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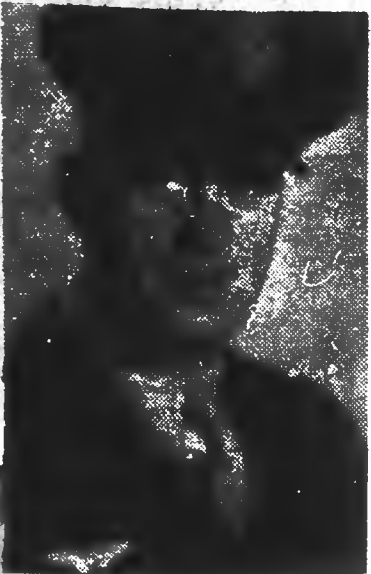
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FOURTH WAR LOAN CAMPAIGN NOW WELL UNDER WAY IN COUNTY

Lt. Blevins Gets Medal, Clusters; Down One Plane



LT. C. E. BLEVINS

Hays Man Making Excellent Record on Bombing Raids Over Enemy Territory

First Lieutenant C. E. Blevins has been awarded the air medal and three clusters for participation in several bombing raids over enemy territory in Europe and for the destruction of one enemy aircraft.

Lt. Blevins, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Blevins, of Hays, recently was promoted to his present rank at an airfield in England, where he is based as navigator of "Carolina Boomerang", flying fortress piloted by First Lieutenant R. L. McItae, of Greensboro.

Lt. Blevins entered the army in April, 1942, and received his commission in April, 1943, after completion of the navigation course at Monroe, La. Recently he completed the required number of raids over enemy territory to entitle him to return home on leave from combat duty but he remained with his crew.

The fortress on which Lt. Blevins is navigator, and all crew members, were recently photographed for news reel purposes and will also be used in connection with the Red Cross campaign in March.

School Cafeteria Is Opened Today

196 Children Served Hot Lunch on Opening Day; Open House Friday

North Wilkesboro school cafeteria opened today and served lunch to 196 students.

Equipment for the cafeteria was purchased with funds raised by the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club. The establishment will be operated by the city board of education, which has employed Mrs. Claude Gentry as manager, and its operation will be in cooperation with the North Carolina Child Feeding program.

A hot plate lunch consisting of one meat, two vegetables, fruit, butter, bread and milk is served for 15 cents.

Open house for public inspection will be observed at the school cafeteria Friday night, 7:30 until nine o'clock. All school patrons are invited.

Money can fight, buy bonds.

In Nebraska



Pfc. Spencer McGrady, Jr., who was recently at home on furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer McGrady, is now stationed at Grand Island, Nebraska, at an army air base. Pfc. McGrady's wife is the former Miss Velma Rhoades.

SOVIETS PUSH OUT 12 MILES

In an all-out offensive to free Leningrad completely from two and one-half years of siege, the Red Army smashed 12 miles forward yesterday, seizing by storm two key fortress towns and blasting through an intricate maze of steel and concrete fortifications before running up against a second line of equally strong permanent defenses ringing the city's suburbs.

A second drive, closely coordinated with the first, ripped 19 miles across three strategic railroads in the Volkhov River-Lake Ilmen area 75 to 100 miles south of Leningrad in a broad outflanking movement.

Reporting that the Leningrad thrust had captured the fortresses of Krasnoye Selo and Ropsha and in five days had killed 20,000 Germans, the Soviet communiqué dwelt at length on the German fortifications. Soviet infantrymen, tanks and mobile artillery, it said, "broke through heavily fortified permanent German defenses made up of reinforced concrete pillboxes, armored domes, blockhouses and inter-communication trenches covered by mine-fields, barbed wire entanglements and anti-tank obstacles".

U. S. PLANES RAID RABAU

Eight Japanese merchant ships were caught in Rabaul Harbor by a strong force of American planes and blasted with 1,000 and 2,000 pound bombs, despite interception by 100 Zeros, General Douglas MacArthur reported today.

Twelve hundred miles to the northeast other United States bombers hit Kusaie in their first raid on the Caroline Islands, bulwark of Japan's mid-Pacific defense line.

Torpedo and dive bombers, heavily escorted by fighters, hit three ships squarely with their big bombs in Rabaul's harbor. The boats exploded and sank. Two others were left in flames and probably sinking and the remaining three were damaged.

In the accompanying air battle, between 18 and 33 Japanese Zeros and 12 American planes were shot down.

