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## FIRST AID COURSE AT COBLE'S COMPLETED



Pictured here is the group of Coble Dairy Products company employes who recently completed the first aid course in Wilkesboro. The course was given under auspices of H. F. Bouknight, Red Cross first aid chairman, and B. S. Call, of Wilkesboro, was the instructor. Left to right, front row: John Henry Lenderman, Noah Myers, Nancy Gay Bouknight (daughter of first aid chairman and who is used as "victim" for demonstration), Ransom Key, B. S. Call; back row—Page Choate, Mary Shepherd, John Adams, Mrs. Goldie Michael, H. H. Cobb, (Coble plant superintendent), and H. F. Bouknight.

# ALLIES GAIN NEAR ROME

## Bank Of North Wilkesboro Has Good Year in '43

### Resources Show Remarkable Growth; Officers and Directors All Re-Elected

Stockholders of the Bank of North Wilkesboro in annual meeting heard a splendid report of the bank's growth during 1943 as given by President J. R. Hix. The meeting was held Thursday at 10:30 a. m. in the director's room at the bank.

The bank ended the year with resources at more than five and one-half million dollars for a new high. It is the largest single unit bank in this section of northwestern North Carolina.

The Bank of North Wilkesboro was established in 1892, and has been one of the best known financial institutions in this part of the state throughout its history.

Following the report of President Hix, the stockholders re-elected all directors as follows: E. M. Blackburn, Ralph Duncan, R. G. Finley, R. W. Gwyn, J. R. Hix, W. D. Halfacre, J. E. Justice, Jr., and S. V. Tomlinson.

In the directors' meeting which followed all officers were re-elected as follows: J. R. Hix, president; W. D. Halfacre, vice president; S. V. Tomlinson, vice president; R. W. Gwyn, cashier; W. W. Starr, J. G. McNeill and J. T. Brame, assistant cashiers.

The report of President Hix, which contains much interesting information, follows:

"To the Stockholders of the Bank of North Wilkesboro: "It is my pleasure to submit herewith a brief report of your bank's activities and operations during its fifty-second year of service.

"During 1943, the second year of the war, one of our major considerations has been the rendering of every possible assistance to the total war effort of our country. We have continually sought constructive methods by which our personnel and resources might be employed in America's program of Victory. In addition to substantial contributions in this direction by means to be mentioned later, we can say with pride that the bank has during the year just closed set new records of banking achievements.

"On December 31, 1943, our total assets were \$5,556,484.33 as compared with \$3,919,523.10 as of December 31, 1942. The very substantial gain of \$1,636,961.23 in total assets is noted for the 12 month's period. Our deposits on December 31, 1943, were \$5,184,515.76 as compared with \$3,568,818.82 a year previous—a gain of \$1,615,696.94. It might be of interest to recall that ten years ago, December 31, 1933, our deposits totaled \$785,968.32. At the end of this ten year period the deposits show the remarkable gain of more than four and one-third millions of dollars. This rapid growth is indicative of the upswing in business during the past decade, but it is also indicative of the loyal support of customers and friends we are privileged to serve.

"As money becomes more plentiful the necessity and desirability of borrowing on the part of individuals and business has decreased. To offset the decreased earnings from loans, a considerable increase in bond investments has resulted. A year ago our bonds and securities account totaled \$922,421.06. At the close of business for the year just ended our bank had invested in bonds and securities \$2,512,446.16 or an increase of \$1,590,022.10. Of this year end total we owned \$2,254,433.30 in United States securities, more than 63 per cent of which mature in three years or less. It is presumed that you are familiar with the low earning rates on short term maturities, yet we

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## Reds Reveal Deep Pripet Marsh Gains

London, Monday—The Red army opened a new drive yesterday in the Kirishi area, 58 miles southeast of a strong German bridgehead on the east bank of the Volkhov River, while in Southern White Russia, Gen. Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's forces were revealed by Moscow to have driven 52 miles into the heart of the Pripet Marshes during the past nine days.

