

Red Cross Drive Progressing; May Reach the Quota

Several Reports Yet To Be Received; Results To Date Encouraging

Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross can reach its quota of \$19,400 this week if workers complete canvass of their respective communities and make their returns to the chapter office, Rev. Howard J. Ford, War Fund chairman, said today.

Response to the War Fund appeal this year has been very gratifying, the chairman said, and the total has already passed the \$17,000 mark with several reports yet to be received.

In some divisions contributions exceeded those of a year ago, and a very successful drive was carried out and netted over \$22,000 compared to a quota of \$17,000.

Quentin Brock Finds Nest With Baby Moles

Quentin Brock, of Pores Knob, Tuesday plowed up a nest containing four baby moles.

Mr. Brock made news when he found a mole's nest. He brought the infant moles to town and showed them to numerous people, but he is yet to find any person who had seen a mole's nest. In fact, he said that he had talked to numerous old-timers who had never run across anything so rare. Once, he said, he recalled seeing in a farm publication a reward of \$25 offered to anyone finding a mole's nest and that the farm journal had stated that moles did not have nests.

The nest Mr. Brock found with the infants had been made of corn husks, and was underground, and very nice and dry.

John F. Blackburn Rites Held Today

John Franklin Blackburn, 60, well known citizen of the Traphill community, died Tuesday at his home.

Funeral was held today at 11 a. m. at New Light church with Rev. L. E. Sparks in charge.

Surviving Mr. Blackburn are his wife, Mrs. Carrie Blackburn, one son and four daughters: Pfc. Roy W. Blackburn, San Francisco, California; Mrs. Verdie Jones, Traphill; Mrs. Edith Brooks, Roaring Gap; Mrs. Ruby Smith, Traphill; Mrs. Belvia Wagoner, of Sparta. Also surviving are four brothers and one sister: J. M. Blackburn, Thurmond; Len, Boss and McKinley Blackburn, Roaring River; and Mrs. Clemmie Brown, Ronda.

Service Officer Of Legion Will Be In City on March 28th

R. L. Davis, service officer of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion, will be at the employment office in North Wilkesboro on Wednesday, March 28, to assist service men and their families in making applications for claims for any benefits or allowances provided.

RATION NEWS

MEATS, FATS — Red Stamps Q5, R5, S5 will expire March 31; Red Stamps T5, U5, V5, W5, and X5 will expire on April 28; Red Stamps Y5, Z5, and A2, B2, C2, D2 will expire June 2; Red Stamps E2, F2, G2, H2, J2, will expire June 30; new stamps will be validated April 1.

PROCESSED FOOD — Blue Stamps X5, Y5, Z5, and A2 and B2, will expire March 31; Blue Stamps C2, D2, E2, F2, and G2 will expire April 28; Blue Stamps H2, J2, K2, L2, M2, will expire June 2; Blue Stamps N2, P2, Z2, R2, S2, will expire June 30. New stamps will be validated April 1.

SUGAR STAMP—35 will expire June 2. No new stamp will be validated until May 1st.

FUEL OIL — All coupons valued 10 gallons. Period 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 coupons for current heating season valid through current season.

SHOES—Airplane Stamps 1, 2, and 3 in Book Three, good indefinitely.

Wounded In Action



Pfc. Franklin Pardue was wounded on Iwo Jima Island recently, according to a letter received by his wife, the former Miss Vetra Absher, who, with her son and daughter, Edd Lee and Mary Gage, lives at 516 Hinshaw street in North Wilkesboro. Pfc. Pardue entered the marine corps May 9, 1944, received training at Parris Island, S. C., and Camp Lejeune, and went overseas in November. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Pardue, of North Wilkesboro route two. His recent letter home stated that he was getting along very well.

Paralysis Chapter Officials to Meet Here March 29th

Dr. Ralph McDonald, State Chairman, to Hold Regional Meeting Here

Officers of eight county chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will gather in North Wilkesboro on March 29 for a meeting with Dr. Ralph McDonald, state chapter chairman. Present at the meeting, which will be held at 12:30 p. m. at Hotel Wilkes, will be the chairman, treasurer, women's division chairman and polio fund chairman of chapters in Wilkes, Yadkin, Davie, Surry, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga and Avery counties. Paul Cashion is chairman of the Wilkes chapter, Mrs. W. R. Absher is treasurer, Mrs. R. G. Finley chairman of the women's division, and Sam Oglivie was chairman for the fund-raising campaign which netted the record-breaking sum of \$7,656.33.

