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NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C., MONDAY, MAR. 6th, 1944

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Wilkes Bond Sales \$1,159,303; 'E' Bonds Over

MEMBERS OF THE NORTH WILKESBORO COMPANY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD



Capt. John L. Wells, Jr., now commanding officer of the North Wilkesboro company of the State Guard. Capt. Wells is also regimental chaplain for the State Guard.

State Guard Unit Gives Protection On Home Front

The month of March, 1944, marks the third anniversary of the writing of a new chapter in patriotism in the great history of a great State, for it was in March, 1941, three years ago, that units of the North Carolina State Guard were formed. This chapter was written by a group of unselfish men whose devotion to their country, their state and their community was proved by hard work and without thought of glory or compensation. Their only return for their voluntary efforts was the self-satisfaction of a job well done.

The importance of the North Carolina State Guard to the state at large is quickly recognized. During the present emergency, no one is in a position to predict what eventuality may present itself. Many difficulties may arise within our borders; and, in such cases, the State Guard is ready and waiting to take up its important role.

Through the Adjutant General's department, the Guard units are in close communication with the Internal Security District headquarters at Fort Bragg and are prepared for any emergency which may arise. Thus, the State Guard is the right arm of the Governor, and stands ready at his bidding to go to the support of local civil authorities whenever ordered to do so.

When the North Carolina National Guard was federalized and placed on active duty with the Army of the United States on September 16, 1940, plans were immediately launched for the formation of military units to replace the National Guard while it was in the service of the federal government.

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RATION NEWS

LARD—Now ration free.

SUGAR—Sugar stamp 30 (book four) good for five lbs. indefinitely. Sugar stamp No. 31 (book four) good for five pounds, becomes valid April 1. Sugar stamp No. 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar until February 28, 1945.

SHOES—Stamp No. 13 (book one) expires April 30. Airplane stamp No. 1 (book three) valid indefinitely. Another shoe stamp, yet to be designated, will be valid May 1.

GASOLINE—Coupons No. 9 in A book good for three gallons; becomes effective Feb. 9 and will expire May 8.

PROCESSED FOODS—Green M, T and M (Book 4) expire March 30. Blue A-8 through E-8 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens; expire May 20.

MEATS AND FATS—Brown Y and Z (Book 3) expire March 30. Red A-8, B-8, C-8 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens; expire May 20. (Red D-8, E-8 become valid March 12; expire May 20).



North Wilkesboro company of the North Carolina State Guard is shown in this picture. The company needs a number of men to fill the ranks to the desired strength and applications for membership will be accepted from men between the ages of 18 and 50. The men are identified in the above picture as follows:

Front center, left to right—1st Lt. John V. Wallace, Jr., Capt. John L. Wells, Jr., 2nd Lt. Isaac M. Eller, Jr.; color bearers, left to right—Sgt. Freeman C. Bell, Pvt. Glenn Gollier; 1st row, left to right—Pvt. Frank D. Underwood, Pvt. Max D. Byers, Pvt. Robert C. Dameron, Pvt. Ray T. Blevins, Pvt. Hilton G. Johnson, Pvt.

Tommy M. Kilby, Pvt. Angus J. Chambers, Cpl. Jake L. Michael, Cpl. Rex T. Call, Pvt. Paul L. Osborne; 2nd row, left to right—Cpl. Richard V. Parsons, Sgt. Victor B. Hayes, Pvt. Raymond A. Wallace, Pvt. Clyde D. Stone, Pvt. Aulwyn M. Kerley, Pvt. Floyd M. Jennings, Pvt. Monroe H. Billings, Pvt. Fred O. Sebastian and Sgt. Wayne W. Wilson.

County Has Good Record In Fourth War Loan Drive

"E" Bonds Over Quota By More Than \$12,000; Record Praised

Wilkes county exceeded its quota in the Fourth War Loan in a big way, the final report received by W. D. Halfacre, war loan chairman, from the Federal Reserve system today showed.

Total bond sales for the county during the Fourth War Loan was \$1,159,303.75, which exceeded the quota of \$843,000.00 by \$316,303.75.

