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2ND WAR FINANCE CAMPAIGN BEGINS

Plan Canvass Of All Homes In This City

\$374,100 In Sale Of War Bonds Wilkes County's Quota

Second War Loan campaign opened today in Wilkes county and encouraging response has already been received. W. D. Half-acre, county chairman for the campaign, said today. Today the campaign to raise 13 billion dollars began in the nation and Wilkes county's part is \$374,100 exclusive of the amount purchased by the two banks for their own accounts.

A very thorough canvass of North Wilkesboro began today under direction of Mrs. Edd Gardner and Mrs. Gordon Finley, who are captains for two divisions of the city. Mrs. Gardner has the part north of F street and Mrs. Finley south of that division line. In order to make the canvass complete, the two captains have selected a leader for each block. At all the homes, except those of the banks, the canvassers will give each an opportunity to purchase bonds.

These people are giving of their time and efforts to this patriotic cause and the residents of the city are asked to receive them cordially and to allow them to explain the campaign and the need to buy bonds. Any person not at home when the canvassers call is asked to call Mrs. Gardner or Mrs. Finley and they will arrange for some one of the canvassers to call.

An urgent appeal is made for people to put their money into the fight and attention is called to the fact that they are not asked to give, but to lend their money at good interest rates, while the men of the armed forces give their lives.

War bonds may be purchased from \$15.75 up, at your bank or postoffice.

Dr. Caudill Heard At Kiwanis Meet

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, of Augusta, Ga., who is here as guest minister for the evangelistic services at the First Baptist church, addressed the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon.

Dr. Caudill was presented to the club by Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., program chairman.

The speaker took as a basis for his address Matthew 27:17, "Whom Shall I Release Unto You?" In his talk he contrasted the life and works of Barrabas and Jesus, which brought up the theme of material versus spiritual. The message was highly inspiring and was well received by the club.

LOCAL STUDENTS WIN HONORS IN FORENSIC MEET

The Grand Eastern Forensic Tourney, which is sponsored by Winthrop College, met in Charlotte on Friday and Saturday, April 9th and 10th, with 165 contestants from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Alabama and Georgia.

North Wilkesboro was represented with two contestants. Misses Elizabeth McNeill and Betty Gwyn Finley. Elizabeth McNeill won a certificate of merit in radio broadcasting and Betty Gwyn Finley won four certificates of merit in news broadcasting and reading, and won the championship of the entire meet in humorous readings.

Industrialist Endorses War Bond Investments

Every man, woman and child in Wilkes county should not only work for the success of the Second War Loan starting today, but should make a personal sacrifice to purchase one or more of the securities offered, because there is one to fit every pocketbook, according to P. W. Eshelman, president and general manager of Wilkes Hosiery Mills Company.

This is a season of sacrifice. Millions of our men in the armed forces are offering the supreme sacrifice, if necessary, to win this war. Many men from this county are among them. It is the least we can do, to make some personal sacrifice now by buying bonds offered in the Second War Loan, to support their efforts, especially since we will be building up a reserve purchasing power for tomorrow and get our money back with interest.

Commencement At Ronda School Thursday, Apr. 22

Rev. Howard Ford to Preach and Rev. A. C. Waggoner Graduation Speaker

Ronda high school will close a very successful term with graduation exercises on Thursday night, April 22, eight o'clock. E. R. Spruill, Ronda district principal, said today that the commencement program had been streamlined to necessitate as little transportation and travel as possible.

The commencement season opened with junior-senior reception on last Thursday night. The next commencement program will be at Ronda Baptist church on Sunday afternoon, April 18, three o'clock, when Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of the Wilkesboro Baptist church, will deliver the commencement sermon.

Rev. A. C. Waggoner, pastor of the North Wilkesboro First Methodist church, will deliver the commencement address on April 22. The senior class has about 30 members.

Notice to Persons Asking Emergency Furloughs In Army

Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross is asking that relatives wiring soldiers of sickness and asking emergency furloughs include the name of the physician attending the sick relative. This will greatly facilitate the work of investigating the request and may speed up getting the furlough.

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Rifle Expert



Word has just been received by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Miller, of Wilbar, that their son, Corporal Andrew J. Miller, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He entered the service last Sept. 15th and was made Corporal February 1, 1943. (Continued on page five)

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Pvt. Wintfred C. Miller, another son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Miller, of Wilbar, who was stationed at Camp Wolters, Texas, has been moved to Greenville, Pa. (Continued on page five)

In North Africa



Sgt. Clinton Ray Smoot, son of Mrs. Betty Smoot, of North Wilkesboro route one, is now in Africa. He has been in the service since February 20, 1941. Mrs. Smoot received a letter from him saying he was getting along fine.

Large Crowds Are Attending Services Here

Dr. Paul Caudill Delivering Inspiring Messages In Series Of Services

Capacity crowds attended the services at the First Baptist church Sunday morning and evening as a part of the series of evangelistic services now underway and which will continue with services each evening at 7:30 through Friday.

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, formerly of North Wilkesboro and now pastor of the First Baptist church in Augusta, Ga., is delivering inspiring gospel messages at each service. Dr. Caudill is a well-known minister in the Baptist church and his sermons here have been the subject of much favorable comment.

