

BOND SALES \$1,967,000; FAR OVER QUOTA

POLIO CASES TODAY TOTAL 24; EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TAKEN TO PREVENT DISEASE SPREAD

PARENTS IN WILKES ARE ASKED TO KEEP THE CHILDREN AT HOME

With the number of infantile paralysis cases in Wilkes increasing almost daily, Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, today asked greater precautions to prevent further spread of the disease.

The official count of the number of cases which have originated in Wilkes this morning was 24, and it was expected that further examination of patients under observation today would increase the number.

The health department had already ordered that children be banned from all types of public gatherings. Today Dr. Eller said that parents should "keep their children at home". Commenting further, he said that children should not be allowed on the streets, at stores or other public places. Some towns, he said, have passed ordinances setting fines of \$50 for parents who allow their children to be on the streets, in places of business or at any place where they may be in public.

There have been three deaths of infantile paralysis cases which originated in Wilkes. The latest was Betty Sue Anderson, age 13, daughter of Mrs. W. W. Anderson, of near this city. The child died early Friday morning at home after an illness of about a week. Arrangements had been made to place the child in a hospital Friday. Bobby Smith, of Benham, and Clay Holloway, of near Elkin, were the other deaths among polio patients.

In most cases, children with the disease and in hospitals are isolated, and no one is allowed to visit them. For the benefit of relatives, the Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross will get reports at two p. m. each day on the condition of the children from the county in hospitals and relatives and friends may receive from the Red Cross office daily reports on the condition of their children.

Following is the list of the known cases in Wilkes county as released early today by the county health department. The list gives the name, age, parents' names, place of residence, and present location of the patients:

Doris Johnson, age 8, daughter of Eunice Johnson, of Roaring River, at State Orthopedic hospital, Gastonia.

Larry Craig Foster, age 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Vernon Foster, of Furlair, at home.

Ransie Pardue, age 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Pardue, of Ronda, at home.

Daniel G. Nichols, age 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Nichols, of North Wilkesboro, at State Orthopedic hospital, Gastonia.

June Royal, age 9, daughter of Mrs. Cora Royal, Wilkesboro, State Orthopedic Hospital, Gastonia.

Gaynell McIntyre, age 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McIntyre, of Wilkesboro, State Orthopedic hospital, Gastonia.

Earline Pennell, age 5, and Elizabeth Pennell, age 8, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Pennell, of Pores Knob, at State Orthopedic hospital, at Gastonia.

Eloise Johnson, age 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Johnson, of Boomer, at State Orthopedic Hospital, at Gastonia.

Bobby Smith, age 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith, of Benham, died at the emergency hospital at Hickory.

Gilbert Church, age 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Church, of Wilkesboro route one, at State Orthopedic Hospital, at Gastonia.

Eva Poplin, age 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Poplin, of Roaring River, at home.

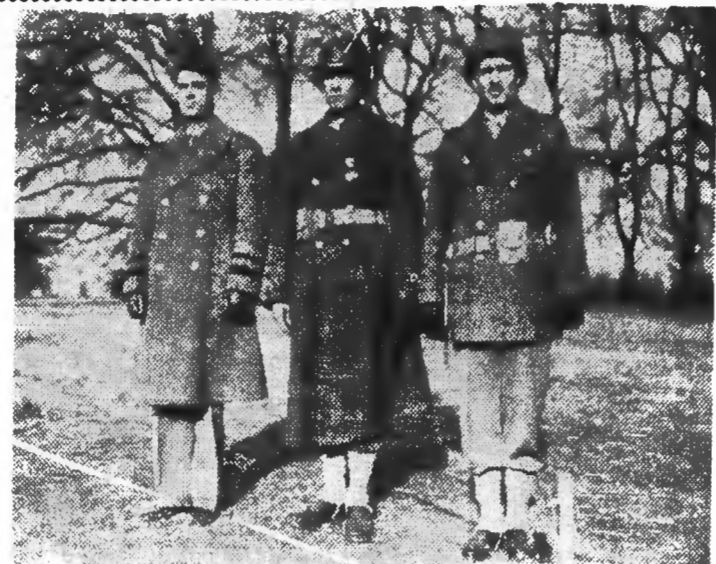
Mrs. Charlie Parsons, age 17, wife of Charlie Parsons, of Summit, at Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem.

