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War Fund At \$7,200

Wounded in Action



Cpl. Millard L. Curry, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Curry, of North Wilkesboro Route 3, is in an army hospital in France. He is recovering from a wound in his right leg, which he sustained in France in February. Cpl. Curry has been in service since May, 1943, and went overseas in March, 1944.

Farmers Meeting At Elkin Mar. 15

Farmers from several counties will converge on Elkin Thursday, March 15, for the annual Farmers' Day event at the Elkin Y. M. C. A. A very good program has been planned, including group meetings in the afternoon from 3:00 till 6:20. The dinner meeting will open at 7:00 p. m., and the featured speaker will be C. W. Bailey, president of the First National Bank of Clarksville, Tenn. Many farmers from Wilkes are planning to attend.

Wallace Radio Shop In Brame Building

Wallace Radio Shop, which had been located on Tenth street, has moved to a part of the Brame building near the Wilkes Bakery on Ninth street. The new location affords more space for the shop and will enable this progressive firm to expand its operations and continue to render high type radio service to their patrons.

Improvements Made At Wiles Jewelry

During the past several days many improvements have been made at Wiles Jewelry Store, owned and operated by Merrill Wiles. The interior of the store has been completely refinished, including walls, ceiling and floor. New fixtures, including the most modern and attractive obtainable, have been installed and much new merchandise has been added to the firm's stock.

Prisoner of War



Charlie G. Higgins, son of Mrs. Effie Higgins, of Reddies River, is a German prisoner of war, according to a telegram received Friday by his mother. Pvt. Higgins had been missing in action since December 11, 1944. He took training at Camp Polk, La., Fort Benning, Ga., and Camp Coxcomb, Calif., before going overseas.

Workers Urged To Contact Everyone For Contributions

Larger Quota Than Last Year Must Be Reached For Soldier Benefit

Office of the Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross reported today that the War Fund has reached a total of \$7,200 toward a goal of \$19,400 for the county. War Fund Chairman Howard J. Ford said that the people have been responding well to the Red Cross appeal, as indicated by the early reports, but called attention to the fact that the county still has a long way to go to reach the goal and that much work remains to be done.

A greater portion of the total to date has been reported by the Special Gifts committee which is looking after the solicitation from business firms and individuals in the higher income brackets. Few canvass reports have been received. During previous Red Cross campaigns employees of local industrial plants have contributed liberally and accounted for a large percentage of the amount raised. Chairman Ford said a survey of local industries revealed that they have fewer employees than last year, in some instances one-third less, and that more and larger contributions must come from other people to make up for an anticipated smaller total from industrial employees.

Red Cross officials particularly urged that workers throughout the county make a thorough canvass, giving all an opportunity to contribute, and that they make their reports to the Red Cross office as early as practical. "Keep Your Red Cross at His Side" is the slogan of the War Fund Campaign.

V. & T. Tire Co. Is Opened Here

Newest addition to North Wilkesboro's business district is the V. & T. Tire company, which has opened for business in a part of the John Tomlinson building on A street.

The new firm is under the management of A. Arthur Venable, with the assistance of Lloyd Pardue. Featured by the company are grade 1 tires of well known lines, tubes, batteries and numerous auto accessories. The firm will also feature retreading and tire repair service with high-grade materials and modern equipment.

V. & T. Tire Company will be dealer for General Electric radios and appliances and will have them in stock when they become available.

JUNCTION IS SOUGHT WITH HOGDES' MEN

Paris.—Lieut. General George S. Patton's spectacular Third Army tanks smashed to the Rhine northwest of Coblenz yesterday after a 65-mile dash in 58 hours across the Middle Rhineland. German resistance wilted as Patton's men drove for junction with the U. S. army, conqueror of Cologne. Thousands of Germans and a huge quantity of equipment were threatened with capture as the two armies, under a double security news black-out, advanced toward a meeting on the west bank of the Rhine.

Completing their two-day race for the Rhine, Patton's Fourth Armored Division spearheads covered the last lap of their 65-mile dash with a blinding burst of speed that swept up thousands of dazed prisoners. Patton sent his tanks slashing forward with utter disregard for any threats against his supply columns in what was described as one of the most daring maneuvers ever staged in the history of armored warfare.

Kenya and Uganda railway freight traffic increased 13 per cent last year while passenger traffic rose 18 per cent.

Money can fight, buy bonds.

LT. CYRIL B. SPICER DECORATED



Lieutenant Cyril B. Spicer, of North Wilkesboro, is shown in the army signal corps picture above as he was being presented the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in action. Major General Leland S. Hobbs, commanding general of the 30th infantry division on the western front, is shown pinning the medal on Lt. Spicer on February 16. Lt. Spicer is the husband of the former Miss Bessie Lee Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan D. Anderson, of this city.

