

# PEOPLE UNITED ON FLOOD CONTROL EFFORTS

## SENATE BILL LOOKS LIKE EFFORT TO GET STATE TO PAY LENTZ AND SCOTT TRIAL EXPENSES IN COURT

### Measure Would Reimburse Officers For "Unjust" Prosecution In Courts

Many people in Wilkes are expressing more than usual interest about Senate bill number 70, which was introduced in the senate by Senator J. Hampton Price, of Rockingham, and referred to Judiciary committee number 1, of which Senator Price is chairman. The bill is entitled "An act to authorize the governor and council of state to reimburse any state officer or employee for legal expenses reasonably incurred in defending himself against unjust prosecutions growing out of the performance of his public duty". Section 1 of the bill is concluded with the statement that "The provisions of this act shall be effective as to any such reasonable expenses incurred by any such officer after July 1, 1943".

Because of the retroactive provisions, and published reports over a year ago, Wilkes observers see in the bill an attempt to make it lawful for the state to pay trial costs of W. B. Lentz, state highway patrol lieutenant, and Guy Scott, investigator for the State Bureau of Investigation, who were tried and acquitted of charges of larceny of 60 or more cases of expensive liquor when more than 600 cases were seized from the premises of Phil Yates near Purluar in the summer of 1943.

Lentz and Scott were tried in a special term in September, 1943, before Judge R. Hunt Parker, who freed them on a directed verdict after the state had failed to produce sufficient evidence for the jury to get to the jury. Yates, who was to have been principal witness for the state in the trial of Lentz and Scott, failed to show up at the trial and was not located. What many people in Wilkes have wanted to know but have never learned is what went with over 60 cases of expensive liquor which Yates said he had on hand over and above the number of cases hauled to Wilkesboro by the state highway patrol officers and SBI men.

Text of Senate Bill number 70, which is being considered with more than casual interest here, follows: A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the governor and council of state to reimburse any state officer or employee for legal expenses reasonably incurred in defending himself against unjust prosecutions growing out of the performance of his public duties. Whereas, at the last meeting of (See Senate Bill—page 5)

## SERVICE MEN PRAISE WORK OF AMERICAN RED CROSS ABROAD

Work of the American Red Cross with service men in all parts of the world is highly praised in letters home. Read what Sgt. Luther Saylor has to say in a letter to Rev. Howard J. Ford, Baptist minister in Wilkesboro: "I enjoyed your very welcome letter this afternoon, and let me express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for writing me. "You ask what the Red Cross is doing here. Naturally, there is a vast difference in their work with the army and with the outside, but I will attempt to tell you. "You see our organization transports all patients who return from the Pacific area. We transport them from Letterman General Hospital to hospitals closest to their homes. That is whenever it is possible. Naturally it is a very tiring and monotonous trip. There's when the Red Cross comes in. On each hospital train that leaves San Francisco there is a member of the Red Cross on it with different varieties of games, cigarettes, musical instruments, phonographs, etc., anything that might ease the discomfort of the patient. "Then too, at most big cities they serve doughnuts and coffee, where we stop for a few minutes, etc. They buy newspapers, magazines and other reading material for their convenience. "Here at the Presidio they are also on hand. For instance, a couple of days ago, two hospital ships docked, in fact, on Christmas day. They brought the patients here on buses. The Red Cross met them with small gifts, a sweater and other trivial things, but things that mean so much to a fellow just returned from overseas. "Then too, they make necessary monetary loans to fellows who for some reason or other hasn't received his pay in a couple of months. They advise of housing situation in the city, etc. In my estimation, any Red Cross chapter which is organized solely for the benefit and convenience of the needy, is undoubtedly a most worthwhile organization. "Also let me relate a little incident told to me by a patient who just recently returned from the Southwest Pacific. He had been badly wounded on some small, Jap-infested island—wounded so badly that it was necessary to take 32 stitches across his abdomen. When he awoke from the ether, the nurse told him, "We thought you were agoner, Johnny. If it hadn't been for blood plasma, you would of been". That is more important, I think, than anything a civilian or service man can do—give a pint of blood—it isn't much to you, but it may mean the very life of your brother, your husband, your father or your sweetheart". And here is a paragraph from a letter by Ensign Owen E. Duncan to Rev. A. C. Waggoner, chairman of the Wilkes chapter of the Red Cross: "It should not be difficult for (See Service Men—page 8)

## Scouts Supper Is Planned Here Friday, Feb. 9th

### Scouts and Dads To Banquet On Anniversary Of Boy Scouting; Other Events

Scouts and Scouters Supperes. Yes sir! We have camporees to camp, why can't we have supperes to sup? All Scouters, Scouts and their dads are invited to a hot dog feast to be held at the North Wilkesboro American Legion hut on Friday evening Feb. 9, 6:30, to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Along with the eats and fun will be a few serious moments to emphasize the importance of Scouting in the American way of life.