Local Garages Close 1 P. M. On Saturdays

An agreement has been reached among local automobile dealers whereby their firms will be closed Saturdays at 1 p. m., effective on March 24th. The local automobile dealers have also announced that their places of business will be closed in accordance with the closing dates recently adopted by a majority of the merchants of the city.

For sometime, it has been the custom of local auto parts establishments to close on Saturdays at 1 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Greer and family visited Mrs. Greer's mother, Mrs. Mary Boger, at Taylorsville Sunday afternoon.

Eller Brothers In Service



Pfc. Arville D. Eller, left, entered service March 16, 1943, and has been overseas 14 months. He is now with the Fifth army in Italy. Pvt. George C. Eller, right, entered service August 16, 1944, and is now stationed at Camp Croft, S. C. The Eller brothers are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Rom Eller, of Purlear.

YANKS AND REDS GAINING

FIRST ARMY ENLARGES ITS BRIDGEHEAD

Paris.—American tanks crashed through the great German chemical center of Ludwigshafen on the Rhine today as the U. S. Third and Seventh armies continued to grind disorganized German forces west of the river in the maw of disaster that may cost the enemy as many as 100,000 men in killed, wounded and captured.

Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's racing Third Army armored forces plunged straight through Ludwigshafen and reached the Rhine inside that city of 150,000 population. They sent another column slashing southward to the highway junction of Neustadt, where it was within 19 miles of another junction with the Seventh Army—a new giant potential trap around the Nazis.

At the same time doughboys of Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U. S. First Army east of the Rhine, reinforced by armor for the first time since the original crossing two weeks ago, enlarged the Remagen bridgehead northward as much as three miles and fanned out along a seven-mile stretch of the Segl River which flows into the Rhine north of Bonn.

Wilkes Men With The Colors

LT. AND MRS. DUNCAN HERE FOR WEEK-END

Lt. Owen E. Duncan, who has been serving in the navy on the Atlantic, spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. J. E. Duncan. He was accompanied by his wife, who is a member of the Thomasville school faculty.

PFC. ARCHIE MCNEILL AT CAMP LEE, VA.

Pfc. Archie McNeill, who has been a patient at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., has returned to duty and after reporting to Camp Butler was assigned to Camp Lee, Va. Pfc. McNeill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus McNeill, was wounded in France in June.

PFC. MORTON IS IN HOSPITAL IN ENGLAND

Pfc. Howard L. Morton, who was wounded in Germany in February, has written his wife and mother that he is now in a hospital in England and hopes to be back in the United States at an early date.

SGT. HAYES DYER BACK IN HOSPITAL

Sgt. Hayes Dyer has returned to Moore General Hospital at Swannanoa after spending a thirty-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dyer, at Purlear, and his many friends.

Sgt. Dyer was seriously wounded in France on October 23, 1944, but is recovering nicely.

MCGUIRE BROTHERS ENJOY VISIT HOME

William Allen McGuire, seaman second class, and Lynn W. McGuire, seaman second class, both of Bainbridge, Md., recently spent a leave with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McGuire, of Ferguson, and Allen with his wife and two little daughters, who live in Wilkesboro.

On Church Of the Air



Dr. R. Paul Caudill Will Speak on Network Program March 25

Dr. R. Paul Caudill Will Be Heard by Millions on Popular Sunday Program

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, native of Wilkes county and now pastor of the First Baptist church in Memphis, Tenn., will be the speaker on "Columbia's Church of the Air" program over the Columbia Broadcasting System Sunday, March 25.

The program, which has been a popular Sunday morning worship feature over the Columbia network for the past several years, will be from 10 to 10:30, eastern war time.

Dr. Caudill is well known in North Carolina and especially in Wilkes county, where he graduated from high school. His father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Caudill, live near Hays, Wilkes county.

Readers of The Journal-Patriot will be especially interested in hearing Dr. Caudill because he is author of the Sunday School lesson comments which appear as a regular feature in The Journal-Patriot each Thursday. He has written Sunday School lessons for the Baptist adult quarterly and for several Baptist publications during the past two years.