Court Disposes Of a Number Of Criminal Cases

Considerable headway has been made on the docket of criminal cases in Wilkes superior court since the March term convened Monday.

Judge J. Frank A. Strong is presiding over the court and Solicitor Avalon E. Hall prosecuting the defendants. Cases in which sentences have been meted out follow: Jesse Anderson, Ned Wilson Rogers, Archie L. Wilson, Presley Curry, Roy Saunders, C. O. Jarvis and William Ed Millsaps, all charged in separate cases with operating motor vehicles while intoxicated, drew sentences of 12 months each on the roads suspended on payment of \$75.00 each and court costs.

Jesse Anderson, violating prohibition laws, two years suspended. Parks Lovette, operating car while intoxicated, one year suspended on payment of \$100 fine and costs.

R. V. Carlton, reckless driving, six months suspended on payment of \$25 and costs. McKinley Williams, violating prohibition law, two years suspended on payment of \$500 fine.

Ed Wellborn, assault with deadly weapon, six months suspended on payment of \$25 fine and costs. The grand jury, of which George Kennedy is foreman, returned a true bill charging James Archie Carlton with criminal assault on Mary Louise Wall, December 5, 1944.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS Serves In France



Pvt. John Andrews Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Adams, of North Wilkesboro Route 1, is now in France. He entered the army August 12, 1944, and was in training at Camp Wheeler, Ga., before going overseas.

Funeral Service Held Wednesday For Chas. G. Day

Prominent Local Business Man Died Monday Afternoon Following Stroke

Funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon at the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro for Charles G. Day, 54, prominent business and civic leader who died Monday afternoon.

Mr. Day died at 1:30 p. m. Monday following a stroke of apoplexy Sunday night. He had been in failing health for a number of years, but was in an apparently normal condition when he was suddenly stricken at his home at 11 o'clock Sunday night. He was carried to the Wilkes hospital but never regained consciousness.

Born in the Cool Springs community of Wilkes county February 25, 1891, Mr. Day was a son of Fred Ford Day, of Elkin, and the late Mrs. Sarah Jane Carter Day. He spent the early part of his life in Elkin, where he was associated with Elkin Hardware company. In 1918 Mr. Day moved to North Wilkesboro and for nine years held a position with Jenkins Hardware company. In 1927 he, with associates organized the Rhodes-Day Furniture company, which rapidly became a leader among furniture firms in northwestern North Carolina. He was president and general manager of the company at the time of his death. He was also part owner of Rhodes-Day-Elledge company in Taylorsville.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. Day was active in church, civic and fraternal affairs. He was a member of the First Baptist church here, a member of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club, the North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order, the K. of P. lodge and Dokies club. For many years he was chief of the North Wilkesboro fire department. In 1937 he helped organize the Wilkes Retail Merchants Association and was first president of the organization. Mr. Day devoted much time and effort to organizations and movements which he deemed to be to the best interests of his town and community.

Mr. Day was first married to Miss Stella DeEtte Hampton who died on October 8, 1928. Of that marriage there are six sons and one daughter: Charles H. Day, of Chester, S. C.; John Frank Day, of Winston-Salem; Pvt. James E. Day, with the First Army in Europe; Miss Ella Louise Day, of North Wilkesboro; Pfc. Bobby Day, in service in the central Pacific; Jack May Day, of Elkin. He was later married to Miss Emma Parks Beaman, who, with two children, Jerry B. and David Eugene Day, survive. Also surviving are his father, Fred Ford Day, of Elkin, and five brothers, Rev. Richard Day, Joe D. Day, Ernest Day, Herman Day and Clyde Day, also of Elkin.

Dr. David E. Browning, pastor, conducted the funeral service, assisted by Rev. A. C. Waggoner, pastor of the First Methodist church, and Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of the Wilkesboro Baptist church. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

IWO MARINES GAINS CAME HARD WAY

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Guam.—In the hand to hand combat, United States Marines drove two 500-yard salients Wednesday into the rocky, intricately fortified north end of Iwo but the Japanese still showed no signs of cracking on the 17th day of the invasion.

All three marine divisions, on the second day of a renewal of offensive to end the bloody operation, registered gains but they were not inclined to regard them as significant.

Enemy resistance continued exceedingly heavy. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced the progress in a communique today.

The Nipponese resistance was with "small arms and machine gun fire." There was no reference to mortar and artillery opposition.

The big gain Wednesday was registered on the west side by Major General Keller E. Rockey's Fifth Marine Division.

Maj. Gen. Graves B. Erskine's Third Marine Division also punched ahead in the center where the leathernecks are getting into position to cut the Nipponese garrison in two.

Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Cates' 4th Marine Division scored gains up to 200 yards.

City Plans Salvage Paper And Tin Cans

Killed In Action



T. SGT. J. RALEIGH CHURCH

Memorial Service For T. Sgt. Church

Will Be Held Sunday Afternoon, Three O'clock, At New Hope Church

Memorial service for Technical Sergeant James Raleigh Church, who was killed in action in France February 6, will be held at New Hope Baptist church near Purlcar Sunday, March 11, three p. m.

