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## Many Are Buying Victory Bonds As Christmas Gifts

### Wilkes Moving Too Slowly Toward E Bond Goal In Victory Loan Drive.

Wilkes is moving all too slowly toward the E bond goal of \$160,000 in the current Victory Loan campaign and bonds must be purchased at a faster rate if the goal is to be reached.

Sales to date total approximately one-half the E bond quota. All E bond sales during the month of December will count on the goal, but the Victory Loan organization is urging that the quota be reached by Christmas.

Recently a number of sales have been made at the local banks by those who are selecting "the gift with a future" as Christmas presents. W. D. Halfacre, Victory Loan chairman, has called attention to the fact that bonds for Christmas presents relieve the giver of the problem of gift selection and shopping worries.

Letters have been sent out to many who are being asked to buy their limit in E bonds in order that Wilkes may keep her perfect record in bond buying for this final campaign. Without exception, Wilkes has reached every war bond quota, and the people are being urged to buy now in appreciation of victory and to furnish money to finance the securing of the peace, the return of service men to their homes, rehabilitation of wounded veterans and care of dependents.

Sales are being handled in North Wilkesboro by block leaders and retail stores. Rural communities have chairman and volunteer workers to aid in the campaign. Intensified effort now on the part of all divisions of the Victory Loan organization can put the county over the top in this final effort.

## Millers Creek Is Winner 5 Games

Millers Creek boys won their fifth straight basketball game Tuesday night by defeating Taylorsville 39 to 33.

Hensley Eller, Millers Creek coach, found none of the first string of last year's winning team back in school this year and the 1945 edition of the school cage team is entirely new but has landed in the win column in all of the first five games. The boys are improving, and it is entirely probable that the team this year may equal the outstanding record set in the 1944-45 season.

The line-ups and scores for the game Tuesday were as follows:

Millers Creek, 33	Millers Creek, 39
Moppe, 2	Church, 11
Teague, 5	Caudill, 7
Brookshire, 17	Watkins McDuffie, 1
Oliver, 9	Poole, 8
Eller, 12	

Millers Creek girls, coached by Miss Louise Knight, are getting their first season under way in 11 years, and prospects are also good for a winning sextet.

The next game in the Millers Creek schedule will be a double-header Tuesday night with the boys and girls playing Taylorsville at Millers Creek.

## Pastors Meet

Ministerial Alliance of the Wilkesborsos met in regular session Monday afternoon. The organization, composed of pastors of churches in the Wilkesborsos, welcomed back into the group Rev. Watt M. Cooper, who has returned to this city as pastor of the First Presbyterian church after a long period of service as a chaplain in the navy.

## WAYNE YATES WITH FIRESTONE STORE

Wayne Yates, well known young Wilkes county man, has accepted a position as manager with the local Firestone store, which is owned and operated by H. P. Eller and Cecil Kilby. Yates will be pleased to have his friends call on him for their needs in car and truck accessories and household items.

**Dear Santa**—I am a little girl seven years old. I go to school and am in the second grade. I have a little sister. Her name is Judy. She is four years old. Santa, will you please bring me a doll, a tea set and some bedroom shoes. Judy wants some candy and nuts and a doll. We promise to be good girls and take good care of our gifts. Love, JUDY and SHIRLEY FOSTER.

## Plank Owner



Pfc. Joseph Linney, son of Mrs. W. E. Linney, of Wilkesboro, recently received his discharge from the Marine Corps after a long period of service on the aircraft carrier Wasp.

The following article by a Marine Corps correspondent tells of Pfc. Linney's activities on the ship:

By Sgt. Allen R. Matthews, a Marine Corps Correspondent.

Oahu, T. H. (Delayed).—Two North Carolina Marines, "plank owners," aboard the mighty aircraft carrier Wasp, have won a trans-Pacific "race" with their ship and will accompany it to the States to the East Coast observance of Navy Day on October 27.

The Marines, who earned plank owner title by virtue of being members of the crew since the ship's commissioning, are Cpl. Pelton E. Magee, of Plymouth, N. C., and Pfc. Joseph Linney, of Wilkesboro, N. C.

According to seafaring custom, upon the decommissioning of a ship, original members of the crew are entitled to a piece of deck planking inscribed with the names of ship officers and of engagements in which the vessel participated.

Magee and Linney, both of whom have received letters of commendation from the Wasp's commander, have participated in all engagements of the vessel and in the Marine occupation of the Yokosuka naval base after the capitulation of Japan.

It was this occupation which set off the oceanic chase by the men, a pursuit which ended successfully only a few days ago.