This was the first mention of the use of 2,000-pound bombs by South Pacific bombers. It was their second big raid reported this week on shipping at the New Britain stronghold. Monday, MacArthur reported, seven cargo ships, a cruiser and a destroyer were bombed there.

Report Clerk of Court Published

Account of Funds Held By Clerk of Court Listed On Pages Six and Seven

Today The Journal-Patriot is publishing the annual report of Clerk of Court C. C. Hayes.

The report, made as of December 1, 1943, as required by law, lists the funds held by the clerk of court in the cases on record and for the parties involved.

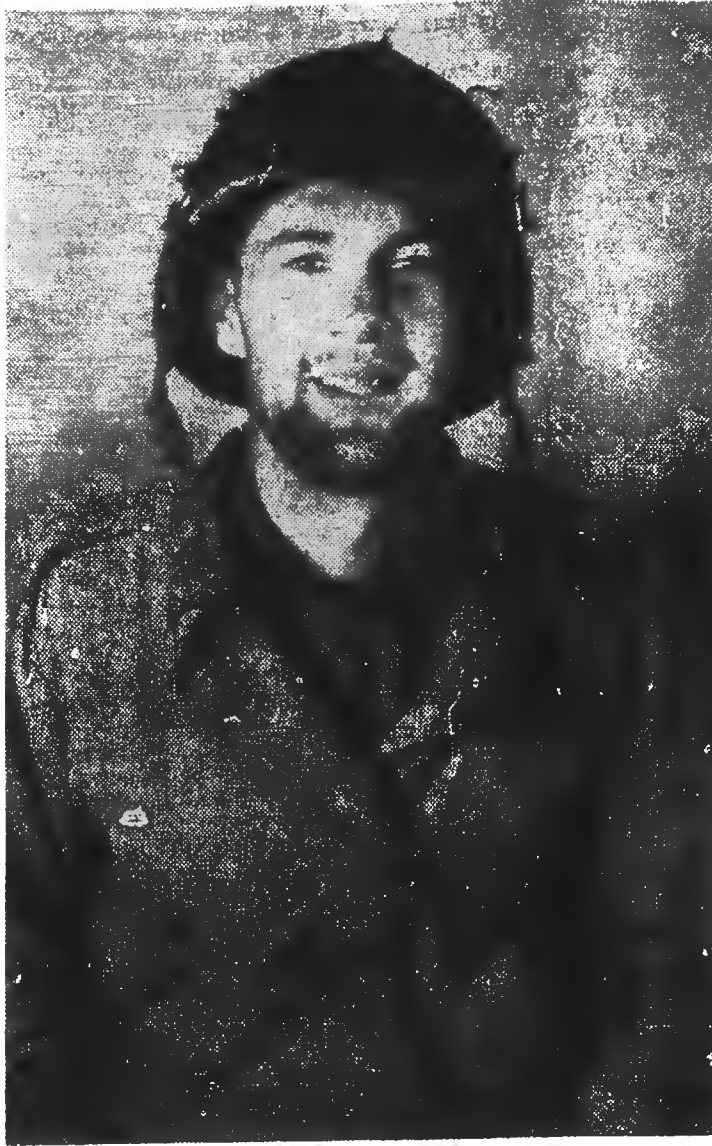
Persons who discover by the report that funds are being held for them should make a notation of the docket number and case number before calling at the clerk's office for the funds.

Now In Texas



Pvt. George D. Miles, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Miles, of Radical, is now stationed at Camp Fanning, Texas. His wife is the former Miss Jeanette Shumate, of Hays. Pvt. Miles entered service in September, 1942, at Fort Jackson, S. C.

LOCAL MARINE TELLS OF THE INVASION OF BOUGAINVILLE



CORPORAL W. JAY HUDSON

Buy Bonds To Back Such Attacks As Cpl. Hudson Describes In Letter Home; Wilkes Men Fighting Valiantly Abroad

Jap planes, Jap dive bomber, snipers, cut-throats, jungles, swamps, water neck deep, mosquitos, fever, sores, stinking dead Japs, and earthquakes. Those are some of the things fighting men like W. Jay Hudson, pictured above, are going through.

The Fourth War loan campaign, which began Tuesday, gives you opportunity to back up those fighting men with your dollars, at no risk to yourself or your money.

