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Capt. Bumgarner A Medical Officer Jap Prison Camp

Associated Press News Story Believed To Be About Local Physician.

An Associated Press news story originating on a carrier of the coast of Japan yesterday is believed to have brought the good news that Captain John R. Bumgarner, a prisoner of war in Japan since the fall of Bataan, is alive and well.

The news story stated that plane pilots had learned by radio from a prison camp which had not been reached that the senior medical officer is Captain J. R. Bumgarner. However, the news story says his home as Hillsboro, N. C. is believed to have been a mistake and that it was meant for North Wilkesboro.

The news story, as carried by the daily papers, follows:

"U. S. S. Panamint, Ominato Japan, Sept. 11.—(AP)—"

War pilots who made radio contacts with allied prisoners of war at Bibia in west central Hokkaido reported yesterday the captives appeared in good condition. "The prisoners seemed to be clothed adequately, waved and 'jumped around' in elation as the American fliers roared overhead, added the pilots.

"After communicating with the prisoners by walkie talkie radio, Startzell and Webb reported that the senior medical officer is Capt. J. R. Bumgarner, Hillsboro, N. C."

Capt. Bumgarner is a son of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. A. Bumgarner, of Millers Creek. The last news they received from him was a card dated December 25, 1944, and which came through the International Red Cross. Before entering service Capt. Bumgarner was a practicing physician in North Wilkesboro.

Announcements Of Girl Scouts

Training course for Girl Scout leaders will be held in the religious education building of the First Presbyterian church Monday night, 7:30.

Brownie Troop will meet Monday, 3 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Ira Payne.

Troop 8 will meet Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Carl Coffey.

Troops of Mrs. Justice and Mrs. Graydon Watts in Wilkesboro will meet Monday at the school.

Watch this newspaper for announcement of other troop meetings.

Mrs. Eda Reece Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held Saturday at Reins-Sturdivant chapel for Mrs. Eda Reece, age 90, who died Thursday at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Will Finley, with whom she made her home near Lethia Springs on the Brushies.

Mrs. Reece had been ill for two weeks. She was the last member of the family of the late William and Martha Finley and the nearest surviving relatives are nephews and nieces.

Her husband was D. A. Reece, who died several years ago.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian, who was assisted in the burial rites at Horton cemetery in Happy Valley by Rev. R. L. Isbell, of Lenoir.

Mrs. C. C. McCann Rites Wednesday

Last rites were conducted Wednesday at Roaring River Baptist church for Mrs. Nannie Holbrook McCann, age 81, wife of C. C. McCann, well known citizen of Traphill township. Mrs. McCann died at her home Monday.

Surviving Mrs. McCann are her husband; one daughter, Miss Yerna McCann, of Traphill; one son, Dewitt McCann, of Green River, Wyoming; and one brother, R. T. Holbrook, of Winston-Salem.

Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner and Rev. Grant Ootborn conducted the funeral service.

Catch forest fires when they are young and treat them tough, say conservation foresters of State College.

Given Bronze Star



PFC. CONRAD CHURCH.

Pfc. Church Is Awarded Bronze Star In Europe

Pfc. Conrad Church, son of Mrs. Cora Church, of Wilkesboro, route one, was awarded the bronze star medal for meritorious service in France and Luxembourg.

Pfc. Church entered the army April 15, 1943, and went overseas in September that year. In a recent letter home he stated he was spending a seven-day furlough in Paris and would return to his outfit in Austria.

The citation accompanying the bronze star medal, which was presented in January this year, was as follows:

"Pfc. Conrad Church, military police, 26th infantry division. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in eastern France and Luxembourg from 9 November, 1944, to 31 December, 1944, Pfc. Church, a member of the military police platoon acting as guard for the division command post, performed his duties in an outstanding manner. Working long hours and under adverse climatic conditions, he displayed constant vigilance in providing security for the division command post. His unusual devotion to duty and initiative reflect the highest credit upon Pfc. Church and the armed forces of the United States."

AMERICAN'S BLOOD KEEPS TOJO ALIVE

Tokyo.—Gen. Hideki Tojo, who shot himself with an American pistol Tuesday to avoid possible courtmartial as a war criminal, was elevated last night to a semi-sitting position and his condition was reported "very satisfactory."

Col. Richard Reynolds, Quincy, Mass., of the American evacuation staff at Yokohama, said the deposed Japanese dictator had shown slight improvement during the last few hours.

That was more than 24 hours after the man who led Nippon to war against the United States had attempted suicide in his Tokyo home while American officers waited outside to take him in custody for questioning on orders of Gen. MacArthur.

Reynolds said, however, more time must elapse before it can be said that Tojo is completely out of danger.

