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\$19,400 RED CROSS DRIVE BEGINS THURSDAY

Three Are Killed In Two Highway Accidents

Two Veterans Of Overseas Service Accident Victims

Pvt. Chadcie L. Pennell and Pvt. John W. Shew Are Both Killed

Two soldiers, both veterans of overseas combat, were killed in an automobile accident Saturday night, 10:45, on highway 115 one mile from this city.

Pvt. Chadcie Lee Pennell, 27, came on 30-day furlough after 29 months service with the army air forces in England, North Africa, Sicily and Corsica, was killed instantly when the car which he was driving plunged off a 30-foot embankment between Parkway Bus company garage and Broadway Service Station.

Pvt. John W. Shew, wounded soldier who lost his left leg in action in Italy several months ago and was home on furlough from Lawson General hospital, Atlanta, Ga., died at 11 a. m. Sunday at Wilkes hospital from injuries received in the accident. His head was crushed.

State Highway Patrol Sergeant A. H. Clark investigated the accident. He said that in addition to Pvt. Pennell and Pvt. Shew, there were four other occupants of the car. They were Oscar White and Guy Harris, soldiers, and Burl Kilby and Burman Holland, civilians. Holland sustained serious injuries but White, Kilby and Harris escaped with minor hurts.

Sgt. Clark reported that the car was traveling at a high rate of speed. While passing a taxi his car sideswiped a fender and left the road over a hill. For more than 50 yards the car traveled along the almost perpendicular side of the embankment and overturned. Pvt. Pennell was either thrown from the wrecked car or had crawled out and his body was found in a sitting position, reclining against a tree near the car.

Pvt. Pennell was a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pennell. Since he arrived home on furlough he married Miss Virginia Phillips, of Mebane. He is survived by his wife, his parents, who make their home here, six sisters and one brother: Mrs. Ruth Johnson, of Baltimore; Mrs. Nolene Beane, Mrs. Delbert Phillips, Blanche, Eva, Florence and James Leonard Pennell, all of North Wilkesboro.

Funeral service for Pvt. Pennell will be held Tuesday, two p. m., at Little Rock Baptist church near Boomer. Rev. Otto Johnson will conduct the service.

Pvt. Shew, age 22, entered the army in June, 1942. On June 8, 1944, he was wounded in Italy and lost his left leg. He was a tank crewman and an 88 mm shell from an enemy gun penetrated his tank and shot off his leg. He crawled from the burning tank and suffered burns during his escape, and received a bullet wound in his other leg from an enemy machine gun after he had crawled away from the tank. He was later returned to the states and assigned to Lawson General hospital in Atlanta.

Pvt. Shew is survived by his wife, Mrs. Julia Ann Shew and daughter, Anna Belle, who live at 616 D street, North Wilkesboro; his father, Milton Shew, of North Wilkesboro route three; two brothers, Clay and Carl Shew, of North Wilkesboro route three; two sisters, Mrs. Mae Estep, of Pores Knob, and Miss Mary Shew, of North Wilkesboro route three; also three half brothers, Pvt. Floyd Nance in the army in Europe, Clyde Nance, in the navy, and Sherman Nance, in the merchant marine.

Funeral service for Pvt. Shew will be held Tuesday, eleven a. m. at Antioch Baptist church.

Mr. Charles Leckie, who recently received an honorable discharge from the navy, has arrived home. Mr. Leckie was a first-class water tender and was attached to the Pacific fleet. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leckie, of Wilkesboro.

Chile has ascertained that 81 per cent of its total government expenditures goes for salaries, bonuses and pensions.

Accident Victim



Pvt. Chadcie Lee Pennell, home on furlough after overseas service, was killed in an automobile accident near this city Saturday night. Shown here with Pvt. Pennell is his wife, the former Miss Virginia Phillips, of Mebane.

Dairy Production Subsidy Payments Will Be Continued

Plans for the continuation of Dairy Production Payments thru the last nine months of 1945 have been announced by the War Food Administration, according to H. C. Roberts, Chairman, Wilkes County AAA Committee.

"This announcement definitely extends the program for another 3-months period, through June 30, 1945," he declared, "and continuation of the program after this date is necessarily conditional upon the approval of Congress. The specific rates of payment after June 30 must also remain subject to later revision."

