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BANK RESOURCES AT NEW HIGH MARK

Both Banks In This City Report Gains

A total increase of over three million dollars in resources of the two local banks during the past six months established a new high mark for bank resources here.

Statements at the close of business on June 30 revealed vast increases over the totals for December 31, 1942.

Both banks had good increases in the six months period during the last half of 1942, making a total increase for 12 months of more than six million dollars for both banks.

The Northwestern Bank, which has home office here and branches at Sparta, Jefferson, Boone, Blowing Rock, Burnsville, Spruce Pine, Bakersville, Valdese, Taylorsville and Black Mountain, listed resources on June 30 this year at \$11,633,551.42, which is an increase of \$2,560,442.87 over the December 31 total of \$9,073,108.55. During the last half of 1942 the Northwestern Bank had an increase in resources of over two million dollars.

Deposits of the Northwestern Bank between January 1 and June 30 this year rose from \$3,413,029.20 to \$10,633,551.42, an increase of \$7,220,522.22.

The Bank of North Wilkesboro, largest unit bank in this section of North Carolina, experienced rapid growth in resources since January 1 this year. Resources passed the four and one-half million mark for a total of \$4,519,395.50 on June 30, an increase of \$600,372.40 over the December 31 total of \$3,919,023.10.

Deposits of the Bank of North Wilkesboro increased correspondingly from January 1 to June 30, reaching a total of \$4,149,889.51, representing an increase of \$581,070.69 during the six-month period.

Both banks here have been very active in the war program and in addition to promoting sale of war bonds have very effectively afforded financial service to manufacturers of war materials.

Dr. Hubbard Is Speaker At Kiwanis Meet

Medical Progress Is Told In Address By Surgeon

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club enjoyed an interesting program Friday, which was featured by an address by Dr. F. C. Hubbard, chief of staff of the Wilkes hospital and who recently served several months as a major in the army medical corps.

Program Chairman E. N. Phillips first presented Miss Jackie Frazier, who sang "Carmena", by Wilson, and "My Hero", by Strauss.

He then presented Dr. Hubbard, who gave a very fine treatise on the history of medicine and with special stress on the modern improvements that have been worked out in the various branches of the army.

Dr. Hubbard stated that medicine is perhaps the oldest profession, having its beginning in the very early years of the race. (Continued On Back Page)

Anderson, Anderson and Anderson Gone To War

The Anderson boys have gone to war.

At least, it looks that way by the list of 17-year-olds who enlisted in the navy here last week with Recruiter Joseph E. Huffman, who spends Wednesday through Friday each week at the North Wilkesboro postoffice recruiting men and boys and women for the navy.

The three Andersons, members of families who pioneered

this section, who joined the navy are not relatives. They were: Gilbert Pruitt Anderson, of North Wilkesboro; Joseph Cleo Anderson, of Oakwoods; and Julius Ray Anderson, of North Wilkesboro.

In addition to the Andersons, Recruiter Huffman signed up two other 17-year-olds for the navy. They were Lloyd Bill Wingler, of Reddies River, and Allie Herman Lovette, of Wilkesboro route one.

Chinese Harass Japs on Salween Front



A three-pronged Japanese drive aimed at the heart of China's interior was stymied by valiant Chinese soldiers who, although they were outnumbered, fought the invader to a standstill and forced him to retreat. Much of the action raged along the Salween river where the Chinese troops continue to harass the Japanese force which originally numbered 50,000.

List Men Accepted

Baptist Revival At Roaring River

Rev. M. O. Alexander, of Raleigh, is conducting revival services this week at Roaring River Baptist church. Services are held each evening at 8:30 and the public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Banks to Receive Withholding Tax Deposits In City

Officials of the Bank of North Wilkesboro and the Northwestern Bank today said their banks had qualified as depositories for wage taxes withheld under the withholding tax law which went into effect July 1.

Under the plan outlined by the treasury department, the employer is relieved of responsibility of sending the taxes to the revenue department. At the close of each calendar month he will deposit with his bank the taxes withheld from wages and salaries and will receive a deposit certificate made especially for that purpose. The banks will remit to the federal reserve bank the taxes deposited by employers.

The regulations issued by the government include the following statement:

"It will be the duty of every employer who withheld more than \$100 during the month to pay, within ten days after the close of each calendar month, to a depository and financial agent authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury to receive deposits of withheld taxes, pursuant to section 1631 of the Internal Revenue Code as added by the current tax payment act of 1943, all funds withheld as taxes during that calendar month."