Magee and Linney, along with others of the Wasp's Marine detachment, joined Marines from the capital ships of the remainder of the Third Fleet to form the Third Fleet Marine Landing Force. The force came together aboard two transports, to which they were transferred from their home ships by breeches buoys in the first mass action of this kind in history.

During the course of the occupation, the Wasp, standing off the coast of Honshu, was damaged severely by a typhoon. Forced to put about for Pearl Harbor for repairs and refitting, it left the waters of Japan just as its detachment was being evacuated from Yokosuka, its mission complete.

The detachment, attempting to catch the Wasp, followed to Eniwetok by transport, missed the carrier there and continued to this base by escort carrier where the refitting of the larger vessel is being completed.

The storm damage was the second of major proportions suffered by the Wasp since it was commissioned in November, 1943. In March of this year, after escaping almost unscathed despite a series of hot actions against the enemy, the carrier took a direct hit which pierced the flight and hangar decks and exploded amidships.

The blast and the resulting fire killed more than 150 sailors, but the Marine detachment, still at the guns above deck, escaped without injury.

The Wasp is expected to leave here for the East Coast within a few days.

## Holly Mountain Farms Co. Large Poultry Industry

E. P. Hettiger, general manager of the Tuxedo Hatchery, Inc., announced Monday that in the future the hatchery, which includes the feed department and the large breeding farms near the city, will be operated under the one and only name of Holly Mountain Farms Co.

As now constituted, the Holly Mountain Farms Co. is one of the South's largest poultry concerns, a remarkable expansion having taken place since Mr. Hettiger became interested in the Tuxedo Hatchery several years ago.

The Holly Mountain Farms Co. hatchery in Wilkesboro, operated under the management of Mark Johnson, has a capacity of 264,000 chicks, which are hatched from eggs produced on the newly-acquired breeding farms from 14,000 pullorum-tested hens, which are U. S. and N. C. passed. These are divided as follows: 6,700 New Hampshire mating hens; 2,000 Plymouth Barred Rock mating hens; 4,300 Barred Rock New Hampshire mating hens. The breeding farms, located on part of the old D. J. Brookshire farm on Highway 115, is the South's largest farm for heavy breeds. Eighty-five range houses and twelve laying houses, size 20x110, 2-story, have been erected, with more buildings to be constructed in the near future. Running water is available to both the range and breeding houses.

Recently a brick building, 50x200, was erected near the hatchery in Wilkesboro for manufacturing a full line of poultry feeds, and under the efficient management of Mr. Hettiger this department of the business is making fine progress.

Recently Mr. Hettiger's brother, Harry, came to Wilkes from army service to become manager of the feed department, and when it came to selecting a manager for the breeding farms, Mr. Hettiger appointed a Wilkes man, Lawson Curry, whose duty it is to see that the thousands of hens remain healthy and produce the maximum of eggs needed for hatchery purposes.

On the farm property Mr. Hettiger recently had constructed a modern lodge which affords a view of the Blue Ridge Mountains for approximately 150 miles. Mr. and Mrs. Hettiger and son, Eddie, Jr., are temporarily living in the lodge and have plans for erecting a modern new home in the future.

## 14-Year-Old Girl Has Disappeared

Dorothy Hutchison, age 14, daughter of Mrs. Maggie Jennings, of this city, left home Saturday, December 1, and efforts on the part of relatives and the police to locate her have availed nothing.

Anyone with any information relative to the present location of the girl is asked to get in touch with the girl's mother, or J. E. Walker, chief of police, of North Wilkesboro.

## Buy More Bonds!

## Chief of Police Warns of Danger Of Check Thief

Chief of Police J. E. Walker, cooperating in the U. S. Secret Service Crime Prevention Program, today warned merchants and their customers to be on guard against check thieves and forgers. During the pre-holiday season the chief said these criminals take advantage of crowded streets and overworked clerks to "reap a harvest" by stealing and forging large numbers of checks.

Here are some safeguards suggested by Chief J. E. Walker:

Persons who expect checks by mail should make arrangements for someone to be at home to receive them when they arrive and see that they are kept in a safe place until cashed. Merchants should instruct their employees to use greater care in accepting commercial and government checks, especially from strangers. They should be cautioned to require positive identification and make a note on the check the type of identification presented. The check should always be endorsed in the presence of the person cashing it and the endorsements should be carefully compared with the signatures on identification offered. The employee cashing the check should initial it in order to fix the responsibility and later to help him remember the transaction should the check turn out to be a forgery. Every person cashing a check should always ask himself the question: "If this check is returned as a forgery, will I be able to locate the forger and recover my money?"

