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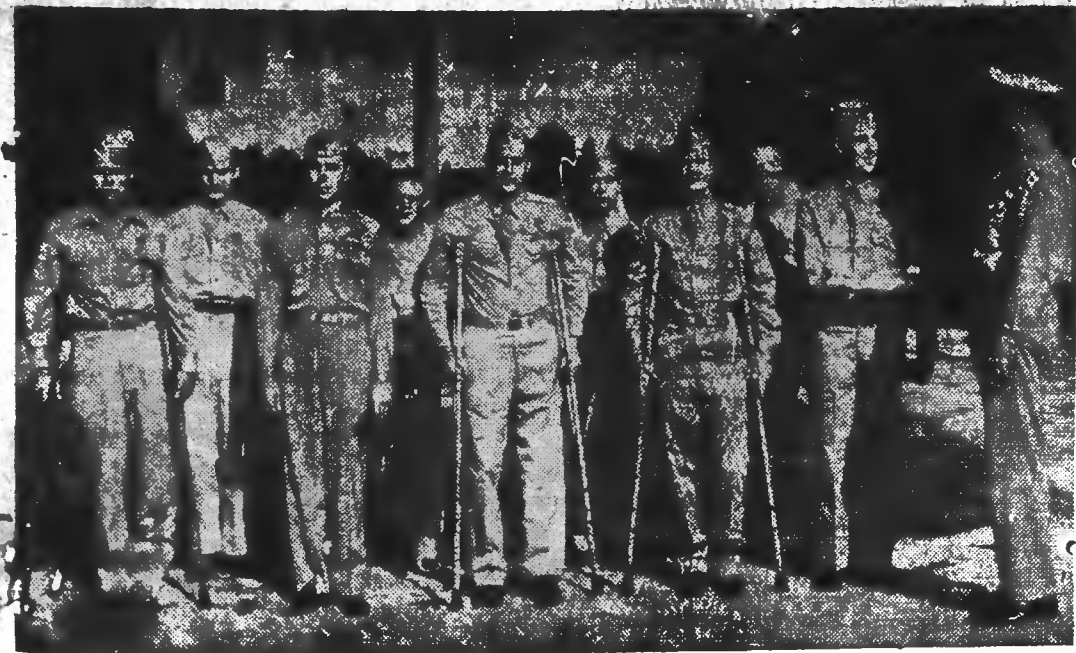
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LOCAL MAN RECEIVES MANY DECORATIONS



Lt. Cyril B. Spicer, of North Wilkesboro, is shown here with a group of other veterans at the General Hospital, Augusta, Ga., where he was presented with five decorations for heroic service in Europe. Lt. Spicer is shown at right, receiving congratulations from the officer presenting the medals.

Lt. Spicer Given 5 Decorations For Heroism In Action

Augusta, Ga.—Colorful citations, which read like Grimm's Fairy Tales of heroism and achievement in the line of duty overseas, were read while a total of thirteen medals were pinned on nine convalescent patients of the Oliver General hospital last Friday. The awards were made during retreat ceremonies with music by the Finney General Hospital Band, currently stationed at its neighbor hospital.

Decorations included: Wilson T. Journigan, Danville, Va.; Technician Fifth Grade Frank C. Honess, Jr., Bellevue, Pa.; Pfc. Frank E. Baughan, Mt. Airy, N. C.; Pvt. Kilby T. Murphy, Moultrie, Ga.; Pvt. Oscar D. Harcrow, Covington, Ga.; 1st Lt. Jay C. Confe, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Capt. Ned R. Hickie, Marietta, O.; Capt. Robert A. Edenfield, Tallahassee, Fla.; and 1st Lt. Cyril B. Spicer, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Lt. Spicer alone netted five of the decorations which gave him the Silver Star with an Oak Leaf Cluster for gallantry in action, and the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious achievement. Lt. Spicer was decorated with the Silver Star and Oak Leaf Cluster and Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He was a member of the 30th Infantry Division, on January 14, 1945, in Belgium in an attack on an enemy-held town. Lt. Spicer fearlessly exposed himself to direct enemy fire, and after seeing that men who were wounded in the fight were evacuated to safety, led his men to capture the objective. For gallantry in action in Holland, September 15, 1944, he received an exposed position and directed terrified civilians, who were receiving enemy artillery fire, to safety. When some of his soldiers were wounded in evacuating casualties, he ordered his men to

