

Y.M.C.A. ORGANIZED IN MEETING HELD HERE

Easter Seal Sale Gets Under Way; Benefit Cripples

Funds From Sale of Decorative Seals Helps To Rehabilitate Children

Formally announcing the opening of the annual sale of Easter seals for crippled children today, A. F. Kilby, president of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club expressed his confidence that the urgent need for expansion of the organization's service would prompt the public to even greater support this year than has been given in the past.

The seal sale, which is sponsored nationally by the National Society for Crippled Children and participated in by over 2,000 county and local units, will close on Easter Sunday.

"During this week before Easter the annual sale of Easter seals calls our attention to the many problems occasioned not only by the growing up of crippled children, but to the problem of those young adults who have been injured either in battle or in the stepped-up tempo of wartime industrial life," Mr. Kilby said.

Pointing out that last year approximately 225,000 civilian workers in the United States suffered permanent physical disabilities of such a nature as to make their reemployment a special problem, Mr. Kilby said that one of the most acute wartime needs is that of readjusting disabled youth to the world in which they live so that they can become normal producing members of society.

Mr. Kilby said that the Kiwanis Club of North Wilkesboro is cooperating with all agencies, both public and private, in a program to solve the problem of rehabilitating crippled children and handicapped adults.

Mrs. G. W. Whitworth Funeral Held Friday

Funeral service was held Friday at Wilkesboro Baptist church for Mrs. Eva Lane Whitworth, age 66, wife of G. W. Whitworth, of Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Whitworth had been in ill health for several months and seriously ill for a few days. She died while on the way to the hospital in an ambulance.

Mrs. Whitworth was a daughter of the late Fayette and Evangeline Reins Lane. The only surviving members of her family are her husband and one brother, James Sydney Lane, of Wilkesboro. An infant daughter died in 1907.

Funeral service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Howard J. Ford and burial was in Oak Creek cemetery near Wilkesboro. Pall bearers were J. W. Barnett, W. M. Blackburn, Dr. G. T. Mitchell, Zeb Davis, Claude Kennedy and George Kennedy and W. E. Smith. Beautiful floral offerings were carried by friends of the family.

Miss Helen Price Assistant Agent

Miss Helen Price, home economics teacher of Ronda for the past year, has been appointed by the county commissioners as emergency food production and conservation assistant in the office of Mrs. Annie H. Greene, home demonstration agent. Miss Price will begin work with Mrs. Greene as soon as the Ronda school closes.

Miss Price has done an excellent job as teacher of home economics and director of the school lunch room, and is much appreciated and well liked by both school and home demonstration and community groups in Ronda.

Miss Price has an apartment in North Wilkesboro in the home of Mrs. J. L. Clements, and has already identified herself with social and civic life in the city.

Ovid J. Bell Rites Conducted Friday

Funeral service was held Friday at White Plains church for Ovid J. Bell, age 30, who died Wednesday. Rev. James Bryant conducted the service.

Mr. Bell is survived by his mother, Mrs. Cora Bell, of Roaring River, and the following brothers and sisters: Conrad, Louis, Tom L. and Norma Bell, Mrs. Nellie Watts and Mrs. Grace Swain; also one nephew, Billie Bell.

Now In England



Son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Mahaffey of Union Grove, Corporal Vernon Mahaffey entered service in March 1941 at Ft. Bragg. He trained in Belvoir, Virginia, Charleston, South Carolina, was sent to the Belgian Congo and has now been somewhere in England for more than two months. He is a graduate of Union Grove school. (See Now In England—page 8)

Italians Advance, Allies Drop Back

Seasoned Italian troops, fighting with the Allies to rid their homeland of Nazi tyranny, have stormed and captured a second peak northeast of Cassino in a developing flank drive through the western Apennines that apparently caught German defenses off guard, dispatches said last night.

But the Allies suffered a setback on the Anzio beachhead, losing some ground on their left flank to a German raid in force early Friday which left our forward positions untenable.

A German broadcast to the European press said that large Allied reinforcements had arrived on the beachhead in the last few days and "it is probable that major Anglo-American attacks will be resumed at any moment."

Dr. J. L. Stokes Is Speaker For Meet of Kiwanis

Support of Easter Seal Campaign For Benefit Of Crippled Is Urged

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club on Friday enjoyed an interesting meeting, which was featured by the address of Dr. J. L. Stokes, II, of Elkin.

