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War Fund Now Near \$14,000

Red Cross Campaign To Go \$4,000 Over Goal

Red Cross war fund total for Wilkes county should reach \$14,000 by the end of March, Dr. John W. Kinche-loe, Jr., war fund chairman, said today.

At the close of business Saturday actual bank deposits for the fund totaled \$13,458.98, according to the report of Vern Dea, treasurer. In addition to that amount \$455 was reported as ready for deposit, making a total collected of \$13,913.98.

Those who have not been contacted may yet send contributions to Vern Dea, treasurer of the Wilkes Red Cross chapter, at the Northwestern Bank, or to Red Cross headquarters over Tomlinson's Department store.

Some of the substantial amounts received and which have not been published, follow:

Coble Dairy Products company and employes donated a total of \$282.

P. E. Brown lumber company and employes donated a total of \$200.

J. R. Edelin, canvass chairman for the colored population in Wilkes, made a good record, turning in a total of \$196.75.

Teachers to Get Raise in Salary For Four Months

Pay Raise Going Back To January 1 Will Be Paid At End Of Term

Wilkes county teachers, along with other state employes, will receive a raise in salary as provided by an act of the legislature this year.

The pay raise is retroactive to January 1 of this year. The pay raise begins at \$15 per month for teachers making up to \$900 per year and \$22.50 per month for those in the next wage bracket.

In Wilkes the half-term point was reached prior to January 1 and the teachers will receive the increase for four months of the present term.

This increase will be added to the eighth month voucher to be delivered at the end of the term in the latter part of April. For a greater part of the Wilkes teachers, the added amount will be either \$60 or \$90.

Pay raises were provided by the legislature for all state employes. The teachers are by far the biggest group of state employes in Wilkes.

Yank Patrols On Way To Maknassy

With U. S. Forces on the Tunisian Front.—American troops seized Sened in an early morning attack yesterday and advanced elements pushed eastward toward Maknassy, 20 miles further along the Gafsa-Mahares railway.

Italian troops stationed in the Sened area offered only slight resistance.

U. S. infantry, armored units and artillery routed Fascist detachments yesterday from the heights and a strategic pass overlooking Sened in a day-long advance which met with only scattered opposition.

The attack, preceded by a remarkably accurate artillery bombardment of Italian outposts, put the Americans in a commanding position more than halfway along the route from Gafsa to Maknassy—a key point guarding the southern hinge of the north-south mountain range which forms the only good natural barrier against a further advance to the gulf of Gabes. It was a surprisingly easy gain.

Recruiting for WAAC



The United States Army Recruiting Trailer, with its staff of Sergeants James S. Nash, John Mullenburg and Willard H. Dunn, shown above, was manufactured by the Auto Cruiser Trainer Company, Inc., of Bradenton, Fla., and delivered to the Quartermaster Corps July 26, 1940. This trailer was the first of its type to be built and the first one of its kind ever purchased by the army.

The Recruiting Trailer was immediately assigned to the Jacksonville, Florida, recruiting district for the purpose of recruiting men for the army. The commanding officer of the Fourth Corps area visualized great possibilities from this luxurious trailer.

Early in August, 1940, this recruiting trailer was moved from Florida to the State of Georgia. The trailer has gained such popular recognition while in Florida that national newspapers and

printed stories about it. Some of these stories and color pictures were published in the Life Magazine explaining fully its value to the United States Army Recruiting service. Such valuable publicity proved that the trailer would have a prosperous and romantic future as well as its staff. The trailer's first itinerary carried it through the southern part of Georgia in the heart of the "Peach Country."

After traveling the southern part of scenic Georgia, the trailer, on October 12th, 1940, left Georgia en-route to Chattanooga, Tennessee. While in Tennessee this trailer visited the largest cities of central and eastern Tennessee. The trailer then left the "Volunteer State", crossed the Great Smokey Mountains into North Carolina.

While in the "Tar Heel" State the trailer traveled the Piedmont Region. The first cities visited while in North Carolina were Asheville, Shelby, Gastonia, and Charlotte. After leaving Charlotte the trailer went into South Carolina. The trailer traveled through South Carolina into Alabama then into Mississippi before it returned to Florida.

Sergeant James S. Nash, pictured above, is in charge of the enlisted personnel and has been on duty at the trailer since January, 1941. He joined the trailer's staff while it was in Alabama. He reports that records show that as many as 500 to 1,500 people visited the trailer in one day.

This trailer is now assigned to Colonel H. A. Wells of the Charlotte Recruiting Office and tours (Continued on page five)

Wilkes Lady Has Tea With Mrs. Roosevelt

Mrs. W. F. Rash, of Cycle, Guest of the Nation's First Lady At Tea In White House Friday Afternoon

Mrs. Margaret Rash, wife of W. F. Rash, a farm woman of the Cycle community, had tea Friday afternoon with Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt in Washington, D. C.

This was her first and privilege was accorded Mrs. Rash as a complete surprise—and was she happy!

