

NEED \$235,000 TO REACH WAR BOND QUOTA

Boy Scout Week Will Be Observed February 8 to 14

Scouts Will Take Over Reins of City Government on Friday, Feb. 11

Boy Scout Week will be observed by the Scouts of the Wilkes County, along with Scouts throughout the nation, from February 8 through the 14th.

One feature of the observance of Boy Scout Week here will be the taking over of the city government by the Scouts on Friday afternoon, February 11. Scouts will take over the various offices of city government and will gain new lessons in civics.

Boy Scout troop 36 will attend the evening service in a body at the Presbyterian church on February 13.

There will be other features of the observance, including special window displays. Troop 35 will dress a Boy Scout window at Bell's Department store. The troop in its regular meeting Tuesday night made plans for the window display and for other Boy Scout week events.

Sale Of License Plates Here High; Motorists Warned

New License Must Be Displayed On Back; Must Remove Old License

T. C. Caudill, manager of the Carolina Motor Club office here which sells automobile and truck license plates, said today that

proceeded smoothly and that numerous car and truck owners in Wilkes and other northwestern North Carolina counties have purchased tags here.

Mr. Caudill pointed out that the people, without exception, were courteous and considerate, for which he is very grateful.

Authorities point out that it is unlawful to operate a motor vehicle now without displaying the 1944 license plate on the rear. Arrangements are now being made of those who do not have license plates for the new year. Attention is also called to the fact that the 1944 plate must be displayed on the rear of the vehicle and that the old plate must be removed from the front. Those who do not remove old plates will be stopped by highway officers, as they are displaying improper tags.

Minister Is Killed In Auto Collision

Albemarle, Feb. 1.—Rev. M. T. Smathers, prominent minister of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference, stationed at Asheboro, was instantly killed this afternoon at 5:15 o'clock when the automobile he was driving and a truck of the Coble Ice Cream company of Lexington collided at Richfield, 10 miles north of here.

Other persons severely injured were brought to the Yadkin hospital here. They are Mrs. Simmons, daughter of Rev. Mr. Smathers, and her two small daughters, and T. V. Mauney, Albemarle attorney, and Jay Barringer, well-known contractor of Richfield. The condition of Mrs. Simmons and her daughters were described as extremely serious.

It was reported by investigating officers that the Coble truck, driven by Erkhart Norris, was traveling north toward Salisbury when Rev. Mr. Smathers' car entered the highway from the west side. The collision of the two machines threw them into a filling station, knocking down a pump and damaging the building.

Rev. Mr. Smathers had many friends in North Wilkesboro, where he served the First Methodist church as pastor in 1922, 1923 and 1924. He entered the conference in 1911 and had served many parishes with distinction, including North Wilkesboro, Broad Street in Statesville, Central in Greensboro, and Central in Mt. Airy.

Funeral for Rev. Mr. Smathers was held today at the First Methodist church in Wilkesboro. Interment for Rev. Smathers took place at Elmwood cemetery near Wilkesboro.

Local Barber Neglects Razor In Navy



No, the one on the left is not a member of the House of David baseball team, nor a character in the passion play, he is one of Uncle Sam's fighting men after a few months combat duty in the South Pacific, during which time shaving was of little or no importance. Few will recognize him as Warren Lankford, the handsome young man of the Cricket community who was a well known barber in North Wilkesboro before entering the navy on October 6, 1941. He grew his beard while serving on a destroyer which participated in all the major naval battles against the Japs in the South Pacific. His ship picked up survivors of the Hornet and the Wasp, aircraft carriers, and was in the thick of the battles on the Gilbert Islands. On the right is Warren's brother, Oler Lankford, fireman first class. Since entering the navy on December 10, 1942, and receiving his training at San Diego, California, he has seen four months of combat duty in the Pacific and has been to many places in the war zone. He was also a North Wilkesboro barber before entering the service. Warren and Oler are sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lankford, of the Cricket community of Wilkes county.

Doughton to Make Race for Re-election

Washington, Jan. 29.—Rep. Robert L. Doughton gave to friends the formal assurance today that he will offer for re-election to the house.

In arriving at this decision Mr. Doughton was motivated by the deep-seated conviction that in times like the present no man belongs wholly to himself, and by the further fact that he has been urged "by a great many people of all political persuasions and in all walks of life" to remain at his post — the chairmanship of the ways and means committee.

