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Allied Planes Win In Aerial Battles

U. S. FIGHTERS BAG 36 FOES

Allied Headquarters, Algiers.—American air squadrons, striking a heavy blow at German aerial forces which have been pounding the Allies' Rome beachhead, raided enemy air bases in Northern Italy yesterday and shot down 36 enemy fighters in spectacular battles at heights ranging from 500 to 20,000 feet.

The beachhead forces were steadily deepening their penetration of the Lattina coastal plain and have captured four inland towns and 600 prisoners while the French have virtually surrounded Cassino on the lower Italian front.

Farm Meetings To Sign A.A.A. Forms Are Announced

Farm meetings will be held in all communities of Wilkes county this year to secure information from individual farmers concerning their farm production and war crop goals for 1944.

S. L. Turner, executive officer of the Triple A, said that the meeting plan is being used instead of the farm to farm canvass formerly used to sign up farmers on the Triple A program.

Information gained from the farmers who state their production goals will be used as a basis for Triple A activities and will also be used by the County War board in determining deferments for agricultural workers.

The farm meetings will be held throughout the first week in February and all farmers who intend to participate in the AAA program, either to receive cash payment for practices carried out or conservation materials, must sign a farm plan at one of the meetings. At the same time they may make application for lime and superphosphate.

The complete schedule of the farm meetings follows:

Antioch Township—Tom Mathias' service station, February 1 and 2d, Thomas B. Inscore.

Beaver Creek Township—Beaver Creek service station, February 1, L. F. Walsh; W. G. Walsh's store, February 2, L. F. Walsh.

Boomer Township—Tom Greer's store, February 1, Ralph Swanson; Cub Walsh's store, February 2, Ralph Swanson.

Brushy Mountain Township—M. L. Hendren's store, February 3, Junior Costner; Paul Batty's store, February 4, Junior Costner.

Edwards Township—White Plains Mill, February 1, J. Q. Burcham and J. B. Edwards; Shepherd's Cross Roads, February 2, J. Q. Burcham and J. B. Edwards; Benham school, February 3, W. F. Gilliam and R. C. Harris; Pleasant Hill school, February 4, W. F. Gilliam and R. C. Harris; Pleasant Ridge school, February 7 and 8, Fred W. Norman; Jonda Cash Hardware, February 14, Irvin Key; J. K. Tharp's Mill, February 15, Irvin Key.

Elk Township—Delp's store, February 1, W. O. Barnett; Adams Shop, February 1, B. L. Hall; M. C. Minton's store, February 2, R. L. Hall.

Jobs Cabin Township—L. E. Woodie's store, February 3, A. M. McGee; C. C. Crane's store, February 4, A. M. McGee.

Lewis Fork Township—E. C. Foster's store, February 1, A. M. McGee; Mrs. A. J. Miller's store, February 2, A. M. McGee.

Lovelace Township—E. P. Inscore's store, February 1, D. W. Marlow.

Moravian Falls Township—Moravian Falls Community House, February 1, W. R. Hubbard; Pores Knob post office, February 2, W. R. Hubbard.

Mulberry Township—Wm. Watson's residence, February 1, Wm. Watson and A. F. Myers; H. E. Hensold's store, February 2, A. R. Myers; A. R. Myers' store, February 3, A. R. Myers; H. H. Rhodes' store, February 4, A. R. Myers; Mulberry school, February 5, H. E. Jennings; Halls Hills post office, February 7, G. O. Owens; S. (Continued on page eight)

JAPS SUFFER BIG LOSSES OVER PACIFIC

In co-ordinated air strikes 1,400 miles apart, American bombers showed their dominance of the Pacific skies with another one-sided victory over Rabaul and in a series of pre-invasion blows on the mid-Pacific Marshall Islands.

Thirty to 42 fighters were shot out of the New Britain skies from a defending force of 70, the Southwest Pacific communique reported today. Another 20 probably were demolished on the ground. This brought to more than 500 the number of Japanese planes definitely or probably destroyed this month in the aerial battle to eliminate Rabaul as the keystone of Japan's southern defenses.