Many Rejected For Armed Service In July

Draft board here released the list of men accepted for service by the army and navy this month.

As has been the case for several months, there was a high rate of rejections, especially for illiteracy and mental deficiency.

The list of men accepted from board number 2 area follows: Thurman Green Shepley, Winfield L. Tillie, Elmer John Coffey, Gove Key, Don A. Royal, Ben Nickolson, Turner Russel Transon, Henry Franklin Wood, Willie Max Hanks, Shade Frank Gambill, Rufus Calloway, Parsons Charles Finch Wheeler, ACCEPTED FOR NAVY—Horace Clyde Brown, Jack Eller Foster, Robert Monroe Jones, Bruce Weldon Brooks, Herbert Paul Watson, Robert Lee Long, Walter Aaron Dickerson, James McKinley Waddell, Guy Blevins, Paul Warren Caudill. List of men accepted had not been received by Board number 1 from the induction center today.

STANDINGS Churches' Teams Softball League

Wilkesboro	8	1
Presbyterians	4	4
Baptist	3	5
Methodists	2	7

When swallowed by a large fish the puffer is able to gnaw its way to freedom through the carter's body.

Revival Preacher



Rev. George Cooper, radio evangelist from station WHKY in Hickory, will conduct a revival in a tent located on the lot next to the town hall, beginning Thursday night. His regular radio programs over WHKY will be broadcast from the tent.

Bonds Quota Upped

\$55,000,092 Is Goal Set For Wilkes In July

The war bond quota for Wilkes county for the month of July is \$55,092, J. R. Hix, war bond sale chairman, said today.

This represents an increase of about \$10,000 over the quota set for June, and which was met by sales of \$42,056.25 in series E bonds and a few of series F.

Mr. Hix called attention to the fact that sale of war bonds dropped off badly during the second half of June, which was attributed in part to a misunderstanding of the withholding tax which went into effect on July 1.

Now that the public understands that the tax is merely a method of paying income taxes on wages and salaries as they get the money and does not represent a tax increase, war bond sales will rise again, was the opinion expressed here today.

Red Cross Is Active

Wilkes county chapter of the American Red Cross has experienced a most active half year, according to the report of activities submitted by Mrs. Martha Taylor, executive secretary, to the chapter at the close of the first half year period June 30.

The report of the secretary tabulated the work of the Red Cross office, which is located over Tomlinson's Department store, but did not include production and other phases of activity outside of the duties carried out in the office.

Rev. A. C. Waggoner, chairman of the Wilkes chapter, said that Mrs. Taylor's report for the half year showed the following: 1,026 office calls, 111 home visits, 294 wires received, 278 wires sent, 238 letters received, 249 letters written, 127 affidavits handled, 19 social histories and 19 dependency reports.

Great increase in the work of the Red Cross chapter since the outbreak of the war made it necessary that a full time secretary be employed. The Red Cross acts as the go-between for the service men and their families and as such has numerous duties to perform which are not included in peace time activities of the chapter.

Invasion Of Sicily Is Progressing; Towns And Airports Taken

Bill Combs Is a Local Citizen Who Deserves Much Commendation

Born On Day Jim Byers Was Hung In Old Wilkesboro; Other Cleanings By The Journal-Patriot's Reporter

W. L. (Bill) Combs has gone back and forth between home and work in North Wilkesboro for the past 31 years. He was born in Allegheny county 55 years ago—on the same day in the year 1888 Jim Byers was hung for the murder of Henry Edwards from a scaffold near the trees now standing near the old jail... and this hanging was witnessed by thousands... some of whom fell from trees nearby when the trap was sprung by the then sheriff, the late A. M. McEwen. Bill has been physically handicapped for years, rheumatism having badly drawn his back and shoulders... yet this great handicap does not, and has not, kept him from work, for these many years. Bill is the father of 10 children; has two in the army and one in the navy. He is honest and trustworthy and is truly a local man that deserves greatest commendation for "carrying on" through the years regardless of his great physical handicap when many a man would have given up in despair.

ly of workmen this morning. He had just finished the morning round of his chair plant... and everything was "humming"... and everybody happy filling the huge amount of orders recently received.

They believe in raising tomatoes in the eastern part of Wilkes... the largest number we've seen have been set out in that part of Wilkes... especially large acreages are growing nicely in the vicinity of Avery Whittington's attractive country home... it is reported they are being raised for the cannery, all of which reminds us that Wilkes would do well to establish a co-operation.

Child Is Hurt When Hit By Car Saturday

Ruth Wyatt, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Wyatt, of this city, was only slightly injured Saturday evening when she was hit by a car on Main street near the intersection with Ninth street. Clay Edward Church was the driver of the car, which was traveling at a very low rate of speed. The child, who suffered bruises, was pulled from beneath the car when it stopped immediately after the child was hit. Treatment was rendered at the Wilkes hospital.

Police Chief J. E. Walker said the injured child was one of three which the parents had left on the streets. After searching for some time the father and mother were found in another part of town and they had been drinking, police said, while the children wandered around on the streets unattended.

Fiddlers Contest At Mt. Pleasant

An old time Fiddlers Convention will be staged at Mount Pleasant high school on Saturday night, July 24, eight o'clock.

Champion Home Demonstration club is sponsor of the contest and cash prizes will be awarded winners. Another feature of the program will be a cake walk after the musical contests. Admission will be 15 and 25 cents and the proceeds will go into the lunchroom fund.

A most enjoyable occasion is assured all who will attend.

Rations

BLUE STAMPS—

(For canned, frozen and certain dehydrated foods)

Stamps N, P, Q, become effective July 1 and remain so until August 7.

COFFEE—

Stamp No. 21 in War Ration Book One, good for one pound of coffee, became valid July 1 and is good through July 21.

GASOLINE—

"A" book coupons No. 5 good for three gallons each and must last till July 21.

RED STAMPS—

(For meat products, canned fish, most edible oils and cheeses)

Red stamps P, Q, R, S become effective on the following dates and are good through July 31—P, June 27; Q, July 4; R, July 11; S, July 18.

SHOES—

No. 18 Stamp in War Ration Book One good for one pair through October 31st.

SUGAR—

Stamp No. 12, good for 5 pounds, becomes valid June 1 and is good through August 15. Stamps Nos. 15 and 16 in War Ration Book One now are valid for 5 pounds of sugar each, for use in home canning.

Mt. Zion Revival To Begin July 25

Revival services will begin at Mt. Zion Baptist church in Millberry township on Sunday, July 25th. The first service will observe the communion rites.

The pastor, Rev. Glenn Huffman, will be assisted by Rev. Raymond Hendricks of Boone. The public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Allies Take 10 Sicilian Towns

After two days of invasion of Sicily, Italy's big island, Allied forces today were reported proceeding rapidly and had taken ten towns in addition to a number of important airports.

However, enemy opposition has been stronger on the second day of invasion. Fierce counterattacks by German and Italian forces from the interior of the island have been beaten back, radio reports late today said.

Allied Headquarters, North Africa. — Allied invasion armies, swiftly overrunning Italian defenses in the greatest combined operation in history, have already captured three Sicilian airfields and the city of Pachino near the southeast coast, it was announced last night.

Americans seized two airfields on the northern coast and the other slightly inland, after smashing a heavy Axis tank counterattack. Canadian landing forces captured the Pachino airport as well as the town and were reported expanding an already extensive conquered area at the southeast tip of Sicily.

The Canadians have joined forces with British landing troops in the area of Pachino, which is two miles inland from the east coast of Cape Passero, it was stated.

The operations thus far have been crowned with "total success," it was announced, and the Allied armies were reported continuing to advance today from firmly held beach heads along a 100-mile Sicilian front.

(The London Daily Mail reported the front had been widened to 150 miles when Canadian troops established an important beachhead near Porto Empedocle on the southwest coast.)

Pachino and the three airfields were reported as among "key points captured," indicating that other towns or bases were taken in the rapid advance which so far had been opposed only by Italian coastal defense garrisons.

Although no figures on casualties are yet available, British, American and Canadian losses are believed to be slight. An Allied communique said The Italians on the other hand were losing large numbers of men as prisoners, it was reported.

REDS SMASH ATTACK OF 400 TANKS TO WIN

London, Monday. — Red Army troops smashed an attack by 400 German tanks and great infantry masses in one sector of the Kursk-Orel front Sunday and captured two inhabited places in a counter-attack on another sector, a Russian communique said today.

In the dangerous Belgorod sector to the south, the Russians beat off German attacks and smashed 24 out of a formation of more than 100 enemy tanks thrown against a narrow segment of the line, the communique said as recorded here.

Germany, in broadcasts attributed to high command authority, admitted that the Russians were now counterattacking in both the Orel-Kursk and Belgorod sectors and said that weather was impeding the German drive.

About 100 new species of fishes are discovered annually.

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