Mrs. Rash went to the capital to look after some business matters and to call on Representative R. L. Doughton, chairman of the Ways and Means committee, and his daughter, Miss Reba Doughton.

Mrs. Rash gives Miss Reba Doughton full credit for having the opportunity to meet and talk with

the first lady of the land in the White House.

Miss Doughton called Mrs. Roosevelt and asked would she like to meet a farm wife from the hills of Wilkes county, North Carolina. Mrs. Roosevelt said she would be delighted and an appointment was arranged for five p. m. Miss Doughton accompanied Mrs. Rash.

Mrs. Rash, of course, was thrilled, and Mrs. Roosevelt found the meeting with the Wilkes lady very interesting.

The First Lady was exceptionally sweet and kind spoken, Mrs. Rash said, and she spent one hour with her in the White House.

Lost: One Parachute

Commanding officer at Morris Field, Charlotte, in a communication with Police Chief J. E. Walker here last week said that one parachute was lost when the crew of a bomber which crashed near Moravian Falls several days ago bailed out.

The officer asks that if the parachute is found that it be turned in to the police department here, which will forward it to Morris Field.

V-mail is private, it goes thru the photographic machine at terrific speed, and only the censor sees the letter.

BIGGEST SNOW ON THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING

According to the calendar, Spring arrived Sunday—and so did the biggest snow of the season.

Snow fell all day Sunday but little of it remained in the Yadkin valley. All other parts of the county had considerable snow, which ranged from one inch in low lands to five to eight inches on the mountains. People here today from Summit said the snow was five to eight inches deep. From the Brushies came reports of much more snow than around the Wilkesboro.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Suggests Y. M. C. A. For City

May Begin Raising A Fund For Use Later

A movement has been started in the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club for organization of a Y. M. C. A. and erection of a building in North Wilkesboro at some future date after the war.

The suggestion was offered the club in the meeting Friday noon by Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, who was program chairman. He urged the members of the club to start a campaign for raising a fund to be used for erection of a Y. M. C. A. building.

For the program Dr. Chamberlain entertained the club with a humorous stunt. Two dummy fashion models were placed on the stage and four members of the club were selected, two for each model, and given the assignment of dressing the models in accordance with all the taste in modern styles. The four selected proved their ability and the stunt was received with much merriment.

Kiwanian Chas. J. Karre, of Reading, Pa., was a guest of Genio Cardwell; Alex Biggs, of Elkin, was a guest of Edd Gardner, and W. G. Sloan was a guest of E. G. Finley.

Mayor And Members Of Boards File

Election Is Called By the Election Board For This City

Mayor R. T. McNeil and all members of the North Wilkesboro board of commissioners have announced their candidacy for reelection in the city election, which has been called to be held on Tuesday, May 4.

The Board's members are R. G. Finley, Ralph Duncan, A. F. Kilby, J. R. Hix, and H. M. Hutchens.

Announcement of the mayor and members of the board follows: "Believing this course to meet with the approval of a majority of the citizens of North Wilkesboro, and having been urged to do so by many people of the city, we, the mayor and all members of the board of commissioners, hereby announce our candidacy for reelection in the city election to be held on May 4. We deeply appreciate the splendid support given us by the people of the city and if re-elected we pledge our continued efforts for progressive and economical city government."

D. J. Carter and J. B. McCoy, members of the city board of education (Continued on page five)

DECORATED



LT. RICHARD JOHNSTON

Lt. Johnston Gets Second Decoration

Air Medal Awarded Lt. Johnston Recently

First Lieutenant Richard Johnston, a fighter pilot with U. S. Army air forces in the south Pacific, has twice been decorated for outstanding performance.

The second decoration received was the new "Air Medal," which was awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in air flight on December 3.

Previous Lt. Johnston had been awarded the Silver Star, a highly coveted award, for gallantry in action.

Lt. Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnston, of this city, is credited with shooting down a number of Japanese planes.

BUTTER, FAT, OIL FROZEN

Cheese and Meat Are Not Included In Order

Washington.—The Office of Price Administration yesterday suspended retail sales of butter, lard, margarine, shortening, cooking salad oils covered by the meat-fats rationing program for one week beginning at 12:01 a. m., Monday, prevailing time.

The sales freeze does not apply to any of the cheeses or meats included in the new rationing program, but sales of canned fish and canned meats—frozen Feb. 18—will continue suspended until rationing begins Monday, March 29. There will be no freeze of sales of mayonnaise or other salad dressings not included in the rationing program.

OPA officials said suspension of these foods are not sufficient to support the anticipated heavy public buying during the one week remaining before rationing. The week-long freeze is designed to enable storekeepers to replenish supplies in preparation for rationed sales.

Blackout Here Was Well Done

Practice Blackout Is Very Near Perfect In Wilkesboro

The practice blackout in the Wilkesboro Thursday night was very nearly 100 per cent perfect, many observers agreed.

The blackout was called by State Civilian Defense officials as further practice because the first one a few weeks ago with the revised signal system was generally considered a failure.