"Why Go To Church" was the subject used by Dr. Caudill Sunday morning and "The Touch of the Master's Hand" was used as the subject Sunday evening. This evening he spoke on "The Waste Of Sin."

Many from other churches have been included in the large congregations present for the services, and several ministers from other communities were in attendance Sunday.

Dokies, K. of P. Ladies Night To Be On Thursday

Grand Chancellor Sheldon M. Roper Will Be Ladies Night Banquet Speaker

Sheldon M. Roper, of Lincoln, grand chancellor of the Knight of Pythias lodge, will be the feature speaker for the ladies night banquet of the Dokies and K. of P. lodge at the lodge hall here on Thursday evening, April 15, seven o'clock.

Another feature of the program will be to honor members of the lodge now in service. Mothers, wives or other members of the families of lodge members now in the service will be honor guests at the banquet.

A most interesting program is anticipated and it is expected that many will attend.

M. P. Blackburn Funeral On Friday

Funeral service was held Friday of Rock Creek church for M. P. Blackburn, age 80, citizen of that community who died Thursday. Rev. Lloyd Pardue and Rev. John Burcham conducted the last rites.

Surviving Mr. Blackburn are the following sons and daughters: Berney Blackburn, Roaring River; Otis Blackburn, Premier, W. Va.; Noah and Paul Blackburn, McLeansville; Mrs. Pearl Byrd and Mrs. Alda Waddell, Roaring River.

ALLIES WIN BIG VICTORY IN TUNISIA

Poison Gas Study Meet Is Planned

Nelson to Lecture On Gases Friday Night

L. M. Nelson, who recently completed a course at Loyola University, New Orleans, La., in study of poison gases, will meet with Civilian Defense workers and others interested at the town hall here on Friday night, 7:30.

Mr. Nelson took the course at the request of the North Carolina Civilian Defense organization at the time he was appointed assistant gas consultant for North Carolina with the western part of the state as his territory. In addition, he has a wide knowledge of chemistry and was for several years industrial and research chemist for C. C. Smoot and Sons tannery here before he entered his present business connection as field supervisor for Standard Oil company.

At the meeting Friday night Mr. Nelson will instruct members of the Civilian Defense organization as to identity of poison gases and will go into the decontamination of gassed areas. All interested are invited to attend.

From a Siberian crab tree he planted 40 years ago Walter Guest of Cudworth, England, recently picked 160 pounds of fruit.

On Maneuvers



Lt. Leo E. Souther, who was inducted in the service October 28, 1942, took his basic training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and is now somewhere in Tennessee on maneuvers. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Souther, of Cyle.

Martin Speaker In Wilkesboro School Closing

Open Air Graduation Program Planned On Athletic Field April 23rd

Santford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal and a member of the newly formed state board of education, will deliver the address at Wilkesboro high school graduation program April 23.

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Sousse Taken Today

Allied Forces Putting Pressure Against Axis Corner

British Eighth Army in Tunisia today won a major victory on the central Tunisian front with the capture of Sousse and Kairouan, which were occupied by the British this morning.

On the central front the British and American forces have met and are continuing the drive on Rommel's army now crowded into the northern tip of Tunisia in the vicinity of Tunis and Bizerte, two remaining strong points of the enemy's forces.

The British first army advancing on Bizerte also continues to gain, putting still greater pressure on axis forces.

ALLIES WIN AIR FIGHTS

Over Tunisia yesterday Allied airmen brought down 41 axis planes while losing only 14.

British bombers operating from England again hammered German industries last night and Russian bombers also took part, attacking German cities in east Prussia.

NAZI ATTACKS REPULSED

In Russia few developments were reported Sunday but today came the news that Soviet troops had repulsed all axis thrusts with heavy losses and are more than holding their own.

23 JAP PLANES HIT

Out of 43 Japanese planes which attacked allied shipping off the coast of New Guinea yesterday, 23 were either shot out of the skies or badly crippled.

But reports coming from Australia indicate that the Japanese are preparing for some major action in the South Pacific area. These reports were based on concentrations of enemy air and sea power at several points.

Branson Benton Taken By Death

Widely Known Citizen of Stanton Township Died On Saturday Night

Branson Benton, a widely known citizen, died Saturday night, 9:30, at his home in Stanton township.

Mr. Benton had been in apparently normal health until he suffered a stroke of apoplexy Wednesday, from which he never rallied.

He was a son of the late Noah and Mary Clementine Walker Benton and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lettie Foster Benton, six sons and four daughters: Taft and Noah Thomas Benton, of New Oxford, Pa.; Warner Benton, U. S. army; Clarence, Rogge and B. N. Benton, Mrs. Sallie Yates and Mrs. Pauline Bumgarner, of Purllear; Mrs. Lestle Powell, of Morganton; and Mrs. Marie Tony, who lives in Pennsylvania. Also surviving are one brother and four sisters.

Funeral will be held at Fishing Creek church but the date has not been set pending arrival of relatives from distant points.

CITIZENS ALL



These future citizens have been in there battling long before Pearl Hrabor, and from the looks of things their morale is still a long way from cracking. Crippled children can take it—all they ask is the same chance to become a useful citizen as all other children. It is to help give them their chance that the Wilkes County Society for Crippled Children is again putting on its annual Easter seal campaign. If you have not received seals through the mail, write the Wilkes County Society for Crippled Children, care T. E. Story, North Wilkesboro, N. C.