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Plans Complete To Raise \$4,000 Red Cross Fund

FATAL ACCIDENT— Emory C. Eller Killed When Hit By Car Saturday

Dies Sunday Night From Injuries Received On Main Street Saturday Night

Emory C. Eller, age 49, died at the Wilkes hospital Sunday evening from injuries received when he was hit by a car while crossing Main street here Saturday night.

Eller, a citizen of the Fairplains community, north of this city, was hit as he walked into the path of a car driven by Willard Reynolds, also of Fairplains, according to reports of the accident received by Police Chief J. E. Walker and Coroner I. M. Myers.

Eller crossed the street toward the south just as a car driven by Biff Carrington passed going west and into the path of the car driven by Reynolds going east on the south side of the street. Coroner Myers, after hearing accounts by witnesses, held that Reynolds was blameless and no charges were made against him.

Funeral services for Eller will be held Tuesday, 11 a. m., at the Fairplains community church with Rev. S. L. Bleivins in charge. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Golda Eller, and nine sons and daughters, Vance, Greek, Emory, Jr., Joe, Donald, Frank, Evon, Frances and Wave Eller, and Mrs. Ruth Wood, all of North Wilkesboro route one.

FRIDAY NIGHT— Banquet Is Given Poultry Clubbers

Duke Power Co. Entertains 4-H Club Members Working With Poultry

Duke Power company was host Friday night to 20 4-H club members from several Wilkes communities.

The banquet was given especially for the club members who have poultry as a project and they were given a chicken dinner.

Accompanying the club members were J. B. Snipes, county agent, and H. C. Colvard, assistant agent.

Those who addressed the group included C. F. Parrish, poultry specialist; L. R. Harrill, state club leader; L. L. Ray, agricultural engineer of Duke Power company; Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., and Gordon Forester, of Duke Power company.

Banks Here Will Be Closed 2 Days December 25-26

Both the Northwestern Bank and the Bank of North Wilkesboro will be closed for Christmas two days this week—Thursday, December 25th, and Friday, December 26th.

Gov. J. M. Broughton, in a recent proclamation, set apart Friday, December 26th, as a holiday for the banks, and this added to the regular Christmas holiday will give bank employees two days vacation.

Both of the local banks will be open for business as usual on Saturday, December 27th.

Employment Office Will Close 3 Days

North Wilkesboro office of the employment service and Unemployment Compensation Commission will close for the Christmas holidays at one p. m. Wednesday, December 24, and open on Monday, December 29, nine a. m.

Claimants who have been reporting on Thursday will report on January 2 and those who have been reporting on Friday and Saturday will report on Monday, December 29.

ADDITIONS

The National Forest Recreation Commission has approved the purchase of 112,383 acres of land in 44 National parks, including 12,000 acres in North Carolina's Westatale National Forest.

PROCLAMATION

NORTH CAROLINA,
WILKES COUNTY.

By virtue of the power and authority vested in the Mayor of North Wilkesboro, the County Board of Commissioners of Wilkes County, the Mayor of Wilkesboro, and the Wilkes County Civilian Defense Council, all of the undersigned acting in unity proclaim and dedicate to the interest of the American Red Cross drive, the period of time extending from eleven to eleven-fifty, A. M., Tuesday, December 23, 1941.

We recognize the peril that faces our Nation, and the part the Red Cross plays in meeting this National emergency. To exist and operate efficiently the Red Cross must have \$50,000,000. Wilkes County's quota is \$4,000.

We, therefore, and each of us, desire to request each and every industrial plant, mercantile establishment, and business house of every nature to cease all of its activities and business at eleven o'clock, A. M., Tuesday, December 23, for a period of five minutes.

We further direct that the agents of the respective cities and counties sound sirens designating this hour. Coupled with the sounding of these sirens we request that the church bells be rung, and the factory whistles be blown evidencing the initiation of this most important drive.

It is our earnest hope and desire that each and every citizen of Wilkes County share in this contribution, whether that share be small or large, and do his and her part to alleviate suffering in the all important conflicts to come.

Done this the 22nd day of December, 1941.

R. T. McNIEL,
Mayor, Town of North Wilkesboro

M. F. ABSHER,
Chairman, Wilkes County Board of Commissioners

H. A. CRANOR,
Mayor, Town of Wilkesboro

W. H. McELWEE,
Chairman Wilkes County Civilian Defense Council

Robert Wood Finley Is Called For Exam As Air Corps Officer

Robert Wood Finley, went to Orlando, Florida, the latter part of the week to take his physical examination as a second lieutenant in the reserve officers corps of the United States Army and is expected to be called into service in the air corps soon.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Finley of this city. He graduated in the spring of this year from Davidson College, where he received his military training, and in October when he reached the age of 21 received his commission as a second lieutenant in the reserve corps.

His brother, Edward Finley, is a first lieutenant in the air corps and was called into service several months ago. He is now stationed at Orlando, Florida.

