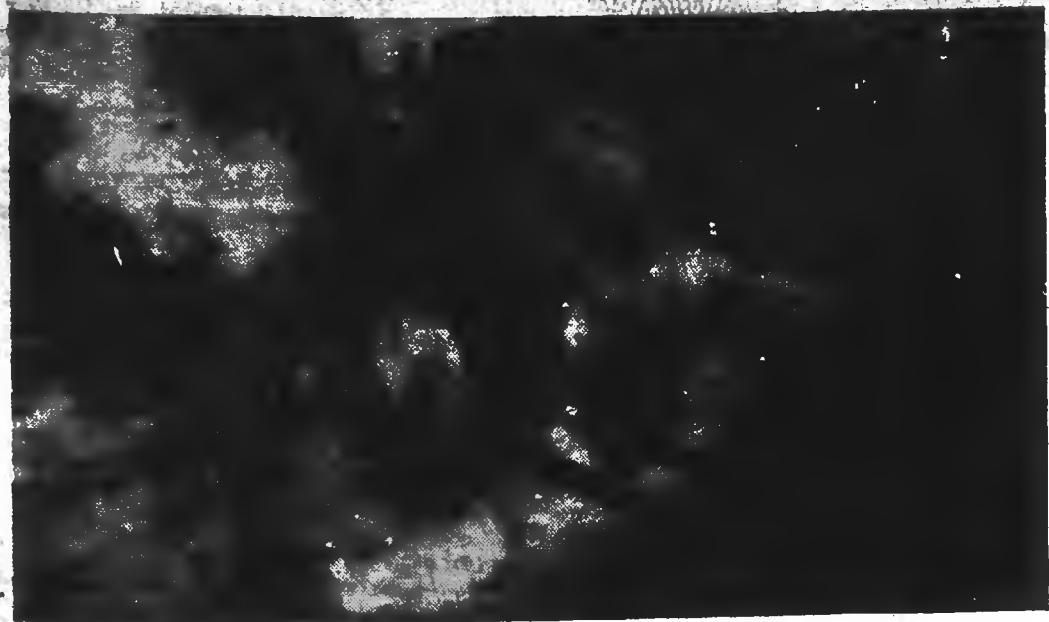
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LOCAL MAN SERVES ABOARD BATTLESHIP NEVADA



Aboard the USS Nevada in the Pacific, Talmadge Clate Snider, seaman, second class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Snider, route one, North Wilkesboro, N. C., celebrated the surrender of the ship aboard this famous American battleship as she rested at anchor in Leyte Gulf after a 32-day

mission into the East China sea.

The announcement by the commanding officer, Capt. Homer Louis Grosskopf, USA, of Minneapolis, Minn., that the Japanese had quit touched off a demonstration unlike any this veteran ship had ever seen. Sailors tossed their hats in the air and bugged

jitterbugging to the strains of the ship's band. It was "holiday routine" for all hands.

The "Old Imperishable" of the fleet began this war at Pearl Harbor, went through the Aleutians campaign, fought at Normandy and Southern France, and then joined in the Iwo Jima and Okinawa battles.

THROUGH GATHERS AT DEEP GAP
102ND BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE
JESSE ELIHU LUTHER ON SUNDAY

Many hundreds of Northwestern North Carolina people gathered at Gap Creek Baptist church, near Deep Gap, on Blue Ridge, Sunday for an unusual event, the 102nd birthday of Jesse Elihu Luther.

His birthday falls on September 10, but the people of his community set the celebration on Sunday to give more people an opportunity to attend and to pay their respects to the grand old man who has been aptly called "the Sage of the Blue Ridge."

Jesse Elihu Luther is one of only 12 surviving veterans of the Confederate army in North Carolina, and according to historians, spoke at the celebration Sunday. He is the only surviving veteran of Brigadier General Lane's famous brigade, who fought under command of General Stonewall Jackson.

Mr. Luther, on his 102nd birthday, retains remarkable alertness of mind and can still get about on his mountain farm under his own power and with reasonably good vision.

People of his home community, aided by numerous people from distant points, had a most fitting program at the birthday celebration at Gap Creek Baptist church, which nestles in Gap Creek valley near Mr. Luther's home, and where he so often worshipped during his long extended and highly useful life.