Whole blood donated by a Pennsylvania sergeant caused Tojo to rally after he had shot himself Tuesday just under the heart when American troops called called at his home in a Tokyo suburb to arrest him.

Only about 4.5 per cent of all American farms are dependent on mechanical power alone.

WAR TIME WILL END AS SENATE WRITES FINISH

Washington.—The House gave a death blow yesterday to war time—a device intended to tack a daylight hour on to the nation's work day.

The House voted unanimously to go back to standard time at 2 a. m., Sunday, Sept. 30. Concurrence by the Senate will clinch it. The resolution doesn't need approval by the President.

16 Nurse Aides Give Many Hours At The Hospital

Red Cross Chairman Highly Praises Members Of Two Classes For Service.

Sixteen nurse aides in North Wilkesboro have rendered a total of 3,524 hours of volunteer hospital service in North Wilkesboro, a recent report shows.

Two nurse aide classes were graduated in North Wilkesboro, the first in 1942, and the second in 1944. Active members of the first class and the number of hours served by each follow: Mrs. Edward Finley, 584; Mrs. C. H. Wells, 187; Mrs. R. T. McNeil, 376; Mrs. Robert Edwards, 199; Mrs. W. K. Sturdivant, 234; Mrs. J. C. Reins, 356; Miss Della Bumgarner, 388.

Nine members of the second class now active have served the following hours: Miss Mary Charles Alexander, 83; Miss Mary Gage Barber, 129; Miss Pansy Ferguson, 172; Miss Edna Bullis, 155; Miss Virginia Adams, 31; Miss Lula Hinton, 91; Miss Corinne Faw, 107; Mrs. H. F. Bouknight, 224; Mrs. Elma Eller, 180.

Mrs. Palmer Horton is Red Cross nurse aid chairman. In a letter to the nurse aides, which was read at a picnic held recently, Mrs. Horton gave them the following message:

"You are now asking the question, is your work done? No, not yet. It will take some time for re-conversion. Have patience, sacrifice a little more of your time, for our hospital still needs you desperately. You have made sacrifices. Of that I am fully aware. What else, though, could we at home do?"

"You have done a magnificent job. The hospital deeply appreciates this, and can never be grateful enough to you for cooperating so beautifully and finely with me in carrying on a part of our volunteer service."

"In years to come, when you are asked, perhaps by your children, 'What part did you play in World War II?' you can proudly answer, 'I was a Red Cross nurse's aide.' In my opinion no greater praise could be given one than to be able to make such a statement. So I am asking you to carry on a while longer until things are more settled in our war weary world, and I know you will. Good luck, and my everlasting gratitude to each of you."

PFC. JAY C. GRAYSON GOES TO MIAMI, FLA.

Pfc. Jay C. Grayson, who has been spending a few weeks here following liberation from a German prison camp, left today for the "redistribution center at Miami, Fla., for reassignment. He was accompanied by his wife, who will spend two weeks with him in Florida.

Baptist Pastors To Meet Monday

Wilkes County Baptist Conference will meet Monday, September 17, 10 o'clock, at Reins-Sturdivant chapel.

The following program has been outlined: Devotional by Rev. Ralph Miller; "My Conception of the Work of an Associational Missionary," Miss Madge Lewis; "What the Churches Expect in the Work of Associational Missionary," Rev. A. W. Eller; "The Church and the Returning Service Man," Dr. David E. Brown; sermon by Rev. Charles J. Poole.

Dr. John W. Morris Is Going to Hospital In Morehead City

Dr. John W. Morris, for the past several years a member of the staff of the Wilkes hospital, will leave early next month for Morehead City, where he will be associated with Dr. Ben Royal as surgeon in the Morehead City hospital.

Dr. Morris plans to close his office in the Wilkes hospital on October 1.

Since coming to North Wilkesboro Dr. Morris has gained numerous friends here who learn with regret that he is leaving this community. He plans to sell his home here and he and his family will go to Morehead City soon after October 1.

Report Missing



PFC. EDGAR D. BOWERS.

Seeks Information About Fate of Pfc. Edgar D. Bowers

Pfc. Edgar D. Bowers, son of Mrs. Fannie Bowers, of Morley, has been reported missing in action since January 15, 1945, and any returned soldier who knows anything about her son's fate is asked to write Mrs. Bowers. Pfc. Bowers served with Co. I, 18th Infantry, according to War Department information, Pfc. Bowers' disappearance near Butenbach, Belgium, when his company was in cross fire by enemy machine guns and small arms and was being shelled by mortars and artillery.

