

Wilkes To Fight Caldwell Bill In Committee On Wednesday

Wednesday Date Hearing Before House Committee

Kiwanis Club Here Unanimously Passes Resolution Condemning Measure

Wilkes county will put up a determined and united fight against the Caldwell county annexation bill when it goes before the Counties, Cities and Towns committee for hearing Wednesday, February 14.

Many prominent citizens of Wilkes plan to go before the committee in opposition to the bill introduced by Representative J. T. Hackett, of Caldwell, and which would take from Wilkes and give to Caldwell all of Beaver Creek township and parts of Elk and Boomer townships.

The hearing will be in room 402 of the revenue building in Raleigh at ten a. m. Wednesday.

Last week a committee of local citizens was appointed in a called meeting of citizens which was held Tuesday night in the North Wilkesboro town hall. The committee has prepared material to submit to the legislative committee, has secured petitions and spokesmen to represent the opposition to the Caldwell measure, which is said to include practically a citizenship of Wilkes with the exception of some citizens in the area which the bill would annex to Caldwell.

On Friday the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club, which has a membership of 65 of the county's most prominent and best known citizens, passed unanimously a resolution in opposition to the bill which would give a part of Wilkes to Caldwell. The resolution, as presented to the club by W. D. Halfacre and favored by the entire club membership, follows:

"It has come to the attention of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club that a bill has been introduced at the current session of the legislature, which, if enacted into law, would annex to Caldwell county a part of Wilkes county. We are fully familiar with the local situation and know that there are no good and sufficient reasons for a part of Wilkes county being annexed to Caldwell county or any other county.

"Therefore, be it resolved that the Kiwanis club of North Wilkesboro, as an organization and as individual citizens of Wilkes county, go on record as being opposed to the bill now before the North Carolina General Assembly proposing that a part of Wilkes county be annexed to Caldwell county.

"Be it further resolved that this action of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club be made known to the committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, of the General Assembly, and that said committee be asked to report unfavorably on the proposed bill."

In addition to united opposition of the people from all parts of Wilkes county, the opposition to the measure is prepared to show that a large number of citizens in the area in question are very much opposed to being removed from Wilkes. Petitions which have been circulated in that part of Wilkes in opposition to the Caldwell county annexation bill have been received very favorably and have been signed by many citizens.

YANK TROOPS STORM PRUEM RIVER BARRIER

British infantry and flame-throwing tanks fought halfway through the shattered German fortress of Kleve Saturday, tearing at the northern end of the German Siegfried Line as American troops 110 miles to the south stormed Pruem, another West Wall stronghold.

Front reports said the swift British drive overran the entire northern half of Kleve, a peacetime summer resort of 15,000 population, and was spreading into the southern half of the town against fanatical Nazi paratroopers battling to the death in the narrow streets.

Aerial reconnaissance indicated the fight for the town was a face against the

Heads Division Red Cross Drive



A. F. Kilby has been appointed chairman for the business district of North Wilkesboro for the Red Cross War Fund drive, which will begin March 1. Mr. Kilby plans a thorough canvass of the business district in the campaign. Wilkes quota in the Red Cross campaign this year is \$19,400, of which \$3,445 has been allocated to the business district. Red Cross activities with the armed forces has greatly increased as the war has become more intensified and with vast numbers of American fighting men participating.

North Wilkesboro Basketball Team Beats Elkin 33-13

North Wilkesboro high school broke into the win column Friday night by a decisive defeat of Elkin high school boys 33 to 16.

The North Wilkesboro team played well as a unit and team work was very much in evidence throughout the contest. Caudill was outstanding on offense, playing his best game of the season and scoring 15 points. Rousseau played well on defense.

The lineups and individual scores follow:

N. Wilkesboro 33	Elkin 13
Turner 2	B. Ratledge
Hudson 4	Baker 4
Foster 9	Garland 1
Rousseau 3	Parker 2
Caudill 15	Boles 6

Subs: N. Wilkesboro—Winters and Sloope; Elkin—Osborne, Adams, Parks, Ratledge.