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TWO NEW WAR CRIMINALS ARE PLACED IN JAIL

Tokyo.—Gen. Douglas MacArthur, following an unexplained meeting with Japanese Premier Prince Naruhiko Higashi-Kuni, yesterday ordered the Japanese government to make a full accounting of all allied property seized during the war and all Axis property in the country.

Two new top Japanese war criminals were lodged in the Yokohama jail, bringing to 33 the number of those accounted for on two lists containing 47 names.

MacArthur, in his meeting with Higashi-Kuni, was believed to have dictated new and sharper orders to the Japanese government to cease its double-talk and accept. Although the subject of the meeting was not announced, a headquarters spokesman said Saturday that MacArthur will tolerate no negotiations with the Japanese and will demand immediate compliance with his orders.

CONSTITUTION DAY

Today is Constitution Day. On September 17, 1787, representatives of the several states in constitutional convention adopted the Constitution of the United States, and which was later approved by all the states.

The Constitution, adopted 158 years ago today, has been the guarantee of liberty, justice and freedom for the people of the United States.

The Constitution of the United States, which carries the guarantees of individual liberty and justice, has been preserved by the blood of America's fighting men from the American Revolution through World War II.

The Constitution is sacred to the American citizen. Every citizen of the United States should read and familiarize himself with the Constitution and thus learn upon what principles our nation was formed and has prospered through 158 years.

The Constitution is the basic law of our law. It stands between you and injustice, intolerance and servitude.

Marriage Rate Here Increased

Troy C. Foster, Wilkes register of deeds, reports a big increase in the number of marriages in Wilkes during the past month.

In fact, more licenses to wed were issued from his office during the past two weeks than for any comparable period in recent years.

The couples receiving marriage licenses during the past three weeks were: Byron Bryce Brown, Traphill, and Marie Lyall, Elklin; Talmadge Pevette and Thelma Lee, both of North Wilkesboro; Carl Bauguss and Stella Mae Jones, both of North Wilkesboro; Joe Heamer Boyd, Ronda, and Edna Louise Hemric, Elklin; Paul Stone Inman, Elklin, and Mae Marie Wellborn, Elklin; Worth Bare and Pearl Dishman, both of North Wilkesboro; Albert Martin, Columbus, Ohio, and Opal Vannoy, Oval; William Brewer, North Wilkesboro, and Erlene Ward, Roaring River; Carroll Gambill Dancy, Hays, and Willie Bradley, Winston-Salem; George Harvey Connolly, Hiddenite, and Foda Iona Hope, Statesville; Eugene L. Joines, Wilkesboro, and Mildred Anderson, also of Wilkesboro; James E. Miller and Novella Jarvis, both of North Wilkesboro; Maurice Miller and Gladys Lawson, both of Hays; Grady Swanson and Kathleen Sipes, both of Boomer; Royal C. Staley, Wilkesboro, and Gladys Harless, Wilbar; Oliver Walker, Hays, and Viola Billings, Radical; Talmadge Spicer, Roaring River, and Connie Pevette, Lomax; Harvey Glass, Roaring River, and Mattie Lunsford, Cycle; Doyle Ross, Benham, and Sarah Darnell, Roaring River; James Harris, Roaring River, and Fole Pevette, Lomax; William W. Myers, Roaring River, and Cathleen Lois Morrison, Roaring River; James Albert Johnson, Champion, and Lula Staley, North Wilkesboro; D. L. Stansbury, Lansing, and Goldie Temple, Bailey; Morris Shumate and Mildred Miller, North Wilkesboro; Cecil O. Brown, Halls Mills, and Sybil Hincer, Hays.