The Wilkes Civilian Defense organization, under direction of Judge J. A. Rousseau, chairman, and J. E. Walker and J. B. Norris, coordinators, functioned well. All wardens and auxiliary police were on their posts throughout the Wilkesboro and in many rural communities.

The alert signal, a steady blast of the tannery whistle and five sirens, sounded at 8:50 and lights were quickly extinguished. A few automobiles traveled a short distance and parked.

At nine o'clock came the danger signal, a zig-sag blowing of the sirens, which means danger, all traffic stopped and take cover. By that time the blackout was already about perfect. The next day the blackout was even better. Danger had passed, but not time on lights. The all clear was given by turning on street lights and by radio and telephone signals.

Officials point out that the next blackout may be without warning and urge all to cooperate as they did for the one which was announced ahead of time.

SURPRISE BLACKOUT!

It was learned today that a surprise blackout will be carried out in the very near future, probably this week, and all Civilian Defense and volunteer workers are asked to cooperate as they did in the blackout last Tuesday night.

Churchill Reports Drive On Germans

London.—General Montgomery's British Eighth Army is "on the move" against Marshal Rommel in Southern Tunisia, Prime Minister Churchill announced dramatically just before 10 p. m., (5 p. m., e.w.t.) last night, in what apparently is a major offensive to smash the Axis troops left in Africa and prepare the way for an invasion of Europe.

"I have just received a message from General Montgomery that the Eighth Army is on the move and he is satisfied with the progress," Churchill announced at the end of his world broadcast.

The Prime Minister had just concluded his long survey of post-war problems and was turning to warn the nation it must "get back to the job," when suddenly he read Montgomery's message—which was in turn heard by the general's troops swinging into battle against Rommel's March fortifications.

BUTCHERS MAY HOLD "SALES"

Washington.—Here's a wrinkle in the meat rationing program which ought to tickle bargain hunters. Butchers will be able to have "clearance sales" of some kinds of meat at reduced ration coupon value.

This possibility was described by the Office of Price Administration last night in a list of instructions to retailers. Generally, butchers will have to charge coupon points—red coupons in ration book No. 2—according to a tabulation to be issued this week.

Important Data About Meat And Fats Rationing

March 29.—Housewives, institutions and industrial users begin surrendering red point stamps for meats, cheeses, butter, and other rationed products in the program. Red A stamps good for 16 points during first week.

March 29-April 10.—Institutions surrender get points allotments from local boards. Industrial users register with local boards during same period and receive point allotments.

April 11.—Retailers, wholesalers and primary distributors, including processors, begin surrendering points for their purchases of rationed items.

April 25-May 1.—Allowable inventories of wholesalers and retailers based on sales in points during this week.

May 1.—Retailers and wholesalers take point inventory at close of business on May 1.

May 3-May 14.—Retailers and wholesalers register with local boards and get allowable point inventories.

Beginning April 30.—Primary distributors, including processors except farm slaughterers, make compliance report to District OPA Office for first reporting period ending on or after April 30 and covering operations from March 29 to that date. Filing of extra copy of the report serves as registration. Farm slaughterers will file reports with local boards.

Damaged Shoes Damaged shoes which cannot be exchanged for ration currency will be sold as "non-rationed" after inspection by District OPA Office and subsequent approval by the District Office.

Blue Stamps Stamps D, E, and F amounting to 48 points, valid from March 25 through April 30. Blue stamps A, B, and C expire March 31. Therefore, from March 25 through March 31, A, B, C, D, E, and F stamps are valid.

Although consumers are allowed to use April stamps during the last week in March, they are urged to budget their 48 points for April carefully.

Farmers The farmer's position in the rationing of meats and fats is unique. In all cases he is a consumer but he may also be a slaughterer, a processor, or a butter maker. Farmers who slaughter livestock for personal consumption subsequent to the start of rationing, will be requested to retain and not spend stamps equivalent

to the point value of the meat consumed.

Should farmers wish to slaughter and sell or deliver meat, they will be required to secure a permit from the Department of Agriculture, like any other slaughterer-vendor. They will be required to collect points for the meat sold, and must make a monthly report of their sales to their local Ration Board. Buyers from "farm slaughterers" may surrender red stamps not yet declared valid for general use.

Farmers who make butter or lard will not be required to secure a permit from the Department of Agriculture. However, they will be required to collect points for the sale of any butter or lard, and such points are to be turned in to the local Board.

Retailers

At the start of rationing, retailers as well as all other sellers will be required to collect points for all meat, cheese, canned fish, and fats and oils they sell to consumers, institutions, industrial users, and industrial consumers. During the first two weeks of the rationing program, retailers will not surrender points to their suppliers. This will provide these dealers with an opportunity to build up a working capital of "points" for future operations. After this two-week period, retailers can replenish their stocks only by surrendering points to their suppliers.

Retailers will be required to register with their local Ration Boards at any time from May 3 to May 14, 1943. At this registration (Continued on page five)