

Wilkes Reaches \$843,000 Overall Bond Quota

Scrap Paper Canvass By Scouts In City

People Asked to Place Paper on Porches Each Saturday

Boy Scouts of North Wilkesboro were very successful in the first day of their scrap paper sale campaign Saturday.

Scouts volunteered for the job of scrap paper salvage to aid the war effort and to provide a means for salvaging scrap paper in this community.

The plan being followed is for Scouts to canvass the homes of North Wilkesboro each Saturday.

People of the city are asked to place scrap paper in boxes or tie in bundles and place on their front porches each Saturday morning.

Newspapers, magazines, books, cardboard and other forms of scrap paper will be accepted.

On Saturday two large truck loads of paper were gathered and prospects are good for still larger collections Saturday of this week.

The house-to-house canvass applies only in North Wilkesboro. In Wilkesboro those who have paper are asked to telephone number 354 or 531 and someone will be sent for the paper.

Rural people who have paper and who will bring it here are asked to leave it with Gordon Finley at Wilkesboro Manufacturing company.

The Scouts are working faithfully in the scrap paper drive to provide a means for salvaging the scrap paper in this community for the war effort, and deserve unstinted cooperation from the people.

St. Sgt. Creech Is Missing In Action

St. Sgt. Ceber M. Creech has been officially reported as missing in action since January 24.

His wife, Mrs. Merle Owens Creech, has been notified that her husband is reported as missing in action over Germany since January 24. It is presumed that St. Sgt. Creech was in service in the air corps.

St. Sgt. Creech is a son of Mrs. L. D. Absher, of North Wilkesboro route one. He had been overseas since November 1, 1943.

Return From Florida

Attorney and Mrs. Eugene Trivette and Mrs. Ethel V. Moore, of this city, and Attorney and Mrs. J. E. Holschouser and son, Jimmy, of Boone, returned to their respective homes Saturday after spending three weeks at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

While in Florida they visited Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Triplett, of Purlear, who are spending much of their time at Miami, Fla., in the interest of Dr. Triplett's health. Dr. Triplett has purchased an attractive home at Miami and his health is much improved, his family friends throughout this section will be glad to learn.

Manchuria has a labor shortage.

RATION NEWS

SUGAR—Book 4, stamp 80, good for five pounds, will expire March 31. Stamp 40, five pounds for canning, expires February 28, 1945.

GASOLINE—Coupons No. 9 in a book good for three gallons became effective Feb. 9 and will expire May 2.

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 becomes valid November 1 for one pair shoes.

FOOD—Brown stamps, Book 2, meat and fats, V, W, X good through February 28. Green stamps, Book 4, processed foods, C, H and J expire February 20. K, L, M expire on March 30.

Lt. William C. Gray Has Narrow Escape In Badly Damaged Plane



LT. WILLIAM C. GRAY

From England comes the story of how a flying fortress returned to its base after two engines were knocked out and crew members stripped the plane of everything that could be taken loose, including the ball turret, to make it light enough to be flown to its base with very limited power.

Navigator of that plane was Lt. William C. Gray, of Wilkesboro. Lt. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Gray, volunteered for the air corps in 1942, was in training in Texas and recently went overseas.

The story of the plane's miraculous flight as told by James MacDonald in the February 9 issue of The New York Times follows:

By JAMES MACDONALD
In New York Times

A United States Army Air Force Station, Somewhere in England, Feb. 8.—Two of the strangest stories yet told by American fliers in this theatre of war were among the many eyewitness accounts related today by United States Eighth Air Force crews upon their return to this station from the Frankfort-on-the-Main mission.

One was about the crew of a badly crippled Flying Fortress jettisoning everything they could, including their ball turret—said to be the first time this ever was done in combat—to lighten their plane's weight and struggle home safely. This they did. The other was about another Flying Fortress cut in half, with its tall gunner still shooting at enemy fighters as he hurtled to earth to certain death.