Said Chief J. E. Walker: "Neither customer nor merchant can afford to suffer the loss of a forged check when simple precautions could have prevented it. Treat your check as though it was cash. If you receive a check, protect it from thieves."

## OUR BOYS

**PFC. CLIFFORD MILLER VISITS HOME FOLKS**  
Pfc. Clifford Miller, colored, has returned to Scott Field, Ill., after visiting relatives in Ashe county and friends in Wilkesboro. His brother, Fred C. Miller, Jr., who was a radio man, first class, in the navy, recently received his discharge after serving over three years. He now resides with his family in East Cairo.

**SEAMAN DICKIE SLOOPE HOME ON VISIT**  
Seaman Dickie Sloope who has been in naval training at Camp Peary, Va., is home and is visiting with his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Brant. Upon his return to Camp Peary, Dickie will be rated as a first class seaman, having had training previously to going to Camp Peary.

**JOBLESS VETS ON INCREASE**  
Washington. — Unemployment among World War II veterans is still on the upgrade.

In the week ending November 17, the Veterans Administration reported today 225,579 ex-service men received readjustment allowances aggregating \$5,233,209. This was an increase of 18,237 individual payments over the preceding week when 207,342 unemployed ex-service men received \$4,799,439.

**Have you bought your Christmas gift for the wounded in the hospitals at Butner and ORD? Do this now and drop them in the boxes that have been placed in the stores for this purpose.**

## Veterans Asked To Legion Meet On Friday Night

All veterans of World Wars I and II, regardless of whether or not they are members of the Legion, are urgently requested to attend the December meeting of the Wilkes Post of the American Legion to be held Friday, December 7, 8:00 p. m., at the North Wilkesboro town hall.

The Legion particularly desires the attendance of all war veterans at this meeting.

## Board Chairman



## McCoy Chairman North Wilkesboro Board Education

Resolution In Appreciation Of Services Of Late D. J. Carter Passed.

The North Wilkesboro Board of Education in special meeting on Tuesday afternoon adopted a resolution paying tribute to its late chairman, Mr. D. J. Carter.

Mr. Carter was elected to membership on the Board of Education in May, 1931, and served continuously until his death on November 30, 1945. He had served as chairman since May, 1941.

The resolution placed in the records at this meeting "extends the full appreciation of the board for Mr. Carter's long and efficient service, his fidelity to duty and his deep and abiding interest and loyalty to the cause of education."

At the same meeting Mr. J. B. McCoy was elected as the new chairman of the board.

## Soldier's Body Found In Auto

Sumter, S. C., Dec. 4.—A partly submerged army recruiting automobile containing the body of an unidentified soldier was found today in a stream near a highway bridge eight miles north of Sumter.

Sheriff W. J. Seale said the car apparently went off the left shoulder of the highway, missed the bridge and plunged into the water. The soldier's death resulted from drowning, the sheriff said.

**Don't forget your Christmas gift for the wounded in the hospitals. The boxes in the stores will be removed on December 15. Please do not delay.**

## W. W. Byrd, Elkin Merchant, Is Dead

Elkin, Dec. 4.—William Walker Byrd, 66, Elkin merchant, died today at noon in Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital after an illness of two weeks. He was stricken suddenly ill while serving customers in his West Elkin store and his condition had continued grave from cerebral hemorrhage since removal to the hospital.

He was a native of Wilkes county, a son of Thaddeus Clingman Byrd and Sallie Sale Byrd.

He had resided in Elkin 40 years and was successfully engaged in the grocery business. He was a member of the First Baptist church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Nannie Haire Byrd, to whom he was married in 1906; two daughters, Mrs. Zeno Dobbins and Miss Hazel Byrd, of Elkin; three brothers, Luther Byrd, Ronda; H. F. Byrd, Benham; Sanford B. Byrd, Orchard, Iowa, and a sister, Mrs. C. D. Holcomb, of Yadinville.

Funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the home, 441 Elk Spur street, with Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of First Baptist church, officiating. Burial will be in Hollywood cemetery.

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## Associational B. T. U. Meeting On Friday Night

### Will Be Held At First Baptist Church In This City Friday, 7:30 O'Clock.

Brushy Mountain Associational meeting of the Baptist Training Union will be held Friday night, December 7, 7:30 o'clock, at the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro.

Theme of the meeting will be "Christ Above All." The slogan will be "Launching A Century With Christ," and the aim will be to set up goals and launch an associational program.