The Kirishi offensive, launched by Gen. Kyril A. Meretskov's Volkhov River Army, carried the Russians on a 20-mile front toward the lower half of the last stretch of the main Leningrad-Moscow railroad still in German hands. To the northwest General Meretskov's right wing swept to within four miles northeast of Tosno, a junction on the same line, by taking Pustynka.

## JURY ACQUITS MAN ON CHARGE KILLING NEGRO

### ARILE HOWELL KILLED BY HOMER PEARSON ON SUNDAY

At a coroner's hearing held this morning Homer Pearson, Boomer resident, was absolved of the killing of Arlie Howell, 25-year-old colored resident of the Boomer community, at the Pearson home Sunday night.

The evidence as given at the hearing conducted by Coroner I. M. Myers was that the colored man went to the home of Pearson about eight o'clock on Sunday night. Pearson and his wife were dancing to music furnished by a phonograph. The negro took hold of Mrs. Pearson's arm and asked her to dance with him. Pearson ordered the colored man from the house. Instead of going he advanced toward Pearson, who again ordered him to get out. He continued toward Pearson, who reached to a gun rack on the wall, took down a 22-calibre rifle and fired at Howell. The bullet went through the colored man's heart and he died instantly.

The verdict of the jury empaneled by Coroner Myers was that the evidence was not sufficient to require Pearson to fill bond for court trial. On the jury were J. G. Hackett, E. M. Blackburn, J. B. Norris, T. S. Kenerly, C. D. Coffey and A. F. Kilby.

Howell is survived by his wife, Sylvia Howell, his mother, Lella Howell, two brothers and five sisters.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, two p. m., at Thankful church.

## Mulberry Club Makes Bandages

### Urgent Need for Volunteer Workers at Red Cross Headquarters Here

Fourteen members of the Mulberry home demonstration club on Friday night made a total of 800 bandages in a total of 33 1-2 work hours.

There is an urgent need for volunteer workers to make bandages and surgical dressings and all individuals and groups are asked to volunteer for work.

On Thursday, January 27, a group of ladies from Hinshaw Street Baptist church will work at Red Cross headquarters and a large number are urged to help in the work.

Catgut is needed in all hospitals. Many veterinarians are using sutures of specially prepared cotton and plastic materials.

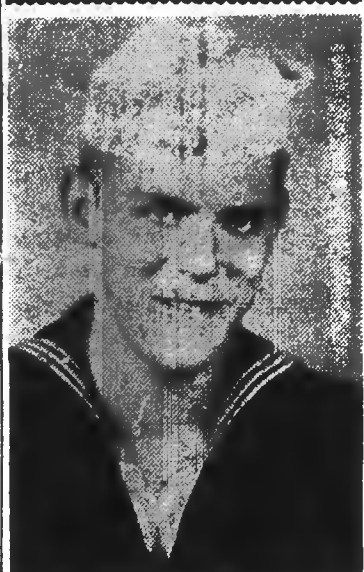
## All Urged To List for County Taxes Before January 31; Listing Dates Given

Every person in Wilkes county who has not listed for taxes for the year 1944 is urged to list between now and January 31 as required by law.

In some of the townships the list takers have not completed their rounds. In townships where all appointments have been filled those who have not listed may list by calling at the tax lister's home in any of the townships.

All persons who have property

## Now In England



Billie Church, seaman first class, is now in England, according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanford O. Church, former residents of North Wilkesboro who are now making their home temporarily at Kingsport, Tenn. He entered the navy eight months ago.

## LANDING AREA IS DEEPENED TOWARD ROME

Powerful British and American seaborne forces smashed several miles inland at a number of points below Rome yesterday in full exploitation of a colossal blunder by Nazi strategists who had sent three German divisions southward, to the Cassino line, leaving the new invasion front relatively undefended.

