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Plan For Blackout Thursday

Alert Signal Will Be Sounded Thursday At 8:35 P. M.

Wilkes County Civilian Defense officials are determined that the practice blackout Thursday night, March 18, will not be a failure and all departments of the organizations are preparing to carry out their duties.

The alert signal is scheduled for 8:35 p. m. Thursday night. The alert signal will be a steady blowing of the tannery whistle and fire sirens in the Wilkesboros. The signal will mean to put out lights but automobiles may go on low beam and pedestrians may continue walking.

When the danger signal comes some minutes later it will be a zig-zag, up-and-down blowing of the tannery whistle and sirens and that means total blackout and take cover. Instead of all-clear as it was thought to be in the recent blackout.

A long ring on rural telephones will give news of the blackout to rural communities and school and church bells will also help. Officials are asking that each person who hears the signal immediately blow a car or truck horn, which others will hear and blow their horns and thus relay the signal all over the county.

The all-clear will not be sounded except by telephone and over the radio by stations within North Carolina.

Captain Harry Pearson, of the State Guard company here, has been made head of auxiliary police. Members of his company will also serve in blackouts as in the past. OCD officials have stated that lights must not be left unattended in homes or places of business and that an emergency war order provides heavy penalties for leaving lights where someone cannot extinguish them quickly. Even cigarette smoking is ruled out in blackouts. Officials are asking and demanding a total blackout.

A control center has been established at the town hall. The entire Civilian Defense organization has been supplemented and every department now has some person responsible.

But there is need for more volunteer workers, especially auxiliary firemen, fire watchers and messenger boys of teen age. Those who would volunteer are asked to call at the city hall in the fire department.

By order of the army and the Eastern defense command, blackout regulations have the force of law and all people are expected to obey the regulations and give every cooperation possible.

Baptist Pastors In Conference Here Four Days

Day and Evening Sessions Planned Through Friday; Many Attend

Wilkes County Baptist Pastors Conference opened a four-day session this morning.

The morning session was held at Reins-Sturdivant chapel with attendance of ministers from many communities.

Sessions will be held there through Friday of this week and evening services as a part of the conference will be held Monday and Tuesday evenings at the First Baptist church here with Rev. J. C. Canipe speaker and on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Wilkesboro Baptist church. The public is cordially invited to these services.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

COMMENDED



Pvt. Richard McGlamery, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George McGlamery, of Millers Creek, was recently selected as the best appearing soldier in his platoon and was commended by the colonel of the regiment and his captain at Fort Benning, Ga. Pvt. McGlamery entered the army on November 22, 1942. His wife, the former Miss Grace McClure, makes her home in this city.

World Day Of Prayer Observed

North Wilkesboro's business life paused Friday at at one o'clock to join in a service at the town hall in observance of World Day of Prayer.

During the morning, services were held at several homes in North Wilkesboro and at one o'clock a service was held at the town hall under sponsorship of the American Legion and Auxiliary.

Ministers of North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro conducted the service, which was attended by a capacity crowd. Practically all business houses were closed during the period of the service.

In the afternoon services were held at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church and the Wilkesboro Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock.

All services were well attended and much interest was shown by the people.

Please Return First Aid Books

All who have Red Cross first aid textbooks which they did not pay for are asked to return them to Red Cross headquarters over Tomlinson's Department store immediately.

LABOR

A thorough survey and study of local conditions will help solve the labor shortage in many sections.

Wilkes County's Treasury Enriched to The Tune Of More Than \$100,000.00

This Large Amount Has Been Paid Into Sheriff Poindexter's and County Accountant's Offices Since, and Including Dec. 7, 1942

Wilkes county's financial condition, as of today, is apparently in splendid shape, due to the largest collection of current taxes in the office of sheriff in many years as well as splendid collections on back taxes received in the office of the county accountant.

Since, and including December 7th, 1942, and through Saturday, March 13th, the total amount of \$95,264.81 has been collected in the office of Sheriff C. G. Poindexter in payments on taxes for the current year, and from the office of County Accountant J. Mack Reavis

BOMBER PLANE CRASHES NEAR MORAVIAN FALLS

Red Cross Reports From Rural Areas Are Now Coming In

Urge That Canvasses Be Completed Early

Returns are beginning to come in from Red Cross workers in rural communities and show good response to the war fund appeal, Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., war fund chairman, said today.