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Moravian Falls Methodists Plan Church Repairs

All members of Moravian Falls Methodist church and Sunday school are urgently requested to attend Sunday school on September 23. The church is in need of repair and it is necessary that plans be made immediately for having the work done. Those interested in this cause please be present at Sunday school.

Stone Mountain Singing Sept. 30

Stone Mountain union singing will be held with Bethany church, located about one mile east of the Roaring River-Mountain View road, on Sunday, September 30, beginning at 1 p. m.

J. A. Gilliam, chairman, has issued an invitation for all singers to attend and take part in the singing.

Mrs. Angie Woodie Died On Saturday

Miss Angie Lavina Woodie, age 21, daughter of J. Ross and Cleo Eller Woodie, of Purlear, died Saturday afternoon. She had been in ill health for the past six months.

Surviving Miss Eller are her parents, one brother, Alton Woodie, of Purlear; two sisters, Mrs. Willard Hayes, of Purlear; and Mrs. Fred Martin, of Killian, Texas.

Funeral will be held Wednesday, 2 p. m., at Mount Pleasant church.

Mrs. Charlie Pruitt Funeral Saturday

Funeral service was held Saturday at Round Hill church for Mrs. Martha Pruitt, age 66, wife of Charlie Pruitt, of the Round Hill community. Mrs. Pruitt died Friday.

Surviving are her husband and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Shirley Bauguss, Mrs. Burr Blevins, Archie Pruitt, Mrs. H. C. Parsons, James and Syler Pruitt. Rev. L. E. Sparks conducted the last rites.

HONG KONG IS OFFICIALLY SURRENDERED

Hong Kong.—The Japanese military and naval commanders in the Hong Kong area yesterday formally surrendered this crown colony and seaport to Rear Admiral C. H. J. Harcourt, of the British navy in a 12-minute ceremony at Government House. The Japanese officers are being held in prison but were released long enough to sign the documents.

The surrender had been delayed many times since British forces first entered the harbor on Aug. 30, and the colony became the last major Japanese bastion to revert to Allied control. Hong Kong fell to the Japanese on Christmas Day, 1941.

Yadkin Is Near Flood Stage; Bailey Promises Flood Control

BAILEY AWAITS YADKIN-PEE DEE FLOOD CONTROL REPORT; WILL ACT

Captain Anderson Sees the Surrender

Captain Paul R. Anderson, of Statesville, witnessed the surrender of Japan on the battleship Missouri off the coast of Japan. James M. Anderson, of this city, recognized his brother, Capt. Anderson, in the surrender news film shown here last week. Capt. Anderson was in a group of naval officers standing near Gen. Douglas MacArthur when the surrender documents were signed.

October Term Of Superior Court Is To Begin Oct. 1st

Judge Wm. H. Bobbitt To Preside; Jurors For Two Weeks Summoned.

October term of Wilkes Superior Court will convene in Wilkesboro Monday, October 1, with Judge Wm. H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, on the bench.

The term will be for trial of civil cases and will be for two weeks. Jurors have been summoned for the court as follows:

First Week. P. M. Tedder, Lovelace; W. A. Gregory, Somers; J. C. Minton, Reddies River; Austin Reynolds, Mulberry; David Colman, Edwards; L. F. Walsh, Beaver Creek; T. H. Settle, North Wilkesboro; C. P. Miller, Wilkesboro; S. J. Miller, Union; Ernest Blevins, Rock Creek; Ed Church, Reddies River; N. O. Hendren, Wilkesboro; A. J. Lovette, Reddies River; H. H. Jennings, Mulberry; C. L. Purdue, New Castle; D. W. Johnson, New Castle; Gwyn Triplett, Elk; Ralph Caldwell, Boomer; G. D. Hinson, Traphill; J. W. Caudle, Traphill; Willard E. Ferguson, Moravian Falls; R. M. Smith, Edwards; Kermit Darnell, Edwards; J. D. Caudill, Rock Creek; William Minton, Wilkesboro; D. C. Whittington, Reddies River; T. M. Gentry, Edwards; E. A. Shook, North Wilkesboro; Stacy Purdue, Moravian Falls; A. C. Taylor, Stanton; Dorman T. Payne, North Wilkesboro; J. L. A. Bumgarner, Reddies River; E. R. Eller, Reddies River; Ross Combs, Lovelace; R. S. Abshers, Rock Creek; Alfred Crysel, Reddies River.