"Subject to these conditions," Mr. Roberts continued, "the rates of payment on whole milk for April, May and June will be 55 cents per hundred weight; for July, August and September 65 cents; for October, November and December 90 cents. The rate of payment on butterfat deliveries will be 10 cents per pound, thru September; in October and thru December 16 cents per pound."

The AAA leader pointed out that under the proposed program, the seasonal pattern of rates is adjusted so as to encourage more milk in the fall and winter months when it can be more effectively utilized and will relieve seasonal shortages. "The scheduled program will give dairy farmers about the same average rate of payment on whole milk as in 1944 and a substantially higher rate on butterfat in cream."

Ed Laws Is Killed When Thrown From a Truck

Colon Hayes, Colored Man, Held For Manslaughter In Death of Laws

Ed Monroe Laws, 60-year-old farmer of the Marley Ford community of Wilkes county, was instantly killed Saturday evening when he was thrown from a truck on highway 421, ten miles west of this city.

Sheriff C. G. Poindexter, Coroner I. M. Myers and State Highway Patrol Sergeant A. H. Clark, who investigated the accident, said that Mr. Laws was riding on a load of lumber and brick on a truck driven by Colon Hayes, colored man of the Marley Ford section. The driver had lost control of the truck and it swerved across the road twice and into the yard at the home of T. P. Elledge, where Mr. Laws was thrown off. His skull was crushed and his neck was broken. He died instantly.

With Hayes in the cab of the truck were Hayes' wife and Mrs. Laws. They were not injured. With Mr. Laws on the load of lumber and brick were Bud Marley and the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. Laws. They were slightly injured.

Investigating officers reported that Hayes was drinking. He was jailed on charges of manslaughter, driving while intoxicated and for having no brakes on his truck.

Mr. Laws is survived by his wife, Mrs. Zora Green Laws, and eight children: Rev. Gunny Laws, of this city; Turner Laws, North Wilkesboro; Sanford Laws, Wilmington; Dallas Laws, Purlear; Mrs. Cade Seacrest, Lenoir; Payton and Romillius Laws, Lenoir; Ora Belle Laws, Purlear.

Funeral service was held this afternoon, 2:30, at the Laws home and burial was in Marley Ford cemetery. Rev. Alfred Foster and Rev. Fred Foster conducted the last rites.

Methodist Board Of Stewards To Meet

The Board of Stewards of the First Methodist church will meet in their monthly meeting Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock with Mrs. J. D. Moore.

Lenten Services

Service will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal church every Thursday evening during Lent at 7:45 o'clock instead of 7:30 as heretofore announced. The public is cordially invited to attend.

SHOUN KERBAUGH HERE

Shoun Kerbaugh, seaman second class, who has been in radio and radar school in Chicago, is spending a few days with his family here. At the end of his leave he will continue study at a naval school in New York City.

Field Director Of Red Cross Speaks To Local Clubs

Charles L. Skarren, Jr., Relates Experiences With Army Overseas

Charles L. Skarren, Jr., who served as an overseas field director of the American Red Cross in England, France and Germany for 18 months, addressed the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club here Friday noon and the Lion club Friday evening at Hotel Wilkes.

Mr. Skarren delivered inspiring addresses about work of the Red Cross overseas. His appearances were prelude to the beginning of the Red Cross War Fund drive March 1.

Beginning his addresses here, Mr. Skarren showed a number of souvenirs collected in Germany, including a Nazi house flag, a Nazi youth knife and a P-38 German automatic pistol.

The speaker told first of the services which were rendered by the Red Cross to American forces in England. Then he recounted his experiences from the time he landed in France on D-Day plus six, on through France and into Germany near Aachen. He told of personal services rendered to service men overseas, of contacts with their families, Red Cross girls in hospitals, serving of meals in Red Cross service clubs, cigarettes, candies, games, books, art craft courses furnished wounded soldiers and millions of other services rendered. He closed his address with explanation of the Red Cross services to prisoners of war—how the Red Cross sends food packages to supplement the diet of prisoners in German prison camps to assure that they will have a healthful and balanced diet.

At the Kiwanis meeting Rev. Howard J. Ford had charge of the program and presented the speaker. Prior to the program, President Paul Osborne appointed Paul Cragan and C. B. Eller as chairmen of the Easter Seal committee.

