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WILKES RED CROSS WAR FUND OVER QUOTA

**Latest Total Now
\$18,658.97 With
More to Be Added**

Any Not Solicited Asked To
Send or Mail Donation to
Red Cross Office Here

Wilkes has passed the goal of \$18,200 for the Red Cross War Fund and several reports are yet to be received, it was learned today from Red Cross headquarters.

Latest tabulations today showed a total of \$18,658.97, which exceeds the quota by \$458.97.

Reports yet to be received from several rural workers and miscellaneous contributions are expected to materially increase the fund, chapter officials said, and urged that those who have completed canvases of their districts to make the report as early as possible.

Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., War Fund chairman, called attention to the fact that the campaign continues through March 31 and urged that any who have been missed in the solicitation carry or mail their contribution to the Red Cross chapter office, which is located over Tomlinson's Department store in North Wilkesboro.

Chapter officials are pleased with the response given the Red Cross appeal, and point out that every person who possibly can should have a part in raising the fund to be used for the benefit of men and women in the service of their country.

New Tax Bill In Effect April 1st

New Theatre Taxes and Tax On Various Merchandise To Be Increased

Uncle Sam needs money from most every source to successfully carry on the fight against the axis powers, and under the new tax bill recently passed by Congress new taxes will be collected from the public, beginning Saturday, April 1st.

Included in the new tax bill, is increased tax on theatre tickets, and both the Liberty and Allen theatres have figured out the lowest minimum prices chargeable under the bill. For detailed information and figures, the public's attention is directed to the theatre advertisements to be found on pages four and five of today's issue of The Journal-Patriot.

Items of merchandise, classed as luxuries, etc., on which the amount of tax will increase from 10 to 20 per cent, are as follows:

Brown gloves and mittens, electrified shearling, women's Angora mittens, fur-trimmed ready-to-wear garments, furs and fur coats, knitting bags, women's jewelry, handbags, purses, and wallets, infants' toiletries, fountain pens, ration book covers, men's jewelry, shaving accessories, utility cases, toilet preparations, luggage, fur headwear, matching bags with millinery. Alarm clocks retelling for less than \$5.00 the same tax of 10 per cent, alarms clocks selling for more than \$5.00, tax increased to 20 per cent.

Yes, sir, Uncle Sam needs more money, and the American public doesn't mind paying increased taxes if they will bring about the earliest possible defeat of Hitler and Tojo.

300 JAPS KILLED; TWO ISLETS ARE TAKEN FROM FOE

Three hundred Japanese were killed when they renewed their hopeless assaults on American airfields on Bougainville Island in the Solomons, that have already cost them more than 5,000 casualties, General Douglas MacArthur reported today.

Two thousand enemy troops, abandoned by Tokyo with tens of thousands of other Japanese isolated on islands of the South Pacific, made the attack last Wednesday behind an artillery barrage. The attack was a dismal failure, MacArthur said only four Americans were killed and 47 wounded in the battle.

Wilkes Man With Nine Children Inducted



Partially showing at the right in this picture is Pvt. Gilbert C. Eller, of Purlcar, who entered the army Thursday. The others in the picture are Mrs. Eller and their nine children. Pvt. Eller and family will receive \$268 per month.

GILBERT C. ELLER, INDUCTED INTO ARMY THURSDAY, IS \$268 BUCK PRIVATE, HAS 9 CHILDREN

Pvt. Gilbert C. Eller, citizen of the Purlcar community, says he is a "\$268 buck private". Pvt. Eller, who was inducted into the army Thursday, has a wife and nine children, all under 18 years of age. His wife will receive \$50, one child \$20, \$20 each for the other eight, and \$28 per month for himself. Mr. Eller said prior to his induction that he did not wish to leave his family, but if the nation needed his services it was all right with him. However, he said: "There are some single men I'd like to see going along with me".

LOCAL BANKS DONATE \$90.00 TO 4-H CLUBS FOR SEED CORN

By H. C. COLVARD, Assistant County Agent. For the past several years the Bank of North Wilkesboro and the Northwestern Bank have donated the seed corn to 4-H Club members for their corn projects. For the past three years the number of corn projects have doubled. The amount donated last year was \$48.00 and for the year previous approximately one-half of this amount was given.

This increase in corn club work is largely due to increased interest and membership in the 4-H Club program. Also numerous awards and prizes have been won by club members at fairs and shows. At the last North Carolina State Fair, Wilkes county boys won first prize on their county exhibit of white corn. Seed for this corn was given by our local banks. Last fall 800 ears were shown by 80 club boys at the Achievement Day program from seed given by the banks. Prizes in amount of \$24.00 for this exhibit were given by our local insurance organizations and Carter-Hubbard Publishing Company. Our club members are also responding to our food goals and to the county 4-H mobilization program in helping to produce a record production of food and feed to hasten the end of the war.