Ira W. Day, who went from the Deep Gap community to Raleigh, and there ranks high in the business of the capital city, returned to his native community to be master of ceremonies at the all-day program, and during the day led a drive for funds with which to erect a new and larger church building. Before the day was over more than \$750 had been raised to start the fund.

In the morning program Rev. Grady Hamby, of Boone, delivered an inspiring message from the pulpit and Chairman Day recognized many visitors for brief talks. J. Gordon Hackett, of North Wilkesboro, former member of the State Highway Commission, and who is widely known as a brilliant and accurate historian, talked briefly and read to the large assembly a letter of greetings from Gov. R. Gregg Cherry to Mr. Luther. He also read greetings from George Ross Pou, state auditor. Others on the morning program were Rev. Walter Greene and Rev. Wade Greene, brothers of Deep Gap, and Rev. Ed Hodges, Laurel Springs choir, led by Bill Day, rendered two songs.

At noon a long table in the grove was loaded with food and such as can be prepared only by the housewives of the famous Blue Ridge country, and the dinner was followed by a social hour. In the afternoon inspiring addresses were made by J. B. Williams, prominent North Wilkesboro Insurance and Building and Loan executive; Ira T. Johnson, prominent West Jefferson attorney and native of Mr. Luther's community; D. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers College in Boone; and W. R. Love, well known Boone attorney. Another interesting feature was the grouping with Mr. Luther of veterans of the Spanish-American war and veterans of World

War I and II.

In addition to the people of the Deep Gap community and other parts of Watauga, the celebration was attended by many from other counties. Among those from North Wilkesboro and other Wilkes communities were J. B. Williams, J. G. Hackett, Ben Estes, C. C. Hayes, Clyde Hayes, Glenn Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jennings, Conrad Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Canter, Dwight Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Scott.

John C. Wyatt Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held Sunday at the home in Union township for John C. Wyatt, age 82, who died Saturday. Rev. J. W. Luke conducted the last rites.

Mr. Wyatt is survived by one son and four daughters.

T-5 McALISTER SERVES ON PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

With the Engineer Construction Command in Manila.—James W. McAlister, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. (Jack) McAlister, of Boger City, N. C., has been promoted from private first class to technician, fifth grade.

Cpl. McAlister is a carpenter foreman at the Engineer Construction Command in Manila. This is the same kind of work he performed for the H. E. Higgins Construction Company, of Washington, D. C., before his induction in July, 1943.

After nine months overseas, Cpl. McAlister is entitled to wear the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with bronze stars for the Southern Philippines and Luzon campaigns and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon.

He attended high school in Wilkesboro, N. C.

GEN. OKAMURA SIGNS PAPERS TO RELINQUISH

Nanking.—Gen. Ho Yin-Chin ordered Japan yesterday to give up Chen Kung-Po, the Tokyo-installed puppet president of China, in the first demand upon the beaten enemy after the formal surrender of the million-strong Japanese army.

A few hours before Gen. Ho had proudly watched Gen. Yasutsugu Okamura, commander of all Japanese forces in China, affix his name to the surrender document in the flag-decked auditorium of the Chinese Military Academy.

The Chinese commander triumphantly dispatched the document which ended the longest conflict of the second World War to Generalissimo Chang-Kai-shek in Chungking.

General Ho ordered Okamura to give up Chen and seven other leaders accused of treason "who are now hiding in Japan." Domei had reported Chen a suicide on August 28 but actually the Chinese puppet fled to Japan on that date with seven companions, Chinese authorities said.

Two new oil wells in Venezuela produce 5,000 barrels a day, while a third promises to yield 8,000.

Yadkinville Solicitor Is Injured In Wreck

Yadkinville.—A truck load of fryers was wrecked 1 mile east of Yadkinville Thursday afternoon, when the chicken truck was in collision with a truck said to have been operated by Solicitor A. E. Hall, of Yadkinville, who was assisting workers in hauling wood. Hall received a back injury, but all others escaped unhurt.

Both trucks landed off the highway, and about 750 young chickens were killed or smothered to death in smashed coops. The load of chickens belonged to Lin Bumgarner, of North Wilkesboro, and the truck was said to have been driven by his son, Ed Bumgarner, and was headed for northern markets. Both trucks were badly damaged.

Dr. J. L. Stokes Makes Inspiring Speech to Club

Lions Appoint Committee To Work On Chamber Of Commerce Proposal

Dr. J. L. Stokes, pastor of the First Methodist church in Elkin, delivered a most inspiring address before the North Wilkesboro Lions Club Friday evening on the subject of "Are We Ready For Christianity?"