Of special significance was the fact that the large E bond quota was substantially oversold. Sales of E bonds during the campaign totaled \$256,256.25, which topped the quota of \$244,000.00 by \$12,256.25.

Thus Wilkes gained an enviable position among the counties in the nation by substantially exceeding the total quota and the E bond quota, on which many counties failed.

Mr. Halfacre has received a letter of congratulations from C. E. Linebach, of Winston-Salem, state chairman, in which he stated that he wished to express his appreciation to the people of Wilkes for the fine record made during the campaign.

Mr. Halfacre joined with the state chairman in thanking the people of the county for the outstanding record made possible by their purchases, and he also expressed grateful appreciation to all who assisted in the sale of bonds here and throughout the county.

"Wilkes county, in the Fourth War Loan drive, has done a job which is practically lacking their boys on the fighting fronts throughout the world", Mr. Halfacre said.

\$55,092.00 Quota On War Bonds For Wilkes In March

J. R. Hix, Chairman, Urges People To Continue to "Back The Attack"

War bond quota for Wilkes county this month is \$55,092.00, J. R. Hix, war bond chairman for the county, said today.

Pointing out that the county had made an excellent record in the Fourth War Loan, including the sale of over \$256,000.00 in E bonds, Mr. Hix said that he believed that the people of the county would continue the purchase of bonds and that the county's quota for the month of March will be reached.

"Continued purchase of bonds is splendid evidence of our people backing the war effort," Mr. Hix said.

March Term Of Court Convened For Three Weeks

March term of Wilkes superior court for trial of criminal cases convened in Wilkesboro this morning.

Judge J. A. Rousseau, of this city, delivered an instructive charge to the grand jury and the business of the court got under way.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, is prosecuting the docket.

The term is scheduled for three weeks and calendar of criminal cases contains less than 100 cases. It is expected that all cases ready for trial will be disposed of during the first two weeks of the court, after which civil cases and motions may be heard.

Mrs. S. A. Rhodes Is Claimed By Death

Mrs. Nora Mildred Rhodes, age 47, wife of S. A. Rhodes, of the Hays community, died Saturday at the local hospital.

Surviving Mrs. Rhodes are her husband and the following children: Grant Rhodes, in the army; 230 Rhodes, in the navy; Gladys Rhodes, Washington, D. C.; Ruth, Nellie and Allen Rhodes, of Hays.

Funeral service was held today at Bethel church. Rev. D. C. Miller was in charge.

Your Red Cross Is At His Side---Give Liberally

Aviation Student



Aviation Student Herman W. Reeves, who entered the army in October, 1943, is now in training at Texas Tech at Lubbock, Texas. He received his basic training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and was selected for aviation cadet training. Prior to induction he held a position with the DuPont company at Martinsville, Va. His wife, the former Miss Nell Gilreath, and son, Billie, make their home with her parents, Mr and Mrs W. M. Gilreath, of North Wilkesboro route one.

Church Child Dies

Funeral service was held Saturday at Mt. Zion church for Barbara Anne Church, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Church, of North Wilkesboro. The child died Friday.

At Camp Shelby



Pvt. George (Sam) Childress, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Childress, of North Wilkesboro route two, is now stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. He was inducted into the army December 10. Before entering the service he held a position with High-Speed Cotton Mills, at High Point.

Master Of State Grange To Speak

Thursday

Harry B. Caldwell To Address Open Meeting On Thursday at Town Hall

Harry B. Caldwell, master of the North Carolina State Grange and who is becoming widely recognized as one of the leading agricultural authorities in the nation, will address an open meeting of the Grange of Wilkes county and all who wish to attend on Thursday afternoon, March 9, two o'clock, at the North Wilkesboro town hall.

J. B. Snipes, Wilkes county agent, who made announcement of the Thursday afternoon meeting, stressed that it is open to the public and that everybody interested in agricultural progress is invited and urged to be present.

Wilkes F. C. X. Meet To Be On Thursday

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wilkes FCX will be held in the town hall in this city on Thursday, March 9, at 2:00 p. m. All stockholders, and others who may be interested, are invited to be present.

It is expected that Harry B. Caldwell, state Grange master, will be present to make an address, and there will be Farmers' Cooperative Exchange officials from Raleigh present for the meeting.