Prior to the program Secretary T. E. Story read the attendance chairman's report to the board of directors showing a high percentage for January, February and March, and called attention to the plan to make April a 100 per cent month.

Paul Cragan spoke of the Easter Seal campaign that began Friday and urged support of all the members. President A. F. Kilby appointed the following committee to assist Mr. Cragan and C. B. Eller, who had previously been appointed to have charge of the matter: George Kennedy, L. M. Nelson, Sidney Crane, J. C. Gambill, Dr. M. G. Edwards and Rev. Howard Ford.

Paul Vestal was inducted into membership, J. B. Snipes making the presentation of the button.

Program Chairman George Kennedy asked Rev. A. O. Waggoner to introduce his speaker, Dr. J. L. Stokes, II, of Elkin.

Dr. Stokes made a fine and appealing talk on the subject, "Our Heritage Here In America." He stated five things about our heritage that should make it appealing to every one, as follows:

1. The opportunity of an education.
2. The opportunity to possess THINGS. We have so many conveniences.
3. Freedom of speech and press.
4. The heritage to work as we will.
5. The opportunity to worship.

Guests Friday were as follows: Capt. Robert W. Finley with his father, E. G. Finley; Sgt. Ralph Wood with J. G. Gambill; W. S. Beddingfield, Rev. A. C. Waggoner and Dr. J. L. Stokes, II, with George Kennedy.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Red Cross War Fund Passes The \$21,600 Mark

Good Reports From Rural Communities Swell Total in Final Days of Drive

Splendid reports from several rural communities have increased the Red Cross War Fund total for Wilkes county to \$21,682.91.

Miss Kathrin Sanford, executive secretary, said today that more than \$1,000 had been turned in since Friday afternoon and that some reports are yet to be received.

The Red Cross War fund campaign has been the most successful in the history of the county. The quota for the campaign was \$18,200. Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., is War Fund chairman.

EIGHT RAIDS STRIKE TRUK IN FOUR DAYS

Truk, the once threatened Central Pacific Japanese fortress, has been bombed at least eight times in four days in a campaign to neutralize it so American amphibious forces can press on toward the Philippines and the China coast.

Glider-borne Allied Commandos have cut the only railroad supplying the North Burma Japanese base of Myitkyna, toward which two other columns of United Nations troops are pressing.

Across the border in India Japanese soldiers trying to isolate Imphal, were on four roads leading to that British base.

Increased Nipponese activity in the Indian Ocean and the Bay of Bengal was reported by Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Pearse, British air commander in Southeast Asia, who indicated a British and Canadian air offensive would soon be started from Ceylon.

American troops pushed slowly forward on Bougainville Island in the Northern Solomons as Japanese troops drew back after a series of fatalistic attacks that cost them more than 5,000 killed during March.

Wrecks On Bridge

Chester Shew, local resident, was slightly injured Sunday evening when the automobile which he was driving wrecked on the Yarkin bridge between the Wilkesborsos.

The car struck the side of the bridge about the center and turned around on the bridge. Shew, who is alleged to have been intoxicated, ran following the accident.

In city court today he pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and driving without driver license. He was given four months sentence suspended on payment of a total of \$65 and costs.

Good Friday Service At St. Paul's Church

Good Friday will be observed in St. Paul's Episcopal church on Friday evening, April 7th, at eight o'clock, when the Rev. B. M. Lackey will conduct the service and preach. Immediately after this service the choir will practice the Easter music which will be rendered at the sunrise service on Easter morning at 6:45.

Nazis Report Action About City Of Iasi

The Red Army has smashed across the Prut River into Rumania at several points in the first Russian invasion of Axis territory, Moscow announced last night, and a German broadcast early today located the fighting near Iasi, just rail junction 190 miles northeast of the Rumanian capital, Bucharest.

Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov announced the invasion of Rumania, which he said was dictated by military necessity and not with the aim of seizing "any part of Rumanian territory" or "destroying the existing social order" of the Axis ally.

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Now Overseas



Pfc. Charlie M. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hall, of Hays, entered the army in May, 1942, and went overseas in May, 1943, after receiving training in several army camps.



OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS

Petty Officer Joe Hunt Home Over Week-End
Second-Class Petty Officer Joe Hunt returned today to Virginia Beach where he is a member of the naval air corps after spending the week-end in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Hunt.

