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RAISE PART QUOTA— Birthday Ball Here On Friday Night Is Success

Drive Continues All This Week and Contributions Will Be Solicited

The President's Ball here on Friday night was well attended and profits which went into the infantile paralysis fund totaled about \$75. Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, Wilkes chairman for the fund, said today.

He stated that contributions in addition to the amount raised raised at the ball had raised the total to about half the amount asked from the county and that solicitations will be made this week to raise the remainder. He stated that those who wish to contribute may save time and annoyance by mailing contributions to him, Miss Lois Scroggs, or Mrs. C. T. Doughton.

Dr. Chamberlain today received a message from the national foundation for infantile paralysis which said that local chapters would be permitted to use wherever necessary a part of the funds received in the drive to assist dependents of any man in the service who becomes a victim of infantile paralysis.

On Friday night of this week a dance will be held at Min'on's skating rink at Boomer with part of the proceeds going to the infantile paralysis fund.

DOG ON RAMPAGE— Two Bitten By Rabid Animal

Mrs. Alonzo Bumgarner and Finley Child Attacked By Dog

A dog which was thought to have been afflicted with hydrophobia bit a woman and a child here Friday.

Mrs. Alonzo Bumgarner received painful wounds when the dog attacked her and it later bit Thomas Finley, five-year-old son of Mrs. and Mrs. T. A. Finley.

The dog, which was described by police as being a yellow and white spotted bitch, made its escape and definite information on whether or not it had rabies was impossible.

Meanwhile, both victims are planning to take rabies vaccination treatment.

Police Chief J. E. Walker here today warned all dog owners to keep their dogs confined and that dogs running loose would be killed.

MESSAGE TODAY— Toby Turner's Brother Drowns

Dent Turner, formerly of Statesville, was drowned at Los Angeles, California, Sunday, according to a message received here by his sister, Miss Toby Turner, superintendent of the Wilkes hospital.

He was a son of the late W. D. Turner, of Statesville, and Mrs. Turner. His father was a former Lieutenant Governor and the family is widely known throughout the state. Several years ago he went to California, where he married. He is survived by his widow, two children, four sisters and one brother: Miss Toby Turner, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. W. A. Tucker, Auburn, N. Y.; Mrs. Edna Robinson, Boone; Mrs. W. A. Calvert, Greensboro; Jack Turner, North Wilkesboro.

Funeral will be held at Los Angeles Tuesday.

Patriotic Safety Program Feb. 6th At Millers Creek

Social Problems club of Millers Creek school will give a patriotic safety program on February 6, at 7:30 p. m., at the school.

The program will include addresses on the subject of safety and patriotism by club members and prominent men of the county. The glee club will render patriotic songs and a most interesting program is assured. A cordial invitation is extended all to attend.

WILL MEAN DEVELOPMENT OF DAIRY FARMING— COBLE MILK PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION



This picture shows Coble Dairy Products plant under construction in Wilkesboro. Plans call for completion of the plant this spring and it will begin manufacture of powdered milk with the government getting first call on the entire output. The company hopes to buy as much as \$600,000 worth of milk yearly. (Photo by Dwight Nichols.)

FARMERS BEGIN BUILDING UP HERDS— Construction Coble Dairy Products Plant In Wilkesboro Well Under Way

SATURDAY NIGHT— Wilkesboro Man Badly Hurt When Struck By Auto

Fred Glass Near Death from Injuries; Bill Osborne Held In Jail

Fred Glass, Wilkesboro resident, was near death today as the result of being hit by an automobile on the street in front of the...

Glass started to cross the street when he stepped into the path of a car driven by Bill Osborne, age 23, of McGrady. Glass' body was badly broken and he was carried to the Wilkes hospital. Physicians after examination expressed no hope for his recovery.

Osborne, who was reported to have been drinking, was arrested by Arlie Foster, Wilkesboro policeman, and placed in jail pending the outcome of injuries to Glass. Osborne told officers that he was driving at a slow rate of speed. However, officers were informed that he was driving at a considerable rate and that the car traveled 14 steps before stopping after Glass was hit. The accident occurred about 11 p. m.

ON RENTAL SHELF— New Volumes At Public Library

Many new volumes have been received during the past few days at the Wilkes county public library, it was learned today.

Some of the latest type fiction added to the rental shelf include the following: "Flying U Ranch" by Bower; "Dragon Seed" by Pearl S. Buck; "Corn in Egypt" by Warwick Deeping; "Sarator Trunk" by Edna Ferber; "Astria" by Grace Livingstone Hill; "Lonely Parade" by Pannier; "Days Are as Grass" by Wallace McElroy Kelly; "Insid-Latin America" by John Gunther; "The Venables" by Kathleen Norris.

Many other new books have been added to the library and are now on the rental shelf. The library is located in the North Wilkesboro town hall.

P.-T.A. Study Class Will Meet Thursday

Study class of North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher association will meet on Thursday afternoon, 3:15 to 4:15, in the library of the high school building. Mrs. A. C. Waggoner will conduct the class and the topic will be "How Children Learn". All mothers are urged to attend this meeting.