One hundred sixty-nine acres of corn will be grown by the following:

Roaring River:
J. W. Smith, Clyde Henderson, Clyde Carpenter, Kenneth Carpenter, Clyde Shew and Bill Baldwin.

Millers Creek:
Hubert Whittington, Earl Faw, Olaude Reeves, Bernard Shumate, Carl Eller, Roy Pless, Gilbert Eller, James Eller, Earl Watts, John Eller, Fred Day Kilby, Oliver Ellledge, Jay Canter, Billy Joe Greer, Paul Welborn, Glenn Church, Vance Kilby, Ralph Snyder, Bob Woods, Thomas Whittington, and Carol Bumgarner.

Mountain View:
Johnny Dillard, Claude Billings, Milo Whitley, Harold Wyatt, L. G. Cothren, Don Billings, Alphonson Stone, Fred Miller, E. C. Ellledge, Jr., Charles Ashlin, Arley Mahaffey, Don Brewer, Harold Bennett, Everette Hawks, Jimmy Blackburn, Billy Dean Cothren, J.

"State Guard Week" Proclaimed By Mayor R. T. McNeil

Under the act of 1941 our local State Guard was organized and has maintained an assuring protection for the home front during these critical days. Because of the man power shortage and that a number of men have enlisted, it is necessary to put on a special recruiting program to bring the local unit up to the total requirement for efficient and prompt work. The week of March 27th has been set aside as a special week for this purpose by our Governor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, R. T. McNeil, Mayor of the Town of North Wilkesboro, do hereby proclaim and designate the week beginning March 27th, 1944, as North Carolina State Guard Week, and do hereby call upon our citizenship to give wholehearted support and cooperation toward the aims and purposes of this special week; and I most respectfully request our civic organizations to include the work of the State Guard in their programs, and I adjure the industries of our community to urge and encourage their employees to join our organization, and commend it to the citizenship of our county in general, and request all to give full allegiance and loyalty to the end that our local State Guard Unit may be recruited to full membership.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of North Wilkesboro to be affixed hereto, this the 23rd day of March, A. D., 1944.

R. T. McNEIL, Mayor
Attest: W. P. KELLY, Clerk.

T. M. Tharpe Rites Conducted Sunday

Funeral services were held Sunday at Pleasant Home church for Tyre Maurice Tharpe, age 64, well known citizen of Edwards township who died Saturday. Rev. Grant Cothren and Rev. Walter H. Haydus conducted the service. Mr. Tharpe is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Marie Tharpe, seven brothers and two sisters: C. E., J. K. and C. C. Tharpe, Ronda; Tom Tharpe, Poochuntas, Va.; W. F. Tharpe, Norfolk Va.; D. A. Tharpe, in the navy; J. H. Tharpe, Charlotte; Mrs. J. L. Eller and Miss Ila Tharpe, Ronda.

B. F. Proffit Rites Will Be Tuesday

Benjamin F. Proffit, age 71, well known citizen of the Lewis Fork community, died Sunday at the Wilkes hospital. He had been in ill health for the past few years and critically ill for several days. Mr. Proffit was a member of a prominent Wilkes family, being a son of the late A. N. and Sarah McNeil Proffit. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ella Proffit, and the following brothers and sisters: R. L. Proffit, Goshen; W. A. Proffit, Denny; G. H. Proffit, Evanston, Wyoming; Mrs. B. T. Taylor, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Gertrude Triplett, Denny.

PRUT REACHED, BEGIN BATTLE FOR BALKANS

The Red Army yesterday reached the Prut River frontier of Rumania, where Adolf Hitler confidently launched his 1941 invasion of Southern Russia, after a historic 800-mile march from Stalingrad across the Russian steppes where hundreds of thousands of Germans perished, and dispatches early today said Soviet artillerymen already were shelling Rumanian soil.

The battle for the Balkans had begun. Premier-Marshal Stalin in an order of the day announced the Red Army conquest of part of "our State frontier" in the shadow of the Carpathian Mountains, and last night Moscow vibrated with the road of 24 salvos from 324 guns in celebration.

County Board Of Elections Meets For Organization

Boar I Composed Of James M. Anderson, C. E. Jenkins, Jr., and J. C. Grayson

Wilkes county board of elections in organization meeting elected James M. Anderson to succeed himself as chairman. W. O. Absher was re-elected secretary but he has resigned and C. E. Jenkins, Jr., has been appointed as his successor on the board. J. C. Grayson is again the Republican member.