Wool clipped in Turkey last year weighed 30,000 tons.

Combat Veteran



Pfc. Robert Chipman, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. Luther Chipman, is now stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas, after being overseas for nearly four years. He joined the army 10 months before Pearl Harbor and trained in Panama Canal Zone, going from there to Australia, then to New Guinea and New Britain, where he received three stars for participation in major campaigns. He has also been awarded the combat infantryman's badge. While fighting the Japs he was with the outfit known as Lt. Gen. Krueger's "Famous Bushmasters." He collected quite a few souvenirs off the little yellow men.

Prayer Service Thursday A. M. At Town Hall

Business Houses and Stores Asked To Close for Half-Hour Service Here

Downtown service in observance of World Day of Prayer will be held in the North Wilkesboro town hall Thursday, February 15, 10:30 to 11:00 a. m.

The service will be under the auspices of the Ministerial Association of the Wilkesboros.

Merchants and other business firms of North Wilkesboro are urgently requested to cooperate by closing their places of business in order to give their employees opportunity to attend the service. It is asked that they close in time for their personnel to reach the town hall promptly at 10:30.

The Ministerial Association has issued a cordial invitation for all to attend.

A second program in observance of the event will be a union prayer service Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, three o'clock, at the First Methodist church in North Wilkesboro. Members from the various churches in the Wilkesboros will take part and congregations of all the churches are asked to attend.

Court Of Honor Is To Meet Thursday

Boy Scout Court of Honor and Review will meet Thursday evening, 7:30, in the religious education building of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church. All Scouts and others interested in Scouting are asked to attend.

Demonstrations In Pulpwood Cutting To Be Held Friday

By M. B. BRYAN, Extension Forester

The demand for pulpwood is getting more and more critical; but the prospects of getting more labor to produce pulpwood are not good. With the coming of spring labor for cutting pulpwood is apt to get more scarce. The only way to increase our pulpwood production is to improve our cutting methods so as to use our limited supply of labor more effectively. With this idea in mind the local pulpwood dealers are cooperating with the county agent's office in putting on two pulpwood cutting demonstrations Friday, Feb. 16th.

Howard Wright, of Statesville, forester with the North Carolina Pulpwood Company, is going to demonstrate the use of a portable power saw.

Ralph Elliott, of Soddy, Tenn., will demonstrate the use and care of a bow saw. The bow saw is a new saw that has been rapidly gaining in popularity for cutting pulpwood. Some bow saw users claim that one man with a bow saw can cut as much wood as two men with a cross-cut saw.

The first demonstration will be held at W. A. Caudill's house on the old Pearson farm near Boomer and will start at 10:00 a. m. on Friday, February 16th.

The second demonstration will be held in the Haymeadow community near Blain Elledge's house where Clarence Myers is cutting pulpwood.

Everyone interested is invited to attend one of the demonstrations. Every pulpwood cutter will find it profitable to come. So spread the news around—and come out and watch the sawdust fly.

RED CROSS MONTH, 1945

By The President Of the United States of America
A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, under the provisions of its Congressional charter, the American National Red Cross, in this fourth year of the war, is fulfilling its obligations to comfort our wounded, to cheer and help our servicemen on every fighting front, and to provide an essential link between the men and their families at home, thereby relieving anxiety and restoring hope to all those who are suffering and in need of aid; and

WHEREAS this organization is helping the people at home to stand firmly behind our fighting men through its collection of blood for our wounded, its shipment of food parcels, medical supplies, and comfort items to our prisoners of war in enemy hands, its production of surgical dressings, and its recruitment of nurses for our Army and Navy; and

WHEREAS the American National Red Cross is also carrying on its peacetime activities by assisting the civilian victims of tornado, flood, and other disaster, and by training the people of our Nation to combat sickness and accident and thus to prevent suffering and death; and

WHEREAS, by the very nature of its services and the principles for which it stands, the American National Red Cross is helping to build a world of unity and peace and brotherhood, recognizing no barriers of creed or race; and

WHEREAS this organization, which represents a tangible expression of the desire of the people to reach out to the Nation's fighting men, now far removed from them, and which is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions to carry out its purposes, is issuing to every citizen of this country its 1945 appeal for a minimum War Fund of \$200,000,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, and President of the American Red Cross, do hereby designate the month of March 1945 as Red Cross Month; confident in the readiness of the people to respond to the utmost of their ability in support of this organization built by their generous contributions in the past and dedicated to their services in this hour of increasing need.

