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VICKERS BROTHERS IN SERVICE



Seaman Second Class Glenn Vickers, left, is now home on a 30-day leave after taking three months training at San Diego, Calif. He will report back December 20. Pfc. James Vickers is now with the 32nd Division in Japan. He took his training at Little Rock, Ark., and San Francisco, Calif. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Vickers, of Wilkesboro, route two.

Football Letters Are Presented to 23 Players Here

Presentation Made At Chapel Period In North Wilkesboro School Today

Football letters were presented at the North Wilkesboro chapel period today to 25 members of the 1945 football squad.

The letters were presented by Charlie Manship, coach and athletic director of the school, to the following backs: Lloyd Turner, Dwight Pardue, Paul McGinnis, Julius Rousseau, Jr., Chip Caudill, Dan Hudson, Jr., and Bill Byers; center, Charles Porter; guards, Jack Badgett, D. M. Stoker, Jimmie Day, Bobby Eller, Joe Church; tackles, Charles Byers, Eddie Shook, Bill Abner, Don Kilby; ends, Woodrow Albert, Albert Potest, G. L. Adams, Sam Bradley; managers, Sammie Winters and Bobby Kerley.

With the exception of Dwight Pardue, halfback, who graduates this year, all the letter men are slated to return to school next year.

The North Wilkesboro team, made up entirely this year of boys who had never played football, made a creditable showing in the schedule. The team lost to Sparta, Booneville and Elkin, tied Sparta and defeated Boone and Mocksville.

Stores To Be Closed Two Days Christmas

According to the plan of holidays agreed upon earlier in the year by North Wilkesboro merchants, local stores will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25, and the following day, December 26.

OUR BOYS

WILLIAM MARTIN RHODES ON CARRIER TRANSPORT

William Martin Rhodes, 20, seaman, second class, USNR, North Wilkesboro, N. C., debarked at Guam with more than 750 other navy men from this carrier transport for further assignment in the western Pacific to replace higher point men bound for home.

Now a part of the navy's "Magic Carpet" fleet, this big, new carrier was to pick up 3,200 discharge-eligible soldiers at Salpan for transportation to the West Coast.

SEAMAN CONRAD CARDWELL RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Conrad Cardwell, seaman, first class, has been honorably discharged from the navy and has arrived home after 30 months service. He received eight battle stars for action in the Pacific and the Purple Heart for wounds received on December 15, 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cardwell, of Wilkesboro, route two.

Crawford Home Burned Tuesday

The home of J. M. Crawford, on E street, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night.

The family had been gone from home about 20 minutes when neighbors saw the flames, which had already enveloped much of the residence. Firemen were able to get the fire under sufficient control to save nearby homes, but the Crawford residence and all furnishings in the home were totally destroyed.

Origin of the fire was not determined.

The loss was only partially covered by insurance.

A. R. Miller Kills 2 Large Porkers

A. R. Miller, Vannoy community merchant and farmer, has killed his year-old porkers for this season, and that makes news.

This time he butchered only two. One tipped the scales at a mere 700 pounds, while the other went to 710. They were the largest hogs ever produced on Mr. Miller's farm.

Bascomb W. Bengé Rites Held Today

Funeral service for Bascomb W. Bengé, 61, cycle citizen, who died Tuesday at his home, was held today, 11 a. m., at Oak Grove church.

Mr. Bengé is survived by his wife and 15 sons and daughters: Mrs. Ed Vestal, Jonesville; Worth Bengé, Lenoir; Claude, James Wellborn and Grover Bengé, of Cycle; Walter Bengé, Thurmond; Hillery, Tilda Jane, Mary Lou, Rufus, Ruth, Pauline, Margie, Jimmie, and Bascomb Bengé, Jr., all of Cycle.

Golf Players Will Plan Construction Course With Elkin

Dr. McNeill Heads Local Group; Executive Committee Is Appointed.

Golf players of the Wilkesboros in meeting Tuesday night formed an organization instructed to work with a similar organization in Elkin with the aim of constructing a golf course for the two towns.

With about 35 local golf enthusiasts and a delegation from Elkin present, the meeting was held at the North Wilkesboro town hall.

Dr. J. H. McNeill, who was instrumental in starting the golf course movement and calling the meeting, was elected chairman.

The assembly voted to form a permanent organization with Dr. McNeill as chairman and he appointed an executive committee, as follows: J. R. Hix, chairman; R. G. Finley, Edd F. Gardner, Henry Moore and Hoyle M. Hutchens. R. W. Gwyn, Jr., was elected secretary-treasurer.

John Sagar headed a delegation from Elkin. He stated that Elkin golfers would welcome the formation of a club with the North Wilkesboro organization and construction of a course between the two towns.

The executive committee was instructed to ascertain the location and approximate price of any available and suitable land for a golf course and to get cost estimates on construction, upkeep and operation.

It was also decided that the executive committee will meet with the Elkin organization at an early date for further study of the proposal.