Tokyo radio, which the day before had said no hope could be held for Rabaul, yesterday referred to the "invincibility of Japanese defense" of the crumbling fortress. It claimed more American planes were shot down in a single raid than the 71 that have been accounted by the Americans lost in all of January.

60 DAYS HELL ON BOUGAINVILLE

Pfc. Karl Kite, a member of U. S. Marine forces which invaded Bougainville Island, writes the following interesting letter to his brother, Mr. Bob Kite, manager of Rose's Store here:

South Pacific
Dec. 31, 1943

Dear Brother:

Thought I would write you and let you know that the war clouds or should I say battle clouds are over for me for awhile.

After seeing by picture in the paper you should know where I was or anyhow where I was headed. In case you never tried to figure out where I was, how would you like to know. Yep, it was Bougainville and boy, what a place! Would you like to hear of some of my experiences while I was there. Well, I'll start from the very first day we hit there.

I cannot mention any dates or the day on which we hit, so I'll start from my last night aboard the transport. We were all instructed what our job was and our destination. It was Empire Augusta Bay, Bougainville. This was supposed to be one of the Jap's strongest positions in the South Pacific. Believe me, it was too.

The night before we hit we were all gathered in the top side of the ship. We sang songs until 12 o'clock and talked over old times. Let me tell you right here that these fellows were the coolest bunch of rugged men I've ever seen in all my life. There was not a fear or doubt in anyone's heart for what was ahead the next morning. The strength of the Japs was under estimated on the beach, this making the going much tougher than we had expected. The warships started shelling the beach at break of dawn. Then the first wave went over the side and headed for the beach. From the ship we could see machine gun fire covering all the landing boats that were fixing to hit the beach. Well, things were beginning to get sorta warm by then. Then the second and third wave started in. My being in heavier weapons, I was in the fifth wave. Then the fourth and fifth waves were started over the side and before we could get over the side we had to go back up the landing nets, for about that time the sky all around was speckled with Jap dive bombers and Zeros. They started diving for our ships. Thank the Lord, our anti-aircraft gunners aboard ship, with the help of our own air force, saved the day. Once I saw a Jap dive bomber go for one of our destroyers and he almost got her for he dropped bombs within 20 or 30 feet of her. But as the Jap bomber pulled out of its dive, its tail was a blazing ball of fire. Yes, that was some crew aboard that destroyer. They stuck right with that Nip and sent him to the rest of his ancestors. In the meantime there were dog fights all over the sky and the Nip planes were falling right and left. It got too hot for them and what few were left tried to make a run for it. But then the rest of us were on the beach and everything. Our (Continued on page four)

Lieut. Parsons



First Lieut. Gwyn Lee Parsons, son of Mrs. A. F. Parsons, of Wilkesboro, is now stationed in California in the quarter-master corps. He entered the army June 10, 1942, and graduated from officers' candidate school at Fort Warren, Wyoming. While on leave recently he visited his mother and sisters, Mrs. B. E. Burleson, of Wilkesboro, and Mrs. Earl Church, of Maple Springs. He also visited his wife, who is making her home at Leadville.

Carl Kilby Killed When Hit By Car Near Here Sunday

Was Walking on Highway
When Hit By Car Driven
By Arlie Hayes Sunday

Carl Kilby, a resident of near this city, died this morning, one o'clock, of injuries received when he was hit by a car on highway 421.

The accident occurred at 8:45 Sunday night on Cotton Mill Hill just west of this city when Kilby was struck by a car driven by Arlie G. Hayes, of Millers Creek. State Highway Patrol Sergeant A. H. Clark investigated the accident. According to reports received by him, Hayes, accompanied by his wife and small child, were traveling west on the highway and were meeting two cars. Kilby was walking on the pavement and was dressed in dark clothing. Hayes did not see Kilby until the car struck him. Kilby was knocked into the air and landed against the windshield of the car. One leg was broken and his skull was fractured.

Sgt. Clark said there was no evidence of speeding or reckless driving.

Kilby, age 34, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kilby, who live a short distance west of this city. Surviving are his parents and two sisters, Mrs. Clara Gilreath, of this city, and Miss Callie Kilby, of Washington, D. C.

Funeral arrangements had not been made late today.

Building & Loan Report Is Given

Annual report of J. B. Williams, secretary-treasurer of the North Wilkesboro Building and Loan Association, to the stockholders in meeting January 24 revealed that the association had a most successful year in 1943, war conditions notwithstanding.

The complete report as given to the stockholders by Mr. Williams is on page six.

Wilkes Bond Sales \$545,000; Caravan Captured German Equipment Coming

A Tank Destroyer, Field Kitchen and Other Units Coming

Will Be On Main Street
Monday, February 7,
3:30 to 4:30

As a part of the Fourth War Loan campaign, there will be a public display of captured German equipment on Main street in North Wilkesboro Monday, February 7, 3:30 to 4:30 p. m.

W. D. Halfacre, Fourth War Loan chairman, said the display will be of unusual interest and that it is expected that thousands of people will be on hand to see the implements of war captured by American soldiers during the North African campaign. The captured war equipment will be in the condition in which it was taken, and will show all effects and marks of battle engagement.

The occasion will be in the form of a patriotic rally, and the North Wilkesboro high school band will furnish music. All people of the county are urged to avail themselves of this rare opportunity to see first hand some of the war machines taken by American fighting men.

Included in the equipment will be a tank destroyer with 76 mm gun, in which all German occupants were killed. The tank destroyer is similar to tanks used by the Germans, except that it is somewhat larger. Another major piece of captured equipment will be a German field kitchen, which was taken in Sicily. There will also be a number of smaller units of captured German equipment, all of which will be very interesting.

All are asked to keep in mind the time and place: Monday, February 7, 3:30 to 4:30 p. m., on Main street between Ninth and Eighth streets in North Wilkesboro.

Several Cases Are Tried During Term

Although jurors were not summoned for duty, several cases on the civil docket were disposed of during the January term, which opened January 17th and closed last week.

Judge J. A. Rousseau, of this city, presided and several judgments were entered in civil actions. A number of motions were heard and divorce cases ready for trial were disposed of.

The following divorces were granted: Cletus Shepherd versus Elbert Shepherd; Ed Courtney versus Sarah Courtney; Eva Wadkins versus Neal Wadkins; Charles Francis versus Zella F. Francis; Mattie Lou Love versus Robert Love; Lethia Lewis versus Walter Lewis. The marriage of Annie Stella Greene Boyles and Robert R. Boyles was annulled.

Next Cripple Clinic To Be Held In March

The county health department has announced that no cripple clinic will be held here in February and that the next one will be on March 9 at the Wilkes hospital.

Fighting Japs



Opl. Lawrence E. Church, son of E. F. Church, of Purlear, is now somewhere in the South Pacific area. Opl. Church volunteered for service in the marine corps in October, 1940, receiving boot training at Parris Island, S. C., was stationed in Cuba for three months and sailed for overseas service in June, 1942. He was with the marine corps division which invaded Guadalcanal and he remained there until the latter part of November. Recent letters from Opl. Church state that he is well and getting along fine.

Gets Promotion



Charles J. (Jack) Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Howard, of Wilkesboro, has completed his training in the navy hospital corps' school and received his present rating as hospital apprentice, first class. He is now stationed at the U. S. Naval hospital at Bainbridge, Md.

Duncan Speaker At Friday Meet Of Kiwanis Club

Featured by an address by Rev. Herman Duncan, of Elkin, the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club held an enjoyable meeting Friday noon.

President A. F. Kilby announced that the board of directors met Thursday night at the Wilkesboro Kiwanis club and that those who are regularly buying serial B bonds buy an extra bond during this campaign. He also expressed a hope that there will be numerous new bond owners in Wilkes county before the end of the Fourth War Loan campaign.

Secretary Story then called attention to some of the outstanding reports and read certain paragraphs from some of them. The budget for the coming year submitted by the finance committee was read in full.

Secretary Story then read a clipping from the Charlotte Observer giving account of the dedicatory service of one of the chapels in the South Pacific and in the article respects were paid to Protestant Chaplain Watt M. Cooper, of North Carolina and North Wilkesboro, for his work of inspiration and leadership and his responsibility for the growth of the chapel work there. The communication was signed by Lt. (jg) Charles N. Stalker, USNR.