IN WITNESS WHEREAS, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 19th day of January in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-ninth.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

2 Double Header Games This Week

Local basketball fans will be treated to four games this week in the North Wilkesboro high school gymnasium.

On Wednesday night, beginning at 7:30, will be the first of two double headers. There will be two high school games, with North Wilkesboro first and second teams playing the high school teams from Taylorsville.

On Friday night North Wilkesboro and Millers Creek, both first and second teams, will play a double header, the first game beginning at 7:30.

Insects may have green blood, or yellow blood, but never red blood.

Gets Citation



Pfc. Walter Elledge, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Elledge and husband of Mrs. Marjorie O. Elledge, of North Wilkesboro, has received a citation for heroic achievement on the Philippines. The citation was as follows: "Pfc. Walter Elledge, Jr., infantry, U. S. Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 9 December, 1944. Pfc. Elledge was a member of a five-man patrol which was attacked by 80 of the enemy. When two members of the patrol were wounded, Pfc. Elledge, aided by another soldier, held off the enemy while the remaining member rescued the wounded men. Pfc. Elledge's steadfast courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service."

Jennie E. Harris Last Rites Today

Miss Jennie E. Harris, 50, a highly respected and well known resident of Wilkesboro died in the Wilkes Hospital Saturday at 9:45 a. m., following an illness which extended over a period of several years.

Miss Harris was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harris, of Wilkesboro, and for a number of years was a member of the faculty of the Wilkesboro high school. At the time she had to give up her teaching profession, she was a member of the Ronda school faculty.

Miss Harris is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mr. Spencer Harris, of Wilkesboro; Mrs. Richard Herman; Mrs. Carl Isbell, and Mrs. Lucile McNeely, of Lenoir; Lieut. Charles B. Harris, of Hampton, Va.; Mrs. Edd Childers and Miss Ruby Harris, of Hickory.

The funeral service was conducted this morning at eleven o'clock in the Wilkesboro Baptist church, of which the deceased had long been a member, by Rev. Howard J. Ford, the pastor. Interment followed in the family plot in Mountain Park cemetery.

Pall bearers were Lee Edward Harris, David Harris, E. T. Hackney, Dr. Wm. K. Newton, J. B. Williams, Alphonso Dula, and Conley Harris.

A beautiful floral tribute, carried by a number of ladies of the community in which Miss Harris resided, attested to the high esteem in which she was held.

RESISTANCE IN MANILA NOW EASING UP

Japanese resistance in Southern Manila is crumbling under the blows of tank-led American infantry and cavalry driving into the city from three directions and splitting the enemy into isolated units, it was disclosed today.

As the fierce battle of Manila entered its ninth day today, a headquarters spokesman said the situation had improved considerably in the past 48 hours and that Japanese resistance, which already lacks cohesion, soon would be reduced to scattered strong-points south of the Pasig River.

The latest advances in the biggest close-quarter battle of the Pacific War, were paced by Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge's 1st Cavalry Division. Using amphibious techniques, it forced the Pasig a mile east of Manila on Saturday.

SCOUTS, DADS IN BANQUET

Heads Division Red Cross Drive



C. B. Eller, superintendent of Wilkes schools, is chairman for the rural division of the Red Cross War Fund organization. Each township will have a chairman with several workers and an opportunity will be given all the people of the county to contribute to the Red Cross War Fund this year. The campaign will open March 1 and the quota for Wilkes county is \$19,400. The quota for the rural division is \$4,475.

Farmers to Sign Up For Triple A Program For '45

Schedule Of Convenient Appointments for Entire County Released

Farmers of Wilkes county this week will sign up for participation in the Triple A program for the 1945 farming season.