Given Bronze Star

PFC. HAROLD McGRADY

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer McGrady, of North Wilkesboro, route one, has been awarded the bronze star medal for heroic achievement in action.

The citation accompanying the medal awarded Pfc. McGrady, who has been in service since 1941, was as follows:

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\$11,549 Is Total Expenditures By County Welfare

The Wilkes County Welfare Board met in regular session at the welfare office at 7 p. m. on Thursday, December 6. All three members of the board, composed of P. J. Brämé, chairman; F. C. Johnson and C. C. Sidden, were present.

Charles C. McNeill, secretary to the board, read a letter which had been received from R. Eugene Brown, director of Public Assistance, Raleigh, in which he stated that the monthly allotment for old age assistance was being reduced \$80 per month effective the first of the year due to the fact that we were not using the money in Wilkes county. Mr. Brown stated that this money was being allotted to other counties who wished to exceed their allotments. The secretary pointed out to the board that he felt the money was needed by recipients in Wilkes county and he hoped that the board would authorize him to write Mr. Brown and request that the allotment not be reduced any more. Plans were also discussed whereby the unexpended monthly allotment might be used for the benefit of the needy of Wilkes county. The board indicated that at the rate we had been increasing grants during the past few months that we would be using all of our allotment by the first of the year. Upon the recommendation of the secretary, the board approved an educational leave of absence of Mrs. W. R. Absher, who plans to take further training in social work.

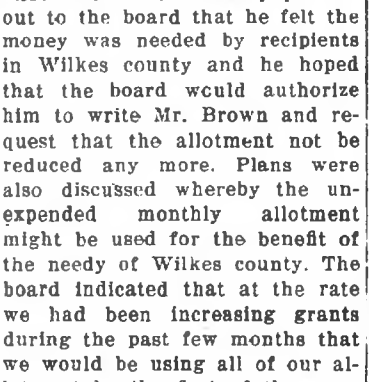
The secretary gave the board figures on the expenditures of the department for the month of November. This report indicated a total expenditure of \$11,549.96 for all purposes. A breakdown of these figures revealed that 645 persons received old age assistance in the amount of \$7,305.50 which gives an average monthly payment of \$11.33; 131 families received aid to dependent children to the extent of \$3,085, making an average monthly payment per family of \$23.56; 37 persons received aid to the blind in the amount of \$608, which gives an average monthly payment of \$16.43; other expenditures, including general relief, hospitalization and medical care, boarding homes, etc., amounted to \$551.46.

Lois Rainwater, home agent of the Extension Service in Wilson county has been elected secretary-treasurer of the National Home Demonstration Agents' Association.

Memorial Service For Pfc. Yates

Memorial service for Pfc. Roby Paul Yates, who was killed in action in France November 13, 1944, will be held at New Hope Baptist church near Purlear on Sunday, December 12, 2 p. m. Rev. George Cooper, of Hickory, and Rev. A. W. Eller will conduct the service.

Pfc. Yates, son of Mrs. Clearie Yates Robinson, of Purlear, and the late Conrad Yates, entered the army October 28, 1942, went overseas March 1, 1943, was wounded in France July 9, 1944, recovered in a hospital in England and returned to his outfit September 21, 1944. He returned to the front October 15 and fought bravely until he was killed.



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Stone Mountain Singing Dec. 20

Stone Mountain union singing will be held on Sunday, December 30, in the Mountain View school auditorium.

J. A. Gilliam, chairman, announced that the program will open at 1 p. m. and all singers are invited to attend and take part.

R. A. M. Chapter Officers Elected

North Wilkesboro Chapter No. 78, of Royal Arch Masons have elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: H. T. Clark, high priest; Johnson Sanders, king; Maurice Walsh, scribe; C. P. Walter, treasurer; J. C. Grayson, secretary; Troy A. Perry, captain of the host; O. M. Profit, principal sojourner; Tam Shoemaker, royal arch captain; Ed Crysel, first veil; Bruce Phillips, second veil; Thos. E. Forester, third veil; John Wells, Jr., chaplain; Sherman T. Anderson, guard.

The local chapter has experienced a successful year and several new members have recently been added.

Local Students Gathering Toys For Needy Here

Students In Athletic Department Of School Active In Christmas Cheer



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Couple Married In Liberty Theatre

While the newsreel flashed on the screen, Robert Cardwell and Annie Webb said their marriage vows in the Liberty theatre Monday afternoon as the news commentator's voice droned in the background.

The bride and groom, residents of near this city, had their marriage license and were looking for a justice of the peace when they remembered that Magistrate C. J. Jones spends his afternoons taking tickets at the Liberty theatre, and they proceeded to look up "Squire Jones."

He didn't have any one to relieve him at ticket snatching while he went to his office, so the bride and groom stood in the lobby for the ceremony.

To make sure that the couple will have some honeymoon entertainment, Ivan D. Anderson, theatre manager, presented them with theatre tickets.

Harley Jolly Heads A. S. T. C. Frosh

The election of freshman class officers at Appalachian State Teachers College, scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, turned out to be a spirited event covering several days and ending on Saturday.

