

PFC. GRANVILLE F. BALDWIN ACCOUNTS FOR SIXTEEN JAPS WITH RIFLE FIRE ON SAIPAN



For singlehandedly accounting for at least sixteen Japs with rifle fire, and for other heroic achievements, Private First Class Granville F. Baldwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baldwin of North Wilkesboro route two, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Exposing himself to fire from numerous advancing Japs on Saipan, Pfc. Baldwin as the leading Scout of a platoon stood his ground and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

The citations by command of Major General Griver follow:

"Private First Class Granville F. Baldwin, infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement with military operations against the enemy at Saipan, Marianas Islands, on 7 July, 1944. Acting as the leading scout of a platoon, Private First Class Baldwin was suddenly confronted with numerous enemy troops who were advancing toward our lines. Placing himself in an exposed position, he emptied his rifle time after time after time into the advancing enemy. Alone, he accounted for at least sixteen enemy, even though he was subjected to hostile small arms fire, which inflicted several casualties on his platoon."

Township, Division Chairmen Red Cross Drive Are Named

War Fund Campaign Will Open March 1 With Goal of \$19,400

Division chairmen and township chairmen have been named for the annual Red Cross War Fund drive to begin in Wilkes March 1. Rev. Howard J. Ford, Wilkes War Fund chairman, announced today.

The goal in Wilkes this year is \$19,400, which represents an increase over the quota of \$18,200 for last year but is lower than the more than \$22,000 which resulted from last year's campaign in Wilkes. Rev. Mr. Ford expressed the belief that the people of the county in large numbers will give freely to the Red Cross this year, in view of the many splendid services rendered by the great humanitarian organization. Maurice Walsh is assistant War Fund chairman.

The division chairmen in the War Fund organization are as follows: P. W. Eshelman, R. G. Finley and J. R. Hix, special gifts committee; R. E. Gibbs, publicity chairman; Rev. A. C. Waggoner, speakers' bureau chairman; A. F. Kilby, North Wilkesboro business district; Mrs. Gordon Finley, North Wilkesboro residential canvass chairman; Dr. M. G. Edwards, Wilkesboro business district; C. C. McNeill, courthouse canvass chairman; Mrs. Hadley Hayes, Wilkesboro residential canvass chairman.

C. B. Eller, superintendent of Wilkes schools, is rural chairman, and the township chairmen are as follows: Mrs. Thomas Mathis, Antioch; Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, Beaver Creek; Miss Eva German, of Boomer; Ray Hendren, Brushy Mountain; E. R. Spruill, Edwards; W. O. Barnett, Elk; T. C. Osborne, Jobs Cabin; Mrs. Taft Foster, Lewis Fork; Mrs. E. P. Inscore, Lovelace; Mrs. Mae Hendren, Moravian Falls; Grady F. Miller, Mulberry; Troy Redding, New Castle; Mrs. M. F. Bumgarner, Reddies River; J. T. Gregory, Rock Creek; L. P. Somers, Somers; Mrs. Florence Vannoy, Stantons; Miss Beatrice Holbrook, of Phillip; Miss Lizzie Whittington, of Boston; J. W. Joines, Walnut Grove; Mrs. Florence Miller, Wilkesboro.

Pfc. Anderson Gets Bronze Star Award For Combat Effort

With the Fifth Army, Italy.—Private First Class James M. Anderson, Jr., 812 D street, North Wilkesboro, recently was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action. He is serving on the Fifth Army front in Italy with the 135th Infantry Regiment, 34th "Red Bull" Division.

During the attack on an enemy strongpoint two platoons were ambushed and pinned down by enemy fire. Seeing a radio that had been discarded by a captured comrade, Anderson crawled 50 yards under intense hostile fire to retrieve it and aid in the adjustment of a smoke screen around his trapped comrades so they could withdraw.

Save fuel by turning off the heat a few minutes before your roast or baking is ready.

Local People On "Voice Of Price"

Mrs. Ivey Moore and Mr. John R. Prevette will appear on the "Voice of Price" program Sunday, February 25. This program is heard each Sunday at 1:15 p. m. over WBT, Charlotte, and is sponsored by OPA. Each Sunday representatives from some town within the Charlotte district are invited to appear on this program, and discuss problems relating to OPA. Both Mrs. Moore and Mr. Prevette have been active with the local Board, Mrs. Moore being a member of the Informing Panel and Mr. Prevette vice chairman of the Apparel panel.

The representatives will be accompanied to Charlotte by Mrs. A. E. Shook, Chief Clerk to the War Price and Rationing Board, and Mr. C. P. Walter, General Chairman.

Marriage License

Since February 1 marriage license have been issued by Register of Deeds Troy Foster to the following: George Podrebarac, North Wilkesboro; and Dorothy Lenderman, Wilkesboro; Johnny G. Laws, Moravian Falls, and Arlene Church, Boomer; Virgil Shumate, Dehart, and Irene Shumate, Hays; Charles M. Gilreath, and Pauline Billings, North Wilkesboro; Ray Hall and Ruby Shumate, North Wilkesboro route one; Claude Taylor, North Wilkesboro, and Elree Nichols, Millers Creek.

Franklin A. Staley Rites Wednesday

Funeral service for Franklin Austin Staley, 88-year-old citizen of Union township who died Tuesday, was held Wednesday at Union church and burial was in Staley cemetery.

Mr. Staley is survived by his wife, Mrs. Diana Staley, and three daughters and one son: Mrs. J. W. Huffman, Purlear; Mrs. Oscar Palmer, Wilbar; Mrs. W. M. Pilkinton and A. M. Staley, Wilbar.

Home From Overseas



Pfc. Chadie L. Pennell is enjoying a 30-day furlough with his parents in North Wilkesboro. He has just returned from 29 months of active duty overseas. He has seen action in England, North Africa, Italy, Sardinia, and Corsica. His wife is the former Miss Virginia Phillips, of Mebane. They were married at York, S. C., a week after his return home. She will make her home with his mother, Mrs. R. L. Pennell, when he returns to camp.

Wounded in Germany



Pfc. James Garwood was slightly wounded in Germany on February 3, according to a War Department message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Garwood, of Wilkesboro. Pfc. Garwood entered the army in 1940 and served for some time in Panama before going to the European theatre.

Memorial Service For Cpl. Meade Is To Be Held Sunday



Memorial service for Cpl. Lewis W. Meade—1921-1944—will be held Sunday afternoon, February 25, five o'clock, at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church. Rev. L. J. Yelanjian, supply minister; this week made announcement of the service. Cpl. Meade was born in Chase City, Va., and came to North Wilkesboro with the family several years ago and here he joined the Presbyterian church under the pastorate of Rev. Watt M. Cooper, now a chaplain in the navy.

Cpl. Meade was killed in Luxembourg December 26 when the tank in which he was a crewman crashed through a bridge rail and landed in a stream. He was a son of Mrs. Irene Meade, of North Wilkesboro.

W. A. C. Hospital Technicians Are Urgently Needed

Campaign to enlist women to serve as hospital technicians in the Woman's Army Corps has been opened in North Wilkesboro.

Lieut. W. E. Stemple, commanding officer of the army recruiting station in Winston-Salem, announced here that army recruiting personnel will be in the North Wilkesboro postoffice Friday of each week during the nation-wide drive.

Lieut. Stemple stated that General George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the U. S. Army, has requested North Carolina to furnish 45 women who will be trained by the government to serve as surgical, medical and administrative technicians in army general hospitals.

Lieut. Stemple stated that he believed the women of Wilkes county will want to answer this call and serve in the North Carolina WAC hospital company. Applicants may train and serve together at an army hospital of their own selection. Upon completion of three months' training, enlistees are made corporals, technicians fifth grade.

Eligible women of Wilkes are urged to contact army recruiting personnel here on Fridays.

Greenville, Feb. 21.—Cross-examination of Dr. Leon R. Meadows, former president of East Carolina Teachers' College, on trial charged with embezzlement and false pretense, was begun this afternoon.

Fierce Fighting On Iwo Jima

REDS' DRIVE ON BERLIN CLOSES ON TWO CITIES

London.—Red Army troops have driven nine miles through Nazi defenses southeast of Berlin to reach the confluence of the Oder and Neisse Rivers 49 miles from the Nazi capital and threatened the twin fortress cities of Cottbus and Guben.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's 1st Ukrainian Army, slashing across forest defense lines, fought to within 17 miles east of industrial Cottbus and flanked Guben at a point seven miles north of the city. Other elements of Konev's army drove to within 54 miles northeast of Dresden.

Konev's tanks and infantry battled stubborn enemy resistance to within five miles of a junction with a bridgehead on the west bank of the Oder which the enemy said had been established by Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian Army.

Funeral Wednesday For Robert L. Baity

Last rites were held Wednesday at Edgewood Baptist church for Robert L. Baity, who died Sunday in a Statesville hospital.

Mr. Baity for the past several years had operated a store and service station on highway 115 in the Edgewood community.

He is survived by his wife, five children, one brother and one sister.

Ceiling Prices To Govern Firewood

All firewood sold by farmers after Feb. 12 will be subject to price ceilings, the Office of Price Administration has announced.

Ceilings set will be the highest prices charged by the farmer for the same types of wood in March, 1942.

Ten From Wilkes Going Into Navy

Seven Wilkes county youths, age 17, have recently been accepted for naval service and three others go to Raleigh this week for examination, Recruiter J. E. Huffman said here today.

Those accepted were: Tommy Cary Caldwell, of Boomer; Lyndon Ward Harris, of Elkin route 1; Robert Ervin Tharpe, of Ronda; Eugene Louis Vannoy, of Reddies River; Junior Curtis Waggoner, of Roaring River route two; Leonard Frank Caudill, Jr., of Hays; David Shumate Yale, of Hays.

Those going this week for examination are: Argle R. Riggs, of Millers Creek; Charles McKinley Gilreath, of North Wilkesboro; Harold James Sturdivant, Wilkesboro.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—A bill to lower the voting age in North Carolina from 21 to 18 was introduced in the senate today by W. L. Lumpkin, of Franklin, and George Hundley, of Davidson.

Serves Overseas



Pfc. Clyde H. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Miller, of Wilbar, spent a few days furlough at home before leaving for overseas duty. Pfc. Miller entered service September 26, 1944, and trained at Camp Croft, S. C.

PATTON'S MEN AIM STRAIGHT FOR COBLENZ

Paris.—Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army tanks and infantry, their new offensive rolling on unchecked, plunged eight miles deeper into the Moselle Valley yesterday and captured 23 towns in a drive aimed straight for Coblenz on the Rhine.

Aided by swarms of warplanes, Patton's armored spearheads managed to drive within two miles of the Moselle River junction and some six miles of Trier, a German fortress on the Moselle Valley invasion route to Coblenz, 58 miles northeast.

Williams Child Is Buried Wednesday

Last rites were conducted Wednesday at Fishing Creek Arbor church for Charles Monroe Williams, one-year-old son of Monroe and Inez Call Williams, of North Wilkesboro route three. The child died Monday.

Surviving are the father and mother and one sister. Rev. Pervis Parks conducted the funeral service.

Methodists Millers Creek Circuit Over Crusade Quota Set

Millers Creek Methodist circuit made an excellent record in the Crusade For Christ campaign recently put on in Methodist churches.

Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner, pastor, reports that the quota for the circuit was \$300 and that a total of \$522 was subscribed. Of that amount \$358 has already been paid in to the Conference treasurer.

BROTHERS MEET AFTER 2 1/2 YEARS IN THE SERVICE



Cpl. Lonnie A. Ball was recently home on furlough after overseas duty in India for 28 months. Before entering service in August, 1942, Cpl. Ball was employed by Haw River Textile company. James W. Ball has been home on leave after 22 months service in the merchant marine, nine months on the Atlantic and 13 on the Pacific. He went into merchant marine service in April, 1943. His age is 22. Pvt. Jaret E. Ball is now in France. Prior to entering the army two years ago he was employed by Cannon Towel company at Kannapolis. The Ball brothers are sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ball, of Gilreath.