Second Week. John R. Johnson, A. F. Miller and Wade Gilbert, Elk; W. C. Cockerham, H. B. Douglas, Edwards; Howard Royal, Clyde Harris, Watson Brame and W. C. McNeill, North Wilkesboro; John A. Bowlin, Union; Ivan Absher, Wilkesboro; Travis Eller, Lewis Fork; F. A. Dancy, Eugene Winkler, Antioch; John T. Miller, Traphill; Coyte Dyer, Reddies River; Henry H. Rhodes, Stanton; L. A. Minton, Reddies River.

Phil Mitchell Will Reach Eagle Rank Scouting Sept. 20

Phil Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Mitchell, of North Wilkesboro, will receive the Eagle Scout badge at the next meeting of the Wilkes Boy Scout Court of Honor and Review to be held Thursday night, September 20, 7:30, in the religious education building of the Presbyterian church.

In addition to the Eagle award, the court will make a number of other Scout advancements and present many merit badges. Fred Glass and Dean Edwards will be advanced to rank of second class Scouts and Bill Bason will receive the Life Scout rank.

Merit badges will be awarded as follows: John Winkler and Gene McNeill, first aid; Gene McNeill and Bill Bason, athletics; Gordon Finley, Jr., bird study, firemanship, pioneering and scholarship; Phil Mitchell, camping, firemanship, pioneering and scholarship; Julius Rousseau, Jr., cooking; Lewis Nelson, Jr., scholarship.

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Mrs. Pearson is survived by her husband; one brother, J. Glenn McNeill, of Los Angeles, Calif.; and five stepchildren.

RATION NEWS

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SUGAR: Sugar stamp No. 38 expires December 31.

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

North Carolina Senator Seeking Resurvey To Save Rich Farm Land.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Senator Josiah W. Bailey, senate commerce committee chairman, is awaiting reports by the department of agriculture and by the army engineers on the Yadkin-Pee Dee flood control situation before drafting a measure to replace the \$105,840,000 combination flood control, navigation and hydroelectric program recommended by the army engineers last year.

Containing the program as originally designed, including a \$10,840,000 three-purpose reservoir at Wilkesboro, would unnecessarily inundate many acres of rich farm lands, Bailey withdrew from the flood control bill the Wilkesboro dam authorization.

He has asked the department of agriculture and the army engineers to resurvey the situation, studying the possibilities for small impounding dams on the Yadkin-Pee Dee's tributaries and a smaller reservoir at Wilkesboro, all of which would chiefly contemplate flood control.

The Tar Heel senior senator maintains that flood control should be the primary consideration on the Yadkin-Pee Dee, that the program embraced in the flood control bill last year for this basin gave to hydroelectric development greater priority than necessary and that, due to an abundance of electric power in North Carolina, there was no cause to become excited over spending government money and inundate rich farm lands to produce a surplus of power.

He reiterated this week his pledge to give flood sufferers in the area quick committee action as soon as the agency reports are filed.

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Petaín's Final Exit



Henri Philippe Petaín, who was chief of state of France during the Vichy regime, is shown as he was escorted from the courtroom by guards after his recent conviction.

Farm Forester Is Speaker Kiwanis Luncheon Friday

"Farm Woodland Management" is subject of interesting address.

Featured by discussion of public matters and by an interesting address by John Ford, farm forester, the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club held an enjoyable luncheon meeting Friday at the Hotel Wilkes.

Prior to the program J. B. Williams called attention of the club to the increase in automobile accidents and asked the club to pass a resolution to be forwarded to Gov. R. Gregg Cherry asking that the state increase the number of law enforcement officers. Mr. Williams and J. H. Whicker were appointed by Paul Osborne, club president, to prepare the resolution.

R. D. Smith, county agent, brought to the attention of the club the need of a poultry dressing plant in this community, and President Osborne asked the club membership to study the proposal for future consideration.

