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WILKES MAN GETS MILITARY CROSS



Captain Raymond Caudill, Army Transportation Corps, receiving Military Cross of Belgium at ceremony at San Francisco Port of Embarkation May 7, 1947. The cross, awarded by the government of Belgium in recognition of Captain Caudill's wartime services, was presented by Col. Calvin DeWitt, Jr., Deputy Port Commander. An interested observer at the ceremony was Mrs. Raymond Caudill, a former member of the British WAAF, whom the Army captain met and married overseas.

BIRTHS

A son was born May 26 at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. James Willie Anderson, of Moravian Falls. Born May 27 at the Wilkes hospital, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Arden Fidell Myers, of Hays. Mr. and Mrs. George D. Woodie, of North Wilkesboro, are parents of a daughter born May 29 at the Wilkes hospital. A son was born at the Wilkes hospital May 29 to Mr. and Mrs. James Edmond Teague, of Ronda. Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Monroe Nichols, of Purlear, a daughter on May 30 at the Wilkes hospital. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gilbert Johnson, of Millers Creek, a son on May 31 at the Wilkes hospital. A daughter was born May 31 at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Doughton Hayes, of North Wilkesboro. Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Eller, of Wilkesboro, are parents of a son born May 30 at the Wilkes hospital. A son was born May 30 at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Coy Pruitt, of Dockery. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Chipman, of Hays, a son on Monday at the Wilkes hospital. Mr. and Mrs. William Glenn Eller, of North Wilkesboro route 1, are parents of a daughter born Monday at the Wilkes hospital. A son was born Wednesday at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Dillard, of North Wilkesboro. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Warren Kilby, of Moravian Falls, a son on Wednesday at the Wilkes hospital. A daughter was born Wednesday at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. William Jerome Sales, of North Wilkesboro. Born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evan Willes, of North Wilkesboro, a son at the Wilkes hospital.

City Recreation Program Begins

Softballers Asked To Meet Friday Evening at Smoot Park to Form League

Howard Bowers, athletic coach whose summertime duty is recreational director for North Wilkesboro, has announced that all softball players and others interested in forming the churches softball league are asked to meet Friday evening, seven o'clock, at Smoot Park. Plans are to re-organize the softball league with several teams representing the various churches participating. Mr. Bowers also announced that he will be at Smoot Park each afternoon to assist boys and girls in organized play and recreation as they desire. In July Mr. Bowers will go to Columbia University in New York City to complete his studies for a master's degree and will be away for six weeks. Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. P. A. Dancy is able to be up some after being confined to her bed for several months.

Captain Caudill Given Military Cross Of Belgium

Captain Raymond Caudill, Army Transportation Corps, recently received the Military Cross of Belgium as a reward for his wartime work of organizing an emergency supply line to rush vital fuel to forward areas after the St. Lo breakthrough. The Cross, awarded Caudill by the government of Belgium, was presented him by Col. Calvin DeWitt, Jr., Deputy Port Commander of San Francisco Port of Embarkation where Captain Caudill now serves as Chief of Automotive Supervision Branch, Port Supply and Facilities Division. An interested spectator was Mrs. Raymond Caudill, a former member of the British Women's Auxiliary Air Forces, whom Caudill met and married overseas. A native of North Carolina, Captain Caudill entered the Regular Army in 1923 following his graduation from Mountain View High School there. In 1942 he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant while serving with the 751st Quartermaster Truck Company. Two years later he was sent to Europe as Motor Officer in the Office of the Chief of Transportation ETO and later in the 13th Transportation Corps Regulating Group. It was his work in ETO which won him the Belgian award. He had charge of an express truck line which set up an emergency flow of gasoline, brought in by bombers from England, to forward air fields at a time the Allied drive had gone beyond its supply lines. Captain and Mrs. Caudill presently reside in San Bruno, Calif. A brother, Herman, resides in Winston-Salem and several brothers and sisters make their homes in North Wilkesboro. During his pre-war Army duty he was stationed in Martinsburg, W. Va., for six years on recruiting duty.

Wilkesboro Town Residents Asked Conserve Water

Due to long periods with abnormally low rainfall, the water supply in Wilkesboro is low. The town council has asked that all residents of the town use water sparingly during the emergency, and that they refrain from watering gardens or other uses of large quantities of water whenever possible. Service stations are also asked to use water as sparingly as possible. The Wilkesboro water supply is derived from a reservoir on the Brushy Mountains. Low rainfall has reduced the flow of mountain springs on the watershed. Miss Melo Blankenship has returned to her position as manager of the North Wilkesboro office of Western Union after spending her vacation at her home in Alexander county and in the western part of the state.