On Program Baptist Associational Meet



Rev. J. C. Canipe, of Boone, and Miss Madge Lewis, of Wilkesboro, will be among the Baptist leaders to be on the program for the Brushy Mountain Associational sessions at Mt. Carmel church on highway 18 Tuesday and Wednesday, September 18 and 19. Rev. Mr. Canipe is pastor of the First Baptist church in Boone and Miss Lewis is the associational missionary.

M. W. Anderson Is Found Dead In A Stream Near Home

Resident Of New Castle Thought To Have Been Victim Of An Attack.

Marshall Wilbur Anderson, 47-year-old farmer of New Castle township, was found dead in a small stream near his home early Wednesday.

Mr. Anderson left his home at 3 o'clock Tuesday to go to the home of a neighbor. When he did not return as expected later in the evening members of his family went to the neighbor's home and found that he had not been there.

Search for Mr. Anderson was begun and continued through the night. Early today his body was found at the stream only a short distance from his home.

Coroner I. M. Myers investigated the death. He learned from the family that Mr. Anderson had been subject to sudden attacks, and it was presumed that he suffered an attack and fell into the stream. His head was partly submerged in the water, indicating that he may have drowned.

Mr. Anderson is survived by one son, Pfc. Marshall Anderson, in the army; two daughters, Mrs. W. L. Hollman and Miss Mazie Clauden Anderson, of Ronda; two brothers and four sisters.

Time has not been set for the funeral service, which will be held at Dennyville Baptist church.

Taylorsville Bus Now In Operation

Wilkes Transportation Company, which is owned and operated here by H. P. Eller, has inaugurated regular bus service between North Wilkesboro and Taylorsville.

A new 30-passenger bus was purchased for the Taylorsville line and is operated by Phillip Scroggs, well experienced bus driver. It is expected that the bus service will be a great convenience to the people between North Wilkesboro and Taylorsville, as well as others desiring to travel between the two towns.

The schedule of the Taylorsville line appears in this newspaper. Readers are asked to clip the advertisement and save for future references.

SGT. GWYN J. (SHINE) KILBY RECEIVES DISCHARGE, HOME

Sgt. Gwyn J. (Shine) Kilby arrived home yesterday honorably discharged from the army after a long record of service in a number of countries.

Sgt. Kilby entered the army in 1941, and went overseas three and one-half years ago. He was in an engineers regiment and saw service on Ascension Island, a number of points in Africa, in England and in France.

He has two brothers in service. Pfc. Tommie Kilby is in a military police company in Germany.

Sgt. Conrad Kilby, who has a long record of service with the air corps, is now in China. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Kilby, of this city.

Radio Service For Pfc. R. Paul Yates

Mrs. Clearise Yates Robinson, of Purlear, has announced that a memorial service in honor of her son, Pfc. Roby Paul Yates, will be conducted by Rev. George Cooper over radio station WHKY in Hickory Sunday afternoon, September 16, 3 o'clock. Pfc. Yates was killed in France on November 13, 1944.

Complete Plans For United War Fund Drive Here

The executive committee of the United War Fund Drive of Wilkes county met last Wednesday night to complete the plans for the coming United War Fund campaign. Mr. Gilbert T. Bare is chairman of the Wilkes County United War Fund and Mr. C. J. Swafford represents Wilkes county on the State Board of Directors. Publicity will be handled by Mr. Paul S. Cragan. At this meeting the directors began work to set up the quota for the drive which is to begin on October 1. Organization plans are well under way and the response to request for aid in solicitation has been splendid.

Coming Home



T-Sgt. Louis Brodyhill, who has been in service in Italy for 26 months, received his fourth promotion and to his present rank in May this year. He is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brodyhill, of Watauga county, but was reared in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Bishop, of the Maple Springs community of Wilkes. T-Sgt. Brodyhill is married to the former Miss Wanda Barnett, of Mt. Zion, and they have one daughter, Myrtle. He expects to return home in October.

\$10,781.54 Is Paid Out To Needy In County In August

Welfare Board In Meeting Hears Report of Expenditures For Assistance.

The Wilkes County Welfare Board, composed of P. J. Brame, chairman; F. C. Johnson, and C. C. Stidden, held their regular monthly meeting in the Welfare office on September 5. All three members were present.

Charles C. McNeill, secretary of the board, discussed a letter which had been received from the state office relative to holding up the percentage of need the county was helping the recipients of old-age assistance and aid to dependent children. Due to the increased cost of living, etc., the board at a previous meeting had decided that with the present funds the department could not continue to pay as high a percentage of the needs as they had been in the past. Even with the lower percentage, the board was finding that most of the recipients now require a higher grant than in the past.

The secretary also gave the board figures on the expenditures of the department for the past month. The total expenditures for the month of August amounted to \$10,781.54. A breakdown of these figures indicates that 635 persons received old-age assistance to the amount of \$6,956.50, which gives an average monthly payment of \$10.95 per month; 123 families, representing 353 children, received aid to dependent children in the amount of \$2,855, which gives an average monthly payment of \$22.30; 40 received aid to the blind in the amount of \$608, which makes an average monthly payment of \$15.20; other expenditures, including hospitalization, medical care, general relief, boarding home care, etc., amounted to \$363.04.

Six Carloads Lambs From Stock Yards Shipped Tuesday

Six carloads of lambs, mostly from Alleghany county, were shipped from the livestock pens here Tuesday in another cooperative shipment.

Robert S. Curtis, of the marketing division of the State Department of Agriculture, said that 766 lambs were included in the Tuesday shipment which netted the farmers top prices. The next shipment of lambs from the local market will be on October 6, with most of the lambs coming from Watauga county.

Mr. Curtis also reported today that a carload of breeding ewes which arrived last week from Wyoming had been sold to farmers in northwestern North Carolina and in the Raleigh area.

A rail network connecting Italy with Austria and Switzerland will be completed by Mediterranean Theatre's Military Railway Service by the end of July.

Wilkes Wildlife Club Organized In Meeting Here

Many Charter Members At First Meeting; Ivey Moore Is President

On Thursday night, September 6, a number of Wilkes citizens assembled in the North Wilkesboro town hall with the aim of formulating an organization to increase the game and fish population in this county and state.

This meeting resulted in the organization of "Wilkes Wildlife Club," with Ivey Moore as its president; Pat M. Williams, vice-president, and Paul W. Greene, secretary and treasurer.

The following is a list of men at this meeting who paid their dues for the following year, becoming charter members of an organization that is definitely resolved to see that there are better fishing and hunting in the county and state: E. G. Finley, Murphy Hunt, Fred Lane, Boyd E. Stout, J. B. McCoy, Dr. John W. Morris, W. J. Bason, Pat M. Williams, J. M. Crawford, R. G. Finley, B. S. Johnson, Clay Par-due, E. C. Nichols, Charles N. Manship, O. E. Triplett, R. I. Moore, Paul Nichols, Russell Hodges, R. C. Holler, G. S. Winters, Paul Greene, all of the Wilkesboro, Glenn B. Carlton, of Boomer; Plato W. Greer, of Millers Creek; A. B. Fairchild, of Purlear; R. D. Minton, of Purlear; J. D. Triplett, of Ferguson; W. J. Woodruff and T. L. Terry, of Hays.

An official of the club issued the following statement:

"Every citizen of Wilkes county who is interested in the improvement of hunting and fishing and a general increase in the population of our favorite game and fish in this county and state is eligible for membership in this club. Watch our local paper for announcements in connection with future meetings. It is our desire to get our membership just as quickly as possible so that we can get to work on some definite projects so that we might soon be able to enjoy the fruits of our efforts along this line.

"Those of you who would like to have a hand in the return of fruitful hunting and fishing if you are a farmer send or bring \$1 for your membership, if you are a townsman or industrial worker send \$2 for your membership to Paul W. Greene, Box 630 North Wilkesboro, N. C., or to any of the officers shown above. "Men, let's put our efforts all in one united force to bring back the days when we can return from a hunting or fishing trip with a smile on our face and announce that we have the limit!"

SHIMADA, JAP WAR CRIMINAL, IS IN CUSTODY

Tokyo.—Field Marshal Gen. Sugiyama, supreme military adviser to Emperor Hirohito, killed himself yesterday while American occupation authorities were arresting Adm. Shigetaro Shimada, former Navy Minister who planned the Pearl Harbor attack.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur simultaneously ordered the immediate dissolution of the terroristic Black Dragon Society, for forty years the notorious instrument of Japanese imperialism.

Sugiyama, 65, who had held nearly every high army post and was War Minister in a post Pearl Harbor Cabinet, and his wife shot themselves in their home not quite 24 hours after Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo, Pearl Harbor Premier, made the botched attempt at suicide.

Sugiyama was a member of the board of field marshals which plotted Pearl Harbor. He retired from the government along with the rest of the Kotsu Cabinet in April, 1945.

MacArthur ordered the arrest of seven leaders of the Black Dragon or Kokuryo-kai Society.

Hartley Property Is Sold at Good Price

The auction sale of the F. J. Hartley property on highway 115 and the old Statesville road, two miles southeast of this city, Saturday afternoon was very successful.

Penny Brothers, widely known land auctioneers, conducted sale of the property, which was sold for more than \$14,000. The sale was well attended.