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National Guard Battery Highly Rated In Camp

Forehand Promoted to Major; Non-Com Officers Get Commendations

Battery C of the 112th battalion of the National Guard, 30th Division, returned to North Wilkesboro Sunday from two weeks of highly successful summer encampment at Fort Bragg, nation's largest army post.

Captain Roy Forehand, commanding officer of Battery C, has been promoted to rank of executive officer for the battalion and will receive rank of major, which he held at the time for his discharge from the army after World War II. Succeeding him in command of Battery C will be Lt. Don Story.

While in camp Battery C received many honors. Sgt. Ed Miller, who was selected from the battery to attend a motor pool maintenance school, ended the course as instructor for all units in the battalion.

Sgt. Wardner Mastin operated the kitchen for the battalion and his kitchen was second best for the entire division.

Sgt. Robert Staley's group took first place in 105 mm. fire computation data, firing five rounds in less than one minute. Battery C officers rated first in fire computation data from observation post.

Sgts. Miller, Mastin and Staley received written commendations for excellence in their assignments.

Battery C was also commended for having the highest attendance of members of any unit in the 30th Division.

North Wilkesboro Beats Abingdon 9

Ladies' Night Tonight; Go to Galax For Crucial Series Tuesday, Wednesday

Tommy Young, handsome 19-year-old youth from Philadelphia, handcuffed the Abingdon batters with 4 hits for a North Wilkesboro victory here Sunday afternoon 9 to 1 as the Flashers collected 17 bingles.

Young would have had a shut-out victory but the Flashers' only two errors were bunched in the third to allow one Abingdon unearned score. Leading hitters for North Wilkesboro were Howard, Stanley and Daddino with three each.

The Flashers take on Abingdon again tonight in a Ladies' Night contest and then begin a week-long road trip with two games at Galax, three at Mount Airy and two at Abingdon, returning here August 3 to play Mount Airy in Memorial Park for a two-day stand. At Galax the Flashers will have a splendid opportunity to cut the leading Leafs' lead in the pennant chase.

Galax evened up their series with the Flashers here Saturday night by winning 5 to 2 after North Wilkesboro had won Friday night 2 to 0 (see story on page 3). Richard Long, on the mound for the locals, got into serious trouble in the seventh with the score tied 2-2 and the sacks full. Dickerman slammed one over second on which Howard tried for a shoestring catch and missed, the knock going for a double and three runs crossing the plate to end the scoring. The Flashers were able to get only six safeties off Warren, big right-hander. Daddino got two of the six.

Sunday's game was a benefit engagement and all net receipts were for the polio fund for the permanent polio center to serve North Carolina and located in Greensboro. Many braved the hot afternoon sun to see the contest and aid a most worthy cause.

Gets 110 Turtles On Saturday Hunt

Beech Blankenship, who always "brings home the bacon" or a good substitute, went on a turtle hunt in Virginia Saturday and caught 110 turtles, which is moderately successful, even for Mr. Blankenship.

Mrs. Retta Myers of Raleigh, spent the week-end here, the guest of Mrs. A. M. Church.

The average American consumes 187.4 quarts of milk in a year.

Heads Red Cross



Larry Moore, a well known local attorney, was elected chairman of the Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross in recent meeting. Richard Johnston was named vice chairman, W. C. Grier secretary and Miss Ruth Hubbard, treasurer. Chapter officials are elected for a one-year period. As chapter chairman Attorney Moore succeeds A. F. Kilby.

North Wilkesboro Schools Will Open Monday, Sept. 6th

Only Three Faculty Vacancies; Many Improvements Under Way

Schools in North Wilkesboro will open on Monday, September 6, J. Floyd Woodward, superintendent, said today.

Only three faculty vacancies now exist, Supt. Woodward said. High school principal, public school music teacher and math teacher are the vacancies at the present time. A week ago there were ten vacancies and good progress has been made in employing teachers.

During the vacation period many improvements are being carried out at the school buildings. Steel stairs and toilet rooms are being constructed on each end of the elementary school building. Siddon and Canter, local contractors, are doing the construction work.

