

## Red Cross Fund Goal \$19,400

### War Fund Chairman



REV. HOWARD J. FORD

### Rev. Howard Ford, As Chairman For War Fund, Speaks

#### Red Cross War Fund Campaign Will Open Here On March 1st

Rev. Howard Ford, war fund chairman of the Wilkes County Chapter of the American Red Cross, announced at a meeting of the War Drive committee, Tuesday, that Wilkes county's quota in the Red Cross drive next month has been set at \$19,400.

The Wilkes county quota of \$19,400 this year is in line with the increase throughout all the chapters. The quota in Wilkes last year was \$18,200 and over \$22,000 was raised in the campaign.

Rev. Mr. Ford pointed out that the need for Red Cross service in the coming year will be greater than ever before. American men have been fighting throughout the world for a long time. This year they will need all of the moral support we can give them. The American Red Cross is home to those men wherever they may be stationed.

The task in the next 12 months will be greater for the Red Cross than ever before, for not only must it serve men in the war zones, but it will be required to give increasing assistance to the boys coming back to the United States.

During the past year the Red Cross has served in every theatre of war and with every command. Red Cross workers also are on duty at scores of out-posts over the world, are giving aid to wounded men in hospitals in the major battle areas and in the United States. The total number of workers has more than doubled since the last War Fund campaign.

In every invasion during the past year, the Red Cross has either gone with the troops or has followed within a very short time. Red Cross field directors were with General Eisenhower's men in the great amphibious invasion of France, and with General MacArthur's forces when they returned to the Philippines.

Red Cross service on the home front has expanded with the ever increasing demand upon it. Over ten million pints of blood have been obtained since the war started, and during the past year the Red Cross has met the requests of both the army and navy for whole shipments to battle areas in Europe and in the Far East.

Millions of surgical dressings have been prepared for front line and hospital use. Trained nurses aides have been used in increasing numbers in domestic military and naval hospitals to relieve in the shortage of

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### Over \$4,000 Polio Funds Received to Date; \$6,250 Goal

The \$4,000 mark has been passed in the Infantile Paralysis campaign in Wilkes county, Sam Ogilvie, chairman, said today.

The goal for the county is \$6,250. Liberal response has been given the appeal, but much work yet remains to be done to reach the goal, the chairman pointed out.

Included in the total to date are receipts from the President's ball here January 26, which netted \$347.80. This amount included gate receipts and \$125 in the free auction of merchandise given by Jenkins Hardware company, C. A. Lowe and Sons, Rose's, Crest Stores, C. E. Jenkins, Jr., and Mrs. R. C. Jennings. Use of a piano was donated by Mrs. M. B. McNeill.

The campaign will continue through February 15 if the goal is not reached by that time. Excellent reports have been received from a number of schools. At Millers Creek Friday night the 4-H club raised \$76.85 with the presentation of a womanless wedding and a program of music.

### Killed In Plane Crash



Lieutenant Theodore T. Huffman, age 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Huffman, of Wilkesboro route one, was killed in a plane crash on Blak Island January 9, according to an official War Department message received by his parents, Lt. Huffman, a bomber pilot who participated in the first American air raid on objectives in the Philippines, entered the army June 26, 1941. He received training in California and was transferred to Texas, where he completed an airplane mechanics' course and was selected from the ranks for air cadet training. He was commissioned in California and went overseas one year ago. He had an excellent service record and received a number of decorations. Surviving Lt. Huffman are his father and mother and the following brothers and sisters: James Huffman, Concord; Glenn Huffman, Landis; E. M. Huffman, Jr., Wilkesboro route one; Mrs. Eria Griffin, Kannapolis; Mrs. Vera Johnson, Wilkesboro route one; Mrs. Ina Bullis, Burlington; Mrs. Kermit Nichols, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Mrs. Esther Nichols, Kannapolis; Mrs. Wynona Bullis, Wilkesboro route one; Mrs. Marjorie Bishop, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Miss Eula D. Huffman, at home.