The state board of elections re-appointed all three members of the board of elections for Wilkes: James M. Anderson, W. O. Absher and J. C. Grayson. Following the resignation of Mr. Absher Mr. Jenkins was appointed by the state board and was sworn in Saturday. The board will meet at a later date to make arrangements for the primary, which will be held on May 27.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS In Hospital



Pfc. Vestal D. Souther, only son of D. E. Souther and the late Mrs. Souther, is now a patient at Billings General Hospital, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. Pfc. Souther is a graduate of Union Grove high school. He entered the army in May, 1943, received his basic training with a medical unit at Camp Grant, Illinois, and was later transferred to Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He was home on furlough just before the death of his mother on February 3. He is a half brother of Miss Marie Goforth, of Greensboro, and was employed at Revolution Mills prior to entering the army.

Recn Overseas For State Senate



Pvt. Claude E. Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Reynolds, has recovered from wounds received in action in Italy on October 13, 1943, and is now home on furlough. Pvt. Reynolds will report for duty at Fort George G. Meade, Md., for duty on March 30.

Serving Overseas



Pvt. Edwin R. Sidden, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sidden, of Joyce, is now in the British Isles. Pvt. Sidden entered the army in May, 1943, and went overseas November 1.

Many From Wilkes At NCEA Meeting

The sixteenth annual session of the North Carolina Education Association was held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Raleigh. Those from the Wilkes county school system attending were Supt. and Mrs. C. B. Eller; W. T. Long and Miss Thelma Laws, of Wilkesboro; Mrs. Otis Barker, of Mulberry; Zeb V. K. Dickson, of Traphill; E. M. White, of Mount Pleasant; R. V. Day and Miss Ruby Dockery, of Millers Creek; P. W. Greer, Miss Flossie Brewer and Mrs. Opal Ellledge, of Mountain View; E. R. Spruill, of Ronda; and G. A. Johnson, of Roaring River.

Supt. Paul S. Cragan, Miss Marie Hagwood and Miss Mary Speer represented North Wilkesboro city schools. Dr. Ralph McDonald, of Winston-Salem, was elected president of the association, succeeding Horace Sisk, a former North Wilkesboro superintendent now head of Fayetteville schools. Dr. McDonald is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Tax Penalty Will Increase After 1st

Attention is called to the fact that the penalty on unpaid taxes for the year 1943 will increase after April 1. The increase in penalty applies to all unpaid 1943 taxes due the county or town. Taxpayers who have not paid their 1943 taxes are urged to pay not later than April 1 and save the amount of the increase in penalty.

Board of Stewards Will Meet Tuesday

Board of stewards of the First Methodist church will meet Tuesday evening, seven o'clock, at the home of H. M. Hutchens. We protect our ships when we sip our lips!

W. B. Somers Is Nominated For The State Senate



W. B. (BILL) SOMERS

W. B. Somers, former sheriff of Wilkes county, was endorsed for the Republican state senate nomination in the convention of Republicans of the 24th senatorial district held Saturday at Yadkinville.

24th Senatorial District Republicans Endorse Somers In Convention Saturday

The convention convened Saturday, two o'clock, with Wilkes, Yadkin and Davie counties, which composed the district, well represented. Chairman Harding opened the convention and called Lonny West, Yadkin county clerk of court, to the chair to preside as temporary chairman and Miss Edith Jessup as secretary.

Chairman Harding was re-elected chairman for the Republicans of the district and Miss Jessup was re-elected secretary.

The senatorial executive committee was elected as follows: G. D. Jordan and H. M. Deadman, of Davie; Paul Osborne, T. R. Bryan and T. E. Story, of Wilkes; W. E. Rutledge and R. B. Long, of Yadkin.

On the call for nominations for state senator the name of W. B. (Bill) Somers was placed before the convention by T. R. Bryan, of Wilkes, and was seconded by B. C. Brock, of Davie and W. E. Rutledge, of Yadkin.

The district, normally Republican by a substantial majority, rotates the nomination among the three counties. B. C. Brock, of Davie, now Republican candidate for congress in the Eighth district, was the senator from this district in the last legislature.

Talks were made at the convention by B. C. Brock, R. B. Long, R. V. Alexander, Davie county representative, and T. E. Story, Wilkes representative.

Those from Wilkes attending the convention were T. R. Bryan, Paul Osborne and T. E. Story.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS Now In England



Pvt. Thomas E. Norman, who is in the army air corps, has arrived safely in England, according to news received by his wife, the former Miss Lucille Oulter, of Wilkesboro. Pvt. Norman, who before entering the army April 16, 1943, held a position with Duke Power Company here, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Norman, of Union Grove.