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WAR BONDS

## Red Cross Campaign Will Open On Wednesday

### CAPTAIN RICHARD JOHNSTON TELLS OF RED CROSS SERVICE AND SENDS DONATION OF \$25



CAPTAIN RICHARD JOHNSTON

### SOVIETS RUN OVER FRESH NAZI TROOPS

The Red Army bloodily overran fresh German reinforcements north and northeast of Pskov Sunday, the Russians said today, giving promise of early capture of that railway hub by thrusting down to seize a strong station on the line 18 miles north of the city and liberating more than 210 towns and villages in a great arc swinging around 100 miles to the southeast.

Among more than 60 populated places reported taken in the immediate vicinity of Pskov, several were tiny inland communities 15 and 16 air miles away, but the most important from a tactical standpoint in that marshy land railway runs through four smaller stations directly south 18 miles to Pskov.

The Germans, realizing the importance of Pskov, with its trunk railways reaching out in six directions, put new troops into the defense, said the Soviet communique, but Russian infantry and artillery smashed them, killing 800 on a single field, and capturing the guns, shells and mines with which the Germans tried to stem the advance.

### Play at Ronda School Sells Many Stamps

The play entitled "Schools At War", sold the fine sum of \$105.10 in war stamps at the Ronda School Friday. Admission was one extra war stamp in addition to the number the school is buying regularly, and the play, which was given by the elementary pupils under the direction of Mrs. Mamie Miller and Mrs. Ruth Miller, was given in order to encourage the buying of more war stamps and bonds.

### BUY MORE WAR BONDS

### 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 became 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.

**PROCESSED FOODS**—Green A, L and M (Book 4) expire March 20. Blue A-8 through E-8 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens; expires May 20.

**MEATS AND FATS**—Brown Y and Z (Book 3) expire March 30. Red A-8, B-8, C-4 (Book 3) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens; expires May 20. (Red D-8, E-8 become valid March 13; expires May 20).

One of the first contributions to be received in the 1944 Wilkes County Red Cross War Fund campaign was sent by Captain Richard B. Johnston from the Muroc Air Base in California.

Captain Johnston was a member of a fighter squadron of the army air force which helped to clear Jap planes from Guadalcanal during the first phase of the American offensive in the Pacific and he spent a year in the Pacific war zone.

Captain Johnston is a well known citizen of Wilkes county, and his loyalty to his native county was well expressed in a recent letter to the local Red Cross Chapter just previous to the opening of the War Fund campaign. In his letter, which enclosed a generous check to the War Fund, Captain Johnston had the following to say in appreciation of the work of the Red Cross:

"After seeing the great work that the American Red Cross has done in both Pacific theatres of war, I think it is a privilege to support such an organization. Their work is carried on well and efficiently in all areas from the rear-most bases right up into the front lines. When an invasion takes place, the Red Cross goes in with the first troops.

"One of the finest jobs the Red Cross is doing is to furnish recreation places and rest areas for troops. This has been one of the army's greatest problems, and the Red Cross has helped them solve it.

"This is only one of the numerous services rendered by the Red Cross. They are ready and willing to do anything that the men or the army asks them to do, and they do it well. Too much cannot be said in their behalf. I'm only too glad to have an opportunity to help a little in support of this great work."

### Board of Stewards Will Meet Tuesday

Board of stewards of the First Methodist church will meet Tuesday, seven p. m., at the home of Dr. J. S. Deans.

### Church Board Of Education to Meet

Board of education of the First Methodist church will meet Wednesday evening at the church immediately after the prayer service.

### Flight Officer Jones Praises The Red Cross



**FO WILLIAM HALE JONES**  
Flight Officer William Hale Jones, of the U. S. army air force and who spent several months in England with the Royal Canadian Air Force, is high in his praise of services rendered men in service by the American Red Cross.

Flight Officer Jones in a letter from Santa Maria, California, February 21, had the following to say about the Red Cross:

"I'm always glad to say a good word for the American Red Cross. While in England I found the American Red Cross Service Clubs to be a bit of home for all the American boys—headquarters for any of the fellows with a little time off. They provide entertainment and relaxation of all types, as well as a real bed and meals. Personally, I think they were tops. The Service Clubs sure are nice, and the fellows really appreciate them."



### DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, APRIL 29

### Pvt. John T. Myers Succumbs In Florida

Pvt. John Thomas Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleora Myers, of Hamptonville, died Sunday in an army hospital in Florida. He had been critically ill since undergoing a major operation.

Pvt. Myers is survived by his wife, the former Miss Emma Myers, of Jonesville; two children, Caroline and Gayle Myers; his parents, three brothers, Pfc. Marcus Myers, of Obispo, California, Lee Myers, of Stateville, Frank Myers, at home, Mrs. Ruth Reavis, of Hamptonville, and Mrs. Dicie Renegar, of Baltimore, Md.

Pvt. Myers was an active member of the Baptist church.—Reported.

### Dr. McLarty Speaks To Kiwanis at Meet In This City Friday

### Boone Minister Delivers Address on Subject of "Life Is The Unity of Interests"

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club on Friday held a most enjoyable meeting.