Interest in forestry is increasing steadily among 4-H Club members of Wayne County, reports D. J. Murray, assistant farm agent of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

Found Dead



Pierre Pucheu, minister of Interior of France, who, with Perin-gault, chief of the Vichy cabinet, was found dead on a railroad track, apparently hurled from a train.

POSTMASTER SAYS— Chain Letters Violation Law

Defense Stamps In Letters Do Not Let Them Evade the Postal Regulations

Chain letters are a violation of the postal laws and regulations, M. A. Vickery, assistant postmaster, said here today.

The fact that the letters contain savings stamps does not let them by the postal regulations and persons who violate the laws are laying themselves liable to prosecution in the federal courts. Latest thing in the chain letter craze carries defense stamps in lieu of the dime which was so popular when chain letters were started several years ago. But all chain letters are illegal.

Best of the 13 demonstration poultry flocks for 1941 in Cabarrus county was that of Mrs. T. M. Query, Harrisburg, Route 1, each layer in that flock averaging 225 eggs during the year.

BURIAL ASSOCIATION COMMISSIONER RULES— Burial Associations Must Make 4 Double Assessments Each Year

Reins-Sturdivant Not Affected; Has Always Made Double Assessments

Burial associations in North Carolina must make four double assessments yearly, that was the substance of a ruling Claude C. Abernethy, burial association commissioner made public at a district meeting Thursday evening and which he later set out in a letter to associations in this part of the state.

Represented in the meeting held at Hotel Wilkes here and addressed by Commissioner Abernethy were associations in North Wilkesboro, Taylorsville, Statesville, Lenoir, Boone, West Jefferson, Sparta, Elkin and Hamptonville.

Priority Rating Number 1 Given For Its Materials

Only Industrial Construction Project In State With Number 1 Rating

With a priority rating second only to manufacture of equipment and arms for the armed forces, construction of the Coble Milk Plant in Wilkesboro is well under way.

The goal is to have the plant completed by April 1 and company officials expressed the opinion that more than one-half million dollars, possibly \$600,000 worth, of milk could be purchased yearly from farmers of Wilkes and adjoining counties.

The plant will manufacture powdered milk and when it begins operation the government will have first call on the entire production of the plant for food for the armed forces and to export under the lend-lease bill to other countries fighting Hitler.

Operation of the plant is expected to bring about great development of the dairy branch of agriculture in northwestern North Carolina because highest market prices will be paid and the plant will have a capacity sufficient to handle all the milk farmers of Wilkes and other counties wish to sell. Already the company has placed field men in the territory to work with farmers in efforts to build up their herds for maximum production.

J. B. Snipes, county agent, and his associates in the extension service and other agricultural agencies, are assisting in this work and are helping farmers in every way possible to be ready to sell substantial quantities of milk when the plant is opened. Plans call for establishment of routes through every community.

The plant in Wilkesboro is the only industrial construction project in the state which has a number 1 priority rating, according to information received here.

Air Raid Wardens Will Meet Tuesday

J. B. McCoy, air raid warden chief for North Wilkesboro, said today that a meeting of all air raid wardens will be held on Tuesday night, seven o'clock, at the town hall.

He asked all to be on time saying that the meeting would be short in order not to conflict with other meetings.

Oliver Hendren, 36, Funeral On Sunday

Last rites were conducted Sunday at Mt. Sinai church for Oliver Hendren, age 36, citizen of Lovelace township who died Friday. Rev. Noah Hayes was in charge of the funeral service.

JAPS TO FEEL MIGHT OF AMERICA—

Naval Forces Score Blows Against Japs

American warships and flying fortresses led armed forces of the united nations today in punishing counterattacks against a powerful Japanese offensive cutting deeper toward vital supply lines in the Far East.

A total of 26 Japanese warships and transports were blasted over the week-end and today by

American flying fortresses and naval units and Dutch submarines and heavy bombers, apparently taking a toll of many thousands of enemy troops in convoy vessels off the eastern coast of Borneo.

Australian militia and airplanes fought enemy invaders in the East India Islands; British bombers started big fires in Bangkok;

Chinese squadrons blasted the Japanese base at Hanol in French Indo-China and British defense forces inflicted heavy losses on the Japanese in central Malaya.

But the Japanese offensive still pushed forward the wedges aimed at allied key bases and supply lines in the east Indies.

NEAR BORNEO— American And Dutch Forces Sink 9 Ships

Stunning Naval Victory Won Without Loss Of Any American Vessels

Delivering mighty new blows to Japanese sea-borne invasion forces, United States warships have sunk seven and possibly nine of transports and escorting warships in Macassar Straits between Borneo and Celebes Islands the Navy Department announced last night.

The announcement added five additional ships definitely sent to the bottom and a sixth probable to two vessels previously reported destroyed and a third believed left sinking in an engagement with the same Japanese convoy in these waters.

This stunning naval victory was won by cruisers and destroyers of the U. S. Asiatic without a single loss of their own. The sinking brought to 37 the number of enemy ships sunk by Admiral Thomas C. Hart's forces since Pearl Harbor.