Betty Sue Anderson, age 13, daughter of Mrs. W. W. Anderson, of North Wilkesboro, died Friday at home.

Kathleen Wiles, age 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Wiles, of Dockery, at home.

John Q. Bryan, age 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bryan, of Wilkesboro. (See Police—page eight)

M. SGT. JOHN C. OWENS DECORATED



Master Sergeant John C. Owens, of North Wilkesboro, center, reviews marching troops with Brig. Gen. J. B. Newman, Commanding General of the Ninth Air Force Engineers Command, left, and Lt. Col. Dugan, who witnessed the ceremony somewhere in England at which Owens was decorated with the Legion of Merit.

Missing In Action



Staff Sergeant Richard C. Greene has been reported missing in action since June 21, according to an official War Department telegram received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Greene, of Stony Fork. S. Sgt. Greene was a member of a flying fortress crew and was reported missing while over Germany. He entered the army in March, 1943, and went overseas May 1 this year.

VOLTERRA NOW IN HANDS OF FIFTH ARMY

American Fifth Army infantry yesterday captured Volterra, five-way road center 19 miles below the German-held Pisa-Florence lateral highway, and other forces near the west Italian Coast reported smoke columns, apparently from burning naval oil stores, could be seen over Livorno by Allied soldiers 11 miles away from the great port.

The Germans were moving troops from other sectors and concentrating artillery

Marine Veteran



Pvt. Sgt. Noah James, United States Marine Corps, left Monday evening to report for duty at Camp Lejeune, New River, after spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. James, of Wilkesboro route two. Sgt. James returned recently from the Southwest Pacific where he served for 25 months. He saw action with the Marines on Tulagi, Guadalcanal, and New Georgia islands.

M. Sgt. Owens Is Given Award Of Legion Of Merit

A Ninth Air Force Engineer Base, European Theatre of Operations—The Legion of Merit—highest non-combatant award presented by the U. S. Army—has been awarded Master Sergeant John C. Owens, of North Wilkesboro, N. C., an engineering battalion motor sergeant, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services. The award was presented by Brigadier General J. B. Newman, Jr., Commanding General of the Ninth Air Force Engineer Command, the presentation taking place in England at a pre-invasion ceremony.

Sgt. Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Owens, of Halls Mills, N. C., maintained heavy construction equipment through the complete construction of a heavy bomber airfield.

Said the citation: "Master Sergeant Owens was instrumental in the training of operators, in the supervision of repairs and in the maintenance of motor vehicles and heavy equipment of his unit. In many instances he improvised parts of machinery which were not obtainable through supply sources, insuring the constant operation of vital equipment. By his marked professional ability, active personal interest, leadership and efficiency, Sergeant Owens has so effectively maintained the motor vehicles and heavy equipment in his charge that his unit has never experienced a major breakdown of equipment."

Before his induction into the Engineers Corps in July, 1941, Sgt. Owens was engaged in construction work. In March, 1942, he was transferred into the Air Corps where he became a motor sergeant in the engineering section.

City and County Officials to Hold Meeting Tuesday

Paul J. Vestal, chairman of the county board of commissioners, and R. T. McNeil, mayor of North Wilkesboro, have issued invitations to city and county officials of seven nearby counties to meet at the Town Hall in this city tomorrow at 8 p. m. The meeting is being sponsored by the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill.

Counties embraced in the area for which the meeting is called are Ashe, Alexander, Alleghany, Caldwell, Iredell, Surry, Watauga, and also Wilkes. The program that has been arranged for the afternoon will be worthwhile to those attending and will feature tax collections in its many and varied phases.

Make Payments On Milk Subsidy

Wilkes Triple A office today announced that milk subsidy payments for May and June may now be made at the Triple A office. The rate of payment is 85 cents for whole milk per 100 pounds, or six cents per pound for butterfat.