Three basement rooms to be used as classrooms are being thoroughly renovated, along with the cafeteria and high school library. Two gas ranges and a large hot water tank are being installed in the cafeteria.

At the gymnasium work is progressing satisfactorily on construction of four dressing rooms and a storage room. Last winter a heating plant was installed.

High Prices Soar Beyond '20 Level

Chicago — Average wholesale prices soared to the highest point in history last week, the U. S. Labor Department reported today as all meat prices dipped. A major grocery chain slashed over-the-counter meat prices as much as 20 cents a pound, and wholesale meat and livestock prices were down slightly. Consumer resistance in part, was credited for the declines.

The Labor Department said the average wholesale prices last Saturday of 900 basic commodities had increased 1.3 per cent over the previous week.

This put the index 1 per cent above the previous all-time record set in May, 1920, immediately preceding the sharp business recession of 1920-21.

The department attributed the abrupt rise in wholesale prices last week to increases for farm products and foods, particularly "sharply higher prices for dressed meats."

Five Indicted Reds Are Still at Large

New York — Five members of the 12-man "Politburo" of the American Communist party indicted by a Federal grand jury for plotting the overthrow of the Government by force and violence were still at large today, but FBI agents expected their arrest by nightfall.

Six top-ranking members of the American Communist party, including William Z. Foster and Eugene Dennis, were arrested here yesterday shortly after the indictments were returned against them.

Sprays Used To Prevent Polio Spread

Jeter Is Speaker At Fruit Growers Picnic August 18

Annual Event Will Be Held At Perry Lowe's Orchard On the Brushies

The Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers Association will have their annual Picnic and Field Day, August 18.

The program will start at 10 a. m., at the orchard of Perry Lowe, which is located opposite the Brushy Mountain Apple Research Station midway between Wilkesboro and Taylorsville on Highway 16. The fruit growers will go to the orchard of W. A. Jennings and Son for observation and discussion of orchard problems. This tour will be directed by H. R. Niswonger, Extension Horticulturist of the N. C. State College Extension Service. He will be assisted by Dr. C. N. Clayton, professor of Plant Pathology, of N. C. State College, and Dr. C. F. Smith, professor of Entomology of N. C. State College. James T. Conner, Jr., Extension Entomologist and H. R. Garris, Plant Pathologist, will also assist with this tour.

The women will assemble at the Apple Research Station for a very interesting program. Miss Rose Elwood Bryan, Food Conservation Specialist of the N. C. State College Extension Service, will give a demonstration on the use of apples and apple products.

At noon the men and women will return to Perry Lowe's orchard for a picnic dinner. After the picnic the following men will appear on the program: Dr. F. H. Jeter, Agricultural Editor, N. C. State College; Professor M. E. Gardner, Head of Horticultural Department, N. C. State College; John W. Goodman, Assistant Director of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

All fruit growers in the area and their wives are invited to attend with a well filled picnic basket. Cold drinks will be provided.

George S. Coble Speaks to Kiwanis Club Here Friday

George S. Coble, of Lexington, Kiwanis lieutenant governor and one of the south's outstanding manufacturers of dairy products, addressed the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon.

Program Chairman J. Bid Williams presented the speaker, who complimented the club highly on work of many committees. He closed his talk, which was well received, with a message on the value of Kiwanis to individuals and to communities.

On Friday Paul Osborne, vice president of the club, assumed the chair for the remainder of the year following resignation of Richard Gibbs, who has gone to Anniston, Alabama.

Guests Friday were: W. A. Stephens with Paul Choplin; John E. Justice, III, with John E. Justice, Jr.; Dr. Andrew Morehouse with H. H. Morehouse; Bill Combs with Dr. Gilbert R. Combs. Sig Holcomb, of Elkin, and G. C. Smith, of Salisbury, were visiting Kiwanians.

John O. Everhart At Jewel Box Here

John O. Everhart, with 12 years' experience as a watchmaker, is now manager of the repair department of The Jewel Box, Ray Landsberger, manager, announced today.

Mr. Everhart succeeds Jack Alexander, who is going to Marion, Virginia as co-owner and manager of a new store in the Jewel Box chain. Mr. Everhart is the son of a Lexington watchmaker. In addition to his 12 years in the trade, he was an instructor in a watchmaker school for two years and was engaged in watch repair work while in the army in the European theater. He is well qualified to handle the most difficult types of watch and jewelry repair.