Marriage License

Since May 23 license to wed were issued by Troy C. Foster, Wilkes register of deeds, to the following: Louis B. Dula, Jr., and Mary Sue Williams, both of Wilkesboro; Robert M. Honck, Todd, and Nona Roland, Clifton; Steward Wilcox, Todd, and Juanita Roten, Clifton; Atwell Miller, North Wilkesboro, and Katherine Parsons, Wilkesboro; George Adams and Freda Seagle, both of North Wilkesboro; Millard W. Greene, Jr., North Wilkesboro, and Allie Lou Saylor, Wilkesboro; Joseph F. Wellington, High Point, and Edith Roberts, Ronda; Romulus Cal Carlton and Fannie Lou Land, both of Boomer; Clarence A. Sain, Statesville, and Katherine Johnson, North Wilkesboro; James R. Brown, North Wilkesboro, and Berlyis Eller, Buck; Edgar Sidden, Joynes, and Louise Smith, Elkin; Coy Harrold and Marie Miller, both of Hays.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Priscilla Hix spent the week-end in Roanoke, Va., with Mrs. Gordon McDonald and Mrs. Joe Roach. Mrs. H. L. Jones, who holds a position at the Western Union office here, is spending her vacation at her home at Sylva. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Clements of Greensboro are spending a few days visiting friends and relatives here. Mr. Ned Moser, of Lewisville, is spending this week with his grandfather, Mr. W. M. Duncan and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan D. Anderson returned Monday from Corinth, Miss., where they visited Mrs. Anderson's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Klyce. Miss Virginia Dare Lovette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lovette, of Wilkesboro route one, this week received her diploma from the Duke University school of nursing, Durham.

Miss LaVerne Parlier, of Moravian Falls, recently visited her brother, Mr. Douthard Parlier, who is attending the Greenville School of Commerce in Greenville, Tenn. Mrs. J. C. Williams and children, Sylvia Ann and Timothy, and Mrs. James W. McNeill and son, Jimmie, will leave Sunday to spend two weeks at Myrtle Beach. Mr. W. R. Harmon, Jr., will receive his degree in electrical engineering at North Carolina State College in Raleigh Monday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harmon, of this city. Miss Margie Gabriel, who is a member of the Charlotte City Schools, has returned to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gabriel at their home in Finley Park.

Rev. Fred Blevins, newly elected pastor of Oakwoods Baptist Church, will conduct services there Sunday night June 8th at 8 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Blevins has been confined to his home with illness for the past few weeks and friends are glad to learn that he is able to be out and fill his regular appointment at his churches. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tye, of Baltimore, Md., visited Mrs. Tye's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Rhodes, of Wilkesboro, Route 1. Misses Faye and Lena Rhodes returned with them to Baltimore to spend a week's vacation. While there they visited their sister, Miss Jackie Rhodes, in Washington, D. C., and points of interest in Annapolis, Md., Wilmington, Del., and Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. C. L. Sockwell and Miss Mamie Sockwell spent the week-end in Gibsonville with relatives, and on Sunday attended the annual memorial services at Friedens Lutheran church. They were accompanied there by Mrs. H. C. Ewing, the former Miss Lizzie Sockwell and son, Mr. H. C. Ewing, Jr., and Miss Margaret Laughridge, all of Newport News, Va., who visited here Friday and Saturday in the Sockwell home. The Ewings and Miss Laughridge returned to Newport News Tuesday afternoon after attending the wedding at Duke University of Jack Brooks, of Newport News, and Miss Margaret Reap, of Albemarle, in which Mr. Ewing was best man. The Sockwells, also Miss Bertha Sockwell, of Greensboro, went home with the Ewings for a weeks visit in the Ewing home.

Fidels class of Hinshaw Street Baptist church will meet Friday night, 7:30, at the home of Mrs. Barney Church with Mrs. Lester Gambill as associate hostess.

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Interim Pastor Is Employed At First Baptist

Rev. W. R. Wagoner Will Be Supply Pastor During Summer Months

Rev. W. R. Wagoner, who will serve as interim pastor of the First Baptist church, began his work Sunday, June 1st. Rev. Mr. Wagoner was born in Lewisville, N. C. He is graduate of Lewisville High School, Mars Hill College and Wake Forest College. For the past five years he has been a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, having received his B. D. and Th. M. Degrees in this institution. He expects to return to the seminary in the fall to complete work on his Th. D. Degree.

While in North Carolina Mr. Wagoner served as pastor of Wilsons Mills church, Wilsons Mills, N. C., and New Sandy Creek, Sulphur Springs and Inez Churches in the Wake Forest area. After going to Louisville, Ky., he was pastor of the Aurburnale Baptist Church. At the seminary Mr. Wagoner is doing his major work in the field of Christian ethics and sociology.