Salvage of War Materials Vital To Early Victory

County Salvage Chairman Points Out Importance of More Salvage Activity

J. B. Snipes, Wilkes county salvage committee chairman, in an interview here today stated that the people should be reminded of their duty to salvage materials which are so badly needed in the war effort.

Listing materials as on the "must" list for salvage, he urged that the people of Wilkes county revive their efforts to salvage scrap iron, tin cans, paper and waste fats.

Mr. Snipes pointed out that C. A. Lowe, licensed scrap dealer, can handle an unlimited amount of scrap iron and steel and pays ceiling prices. Tin cans will be called for by Forester Beverage company trucks or those who have only a few tins may carry them to the company's place of business on Tenth street.

Boy Scouts are collecting paper in North Wilkesboro and people in rural areas who save paper may carry it to Gordon Finley at Wilkesboro Manufacturing company, who will turn it over to the Scouts.

All meat dealers are accepting waste fats. Mr. Snipes emphasized that the need for more waste fats is vital and that every home should take precautions to see that every drop of waste fats is saved and turned in.

Cripple Clinic

Cripple clinic for the month of July will be held Thursday morning at the Wilkes hospital. An orthopedic specialist will be present to make free examination of all crippled and deformed persons at the clinic.



Sgt. H. D. Caudill, of the Marine Corps, was wounded in action in the Pacific area, according to a Navy Department message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Caudill, of Millers Creek. No details about the extent of his wounds were contained in the message. Sgt. Caudill, who formerly held a position with Miller-Long company here, enlisted in the marine corps June 7, 1942.

Gets Commission



Lt. Ralph D. Whitley, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Whitley, of Hays, has successfully completed the army air forces advanced flying school training at Chandler, Arizona, and has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the army air corps. Lt. Whitley is a former student of Mountain View high school.

UNPRECEDENTED BUYING GIVES WILKES COUNTY AN IMPRESSIVE TOTAL IN THE FIFTH WAR LOAN

Accidentally Killed



Pvt. Millard Clyde Hawkins died of an accidental gunshot in New Guinea on June 11, according to an official message received June 21 from the War Department. Pvt. Hawkins entered the army in July, 1942, and was in training at Camp Croft, S. C., and Camp Butler, N. C., before going overseas. He went first to the Hawaiian Islands in February, 1943, and later to Australia. In March, this year, he was sent to New Guinea, where he saw action against the Japanese. His death occurred at Hollandia, New Guinea.

Eugene Trivette Speaks to Kiwanis Club Here Friday

Local Attorney Delivers Interesting Address; Cites Importance Civic Clubs

Eugene Trivette, prominent local attorney, delivered an interesting address Friday before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club.

Program Chairman C. O. McNeil presented the speaker, who gave a fine display of humor by relating a number of stories old and new. He then addressed himself to the subject: "The Place of the Civic Clubs in Times Like These". He paid especial attention to the prominence of the Kiwanis Club in the various communities of Kiwanis International, and suggested the motto, "We Build", will have extended opportunity to assert itself in the world of tomorrow. A club like this does something to people that makes them different. Its responsibility for tomorrow will be to have the peoples of the world to become so civic and socially minded that another world war cannot be. The civic and social qualities of the peoples of all countries must be toned to a higher level. Civic groups like Kiwanis must accept its responsibility and play well its part in this great role.

Guests Friday were as follows: Capt. Richard Johnston with W. J. Caroon, Rev. Earl F. Thompson with H. H. Morehouse, Ralph Laxton with Paul Vestal, Dr. C. L. Crane and Lieut. Henry Crane with Pat Williams, Frank Culp with W. G. Gabriel, Capt. W. H. McElwee with C. B. Eller.

MOPPING UP ON SAIPAN IS NOW UNDER WAY

American Marines and infantrymen, in possibly the most important single victory of the Pacific War, have completed the conquest of Saipan Island and are mopping up disorganized resistance after a bitter 25 day fight which pushed the American offensive line to within 1,495 miles of Tokyo, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced yesterday.