Mr. Everhart comes here from Winston-Salem, where he was affiliated with Katsina's. His wife and son, Guy, age 9, will move here soon.

Revivals Postponed

Cranberry Baptist Church has postponed their revival because of the threatened polio epidemic. Date will be announced later.

Pilgrim Baptist Church has also announced postponement of a revival because of the polio situation.

Draft Registration To Begin Aug. 30

Washington — President Truman has notified all men 18 through 25 that they must register for compulsory military service beginning August 30. About 9,600,000 men will report for the first registration.

He issued a proclamation setting up a 20-day schedule under which those of draft age will sign up under the new peacetime selective service law.

The roll call will start with 25-year-olds and proceed downward by age groups until September 18, when youths who turned 18 on or before that date will register.

Youths who become 18 after September 19 will be required to register within five days after their birthdays.

Under the law, only those 19 through 25 may be inducted for 21 months of military service. Eighteen-year-olds may escape the 21-month hitch when they reach 19 by volunteering, starting today, for 12 months' service and thereafter signing up with an active reserve.

Major General Lewis B. Hershey, draft director, said selective service officials are undecided whether to start the draft in the 25-year age group or to use a lottery system similar to that of World War II.

If the age-group proposal is adopted, men probably would be called for induction in the order of their birthdays.

Under the more complicated lottery procedure, each eligible man would be given a serial number on registering and the order of induction would be determined by a drawing.

Rush to Sell Timber Costs Farmers Cash

Tempted to unload their timber stock while prices are high, many Tar Heel farmers not only are ruining their future timber crop but are also losing money by rushing to sell at the first opportunity, believes John L. Gray, assistant Extension forester at State College.

As an example, Mr. Gray says many farmers agree to sell every tree above a certain size, often specifying a 10-inch stump diameter limit or even smaller. In most cases, he points out, this is equal to setting no limit at all since most trees below this size will not make one 14- or 16-foot sawlog large enough to saw out a clean 2x4.

According to Mr. Gray, two Edgecomb County farmers, Harvey and Porter McNair of Tarboro, have found by experience that selective marketing and cutting of trees improves their timber stand for future use and also enables them to obtain maximum income from their sales. Using the selective method, the McNairs were able to determine which trees should be cut and how much timber they had for sale.

Assisted by Mr. Gray, the farmers checked their entire 100 acres of timberland. Each tree to be sold was marked with two spots of yellow paint, one at the stump line for checking purposes and the other about shoulder high on the trunk for the convenience of the cutters. A record was kept of the board-foot content of each tree.

The McNairs invited all buyers to make offers, and the best one was accepted. Terms of the sale were covered in a written contract which protected the unmarked trees by placing a double price on them.

Now, even though one good sale has been made, fine, straight thrifty trees still cover the woods to grow to premium size and to feed the openings in with young trees.

To prevent accidents paint the bottom step of the cellar stairs white.

Jennings Acquitted On Murder Charge At Portsmouth, Va.

James A. Jennings, former Wilkes resident, was acquitted by a circuit court at Norfolk, Va., for the fatal shooting of his wife, Annie Lee Deal Jennings, recently.

Jennings, 42, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Jennings, of Brushy Mountain township, was a naval policeman in the navy yard. He is alleged to have shot and killed his wife while firing at a man who was allegedly insulting her at the Jennings home.

He was acquitted on the grounds of temporary insanity, according to a news account in the Norfolk, Virginia Pilot, the verdict of the jury was greeted by cheers and shouts from the many spectators in the court room.

W. H. McElwee, of North Wilkesboro, was defense attorney and was assisted by Thomas E. Gilman, a Portsmouth attorney.

A psychiatrist testified that Jennings probably was temporarily insane and would not have been responsible for anything he may have done at the instant that he fired the fatal shot.

Flashers Leading Hitting, Fielding

Third Hitter in League at 350; Several Above 300 Mark Now

The North Wilkesboro Flashers are leading in everything in the Blue Ridge league except games won and lost.