Mrs. Wagoner is the former Miss Elizabeth Tucker, of Winston-Salem, N. C. She is a graduate of Meredith College and of the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, Ky. She and Otis Tucker Wagoner, their small son, are spending the summer with her parents in Winston-Salem.

Junior Baseball Starts Tuesday With Newton Here

Parents Urged to Cooperate By Assisting Sons With Legion Play

Wilkes American Legion's first entry in organized junior baseball will begin the regular season here Tuesday, 3:30, against Newton and all baseball fans should be on hand to lend the youngsters all possible encouragement. A group of about 35 boys are trying out for the team here. The regulations limit the squad number to 20 players until June 30, after which date the team limit will be 16. Boys who do not make the team should not consider that they are out of junior baseball. Those who do not pass the age limit may make future teams.

Parents of junior players are asked to cooperate fully and assist their boys in every way possible to reach the practice sessions and the games. The program is being afforded the boys through the American Legion and Ford Motor company to help the boys in building character and physical hardhood and the public, and especially parents of boys participating, should assist in every way possible.

Parking Meters Are Expected To Be Up Next Week

Factory Men Here to Install Meters In Downtown Area In Few Days

Parking meters are expected to get into operation on North Wilkesboro's downtown streets next week, Police Chief J. E. Walker said today. A factory representative arrived here this week to install the meters on the posts, which were set several weeks ago. But it developed that one essential part for each meter had not arrived and installation was delayed for a few days. The meters will be set on the post which have been erected on parts of B, C, Ninth and Tenth streets. Parking charge will be five cents per hour. The meters will take nickels, or pennies for fractional parts of one hour. Further announcements relative to use of the meters will be published later, Police Chief J. E. Walker said today.

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Three Sisters Born On April 25



Three sisters with a variation of 15 years in their ages have the same birthday—April 25. On that date Mrs. Zollie Hamby, left, reached age 45. Mrs. Earl Parsons, center, is the youngest, being only 25, and Mrs. S. S. Minton, right, was 40 on April 25. They are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dancy, of Buck, and all live in the same community on highway 421 near Cricket, west of this city.

Poppy Sales Here Net Total \$375.00

American Legion Auxiliary sale of memorial poppies here on Saturday netted a total of \$375. Auxiliary officials said today. The fund will be used for rehabilitation of disabled veterans and to assist their families. The memorial flowers were made by disabled veterans in hospitals. Auxiliary officials today thanked all who assisted in sale of the poppies and all who purchased them for their cooperation.

Food Sale Saturday Benefit Church Fund At Moravian Falls

A food sale will be held Saturday morning, eight o'clock, at Emily's Beauty Salon. The food sale will be sponsored by the solicitation committee for the Moravian Falls Baptist church building fund. Many desirable food items will be on sale and patronage will be appreciated.

Red Caps Lose To Jonesville By 6-5

The North Wilkesboro Red Caps had one big inning, scoring five in the eighth to tie the count, but Jonesville came back in the eighth to score and win a Yadkin Valley league game Wednesday at Jonesville. The loss knocked the Red Caps off the top perch in the league if Elkin beat Shady Grove. Following are individuals scores:

Table with 4 columns: Name, AB, R, H. Rows include N. Wilkesboro, Badgett c, B. Cheatwood ss, Wood of c, Bentley 3b, Parsons lf, Eller rf, Craig rf, V. Cheatwood 2b, Wendland 1b, Rhoades p, TOTALS, Jonesville, Martin c, Gambill ss, R. Swaim cf, Deal 1b, Boles rf, B. Swaim 3b, Blackburn 2b, Cochran lf, Holcomb p, TOTALS.

Miss Finley Graduate W.C.U.N.C. Monday

The name of Miss Peggy Finley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, was inadvertently omitted from the list of Wilkes girls graduating Monday at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Monday. Miss Finley received her degree Monday.

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Farm Bureau Will Meet at Ronda 6th

A second meeting of the Wilkes County Farm Bureau will be held in the Ronda high school gymnasium, Friday evening, June 6, at 7:00 o'clock. W. G. Lowery, field representative of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, will be present and discuss the recently organized Tobacco Associates, Inc. All farmers interested in tobacco and the future of farming in general are urged to attend this meeting.

Five Miles State Highway 268 To Be Rebuilt Soon

Map of Proposed Changes In Route West of Wilkesboro Now Posted

The State Highway and Public Works Commission has five miles of highway 268 west of Wilkesboro slated for early construction. Map of the proposed changes in the route of the highway from Wilkesboro up the river to the F. H. Gilreath farm has been posted in the courthouse in Wilkesboro.

According to the map, there will be only minor changes in the route and the new highway will closely follow the present gravel road up the river valley. Residents of the Yadkin valley west of Wilkesboro have long felt the need of an all weather road. Highway 268 is not paved from Wilkesboro to the Caldwell county line west of Ferguson and in winter often becomes impassable.