Prior to the program Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., chairman of the Red Cross War Fund drive, spoke briefly of the coming campaign and urged the cooperation of the club members. He stated that he had received that morning a letter from one of the Wilkes boys in the war zone who sent \$25.00 for the campaign and complimentary remarks of the Red Cross there.

The president announced that the directors' meeting Thursday night was favored with a written report from every committee chairman. The secretary read a part of the report of the Kiwanis Educational Chairman Genio Cardwell on extermination of rats. The report of John Prevette for (Continued on page eight)

### New Community Price Ceilings On March 6th

New ceiling price posters will be delivered to all retail grocers on or about March 4, local rationing officials said today.

"These new posters will be marked rationing order number 18 and will replace rationing order number 11."

The new prices will become effective March 6.

The law requires that these new posters be posted in the most conspicuous place in the store. All stores will be checked between March 18 and 19 to see if the posters are properly posted.

### Precinct Meetings On April 22; Dates Set By The State Committee

The state Democratic executive committee Thursday named Raleigh as its convention city this year and set the convention date as Thursday, May 4.

In a 30-minute session at the capitol here, the committee also voted to hold county conventions April 29 and precinct meetings April 22.

Following the meeting, committee Chairman Monroe Redden, of Hendersonville, announced the selection of John Kerr, Jr., of Warrenton, speaker of the house of the 1943 general assembly, as the keynote speaker at the state convention.

With 119 of 150 committee members present, Redden said this was the first meeting "in years that we did not have to telephone or telegraph a number of persons to get a quorum present."

At the meeting, Redden announced the resignation of Arch T. Allen, of Raleigh, as secretary of the state committee. Allen has accepted a commission in the naval reserve and has been ordered to report for duty March 4. A resolution praising his work was passed unanimously.

Redden appointed Banks Arendall, of Raleigh, as Allen's successor.

J. R. Rousseau, Wilkes county's member on the state executive committee, did not attend the meeting in person, but sent in his proxy to be used in the voting.

### Need Workers To Build Carriers And Other Ships

In connection with the launching of the Shangri-La Thursday, R. B. Davis and M. E. Olund, representatives of the Civil Service Commission and the Norfolk Navy Yard, said here today that thousands of additional workers are still urgently needed to complete other ships now under construction at Norfolk.

Mr. Davis, who is stationed at the U. S. Employment Service office here, worked on the Shangri-La himself. He is a regular civilian employee of the yard, one of more than fifty sent out in an intensive effort to secure the badly needed additional labor.

"The Navy Department has announced that the Tarawa, a second great new aircraft carrier, is being built at Norfolk," Mr. Olund said. The Tarawa was named for the heroic fight the Marines made for the Pacific island.

"If the Tarawa and other ships now under construction are to be completed on time we must get additional workers we need," Mr. Olund said. He urged men and women who are not now employed at their highest skill in an essential occupation to apply at once to the U. S. Employment Service office here for Navy Yard jobs.

### Factory Whistles Will Open Red Cross Drive

Red Cross War Fund campaign will open Wednesday.

The campaign will be inaugurated in North Wilkesboro Wednesday, March 1, at 11 a. m., when factory whistles will be sounded, calling attention of the people to the opening of this very important campaign.

Workers have been named for all parts of the city and county. The quota for the county is \$18,300, and donations from all who can give will be needed to raise the quota. "Give More In '44."

### Ration Tokens Are Being Used

With the advent of red and blue "change" tokens and the use of different ration stamps over the United States this week, housewives were reminded by Mr. Driscoll, district director of the Office of Price Administration at Charlotte, that the new red and blue "A" stamps now have a uniform value of 16 points each, regardless of the fact that they bear the figure "16."

Brown and Green stamps, which will be used in the overlapping next three weeks, continue to be valued at 16 points each.

Because not all stores may have received their supplies of tokens during the first week, Mr. Driscoll added, food stores are permitted to make change from the red "A" stamps by using one-point brown Y and Z stamps and to make change from blue "A" stamps by using one-point green K, L and M stamps. Such procedure will be permitted until March 20.

Other reminders on the use of tokens included:

Tokens will be given in change by storekeepers only. They will not be issued from local rationing boards.

Tokens may not be exchanged for stamps and housewives can receive a maximum of nine tokens in any one transaction.

### Will Assist State Income Taxpayer

J. R. Rousseau, deputy collector for the state, will be in his office over Tomlinson's Department Store on the following dates to assist taxpayers in making out their state income tax returns: March 3, 4, 6, 11, 13, 14, and 15.

Mr. Rousseau urges every taxpayer to file his state income tax return on or before March 15th, thereby saving the penalty for failing to do so.