All organized resistance by the survivors of a Japanese garrison estimated originally at 20,000 to 30,000 men was crushed Saturday afternoon as the Americans took possession of the tiny northern tip of the island where the Japanese had been pinned against the sea. Front dispatches said that civilians were surrendering by the hundreds.

GOAL NOW 2 MILLION; PURCHASES OF "E" BONDS NEEDED

Unprecedented response to the appeal to buy war bonds has swelled the total of bonds purchased in Wilkes county during the Fifth War Loan to \$1,967,872.00.

This impressive total as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank at the close of business Friday is almost double the \$990,000 quota for the county and represents a high mark for a bond campaign in Wilkes county. The next highest was the \$1,550,000 total during the Third War Loan last fall.

W. D. Halfacre, who has very successfully led every war loan campaign far in excess of the quota, stated today that sales which have not been cleared through the Federal Reserve system and not included in the report are sufficient to put the total above \$1,980,000, which would be double the overall quota.

Now the goal for Wilkes is a two million dollar total, and it is emphasized that sales of "E" bonds during the remainder of the month will count in the campaign. The "E" bond quota for the county is \$227,000. Some "E" bond purchases are needed yet but the total is close to the amount and it is a certainty that if the people of the county continue their patriotic backing of the war effort during the month with their dollars that Wilkes county can have an unparalleled record for the Fifth War Loan.

Today Mr. Halfacre expressed his appreciation to the many people of the county who have purchased bonds, to canvassers, block leaders, personnel of retail stores, rural community chairmen and workers who aided so greatly in the sale of bonds in the Wilkesboro and in every community in the county.

By virtue of its splendid record in the campaign, Wilkes' name will be placed on a plaque of a landing craft in recognition of the splendid financial backing given the war effort by the people of the county.

Commenting on the successful campaign, Mr. Halfacre stated that the people deserve highest commendation for the response to the bond buying appeal, and for their willingness to back the attack liberally with their money. However, whatever sacrifices have been made in order to buy bonds is not comparable to what the men on Normandy, in Italy, in the Pacific and in the air are giving for the cause of freedom.

Pvt. McLean Visits Home

Pvt. Fred C. McLean, who is stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky., spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLean at their home at Cricket.

Promoted In France



Opl. William O. Haynes has recently been promoted to his present rank with an airborne division in France, according to letters received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Haynes, and his wife, the former Miss Ruth Joines, of Mountain Falls. Opl. Haynes went overseas in September, 1943, and was stationed in England prior to the invasion.

Missing In Action



T. Sgt. Sam Smoak, who has been reported missing in action over Yugoslavia since June 14. T. Sgt. Smoak, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Smoak, of Wilkesboro, was an aerial engineer-gunner on a B-17 flying fortress and had a most excellent record in the air corps, since arriving in Italy early in May.

Demonstrations In Terracing On Friday, July 14th

By J. B. SNIPES, County Agent

Two terracing demonstrations have been planned for Friday, July 14. One will be held on the farm of John W. Caser, Cycle, at 9:00 a. m., and one that afternoon at 2:30 p. m. on the farm of O. P. Holbrook, Elkin route one. Mr. Holbrook's farm is located one mile east of Benham school.

These demonstrations will be conducted by Soil Conservation Service, Farm Security, Extension and AAA officials. Terraces for these demonstrations will be staked by representatives of the county Agent's office and soil conservation service. According to a new ruling, the AAA is in a position to pay for terraces which are properly surveyed, constructed, and maintained. We have thousands of acres of land in the county which can be terraced and meet the requirements of this program. We also have thousands of acres which is too steep to terrace. In other words, according to rules land is not supposed to be terraced if it is over 14 degrees slope.

Terracing properly constructed is one method in controlling water but should not be looked on as all that is necessary to be done on a farm to control the water because crop rotations, grasses, legumes, forestry, strip cropping, etc., play a major part in controlling water on the farms.

All farmers in the county who are interested in learning how to properly build terraces are invited to attend these demonstrations.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Now In France



Pvt. H. C. Joines, son of Veta Joines, of North Wilkesboro, is with invasion forces in France. Pvt. Joines entered service September 23, 1943, and received basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He went overseas in April and was in England before going into France.