Harold Parks Visits Home
Harold Parks, roeman 2-c, spent last week-end with his mother, Mrs. F. L. Parks, and other relatives at Roanoke, Va., where he is stationed, Monday.

St. Sgt. Marvin Pierce Now In England

Mrs. J. E. Pierce, of Reddies River, received a letter from her son, St. Sgt. Marvin Pierce, that he arrived safely in England. He said in his letter: "I think I will like it fine, but not like old Wilkes. Mother, tell all my friends back there 'hello' for me and write to me."

R. A. Blevins Promoted

R. A. Blevins, seaman 1-c (g. m.), who entered the service September 9, 1943, has just been promoted to his present rating. He has completed a course in ordnance at Coast Guard Gunner's Mate school in St. Augustine, Fla. After spending a two-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Blevins, of Hays, he went to Gulfport, Miss., to take up his new duties.

Sgt. Noah James Is Promoted

Somewhere In The South Pacific—Marine Platoon Sergeant Noah James, of Wilkesboro, N. C., has been promoted to that rank from sergeant. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Wint B. James, of Wilkesboro, he is a veteran of Tulagi, Florida, Guadalcanal and New Georgia Islands campaigns.

Pvt. Claude J. Miller Visiting Parents

Pvt. Claude J. Miller will return to Camp Meade, Md., Wednesday after a visit in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Miller. Pvt. Miller has been stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Pfc. Jane Allen Home

Pfc. Jane Allen, who is stationed with WAC forces at Camp Wolters, Texas, is spending several days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allen. Pfc. Allen will return Friday.

Cpl. Rex M. Handy Is Aerial Gunner

Cpl. Rex Monte Handy, of North Wilkesboro, husband of Mrs. Della W. Handy, of Route one, Banner Elk, was graduated last week from the Army Air Forces Flexible Gunnery school, Laredo Army Air Field, Laredo, Texas, as a member of the AAF Training Command. He is now qualified to take his place as a member of a bomber combat crew. Along with his diploma, he received a pair of aerial gunner's silver wings and a promotion in grade at brief graduation exercises held there.

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EASTER SEAL CAMPAIGN ON

The last hundred years have seen many weapons forged for use in the fight against crippling, but it is a paradox that we seldom think of them or their discoverers except in the presence of their failure. Surrounded by healthy and happy children, we have no thought of those toilers of the laboratory to whom quite possibly we owe the strength and well-being of our own children, and we are reminded of the great "microbe hunters" only when we see some unfortunate child deformed by a preventable disease.

In overcoming this paradox, the Easter seal for crippled children fulfills a useful function. It turns our thoughts not only to the crippled children who are with us, but also reminds us of the debt of gratitude we owe many men, living and dead, for having created the means of preventing the crippling of hundreds of others who pass us on the street every day.

The fight against crippling is part and parcel of the eternal quest for truth; and though it may be interrupted temporarily when certain social forces get out of hand, the desire for truth is the one solid line we can hang on to when the gales of war blow loud-est. We cannot abandon the fight against crippling simply because a few madmen have plunged the world into a bout with one of the greatest cripples of them all. Perhaps some day a social pathologist, profiting by the scientists' example, will find a way to immunize the world against the virus of war.

The appearance of the Easter seal for crippled children is a happy reminder that there are certain constant human values and that there is a continuity of human desire to strive toward the light. We cannot all be heroes, either of the laboratory or the clinic or the battlefield, but most of us can afford to put Easter seals on our letters, and in this way make a very real contribution to the welfare of the community and state.



RATION NEWS

SHOES — Stamp No. 18 (book one) expires April 30. Airplane stamp No. 1 (book three) valid indefinitely. Another shoe stamp, yet to be designated, will become valid May 1.

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

SUGAR — Sugar stamp No. 30 (Book 4) good for five lbs. indefinitely. Sugar stamp No. 31 (Book 4) good for five pounds indefinitely, becomes valid April 1.

CANNING SUGAR — Sugar stamp No. 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar until February 28, 1945. A maximum of 20-pounds per person will be granted on application to local boards.

PROCESSED FOODS — Blue stamps in book 4, A3 through K8 now valid at ten points each. Do not expire.

MEATS, fats and oils, canned fish, dairy products—Red stamps in book 4, A8 through J8 now valid. Others become valid on the following dates: K8, L8, M8, April 9; N8, P8, Q8, April 23. These stamps good for 10 points each, do not expire.