Guests at Kiwanis luncheon were as follows: Richard Chamberlain with Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, Mrs. J. B. Carter with J. B. Carter, Maurice Walsh with C. B. Eller, E. R. Spruill with P. E. Forester, Mrs. R. G. Finley and Grady Miller with R. G. Finley, R. M. Brame with W. G. Gabriel, Miss Kathrin Sanford with R. E. Gibbs, Mrs. W. D. Halfacre with W. D. Halfacre, Hayne Baucom with Robert Morehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Erla Fitz with H. H. Morehouse, Charles Skarren, Jr., Mrs. Marion Ritzert and Rev. A. C. Waggoner, club guests; Miss Corinne Faw and Mrs. M. F. Bumgarner, Red Cross guests.

Skarren was presented to the (Continued on Page Four)

BROTHERS FIGHT ON IWO JIMA



Sgt. Henry Pearson and Pvt. Alvin Pearson, brothers, are fighting with the fourth and fifth marine divisions on Iwo Jima. The Pearson brothers in the marines are sons of Mrs. Rosa Pearson Holcomb and the late C. E. Pearson, of Millers Creek. They have two brothers serving in the army. Sgt. Henry M. Pearson volunteered for marine corps service prior to Pearl Harbor. When Alvin became of age he stated that he was going to get into the marines and join his brother, even if he had to go all the way to Tokyo to find him. Alvin was assigned to the fourth division and Henry to the fifth. A few weeks ago they met at a Pacific outpost where the fourth and fifth were getting ready for the Iwo Jima campaign.

March Term Of Superior Court To Open March 5

March term of Wilkes Superior court for trial of criminal cases will convene on Monday, March 5, with Judge Frank Armstrong, of Troy, on the bench.

One of the lightest dockets in recent years—only 120 cases to date—have been calendared for the term.

Jurors for the March term were recently drawn as follows:

FIRST WEEK
 Archie D. Rhodes, North Wilkesboro; W. E. Bell, Walnut Grove; Percy Myers, Rock Creek; George Kennedy, Wilkesboro; J. A. M. e s Lunsford, Somers; A. C. Staley, Rock Creek; W. M. Pardue, Reddies River; Tommie Hayes, Brushy Mountain; J. G. Adams, New Castle; L. M. Colvard, Union; J. B. Sheets, Union; E. H. Eller, Moravian Falls; Sherman Blevins, Walnut Grove; W. C. Triplett, Lewis Fork; Carl Lane, Wilkesboro; C. A. Hamby, Elk; Shober Minton, Jobs Cabin; W. M. Harris, Rock Creek; Walter McGuire, Jobs Cabin; L. B. Wiles, Rock Creek; Victor Wood, Edwards; J. G. Greene, Wilkesboro; Monroe Faw, Reddies River; P. C. Eller, Lewis Fork; Vincent Faw, Reddies River; J. G. Billings, Walnut Grove; Sherman Elledge, Rock Creek; Joe Gambill, North Wilkesboro; H. E.

Pardue, Rock Creek; S. S. Minton, North Wilkesboro; L. E. Felts, Walnut Grove; Wesley V. Cheek, Traphill; H. C. Dameron, Traphill; Lester Glass, North Wilkesboro; O. F. Absher, Mulberry; L. F. Bentley, Moravian Falls; McKinley Wood, Edwards; D. E. Elledge, North Wilkesboro; B. C. Sparks, Traphill; Ralph Shumaker, Reddies River; W. G. Hamby, Elk; S. M. Fox, Moravian Falls; W. M. Ashley, Union; J. F. Owens, North Wilkesboro; D. C. Lowe, Moravian Falls; L. G. Watkins, Mulberry; J. M. Bowers, Traphill; F. M. Taylor, Mulberry; G. M. Eller, Beaver Creek; Silas W. Johnson, Antioch; D. O. Clary, North Wilkesboro; J. Carl Bumgarner, North Wilkesboro; N. S. Forester, Jr., North Wilkesboro; J. G. Shepherd, Elk; W. L. Price, Boomer; J. W. Snyder, North Wilkesboro; N. V. Pardue, New Castle; Fred Huffman, Stanton; Lee N. Anderson, North Wilkesboro; James Joines, Brushy Mountain; W. V. Pendry, Rock Creek; H. B. Dodson, North Wilkesboro; K. W. Souther, Somers; Hill Hendrix, Elk; Crawford Myers, New Castle.