In the two days old battle—which apparently still is continuing—the attackers suffered only slight damages to one destroyer and four men wounded.

Dutch bombers pouncing on a Japanese invasion fleet in the same area—and probably the same one—reported Saturday the capsizing of a great Japanese liner and clean hits on a destroyer and another transport in their second attack in two days on southbound Japanese expeditionary fleets.

This brought the Dutch score to 11 warships, transports or supply ships damaged or sunk.

IN THIS CITY— U. S. E. S. Office Hours Lengthened

Now Open From 8:30 To Five Except Saturdays 8:30 To 12:30

B. G. Gentry, manager has announced a change in the office hours for the North Wilkesboro branch of the United States Employment Service.

The office, which is located in the Duke Power building on 9th street, will be open from 8:30 a. m. to five p. m. each day except Saturday and Saturday hours will be 8:30 to 12:30.

The office hours were made longer to accommodate a greater number of people who may wish to register for defense jobs.

MEANEST MAN— Polio Gifts At Theatre Stolen

Newest candidate for the unholly distinction of being the "meanest man in the world" is the one who stole the infantile paralysis contributions at the Allen Theatre Thursday night.

A "wishing well" placed on the wall in the lobby was stolen, together with the undetermined amount of coins it contained, late Thursday night when the attendant had gone to another part of the theatre. Identity of the thief has not been determined.

Nimitz Decoration



Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, left, commander in chief of Pacific fleet, pins Navy Cross on Ensign F. M. Fidler, U. S. N. E. Decoration followed the rescue by Ensign Fidler and his crew of nine army men who had made a forced landing at sea and were wallowing about in only two rubber boats.

BY MRS. BYERLY— Social Security Picture Is Shown To Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis Songs and Message From President Feature Anniversary Meeting

Mrs. Leola M. Byerly, an executive in the Social Security office in Salisbury, addressed the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club Friday afternoon on the subject of "Social Security" and presented a sound picture which very vividly gave the background for the social security program in the nation.

A. A. Cashion was program chairman. Prior to the address of Mrs. Byerly, the club joined in singing Kiwanis songs, led by Rev. T. Sloane Gay, Jr., and Secretary T. E. Story read a message from Charles S. Donley, president of Kiwanis International. The meeting Friday, along with meetings of all Kiwanis clubs during the week, was in special observance of the anniversary of Kiwanis.

President J. B. Williams announced meeting of the directors of the club on Thursday night 6:30, and urged all committee chairmen to have written reports. At the meeting were the following guests: Perry Lowe with A. F. Kilby; Frank Buck with Edd Gardner; L. B. Carpenter with J. B. Williams; E. N. Snow with R. G. Finley.

COUNTER ATTACK— Japanese Receive Terrific Backset In The Philippines

McArthur's American And Filipino Forces Take Heavy Toll of Japs

Washington. American - Filipino forces have handed the Japanese a terrific setback in the Philippine fighting, killing hundreds and capturing larger quantities of supplies and equipment in a surprise counterattack.

This "smashing success," as the War Department's communique yesterday happily described it, relieved an immediately perilous situation for the defenders and was a great strategical triumph for General Douglas MacArthur.

(It was a birthday gift, incidentally, as MacArthur was 62 January 26 which already has arrived in the Philippines.)

Hammer Flank

The situation prior to the counterattack was this: For 48 hours the Japanese had been hammering at MacArthur's left flank anchored on the China Sea side of the Batan peninsula. Fresh enemy troops were pouring into the fray from boats and were infiltrating behind the defenders' lines. Guns of Japanese warships standing off the coast, were supporting the attack. Outnumbered, the American-Filipino forces were being driven back and losses were heavy on both sides.

Wily Strategy

But the wily MacArthur, instead of concentrating his forces on the left eventually to be overwhelmed by superior numbers, put his greatest strength on the right—the Manila Bay side of the peninsula—and audaciously attacked.

JAPS ARE STOPPED— Bombers Stall Push In Malay

Singapore. Imperial bombers and artillery deluged the Japanese with tons of explosives, halted the drive on Singapore yesterday and front reports revealed that two trapped Australian battalions in an epic feat of heroism had snatched the whole British left flank from an imminent disaster.

"Since Saturday our troops have maintained their positions in the face of heavy Japanese pressure supported by continuous fighter plane and bomber attacks," a general headquarters communique said at midday.

The imperials held fast in the critical Bahat Pahat area on the west coast, "attacked the enemy with some success," north of Kluang in central Malaya 50 miles above Singapore and blasted effectively at the Japanese around Mersing on the east coast. Aussies Expect Violent Jap Blows

Melbourne. — Japanese onslaughts of increasing violence against Australian territory are imminent. Army Minister Francis M. Forde warned last night after the third urgent appeal for help in three days had been speeded to London and Washington.

Australia may have her back to the wall, he said, but already her air and land forces have struck at the invaders of New Britain Island. He believed Australian bombers had scored direct hits on some of 17 Japanese transports and warships in the harbor of Rabaul, main city on the northeast coast of the island.