EXPIRED STAMPS — The following food stamps have expired in the hands of consumers. They must be used by the trade within the time indicated below: Brown Stamps (Ration Book 3) V, W, X cannot be used without Ration Bank Account after March 27, and may not be deposited to Ration Bank Account after April 6, 1944. Green Stamps K, L, M cannot be used without Ration Bank Account after April 20, and may not be deposited to Ration Bank Account after June 30, 1944.

Huffman Child Dies

Funeral service was held at Parsonsville Friday for the infant daughter of Fred and Eva Spears Huffman of that community. The child died Thursday. Surviving are the father and mother, two brothers and two sisters.

Money can fight, buy bonds.

Board Directors Elected Sunday In Citizens' Meeting

Much Interest Shown As Large Crowd Gathers To Launch YMCA Move

Young Men's Christian Association for the Wilkesborsos and all Wilkes county was organized in a mass meeting of interested citizens and young people Sunday afternoon at the North Wilkesboro town hall.

With a large crowd present, a unanimous standing vote evidenced the decision of the assembly to organize a Y. M. C. A. and a board of directors with 24 members was elected as follows: Dr. F. C. Hubbard, R. G. Finley, J. B. Carter, Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, Jack Swoford, Paul Osborne, W. K. Sturdivant, Carl E. VanDeman, Jimmie Anderson, Boyd Stout, A. F. Kilby, Robert S. Gibbs, Ed Gardner, Vernon Deal, Bill Absher, J. R. Hix, P. W. Eselman, J. B. Williams, Eugene Trivette, J. B. McCoy, W. D. Halfacre, Mrs. Margaret Coffey, Mrs. Palmer Horton, and Mrs. R. T. McNeil.

The board of directors plans a meeting at an early date, at which time application will be made for a charter.

Courtroom of the town hall was practically filled with representative citizens and young people of North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro and a few rural communities were represented. It was evident that much interest in organization of a Y. M. C. A. for North Wilkesboro is prevalent.

Dr. F. C. Hubbard was chairman of the meeting, which was opened with prayer by Rev. Howard J. Ford.

"Why I'm Glad We Have a Y. M. C. A." was the topic ably discussed by two young people from Elkin and Jonesville. Miss Marilyn Maxwell, of Jonesville, and Ketchel Adams, of Elkin, told very impressively of the value of the Y. M. C. A. in Elkin to the boys and girls of that community.

Next on the program were talks by Bill Gabriel, of this city, and Miss Mary Gage Barber, of Wilkesboro. They discussed the question: "What do Wilkes young people need and want?" In a sincere manner they expressed a desire that the people provide this community with a Y. M. C. A.

Carl E. VanDeman presented to John Gambill Gibbs a prize of \$5 given by the Boys and Girls Work Committee of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club for the best suggestion about a Y. M. C. A. program for North Wilkesboro. The letter was read before the assembly.

Rev. A. C. Waggoner presented T. C. McKnight, secretary of the Elkin Y. M. C. A., who delivered an inspiring message and urged the people of this community to formulate a program which will fit the needs of the community. He asked that a survey be made of the resources and needs and that the Y. M. C. A. program be planned accordingly. Following his address he answered a number of questions relative to problems to be overcome in maintaining and operating a Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Hubbard explained what had been done locally in the movement for a Y. M. C. A. and stated that the next order of business was election of a board of directors.

J. B. Williams nominated the members of the board of directors, with exception of his own name, which was added by a later motion. Mr. Williams stated that he considered it a great honor to nominate members of the group, which he said was probably the most important organization ever set up in the county.

Short talks in behalf of the Y. M. C. A. movement were made by Judge Johnson J. Hayes, Eugene Trivette, J. R. Hix, Judge J. A. Rousseau, Mayor R. T. McNeil, Paul S. Cragan and Wm. T. Long.

E. C. Allen Funeral Conducted Sunday

Funeral service was held Sunday at Elk Creek Baptist church for Edmond Columbus Allen, age 87, citizen of the Ferguson community who died Friday at the Wilkes hospital. Rev. Ed Hodges conducted the funeral service.

Mr. Allen is survived by the following sons and daughters: J. W. Allen, Long Island, N. Y.; Mrs. M. M. Morris, Seattle, Washington; H. G. Allen and O. H. Allen, Ferguson; Mrs. Effie Watts, Ferguson; Mrs. A. A. Greene, Deep Gap.

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