

BOND SALES \$200,000

Fourth War Loan Campaign Getting Results in County

Present Total, However, Less Than Fourth of Quota For Wilkes

Fourth War Loan in Wilkes county has begun with splendid response in the purchase of War Bonds but the goal of \$843,000 is still a long way ahead. W. D. Halfacre, war finance chairman for Wilkes, said today.

To date the sales total approximately \$200,000, which is considered a creditable showing for the first week.

Book leaders under direction of Mrs. Edd F. Gardner and Mrs. Gordon Finley are calling at all the homes in North Wilkesboro, asking subscriptions for bonds, and in the rural areas the district school principals are district chairmen for the campaign. The districts will compete in a bond sale contest throughout the Fourth War Loan, which will close February 29.

Mr. Halfacre today recognized with thanks some substantial purchases of War Bonds by outside corporations doing business in Wilkes. Largest of these purchases was \$25,000 from the International Shoe company, which has home office in St. Louis and which operates an extract plant here. Belk's Department Store purchased \$10,000 in bonds, J. C. Penney company \$2,000 and Rose's \$2,000, all of which are credited to the Wilkes sales total.

It was also noted with interest that sixty per cent of the employees of Wilkes Hosiery Mills company have voluntarily agreed to purchase extra bonds during the Fourth War Loan. Wilkes Hosiery Mills company employees for many months have been 100 per cent on the payroll deduction plan for purchase of bonds, and the large number of them voluntarily agreeing to purchase additional bonds is another evidence of their patriotism.

North Wilkesboro Building & Loan Has A Good Year

Officers and Directors Are Re-Elected in Annual Meeting Monday

The annual stockholders' meeting of the North Wilkesboro B. & L. Association was held Monday evening, January 24, in the city hall in North Wilkesboro, at which 121 stockholders were represented either in person or by proxy. At this meeting the report of the secretary-treasurer, J. B. Williams, was read. This showed that the association had again enjoyed a profitable year. The earnings of the association had exceeded 6 percent, which was very gratifying to the stockholders.

The old board of directors was unanimously re-elected, namely: J. C. Reins, S. V. Tomlinson, J. H. Whicker, Jr., J. B. Williams, C. P. Walter, J. H. Reector, J. B. Snyder, R. G. Finley, D. J. Carter, H. M. Hutchens, W. H. H. Waugh, and C. E. Jenkins.

Following the stockholders' meeting the directors met and elected officers to serve for the year of 1944. All of the old officers were unanimously re-elected as follows:

J. C. Reins, president; S. V. Tomlinson, vice president; J. B. Williams, secretary-treasurer; J. H. Whicker, Jr., attorney. J. H. Whicker, Jr., was chairman of the stockholders' meeting and J. B. Williams served as secretary.

5th Sunday Singing At Pleasant Home

Blue Ridge Fifth Sunday Singing Association will meet Sunday, January 30, one o'clock, at Pleasant Home Baptist church near Millers Creek.

Rex West, chairman, issued announcement of the singing and extended a cordial invitation to all to attend and take part. The singing will begin at one o'clock.

*** HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR 4TH WAR LOAN BONDS**

A STATEMENT FOR YOU

Early results in the Fourth War Loan campaign are very satisfactory and encouraging. Our people are responding in their usually fine manner. They realize that it is not only their patriotic duty to buy War Bonds, but that War Bonds represent the safest and best financial investment on earth.

Now, if ever, idle dollars need to come out of hiding and to be invested in War Bonds to back the attack, thus insuring that more of our boys will return home and will return sooner.

As you go home tonight, give a thought for the boys who do not have the privilege of sitting at the family table. They are investing their lives—not dollars—that we may live in peace, security and freedom.

We are not asking you to give, or sacrifice. Our country is asking you to invest. This bond drive, as far as Wilkes is concerned, can reach its quota of \$843,000 in a week or ten days if our people will respond without hesitation.

W. D. HALFACRE
Fourth War Loan Chairman

Brothers Fight Germans and Japs; Your Dollars Can Back Fighting Men's Attack



These two well known young men of this city are two of many Wilkes men who are fighting the enemy on foreign soil, making the attack which one and all are asked to back up with purchase of war bonds. Pfc. James Minton, left, is somewhere in the South Pacific area on combat duty against the Japs. Sgt. Raymond Minton is now with the Fifth Army in Italy, where the Allies are engaging the Germans in fierce battles on the outskirts of Rome. In recent letters to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Minton, these brothers, fighting on opposite sides of the earth, stated how they would like to be home again, and hoped to be when final victory is won. They and thousands of others can be home sooner, and more of them can return, if the people in comfort and security at home will back their attack with purchase of more war bonds and by doing their utmost at home to promote the war effort.

Night Raiders Is Name Cage Team

Local High School Boys Win Opener Over Mount Pleasant By Score 24 to 22

The Night Raiders, a basketball team composed of 12 North Wilkesboro high school boys, began the season Friday night by defeating Mount Pleasant 24 to 22.

The team, which is under management of Paddy Horton, has a number of other games scheduled with teams in this part of the state and some exciting contests are in prospect. The next game will be against Millers Creek at Millers Creek on Friday night, 7:30.

The first home game will be on next Tuesday night, eight o'clock, when the Night Raiders meet Appalachian high five on the high school gymnasium court here. Other games are being arranged with Jonesville, Taylorsville and High Point teams for the near future.

On the team are the following high school boys: Paddy Horton, Chip Caudill, Buster Bush, Dick Hix, Bill Gabriel, Tal Barnes, Jr., Bucky Horton, Charlie Gilreath, Tom Nelson, Gene Foster, Cecil Grayson and Lloyd Turner.

Services will be held Sunday, January 30, at the second Baptist church in this city. Rev. Hillery Blevins and Rev. Ernest Blevins will conduct the service. The public is cordially invited.

Physical Fitness Session Is Held

Representatives of County High Schools Attend The County-Wide Institute

A demonstration institute on wartime physical fitness was held at Mountain View high school Thursday, January 20th. The demonstrations were in charge of Ralph J. Andrews and Miss Frank of the State Department of Public Instruction. The purpose of the institute was to demonstrate for the representatives of the county high schools the methods of teaching physical fitness through exercise.

The program, which started at 10:00 a. m. and lasted until 2:00 p. m., included demonstrations on how to teach rhythmic, callisthenics, ranger activities, combatives, tumbling and various toughening-up games and sports.

Among those present for the demonstrations were County Supt. C. B. Eller, R. V. Day and Miss Vivian Tulbert from Millers Creek school; E. R. Spruill and Mrs. Pardue from Ronda; Zeb V. K. Dickson from Traphill; A. M. Proffit, from Ferguson; G. A. Johnson from Roaring River, and Wm. T. Long, Wilkesboro.

Students from all the schools represented formed the class which was used in the demonstrations.

One wooden landing barge requires about 100,000 board feet of lumber. We're building plenty of these craft.

Missing In Action



Lt. C. E. Blevins
Reported Missing Since January 11

Parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Blevins, of Hays, Received Telegram Tuesday

Lt. C. E. Blevins, navigator on a flying fortress, has been missing in action over Europe since January 11, according to official news received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blevins, of Hays, from the War Department.

Lt. Blevins has an outstanding record in the army air forces. Recently he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and was awarded the air medal and clusters for shooting down at least one enemy aircraft and for other meritorious services. Several weeks ago he completed the necessary number of raids over enemy territory to entitle him to leave and to return home and it is presumed that he volunteered for continued duty.

Lt. Blevins was navigator on the "Carolina Boomerang", which was piloted by Lt. R. L. McRae, of Greensboro. He entered the army in April, 1942, and received his commission one year later.

Official wire from the Adjutant General to parents of Lt. Blevins stated that if further details or other information are received about Lt. Blevins that they will be promptly notified.

State Magazine Features Wilkes

Section of Popular Publication Devoted to "State of Wilkes" Last Week

The State Magazine, a versatile publication edited by Carl Goerch and published weekly at Raleigh, last week featured Wilkes county.

The Wilkes section of the magazine contained several pages, which featured an article of about 4,000 words, several pictures and advertisements inserted by local firms.

The subject matter of the article told of the industrial, commercial, educational and civic progress in the State of Wilkes.

Incidentally, the article and pictures for the Wilkes section of the State were furnished by Dwight Nichols, editor of The Journal-Patriot.

Miller-Long Store Closing Out Feb. 1

Store Building Lease Expires First of Next Month; Is Well Known Grocery

Miller-Long Store, one of the best known grocery stores in this part of the state, will close out January 31.

Edd Long, popular manager of the store, which has been doing a thriving business among a wide patronage, said that the lease on the store building which the firm has occupied for many years will expire February 1 and that notice has been given to vacate the building. Because no suitable location is available, the grocery store will liquidate its stock of merchandise.

A grocery store has been in the present building for the past forty years, and a greater part of that time has been Miller-Long company.

The building is the property of the heirs of the late J. T. Prevette and Prevette's Grocery store will move into the building after February 1.

The crilling for one 40 mm anti-aircraft gun requires about 515 board feet of lumber. We're shipping thousands of these guns.

Nazis Give Ground

YANKS SLASH AT GERMANS

Slashing back across the Radido River in the Cassino area, American troops have established a firm new bridgehead on the west bank of that swift, little stream and are plunging resolutely ahead over thickly-sown minefields and under heavy German artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, it was announced officially yesterday.

The second Yank crossing of the Rapido came as Nazi commanders—fully aware at last of the threat of Allied landings made south of Rome five days ago—pulled away part of the great strength they had assembled opposite the main Fifth Army front and sent crack units rushing northward to oppose the new thrust.

Wilkes Boards Send Groups Of Men For Exams

First Contingents Under New Plan Were Taken To Examination Center

Both selective Service boards in Wilkes county on Saturday sent their first groups of men to the service examination center under the new plan which does away with local "screening" examinations.

Under the plan now in effect, men are sent for final examination. Those which pass are subject to call for active service at any time after three weeks.

The lists of men sent by the two Wilkes boards, which includes those accepted and rejected, follow:

- BOARD NO. 1**
- Wm. M. Nichols
 - Wm. Riley Johnson
 - Larkin Gay Pipes
 - Walter England Love
 - Edmond Don Ashley
 - Albert Marlow
 - Ray Elmer Parlier
 - Burl Wm. Love, Sr.
 - Robert Plato Smith
 - Thomas Harrison Duncan
 - George Ray Eller
 - Frank M. Bouchelle
 - Harley R. Anderson
 - John Tom Ashley
 - James W. Walsh
 - Sanford O. Crane
 - John Paul Nichols
 - Herman Anderson
 - Herman T. Hayes
 - Paul Monroe Brooks
 - Estel Paris Kilby
 - George W. Triplett
 - John W. Knight, Jr.
 - James Wilborn Church
 - Joseph Monroe Woodie
 - Oliver Franklin Davis
 - James Edward Martin
 - Rollen Ernest Bishop
 - Hugh High Dodson
 - Ralston Staley
 - Liamie Coten Woods
 - James Lloyd Kilby
 - William Floyd Kilby
 - Johnny Genio Smith
 - Rose Lee Hawkins
 - James F. Anderson
 - George Johnson
 - Phillip N. Caldwell
 - Calvin Chambers
 - Ernest R. Bengo
 - Vance Wm. Rash
 - Ernest Junior Spears
 - Arbe Blinford Roberts
 - Don W. Howell, Jr.
 - Robert Lee Kannup
 - Walter Gwyn Nichols

- BOARD NO. 2**
- Charlie Quincy Lyon
 - William Roy Burchett
 - Jake Alexander Wiles
 - Ancl Abraham Dowell
 - Evan Hampton Staley
 - Ocell Calhoun Emcore
 - Alfred Preston Dula
 - Claude Abner Warren
 - Cody Harvill Moore
 - William Bruce Pardoe
 - John Harrel Moody
 - Thomas Ralph Blackburn
 - John Roscoe Cockburn
 - James Robert Parke
 - Istham Walker Adams
 - Ben Dancy
 - Bobby Frank Day
 - Gilmer Vernon Blackburn
 - J. C. Ester
 - James Ralph Bell
 - Charles Ray Sizemore
 - Destry Otis Walker
 - James Howard Johnson
 - Van Allen Maynes
 - Joseph Edward Wilson
 - William Kenneth Anderson
 - William Arthur Rash, Jr.
 - Gandy Hill
 - Rosscoe Horton Hendrix
 - Sam Charless Swearingen
 - Gwyn William McGinnis
 - Walter Oney Darrell

Veteran Of First World War



Walter W. Greer, citizen of the Moravian Falls community who died January 17, is shown here in a picture which was taken in Nice, France, in 1918 during the first World War. Mr. Greer was one of the 12 Wilkes men who made up the first contingent to leave to serve during the first World War, and he made an excellent service record.