H. C. EWING, JR., RECEIVES PROMOTION

H. C. Ewing, Jr., who is stationed in the army at Newport, R. I., was recently promoted to rank of fireman first class. Before going to his present station, he received training at Camp Peary, Va., and Jacksonville, Fla. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ewing, of Newport News, Va., and who formerly lived in North Wilkesboro. His mother is the former Miss Lizzie Sockwell.

SGT. COOTHREN GETS AIR MEDAL AWARD

From an Air Base in India—The Air Medal was awarded recently to Technical Sergeant Bradie H. Coothren, of North Wilkesboro, an aerial engineer of a combat cargo group which operates in the India-Burma theatre under Major General George E. Stratemeyer's Allied Eastern Air Command.

The citation read, in part: "For meritorious achievement in aerial fighting while participating in more than 25 combat missions, all highly successful, although flown through hazardous weather and over extremely rough terrain, where exposure to enemy fire was probable and expected."

PFC. WAYNE GENTRY RECEIVES PROMOTION

Far East Air Forces, Southwest Pacific—Pfc. Wayne H. Gentry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude B. Gentry, of 312 D street, has been promoted to that grade at a troop carrier base in the Netherlands East Indies.

The troop carriers have participated in every major campaign in the Pacific, from New Guinea to the Philippines, flying men and supplies to the battle line transports, oftentimes over enemy territory. Pfc. Gentry is a member of the operations section of his organization, the twice cited 274th troop carrier group, pioneer of the troop carriers in this theatre.

Pfc. Gentry, a graduate of the North Wilkesboro high school, entered the service in February of 1943.

NAZIS PENNED INTO TWO DEATH TRAPS

London.—Russian troops, now speeding up their mop-up of the prize Eastern Baltic port system drove within four miles of Danzig and three miles from Gdynia Wednesday and penned the German remnants below Koentigberg into two 25-square-mile death traps.

Employing what Berlin estimated at more than half a million men in their supreme, Baltic push, the Russians also virtually divided the defenders of Danzig and Gdynia in a thrust to within two miles of the seaside resort of Zoppot, midway between the larger ports.

German broadcasts reported in the meanwhile, that massive Russian forces were poised northwest and southwest of Knestrin for perhaps the supreme drive on Berlin which is only from 30 to 35 miles away, and that preliminary thrusts already had been made in battalion strength.

Wilkesboro School Raised \$217.59 In Recent Polio Drive

Wilkesboro school raised a total of \$217.59 in the recent polio campaign. It was inadvertently listed in this newspaper that the amount was \$17.59, instead of the correct figure, which was \$217.59.

Wilkesboro school took much interest in the polio campaign, as evidenced by the amount raised. Some of the individual rooms exceeded \$50 in contributions.

Want War Workers

Max Franklin, representing Mason X Hanger, contractors to buildings for co-operatives, Baraboo, Wisconsin, is in the U. S. E. S. office this week recruiting laborers at 85 cents an hour and electricians at \$1.50 an hour. He will remain through Saturday, March 24.

A representative from the Tennessee Eastman Corp., Knoxville, Tenn., will again be stationed in the U. S. E. S. office the week of March 26-31. He will be recruiting for trainees, stenographers, typists, machinists, millwrights, chemists, etc.

Pvt. Quentin Nichols Wounded In Action

Pvt. Quentin Nichols was wounded in the western front and is now in an army hospital in England, according to a letter received by his wife, who makes her home at Purlear. Pvt. Nichols is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Don Nichols, of Purlear.

Has Bronze Star



Pvt. Albert L. Byrd is spending a 21-day furlough with his brother, William R. Byrd, formerly of this city who now lives in Baltimore, Md. Pfc. Byrd went overseas Nov. 18, 1943, was seriously wounded in Italy October 10, 1944, and returned to the states December 6, 1944. The ribbons Pvt. Byrd wears are the European theater of war, good conduct, purple heart and Bronze Star Medal. He is the son of G. W. Byrd, of Ferguson. The children in the picture are his nephews, Allen and Allen Byrd, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Byrd, after his furlough, he will return to Botby General Hospital, Rome, Ga., where he has been a patient since arriving in the states.