The program was in charge of Dr. H. B. Smith and Dr. J. W. Willis. Rev. A. C. Waggoner, permanent program chairman, presented Dr. Stokes.

The Elkin minister pointed out that there is a tendency to "water down" and "qualify" New Testament Christianity and that altogether too few people feel that they can live up to the principle of the Golden Rule.

In concluding his challenging address, the speaker cited the San Francisco charter as a great achievement, but one which cannot succeed without the spirit of Christ as the dominant power in international policies.

Prior to the program, President J. S. Deans appointed a committee composed of Jimmie Anderson, Paul Green, C. E. Jenkins, Jr., and Vernon Deal to work with the Improvements Committee on the proposal for organization of a Chamber of Commerce for North Wilkesboro.

The club approved the action of the board of directors in donating \$200 to the blind case worker here to help furnish her apartment in order that she might remain in North Wilkesboro.

Richard Johnston, a former president of the club, and who recently received an honorable discharge as major in the army air corps, returned to the club. Guests at the meeting were as follows: Charlie Manship, with Ray Manship; P. F. Sullivan, with Maurice O'Sullivan; R. M. Hauss, of Shelby, was a visiting lion.

Juniors Will Meet Tuesday at 7:30

Members of the North Wilkesboro Council of the Junior Order are asked to take note of the time of the Tuesday night meetings, which will be at 7:30 instead of 8 o'clock. Work in the first degree will be carried out Tuesday night and a large attendance is urgently requested.

Red Cross Helping Returned Veterans In Their Problems

Activities Of Local Chapter Increased In Many Respects At War's End

With the end of the war the armed forces are ready for the greatest demobilization in history. The American Red Cross stands by to assist Wilkes county's returning veterans in securing the benefits to which they are entitled, and to help them with the many problems they face in their return to civilian life. Rev. A. C. Waggoner, chairman of Wilkes County Chapter said today.

Miss Rebecca Moseley, executive secretary, Miss Dorothy A. Bell, home service case worker, and Miss Janie McDiarmid, volunteer, have just returned from Hickory, where they attended a conference on veterans' claims and benefits. At the meetings it was emphasized that the work of the American Red Cross at home will of necessity continue and in some respects will increase, particularly in those services related to the service men, the ex-serviceman and his family.

Newest developments in veterans' claims and benefits were discussed and a program planned which will enable the Wilkes County Chapter to provide the greatest possible service for returning service men. Veterans desiring assistance are advised to contact the Wilkes County Chapter at the office over Tomlinson's store, North Wilkesboro.

Wilkes Boy, Victim Muscular Disease, Is Feared Doomed

Son Of Mr. and Mrs. Arlin Myers Declared Victim Of Rare Disease

Little Joe Myers, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlin F. Myers, of Hays, has been declared a victim of the rare disease of muscular dystrophy.

He was stricken with this disease about a year ago, although he had been declining in health and strength for a few years. He can no longer step upon a step, or do anything that requires muscular strength. His arms have perished away to the size of those of a two-year-old child.

It was stated by Dr. Miller that this disease would take Joe's life within the next three years.

Dr. John L. Pollock, of Chicago, said: "I have treated many cases, but I cannot recall ever having cured a case of muscular dystrophy, and I doubt if any neurologist has." So, with this statement of the famous doctor, the parents' hopes have all faded.

Joe, with the help of Herbert Caudill, a high school student, goes to school. Herbert sits with him and helps him out of the bus and up steps. He doesn't want to miss school. He, unaware that he may not live long, wants to go on and finish high school.

Any reference to doctors or remedies will be appreciated. His only help, apparently, is vitamin E.

O. E. S. MEETING. Wilkes Chapter No. 42, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold its regular meeting Thursday, September 18, at 7:30. Degree work will be given. All members urged to be present. Visitors welcome.

PVT. JAMES McLAIN NOW AT FT. BRAGG

Pvt. James McLain, who has been in basic training at Ft. Bragg for the past ten weeks, spent the week-end of September 1 with his mother, Mrs. Oma McLain, of Wilkesboro.

RATION NEWS

MEATS AND FATS: Red stamps: V2, W2, X2, Y2, Z2, now valid; expire September 30; A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, now valid; expire October 31; F1, G1, H1, J1, K1, now valid; expire November 30; L1, M1, N1, P1, Q1, now valid; expire December 31.

SUGAR: Sugar stamp No. 38 expires December 31.

SHOES: Airplane stamps Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, now good.

AUTO COLLISION KILLS ONE

Y.M.C.A. Subject Friday's Address At Club Meeting

Winston-Salem Citizen Tells Kiwanians Benefits Derived From Y. M. C. A.

Featured by an address by R. L. (Bob) Coons, of Winston-Salem, the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club held an enjoyable meeting Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes.

Dr. W. K. Newton was in charge of the program and T. C. McKnight, secretary of the Elkin Y. M. C. A., and who was a guest at the meeting, presented the speaker.

Mr. Coons made a fine talk on the subject, "The Place of the Y. M. C. A. in Every Community."

He said that the Y. M. C. A. will not solve all the youth problems, but it, along with the church, the school, the Scouting program, etc., will work in a complementary way to help every community be a better place in which to rear young people.

He said that the problems of youth may be summed up as follows:

1. All of any youth's enthusiasm is not going to be used up in the regular work and chores of the day.

2. In the future industry will not be able to employ as many boys and girls as it has in the past four or five years.

3. The past years, with all their excitement, fast travel, etc., have done something to the nervous system of every youth.

4. Because of the times through which they have gone and the experiences they have had they are more realistic than the young people of the past have been.

With these circumstances, what can the "Y" do for these youths?

It will certainly furnish a place where they can meet their equals and find with them wholesome recreation that will help to bridge the hours that otherwise might be spent in places where all the influences are bad.

Prior to the program, Carl Vandeman spoke briefly and reported good progress on sale of stock for the freezer locker plant to be erected in the near future.

The music committee presented Miss Jackie Frazier, who entertained the club with two delightful numbers.

Guests Friday were as follows: Dr. Alan D. Morehouse, with H. H. Morehouse; Rev. B. M. Lackey, with R. M. Brame; T. C. McKnight and R. L. Coons, with Dr. W. K. Newton.

Football Schedule Local High School Team Announced

Sparta Will Play Here In Opening Game of Season On September 28.

North Wilkesboro high school football team will open its first season in several years with Sparta team here on September 28.

A seven-game schedule has been arranged for Coach Charlie Manship's North Wilkesboro team, which has a large and energetic squad of boys who have never played football but are liking their first experience on the gridiron.

After playing Sparta here on September 28, the local team will go to Booneville on October 5. The next week will be open to give Coach Manship more time with the boys before tackling Boone high school here on October 19. The next game will be at Elkin on October 26, and the Sparta game will be returned at Sparta on November 2. Mocksville here on November 9 and Booneville here on November 16 will conclude the schedule.

Fifty-three boys were in uniform for the final practice session of the first week Friday afternoon. That is the largest squad which ever reported for practice in North Wilkesboro. Some new equipment arrived last week and other items are on the way.

Church Board Meet

Board of education of the First Methodist church will meet Wednesday evening at the church immediately after prayer service.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Serves In Navy



Donnell Curtis Wadsley, 26, yeoman, second class, USNR, North Wilkesboro, who has served 27 months aboard a destroyer escort on which he saw convoy duty in the Atlantic. Wadsley graduated from the R. J. Reynolds high school in Winston-Salem, and was terminal manager for the Overnight Transportation Co., in Richmond, Va., before entering the navy in November, 1942. His wife, the former Virgie Marie Bumgarner, lives at 810 D street, North Wilkesboro. He is the son of Mrs. J. H. Wadsley, 121 West End Boulevard, Winston-Salem. Another son, Joseph H. Wadsley, is a seaman, first class, in the navy.

CONTROL NEARS NORTHERNMOST JAP LIMITS

Tokyo.—American control spread to the northernmost limits of Japan today as Gen. MacArthur announced a "gloved hand" policy of occupation permitting the beaten nation to work out its own democratic destiny.

Control of the northern 100-mile tip of the main island of Honshu and all the northern island of Hokkaido was surrendered by the Japanese yesterday to the U. S. North Pacific Fleet at Ominato naval base.

Pending the arrival of American troops, the Japanese were directed to maintain order and disarm their soldiers in Northern Japan, where naval patrol boats and carrier planes mounted guard.

MacArthur issued two statements yesterday, one pledging that Japanese militarism would be stamped out, the other assuring his troops they would be sent home as quickly as peace could be secured.

In the first he declared that the Japanese would be given a chance to rule under his orders—but with the ever-swelling occupation forces prepared to back his decrees.

In the second he admonished his troops to respect the rights of the vanquished Japanese people declaring that "looting, pillage, rape and other deliberate violations of universal standards of human behavior would be but a stain on your own high honor."

Closing Date For Ordering Lime In Wilkes Is Sept. 29

Wilkes farmers are urged to place their lime orders immediately with the AAA office, as stated by H. C. Roberts, chairman Wilkes County AAA Committee. The State and County AAA Committees have set September 29 as the final date for taking orders for the program year 1945.

This announcement was viewed favorably by local farmers since several orders could not be delivered last year because producers did not place their orders in time.

Mr. Roberts stated that Wilkes farmers would welcome the new ruling as some time is needed by the farmers to spread their lime after it is delivered to the farm. The AAA regulations require the farmer to spread his lime by December 31, 1945, in order to earn his AAA practice payment.

Green vegetables, well-known as rich sources of Vitamin A, also are naturally rich in Vitamin C.

One Killed, Three Hurt In Collision Cars On Saturday

Two Cars Crash On Highway 115; Drivers Charged With Being Drunk

Joe Beecher Neely, 35, resident of Beckley, W. Va., who had been working at Beech's cafe, was killed, and three others were seriously injured at 10 o'clock Saturday night when two automobiles crashed head-on on highway 115, three miles south of this city.

Highway Patrol Sergeant A. H. Clark and Deputy Sheriff S. U. Reynolds investigated the accident.

The officers said that one car was driven by Pvt. Fred Walker, of Reddies River, now on furlough from Camp Hale, Colorado. With him were Neely and Raymond Barlow, owner of the car.

The other car was operated by Connie Guy Roberts, of Wilkesboro, route one.

All were carried to the Wilkes hospital, where Neely died at 1 a. m.

Barlow had a broken shoulder and severe cuts; Walker a crushed chest and head cuts; and Roberts a crushed chest. Condition of Walker and Roberts was considered serious.

Sgt. Clark said that drivers of both cars are charged with driving while under the influence of liquor and that Walker is charged with manslaughter. Barlow, owner of the car, is charged as an accessory.

Neely was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fountain Neeley, of Beckley, W. Va., to which place the body was taken for funeral and burial.

Many Are Attending Miller Tent Revival

Large crowds are attending the tent revival which is being conducted in Wilkesboro by Rev. Ralph Miller. The tent is located near Coble Dairy Products Company plant and services are held each night, 8 o'clock, and Sunday afternoons at 3. Much interest is being shown in the services. Rev. George Cooper, radio evangelist, will preach on Friday night.

Dokies Will Picnic On Friday Evening

North Wilkesboro Dokies Club will have its annual picnic and ladies' night Friday evening, seven o'clock, at Smoot Park. Members are asked to take their ladies, plenty of good eats and enjoy the occasion.

Hits Car, Arrested For Driving Drunk

Richard Hardin McGuire, of Summit, was arrested Saturday by Highway Patrol Sergeant A. H. Clark after he had run into W. R. Vannoy's taxi near Broadway.

McGuire was placed under bond on a charge of operating an automobile while intoxicated. No one was injured in the accident.

H. A. Wendland's Auto Stolen Here

H. A. Wendland's 1941 model Chevrolet coach was stolen Thursday night from where he had parked it in front of his home on C street. No trace has been found of the car, which contained all of Mr. Wendland's tools.

CPL. WM. FRANK ALLEN RECEIVES PROMOTION

William Frank Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Allen, 704 D street, North Wilkesboro, has been promoted from private, first class, to technician, fifth grade, in recognition of proven ability with an artillery battalion.

Cpl. Allen is a member of Maj. Gen. Paul J. Mueller's 81st Infantry "Wildcat" Division, which last fall wrestled the Palau and other Western Caroline Islands from the Japs.

CHARLIE C. WATTS NOW IN PANAMA

According to a cablegram received by his wife, the former Miss Vetta Church, of North Wilkesboro, Merchant Seaman Charlie C. Watts aboard the SS John N. Robins, is now in Panama.

Seaman Watts stated that he was fine and to tell all his friends "hello."