For convenience to the farmers, S. L. Turner, executive secretary of the Triple A in Wilkes, has arranged appointments of Triple A representatives for every township in the county, where farmers may go to sign up for the 1945 program. This schedule of appointments will save much time for the farmers, who will not find it necessary to take time off from their work to visit the Triple A office in the courthouse to indicate their intention to participate in the Triple A program.

The schedule of appointments follows:
Antioch Township—Tom Mathis' store, Feb. 13; Bob Segraves' store, Feb. 14; Lee Martin's residence, Feb. 15.
Beaver Creek Township—Arthur Triplett's residence Feb. (See Farmers—Page Eight)

Serves In Germany



Pfc. W. C. Miller, now serving in Germany, wrote the following letter to The Journal-Patriot: "I am writing you to say that I received two copies of your paper and surely was glad to get them, as they have lots of news of interest and it brings me closer home, although it has been two years since I last saw North Wilkesboro and home. I have seen lots of country and many places in these last two years—Africa, Sicily, Italy, Southern France and now Germany. I don't know where next but I'm hoping to see good old North Wilkesboro again."

Boy Scout Week Being Observed In Wilkes County

Enjoyable Banquet Held Friday Evening; Attractive Window Displays Here

With 125 Scouts and parents attending, Boy Scout Week in Wilkes was opened Friday evening with a father and son banquet at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse.

It was a most successful occasion with all troops of Scouting in Wilkes participating.

Lewis Nelson was toastmaster and with him on the stage were J. B. Carter, Wilkes' district chairman; Gordon Finley, district commissioner; and J. H. C. Thomas, assistant Scout executive of the Old Hickory council. Bill Absher, chairman of the Camping and Activities committee, was in charge of arrangements.

The program features were stunts put on by the various troops and were the source of much merriment for the assembly. An outstanding stunt was the bandaging contest put on by two teams of the Mountain View school troop, under direction of Scoutmaster P. W. Greer. The team which won the contest on bandaging a "victim" challenged any other patrol, and a group from troop 36 in North Wilkesboro accepted the challenge. The Mountain View team, well prepared for the occasion, won the contest.

The final feature of the program was a technicolor movie on "Rural Scouting," which was presented at the direction of Mr. Thomas.

In addition to the banquet, Wilkes Scouts are engaging in other activities in observance of the 35th anniversary of Scouting. A number of educational and attractive window displays in the downtown business district have attracted much attention.

C. W. Culler Is Taken By Death

Funeral service was held today at Edgewood Baptist church for Charles W. Culler, age 75, well known citizen of Wilkesboro who died Friday night at a Statesville hospital. Mr. Culler had been in ill-health for the past few years but was critically ill only a short time.

Mr. Culler was born at Boone, a son of the late Ben and Mary Culler. He received his education in the schools at Boone and came to Wilkes in his early manhood. He taught in Wilkes schools for a number of years and then devoted his time to the carpenter trade.

He was first married to Miss Myra Clark, who preceded him in death. He was later married to Miss Bessie Adams, who survives. The only other surviving member of his immediate family is a sister, Mrs. John Laws, of Potos Knob.

Rev. B. F. Peeler conducted the funeral service and burial was in Edgewood cemetery.

REDS CAPTURE LIENGNITZ AND NEAR SAXONY

The Red Army in a 37-mile smash across Southern Germany has almost encircled Breslau, has captured the big industrial center of Liegnitz, 35 miles west of that Silesian capital, and driven 40 within 84 miles of Dresden, Saxony capital, Moscow announced last night.

Expanding their break-through in four days to a 99-mile front the Russians cut a 37-mile section of the Berlin-Breslau truck railway and reached the edge of the four-line Berlin-Breslau superhighway over which German reinforcements have been flowing into Silesia.

Berlin acknowledged the fall of Liegnitz and said Soviet tank spearheads had reached—and trying to cross—the Boba River on a 22-mile front between Bunzlau, 65 miles west of impregnable Breslau, and Sprottau, 100 miles southeast of Berlin.