### OVERPOWER LAST SYSTEM OF PILLBOXES

The U. S. First Army ripped a hole all the way through the West Wall southeast of Aachen and 29 miles from the Rhine yesterday, bending back the south flank of the enemy's powerful Roer River defenses which block an Allied drive to the Ruhr and Rhineland.

The north wing of four assaulting divisions swung east four and a half miles, knifing through two villages—one of them a mile and a half from the vital Roer River dams beyond the West Wall, where the enemy has been opening gates, flooding the valley and balking a push farther north.

A front dispatch said the doughboys struck in snow, sleet and freezing rain, overpowered the last system of German pillboxes at a point eight miles east of Monschau.

# Bill Introduced Would Give Part Of Wilkes to Caldwell

### Girl Scouts Active Promoting Drive For Cadet Nurses

#### Senior Troop In Wilkesboro Sponsoring Campaign To Secure Cadet Nurses

Senior Girl Scout troop of Wilkesboro is sponsoring a campaign to secure cadet nurse corps applicants in Wilkes.

Mrs. J. M. Derr, leader of the troop, stated that the troop has received from Washington much material relative to the campaign and the great need for additional young ladies to enter the cadet nurse corps.

The troop of Girl Scouts this week will distribute information on the cadet nurse corps to the public library here and to school libraries. The Scouts will place posters in postoffices, other public buildings and in stores.

Excellent opportunities are offered girls in the cadet nurse corps. A complete nursing education and commission in the army or navy are offered successful applicants who complete the prescribed course, with all expenses paid by the government.

Further information relative to the opportunities offered will be released soon by the sponsoring Girl Scout troop.

### Two Cage Games Tuesday Night

#### All Stars To Play Boone; High Team Will Play Mount Pleasant Here

North Wilkesboro high school and North Wilkesboro all stars will play Mount Pleasant high and Boone all stars in a double bill basketball feature at North Wilkesboro high school gymnasium Tuesday night. The first game will start at 7:30.

The local all stars will be playing their second game of the season, having defeated Cove Creek's fast all stars here on Friday night. The North Wilkesboro high school team, inexperienced but improving, will be trying for their first victory of the season. A large crowd of basketball fans is expected to see the game.

#### T-5 Byrd Home

T-5 William V. Byrd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Byrd, of North Wilkesboro route two, has arrived home after serving 21 months in the European theatre of operations.

### TWO BROTHERS AND BROTHER-IN-LAW IN SERVICE

Two sons and a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. N. Bauguess of North Wilkesboro route two, are serving their country in the service. Pvt. John A. Bauguess is now overseas with the Alexander Patches Seventh Army in France. He was inducted in service in April, 1943, receiving his basic training at Aberdeen, Md. Pvt. Clay Bauguess is now receiving his basic training at Camp Blanding, Florida. He was inducted in service December 5th, 1944, married to the former Miss Mae Hall, of Halls Mills. Mrs. Bauguess and daughter, Linda, are residing with her mother at Halls Mills until his return. Mrs. Bauguess' son-in-law, Fireman Second Class Robert Lee Bryant, is now somewhere in the Pacific. He received his boot training at Camp Peary, Va., last June. He made his first trip to the New Hebrides Island, and is now at sea. Fireman 2c Bryant was married to the former Miss Marie Bauguess, of North Wilkesboro route two. She and their two small daughters, Gail and Bobby Jene, are now with Mr. and Mrs. N. Bauguess, at North Wilkesboro route two.



PVT. JOHN A. BAUGUESS

### Serves In France



Pfc. Harold E. McGrady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer McGrady, entered the army in March, 1944, received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., and Fort Bragg. He went overseas in Sept., 1944, and is now with the Seventh Army in France.

### MANILA TAKEN BY U. S. TROOPS; FREE MANY

General Douglas MacArthur's avenging American troops smashed into the heart of Manila Saturday night, freeing thousands of American and British internees at the Santo Tomas concentration camp and seizing the Philippines presidential palace.

