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Waggoner Again Heads Red Cross In Wilkes County

Annual Meeting of Chapter
Held At Town Hall
On Thursday

Rev. A. C. Waggoner was re-elected chairman of the Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross in the annual meeting of the chapter held Thursday afternoon in the town hall.

Splendid reports were rendered at the meeting for all divisions of the chapter, showing that numerous activities were carried out during the busiest year in the chapter's history.

The complete list of officers for the ensuing year as elected Thursday follows: Rev. A. C. Waggoner, chairman; Rev. Howard Ford, vice chairman; W. C. Starr, secretary; W. W. Starr, treasurer; J. B. McCoy, Paul S. O'Grady, P. W. Eshelman, W. D. Halfacre and Walter Morrison, executive committee at large.

The committee chairmen were named as follows: A. F. Kilby, home service; R. M. Brame, Jr., first aid; Miss Margie Gabriel, disaster relief; H. F. Bouknight, life saving; Mrs. Annie H. Greene, nutrition; Mrs. Mayme Yates Miller, junior Red Cross; Mrs. R. G. Finley, camp and hospital council; Mrs. Ira Payne, home nursing; Mrs. Hadley Hayes, publicity; Mrs. H. B. Smith, volunteer special service. War fund chairman will be appointed later.

Reports were given at the meeting as follows:

W. W. Starr, treasurer, gave the financial report of the chapter for the year.

A. F. Kilby, home service chairman, reported that 1,346 families of service men had been served in various capacities by the chapter.

H. F. Bouknight, first aid chairman, reported that 26 standard and 36 junior first aid certificates had been granted during the year upon completion of prescribed courses.

C. B. Miller, county superintendent of schools, reported that first aid cabinets in the schools of the county were in need of re-fills, which would cost approximately \$150.

Miss Nonie Gordon, Junior Red Cross chairman, stated that 7,234 school children had contributed \$382.80 through the junior Red Cross.

Mrs. Ira Payne, home nursing (See Red Cross—page eight)

Major Robinson Is Retired From Duty In Army

Fort Jackson, S. C.—Major Edmund P. Robinson of North Wilkesboro, N. C., retired from active duty with the army as of April 15, it was announced at Fort Jackson.

A review of Fort Jackson Station Complement troops honoring Maj. Robinson and three other officers stationed at Fort Jackson, was held on Friday, April 14.

The Post Commander, Brig. Gen. Duncan G. Richart, and his staff received the review.

A National Guard officer and veteran of War 1, Maj. Robinson was called to active duty with the 105th Engineers of the 30th Division in September, 1940. He has filled several assignments with the Station Complement, Fort Jackson, and is at present Post Billeting Officer.

Major Robinson's home is in North Wilkesboro, N. C.

RATION NEWS

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 become valid May 1.

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

SUGAR — Sugar stamps No. 30 and No. 31 (book 4) good for five pounds indefinitely.

CANNING SUGAR — Sugar stamp No. 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar until February 28, 1945.

PROCESSED FOODS — Blue A8 through K8 (book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens. Good indefinitely.

MEATS AND FATS — Red A3 through M8 (book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens. Good indefinitely. Red stamps N8, P8, and Q8 become valid April 28.

From Ascension



Charles Hudson, technician fifth grade, has been spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hudson, after serving two years overseas. He was a member of an engineers contingent who constructed an air field on lonely Ascension Island in the South Atlantic between South America and Africa. There U. S. forces did what British engineers had previously declared was impossible. They cut a plane runway out of solid volcanic rock, which the tiny island consists of, and the island is now a stopping place on the transatlantic route for planes. The island has less than 100 inhabitants and no vegetation.

JAPS TAKE HARD JABS BY AIR FORCE

American air raiders struck at both ends of the 3,000-mile Pacific front, carrying their raids against the Northern Kurile Islands into the fifth straight day and renewing their attacks on equatorial Nauru after a month's lull.

Simultaneously, Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten moved his Southeast Asia headquarters from New Delhi to Ceylon, indicating the long-expected amphibious actions directly at Singapore may be drawing near, despite the Japanese penetration of India.

In the Pacific air action reported by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz yesterday, the heaviest blow was struck at Ponape, Eastern bulwark of Truk and other Caroline Island fortresses.

Banks Will Close Wednesday at One

Both banks here, The Bank of North Wilkesboro and the North-western Bank, will close at one p. m. on Wednesday.

Beginning this week, the banks and 36 local stores will close at one o'clock each Wednesday.

Crest Stores Will Close Wednesday Afternoons At 1

Crest Stores, with 35 other local firms, will begin observing the Wednesday half-holiday closing on Wednesday of this week.

Crest Stores firm was among the original group agreeing to the Wednesday afternoon closing and should have been included in the list as published Thursday.

Bond Buyer



Lenna Sue Blackburn, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Blackburn, of Cricket, recently purchased a \$50 war bond with her own savings and has started saving for another. Lenna Sue denied herself the usual spending of a girl her age in order to save her money and aid the war effort.

AFTER SHOULDER IS SHATTERED ON BATTLEFRONT, PVT. WHEATLEY HELPS VITAL WAR WORK IN STATES

Pvt. Clifton Wheatley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Wheatley, of Hays, is a member of a trio of three veterans disabled by wounds received in North Africa and Italy who are touring turpentine camps in Florida to boost production of this vital war material. Pvt. Wheatley has a shoulder shattered by shrapnel. The other two members of the trio are a sergeant who lost a leg and a corporal with a shattered leg requiring a brace. They lecture to turpentine camp workers and their families, telling graphic stories of the horrors of war and stressing the vital need for increased production from the woods workers. Although out of the war because of disability from wounds, they are volunteering their services to a vital part of the home front war effort.



Cherry Manager



John E. Walker, North Wilkesboro's popular police chief, is campaign manager for Major R. Gregg Cherry, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor. Chief Walker states that an active campaign in behalf of Major Cherry's candidacy is planned prior to the primary on May 27.

Lonnie McGrady Drowns In Spring Thursday Night

Traphill Man Victim of Accidental Drowning While Drunk, Coroner Says

Lonnie McGrady, age 44, drowned Thursday night in the spring near his home in Traphill township, Wilkes County. Coroner I. M. Myers said following investigation of his death.

On the basis of information gained from Mrs. McGrady, Coroner Myers decided that McGrady died of accidental drowning while in an intoxicated condition.

According to the facts as related to Coroner Myers by Mrs. McGrady, Mr. McGrady left his house Thursday evening, saying that he was going up on the ridge to watch for some people whom he suspected were going to do him harm. He was in an intoxicated condition, she said.

Early Friday morning Mrs. McGrady found her husband's dead body in the spring. Coroner Myers said that the position of the body indicated that he had fallen into the spring and his head was between the stones in the back of the spring.

McGrady is survived by his wife, one son, Jay Conway McGrady, and two brothers, M. D. and J. S. McGrady, of Joyces.

Funeral service was held Sunday at old Roaring River church near Traphill.

SEVASTOPOL'S FALL IS SEEN WITHIN HOURS

Russian forces, capturing Axis troops at the rate of 3,000 a day, toppled the South Crimean stronghold of Yalta and 40 other villages yesterday as they closed in swiftly from the southeast of Sevastopol, where thousands of Germans and Rumanians trying to escape to sea were being blasted by Soviet bombers, Moscow announced early today.

Sevastopol's fall was expected shortly as Russian artillery mounted three and one-half miles north of the city pumped shells into the scarred city.

Hort Doughton Co-Chairman For Dr. McDonald

Raleigh.—Appointment of Horton Doughton, of Sparta and Statesville, as western co-chairman of the McDonald-for-governor advisory committee was announced by E. D. Broadhurst, state campaign manager for Dr. Ralph McDonald.

Doughton, son of Rep. R. L. (Bob) Doughton, of the ninth district, is a farmer and businessman. He is president of the North Carolina Hereford Cattle Breeder's association and a member of the state board of conservation and development.

In accepting the appointment, Doughton said he believed North Carolina Democrats "will recognize and reward Dr. McDonald, who, eight years ago, was the choice of 214,000 Democrats for nomination for governor."

W. L. Lumpkin, of Louisville, manager of McDonald's 1936 campaign for governor, is chairman of the advisory committee, and Charles G. Rose, of Fayetteville, former moderator of the Presbyterian church in the United States, is co-chairman. R. N. Stimmis, Sr., a Raleigh attorney, is eastern chairman.

Singing April 30 Elk Creek Church

Next session of the Southside Singing association will be held with Elk Creek Baptist church near Ferguson on April 30th.

Attorney F. J. McDuffie, chairman, announced that the singing will open at 10:30 a. m. All are asked to carry basket dinner for the picnic-style dinner to be served at noon. All singers are invited to attend and take part in the day's program.

Money can fight, buy bonds.

Aviation Cadet



Aviation Cadet Mack T. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. McT. Miller, of this city, has reported at Carlisle, New Mexico, Army Air Field, where he will receive advanced flight training in high-level bombardiering and dead-reckoning navigation. The Carlisle Air Field is the newest bombardier school in the Army Air Forces Training Command. During the 18 weeks training course Cadet Miller will study bombardiering and dead-reckoning combat conditions. On graduation he will be awarded his silver bombardier's wings and will be ready for active duty as an officer in the Army Air Forces. He is a former student of the N. C. State College.

Candidates File; No Primary Contests For County Offices

FIRST BAPTIST ANNUAL REVIVAL MEETING WILL BEGIN HERE ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 19TH

The annual series of evangelistic services at the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro will begin on Wednesday evening of this week at 8:00 o'clock, with Dr. J. W. Kincheloe, Sr., of Rocky Mount, as the guest preacher for the services. The visiting minister is well known in this community, having preached here in a similar series several years ago. Dr. Kincheloe came to this state about 26 years ago from a pastorate in Richmond, Virginia, and during his ministry at the First Baptist church in Rocky Mount the church membership has increased from four hundred to about two thousand.

Rev. Earl Robinson, of Saint Pauls, who is to lead the singing during the meeting, has assisted with the music in numerous meetings in this and other states, and has appeared frequently on programs of religious summer assemblies. He was formerly assistant pastor of the Third Baptist church in Owensboro, Ky., and since coming to this state has had a very successful pastorate at Saint Pauls. Mrs. Robinson will accompany him on the visit to North Wilkesboro.

For the past two years the First Baptist church has held its annual meeting in April. Last year, Dr. Paul Caudill was the guest preacher. The previous year Dr. H. F. Jones was the preacher for the meeting.

The services will begin this Wednesday evening, April 19, and continue through Friday, April 21. Services will be held each evening, except Saturday, at 8:00 o'clock. There will be two services on Sunday, April 23.

A feature of the meeting will be the congregational singing of many of the best-loved gospel songs and hymns. Special music during the meeting will be presented by Mr. Robinson and the choir. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend the series of services and share the congregational fellowship.

C. H. Hulcher Is Assaulted By A Robber Sunday

Merchant Struck on Head By Iron Pipe; Tommie Elisha Laws Is Arrested

C. H. Hulcher was knocked unconscious Sunday morning at he entered Miller-Pharr company, feed store which he operates in this city.

Tommie Elisha Laws, of this city, was arrested a short time later and confessed to having assaulted Mr. Hulcher.

Mr. Hulcher entered the establishment about 10 a. m. Shortly after going into the building, which is located on Tenth street, he was hit on the head with a piece of iron pipe in the hands of a man who had crouched behind some bags of feed. He was unconscious for some time.

When police entered the building they found a hat which was identified as having belonged to Laws, a former employee of Mr. Hulcher. They found Laws at his home and he confessed to having entered the building and to striking Mr. Hulcher.

In city court today bond was set as \$5,500 and Laws is in jail in default of bond. Mr. Hulcher is recovering.

Laws was convicted in a recent term of Wilkes court on the charge of entering the Miller-Pharr store and stealing several cases of eggs. He was given a sentence of 18 months on the roads, which was suspended.

Police said that Laws entered the Miller-Pharr store through a second story window over an adjoining building, the same route he used to get into the store when the eggs were taken a few months ago.



DR. JOHN W. KINCHELOE, SR.

Many Awards For Court Of Honor Meeting Thursday

Several Boys Advanced In Rank; Many Merit Badge Requirements Met

Several Scouts will be advanced and many merit badges will be awarded at the Boy Scout court of honor and review meeting to be held Thursday evening, 7:30, in the religious education building of the Presbyterian church.

Continued interest in Boy Scout work is being shown by Scouts and adults who are promoting Scouting in the Wilkes district. All are invited to the court of honor meeting.

Scouts who will be advanced to second class are Jimmie Canter, Jesse Faw, Ray Max Baugus, R. G. Vannoy, Jr., Reginald Canter, Verlon McNeill, John A. Johnson and Charlie Pierce. Scouts advanced to star rank are Dick and Gene McNeil, and Thurman C. Plexico. Buddy McGinnis has reached life Scout rank.

The following merit badges will be awarded: Dick McNeil, handicraft; Phil Mitchell, pathfinding, reading and civics; Thurman C. Plexico, Lewis Mann Nelson, Jr., and Julius Rousseau, Jr., civics; Dudley Moore, reading.

Scout Camporee April 29-30 At Camp Mulberry

Full Program of Events For Wilkes District Camporee Are Announced Here

The regular Wilkes District Boy Scout Camporee will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 29th and 30th, at Camp Mulberry, which is located about 2 1/2 miles down the river from North Wilkesboro. Any permanent patrol of any troop in the district may enter by presenting entry blanks to the dis- (See Camporee—page eight).

Now In Georgia



Troy C. Foster and H. H. Beshears For Register of Deeds

Vestal, Broyhill, Tomlinson, Sidden, Absher, For Commissioners

There will be no primary contest for nomination to any county or township offices in Wilkes county.

As filing time closed Saturday evening, all candidates who filed were unopposed for nomination in both parties.

Office of register of deeds will have a new occupant after the November election. C. C. Sidden, present register of deeds, did not file for re-election to that office but did file as the Republican candidate for commissioner in district number 1.

Troy C. Foster, of Wilkesboro, is the Republican candidate for register of deeds and H. H. Beshears, of Walsh, is the Democratic candidate.

Representative T. E. Story is a candidate for re-election to the house of representatives on the Republican ticket and his Democratic opponent in the election will be C. C. Faw, a local insurance executive.

W. B. Somers, of Wilkesboro, a former Wilkes sheriff, is the Republican candidate for state senate of the 24th district, composed of Wilkes, Davie and Yadkin counties. Dr. Brannon, of Yadkin county, is the Democratic nominee, according to information received here today.

Paul J. Vestal, of Moravian Falls, chairman of the board of county commissioners, filed for re-election on the Democratic ticket in district number 2. J. J. Broyhill, of Boomer, is the Republican candidate in district number 2.

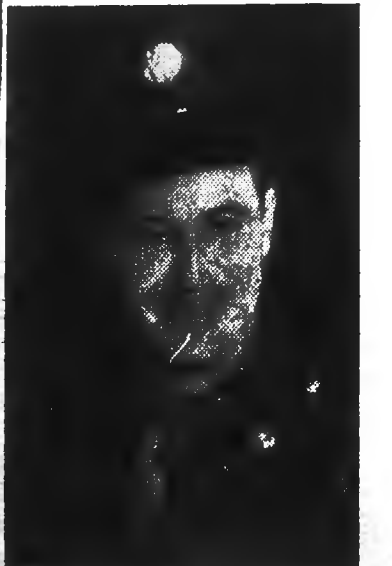
In district number one the candidates for commissioner are William S. Tomlinson, Democrat, and C. C. Sidden, Republican. F. D. Forester, Democrat, present member of the board from district 1, did not file for re-election.

M. F. Absher, filed for re-election as commissioner in district number 3. He will be unopposed as no Democratic candidate filed. Wilkes will have a new county surveyor. T. G. Casey, of Cycle, filed for that office on the Republican ticket and has no Democratic opponent. Earl S. Caudill, present surveyor, was not a candidate for re-election.

Those filing for offices of justice of the peace, all Republicans, were as follows: W. H. Sebastian, Mulberry; J. W. Robbins, Somers; Jesse L. Shepherd, Union; A. A. Triplett, Wilkesboro.

Eight candidates filed for township constable offices. B. P. Estes filed for re-election as constable in North Wilkesboro township on the Democratic ticket and has no opposition. Candidates who filed in other townships, all Republicans, were: Boss Blackburn, Edwards; G. W. Triplett, Elk; W. C. Beshears, Jobs Cabin; Coy Eiler, Lewis Fork; Chal Ellis, Mulberry; J. R. Owens, Union; Lawson Curry, Wilkesboro.

Now In England



Pfc. John W. Hinchler is getting along all right in England, according to a letter received by his sister, Mrs. Spain Adams. Pfc. Hinchler entered the army December 21, 1942, and landed in England a year later. Pfc. Hinchler is the uncle of Pfc. Council M. Adams, who is shown at left.