J. Frank Lankford Claimed By Death

James Franklin Lankford, age 58, well known citizen of the Cricket community, died suddenly at his home Tuesday afternoon. He was working in a poultry house when he was fatally stricken, presumably with a heart attack.

Mr. Lankford, who for many years had taken an active interest in church and community affairs, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dora Mahaffey Lankford, and the following children: Mrs. H. R. Kendall, Ray Lankford, Mrs. D. C. Church, Dewey and George Lankford, all of North Wilkesboro; O. H. and J. W. Lankford, in the navy, and Edward Lankford who is in the army.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Divorce Granted

A judgment of absolute divorce was granted Monday in Wilkes superior court to Hazel Livingston Williams from Harvey E. Williams.

Pre-Easter Series Of Services Begin On Sunday Night

Bus Service Will Be Provided To And From Services During Five Nights

Holy Week services for the pre-Easter season will open on Sunday night in churches of the Wilkesboros and continue through Thursday night, March 29.

The services will be held at 8 p. m. each night in five churches of both towns with the pastors alternating among the churches to conduct the services. Each service will be a union service with the congregations of all churches and others invited.

The schedule of service follows: Sunday, March 25, Rev. Louis J. Yelanjian at Wilkesboro Methodist; Monday, March 26, Rev. A. C. Waggoner at Wilkesboro Baptist; Tuesday, March 27, Dr. David E. Browning at Presbyterian; Wednesday, March 28, Rev. J. O. Ervin at First Methodist; Thursday, March 29, Rev. Howard J. Ford at First Baptist.

Through the courtesy of H. P. Eller, owner, the Wilkes Transportation Co. will operate buses each night to and from the services between the Wilkesboros. On Sunday and Monday evening 7:45 o'clock a bus will leave for Wilkesboro from the corner of D and 8th streets at the home of C. T. Doughton. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday a bus will leave for North Wilkesboro from the Wilkesboro high school, also at 7:45.

Funeral Wednesday For Mrs. Williams

Mrs. Susanna W. Williams, age 77, died Monday at her home west of Wilkesboro in the Goshen community.

Funeral service was held Wednesday at 10 a. m. at the home of her son, C. Glenn Williams. Rev. S. J. Brawley, assisted by Rev. R. E. Ward, conducted the services.

Mrs. Williams is survived by the following sons and daughters: Mrs. W. B. Carlton, Winston-Salem; Mrs. F. H. Gilreath, Miss Nannie Williams, Louise and Glenn Williams, all of Wilkesboro.

Memorial Service For Lt. Huffman Sunday, April 1

A memorial service for Lieutenant Thomas Theodore Huffman, bomber pilot who was killed in action on Biak Island on January 9, will be held at the Pentecostal Holiness church near Congo on Sunday, April 1, at two p. m.

Rev. Clarence W. Alderman will conduct the service and others to participate will include Rev. N. A. Howell, Rev. Woodrow Smith and Rev. B. L. Minton.

Lt. Huffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everette M. Huffman, of Wilkesboro route one, was killed instantly when his plane crashed in a take off. Cause of the crash was not ascertained, according to information reaching his parents.

Lt. Huffman was born August 23, 1920. He graduated from Mt. Pleasant high school in 1937, and held a position at Linn's Mill in Landis before volunteering for army service in June, 1941. He was selected from the ranks for aviation cadet training and received training at Hamilton Field, California, Tucson, Arizona, Dallas, Texas, Muroc, California, Fresno, California, Santa Ana, California, Blythe, California, LeMoore, California, Luke Field, Arizona, Langley Field, Va., Fort Bliss, Texas, in New Mexico, Biggs Field, New York, and Mitchell Field, New York before going overseas in February, 1944. He graduated from pilot's school and received his wings and commissions at Luke Field, Arizona, on July 28, 1943.

Lt. Huffman is survived by his father and mother and the following brothers and sisters: James W. Huffman, of Concord; Mrs. Joe Griffin, of Kannapolis; Glenn D. Huffman, of Landis; Mrs. Roby Johnson, of Wilkesboro route one; Mrs. Artie Bullis, of Burlington; Mrs. Ned Nichols, of Wilkesboro route one; Mrs. Kermit Nichols, of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Mrs. Larnie Bullis, of Wilkesboro route one; Mrs. Shelton Bishop, of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; E. M. Huffman, Jr., and Eula Dea Huffman, at home.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS