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RECORDS

Bond Sales \$1,106,979

County Far Over Quota But "E" Bonds Are Short

\$29,900 In "E" Bonds Needed To Put County Over By March 1st

Bond sales to date in Wilkes county for the Fourth War loan total \$1,106,979, which exceeds the county's quota of \$843,000 by \$263,979, according to the latest report received by W. D. Halfacre, Fourth War Loan chairman, from the Federal Reserve Bank.

With the tempo of the war increasing, this is no time to let up. Regardless of quotas, the nation needs every dollar that you can spare. In addition to helping finance the war effort, your bond buying prevents disastrous inflation and provides future financial security for yourself. Sales of "E" bonds during the remainder of this month will count on the county's quota, Mr. Halfacre said.

Mr. Halfacre today also took occasion to commend the people of Wilkes for their patriotism and the wonderful record made in all four of the War Loan campaigns to date. In each campaign the quota for the county has been surpassed, which Mr. Halfacre described as evidence that the people of the county are backing the fighting men with their dollars. The "E" bond quota can be reached if the people of the county continue to buy bonds as they have during the past ten days.

Lions Club Hears Splendid Program About Red Cross

Motion Picture, Song and Address Make Up Interesting Program Friday

The American Red Cross was the theme of the program for the meeting of the North Wilkesboro Lions club Friday evening.

Bill Marlow and C. E. Jenkins, Jr., were in charge of the program, which opened with the showing of a Red Cross motion picture by Paul S. Cragan.

The picture showed in a vivid manner the activities of the American Red Cross with service men throughout the world.

Miss Dorothy Gabriel was presented and delighted the club with singing of two numbers, which were very much enjoyed.

Rev. A. C. Waggoner, chairman of the Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross, talked interestingly about Red Cross work and the activities of the local chapter. The Red Cross war fund campaign will open on March 1. The quota for Wilkes county is \$18,200.

Guests at the meeting of the Lions Club, which was held at Hotel Wilkes, were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson with their father, James M. Anderson; Sgt. C. C. Faw, Jr., of Fort Myers, Florida, with Jack Swotford.

RATION NEWS

SUGAR—Book 4, stamp 30, good for five pounds, will expire March 31. Stamp 40, five pounds for canning, expires February 28, 1945.

GASOLINE—Coupons No. 9 in A book good for three gallons becomes effective Feb. 9 and will expire May 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, meats and fats, V, W, X good through February 26. Green stamps, Book 4, processed foods, K, L, M expire on March 20.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the war has entered a decisive stage requiring the fullest measure of individual sacrifice; WHEREAS the American National Red Cross is an auxiliary to the United States armed forces and, as such, is providing indispensable service to our troops throughout the world as well as to their families at home;

WHEREAS these wartime activities, including the collection of lifesaving blood for the wounded, recreation work in military hospitals, provision of aid to families of servicemen, shipment of food parcels to prisoners of war, production of surgical dressings, operation of overseas clubs and recreation centers, and recruitment of Army and Navy nurses, all combine to save countless lives, restore hope, and provide comfort for our fighting men;

WHEREAS, through its vast network of local chapters, this agency of our people simultaneously conducts an extensive program of training and community service, while continuing with traditional efficiency to lessen the distress of those overwhelmed by disaster; and

WHEREAS this agency is wholly dependent upon individual support and personal participation and is issuing its 1944 appeal to the entire citizenship for a minimum War Fund of \$200,000,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America and President of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate the month beginning March 1, 1944, as "Red Cross Month" and earnestly beseech my fellow Americans to observe it by opening their hearts to the humanitarian appeal in order that we may keep the Red Cross at the side of our fighting men and their dependents in their hour of greatest need.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the city of Washington this 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-eighth.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
By the President:

COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD FARM MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED

Friday, Feb. 25.—Roaring River lunch room.
Friday, Feb. 25.—Clingman school.

Making Survey On Stabilization Program Here

A representative of the War Manpower Commission is making a survey in North Wilkesboro this week to determine how well local employers are complying with the Employment Stabilization Program. All employers are required to have on file for each employee hired since May 16, 1943, either a Statement of Availability, a Certificate of Prior Employment, or a referral card from the local United States Employment Service.

Local employers are urged to get their payroll records and files in good shape as checks will be made at irregular intervals by War Manpower Commission representatives. Similar surveys made in other parts of the state indicate that most employers are complying very well with the program.

Mrs. Kathryn A. Lott, manager of the USES here, pointed out that employers now using the Certificate of Prior Employment should see that the following notice appears at the top of the certificate: "Notice.—Sec. 35 (A) of the U. S. Criminal Code makes it a criminal offense to make a false statement or representation as to any matter within the jurisdiction of any Department or Agency of the United States".

This phase has been added to make sure that no untrue statements are given.