Mr. Doughton has attained the age of 80. Should Providence and a kind fate so decree he will, at the expiration of another, his 18th term, have served 36 years. His service as chairman of ways and

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All persons now receiving The Journal-Patriot have their subscriptions paid in advance, which is in accordance with the law and regulations governing publications. Cooperation from subscribers in the effort to get

On Sea Duty



Glenn Edward Paw, seaman second class, is now somewhere on sea duty in the Pacific. He entered the navy in November and received his boat training at Great Lakes, Ill. Glenn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Paw, who live at Wilkesboro.

all subscriptions paid in advance has been excellent, for which the publishers are sincerely grateful.

Attention is called to the fact that subscriptions must be paid in advance, and each month the names of those whose subscriptions expire and for which renewal is not received will be taken off.

Subscriptions dated Feb. 1st, 1944, (2-44 on the address label), will be removed on February 10 if renewal is not received prior to that date. With the manpower shortage so acute, and with the staff of The Journal-Patriot devoting as much time as possible to various campaigns to promote the war effort, it may not be possible to notify subscribers of expiration dates, and that is why we ask that each of you look at your address label and renew in advance of the expiration date.

Subscriptions dated 3-44 (March 1st, 1944) will be removed from the list on March 1 unless renewed before that date.

QUICK ATTACK RATTLES JAPS; DEFENSE WEAK

The Fourth Marine and Seventh Infantry divisions have captured Roi Island, site of the biggest air-drome in the Marshall Islands, and have planned a move to win beach-heads and drive inland on Namur and Kwajalein Islets, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced yesterday.

The Marines took Roi, dragging their own artillery through the surf, and moving swiftly to extend their victory have already forced the Japanese back into the extreme northern end of adjoining Namur.

The Marines also are making good progress on Kwajalein Islet, Nimitz reported.

Losses among the American troops have been moderate so far and Japanese resistance, although increasing, has not been strong, Nimitz said.

YANKS HACK NAZI DEFENSES OF GUSTAV LINE

American troops, after smashing with French forces through the entire width of the bitterly defended Gustav Line, battled their way through German "sacrificial squads" yesterday into the outskirts of Cassino, gateway key to a broad highway to Rome.

The Americans' progress on this front 80 miles below the capital was slow but steady in the face of a heavy tank, artillery, mortar and small arms fire put up by the German defenders in a bloody, head-on attack it was dis-

reputable Hal Boyle in a dispatch dated "at the edge of Cassino."

Cassino, which has been under Allied siege for three weeks, still was filled with snipers, and its streets and buildings were heavily mined, Boyle related.

REDS SMASH OVER BORDER OF ESTONIA

The Russians have smashed across the old Estonian border near the mouth of the Narva River, capturing more than 40 towns on the approaches to Narva, Moscow announced today.

Berlin reports, meanwhile, told of a new Soviet breakthrough in the Dnieper bend and a new Red Army drive upon Rovno, 30 miles inside old Poland.

One Soviet spearhead yesterday reached to the town of Venkule, five miles across the prewar frontier north of Narva and about a mile from the Narva River mouth.

Reaches Age 98



Catherine Thompson Alexander, widow of the late Jesse T. Alexander, celebrated her 98th birthday Sunday, Jan. 30. She makes her home with her son, W. F. Alexander, near Hays.

She is the mother of six children, three living and three dead. She has 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Her health is remarkable for her age. She can climb steps and get about the house and yard in a way that would make lots of younger people envy her. It is amazing to see her mind and eyes. She stands tall for her age.

BROTHERS SERVE IN ARMY - NAVY



Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Poteat, of North Wilkesboro route three, are in service. Pvt. Coy R. Poteat, who entered the army in September, 1943, is stationed at Camp Berkeley, Texas. His wife and son, Charles, live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lawrence, of Union Grove. Glenn William Poteat, seaman second class, shown at right, entered service in June, 1943, received his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., and is now on sea duty.

Sales Total \$22,875 As Schools Aid In Promoting Fourth War Loan Drive

Ronda district schools have a commanding lead in the contest among schools of the county for the first report in the Fourth War Loan campaign, but it is expected that other schools this week will give the leader plenty of competition.

Loan Chairman, named each district principal as district chairman in the county organization for sale of bonds during the Fourth War Loan, which will continue through February 29.

The first report on sales through schools, and which covers the week ending January 29, follows:

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| Ronda—E. R. Spruill, principal | \$12,575.00 |
| Benham School, Coy Durham, principal | 200.00 |
| Moravian Falls, E. I. Elledge, principal | 1,500.00 |
| Mt. Pleasant, E. M. White, principal | 2,175.00 |
| Mtn. View, P. W. Greer, principal | 950.00 |
| Lincoln Heights, J. R. Edelin, principal | 75.00 |
| Millers Creek, R. V. Day, principal | 1,350.00 |
| Mulberry, Grady Miller, principal | 150.00 |
| Ferguson, O. M. Proffitt, principal | 1,525.00 |
| Wilkesboro, Wm. T. Long, principal | 1,325.00 |
| Roaring River, G. A. Johnson, principal | 1,050.00 |
| Total Sale Bonds Combined Schools | \$22,875.00 |

Jackson Day Dinner Held

Democratic Record Praised In Address By Frank C. Walker

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—Postmaster General Frank C. Walker said tonight in an address that the administration had "united the governments of the peace-loving people of the world into an instrument to guarantee a lasting peace."

Wilkes Represented At Party Meeting

W. Alonzo McNeil, chairman of the Wilkes County Democratic Executive Committee, stated yesterday that Wilkes county was well represented at the Jackson Day dinner in Raleigh Monday night, at which time party leaders from over the state gathered for their annual fund-raising event. Those attending the dinner from Wilkes followed:

In Alabama



Pvt. William Vance Caudill, son of Mrs. Chloé Caudill, of Springdale, was honored with the service September 24, 1943, and is now stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala.

\$608,000 Total Sales to Date In Fourth War Loan

Caravan Captured German Equipment Coming; Movie For Bond Buyers

Sales of War Bonds to date in the Fourth War Loan have reached \$608,000, W. D. Halfacre, chairman, said today.

While this is a substantial amount, it is pointed out that it lacks \$235,000 reaching the quota of \$843,000 set for Wilkes county and that thousands of individual bond buyers are needed to reach the quota and keep Wilkes' record among the best of all counties in the nation.

Included in the present \$608,000 total are amounts purchased by the large investors. Now it is up to the individuals who can buy any bond from \$18.75 up to pitch in and raise the quota.

CARAVAN COMING—A big event is scheduled for Monday afternoon, February 7, 3:30 to 4:30 o'clock, when a caravan of captured German equipment from the battlefields of North Africa and Sicily will be in North Wilkesboro.

The caravan will include a huge tank destroyer, an implement larger than a tank and carrying a mounted 76mm gun. The tank destroyer was captured by American forces in North Africa and all German occupants were killed. There will also be a half-truck field kitchen, which was captured in Sicily, and many items of smaller captured equipment. Army officers will accompany the caravan and explain to the throng of people how the various implements are used in warfare.

EVERYBODY INVITED—Attention is called to the fact that the implements of war taken from the enemy, and still bearing all the evidence of combat. The show is free, and all are invited from far and near.

The caravan will park on Main street between Ninth street and Gordon avenue. Police will keep that section of Main street free of parking in order to have space for the caravan when it arrives.

MOVIE FOR BUYERS—Ivan D. Anderson, manager of Liberty Theatre, announced today that Monday will be free movie day for bond buyers at the Liberty Theatre.

Every person who buys a bond Monday at the Liberty Theatre will be given a free ticket good for any performance at the Liberty for that day.

Yesterday Was Groundhog Day

Yesterday was Groundhog Day. The sun came out for just a few minutes between twelve and one o'clock, and we don't know whether Mr. Groundhog saw his shadow or not, but anyway old-timers say to make it count and in order for him to send us six weeks more of winter weather he must see his shadow before eleven o'clock in the morning. If that is the case, then spring is just around the corner—so get ready to plant that Victory garden.

Make our guns louder—save fats for powder!

RATION NEWS

ATTENTION—If any member of a family enters service the ration books, including gasoline coupons, for the person entering service must be turned in to the rationing board.

SUGAR—Book 4, stamp 20, good for five pounds, will expire March 31.

GASOLINE—Coupons No. 3 in a book good for three gallons became effective Nov. 9 and will expire February 3.

SHOES—Coupon 11 in the sugar and coffee ration book will buy one pair of shoes less one coupon date No. 2 coupons placed in book three became valid November 1 for one pair shoes.

FOOD—Brown stamps, Book 1, made and valid, W. W. 6064 through February 10. Green stamps, Book 4, expires February 10.