GOOD PROGRAM— Waggoner Speaks To Kiwanis Club

"Living For The Fun Of It" Subject By Methodist Pastor On Friday

Rev. A. C. Waggoner, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church, spoke very interestingly Friday noon to the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club on the subject, "Living For The Fun Of It."

The program was furnished by W. F. Gaddy, who was unable to be present and was represented by R. R. Church, who presented the speaker.

Rev. Mr. Waggoner quoted someone as saying that "success is a destination and not a journey." Living is a journey and allows for incoming joys along the way. One in pursuit of a destination has little time for the joys along the highway of life. There is much happiness, he said, along this highway when it is pursued as a journey.

He pointed out that the great inventions, the works of art and many worthwhile things of life were found when their discoverers were in their leisure hours.

Prior to the program President J. B. Carter commented on the meeting of old and new directors' boards and said there had been only two absences at directors' meetings during the entire year.

At the meeting Dan Holler, of Raleigh, was a guest of P. W. Edwards. Mr. Holler is a former Wilkes county agent.

For humanity and victory! Give to the Red Cross today.

THE RED CROSS AND YOU

The American nation faces the greatest peril in its glorious history. Its manpower and resources, coupled with the united efforts of its great citizenship, must be used to overcome this peril.

The courageous men in the armed forces are ready and willing to go whatever length is necessary to victory, which will be for all the people.

This is addressed to all who are at home to support those who will do the fighting.

The American Red Cross, always the greatest humanitarian organization, does its greatest work in war times in alleviating suffering and need in our armed forces. The Red Cross in our nation is asking for a fund of \$50,000,000.

This goal is allocated fairly among the counties in all the 48 states and Wilkes' duty is to raise \$4,000.

A. F. Kilby, a veteran of the first World War and now commander of the American Legion, has been chosen to head the Red Cross drive for war relief fund. He is working untiringly to raise this money as early as possible because the need is urgent.

He appeals for liberal response from all the people. He knows the value of the Red Cross in war because he has seen it operate.

There are at least 400 people in Wilkes who could give \$10 each and never miss it. There are thousands who could give a dollar each. If a Red Cross worker does not see you, why not mail or send your contribution, the most you can make it, to W. Blair Gwyn, Red Cross treasurer, at the Bank of North Wilkesboro.

All should feel that it is a privilege to have some part in this great fight for freedom and preservation of the American way of life.

HELP IN VICTORY EFFORTS—

To Collect Metals, Paper, Coat Hangers on Tuesday

Scouts To Make A
Canvass Of City
At Three O'Clock

of the city and troop 36 working the western half.

People of the city are asked to place any copper, tin, bronze, aluminum, zinc and other needed metals on the front porch along with the waste paper and coat hangers they can give.

People Asked to Put Metals, Paper and Coat Hangers On Front Porches

Canvass of North Wilkesboro will be made Tuesday afternoon for metals needed in the defense program as well as for scrap paper and coat hangers, it was announced today.

The canvass will be made at three o'clock by Boy Scouts with troop 36 working the eastern part

IN PHILIPPINES— Tanks, Cannon Repulse the Foe At Two Points

Manila.—Hard-fighting American and Filipino soldiers are more than holding their own against a swarm of thousands of soldiers unloaded from 80 transports off the Lingayen gateway to Manila, it was announced officially today.

The Far Eastern command declared tanks were being used in the heavy and bloody fighting along a stretch of sheltered coast line some 100 miles northwest of the Philippine capital. The Americans long have anticipated the Japanese would attempt a major landing there and were waiting for it.

The Japanese invaded the Lingayen Gulf area of Luzon Island in force this afternoon, only to meet stiff opposition from the Americans and Filipinos in that strategic area, which constitutes the northern gateway to Manila.

It was announced officially that at one point the Japanese attempted to land forces from the transports under the guns of destroyers but they were driven off by heavy guns of the U. S. Far Eastern army and a landing in that sector was prevented.

Has "Good News"

Spokesman for General Douglas MacArthur, commander of the U. S. Army in the Far East, in giving supplemental advice to this correspondent remarked, "I have good news for you."

He said the American and Filipino forces engaged in the crushing battle were "behaving well."

Some of these same Filipinos were in the division which wiped out a Japanese landing party in the same area during the first week of the war.

While the fighting went on unabated on the shore a spokesman at the Far Eastern command headquarters said rumors were heard of the sinking of a Japanese transport in the Lingayen Gulf. He added, however, that the rumors had not been verified and that there had been no new advices from the northern front.

A communique issued at General MacArthur's headquarters said:

"This afternoon heavy fighting developed in the north, including tank combat. Our troops more than held their own. At one point Japanese destroyers and transports were driven off by our heavy guns and that landing was prevented. Our troops are behaving well."

Over \$1,000 Contributed At Wilkes Hosiery Mills

Employees 100% Company Gives \$200 to the Fund

Chairman Says Action At Hosiery Mill Challenge To Others In County

Over \$1,000 was raised today at the Wilkes Hosiery Mills here for the Red Cross war relief fund. It was learned tonight from P. W. Eshelman, president and general manager.

