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NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C., THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1945 Watch Your Label—Keep Your Subscription Paid in Advance

Committee Seeks Flood Control; In Washington Today

Group Now Confering With Senator Bailey and Representative Doughton

A flood control committee composed of a number of interested citizens of North Wilkesboro, Elkin and Lenoir is in Washington today conferring with Senator Joseph W. Bailey and Representative R. L. Doughton, in an effort to secure a program of flood control for the Yadkin Valley.

Local men in the conference are John E. Justice, Jr., P. E. Brown, Mayor R. T. McNeil and R. G. Flaley. The group also includes George F. Weise, of Ledgerwood, Mark Goforth, of Lenoir, and Attorney Marion Allen, of Elkin.

People of North Wilkesboro and other points in the Yadkin Valley are hopeful that the committee with the representatives and senators will be able to formulate a plan which will provide adequate flood control in the valley and will not meet with serious opposition from the people in the affected areas.

County Wide Vote On Commissioners Sought In New Bill

State Senator W. B. Somers yesterday introduced in the legislature a measure which would amend the law governing election of commissioners of Wilkes county.

The bill introduced by Senator Somers, according to reports received here, would provide for the nomination of commissioners by district and election by county-wide vote.

Under the present law the commissioners are nominated and elected by districts, with the voters in each of the three districts voting only for the commissioner nominated for their respective districts. If the bill introduced by Senator Somers becomes law, the election of all three commissioners will be by vote of the entire county.

C. H. Gilreath Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at Adley church for Clarence Hillery Gilreath, age 73, member of a well known Wilkes family who died Sunday night at his home in the Adley community near Wilkesboro.

Mr. Gilreath was born and reared near Wilkesboro, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Joel Gilreath. Throughout his life he was engaged in farming and the carpentry trade. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillie Williams Gilreath, three sons and one daughter: Howard K. Gilreath, Canton, Md.; Mrs. Worth Houck, Wilkesboro. Also surviving are two brothers and one sister: Dr. F. H. Gilreath, Attorney Charles G. Gilreath, and Miss Florence Gilreath, all of Wilkesboro.

Funeral service was conducted by Mr. Gilreath's pastor, Rev. S. J. Brawley, assisted by Rev. J. O. Ervin, Wilkesboro Methodist pastor. Burial was in Williams cemetery.

Mrs. Coffey Hurt In Fall Tuesday

Mrs. C. D. Coffey, Sr., was badly injured Tuesday when she fell from a second story window at her home on Eighth street. She was cleaning a window when she fainting and fell to the ground. She suffered painful bruises and minor cuts but is now resting well and is expected to recover. She is a patient at the Wilkes hospital.

J. B. Greer Buys Bretholl Orchard

J. B. Greer, of Cricket, has purchased the residence and the splendid apple orchard of C. F. Bretholl near Moravian Falls on the Brushies.

The deal, which was closed on Saturday, transferred to Mr. Greer the Bretholl property with the exception of the residence built a few years ago for Mr. Bretholl's son and a small portion of the orchard consisting of 30 apple trees and a vineyard of 250 grape vines.

Mr. and Mrs. Bretholl will make their home in the new residence which they retained. Mr. Greer plans to move to the orchard in the near future.



Through the Red Cross the American people serve the men of their Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

Chicken Dinner For Benefit Red Cross At Mount Pleasant

Champion Home Demonstration club will serve a Red Cross benefit dinner at Mount Pleasant school on Tuesday night, March 6, seven to nine o'clock. The price per plate will be \$1.00, and the entire proceeds of the dinner will go to the Red Cross War Fund.

Mrs. Marshall Church Is Claimed By Death

Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Church, age 82, died Tuesday night at her home in the Goshen community west of Wilkesboro. She had been ill for some time.

Mrs. Church was a member of a well known Wilkes family, being the wife of the late Marshall Church. She is survived by three sons, I. C. Church, of Wilkesboro; N. L. Church, of the Goshen community, and J. S. Church, of Charleston, W. Va.