Funds Raised In Polio Campaign Restore Cripples

Secretary of Wilkes Chapter Explains How Funds Are Spent In The County

The campaign to raise funds with which to fight infantile paralysis is now under way, and the people of the county are being given an opportunity to contribute to the fund.

The county's quota this year is \$920, of which \$460 will be spent in Wilkes to rehabilitate infantile paralysis victims.

Often the question arises as to how the money is spent, and for what. In order that the people may have this information, and take the proper interest in the campaign to raise funds, Mrs. W. R. Absher, secretary-treasurer of the Wilkes Chapter of the Infantile Paralysis organization, has prepared the following explanatory article:

"The Wilkes County Chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, is deeply grateful for the fine support of the citizens of Wilkes county who contributed to the campaign under the leadership of Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, member of the Kiwanis Club, in 1942, and W. F. Absher, member of the Lions Club, in 1943. Because of the success of past infantile campaigns, your Wilkes county chapter for Infantile Paralysis has had to refuse no child braces or crutches who has been stricken with infantile paralysis since it was organized.

"Braces, shoes, and crutches have been bought for Wilkes county victims of this dread disease. Braces cost from \$35 to \$85 each. Each month eight cases of infantile paralysis report to the Wilkes Hospital to the Crippled Children's

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Pvt. and Mrs. Shew



Pvt. and Mrs. Shew are pictured here. Pvt. Shew returned last week to Fort Dix, N. J., after spending his furlough with his wife, the former Miss Hilda Mae Pollock, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Shew, of North Wilkesboro route three. Pvt. Shew entered service in October, 1942.

REDS TAKE HUGE TOLL

Russian troops captured the massively fortified railway hub of Krasnogardetsk, 40 miles southeast of Leningrad, yesterday on the 18th day of their big northern offensive, and announced that more than 40,000 Germans had been killed and 10 Nazi infantry divisions routed on the Leningrad front alone.

The capture of Krasnogardetsk, controlling the rail lines to Estonia and Latvia, was announced in a special order of the day from Premier Marshal Joseph Stalin after a night assault and a street-by-street battle finished off the strong German garrison. A victory salute of 12 salvoes from 124 Moscow guns was ordered in celebration.

Stolen Sugar At 20 Cents Pound

Local Man Held For Taking Seven Bags and Selling to 'Shiners At Big Price

Moonshiners are paying plenty for black market sugar, if the price paid to Burl Kilby and one associate who are alleged to have taken seven 100 pounds bags from Tomlinson's wholesale store is any indication.

Police Chief J. E. Walker said that Kilby had been bound to superior court under \$1,000 bond for taking seven bags of sugar and a rifle. The sugar was recovered from a resident of the Traphill community whose name was not disclosed. It was learned that he paid \$140 for the sugar. Retail price of the sugar in regular channels would have been about \$42.

Many Will Attend Lincoln Day Event

Annual Republican Gathering Will Be In Winston-Salem Friday, Feb. 11

Wilkes county Republicans are expected to have a large delegation at the annual Lincoln Day dinner, which will be held on February 11 at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem.

Republican leaders here today in discussing the coming event said that interest in the Republican campaign is higher this year and that a large crowd is expected to attend the dinner.

Senator James J. Davis, of Pennsylvania, one of the outstanding Republican leaders in the nation and who is widely recognized as a most able orator, will deliver the main address at the dinner.

One Monday night eleven ladies from the Fairplains Baptist church, assisted by a group of three other ladies, rolled a total of 1,310 bandages at Red Cross headquarters.

RATION NEWS

SPECIAL RATION—Special gasoline ration is now provided for hardship cases which are non-occupational. Strictly limited quotas are provided for rationing board areas.

FILE NOW—Institutional users of rationed commodities must file their new registration 1307 supplement by February 1.

UNRATIONED SHOES—The time has been extended on the 15 per cent release of women's shoes from rationing until February 5. The date was previously set at January 29.

SUGAR—Book 4, stamp 20, good for five pounds, will expire March 31.

GASOLINE—Coupon No. 3 in A book good for three gallons became effective Nov. 9 and will expire February 1.

SHOES—Coupon 13 in the sugar and coffee ration book valid for one pair of shoes has no expiration date. No. 1 ration stamp in book three became valid November 1 for one pair shoes.

FOOD—Brown stamp, Book 3, R. V., expires February 28; S. T. U., expires January 28; G. H. and J., expires February 29.