### PFC. ARCHIE McNEILL PRAISES SERVICES OF AMERICAN RED CROSS TO SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

In a letter from England, dated February 14, 1944, Pfc. Archie McNeill, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McNeill of North Wilkesboro, gave some of his personal observations on work of the American Red Cross in London. In his letter to his mother, Pfc. McNeill made the following comment:

"I was off duty this afternoon and had supper in the Red Cross Club. That's the only place we can get anything to eat when off duty on Sundays. You asked in your letter what the Red Cross was doing for us. They do plenty. When you go to London on furlough they get you a room, which if you had to try and get one by yourself would be a problem. In fact if it wasn't for the Red Cross in London the boys who went up there on furlough would have to stay in parks or air-raid shelters. I don't know what we would do without them. Lots of times when we are out on military night problems, the Red Cross girls bring us out bottles and doughnuts at one or two o'clock in the morning. The Red Cross workers do countless things for us that I could write pages on. If I ever get back home, I'm sure I'll always give freely to the Red Cross. Tell people to give freely to the Red Cross, because they are helping the boys in England plenty."

### Heads Campaign



DR. JOHN W. KINCHELOE, JR.

### JAPS SUFFER BLOWS; TRUK SCORE HIGHER

From Burma to Rabaul, the Japanese met new reverses yesterday while the United States Navy disclosed that the blow to Truk was more damaging to Japan even than at first believed.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said now photographic information showed that the enemy lost 23 ships sunk, six probably sunk and 11 damaged in the February 16 and 17 attack on Truk.

The original figures of enemy losses were 13 ships sunk, and seven probably sunk. None was at first reported damaged.

The Commander in Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet also said that the Japanese had been struck against the Marshalls and at widespread Pacific points.

There was still no additional word from the powerful American fleet units that were last reported making heavy air attacks on Japanese bases in the Marianas, less than 1,400 miles from Tokyo, on February 22.

From General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters came new indications that Japan's Southwest Pacific Air Force has reached such a low ebb that it must be carefully hoarded, if it is not already reduced to utter helplessness.

A communique said that for the fifth straight day Rabaul had been attacked from the air without a single Japanese plane rising to intercept, and that the anti-aircraft fire was getting weaker.

### Helps Service Men In Application For Mustering Out Pay

W. M. Morrison, of Roaring River, a member of the Wilkes post of the American Legion, stated that he will assist any discharged service man in making application for mustering out pay. Mr. Morrison may be found at the Roaring River depot.

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### Chairman of Red Cross Drive Here Makes Appeal

Dr. Kincheloe Stresses Great Need of Red Cross Funds To Aid Men in Service

By Dr. JOHN W. KINCHELOE, Jr., Red Cross War Fund Chairman

Perhaps it will be your son or brother — husband or uncle — nephew or cousin — who will on some occasion be greatly in need of the services which the Red Cross can offer him. Sometimes the need will only be a casual but enjoyable one—coffee and doughnuts after a hard period of drilling and training, when food and refreshments are not otherwise available. Frequently the need will be for a place to stay for a few days rest and furlough in a crowded city like London, where rooms are not available in hotels or homes, but where military men can find a Red Cross club, with comfortable beds and meals that taste like those enjoyed back home in America. — But at other times, the need may be far more serious. The boy from your home — or your neighbor's home — may be severely wounded on a battle frontier. He will need a Red Cross ambulance to take him to the hospital behind the battle lines—he will probably need several blood transfusions from blood plasma collected in the United States through the facilities of the Red Cross—and for many days he will need the supervision and services of a Red Cross nurse before he is restored to health and strength again. Or it, by some unfortunate, some kindness or friend of yours is captured and sent to a Nazi prison camp—even there his needs can be served by the American Red Cross, with its network of war packages and communication facilities.

Wherever your friend or relative may be in service,—Africa . . . England . . . Iceland . . . Italy . . . China . . . Australia . . . New Guinea . . . the Solomon Islands . . . or the scores of other points in the widespread theatre of war — "Your Red Cross Is At His Side".

The American Red Cross is supported by the voluntary service and contributions of the public. The annual Red Cross War Fund begins Wednesday, March 1. The national quota, which represents the minimum amount required for the Red Cross to render its vital services to our greatly expanded military forces this year, is two hundred million dollars. Of this amount, North Carolina's quota is three million dollars. Our quota in Wilkes county is \$13,200.00.

This is a "total war". We're all in it till it's over—whether we have a part in military campaigns abroad, or whether we do our part to bring necessary war-time campaigns to success in the homeland.

"Give More In '44". It will take more gifts—and much larger gifts to reach Wilkes county's quota this year. Make a generous donation when the local solicitors come to you and ask for your personal contribution to the 1944 Red Cross War Fund.

Remember — "Your Red Cross is at his side". It is a matter of great personal satisfaction to know that our personal gifts, along with the gifts of millions of other Americans, go to help "him" in his hour of need.

### J. T. Ruland Dies At Florida Home

Former Editor and Publisher of The Wilkes Patriot; Well Known Here

J. T. Ruland, former publisher and editor of The Wilkes Patriot, died in Deland, Fla., Sunday, February 20th, according to a message received by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hinkshaw, of this city.

Mr. Ruland had been in ill health since last August in Northport, Long Island, N. Y., where he and Mrs. Ruland spent their summers, but was later carried to Deland in the hospital.

Funeral and burial took place at Northport yesterday afternoon. Friends here will regret to learn of Mr. Ruland's death. While members of the county both Mr. Ruland and Mrs. Ruland made their home.