Commanding officers blinked their eyes in amazement when they heard about the hitherto unmentioned Fortress, which henceforth is going to be dubbed "Lady Liberty", that landed on this field minus its ball turret and all the guns and with two of its motors completely out of commission and ugly holes in its nose and wings.

The plane was piloted by Lieut. William C. Johnson, 24 years of age, of Lewis Chapel, Tenn., who had Lieut. Matt Farmer, 25, of Mankato, Minn., as his co-pilot; Lieut. William C. Gray, 23, of Wilkesboro, N. C., as his navigator, and Lieut. James P. Cain of Barnum, Iowa, as his bombardier.

Hit After Bombing Targets
They said that after they had dropped their load of bombs

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Presbyterians To Observe Last Payment of Debt

New Religious Education Building Debt Free; Mrs. Cooper Will Burn Note

Sunday, February 20, will be a happy occasion for the congregation of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, at which time there will be a brief program in observance of payment of the last remaining indebtedness on the new religious education building.

Erected in 1940 at a total cost of \$32,495.29, the religious education building of the Presbyterian church was dedicated last year.

Rev. Watt M. Cooper, now a naval chaplain in the South Pacific area, was pastor of the church when the building program was carried out.

In that connection it is appropriate that in the program to be carried out in the morning service Sunday Mrs. Cooper, who now makes her home in Burlington, will burn the last note of the loan which was secured as part of the finances for erection of the religious education building.

In addition to paying the indebtedness, the church now has a substantial balance in cash in the building fund which will be used later for erection of a new church auditorium.

The building committee of the church is composed of E. G. Finley, chairman, D. J. Carter, A. G. Finley, W. Blair Gwyn, A. A. Cashion and C. D. Coffey, Jr.

R. R. Markley, of Durham, was architect for the religious education building and Ervin Construction Company was the general building contractor.

The new building has attracted much attention and the church school of the Presbyterian church here is often referred to in various parts of the state as a model church school.

E. P. Robinson Now a Major at Fort Jackson

Fort Jackson, S. C.—The promotion to major of Capt. Edmund P. Robinson, Billeting Officer at Fort Jackson, S. C., has been announced by post authorities.

Coming to Fort Jackson with the 105th Engineers of the 30th Division in September, 1941, Maj. Robinson later was transferred to the Station Complement at the post and has filled several assignments with that organization since.

Maj. Robinson was appointed Post Billeting officer last November and at present has his office in the Chamber of Commerce Building in nearby Columbia, S. C.

A National Guard officer, Maj. Robinson saw service in the First World War with the 105th Engineers of the 30th Division, and rose from the grade of private to the rank of second lieutenant during that time. He continued his association with the National Guard in the intervening years, and returned to active duty in September, 1940.

A native of Mecklenburg county, N. C., Maj. Robinson's home now is North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Wounded In Action



Pvt. Albert L. Pardue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lather Pardue, of Roaring River, was seriously wounded on Bougainville on January 30, according to an official War Department message received by his parents.

Pvt. Pardue, who was serving in the army, had been overseas for five months. The War Department telegram gave no details of Pvt. Pardue's injuries but stated that other information would be forwarded as soon as received.

A-36's BLAST ROME RAILWAY YARDS AGAIN

American A-36 Invaders dive-bombed the Rome railway yards for the second straight day yesterday and the Bari radio appealed to Italian patriots behind the German lines to help the destroyers completely out of commission and ugly holes in its nose and wings.

General 85 Harold Alexander, Commander-in-Chief of Allied forces in Italy, said American and British troops were winning the second round of the battle on Anzio beachhead and ultimately would smash on to Rome without assistance from the Cassino front.

Mac ARTHUR'S BOMBERS HIT KAVIENG HARD

Allied bombers and attack planes, smashing Tuesday at Kavieng, New Ireland, in the most damaging raid of the war on that Japanese base, left the town a mass of flames and sank four ships in the harbor, General Douglas MacArthur's communique announced today.