SECOND WEEK

J. A. Anderson, Brushy Mountain; T. W. Ferguson, Beaver Creek; C. L. Parsons, Union; J. F. Triplett, Elk; T. H. Harless, Union; Andy Cleary, Union; W. F. Kilby, Reddies River; H. H. Rhodes, Mulberry; Jason Elmore, Rock Creek; S. T. Mathis, New Castle; D. H. Blackburn, Rock Creek; Steven V. Bumgarner, Rock Creek; (Continued on Page Eight)

Organization For War Fund Drive Now Completed

All In Readiness For Annual Campaign; Liberal Response Requested

Campaign to raise a minimum of \$19,400 for the Red Cross War Fund will get under way in Wilkes Thursday, March 1, ten a. m., Rev. Howard J. Ford, War Fund chairman for the Wilkes chapter, said today.

A complete organization to reach every community in the county has been set up under the direction of Chairman Ford and a most successful campaign is anticipated.

Division and township chairmen meet here Friday for a conference with Charles L. Skarren, Jr., field director for the Red Cross who recently returned from serving 18 months in England, France and Germany, and Mrs. Marion Ritzert, of Lincolnton, field representative for the Red Cross in Western North Carolina.

Chairman Ford has urged all division and township chairmen to appoint sufficient workers to have a complete organization to contact all the people.

Because of the large quota of \$19,400 set for the county, liberal contributions are urged. The goal is \$1,200 over quota of \$18,200 for 1944, but in view of the fact that people of Wilkes gave more than \$22,000 to the Red Cross last year, War Fund leaders feel that response this year may set a new record.

Bill To Increase Salaries Wilkes County Officials

Story Introduced Bill To Raise Pay of Three of the County Officers

Wilkes' Representative T. E. Story has introduced a bill in the state legislature which would raise the salaries of the Wilkes sheriff, register of deeds and clerk of superior court \$50 each per month.

Commenting on the bill while home for the week-end, Representative Story said that the Wilkes officials were serving the county at salaries which were established by act of the legislature in 1911 and that the salaries are too low and out of line with salaries being paid by other counties in the state. The present salaries in Wilkes are \$2,000 per year each for register of deeds and clerk and \$2,900 for the sheriff.

Representative Story said that similar acts calling for increased salaries for county officials have been introduced in the house for 62 counties in the state.

Text of the bill introduced by Representative Story follows:

Section 1. That in addition to the salary now paid him by authority of Section one of Chapter five hundred and eighty-seven of the Public-Local Laws of one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and in addition to the compensation he now receives as judge of the Juvenile Court, the clerk of the Superior Court of Wilkes county shall receive fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month.

Sec. 2. That in addition to the salary now paid him by authority of Section two of Chapter five hundred and eighty-seven of the Public-Local Laws of one thousand nine hundred and eleven, the Register of Deeds of Wilkes County shall receive fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month.

Sec. 3. That in addition to the salary now paid him under existing law, the Sheriff of Wilkes County shall receive fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month.

Sec. 4. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. That this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Some improvement was noted today in the condition of Mr. C. D. Coffey, Sr., prominent local business man who has been seriously ill for sometime. Mr. Coffey is a patient at the Wilkes hospital.

THREE MOORE BROTHERS, TWO BROTHERS-IN-LAW, SERVING IN ARMY AND NAVY



SGT. HILLARD H. MOORE SGT. HUBERT L. MOORE PVT. JOHN R. MOORE VIRGIL C. MOORE, S2c R. G. BRYANT, S2c

Three sons and two sons-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie L. Moore, of Gilreath, are serving in the army and navy. Sgt. Hillard H. Moore entered service in September, 1943, received training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and Camp Claiborne, La., and is now somewhere in Italy. Sgt. Hubert L. Moore entered the army in June, 1940, received training at Fort Bragg, was wounded in action in March, 1942, was discharged in December, 1944, and is now in a veterans' home in Tennessee. Pvt. John R. Moore entered the army in August, 1944, received training at Fort Bragg, Fort Jackson and Camp Croft and when last heard from was in New York. Virgil C. Moore, seaman second class, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie L. Moore, and husband of the former Miss Letha Moore, entered the navy in December, 1943, received boot training at Bainbridge, Md., and is now in England. R. G. Bryant, seaman second class, another son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Moore and husband of the former Miss Gladys Moore, entered the navy in April, 1944, was in training at Camp Peary and Oceana Field, Norfolk, Va., and is now in naval school at Charleston, S. C.