Secretary T. E. Story read a letter from T. W. Ferguson, prominent citizen of the Ferguson community, asking the club to make every effort to have the State Highway Commission construct highway 268 from Wilkesboro west to the Caldwell county line. The matter was referred to the public affairs committee with a request for a report at the next meeting.

Secretary Story also read a letter from the Statesville club asking cooperation and attendance at a horse show to be staged by the Statesville club at Statesville September 21 and 22.

Program Chairman Joe Barber asked T. E. Story to introduce his speaker, John Ford, who recently came to this community as district forester.

Mr. Ford made a very suggestive talk on the subject: "Farm Woodland Management."

He said there are three methods for cutting timber and still bear in mind the future growth of timber on the same land.

1. The selective method.

2. The diameter limit.

3. The seed tree method.

He mentioned favorable points for each of these in reverse order and pointed out that the selective method offers advantages that the others perhaps do not.

The speaker indicated that farm woodland management can be made a profitable business to all those who are willing to give the matter proper attention.

Guests Friday were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. John Ford and Mrs. Joe Barber with Joe Barber; Tom Eshelman with his father, P. W. Eshelman; Gwyn Kilby with R. M. Brame, Jr.; Cpl. Marvin Warren with Gordon Finley.

Heavy Rains Since Saturday Night Is Spreading Rapidly

Many Today Moving Materials From Valley To Places Of Safety.

Anxious eyes watched the Yadkin today as heavy rains since Saturday night caused flood stage on the river which did so much damage five years ago.

The Yadkin between the Wilkesboros began rising over the banks early today and continued to rise slowly but steadily into the afternoon.

The rain began falling Saturday night and had not stopped this afternoon. Meanwhile, rains were reported heavy in the mountains west of here and it was expected late today that the river would continue to rise unless the rains suddenly stop.

The Yadkin here before noon today had flooded the lower crop lands along the river and the road by the fair grounds was flooded and closed.

Several business establishments below the railroad here today were already moving out in preparation for a flood on the Yadkin if the rains do not cease. Workmen were feverishly engaged in moving materials to places of safety.

Extensive damage to crops in the lower bottom lands is expected, and if heavy rains continue the Yadkin may reach flood stage and again damage industrial plants and homes in the valley.

Many local citizens expressed their intentions to intensify flood control on the Yadkin, and if possible prevent recurrence of the 1940 disaster, which resulted in millions of dollars in property damage and loss of several lives.

Mrs. W. D. Miller Last Rites Today

Mrs. W. D. Miller, 82, died at 6:30 a. m. Saturday at the home and her son, Fred Miller, near North Wilkesboro, following critical illness of several days.

A member of Union Methodist church, she was very active in church work as long as her health permitted.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. George Long, 2302 Fairway avenue, Winston-Salem; six sons, John A., Tucker avenue, Winston-Salem; James R., Manchester street, Winston-Salem; I. O., Detroit; Charles C., Walter W. and Fred, of North Wilkesboro. Also surviving are 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at Union Methodist church today with the pastor, Rev. J. O. Ervin, in charge.

TOGO SAYS HE WON FIGHT TO END CONFLICT

Tokyo.—In his first statement to the American press since the occupation of Japan, Shigenori Togo, foreign minister in two Nipponese war cabinets, told the Associated Press yesterday he stood firmly in the August 8 cabinet fight for ending the war, and finally won out.

Togo was too ill from a heart attack to see visitors outside his immediate family, but he answered four of six questions put to him in writing through his 20-year-old son, Fumihiko Togo, himself an official in the Foreign Ministry.

The ex-foreign minister is on General MacArthur's list of Japanese wanted for questioning on responsibility for starting the war.

The fact dismayed Mrs. Togo, a German woman, who earlier had expressed anxiety for the swift arrival of an American doctor to attend her 62-year-old husband "because I know how good American medicine is."

A German physician also was summoned.

Farmers are headed for postwar disaster, if price controls are relaxed now. Guard against a runaway price situation.