Following up three heavy raids during the past week against the Kavieng and Panapa airdromes, the Allied planes thundered over the Japanese supply center at the northern tip of New Ireland in a low-level attack which struck a crippling blow in the reduction of the enemy's Bismarck bases.

A single iceberg sometimes contains enough ice to cover an entire square mile to a depth of 500 feet.

Now In Texas



Pvt. William F. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Campbell, of Moravian Falls, is now stationed at Camp Wilkes, Texas. Pvt. Campbell entered the service in November, 1943. He reports that he and his buddies, Pvt. Marshall Miller, are enjoying The Journal-Patriot.

FIRST ATTACK ON CAROLINES

American heavy bombers stabbed westward to Ponape Monday to blast that important Japanese base in the mandated Caroline Islands with 55 tons of bombs in its first air attack of the war.

The daring raid, farthest western penetration by land-based army bombers, was made in "considerable force" and without the loss of a single plane, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced yesterday.

The Liberators of the American Seventh Army air force dropped most of their bomb loads on enemy installations but also sank a small cargo ship in the harbor. There was no air interception, and anti-aircraft fire was not mentioned, indicating the midday strike caught Japanese by surprise.

Tax Collections Reported Good

County and Towns Receive Much Money on 1943 Levies, Officials State

Wilkes county and both the towns of North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro have received much money on their 1943 levies, officials reported this week.

J. Mack Reavis, county accountant, reported that the sum of \$167,621.68 had been paid up to and including February 1st, on the total levy amounting to \$245,050.66 for the year 1943 as charged against Sheriff C. G. Poindexter. (This is 68.4-10 per cent of total levy).

To date, the county accountant's office has collected \$84,014.52 on 1943 taxes, while the sheriff's office has collected \$83,407.16 since the books were turned over to the board of commissioners.

Sheriff Poindexter's office reported splendid collections for the month of January and through February 1st, this being the period just before the 1 per cent penalty is added to the net amount of tax. The sheriff's office collected during this period the sum of approximately \$55,000.00. In the meantime, the county accountant's office has having good collections on delinquent tax accounts.

W. P. Kelly, clerk and tax collector for the Town of North Wilkesboro reports total 1943 collections amounting to \$43,976.80 for the period ending February 1st, this being against a levy amounting to \$61,377.76. The sum collected through February 1st is 86.1-2 per cent of the total 1943 levy.

J. F. Jordan, clerk and treasurer of the Town of Wilkesboro, also reports good collections on 1943 taxes. The 1943 levy of the town amounts to \$9,896.96, and for the period ending February 1st, Mr. Jordan reports as collected the sum of \$6,660.51.

H. P. Eller Now Owner of Wilkes Transportation

Buy's Stock of W. A. McNeil In Company Operating Buses On Local Routes

H. P. (Pat) Eller is now sole owner of Wilkes Transportation company, having purchased the stock of W. A. McNeil.

Mr. Eller assumed control of the company Wednesday and office of the company is now located at Central Service Station, which is also owned and operated by Mr. Eller.

Wilkes Transportation Company operates buses out of North Wilkesboro to many points in Wilkes county. Eight buses are operated on the following routes: west to Millers Creek and Parnauville, north and west to Boomer and Poree Knob, east to Cairo, south to Oakwoods, west to Ferguson, and north to Fairplains.

The company began operation with two buses on November 16, 1933. Since that time the business has grown rapidly and has been of great benefit to the people of the county. Two new buses were recently added to the company's equipment.

Mr. Eller said today that the company has enjoyed splendid patronage since its organization and that every effort will be put forth to maintain the best bus service possible on the routes served by the company.

But Sale of E Bonds Is Still Short of Goal

Need \$60,000 E Bonds Before Feb. 29 To Make Quota



Mr. Wilkes county has passed its quota of \$843,000 in the Fourth War Loan, W. D. Halfacre, chairman, said yesterday.

Although the overall quota has been reached, Mr. Halfacre pointed out that Wilkes is still about \$60,000 short in E bonds, for which a quota of \$244,000 was set for the county.