Junior Chamber Commerce Holds Interesting Meet

Meeting Time Changed To Second and Fourth Thursday Evenings

Wilkes county Junior Chamber of Commerce in meeting Wednesday noon at Hotel Wilkes enjoyed a good program. Ray Stroud, program chairman, presented Tom Redding, colored, and his four-year-old boy—the quiz kid who knows all the answers. The child amazed the group as he correctly answered many questions about history, geography and current events. Another program feature was by a colored quartet, with Elmo Farmer accompanying with guitar. Their numbers were much enjoyed. The organization unanimously voted to change the meeting time to second and fourth Thursday evenings in each month, seven o'clock, at Hotel Wilkes, and to incorporate the charge for meals into the regular dues. The Jaycees have preliminary plans for staging a minstrel and beauty contest. Dates will be announced later.

William Byers Is Attending Aquatic School Red Cross

William Byers, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Byers, left on Wednesday to attend the national Red Cross Aquatic School at Camp Carolina, Brevard, N. C. The course will last ten days and William will receive instruction in First Aid and Accident Prevention, Life Saving and Water Safety, Swimming and Diving, and Small Craft Operation. The classes will be taught by nationally famous teachers of aquatic subjects. Upon his return William will act as life guard at the local swimming pool which is scheduled to open soon. According to Isaac Duncan, Chairman of Safety Services of the local Red Cross Chapter, Wilkes County has been authorized to send two representatives to Red Cross Aquatic School this summer. Other schools are scheduled at Pine Mountain State Park, Georgia, June 17 to 27 and at Camp Carolina, August 13 to 23. Anyone interested in attending either of these schools should contact the local Red Cross office for details about requirements, etc.

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North Wilkesboro city council, composed of Mayor T. S. Kenerly, Commissioners C. J. Swotford, J. C. Reins, Frank H. Crow, Gilbert Bare and Max Foster, and Clerk W. P. Kelly held a busy meeting Tuesday night.

Members of the Library Association, including E. G. Finley, W. K. Sturdivant and C. B. Eller, appeared before the board, thanking the town for assistance in operation of the public library and asking an increased appropriation for the library next year. An increase of \$10 per month, making a total of \$520 for the year, was granted.

A group of taxi operators on Ninth street asked that parking meters not be installed on the east side of Ninth street south of B street. The council asked that the taxi operators use parking meters in a trial period.

Howard Bowers, city recreation director, was granted a six-weeks leave of absence without pay in order that he may obtain his Master's degree.

Harry T. Kerley, representing veterans who purchased lots in the veterans housing project east of the county home, asked that the city water lines be extended from Carolina Mirror Corporation to that project, and that the veterans will request that the project be incorporated into the town limits. No action was taken.

Chrystal Williams, street superintendent, was authorized to employ a care taker for the cemetery and a care taker for Smoot Park.

Police Chief J. E. Walker was authorized to employ an additional policeman due to the increase of traffic work with parking meters.

Privilege license tax ordinance was adopted and will be published in a later edition of this newspaper.

E. A. Shook was authorized to employ Ralph Oraven as assistant water plant operator, salary not to exceed \$100 per month.

The council was informed that parking meters have arrived and would be installed in the next few days.

Tal S. Barnes, 54, Died Wednesday

Tal S. Barnes, well and favorably known citizen of North Wilkesboro, died at two a. m. Wednesday. He had been in ill health for several years and seriously ill for the past week.

Mr. Barnes was born September 24, 1893, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes, of North Wilkesboro. He graduated from Atlanta school of pharmacy in 1920. He served in the first World War.

In 1922 Mr. Barnes was married to Miss Ethel Dix, of Mount Airy. The surviving members of his immediate family are his wife; one daughter, Miss Billie Barnes, and one son, Tal S. Barnes, of North Wilkesboro; and one sister, Mrs. W. S. Fletcher, of Purlear.

For several years Mr. Barnes was connected with the Rexall Drug store, retiring in 1935 because of ill health. In early life he united with the First Baptist church here and was active in church affairs.

Funeral service was held this afternoon, four o'clock, at the First Baptist church. Rev. W. R. Wagoner, pastor, was in charge of the service.

Pall bearers were Roby Dancy, Jake Crawford, R. T. McNeil, A. F. Kilby, W. G. Gabriel, Claude Gentry and A. M. Church. Honorary pall bearers were members of the Beren class of the First Baptist church.

Many beautiful flowers were fitting tokens of esteem and respect for the life of Mr. Barnes. Burial was in Mount Lawn cemetery.

Recreation Party At Ferguson Saturday

The recreation party at Ferguson school Saturday night will be sponsored by the Gym Club. Music will be furnished by a colored band from Lenoir. Admission will be \$1.50 per couple and everybody is invited.