

REDS' DRIVE ON

BERLIN CLOSES

ON TWO CITIES

London .--- Red Army troops have

driven nine miles through Nazi

Marshal Ivan S. Koney's 1st Uk-

rainian Army, slashing across for-

est defense lines, fought to within

17 miles east of industrial Cottbus

and flanked Guben at a point sev-

en miles north of the city. Other

elements of Konev's army drove

to within 54 miles northeast of

Dresden. Konev's tanks and infantry bat-

tled 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 Mar-shal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian Army.

For Robert L. Baity

Last rites were held Wednesday

at Edgewood Baptist church for

Robert L. Baity, who died Sunday

Mr. Baity for the past several years had operated a store and

service station on highway 115 in

in a Statesville hospital.

the Edgewood community.

and Guben.





PFC. GRANVILLE F. BALDWIN For singlehandedly accounting for at least sixteen Japs with rifle fire, and for other hepoic achievements, Private First Jlass Granville F. Baldwin, son Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baldwin Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baldwin Or North Wilkesboro route two, has been awarded the Bronze Sar Medal.

Township, Division Local People On **ChairmenRedCross** 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. Hr. Ford exgraned the bellaf 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 Wary 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, "likesboro residential canvass

Exposing himself to fire from ous 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

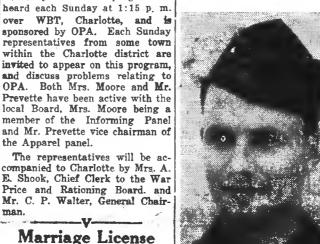
Major General Griver follow: "Private First Class Granville

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 sever-al casualties on his platoon".



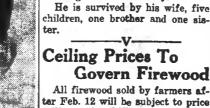
Pfc. James Garwood was slightly wounded in Germany on February 3, according to a War Department message received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Garwood, of Wilkesboro. Pfc. Garwood entered the army in 1940 and served for some time in Panama before going to the European theatre.

Memorial Service "Voice Of Price" For Cpl. Meade Is Mrs. Ivey Moore and Mr. John **To Be Held Sunday** Funeral Wednesday R. Prevette will appear on the "Voice of Price" program Sunday, February 25. This program is



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

> under the pastorship of Rev. Watt M. Cooper, now a chaplain in the navy. Cpl. Meade was killed in Luxembourg December 26 when the



tar Feb. 12 will be subject to price ceilings, the Office of Price Ad-Ceilings set will be the highest prices charged by the farmer for the same types of wood in March,

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;

Roaring River route two: Leona



Pvt. Clyde H. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Miller, of Wilbar, spent a few days furlough at home before leaving for overseas duty. Pvt. 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 atton'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 Sector Distant and shows 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.

Eugene Louis Vannoy, of Reddies River; Junior Curtis Wagoner. of

NIPS BATTLE INVADERS TO **STANDSTILL**

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters In Guam .- A Third Marine Division, increasing 'the invasion force to pessibly 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 commit-

ments 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 un-

der Mai. Gen. Clifton B. Cates

and the fifth under Maj. Gen. Jel-

ler E. Rockey.

BULLETINS 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.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS Serves In Navy





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.

Overseas Director Of Red Cross Will Speak Here Friday

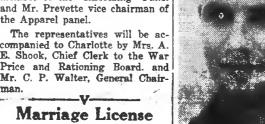
Charles I. Skarren, Jr., To Address Kiwanis And Lions Clubs Here

Charles L. Skaren, Jr., who served with the Red Cross overseas for more than a year, will address the north Wilkesboro Kiwants 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 nn secretary fo r South



Since February 1 marriage liense have been issued by Register of Deeds Troy Foster to the

the Apparel panel.

man.

following: GeorgePodrebarac, 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. joined the Presbyterian church

Franklin A. Stalev **Rites Wednesday**

Wilkes schools, is rural chairman, of Union township who died Tuesand the township chairmen are as day, was held Wednesday at Union follows: Mrs. Thomas Mathis, Antioch; Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, Beav-

er 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 Fos-ter, 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, Som-Mrs. Florence Vannoy, Stan-Miss Beatrice Holbrook, of phill; Miss Lizzie Whittingon, John; J. W. Joines, Walnut ro, Mrs. Florence Miller, Wil-

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 ambailed and pinned down by enemy fir. Seeing a radio that had been discarded by a captured comrade, related the citation with the award, 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 reast or baking is ready.

service for Funeral C. B. Eller, superintendent of Austin Staley, 88-year-old citizen church and burial was in Staley Wit

cemètery. Mr. Staley is survived by his W. A. C. Hospital 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



ical. pitals. Pfc. Chadcie L. Pennell is en-

joying a 30-day furlough with his parents in North Wilkesboro. He has just returned from 29 months of active duty overseas. He has sen 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.

camp. 🚓

Franklin 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



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, command-

ing officer of the army recruiting station in Winston-Salem, an-nounced 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 reuested North Carolina to furnish 45 women who will be trained by the government to serve as surgmedical and administrative technicians in army general hos-

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 hosital of their own selection. Upon completion of three months' training, enlistes are made corporals, technicians fifth grade.

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

Greenville, Feb. 21.-Orossexamination of Dr. Leon R. Meadows, former president of East Carolina Teachers' College, on trial charged with embezzle-L. Pennell, when he returns to ment and false pretense, was begun this aftern 001.

Frank Caudill, Jr., of Hays; David Creek Circuit Over Shumate Yale, of Hays.

Those going this week for exam-ination are: Argle R. Riggs, of Crusade Quota Set 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 David-SOL

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

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.

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.

eastern University in Washing-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.

BROTHERS MEET AFTER 2¹/₂ YEARS IN THE SERVICE



CPL. LONNIE A. BALL

JAMES W. BALL

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, separate

PVT. JARET E. BALL

Youth Center In This City To Be **Open On 2 Nights** By popular demand, the youth center recently opened in this city

under sonsorship 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 oppo-site 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