Of this amount the company donated \$200, and the remainder, over \$800, was given by the approximately 700 employees.

Because the mills will close Tuesday for the Christmas holidays, it was necessary to make the war fund appeal there today and the response was 100 per cent among the employees in addition to the \$200 company contribution.

When the matter was explained to the employees today the response was instantaneous and every employee expressed a patriotic desire to have a part in the giving. Mr. Eshelman described the response as wonderful and praised the employees highly for their patriotism.

A. F. Kilby, Wilkes chairman for the war fund drive said the response on the part of the hosiery mill employees and the company represented a challenge to all other people in the county to go beyond the quota of \$4,000 set for Wilkes by the national Red Cross.

Miles' Relatives Tell of Stabbing

Says Monroe Shumate Instigated Trouble With John Wesley Miles

Relatives of John Wesley Miles, who died December 13, of a stab wound inflicted by Monroe Shumate, here today said they wanted to make some "corrections of false statements" published earlier about the affair.

The report as received here and published in newspaper accounts were gathered by officers who investigated the affair and talked with people at the Shumate home and others. It was reported that Miles went to the house, backed it away and continued the same procedure until Shumate came out of the house with an axe, chopped the tires and cut a hole in the radiator. Miles was also reported to have run Shumate's family from home.

Account of the affair as given by relatives of Miles, and related here by his brother, George Miles, said: "Miles did drive down near Shumate's house, applied his brakes, and the ground being wet, slid slightly against the house but no damage was done to the house. Shumate in a mad rage started raising trouble with occupants of the car. They tried to prevent having any trouble with him. Shumate threatened Miles' life. He went into the house, got his gun and asked for his shells. Members of his family told him that he did not have any shells. He repeated again to get his shells or he would 'kill the last d—n one of them.' His family immediately left home and Miles had nothing to do with running them away from their home. Then Shumate came out again, got his axe, chopped the tires on the car and hacked a hole in the radiator. He then went and made the false statements for Miles arrest and on his way home he stopped at Reynolds store, where the stabbing occurred."

Miles was stabbed by Shumate in the neck with a pocketknife and died on the way to the Wilkes hospital here.

Funeral service was held at Dehart Baptist church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. He was

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Red Cross Drive to Begin Tuesday At 11 O'Clock

Mayors, Commissioners, De- fense Council Issue A Proclamation Here

At a meeting of citizens of Wilkes county in the North Wilkesboro town hall Sunday afternoon plans were completed to raise Wilkes county's quota of \$4,000 for the American Red Cross war fund. J. H. Whicker, Wilkes county Red Cross chairman, presided at the meeting. Needs for the fund at this time were graphically described to the group by Rev. A. C. Waggoner.

The drive is to begin Tuesday under direction of A. F. Kilby War Fund chairman. A committee met with Mr. Kilby following the mass meeting to draw definite plans for the campaign.

At eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning, December 23, all business houses in North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro and throughout the county will close for five minutes at which time the proclamations of the mayors and commissioners of the towns and county will be read.

Shoppers in the stores and on the streets will be given an opportunity to contribute to girls sent out by the Red Cross chapter at this hour. Employees and employers in all the industrial plants will likewise use this time as an opportunity to make their contributions to this much needed fund.

Throughout the day on Tuesday, workers who served in the annual roll call will solicit homes and businesses. All of the more than 1800 Red Cross members in Wilkes county will be expected to double the amount of their roll call contributions.

Blair Gwyn, Wilkes county Red Cross treasurer, will be glad to accept contributions at the Bank of North Wilkesboro. All organizations, religious, civic and fraternal meetings during this week are urged to announce with emphasis the great need facing our American Red Cross at this time.

All funds donated to the Red Cross at this time will be used for the armed forces of the United States now engaged in actual combat. Our soldiers, sailors and marines are giving their all to our country. We who are at home can do our share in helping them by contributing now to the Red Cross.

Units Push Toward Attack On Benghazi

Cairo.—A British "lost" column has swept 150 miles into Tripolitania, the greatest advance in two years of African fighting, while mobile units pushed forward rapidly for a final onslaught on Benghazi, a communique said today.

The advance apparently had been made by the "lost" column which had not been heard from for weeks. The column had cut westward, south of the coastal advance, and moved rapidly, using American-made equipment.

The communique made no specific mention of the point reached by the column. The farthest advance yet made by the British was when a unit under Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell reached Agadabia, 275 miles south of Benghazi, in the last British offensive before the fall of Greece.

Candlelight Service At St. Paul's Church On Christmas Day

A candlelight service will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal church on Christmas Day at five o'clock p. m. This service is growing more popular throughout the church, symbolizing as it does, Christ, the light of the world. Christmas carols will be sung by vested choir and congregation. There will be prayers and a short talk by the rector. A special welcome is extended all.