Following is a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hudson, father and mother of Cpl. Hudson, which describes his part in the victorious invasion of Bougainville island:

"This is my first letter in a long time, so I'll try to make it good. I really don't have a good excuse for not writing before, but you might call the following an excuse.

"If you remember, Bougainville was hit and hit hard sometime back. Well, I was there with the very first bunch. The Japs opened up on us with all that they had and I sure thought for awhile that there we had bit off more than we could chew. When all those Jap planes dived out of the sky on top of us things looked bad, but the marines with their machine guns just didn't miss. Some of the Jap planes were too high for the boys to shoot down, but our own planes dived in on them, and you should have seen those dog fights. The Jap planes always came down in flames. It is no lie about Jap planes exploding in mid-air for I have seen more than one do just that.

"It was another great day for us marines, but not for all, because some didn't even get to shore.

"Well, we got in and the action really started. One bunch of marines was cut off and the nips were going to town on them. Then the word came down that they needed our help, and you should have seen us going into action. We really did a job on them, all right.

"Not long after we had been in, the Japs got the bright idea to lead troops behind us. I was in just a very few yards from them as they came in. We let them get in and then we opened up on them. Another sad day for the Nips!

"The dead Japs lay on top of the ground for days before we could even bury them. Boys, what a stinking mess! Those days will live in my mind forever.

"For the first few days we were in the swamps and in water and mud up to our waists. We lived on field rations until we got the (Continued on page four)

In Texas



Pvt. Coy R. Potat is now stationed at Camp Berkeley, Texas. He entered service in September, 1943. His wife and small son, Charles, who formerly lived here, are now making their home at Union Grove with Mrs. Potat's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lawrence.

Farm Planning Meets Planned

Three home demonstration club meetings are scheduled for next week. The meetings will be for farm planning to meet food goals and men are also asked to attend.

The meetings will be held as follows: Hunting Creek club on Monday at Inscore's store, two p. m.; Gilreath at Hendren's store, Wednesday at two p. m.; Mulberry at home of Mrs. Claude McGee Friday at two p. m.

Large Quantities Wheat Arrived to Be Used for Feed

Nine Carloads Here and Five More On Way; Good Quality Wheat \$1.39

Wilkes county Triple A office is receiving large quantities of wheat to be sold solely for feed purposes, S. L. Turner, Triple A executive officer, said today.

Mr. Turner said that nine cars have arrived and five more are on the way. The wheat is of better quality than the government wheat which had been received here and poultrymen and stock raisers are urged to fill their needs now while the wheat is available.

The price now is \$1.39 per bushel. Farmers may make payment at the Triple A office in Wilkesboro and secure the wheat at the railway yard in North Wilkesboro.

Labor Recruiters Norfolk, Langley Field Are Here

Seek Workers Many Types of Work at Navy Yard and Air Station

Labor recruiters from the Norfolk navy yard and from the naval air station at Langley Field have arrived at the North Wilkesboro branch of the U. S. Employment office for an indefinite stay to secure skilled and unskilled labor in the area served by the local office.

The representatives are Stuart M. Perviance, of Langley Field, Raymond B. Davis and Milton S. Claud, of the navy yard.

They will accept men and women, skilled and unskilled, for the many types of work available. Good housing conditions are assured workers and transportation facilities to and from place of work are assured. Those accepted for work will be furnished transportation from North Wilkesboro to Norfolk or to Langley Field.

Girl Scouts Selling Bonds In Campaign

Members of Girl Scout troop number 2 in Wilkesboro will sell War Bonds during the Fourth War Loan, Miss Mary Charles Alexander, troop leader, said today.

The girls plan an intensified campaign.

RATION NEWS

FUEL OIL—Attention of all users of fuel oil is called to the fact that supplementary fuel oil rations cannot be issued to those who are using fuel oil in greater amounts than their allotment provides for.

SHOE RESTRICTIONS—Rationing boards cannot issue shoe stamps to men in service. Men in service desiring to purchase shoes should obtain buying permit from commanding officer.

TRUCK GAS—Truck operators who fail to call for their first quarter gasoline coupons will have their ration deleted for the amount of time elapsed since January 15.

SUGAR—Book 4, stamp 30, good for five pounds, will expire March 31.

GASOLINE—Coupons No. 8 in a book good for three gallons became effective Nov. 9 and will expire February 8.

SHOES—Coupon 18 in the sugar and coffee ration book valid for one pair of shoes has no expiration date. No. 1 airplane stamp in book three became valid November 1 for one pair shoes.