C. O. McNeil stated that the Kiwanis committee, which is working with the Infantile Paralysis campaign, had raised \$557.00 to date.

Program Chairman R. W. Gwyn asked Rev. A. C. Waggoner to introduce the speaker, Rev. Herman Duncan, who made a very fine and inspirational talk on the subject, "Keep On Keeping On." His theme was "Youth."

He said "youth is not on revolt, but out on crusade. Our youth has courage and is looking for something big enough to live and die for." The speaker challenged the audience present with the problem that youth fails usually because older heads have failed before them. When their training and leadership have been worthy and big the results have never failed to be good. The members greatly enjoyed the talk.

Dr. G. T. Mitchell was received into membership in the club by Rev. Howard J. Ford.

At the meeting Charles H. Day was the guest of his father, C. G. Day; Andy Borders, of Hickory, was a guest of Joe Johnson; Col. Henry T. Blair and Rev. A. C. Waggoner were guests of R. W. Gwyn.

Marriage License

Since January 1 license to wed have been issued by Register of Deeds C. C. Sidden to the following couples: Bruce Wyatt and Lucille Lucille Fender, both of Piney Creek; Woodrow Wilson Palmer and Virginia Dare Bumsaner, both of Wilbar; C. R. Sparks, Roaring River, and Purnie Lee Burchette, North Wilkesboro; Ernest R. Sparks, Buck and Ruby Bare, Ocala; James W. Maholman, Jr., Joyner, and Margaret Burchette, Hays; Roy Medley, Ashe county, and Thelma Rhodes, North Wilkesboro; John Wheeler, Boone, and Vesta Lee Eggers, Watauga.

Feats are needed—the call must be heeded!

Many Buyers Are Needed In Order to Reach the Goal

Need Help Of Every Person
Who Can Buy Bonds To
Reach \$843,000

Sales of war bonds to date in the Fourth War Loan have reached \$545,000, W. D. Halfacre, war loan chairman, said today.

However, this total lacks \$298,000 of reaching the county's quota of \$843,000.

The remainder will necessarily have to be principally in small, series B bonds from numerous buyers, Mr. Halfacre said, because the present total represents the bulk of buyers of larger bonds.

Mr. Halfacre specifically urged all who can to buy an extra bond during the campaign, which will continue through the month of February. Interest in bond buying has reached a new high, he said, since news of Japanese atrocities and murder of American war prisoners on the Philippines was released last week.

He urged that Wilkes people do their utmost in financing the war in order that victory over the enemies be at the earliest possible moment and that American boys now prisoners of the Japanese and who have not starved or who have not been murdered may be rescued.

Again it is emphasized that bonds be purchased now for three highly essential reasons: to finance the war, to prevent inflation, and to provide future security.

J. R. Hix, who is permanent war bond chairman for Wilkes county, said that he was pleased with purchases during the Fourth War Loan, but urged that those who are regularly buying serial B bonds buy an extra bond during this campaign. He also expressed a hope that there will be numerous new bond owners in Wilkes county before the end of the Fourth War Loan campaign.

Miller-Long Will Liquidate Stock

Store Will Be Open Through
Month of February To Sell
Out; Close March 1st

Miller-Long Grocery company will liquidate its large stock of groceries during the month of February.

The widely known store, which has been in business at the same stand for many years, must give up the building it occupies on March 1 when the present lease expires.

During the month of February the store will remain open to liquidate stock and will serve its many customers during the month.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

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 30, good for five pounds, will expire March 31.

GASOLINE—Coupons No. 3 in A book good for three gallons became effective Nov. 9 and will expire February 5.

SHOES—Coupon 18 in the sugar and coffee ration book valid for one pair of shoes has no expiration date. No. 1 airplane stamp in book three became valid November 1 for one pair shoes.

POOD—Brown stamps, Book 3, meals and fats, W. G. good through February 30. Green stamps, Book 4, processed foods, G. E. and J. expire February 29.