These three divisions together with six others facing Lieut. General Mark W. Clark's frontal assaults—60 miles to the southeast—possibly more than 100,000 men—now were virtually isolated and potential prizes in what would be the greatest Anglo-American victory since Tunisia.

## Brushy Mountain S. S. Association Will Meet Friday

The Brushy Mountain Baptist Sunday School Association will convene with Purlear Baptist church, at Purlear, on Friday evening, January 28th, at 7:30 o'clock.

The subject for discussion is, "The Sunday School Functioning as Teaching Agency, Church Training Agency and Soul Winning Agency."

Devotional exercises: Rev. James T. Nichols, 7:45 to 8 o'clock.

"The Sunday School Functioning as a Church Teaching Agency," T. E. Story, 8 to 8:15.

"The Sunday School Functioning as a Church Training Agency," speaker to be selected, 8:15 to 8:30.

"The Sunday School functioning as a Soul Winning Agency," Mrs. G. G. Foster, 8:30 to 8:45.

Music and business session, selection of church for next meeting and adjournment.

Announcement of the meeting was made by J. F. Jordan, president.

## Junior Red Cross Raises \$285.92

During the recent Junior Red Cross campaign in Wilkes county the schools of the county system raised a total of \$285.92, according to a report received by Grady F. Miller.

The following amounts were reported by districts: Wilkesboro, \$59.76; Ferguson, \$52.05; Millers Creek, \$52.03; Ronda, \$29.61; Mountain View, \$28.50; Mulberry, \$23.32; Roaring River, \$21.00; Mount Pleasant, \$19.65.

## Money can fight, buy bonds.

## 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 GA3**—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. 3 in a book good for three gallons become 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 1, S. S. T. U. expires on Jan. 29. Green stamps, Book A, processed foods, D, E and F expires on January 29. G, H, and J expires February 16.

## Much Interest In 4th War Loan

### People Cautioned About Illegal Use Truck Coupons

Wilkes rationing officials today urged motorists to comply with gasoline regulations.

The new type truck gasoline coupons can be used only for the purchase of gasoline for the vehicle for which the coupons were issued.

The truck gasoline coupons are serially numbered and the cover has identification with number of coupons enclosed, together with state license number. Coupons should be properly carried in their covers. Officials are now checking truck operators, who are cautioned to comply with regulations at all times.



### Joe M. Pearson Is Aviation Cadet

Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., Jan. 18.—Cpl. Joe M. Pearson has reported at Keesler Field, a unit of the Army Air Forces Training Command, to begin training as a pre-aviation cadet.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Pearson, of Moravian Falls, N. C. He will spend 23 days here before going to a college or university for five months of further work preparatory to becoming an air cadet.

While at Keesler Field he will be instructed in military fundamentals, drill and marksmanship, first aid, military sanitation, camouflage and defense against air attack.

### Joseph Robert Barrett Gets Promotion

Joseph Robert Barrett, 28, husband of Mrs. Robert Barrett, 617 D street, North Wilkesboro, has won an early promotion in the Navy as result of his past civilian training. Because he has had sufficient experience in a trade essential in the Navy, he was advanced to the rating of Pharmacist's Mate, 3rd class upon completing his recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill.

Now home on leave, he will report back to the station for reassignment to active duty aboard a naval warship or to some naval shore station.

### St. Sgt. W. Blair Gwyn At Fort Monmouth

St. Sgt. W. Blair Gwyn, who has been on duty in Washington, D. C., for the past few weeks, has been transferred to Fort Monmouth, N. J. Sgt. Gwyn is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gwyn, of this city.

### School Cafeteria Holds Open House

#### Cafeteria Open To Public Inspection on Friday Night Highly Complimented

As the result of cooperative effort a splendid cafeteria was opened Thursday in North Wilkesboro schools.

On opening day lunch was served to a total of 196. On Friday the total number of students and faculty members served was 198.