Eight of the many rural reports expected have been received, Dr. Kincheloe said, and totaled \$646.02. The communities and amounts as reported follow: Union township, \$41; New Castle township, \$85.75; Edwards township, \$261.58; Hays community, \$133.59; Purlear route one, \$40; Reddies River township, \$44; Mt. Zion Sunday school, \$15; Elk township, \$25.

Meanwhile, canvass of the Wilkesboros has been practically completed and many group reports have been filed. It was evident today, the chairman said, that much good work has been done and urged completion of reports by the end of this week if possible. He stated that the chapter officials appreciate the work of the volunteer canvassers and expressed hope that the goal of \$10,000 can be met if all the people have an opportunity to contribute and if they understand the importance of providing the Red Cross with funds during war time.

In addition to the special gifts committee report and reports of industries which have already been recognized, it was reported today that employees of the Wilkes hospital had contributed \$72 and that \$23.50 was given at Model Upholstering company. Contributions by the company and employees at Oak Furniture company totaled \$225.75 and at Key City Furniture company \$166. That figure was erroneously given as \$225.75 last week due to a typographical error. Contributions at International Shoe company totaled \$117 by the company and employees after the final report was received.

FOOD CONSERVATION

The most practical methods of food preservation, in order of their importance, are: steam pressure canning, hot water cooking, drying, freezing, and bringing.

IN MISSISSIPPI



Pvt. Otha Calvin Gregory, of Cycle, was inducted into the army, February 13, 1943. He is now stationed at Keesler Field, Mississippi. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Gregory of Cycle. On November 25, 1942, he was married to Miss Pauline M. Parks, of Union Grove. His wife and parents have learned during the past week that he is seriously ill. All hope for him a speedy recovery.

Sugar, Coffee

Stamp number 11 on War ration book 1 expires at midnight tonight. Stamp number 12 becomes valid at that time and will be good for purchase of five pounds of sugar in a ten-week period.

Anyone who failed to get war ration book 2 must get them at the rationing board offices during the week beginning March 22.

Retail merchants will register for processed foods between April 1 and 10. Blanks may be obtained from rationing board offices.

IN INDIANA



Pfc. Claude Shepherd, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shepherd, is in the army medical corps and is now stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He has been in the army for one year.

Unattended Lighting Is Under Ban

Heavy Penalties For Leaving Lights Unattended

Unattended lighting in homes, business establishments and on vehicles, were responsible in some measure for ragged performance in the practice blackouts recently, Police Chief J. E. Walker, coordinator of Civilian Defense here said today.

The local Defense official stated that he had received a communication from R. L. McMillan calling attention to the fact that the entire state of North Carolina is governed by an order of Lieut. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command and First Army, which requires that "at all times of darkness, occupants of premises and operators of road vehicles and other conveyances shall not have any unattended lighting, except indoor lighting meeting War Department specifications. Lighting shall be considered unattended unless a competent individual, who is a member or employee, or guest of the household or business establishment of the occupier, or who is the operator or the occupant of a road vehicle or other road conveyance, or who, by arrangement with any such individual has undertaken responsibility for said lighting, can blackout as provided."

The State Director said that during the period and in the area of blackouts persons in control of lighting should extinguish all lights visible from the outside as promptly as possible. This applies to lights of every description, electrical, gas, oil or any other source, including matches, cigarette lighters, etc.

Any person who violates these regulations is subject to penalties provided by Title 18, section 97A, United States Code, which is a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, for each offense.

The OCD Head stated that this warning is being issued in view of the fact that lights in many business establishments, such as show window and neon overhead lights were not properly attended during the latest blackouts. Unless outside switches have been provided and the local warden notified of location of such switches, persons leaving lights burning unattended will be subject to the penalties mentioned.

Court Term In 3rd Week Now

Judge S. J. Ervin Presiding Over Court for Trial of Civil Actions

Wilkes superior court term today entered the third week.

The third week was set aside for trial of civil cases. During the first two weeks cases on the criminal docket were disposed of. Judge S. J. Ervin, of Morganton, is presiding over the third week. Judge J. H. Clement, of Winston-Salem, was the presiding jurist during the two weeks of court for trial of criminal cases.

Faced with a labor shortage, growers are carefully checking and repairing all farm machines, for a full job in the busy season.