FOOD—Brown stamps, Book 3, R, S, T, U, expire on Jan. 29. Green stamps, Book 4, processed foods, D, E and F, expire on January 20. G, H, and J expire February 20.

* HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR 4th WAR LOAN BOND

Gets His Wings



Lt. Ralph I. Bowman, son of Mrs. Ralph Bowman, Sr., of this city, has successfully completed the Army Air Forces advance flying school training at Candler, Arizona, and has been commissioned a second lieutenant. Lt. Bowman is a graduate of North Wilkesboro high school. He also attended the University of North Carolina and Los Angeles, California, City College before enlisting in the air corps. He is a pilot.

Everybody With Price of A Bond Should Buy Now

Wilkes Quota Is \$843,000; County Organization Begins Work

The Fourth War Loan campaign is now under way.

During the Fourth War Loan, which opened Tuesday and will continue through February 29, people of the nation are asked to loan 15 billion dollars to the government for financing the war. Wilkes county's part of that amount is \$843,000.

W. D. Halfacre, who successfully led the first three War Loan campaigns, is again chairman.

With purchases by banks not permissible in this campaign, raising the quota means the combined efforts of all who can buy a War Bond of any price from \$18.75 up.

It is required that more than a fourth of the quota be in the form of small bonds purchased by individuals.

It is the patriotic duty of every persons who can buy a bond to buy now, while the money is so badly needed to finance the knockout blows against the nazis and Japs.

And not only the war bond buyers help the all-out war effort, they help themselves. Buying bonds wards off inflation, which is disastrous in its effects, and it provides future savings at good interest rates for those who buy.

Mrs. Edd F. Gardner and Mrs. Gordon Finley have charge of the house to house canvass in North Wilkesboro.

For the county the district school principals will be district chairmen. They will name authorized workers, who will take subscriptions and money for bonds, which will be mailed direct to purchasers by the Bank of North Wilkesboro.

With this organization a contest will be waged among the districts in the county and the public will be informed through this newspaper of the standing from time to time.

People who are buying regularly on a payroll savings plan are asked to buy an extra \$100 bond before February 29.

See your bank or postoffice today.

Why delay?

State Guard To Enlist Members

North Wilkesboro company of the State Guard will put on a membership drive Saturday.

An officer of the company will be in the armory over the Rexall Drug Store Saturday from ten a. m. until four p. m. to take applications of men who will enlist.

Men from 18 to 45 may enlist in the company and a classification of 4F is not a bar to membership in the guard unless there is some crippling disability.

A supper will be served the new members of the company after drill Monday evening.

Polio Campaign Gets Under Way In The County

Half of Funds Raised Will Be Used To Help Victims Infantile Paralysis Here

Organization for the annual campaign to raise funds which to fight infantile paralysis in Wilkes county has been completed under the direction of C. E. Jenkins, Jr., county chairman.

While no President's Ball is planned this year, opportunities in many ways will be presented the people of the county to help raise the quota of \$920.

Of that amount, \$460 will be used in Wilkes county for rehabilitation of infantile paralysis victims. During the past year many cases have been helped materially through the use of funds raised in the January, 1943, campaign. A report on the activities will be given later from the records of Mrs. W. R. Absber, secretary-treasurer of the county organization which administered funds to the cases as certified by the county health department.

Miss Janie McDiarmid has been appointed chairman of the campaign in Wilkes by Mary Pickford, national vice chairman in charge of the women's division of the campaign.

She has appointed the following women workers in Wilkes: Mrs. R. C. Jennings, Pores Knob; Mrs. M. F. Bumgarner, Millers Creek; Mrs. Jim Somers, Wilkesboro; Miss Clara Ogilvie, Oakwoods; Miss Zelle Harris, Roaring River.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

CHEATWOOD TWINS IN SERVICE



Pvt. Boyce Cheatwood, left, is now stationed at Amarillo, Texas, in the air corps. Pfc. Voyce Cheatwood, right, is stationed at Camp Hales, Texas, in the anti-aircraft artillery. Pvt. Boyce Cheatwood will graduate from a B-17 mechanics school January 22. Pfc. Voyce Cheatwood will be sent to an aerial gunner's school or a B-29 mechanics school. Pvt. Boyce Cheatwood was inducted into the service in June, 1943, and Pfc. Voyce Cheatwood was inducted in May, 1943.