The program will open with Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. C. J. Poole, and announcements by Dr. David E. Browning.

Associational, adult department, young people's department, junior hour department and story hour department goals will be stated by Miss Lunda Hendren, J. F. Jordan, Mrs. David E. Browning, Mrs. G. T. Mitchell and Mrs. Monroe Eller, respectively.

A play, "The Call of the New Baptist Century," will close the program.

All churches in the association are asked to be well represented at the meeting.

## LOCALS

Friends regret to learn that Miss Clyde Shepherd of Wilkesboro, has been ill for several days. She is a patient at the Wilkes hospital.

Mr. R. W. Gwyn, who has been ill for a few days, is still confined to his home.

Mrs. R. L. Jones, of Oakwoods, who underwent a major operation and spent 29 days at the Wilkes hospital, has returned to her home and continues to improve, friends are glad to learn.

Miss Lucille Blevins, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Blevins, of Oakwoods, is confined to her home with a severe cold.

Mrs. Thos. C. Price will have as week-end guests Misses Sara Yoder and Mildred Ramsey, of Lincoln.

## Valuable Real Estate Will Be Sold Dec. 19th

Several acres of highly desirable and valuable real estate within the corporate limits of North Wilkesboro and on two leading highways is being subdivided for sale at auction on Wednesday, December 19.

T. J. Frazier and son, Ralph Frazier, recently purchased from Col. Henry Blair the lands lying within the triangle at the intersection of highways 268 and 18 at the northern limits of North Wilkesboro and a number of acres lying along Reynolds road and highway 268.

Mr. Frazier and son have contracted with Penny Brothers to sub-divide and sell the property at a sale to be held December 19. The property has been cleared of timber and bulldozers have been grading portions of the property planned for business lots. The sale will include some of the most valuable property available in this vicinity and is expected to attract much interest.

## Many License To Wed Are Issued

Many licenses to wed were issued during the past three weeks by Register of Deeds Troy C. Foster. The couples were: Walter Pruitt and Lilly Goss, both of Dockery; John T. Gregory and Ethel Hall, both of North Wilkesboro, route two; Marshall Harris, Roaring River, and Jalle Dicks, Aiken, S. C.; Boyd Cook, Wilkesboro, and Pearl Dancy, North Wilkesboro; Claude Ellis and Lula Stamper, both of McGrady; Lewis Thompson, Lacomia, N. H., and Bernice Hayes, North Wilkesboro; Michael J. Eckhardt, New Brighton, Pa., and Q. L. Sale, North Wilkesboro; Roby Jordan, North Wilkesboro, and Gladys Gryder, North Wilkesboro, route one; Luther L. Parsons and Edie Eller, both of Purlear; Lonnie Colbert, Benham, and Lucille Parsons, Elkin; Todd Caudill and Faye Howell, both of West Jefferson; Daniel N. Hamrick, Ellenboro, and Sara Josephine Wellman, Wilkesboro; Archie Church and Edith Bishop, both of Buck; Allie Atrich Church and Eula Mae Nelson, both of Lenoir; Clarence C. Woodie and Essie Campbell, both of West Jefferson; Hobert Mathis, Hamptonville, and Arcile Mathis, North Wilkesboro, route three; Dave C. Lowe, Pores Knob, and Carmine Broyhill, Moravian Falls.

## Girl Scout Leaders To Meet Monday

Girl Scout Leaders Association will meet on Monday, December 10, 7:30 p. m., in the religious education building of the First Presbyterian church.

## Served On Reno



Glenn Faw, scaman, second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Faw, of Wilkesboro, route one, was a member of the crew of the Reno, cruiser, which had a brilliant record in combat against the Japanese on the Pacific.

The Reno, which was repaired at the Charleston navy yard, was credited with downing nine Japanese planes. The ship also had a sad duty of sending the Carrier Princeton to the bottom after the Princeton, giant carrier, was hopelessly crippled.

Maraculous for a light cruiser, the Reno sustained a torpedo hit which left a hole 20 by 60 in her port side. The Japanese torpedo missed any vital section of the ship, landing between the engine room and an ammunition magazine.

Seaman Faw has recently been home on leave with his parents.

## Charlie Monroe At Courthouse Dec. 8

Charlie Monroe and his associates, widely known radio entertainers, will put on a show at the Wilkes county court house Saturday night, 7 o'clock, under sponsorship of the Moravian Falls school.