The Wilkes District Boy Scouts of America will be the hosts and there will be no admission charge. The arrangements for the Supper are in charge of the Camping and Activities committee, Bill Absher, chairman, John Leyshon, Jack Swofford and John E. Justice, Jr.

Each Scoutmaster in the district is asked to contact each member of his troop committee and every Scout in his troop and make it plain that the Scouts' dads are invited. The Scoutmasters are asked to notify any one of the above mentioned names of the number in their troop who will attend.

Mr. Lewis Nelson, chairman of the committee on advancements will preside and will be assisted by Mr. Gordon Finley, district commissioner, in directing the activities. Each troop is expected to put on a stunt within the time limit of five minutes.

In connection with the celebration of anniversary week several troops are going to decorate with various phases of Scouting. To date four windows have been assigned: Troop No. 36 will use Marlow's Men's Shop window; Troop No. 35, Belk's; Troop No. 90, Duke Power Co.; Troop No. 95, Insurance Service and Credit Corporation. Mr. Bill Absher states that an attractive prize will be awarded to the unit with the best dressed window.

Eight troops are now active in the district and too much credit cannot be given the Scoutmasters for the fine, unselfish work they are doing. These Scoutmasters, their troop members and the sponsor institutions are as follows: Carl Bullis, No. 32, Wilkesboro Baptist church; Harvel Howell, 35, North Wilkesboro Baptist and Methodist churches, Boyd Stout, No. 36, North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church; Dewey Minton, 70, Knights of Pythias Lodge; Gorman Johnson, 83, Roaring River Community club; Joe Johnson, No. 90; North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club; P. W. Grier, No. 95, Mountain View school; R. V. Day, No. 99, Millers Creek school.

## OLONGAPO NAVAL BASE IS CAPTURED

Eighth Army troops secured Subic Bay, including Olongapo naval base, Tuesday without opposition, and the U. S. Seventh Fleet then entered the bay while to the east the Sixth Army seized Calumpit and crossed the Pampana River, 28 road miles from Manila.

Fleet entrance into the good anchorage and repair base on the fringes of Manila Bay followed unimpeded occupation of Grande Island, Subic's "Little Corregidor".

American guns which were defending Grande Island when it fell to the Japanese in 1942 were recaptured. Olongapo was dotted with dugouts and pillboxes—all abandoned.

## Sexton Child Dies

Funeral service was held today at Austin Baptist church for Rayburn Charles Sexton, five-year-old son of Charles and Mae Lyons Sexton. The child died Tuesday. Surviving are the father and mother, one sister, Doris Anne Sexton, and one brother, William Sexton. Rev. Charlie Miles conducted the funeral service.

## In Rhode Island



Fireman First Class Thomas Mack Brock, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brock, of Pores Knob, husband of the former Miss Agnes Craven, of North Wilkesboro, is now in Newport, Rhode Island. He received his boot training at Camp Peary, Virginia, and completed further training at Gulfport, Mississippi, and New York City.

"I call upon the millions of victory gardeners who have done so much to swell the nation's food supply in these war years to continue their good work", President Roosevelt says.

## POLIO FUND HALF RAISED; DATE CLOSING MOVED TO FEBRUARY 15 TO GIVE ALL CHANCE TO GIVE

Approximately \$3,000 Given; Extra Effort Expected To Reach \$6,250 Goal

With approximately one-half of the county's quota of \$6,250 contributed, it was announced today that the polio campaign has been extended in Wilkes county until February 14.

Sam Ogilvie, Wilkes chairman of the Infantile Paralysis campaign, stated that the postponement of the closing date was in accordance with advice received from Dr. Ralph McDonald, state chairman, asking that the campaign be extended because weather conditions during the early part of the campaign made it impossible for all the people to be contacted during the allotted time.

The response in Wilkes has been good so far, Mr. Ogilvie said, but explained that much work remains to be done if the county's goal is reached.

Substantial amounts have been raised by various means. These include solicitation from business firms and individuals, contributions gathered by rural chairmen and school children, March of Dimes sponsored by Lions Clubs, and the President's ball held on Friday night, at which time a substantial amount was raised. Several schools are carrying out public entertainment programs for the benefit of the fund and theatres here have been active in taking contributions.

Mr. Ogilvie today urged all workers to make a thorough canvass in view of the fact that the fund is only half completed at the present time, and to take whatever time is necessary between now and February 15 to give all the people an opportunity to contribute. Again Mr. Ogilvie reminded the people that the National Foundation during the past year spent approximately \$36,000 for care and treatment of the 37 cases from Wilkes during the 1944 epidemic, and that the Foundation must have ample funds to continue its fight against the disease which annually cripples so many children.