Funeral service was held today at two p. m., at the home, and burial was in Davis family cemetery. Rev. Isaac Watts conducted the last rites.

Mrs. A. T. Blackburn Funeral Held Today

Funeral service for Mrs. Clearcie Jane Wilcox Blackburn, age 63, who died Tuesday afternoon at her home near Walsh, was held today at two p. m., at Big Ivy Baptist church.

Mrs. Blackburn is survived by her husband, Andrew Thomas Blackburn, and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Walter McGuire, Walsh; John Blackburn, Rock Hill, N. Y.; Mrs. Frank Church, Thomasville; Miss Leona Blackburn, Walsh; Mrs. Harrison Ashley, Obids; Mrs. Rufus Surles, Fleetwood; Cpl. Charles H. Blackburn, in the army.

Rev. Ed O. Miller, Rev. Levi Greene and Rev. Glenn Huffman conducted the funeral service.

Three Are Held In Series Thefts Thursday Night

Clint Hamby and Carl Lyall, local men who recently completed road terms for previous offenses, have been arrested for a whirlwind series of thefts on the night of February 22.

In city court Monday they were given a hearing and bound to superior court under bonds of 1,000 each.

Hamby and Lyall have confessed, Police Chief J. E. Walker said, to entering Boone Trail Motor company garage, where they took a steel drill with which they planned to open locks.

From there they went to Tenth street, where they drove off a large truck belonging to Tal J. Pearson, wholesale grocer. The truck stalled on Cotton Mill Hill and they abandoned it and took W. P. Carson's automobile. They drove the car to Ashe county, where it ran out of gas near West Jefferson. They were unable to get any gas and were seen and identified as they left the car and started walking back toward this city.

Brame and Sidden Are Appointed On Board of Welfare

All Members Of Board Of Three To Take Office On April 1 Under New Law

P. J. Brame and C. C. Sidden will be members of the Wilkes County Board of Welfare, beginning April 1.

Under the amended law, members of all boards of welfare will begin new terms on April 1 this year. One member is appointed by the state board of welfare for three years, one by the board of county commissioners for two years, and the two name a third member for one year, all to take office this year on April 1. As the terms of the members to take office April 1 expire, future terms of all members will be three years, in order that one may expire each year.

Mr. Brame is the present chairman of the board and has been reappointed by the state board. Mr. Sidden, named by the commissioners, is a member of the board of commissioners and may also be a member of the welfare board as provided by the amended law. Mr. Brame and Mr. Sidden before April 1 are to appoint the third member of the Wilkes board.

Conrad Cardwell Is Wounded In Action

Conrad Cardwell, seaman second class, was wounded in action when Jap dive bombers recently attacked the ship on which he served in the Pacific, according to news received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cardwell, of Wilkesboro. Seaman Cardwell entered the navy in June, 1943, and began duty in January, 1944. In recent letters home he stated he would be glad to have letters from his friends in Wilkes.

J. I. Blalock, 71, Is Claimed By Death

J. I. Blalock, age 71, former citizen of this city who had been making his home in Lenoir for several years, died at his home in Lenoir early this morning.

Mr. Blalock formerly lived in the Mulberry section of Wilkes and spent some time in West Virginia before moving to North Wilkesboro. After going to Lenoir he operated a repair shop.

Surviving Mr. Blalock are his wife and the following sons and daughters: Travis Blalock, Lenoir; Mrs. V. V. Turner, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Cecil Wiles, this city; Dalmas Blalock, Lenoir; Mrs. Marshall Shell, Lenoir; Mrs. Paul Grist, Hickory.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Federal Income Tax Man Here In March

Representatives of the internal revenue office will be in North Wilkesboro March 5 to 15 for the purpose of assisting people with filing federal income tax returns. Those who desire assistance are asked to visit the internal revenue office on the second floor of the Bank of North Wilkesboro building any day from March 5 to 15.