The American flag flies again over the Philippines capital. Climaxing a lightning 26-day advance from the Lingayen Gulf beaches 107 miles to the north, battle-hardened regulars of Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge's First Cavalry Division swept in from the east in darkness and streaked through the modern part of the city to the Pasig river which flows through the center of the capital.

At the same time, Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler's 37th Division moving down from the northwest broke into the northern suburbs of the city. On the south, Maj. Gen. Joseph M. Swing's 11th Airborne Division, in its first parachute operation of the Philippines campaign, seized Tagaytay municipality and advanced to within 28 miles of Manila in a drive against the Japanese rear.

#### BUY MORE WAR BONDS

### Wilkes People Oppose Measure To Slice County

#### Hearing Planned Before Committee On Counties, Cities and Towns

#### By W. T. BOST In Greensboro Daily News

Raleigh, Feb. 2.—Proposed annexation of Wilkes county townships of Beaver Creek and Boomer to Caldwell county caught the general assembly on its week-end home. But the hearing which, of course, will be called is expected to bring several counties to Raleigh.

Introduced by request the bill was offered by Rep. J. T. Pritchett, of Caldwell, who has the go ahead signal from about two thousand residents of those townships. The only spokesman from Wilkes is Rep. T. E. Story, who carried this area in the recent election. In the old Mark Squires era the pull of Caldwell was political. Wilkes townships seeking annexation wished to get into Democratic company where they fancied better roads and schools were more likely. The townships have no hard road up the Yaddin from Wilkesboro to the Caldwell line but do have Ferguson Junior high school. That would go in the proposed cession of territory.

Representative Story does not know how many of his citizens would cross over the present county line under such an act but he thinks they are well above 2,000. He heard no such move during the campaign and does not know what it means.

He does know that people of the county are nervous over the proposal to control floods under the act providing nearly eleven millions for that territory. Senator Bailey's historic reversal of policy and Congressman Doughton's reputed hostility to that control measure which would take many thousands of acres from the landowners of that territory would seem to guarantee Wilkes against such federal measures. But there is a feeling in Wilkes that roads and schools would be enhanced by the move to Caldwell.

There have been few county dismemberments since the creation of Avery and Hoke to fill out an even 100 counties for the state. There were historic brawls in most of these with occasional moves since those days to cut up some large counties in the state. There would be no new one in the Pritchett bill. Caldwell would add a few thousands to its 35,795; (See Wilkes People—page 5)

### Serves Overseas



Pvt. Claude H. Hendron entered the army July 13, 1944, and was in training at Fort McClellan, Alabama. He came home on furlough December 1, returned to camp on December 13, left for overseas December 21 and landed January 10. He is serving with an infantry regiment on the western front. Pvt. Hendron is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hendren, of Wilkesboro route two.

### REDS SEIZE BARWALDE TO DRIVE WEDGE

Powerful Russian armored forces, in a new 18-mile advance on the Oder River front yesterday outflanked the fortress of Kustrin, drove a wedge between that city and the great port of Stettin and hammered to within 28 miles northeast of the ice-caded Berlin, Moscow announced last night.

Capturing E. Zalze, 14 miles northwest of Kustrin, the Soviet sweep into the Oder bend carried Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's 1st White Russian Army 55 miles inside the Reich and six miles nearer Berlin than previously had been announced by Moscow. German reports have placed the Red Army within 32 miles of the capital.

Barwalde lies astride the second of two vital railroads linking Kustrin with Stettin on the Oder's west bank. Its capture carried Zhukov's army to within six miles of the Oder at a point where the water barrier is only 32 miles northeast of Berlin. The enemy reported that the Russians already had attempted to cross the river

### Annual Lincoln Day Dinner February 17 In Winston - Salem

#### Kyle Hayes and H. P. Eller Named on Important Committees For Event

Two Wilkes Republicans are serving on committees for the annual Lincoln day dinner to be held at Robert E. Lee hotel in Winston-Salem Saturday night, February 17, sponsored by North Carolina Young Republicans.

Kyle Hayes was named to membership on the program committee, and H. P. Eller is a member of the Welcoming committee.

Rep. Carl T. Curtis, of Nebraska, will deliver the principal address at the Lincoln Day dinner. Mrs. Clyde Corbin, of Ashland, Ky., chairman of the Young Republican National federation, will address delegates to the North Carolina Young Republican convention in an afternoon session preceding the dinner. According to Fate J. Beal, of Lenoir, president of the state Young Republicans, over 500 North Carolina representatives are expected to attend.

Representative Curtis is one of the youngest members of the house and is a member of the house ways and means committee. (See Lincoln Day—page 5)

### Scouts and Dads Banquet to Open Boy Scout Week

Wilkes District of Boy Scouts will observe the 33rd anniversary of Boy Scouts of America with a father and son banquet at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse on Friday evening, February 9, 6:30.

The Wilkes district will be fed and the feed is free to all attending. The Campus Camping and Activities committee, composed of Bill Absher, John Leyshon, Jack Swofford and John E. Justice, Jr., is in charge of arrangements for the banquet.

Lewis Nelson, chairman of the committee on advancements, will preside and will be assisted in directing the activities by Gordon Finley, district commissioner.

Other activities for Anniversary Week include a number of windows to be decorated in the downtown area of North Wilkesboro. Four windows will contain interesting displays and will be arranged by four Scout troops. Eight troops are now active in the Wilkes district. The Scoutmasters, their troops and sponsoring organizations are as follows: Carl Bullis, 32, Wilkesboro Baptist Church; Harvel Howell, 35, North Wilkesboro First Baptist and First Methodist; Boyd Stout, 36, North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church; Dewey Minton, 70, Knights of Pythias; Gorman Johnson, 33, Roaring River community club; Joe Johnson, 90, North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club; P. W. Grier, 95, Mountain View school; R. V. Day, 99, Millers Creek school.

### MEETING TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY TO PLAN LIVESTOCK MARKETING CENTER AND STOCKYARDS HERE

Plans for making North Wilkesboro a central point for the collecting, grading, and shipping of lambs and other livestock moving to Eastern Seaboard markets from this section will be discussed at a meeting to be held at the freight depot here on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Curtis announced that the meeting will be attended by Harry Hamilton, Jr., Watauga farm agent; R. H. Crouse, Ashe county farm agent; Oscar Phillips, of Wilkes; R. E. Black, Alleghany's agent; D. E. Clarke, of Winston-Salem, who is superintendent of the Southern Railway; H. L. Meacham, of Raleigh, extension service marketing expert, and other agricultural officials of Raleigh and Northwestern North Carolina.

The object of the meeting, according to R. S. Curtis, of Raleigh, sheep marketing specialist with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, will be to effect plans for routing sheep and cattle produced in Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, and other Northwestern North Carolina counties through North Wilkesboro. For this to be accomplished, it will be necessary to construct one large collecting pen, equipped with scales for weighing, and four to five additional holding pens from which loadings and unloadings may be

made in both single and double-deck cars. Expressing keen hope that the livestock yards will be established, Curtis said the Southern Railway has tentatively agreed to construct the pens, covering them and providing them with lights, if it can be shown Friday that livestock producers of the Northwest will patronize the yard sufficiently to insure a profitable operation of the marketing center.

County agents of this section are agreed that livestock marketed through North Wilkesboro will reach consumer markets a day earlier, and consequently with less shrinkage, than if handled by way of indefinite, indirect routes as has been the case in past years. On Friday, officials will inspect the local yards and draw up rough plans for the loading centers. These plans will subsequently be used as a basis for blue prints in actual construction. Looking into the future, Curtis said it should be possible for graders employed by the State Department of Agriculture to do a large amount of their grading at North Wilkesboro. At present, this work is done at widely separated points in the sheep-producing areas.



ROBERT LEE BRYANT, Fireman



PVT. CLAY BAUGUESS