Certificates of Prior Employment may be used by employers hiring: (1) Persons coming out of non-essential jobs, (2) Persons who have never worked before, and (3) Persons who have been out of employment for at least 60 days.

Night Raiders Win 2 Games

The North Wilkesboro Night raiders won two fast basketball games last week.

On Thursday night they defeated Taylorsville high school 37 to 28 in a game played at Taylorsville. On Friday night they defeated an all-star team from the Mount Pleasant community by the close score of 38 to 14.

Bucky Horton was high scorer in both games with 14 points to his credit against each opposing team.

Heads Division Red Cross Drive



C. B. Eller, superintendent of Wilkes schools, is chairman of the rural division of the Red Cross War Fund organization. Each township will have a chairman with several workers and an opportunity will be given all the people of the county to contribute to the Red Cross War Fund this year. The campaign will open March 1 and the quota for Wilkes county is \$18,200.

Field Director Of Red Cross Speaks At Kiwanis Meet

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club Friday enjoyed a splendid program which portrayed the work of the Red Cross.

J. R. Finley was program chairman and he presented Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., Red Cross War Fund chairman, who directed the program.

Miss Dorothy Gabriel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gabriel, sang two numbers, "America, My Home" and "The Rose of No Man's Land". Mrs. A. F. Kilby was piano accompanist.

Paul S. Cragan then showed a motion picture which in a very vivid and impressive way described work of the Red Cross for men of the armed service.

C. C. Loverwell, Red Cross field director for military camps, was presented and he spoke very interestingly of Red Cross work.

He stated that at Fort Bragg the Red Cross daily sends an average of 130 telegrams in the interest of soldiers, and that the telegraph bills for the Red Cross at one military post totals \$1,700 per month. During the last three months of 1943 soldiers in the various camps were loaned over a million dollars for emergencies.

The budget for the Red Cross last year was \$125,000,000, and this year will be \$200,000,000. It is explained that on the average \$25 will be spent on each man in service for Red Cross benefits.

The quota for Wilkes in the War Fund drive beginning March 1 is \$18,200.

Guests Friday were as follows: Rev. A. C. Waggoner with R. E. Gibbs; Lt. Comdr. Jas. H. McNeill with Dudley Hill; Sam Hill and G. H. Sears with Paul E. Church; Mrs. W. G. Gabriel with W. G. Gabriel; J. D. Schaeffer with Edd Gardner; Miss Kathryn Sanford, C. C. Loverwell, Miss Dorothy Gabriel and Mrs. A. F. Kilby with Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr.

The following letter from Naval Chaplain Whitt M. Cooper to the Kiwanis club was read by Secretary T. E. Story:

Southwest Pacific
January 24, 1944.

Dear Mr. Story:
Please express to the Kiwanis Club my appreciation for the Christmas letter and for the gift subscription of The Kiwanis Magazine. It is a grand thing to be able to feel that one is still a part of such a fine organization, and the personal touch that you added in your letter makes it all the better.

My work continues to be interesting. We have been in the war zone nearly eight months and the variety of experiences through which we have passed would make interesting reading if I were able to put it down on paper. I can't tell you about the war but I can tell you about my work.

I've been in the church building business at the two bases where we have been located. Our battalion is composed of older men, many of whom have had years of experience in the carpenter trade. They can build anything if you just give them a hammer and saw. This last chapel that we dedicated on New Year's Sunday is far more beautiful than the first. From a bombed-out mission we salvaged

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Jap Fleet Blasted

A CALL TO PRAYER GOES OUT TO ALL PEOPLE

You are invited to join in a fellowship of prayer the world around on the World Day of Prayer, Friday, February 25, 1944, at 2 p. m., First Baptist church, North Wilkesboro.

The World Day of Prayer is observed around the world — on every continent — in 50 countries — in 12,000 centers in the United States and Canada. Those who are troubled and anxious over the state of the world, with loved ones far away, are especially urged to attend this service of prayer and intercession, Friday afternoon at two o'clock, at the First Baptist church.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church will be in charge of the program, and Miss Lucy Finley will be the leader. Members of the Baptist and Methodist Auxiliaries will assist with the program. The special World Day of Prayer offering which will be taken, will be used this year for Christian literature to be used in the Mission Fields—for Union Christian Colleges in China—for aid to the migrants and sharecroppers in our own country, and for Indian students in the U. S. government schools.

For the business men and women who cannot attend the regular service, a special, short prayer service will be held in the city hall 1:00 to 1:30 p. m. on Friday, under the leadership of Miss Norma Stevenson.

Business houses are requested to close during the time of the service in order that all may attend.

Miss Lucy Finley said: "Never before in the history of the world, have there been so many people 'standing in the need of prayer'. That means you, and me, and so let us all come together at God's altar, uniting our prayers, as we touch shoulders with one another, the world around, believing in our hearts that He will hear and answer. Then may we know, that His Kingdom is coming, right here, right now—beginning with each of us."