Annual Red Cross War Fund Campaign Gets Under Way

Chairman of Red Cross War Fund Issues An Appeal

By REV. HOWARD J. FORD, War Fund Chairman

The time for our annual War Fund drive is here. Our campaign for funds officially opens today. Once again we come to you in the name of one of the world's greatest humanitarian organizations to ask for your liberal donation.

Your local Red Cross chapter is the only connecting link between the command post of our service men and women and their families back home. From the time he leaves home until he is again positioned in his community as a civilian, your Red Cross is at his side. Even after he leaves the armed forces your Red Cross aids him in his relations with his government. The returning G. I. can learn of his rights through his local Red Cross office.

This year we are asked to raise \$19,400. We must recognize this as a large sum of money. Let this sum challenge each one of us. Our quota can be raised through your liberal contributions. Wilkes county has never failed her Red Cross organization. We must not do so now. This is no time for a let-up. May I congratulate the citizens of Wilkes county for what they have done in the past for the Red Cross. Today you are more prosperous than you have been for many years. This prosperity has come to you at terrible cost. Others are giving their life's blood on the battlefield; we can give some of our money.

March 1 to 9 has been designated as Red Cross solicitation days. Sometime during this period a volunteer worker will call on you. It will not be easy to raise \$19,400. Think twice before you give and please give liberally. "Help Keep Your Red Cross at His Side."

Cpl. Howard Cothren Wounded In Belgium

Purple heart award for Cpl. Howard Cothren, who was wounded in Belgium January 26, was delivered to his mother, Mrs. Lena Cothren, of Ronda, Monday, by Rev. A. C. Waggoner, chairman of the Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross.

The award was sent to the local Red Cross chapter at the request of Cpl. Cothren, who is now in a hospital in Preque Isle, Maine, and who asked that the Red Cross deliver it to his mother. Cpl. Cothren will be assigned to an army hospital as near home as practical within the near future.

Memorial Service For Cpl. Meade Is Held Here Sunday

Memorial service for Cpl. Lewis W. Meade, who was killed in a tank accident in Luxembourg on December 26, was held Sunday afternoon, five o'clock, at the Presbyterian church.

The service was in charge of Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian, supply minister. Included in the program were a solo by Lewis Vickery, reading of a letter from Cpl. Meade's commanding officer, remarks by J. C. Davis, Cpl. Meade's foreman when he worked at Forest Furniture company, and by P. M. Williams, Cpl. Meade's Sunday school teacher. Pastoral comments by Rev. Mr. Yelanjian and prayer by J. R. Finley, secretary-treasurer of Forest Furniture company, concluded the program.

Cpl. Meade, son of Mrs. Irene Meade, of this city, was a member of the Presbyterian church. Before entering service he was employed at Forest Furniture Co. and North Wilkesboro Drug Co.

March Court To Begin On Monday

Wilkes superior court will begin a three weeks' term on Monday, March 5, with Judge Frank Armstrong presiding.

The March term will be for trial of criminal cases and Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, will prosecute the docket.

A comparatively light calendar of criminal cases is pending trial. It is expected that all cases ready for trial will be disposed of during the term.

MORE LARGE GIFTS NEEDED

AN EDITORIAL

In every Red Cross Campaign a rather sizeable amount must be raised by the Special Gifts Committee from business firms and individuals who are considered able to make liberal contributions.

This committee must make a careful survey of the local situation with a view of determining approximately what each business firm or individual is able and willing to give. In the local chapter it is the custom for the Special Gifts committee to solicit only amounts of \$50.00 and over.

Those who have during the past few years handled the work of this committee are high in their praise for the response (with few exceptions) they have received from those solicited, and feel the amounts contributed have been liberal. There is, however, one unfortunate angle to this matter. It is felt by many that these funds for the Special Gifts committee should almost exclusively come from North Wilkesboro and the other towns in the county.

Since there are quite a few very prosperous and well-to-do citizens in the rural sections of the county it is hoped that response from our friends who are in business out in the county be as liberal as those living in town. For several years there have been a few liberal contributors to the Special Gifts committee from the rural sections.

The members of this committee have to give much of their time and energy to this work, therefore, the business men of the county can help admirably by responding promptly, and liberally.