IN FLORIDA



Sgt. Wm. Hobert Hayes, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Philo Hayes, of Gilreath, entered the army on March 11, 1942, and is now stationed at Camp Carabelle, Florida. Sgt. Hayes has an excellent record in training. His wife, the former Miss Emma Low, of Wilkesboro, makes her home in Florida.

Crew of 7 Bail Out; None Hurt

Big Plane Hits Bank Of Moravian Creek

A large B-25 army bomber plane crashed midnight Friday near Moravian Falls after its crew of seven officers and men had parachuted to safety.

The plane was on a routine flight from the army air base at Columbia, S. C.

At some point between Lenoir and Moravian Falls it became necessary for the members of the crew to bail out and all were injured.

The pilot, First Lieutenant Joseph S. Weaver, was last to leave the plane, about one mile before it crashed into the bank of Moravian Creek on the farm property of Miss Lola Brown.

After the pilot left the bomber it proceeded for about one mile, swerving sharply before it crashed into the ground. Before crashing the plane was reported to have passed so closely to the home of A. Brown that wind from its mighty propellers shook the house.

The crew was listed officially as follows:

First Lieutenant Joseph S. Weaver, 27, pilot, of 135 North Sixty-fourth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Second Lieutenant Lesley M. Lewis, co-pilot, 23, Route one, Larchwood, Iowa; Second Lieutenant Elliott H. Potter, 21, bombardier, 2011 Greenberry Road, Baltimore, Md.; Second Lieutenant Lloyd L. Brockman, 26, navigator, 22095 Elmwood Avenue, Detroit, Mich.; Sergeant Robert A. Weinstein, 20, engineer, 308 Chelsea Street, Everett, Mass.; Staff Sergeant Lloyd D. Brinson, 23, radio gunner, of Spencer, Ind. and Sergeant Bert L. Bramhall, 24, gunner, 614 Wilson Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah.

When the bomber crashed it exploded and parts were scattered for hundreds of yards over the countryside.

Some of the crew came in to North Wilkesboro early Saturday morning for hotel accommodations, one or two spent the remainder of the night at homes near where they landed by parachute. The pilot spent the remainder of the night sleeping under his parachute in the woods where he landed.

A salvage crew from the Charlotte air base arrived Saturday and carefully salvaged the parts of the wrecked plane. The scene was carefully guarded while the salvage work was in progress.

Members of the crew did not reveal the cause for crash of the plane.

Joe Childress Is Killed In a Mine

Funeral service was held this afternoon at Reddies River church for Joe Childress, former citizen of Wilkes who was killed in a coal mine accident Saturday at Grundy, W. Va.

Few details of the accident were received here. Mr. Childress has many relatives and friends in Wilkes who regret to learn of his death.

Churches In Conferences

The second quarterly conference of the Wilkesboro charge which includes Wilkesboro and Union Methodist churches, was held yesterday in Wilkesboro following a fine sermon delivered by Rev. A. C. Gibbs, of Elkin, district superintendent. The pastor of the charge, Rev. Fred H. Shinn, was unable to be present due to illness.

Splendid reports were given at the quarterly conference, and finances were reported in good shape.

On behalf of Mrs. Kathleu Morehouse, a fine pulpit Bible was presented to the church by Mr. W. T. Long, a member of the board of stewards, as a gift from Mrs. Morehouse's father, Rev. R. S. Moore, who died last year at his home in Providence, Rhode Island. This gift was accepted officially and with much appreciation by the conference.

The conference elected the following delegates and alternates to the district conference which will be held in Elkin on Friday, May seventh, as announced by Rev. Mr. Gibbs: Wilkesboro—Delegates: Mrs. N. Smithey and Julius C. Hubbard; alternates: Mrs. J. B. Henderson and Mrs. J. W. White. Union—(Continued on page five)

Egg Shells! Egg Shells!

If you want to talk about egg shells or see them in large quantities, see the Ogilvie brothers—the enterprising and industrious citizens of the splendid Oakwoods community.

The Ogilvies are hauling every egg shell cracked at the immense Coble Dairy powdered egg plant in Wilkesboro to their farm at Oakwoods—literally millions of egg shells which are being placed on the land as a soil builder.

Already nearly two million eggs have been turned into a powdered form at the Coble Dairy plant to be used as food for our soldiers and those of our allied nations.