## Gordon Church Gives \$50.00 to Polio Fund

Gordon Baptist church, which has liberally supported many worthy causes, contributed \$50 to the polio fund last Sunday. Rev. Ralph Miller, pastor, stated that it was the desire of the church that the money be used for the patients which have been treated at Hickory and have been transferred to the polio department of Charlotte Memorial hospital.

Buy More Bonds!

## If Date Is 2-45 Pay Your Subscription And Stay On List

Due to the fact that it was impossible to revise the mailing list this week, Journal-Patriot subscribers whose labels bear the date of 2-45 (February 1, 1945) have through the remainder of this week to renew their subscriptions without missing any issues of the paper.

If the pink label on your paper has the date of 2-45, won't you please bring, mail or send your renewal now in order that you may continue to receive the Journal-Patriot. War time restrictions do not allow carrying past due subscriptions on the mailing list.

Those who are sending The Journal-Patriot to service men are urgently requested to renew subscriptions before they expire. It is impossible to notify parents and friends of expiration dates on subscriptions which they are paying. Considerable delay may result in reinstating subscriptions which have expired and have been removed from the list. It is our aim to get The Journal-Patriot to service men who have requested it, and to that end we urgently ask relatives who are paying the subscriptions to cooperate by renewing before the expiration date.

## THREE-COUNTY COMMITTEE ASKS FLOOD CONTROL DAMS, NATIONAL PARK ON THE YADKIN WATERSHED

### Used Pianos Now Under Ceilings

A. R. Henderson, in charge of the retail price division of the local rationing board, announces that ceiling prices have been fixed for used pianos. Those desiring information relative to the prices are asked to call at the rationing board office.

## RED ARMY'S ADVANCE IS UNCHECKED

The Red Army, dashing unchecked across the frozen approaches to Berlin, was 63 miles from the Nazi capital by its own account today and a scanty 45 according to the alarmed German radio.

The Soviet communique late last night announced the capture of Beyerdsdorf. This represented a 10-mile advance in 24 hours for Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian Army, which took the big communications center of Landsberg in passing.

One report from the German radio placed Marshal Zhukov's men north of Frankfurt-on-the-Oder in the Oder River valley, not more than 35 miles from the capital, and driving on Kustrin, a rail center 41 miles east of Berlin, scarcely more than the distance from Washington to Baltimore.

## Sgt. Minton Home

Sgt. Raymond Minton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Minton, arrived home Tuesday night after over two years service overseas. Sgt. Minton entered service with the National Guard company here in September, 1940, and went overseas with North African invasion forces in the fall of 1942. He participated in the North African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns, serving with the 175th engineers. He has a 30-day furlough.

## Ivey Moore Returns

Pharmacist Mate First Class Ivey Moore left Monday for Treasure Island, California, after spending 30 days leave with his family here. Before coming home he spent many months on duty in the Pacific.

## Vaughn Cook Here

Chief Pharmacist Mate and Mrs. Vaughn Cooke, of Seattle, Washington, are visiting Mrs. Cooke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Canter, of Wilkesboro route one. Cook has been transferred from Seattle, Washington, to Oakland, California, and will report at Oakland at the end of his leave.

## Pfc. John J. Kennedy Is Honored

With the Twenty-Ninth Infantry Division—Pfc. John J. Kennedy, son of Nathaniel Kennedy, of Thurmond, N. C., has received a certificate personally signed by his commanding general honoring him for fighting with the Twenty-Ninth Infantry Division from D-Day to St. Lo.

The honor is a personal salute from Maj. Gen. Charles H. Gerhardt to the officers and men who battered their way through flooded areas and the Normandy hedgerows and stormed the key city of St. Lo in a campaign where the taking of every 500 yards was a major battle.

## RED CROSS DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE NAMED IN WILKES

R. M. Brame, Jr., Disaster Relief chairman, announced today that approximately a thousand North Carolinians in nine counties were left in need by the four disasters that struck during the year just ended and said immediate steps are being taken to prepare Wilkes county for any eventuality through an American Red Cross Disaster preparedness and relief program. North Carolina's four major disasters in 1944 were caused by two hurricanes, one tornado and one flood. Mr. Brame said there is an urgent need for an organized local group that can administer relief during the emergency period of any disaster that occurs—and, more important, one which will be ready to help rehabilitate stricken families. Further evidence of the need for such a move was offered in Red Cross statistics showing that 29,414 persons in 51 North Carolina counties required relief as a result of the 81 tornadoes, 5 floods, and 8 hurricanes striking the state in the 21 year period. (See Red Cross—Page 5)