Sunday, March 4, Will Be Red Cross Sunday In Wilkes

Sunday, March 4, has been designated as Red Cross Sunday in churches of Wilkes county by request of Rev. Howard J. Ford, Red Cross War Fund chairman for Wilkes county.

Rev. Mr. Ford has asked that pastors and other church leaders co-operate fully by making announcement in their churches of the war fund beginning March 1, and the goal of \$19,400 for Wilkes county.

"Traditionally, the American Red Cross has had utmost support from the churches of America. Ministry of all denominations have repeatedly lauded the humanitarian work of the Red Cross," Mr. Ford said.

Sgt. Fred E. Myers Given Bronze Star

Sgt. Fred E. Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Myers of Halls Mills, and brother of Mrs. Quincy Hutchinson, of this city, has been awarded the bronze star medal for heroic achievement in combat.

The citation accompanying the award was as follows: "Sgt. Fred E. Myers, troop B reconnaissance squadron (mechanized) U. S. Cavalry. For heroic achievement in connection with military operation against an enemy of the United States in Germany on 26 November, 1944. In order to secure information as to enemy positions Sgt. Myers led a patrol through enemy outposts between Mittel-Turnsdorf and Nohn, Germany. Daylight broke before the patrol could return to their lines. Sgt. Myers ordered his men into hiding and alone made his way back to headquarters. After reporting his information, Sgt. Myers was informed that artillery fire would be placed on the enemy positions providing his patrol could be withdrawn. Whereupon, with utter disregard for his own safety, he again penetrated the enemy outposts, contacted his patrol and led them to safety. The skillful leadership, courage and resourcefulness displayed by Sgt. Myers reflect great credit upon himself, his organization, and the armed forces of the United States."

Relatives Of War Prisoners to Meet At Red Cross 3rd

On Saturday, March 3, at 10:30 a. m., a meeting will be held in the office of the Wilkes County Chapter of American Red Cross for the next of kin, relatives and friends of prisoners of war from this county. Miss Evelyn Sharpe, chairman of the prisoner of war committee, and Miss Kathrin Sanford, executive secretary of the local chapter, will meet with the group and discuss problems and furnish information which will be of interest and help to them.

Pfc. Jas. E. Jennings Wounded In Belgium

Pfc. James E. Jennings, of State Road, stated in a letter to his sister, Mrs. C. H. Oplitz, of Oakwoods, that he was wounded during the break-through in Belgium on February 4 while fighting with the First Army. Pfc. Jennings entered the army in May 1944, went overseas shortly before Christmas and reached the front within a short time. He is the son of Mrs. D. L. Jennings, of State Road.

Twice Wounded; Has Recovered



The 827th Convalescent Center, England—Fully recovered from shrapnel wounds in both legs and the left arm received while fighting with his infantry unit in Brest, France, his second battle injury, Private First Class Daniel T. Love, 25, North Wilkesboro, N. C., is taking military and physical training at this United States Army convalescent center preparatory to his return to duty. He has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart. Pfc. Love is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas James Love who live in North Wilkesboro. He was employed as a clerk with F. R. Davis before entering the Army in September, 1942. His brother, Pvt. Peerless H. Love, is serving with an anti-aircraft unit.

Legion Will Meet On Friday Night

Wilkes post of the American Legion will meet Friday night at 7:30, at the Yadkin Valley Motor company. Discharged veterans of World War number 2, in addition to Legion members, are urged to attend.

Ministers to Meet

The ministerial meeting of the Wilkesboro will be held Sunday evening, 9 o'clock, in the home of Rev. A. C. Waggoner. The officers for the new year are Rev. Howard Ford, president, and Dr. David E. Browning, secretary.

Twelve million members in 35 years is the record of the Boy Scouts of America.

Workers Named For Campaign In The Wilkesboros

Quota For Wilkes \$19,400; Much Work, Liberal Contributions Needed

With a complete organization designed to reach all the people of the county, the Red Cross War Fund campaign opened in Wilkes today with a quota of \$19,400.