## This City Reduces Bond Indebtedness

On October 27, 1945, the town of North Wilkesboro remitted through a local bank to the Chase National Bank, of the City of New York, funds with which to pay \$19,000 bond principal and \$3,700 interest due December 1.

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## December Term Wilkes Court To Open On Monday

### Calendar Made For Session; Judge Wm. H. Bobbit Presiding Judge.

December term of Wilkes Superior Court will convene in Wilkesboro on Monday, December 10.

Judge Wm. H. Bobbit, of Charlotte, will preside over the court. Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, in conjunction with the Wilkes bar, has made a calendar of criminal cases to be tried.

Jurors for the term have been drawn as follows:

**First Week**

Avery Couch, Edwards; J. I. Roland, North Wilkesboro; J. A. Sebastian, Mulberry; H. C. Burcham, Edwards; Thomas Perry, Edwards; Joe Wingler, Union; J. R. Kilby, Union; Elbert Southern, Lovelace; Carl T. Gross, Somers; Dillian Barker, Edwards; Bronley Minton, Reddies River; Jonah Lyon, Edwards; R. C. Durham, Edwards; J. M. Cockerham, Traphill; L. G. Caldwell, North Wilkesboro; Wayne Hayes, North Wilkesboro; W. T. Snyder, Reddies River; Fred Burcham, Edwards; J. L. Prevette, Wilkesboro; John Spicer, Traphill; Sidney Kilby, Union; Beamer Boyd, Edwards; Shirley Baugous, Traphill; E. F. Edmiston, Boomer; W. J. Allen, North Wilkesboro; Charlie Wiles, Rock Creek; John F. Morrison, North Wilkesboro; J. P. Pardue, Edwards; J. F. Gregory, Rock Creek; J. C. Huffman, Reddies River; T. C. Shumate, Walnut Grove; Newland Billings, Rock Creek; C. R. Crabb, Traphill; H. L. Mechem, North Wilkesboro; W. E. Snow, North Wilkesboro; J. A. Johnson, Elk; W. A. Edmiston, Lewis Fork; W. J. Johnson, Traphill; Lloyd Lyon, Edwards; Amos Brooks, North Wilkesboro; Lee Moxley, North Wilkesboro; J. T. Canter, Rock Creek; I. S. Haynes, New Castle; E. E. Shumate, New Castle; Walter Adams, Union; C. E. Dunn, Elk; Eli Staley, Antioch; J. A. Costrer, Brushy Mountain; W. O. Absher, North Wilkesboro; S. Q. Brown, Edwards; J. C. McNeill, Lewis Fork; M. C. Jordan, Edwards; Hule Marshall, Walnut Grove; R. L. Eller, Lewis Fork; Lloyd Richardson, Rock Creek; N. T. Clark, North Wilkesboro; Clarence Hayes, Brushy Mountain; Rom Wood, Edwards; Woodrow Hayes, Somers; R. L. Souther, Lovelace; R. C. Wood, North Wilkesboro; Vander Powers, Somers; T. R. Ferguson, Boomer; Z. B. Yates, Stanton; Charlie P. Pruitt, Traphill; E. M. Byrd, Edwards; W. B. James, Wilkesboro; Ledford Tucker, Edwards; Dewey Owens, Mulberry; Roscoe Elledge, Mulberry.

**Second Week.**

J. H. Collins, Edwards; G. C. Tharpe, Rock Creek; R. E. Hutchinson, Walnut Grove; O. M. Watson, Jobs Cabin; Coy Eller, Lewis Fork; W. A. Eller, Reddies River; Robert M. Sandifer, Edwards; Julius Brock, North Wilkesboro; Lee A. Hawkins, Walnut Grove; J. F. Wyatt, Mulberry; D. L. Walsh, Rock Creek; R. C. Goodwin, North Wilkesboro; Gordon Souther, Lovelace; K. M. Carter, Edwards; F. M. Cockerham, Traphill; R. J. Spicer, Walnut Grove; Clarence Fletcher, North Wilkesboro; F. Carl Cockerham, Traphill; C. J. Cleary, Wilkesboro; M. B. Walker, Moravian Falls; R. H. Davis, Lovelace; Cecil Shoemaker, Elk; F. P. Holcomb, Traphill; C. C. Mikeal, Jobs Cabin; Eli Blevins, Walnut Grove; J. J. Walker, Elk; J. T. Byrd, Edwards; Paul Sebastian, North Wilkesboro; W. D. Wood, Rock Creek; D. E. Turner, Reddies River; Alonzo Sheets, Union; A. G. Osborne, Reddies River; J. T. Call, Reddies River.

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