WILKES F. C. X. STORE HERE PAYS 3 PER CENT PATRONAGE DIVIDEND

Both banks here, the Bank of North Wilkesboro and The Northwestern Bank, will be closed on Tuesday, February 22nd, which will be George Washington's birthday and which will be generally observed as a holiday.

Chaplain Writes Of Lieut. Blevins, Now Missing

Eight of the flying fortress crew of which Lt. C. E. Blevins was a member parachuted from a damaged flying fortress over Germany January 11.

This information was contained in a letter from Lt. Blevins' chaplain, Capt. Willis A. Brown, to Lt. Blevins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Blevins, of Hays.

The chaplain's letter, written in England January 22, follows: "You will remember that I wrote to you October 27, 1943, with reference to your son, Lieutenant C. E. Blevins. I said some things about him then that a chaplain can not say about all or even very many of his men."

"This letter is to express to you my deepest personal sympathy to you now that he has been reported missing in action in a raid over Germany."

"In my former letter I intimated that his work for a few weeks would not be dangerous, but in all events he was in the hands of God Our Heavenly Father. Since sometime in December he has been on a few more or less dangerous missions over Germany. His ship was seen to have its tail assembly shot off and to lose altitude so that the crew was forced to bail out. Eight parachutes were seen to open. We all are praying with you now that he was in the eight and you will soon receive word that he is safe. When, and if, you do, I would appreciate your letting me know for I am deeply interested, personally. I have learned to love Ed in the short time I have known him."

"I also wrote before in closing a verse of scripture that seemed appropriate, and I believe it is just as appropriate to close this one with, namely, 'And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee; for thou, Lord hast not forsaken them that seek thee.' Psalm 9:8. Please write me if I can do anything at all for you at any time."

J. H. Harrison Dies

John H. Harrison, native of Halifax county and for many years a resident of Salisbury, died here yesterday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thurmond Kiser, in this city.

Five other children also survive. Funeral was held at Reformed Sturdivant Chapel this afternoon at 2:30. Burial was in Salisbury.

PART REVENGE IS TAKEN FOR PEARL HARBOR

Nineteen Japanese ships were sunk, including two light cruisers and three destroyers; seven ships were probably sunk and at least 201 enemy planes were destroyed in the historic two-day attack on Truk Island naval base, the Japanese Pearl Harbor, it was announced yesterday.

"The Pacific Fleet has returned at Truk the visit made by the Japanese fleet to Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and has effected a partial settlement of the debt", Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said in a communique giving the first details of the attack, made Wednesday and Thursday by a Pacific carrier task force fleet.

Besides the cruisers and destroyers, an ammunition ship, a seaplane tender, two oilers, two gunboats and eight cargo ships were sunk.

NAZI ASSAULT AT BEACHHEAD SLOWS, FADES

A brilliant Allied defense has turned into a costly failure the second German all-out drive against the Anzio beachhead and last night, the enemy was reported reeling back in disorganization under powerful Allied counterblows, with Nazi batteries firing on their own men to prevent their mass surrender.

With mighty aerial support including heavy bombers, weary but inspired British and American troops were reported fast erasing a two-mile penetration of their beachhead which had been scored in the first hours of a great Nazi onslaught employing six divisions.

NAZI FIGHTER PLANTS TAKE RECORD BLOW

A gigantic Allied force of 2,000 planes, made up of the greatest American heavy bomber and fighter formations ever assembled and supporting R. A. F. Dominion and Allied fighters, attacked Hitler's fighter plane plants deep in Germany yesterday, crippling Nazi opposition to the coming invasion.

German fighter plane factories at Leipzig, Gotha, Bernburg, Aschersleben, Brunswick and Halberstadt were hit, along with other undisclosed targets in Germany in a mission officially described as "the largest, most important and most hazardous operation ever undertaken".

Two Wilkes Men Among Wounded In the Marshalls

Two more casualty messages have been received by Wilkes people of their sons fighting in the Marshall islands.

Pfc. Hugh M. Gambill, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gambill, of Dockery, was critically wounded in the Marshalls campaign on February 3.

On the following day Pfc. Virgil Whitley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Whitley, of Hays, was reported critically wounded in the same campaign.

Both are combat veterans and were members of U. S. army forces which took the Aleutian islands.

Missing In Action

Clyde Walsh, of the United States Navy, and son of Mrs. W. W. Walsh and the late W. W. Walsh, of Deep Gap, is reported missing in action on the high seas, according to a message received from the navy department last week by his wife. Clyde is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Anderson, of this city.

Mrs. Charles H. Day's Father Died Saturday

S. A. Browne, father of Mrs. Charles H. Day, of this city, died Saturday at his home in Cross Hill, N. C. Mrs. Day was called there last week because of his serious illness.