Rev. Howard J. Ford, War Fund chairman, stated that the campaign officially opened at ten a. m., and would continue until the people throughout all communities in the county are given opportunity to contribute. Much work on the part of canvassers, numerous and liberal contributions from business firms and individuals will be necessary in order to raise the quota.

Division and township chairman appointments were published last week. Following are listed the workers for North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro:

NORTH WILKESBORO BUSINESS DISTRICT

A large quota has been assigned to the North Wilkesboro business district division, of which A. F. Kilby is chairman. Mr. Kilby has asked that the proprietors and managers of the various business firms assist in this campaign by making the canvass for contributions within their firms. The following named workers will contact the business houses:

W. F. Absher, Chas. Jenkins, Jr., W. G. Gabriel, Richard Gibbs, Ira D. Payne, John Prevette, Dudley Hill, J. B. McCoy, Elmer Jones, James Anderson, F. D. Forester, N. S. Forester, R. T. McNeil, J. W. Hall, G. R. Andrews, Jack Swofford, Maurice Walsh, Paul Cashion, J. M. Eller, R. R. Church, K. M. Eller, Robert Gibbs, Dr. J. S. Deans, Allie Hayes, Frank Crow, J. C. Reins, O. K. Pope, Bill Hardister, Zeb Dickson, C. W. McNeill, J. E. Walker, W. A. Brame, W. D. Halfacre, I. F. Foster, Paul Green, Hubert Canter.

NORTH WILKESBORO RESIDENTIAL

Mrs. Gordon Finley, chairman; Mrs. Guy Lillard, Mrs. C. G. Poin-dexter, Mrs. Bruce Waugh, Mrs. W. A. Hardister, Mrs. Dwayne Church, Mrs. Thurmond Kenerly, Mrs. Eugene Trivette, Mrs. Glenn McNeill, Mrs. W. J. Bason, Mrs. C. C. Faw, Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Mrs. Walter Newton, Mrs. W. E. Jones, Miss Lucille Pierce, Mrs. J. T. Kerbaugh, Mrs. J. D. Schaefer, Mrs. H. F. Bauknight, Mrs. Carl Coffey, Mrs. Boyd Stout, Mrs. T. L. Shumaker, Mrs. C. L. Gibson, Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Mrs. Tip McNeil, Mrs. Rufus Church, Mrs. Lewis Nelson, Mrs. T. O. Crowell, Mrs. John Leysion, Mrs. Ivey Moore, Mrs. R. J. Hinshaw, Mrs. Frank Blair, Mrs. Hoyle Hutchens, Mrs. F. C. Forester, Mrs. J. D. Moore, Sr., Mrs. F. B. Hethcock, Mrs. Claude Doughton.

WILKESBORO BUSINESS SECTION

M. G. Edwards, chairman; Hadley Hayes, George Johnson, W. T. Long, Miss Clyde Shepherd.

WILKESBORO RESIDENTIAL SECTION

Mrs. Ralph Williams, Mrs. R. E. Dunn, Mrs. Russell Pearson, Mrs. Julius C. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. William Prevette, Mrs. W. W. Miller, Mrs. C. H. Hulcher, Sr., Mrs. H. H. Dotson, Miss Peggy Somers, Mrs. Robert Huffman, Mrs. Claude Kennedy, Mrs. Arthur Lowe, Mrs. A. A. Sturdivant, Miss Frances Mitchell, Miss Nancy Brown, Mrs. Joe Barber, Glenn Green, Mrs. J. M. Derr, Jr.

COLORED DIVISION OF WAR DRIVE

J. R. Edelin, chairman; John A. Brown, Rev. J. J. Alexander, Rev. V. C. Burns, C. C. Luper, Nathan Ford, R. C. Blackburn, Harrison Anderson, Mrs. Ruby H. Petty, Mrs. Nellie A. Hayes, Mrs. Eddie H. Ralls, Mrs. Lelia M. Bailey, Mrs. Gertrude Bowers, N. W. Roberts, J. T. Redding, S. O. Jones.