The voting was by secret ballot and resulted finally in the election of Harley Jolly, of Boone, president; Carl Fidler, of Boone, vice-president; Roger Hiatt, of Mt. Airy, secretary; and Lee Mast, of Sugar Grove, treasurer. Half of the officers of the class are veterans of World War II, Mr. Jolly and Mr. Fidler.

By virtue of this election, the president and secretary automatically become members of the Student Council.

Mrs. Mary Cain Is Claimed By Death

Mrs. Mary H. Cain, age 67, resident of the Moravian Falls community, died Monday and funeral was held today, 2 p. m., at the new church near her home. Rev. J. A. Miller and Rev. S. M. Fox conducted the service.

Mrs. Cain leaves two sons and one daughter, Walter and W. H. Cain, and Mrs. G. B. Rogers, all of Moravian Falls.

Heads Triple A

James Queen was sentenced to 12 months on the roads after he had entered a plea to house-breaking, larceny and receiving.

Carl Mitchell, colored, was fined \$50 and drew a 60-day sentence suspended on charge of operating a car while intoxicated.

Accounts of cases tried since Monday will appear in the next issue of this newspaper.

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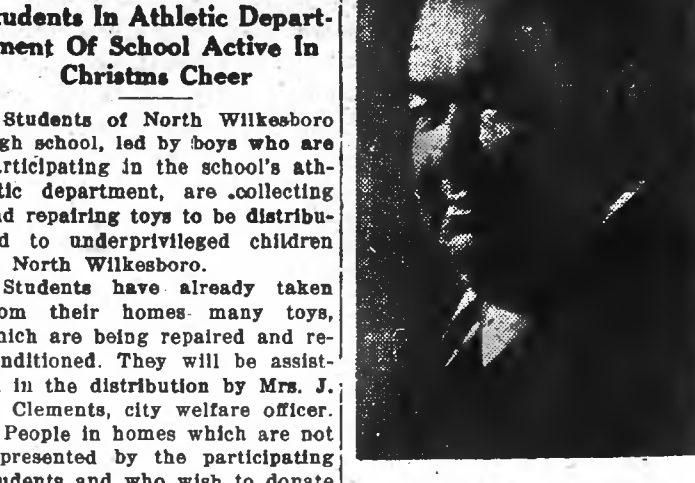
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Taken By Death



FLOYD C. FORESTER

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Land Sale Here To Be Dec. 19th

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Was Pioneer Citizen Of City; Prominent In The Business World.

Floyd C. (Tom) Forester, 64, a pioneer citizen of this city, and for many years active in business and political circles of this northwest section of North Carolina, died about noon on Tuesday at Davis Hospital in Statesville, to which hospital he had been rushed early in the morning. His death removes one of the best known personages of Wilkes and adjoining counties.

Mr. Forester was born near the city on June 2, 1881, the son of the late Albert and Sarah Virginia Forester, and with the exception of several years he resided in Wilkesboro, he made his home in this city.

Mr. Forester, known as "Tom" to his numerous friends here and throughout the state, saw North Wilkesboro grow from an unincorporated village to the thriving, bustling city of today. During his earlier life he promoted many civic improvements which had much to do with the development of North Wilkesboro.

For many years Mr. Forester was active in political affairs of the county and state. He was a staunch Democrat, and believed firmly in the principles of his party. During his active political life he served his party on various committees. For a number of years he was chairman of the Wilkes County Democratic Executive Committee and also the State Executive Committee. In 1932 he served as a delegate from this congressional district at the National Democratic Convention, at which time the late President Roosevelt was nominated as the standard bearer of his party. Mr. Forester also served as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of North Wilkesboro.

Mr. Forester was one of the city's outstanding business men. He was one of the originators of the local Coca-Cola Bottling Co., operated a wholesale grocery business in the city, and for a number of years operated the Forester Canning Company, one of the largest companies of its kind in the South. Later he withdrew from the canning business and entered the wholesale and retail oil business, which expanded to large proportions under his personal management.

In early life Mr. Forester was united in marriage with Miss Mary Lina McLain, of this city, who survives him. To this union were born three children, Floyd C., Jr., deceased; Mrs. F. P. Blair, Jr., and Mrs. Watson Brame. Five grandchildren are also among the close surviving relatives. Mr. Forester was a brother of the late Fidel Forester, who was one of the best known wholesale dry goods and grocery merchants in this northwest section of the state.

A very impressive funeral service was held at the First Presbyterian church this morning at 11 o'clock, the service being conducted by the pastor, Rev. Watt M. Cooper. Interment followed in Greenwood cemetery.

Pallbearers were nephews and cousins of the deceased, as follows: George S. Forester, F. D. Forester, Jr., N. S. Forester, Gordon Forester, Eddie Forester, Claude C. Faw, Jr., Cpl. Thomas M. Faw, Warner Miller, Jr., and Foy Raymer.

The many floral tributes to the life of Mr. Forester were most beautiful.

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