All E bonds purchased during the remainder of this month will be credited on the county's total toward the E bond quota, and Wilkes people can put Wilkes over the top in this phase of the campaign as well as the overall quota which has already been reached.

The national goal of fourteen billions has already been achieved, but the nation, like Wilkes, is lagging in amount of E bonds purchased by individuals. The State of North Carolina has already passed its overall quota, but the quota on E bonds is still unfilled.

Local leaders urge that Wilkes people buy those extra bonds and make Wilkes one of the counties which will go over in every respect.

It was also pointed out that one of the purposes of the Fourth War Loan is to provide a means for the purchase of war bonds now.

Yellow Jacket Press Rebuilt; Plant Operates

R. Don Laws Completes Task of Rebuilding Publishing Plant

R. Don Laws, editor of the nationally famous Yellow Jacket published at Moravian Falls, has his big automatic press humming again.

And it is the same press which was in the Yellow Jacket plant which was destroyed by fire on February 8, 1943.

Destruction of the entire plant by fire (and with no fire insurance to cushion the loss), did not put the Yellow Jacket publisher out of business.

Mr. Laws continued publication of the Yellow Jacket in one page size, which was printed on Carter-Hubbard Publishing company presses at North Wilkesboro, in which he proposed to rebuild his plant if response from subscribers and friends throughout the country was sufficient.

From every state in the union Mr. Laws received many subscriptions, which enabled him to begin the task of rebuilding.

Representatives of the company which manufactured the high speed press which had printed over one hundred million Yellow Jackets before the disastrous fire last year hesitated to undertake the job of rebuilding the burned press.

Mr. Laws, whose knowledge of mechanics is surpassed only by his knowledge of things historical, literary and political, waded into the job himself. Skilled labor was hard to find, but with the help of mechanics of various branches of the trade he has rebuilt the press (Continued On Page Twelve)

Back Taxes To Be Foreclosed

The office of J. Mack Reavis, county accountant, is now engaged in collecting delinquent taxes for the years 1928 to 1935, inclusive.

Parties owing taxes for the above years will be advertised by township, and the first list, which is Antioch, will be found elsewhere in this issue.

If payment is not paid at once, foreclosure proceedings will be started against the property, and the land will be sold by the county.

Parties interested are urged to call at the accountant's office and make immediate settlement. In case of errors in listing, etc., interested parties are requested to call at the office and get them corrected.

Payment now of taxes for the years 1928 to 1935, inclusive, will save extra costs and penalties.

Schools' Total In Sale Of Bonds Is Now \$66,350; Ronda Still In Lead

Total of war bonds sold through the district schools in Wilkes county doubled during the past week, according to the latest report released by W. D. Halfacre, Fourth War Loan chairman.

The total as reported showed that the schools have sold \$66,350 in bonds during the campaign.

In the contest among the districts, Ronda school still leads with a total of \$23,700, followed by Millers Creek in second place with \$10,875. The standing is as follows:

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| Ronda District: E. R. Spruill, Principal | \$22,700.00 |
| Millers Creek: B. V. Day, Principal | 10,875.00 |
| Wilkesboro District: W. T. Long, Principal | 8,900.00 |
| Moravian Falls: E. I. Ellidge, Principal | 4,275.00 |
| Mt. Pleasant: E. M. White, Principal | 6,425.00 |
| Mtn. View: R. W. Greer, Principal | 3,825.00 |
| Ferguson: O. M. Proffit, Principal | 2,000.00 |
| Mulberry: Grady Miller, Principal | 3,875.00 |
| Roaring River: G. A. Johnson, Principal | 1,775.00 |
| Benham School: Coy Durham, Principal | 1,275.00 |
| Traphill: Zeb V. Dickson, Principal | 550.00 |
| Clingman: J. R. Calloway, Principal | 100.00 |
| Lincoln Heights: J. B. Edelin, Principal | 375.00 |
| Total Sales for Combined Schools, Feb. 15 | \$66,350.00 |