Commissioners To Hold Meetings On Monday, Tuesday

Will Sit As Board of Equalization To Make Adjustment for Taxpayers

The board of county commissioners, composed of Paul J. Vestal, chairman, M. F. Absher and F. D. Forester, Jr., will meet at the courthouse on Monday and Tuesday, March 13-14, beginning at 10 a. m., to sit as a board of equalization to make adjustments for taxpayers on their valuations for the year 1944, and to transact such other business as may come before the board.

All taxpayers who feel that they have a just complaint and that their valuation for the year 1944 should be adjusted, are requested to appear before the board either next Monday or Tuesday.

Makes Appeal



REV. A. C. WAGGONER

Trivette Is Invited To National Meet

Attorney Eugene Trivette, of this city, has received invitation to attend the 48th annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science as representative of the North Carolina Bar Association.

The meeting will be held at the Benjamin Franklin hotel in Philadelphia on April 14 and 15. The theme for discussion will be "Agenda For Peace".

Now On Maneuvers



Cpl. William Jones Howies, who was recently promoted to his present rank, is now on maneuvers at Camp Campbell, Ky., after being in training at Camp Hulen, Texas. Cpl. Jones entered the army on May 19, 1942. His wife, the former Miss Inez Absher, holds a position as home worker for the Wilkes county welfare department. Cpl. Howies is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howies, of North Wilkesboro.

Chapter Chairman Makes Appeal To

People Of County

Red Cross Benefits To Men In Service Stressed By Head of Chapter

(Editor's note: The Red Cross War Fund campaign is making good progress in Wilkes, but the need for funds is great. In order that the public may know more of the benefits provided by the Red Cross, the chairman of the Wilkes chapter has written the following article.)

By Rev. A. C. WAGGONER, Chairman Wilkes County Chapter American Red Cross

The soldier of 1944 encounters more physical hardship than any soldier of history. He has to fight in the heat of the desert and in the bitter cold of the Arctic winter. He's subjected to dive bombing and strafing. He's thrown and battered against the sides of a steel tank. He fights thousands of miles from home surrounded by disease and pestilence against which he has developed little resistance. His hands are blown off by booby traps and he never knows when he'll encounter a land mine. The First World War resulted in more tragedies of shell shock than we like to think about; but today the fire power of a regiment is four times what it was in 1918. This war demands not only physical stamina, but psychological stamina. The soldier needs individual attention as surely as any airplane engine or machine gun. He should be in tip-top shape both physically and psychologically.

The individual needs of our fighting men can be neither enumerated nor classified. Perhaps a front line soldier knows that his wife has gone to the hospital for a serious operation, and he wants desperately to find out whether or not she has come safely through. Or, a soldier on leave in a foreign city, where hotel accommodations are out of the question, may be completely at loss to find a place to eat and sleep. Another may come out of battle separated from his unit, with all his equipment and even his identification papers lost, and wandering among a people whose language he cannot understand. A fighting pilot with six months or more constant service in the tropics may have lost 20 or 30 pounds and be greatly in need of rest and rehabilitation. These are only a few of the thousands of problems our soldiers and sailors are meeting every day.

There is, however, a brighter side to the story. Today the Red Cross is preparing to meet these human problems. It is doing more than it has ever done for the men in the fighting services.

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Now Major



Major E. P. ROBINSON

Major E. P. Robinson, of Fort Jackson, was recently promoted to his present rank. Major Robinson was commanding officer of the National Guard company here when the guard was mobilized in 1940. Major Robinson was here on a week-end visit with his sisters, Mrs. J. C. McDiarmid and Miss Ellen Robinson.

BERLIN TAKES A NIGHT BLOW

Eighth Air Forces Liberators with powerful fighter escort smashed German air bases at Cognac, Bergerac and other unidentified points in Southwest France yesterday after R. A. F. Mosquito bombers had raced into Germany Saturday night.

In Louisiana



Mrs. Emma Tammings Gumbill is now on maneuvers at Camp Campbell, Ky., after being in training at Camp Hulen, Texas. Mrs. Gumbill is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nanny Gumbill, of North Wilkesboro.