Latest report of official averages from Howe News Bureau shows North Wilkesboro leading in hitting with a team average of .286, and leading in fielding with a percentage of 95.4. Wytheville with a smaller park leads in home runs with 25, followed by North Wilkesboro and Galax with 22 each. North Wilkesboro is tops in double plays with 57, one ahead of Galax and Wytheville.

The hitting averages incomplete through July 18 for the Flashers were: Shores 350, Daddino 329, Cooper 324, Stanley 302, Howard 296, Brelich 293, Tagliarino 279, Loman 279, Mercak 268, Leonard 262.

Beane, of Galax, and Cashier, of Mount Airy, were leading the league in batting average with 362 each. Shores was third, followed by Galax's Kase in fourth spot.

So many games were missing from the report that the pitching record is not considered up-to-date. Bjorvins, North Wilkesboro lefthander, who quit to go home to look after his business, was the Flashers' leading hurler with eight wins to three losses. Gibson was next with eight victories to four losses. Pfeiffer, of Galax, had won most games with a 12 to 6 count.

Mrs. Holcomb, 87, Dies In Jonesville

Mrs. Susan Bengt Holcomb, 87, died at midnight Friday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Houston Burcham, Jonesville, with whom she made her home. She had been ill for five years.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at Fall Creek Baptist Church, of which she was a member. Rev. D. G. Reese and Rev. E. J. Hogan officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are three children: Mrs. Houston Burcham and John Holcomb, both of Jonesville, and Jack Holcomb of Morganton; seven grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. William Freeman of Jonesville, and two brothers, George Bengt of Elkin and Solomon Bengt of North Wilkesboro.

Cemetery Working

Those who have relatives buried in Pleasant Home Baptist cemetery are requested to meet there Friday afternoon, 1 o'clock, ready for work. Pleasant Home church is located one-half mile off Highway 16 near Millers Creek.

14 Wilkes Horses In Show at Sparta

Fourteen horses from North Wilkesboro participated in the Sparta horse show Friday and Saturday. Owners of the local horses were W. F. Gaddy, G. Sam Winters, T. H. Williams, Link Spainhour, W. R. Newton, J. Gwyn Gambill, W. K. Sturdivant, J. B. Carter.

A horse owned by Mr. Gaddy won the roadster stake championship and another of his three horses won third in the walking horse class. Jane Gambill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gwyn Gambill, won second in children's equitation, and first in three-gaited class. Jimmie Winters was third in children's equitation.

Sales Institute Is To Be Held Here Aug. 30, Sept. 10

Mrs. Della R. Putnam Will be Instructor for 10-Hour Course in City

Trade Promotion Committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the second annual Sales Institute here August 30 to September 10.

Last year the Trade Promotion Committee put on an institute which, because of its success, gained national recognition. In cooperation with North Wilkesboro schools, the institute will be carried out by the Distributive Education Service of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, which will furnish the instructor.

The instructor will be Mrs. Della E. Putnam, who has wide experience in selling, as a sales and personnel manager and sales institute instructor in North Carolina and other states.

"Selling Technique" will be the title of the course, which will be taught in ten sessions of one hour each. There will be two sessions daily, from nine until 11:15 a. m., in order that all sales personnel in the Wilkesboro may attend.

There will be no charge except for a 50-cent registration fee, which will go to pay cost of instructional supplies. Registration blanks will be mailed by the Chamber of Commerce to merchants in the next few days.

The committee who handled preliminary arrangements for the institute, which will be held at the North Wilkesboro town hall, was composed of W. G. Gabriel, Trade Promotion chairman, C. T. Burke and Millard Rhoades. Theme of the event will be "The Sales Person Is The Key To Building Permanent Trade."

County League Has Schedule For Week

Schedule of the Wilkes baseball league sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce will be resumed Tuesday night at Memorial Park when Boomer and Cliffman play a game rained out on a former date.

On Wednesday night Purlear and Fairplains, teams leading with two victories each, will play a game which was rained out several days ago.

Thursday night will be Pores Knob versus Mulberry; Friday night Fairplains and Purlear again; and on Saturday night Clingman and Pores Knob will play.

Western Auto Beats Sparta In Softball

Western Auto softball team defeated Sparta last week 13 to 5 in a game played at Smoot Park. Buster Bush was the winning pitcher with Hodges, Reavis and Horton leading in the hitting for North Wilkesboro.

An exhibition softball game played by crew members of the Navy ships USS Johnston, USS Rush and USS Fresno on their recent goodwill visit to Dublin, Ireland, raised 1,091 pounds (about \$4,364) for Irish charity.

While turkey prices averaged approximately the same in 1947 as in 1946, feed prices were up about 20 per cent.

Airplane Sprayer Sprays 2 Towns Here On Saturday

Power Sprayer and Hand Sprayers Used With DDT; Ten Cases in County

Infantile paralysis cases in Wilkes total ten this month, it was learned today from the office of the Wilkes Health department.

Last case reported was on Friday when Blanche Smithy, 17-months-old daughter of Mrs. Gladys Smithy, west of Wilkesboro, was carried to Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and was very ill with polio.

The ninth case was Patsy Jones, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Jones, of North Wilkesboro. Report of the diagnosis at Baptist Hospital was received late Thursday.

The Health Department Friday issued a public request for all parents to keep children under 16 years of age from public gatherings. Generally speaking, this request has been very well followed and few children were seen on the streets here during the week-end.

Both local theatres are refusing admission to children. Several revivals in the county have been postponed and children are requested not to attend Sunday school or other type of public gathering until the epidemic threat is passed.

Community Is Sprayed
North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro town councils the latter part of the week entered into a DDT spraying program designed to aid in preventing spread of polio. Hand sprayers will be used on garbage cans and other points which attract flies and insects.

Flame Sprayer Used
A group of interested citizens during the week-end took the initiative and employed a plane sprayer operated by Jack Reynolds, of Canton, which sprayed the Wilkesboros and vicinity from the air with DDT. This type of spraying is highly recommended for large areas. Citizens of the Wilkesboros acted promptly and spontaneously to get this type of work done immediately and the task was completed Saturday afternoon.

Power Sprayer Used
The ABC Orchards, owned by J. B. Williams, James M. Anderson and W. J. Caroon donated use of a power sprayer and operator for spraying many public places during the latter part of the week. Municipal workers will do the follow-up spraying for greater efficiency. ABC Orchard employees who operated the power sprayer were Fleet Brock, Ralph Fletcher, Gene Fletcher and Rufus Fletcher.

Those who contributed funds to defray cost of airplane spraying were: Watson Brame, N. S. Forester, North Wilkesboro Hardware Co., Reins-Sturdivant, Dr. F. C. Hubbard, Brame Drug Co., Blue Ridge Hatchery, Bill Somers, Chester Jolly, Wilkes Mountain Poultry Products Co., Phillips Hickory Plant, Henderson Flower Shop, Gray Brothers, W. W. Miller & Sons, Anderson Electric Co., Oak Furniture Co., P. E. Brown Lumber Co., Glenn Greene, S. R. Bessent, J. S. Cabe, Henry Moore, Bud Dodson, North Wilkesboro Grocery Co., Motor Service Sales Co., Rob Minton, Barber-Somers Motor Co., Midway Pontiac Co., Southern Cleaners, Ed Hodges, Insurance Service and Credit Corporation, Frank Blair, Johnson J. Hayes, Hadley Hayes, Charles McNeill, George Parlier, Prevette's Stores, Jenkins Hardware Co., Wilkes Hosiery Mills, Kyle Hayes, Belk's, Ray Landsberger, J. H. Whicker, Jr., George Forester, Dr. J. S. Deans, American Furniture Co., Spahnour's, Yadkin Valley Motor Co., Eugene Trivette, Northwestern Bank, Hubert Vickers, Sam Ogilvie, Lewis A. Johnson, C. J. Swofford, James Palmer, Taft Michael, Palmer Horton, Bank of North Wilkesboro, Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Mrs. W. J. Bason and J. H. Kolodny.

A total of \$1,600 was contributed.

Hadley Hayes and F. D. Forester were in charge of the canvass for funds to defray cost of spraying by plane.

Haley's Comet will next be seen in 1986.