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NIPS BATTLE INVADERS TO STANDSTILL

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters in Guam.—A Third Marine Division, increasing the invasion force to possibly 45,000 men, has been thrown into the furious battle for Iwo to fill gaps caused by casualties already exceeding 3,600.

Disclosing the fresh commitments in a communique today Adm. Chester W. Nimitz acknowledged that Japanese resistance rose to such a high pitch Wednesday afternoon, third day of the invasion, that the hard-fighting devildogs virtually were stopped in their tracks.

The reinforced leathernecks, holding a wedge across the south third of the island, stormed the slopes of a volcano on the south tip with flamethrowers and tanks. Although unable to advance appreciably, they hurled back a counterattack in the vicinity.

On the north end of the wedge, Nipponese mine fields and intense mortar and artillery fire temporarily halted a drive toward an airfield in the center of the island.

The Third Marine Division, under Maj. Gen. Graves B. Erskine, reinforced the Fourth Division under Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Cates and the fifth under Maj. Gen. J. E. R. Rockey.

Overseas Director Of Red Cross Will Speak Here Friday

Charles I. Skarren, Jr., To Address Kiwanis And Lions Clubs Here

Charles L. Skarren, Jr., who served with the Red Cross overseas for more than a year, will address the north Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club Friday noon, the Lions Club Friday evening, 6:30, at Hotel Wilkes, and will also speak at Lincoln Heights school on Friday afternoon.

In his addresses in Wilkes, Mr. Skarren will tell of some of his experiences overseas.

Mr. Skarren went to England in July, 1943, and after serving with a bomber group was attached to an infantry unit, landing in France on D Day plus six. He went with American troops in Belgium and Germany and returned to the United States in the fall of 1944.

Before being associated with the American Red Cross, Mr. Skarren was extension secretary for Southeastern University in Washington, D. C. Previously, he was with Better Business Bureaus, and before that time was engaged in the practice of law in Beaufort, N. C. He was educated at Wake Forest College and the National University, from which he received an LL. B. degree in 1932.

Rev. Howard J. Ford, War Fund chairman for Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross, has asked Kiwanians to have township chairmen for the war fund drive as their guests at the Kiwanis meeting Friday at noon.

Youth Center In This City To Be Open On 2 Nights

By popular demand, the youth center recently opened in this city under sponsorship of the North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order will be open two nights weekly instead of Saturday night only.

Since the youth center was opened a few weeks ago in the former Moose hall location opposite the postoffice on C street, hundreds of children and youth people have flocked to the center to enjoy the games and other recreational facilities. The center has been open only on Saturday nights and the crowd has become too large for the space and facilities available.

In order to accommodate the larger number visiting the center, it will be open on Friday and Saturday nights, but for different age groups. On Friday night the center will be open for young people from age 14 up and on Saturday night for children under 14. The hours are eight until 11 p. m., both nights.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Navy Nurse



Ensign Edna Andrews entered the navy as a nurse on January 5, 1944, was first stationed at the naval hospital at Portsmouth, Va., and now at the naval hospital at Charleston, S. C. Ensign Andrews is the only navy nurse from Wilkes. Before entering the navy she was night supervisor at Davis hospital in Statesville. Ensign Andrews is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Andrews, of Boomer.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Rocky Mount, Feb. 21.—Richard T. Fountain, 60, Rocky Mount lawyer and former lieutenant governor and speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, died at his home here early today of a heart attack.

Serves In Navy



William M. Pruitt, Jr., Fireman Second Class, is now stationed at Gulfport, Mississippi, where he is attending engineering school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pruitt, of Springfield. He completed his boot training at Bainbridge, Maryland, and spent his boot leave with his parents during the Christmas holidays. He was recently at home on a short leave and says there is nothing like "Old Wilkes" for him.