Rev. A. W. Eller will conduct the service and others on the program are expected to include Dr. Avery M. Church, of Winston-Salem, brother of Sgt. Church, Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner, Rev. Isaac Watts, Judge Johnson J. Hayes and J. C. McNeill. Ed Hayes will be in charge of the singing.

Sgt. Church was killed by a shot in the chest from a Nazi sniper, according to information contained in a letter from his brother, Capt. Lass H. Church, who is also serving on the western front. Both had been in Europe for several months and after considerable time Capt. Church found an opportunity to visit Sgt. Church and arrived at his outfit only to learn of his death a few days previously.

James Raleigh Church was born September 14, 1911. He graduated from Millers Creek high school in 1931 and attended Mars Hill college two years. He volunteered for service in the army in 1940, and received training in Mississippi, Texas, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and California. Sgt. Church was married to Miss Mamie Church, of North Wilkesboro, in 1941. He went early in 1942 to Hawaii, where he served nine months with an anti-aircraft division. After returning from Hawaii he was stationed in Camp Tyson, Tennessee, where his wife joined him for six months. He was transferred to Camp Davis, N. C., and later to Camp Van Dorn, in Mississippi, where he remained until he went to Europe about November 1. In France and Germany he served with General Patton's Third Army. Sgt. Church is survived by his wife; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah C. Church, of the Purlcar community, and the following brothers and sisters: Dr. Avery M. Church, pastor of (See T.SGT. CHURCH—Page 4)

MOSCOW HINTS BERLIN PUSH HAS STARTED

London.—The Russians hurled seven armies yesterday into an all-out frontal offensive toward Berlin from bridgeheads on the Oder River 30 to 40 miles to the east, the Germans announced. Moscow was officially silent, as is customary at the start of a major operation, but unofficial dispatches from the Soviet capital hinted guardedly that the German accounts might be substantially correct.

German broadcasts said the attackers, Marshal G. K. Zhukov's First White Russian Army group, jumped off after a gigantic 24-hour artillery barrage and punched into the outer defenses of Kuestrin, west of the Oder River fortress which was under attack from the north, east and south. Two tank armies were among Zhukov's forces, these alarmed announcers said.

Cpl. Blaine C. Mathis, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mathis, of Cyle, entered the army in 1942, received training at Camp Lee, Va., and has been in India for 15 months.

Public Is Asked To Begin Saving War Materials

Means Will Be Provided For Salvage of Critically-Needed Paper and Tin

Since other salvage projects here failed to achieve the desired results, the town of North Wilkesboro has taken over salvage of waste paper and tin cans in behalf of the war effort.

At the March meeting of the board of commissioners with Mayor R. T. McNeil this week the matter was discussed and preliminary plans made for systematic, regular collection of waste paper and tin cans.

Previously, R. E. Zimmerman, of the salvage division of the War Production Board, had discussed the matter with Mayor McNeil and members of the board, pointing out that Wilkes county is near the bottom of the list in paper and tin salvage and that instead of being destroyed the paper and cans must be salvaged.

The city council appointed Mayor R. T. McNeil and commissioner A. F. Kilby as a committee to secure a place of storage for paper and cans and to secure ways and means of regular collection. The people of North Wilkesboro are asked to begin now to save every scrap of paper, every tin can and that they be assured that it will be collected.

Miss Lucy Finley appeared before the board, asking that action be taken to improve the sanitary conditions in the city, especially with respect to uncovered garbage cans. In the discussion, attention was called to the fact that local hardware stores now have for sale convenient size garbage cans with lids. The council also requested that the following section of the town ordinance be called to the attention of the public:

Sec. 8 of Chapter 4 of the Ordinances of the Town of North Wilkesboro. Trash Not to Be Thrown on the Streets. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation to throw or sweep into the street or alley of the Town, any paper, hay, straw, tin cans of any description, any other rubbish, refuse or trash, decaying vegetable matter of any kind, or scatter any such articles on any vacant lot of his own, or that of another. The occupants of all business houses or residences shall be required to keep a barrel or box at some convenient place on the back of his; her or their lots in which to deposit all such rubbish as above mentioned, so that the same may be gathered up by the Town Garbage wagon and hauled off.

Pfc. John G. Cleary Receives Wound In Head; Now On Duty

Pfc. John Granville Cleary was wounded in the head in Germany on January 4th. He is out of the hospital and back on duty now. Pfc. Cleary went overseas last October to England, then to France and Germany. His wife and two children reside on North Wilkesboro route 1.

Serves In India



Pvt. James Archie Pardue, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Pardue, of Roaring River, went overseas in January and is now in France. Pvt. Pardue received basic training in Texas.