In order that the public could have an opportunity to see and inspect the cafeteria, which is in the basement of the high school building, open house was held Friday evening from 7:30 until 9:30 o'clock and during the time a large number of patrons and friends of the school called and made inspection and spent some time in visiting with one another.

The large room is modernly equipped and arranged in every way and has a seating capacity of 120. Mrs. Claude Gentry is in charge of the cafeteria, which is operated by the city board of education in cooperation with the North Carolina Child Feeding program.

In preparing the lunch, which consisted of one meat, two vegetables, fruit, butter, bread and milk, Mrs. Gentry has the assistance of two helpers and in the serving is aided by a group of the high school boys and girls. The price of lunch is fifteen cents per plate.

For buying the equipment the citizens of the town donated around \$1,500, with the raising of this fund being sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Woman's club, who are to be congratulated on their achievement as well as all others who had a part in any way, whether great or small, in making this worthwhile undertaking possible.

### In England



Pvt. J. R. Mathis, son of Frank Mathis, of Roaring River, is now in England. He entered the army on May 17 and was in training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Before entering the service he was employed as a plumber at Goldsboro.

### Many "E" Bonds Sold During First Days of Campaign

War Bond sales in Wilkes county during the first four days of the Fourth War Loan totaled \$67,352.00, an official report received today by W. D. Halfacre, war finance chairman, from the Federal Reserve Bank showed.

And while the amount was only a start toward the county's quota of \$843,000, it was interesting to note that over \$51,000 of the sales to date were in series E bonds and included many purchasers.

Preliminary reports from the principals of the county school districts indicate that rural people are responding to the call to buy bonds. Principals of the eight central districts are district chairmen for sale of war bonds. The first standing in the bond sale contest among districts will be published next week.

All with the price of a bond are urged to buy for three reasons: to finance the war, to prevent inflation and to provide future security. Mr. Halfacre emphasized that it will take the combined efforts of all the people in the county who can buy a bond to reach the quota and keep Wilkes' record in backing the attack high among the records of all counties in the nation.

Canvases of the homes in North Wilkesboro began today under direction of Mrs. Edd Gardner and Mrs. Gordon Finley. These workers will call at all homes and take subscriptions for bonds. Mrs. Gardner's block leaders are as follows: Mrs. Hoyle Hutchens, Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Mrs. J. T. Kerbaugh, Mrs. Thurmond Kenerly, Mrs. Monroe Eiler, Mrs. Rufus Church, Mrs. R. T. McNeil, Mrs. J. M. Crawford, Mrs. Ira Payne, Mrs. C. J. Swafford, Mrs. Glenn McNeill, Mrs. L. M. Nelson, Mrs. King Key, Mrs. Bruce Waugh, Miss Pansy Ferguson, Miss Mamie Sockwell and Belle Thomas, colored.

The following are block leaders in Mrs. Finley's division: Mrs. Boyd Stout, Mrs. Guy Lillard, Mrs. Carl Coffey, Mrs. C. T. Doughton, Mrs. H. F. Bouknight, Mrs. F. B. Hethcock, Mrs. J. D. Schaefer, Mrs. F. C. Forester, Mrs. C. C. Faw, Miss Lucille Pierce, Mrs. W. E. Jones, Mrs. Frank Blair, Miss Elsie Nichols, Mrs. Walter Newton, Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Mrs. A. B. Johnston, Mrs. Shoun Kerbaugh, Mrs. Ivey Moore, Mrs. J. W. Leyshon, Mrs. W. J. Bason, Mrs. C. G. Poindexter and Mrs. R. J. Hinshaw.

### Mulberry Home Club Will Meet On Friday

The Mulberry Home Demonstration Club will meet Friday, January 28, at 2 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Claude McGee.

Both men and women are urged to attend.

Discussion of labor shortage and team work on the farm and in the home will be by Mrs. J. B. Snipes and Mrs. Annie H. Greene.