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Wilkes Total in E Bonds For 7th Drive \$351,482

Total Larger Than Anticipated Because of Purchases By Men in Service

The final total of E bonds sold in Wilkes county during the Seventh War Loan campaign was \$351,482.50, which exceeded the quota of \$320,000 by \$31,482.50. This larger figure than was available here the first of the week was due to the fact that the allocation of more than \$19,000 in war bonds purchased during the campaign by men from Wilkes had not been included in previous reports received by W. D. Halfacre, chairman, from the Federal Reserve system.

The grand total of all bonds sold in Wilkes during the campaign was \$2,823,487, as compared to the overall quota of \$896,000.

Wilkes has never failed to reach War Bond campaign quota, and the record during the Seventh War Loan was the most impressive yet made by the county.

Potsdam Is Set For Meeting of Big Three

London, July 14—President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin converged on the shattered German capital of Berlin tonight, where they will confer amid the ruins wrought by their armies in search of the means of an enduring world peace.

The advance guard of their top advisers were arriving at the closely guarded capital. The three leaders themselves are expected to confer for the first time in suburban Potsdam Sunday night, opening a historic 10-day conference which will seek agreement on an intricate maze of political, economic and military problems. Detailed discussions will begin Monday.

Last minute preparations in the sealed-off conference area of Banzowlers palaces and woodlands at Potsdam set the stage for the meeting. A freshly-painted green and white barrier guards the road into the forbidden zone. Green-capped Russian troops manned the barrier and stood guard at 50-yard intervals along the highways.

Singing July 29 At Pleasant Home

Blue Ridge Singing association will convene on Sunday, July 29, at Pleasant Home Baptist church three miles northeast of Millers Creek and near highway 16. The singing will begin at one p. m., and all singers are invited to attend and take part.

Royal, Miles, Brooks Reunion on July 22

Annual reunion of the Royal, Miles and Brooks families will be held on Sunday, July 22, in connection with the Royal cemetery decoration about one mile south of Roaring Gap postoffice at the home of George M. Royal.

Beginning at ten o'clock, devotional will be conducted by Rev. Charlie Miles, of Traphill, and A. F. Walker, of Thurmond, followed by an address by John T. Miles, of Cherry Lane. The public is cordially invited to attend with well filled baskets for the dinner. J. A. J. Royal is chairman of the committee arranging the reunion program.

RATION NEWS

PROCESSED FOODS: Blue Stamps T2, U2, V2, W2, X2 expire July 31; Y2, Z2, A1, B1, C1 expire August 31; D1, E1, F1, G1, H1 expire September 30; J1, K1, L1, M1, N1 expire October 31.

MEATS & FATS: Red Stamps K1, L2, M2, P2 expire July 31; Q2, R2, S2, T2, U2 expire August 31; V2, W2, X2, Y2, Z2 expire September 30; A1, B1, C1, D1, E1 expire October 31.

SUGAR: Sugar Stamp No. 26 good for 5 lbs. expires August 31.

SHOES: Airplane Stamps No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 now good.

GASOLINE: A-16 coupons valid thru September 31.

Japs Hit Hard On Several Fronts

Returns From Europe



Pfc. P. W. Eshelman, Jr.

Pfc. Eshelman Tells Experience On Western Front

Pfc. Paul W. Eshelman, Jr., arrived home Friday from overseas. He gave The Journal-Patriot the following interview:

"In September of last year, the army ground forces sent 15,000 infantry replacements overseas, of which I was one.

"On September 24, 1944, I sailed from New York on the Queen Elizabeth as an infantry replacement. We landed in Scotland on October 1, and in France some fifteen days later at Omaha Beach, the scene of the invasion. I hit six replacement depots, went to the front with the 4th Division, and served a short stretch of guard duty with the Fifth Corps Headquarters in Belgium.

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"We spent several weeks of rest and reorganization in and near Cologne, and it was during this time that the First and Ninth Armies were linking up west of the Rhine to form the Ruhr Pocket. The 8th was one of the divisions assigned to mop it up. After overcoming fierce resistance at Siegen at the entrance to the pocket, we rode tanks—or walked—all the way up to the large metropolitan area by the Ruhr River. The 8th was the first division to split the pocket and unite with the Ninth Army at the Ruhr. Then followed a brief spell of military government duty in the vicinity of Duisburg, and the division drew its last ETO assignment, that of crossing the Elbe on the right flank of the British Second Army. Trucks whisked us some three hundred miles to Northern Germany for this mission. The crossing itself was made with little difficulty; the German armies had been put to flight; but there was still a good deal of artillery shelling. One regiment of the division walked all the way to the Baltic but we were content to stop halfway there. Then a month from V-E day to the middle of June was spent at Hagenow in Mecklenberg, guarding POW enclosure. The last week in June we finally returned to France and afterwards sailed from Le Harve, July 2nd, on the General Brooke. Five days later, we arrived at Newport News and thanks to some efficiency you'd never expect from the army, I reached home two days later (last Friday, the 13th). I shall be here for thirty days, at the end of which time I go to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for further training."

128 VESSELS, 92 PLANES HIT AT KUSHIRO

Guam.—Two days of unprecedented U. S. naval air and sea bombardment of Japan Saturday and Sunday cost the enemy 128 ships and 92 planes destroyed or damaged, vital steel works in two cities blown up, one entire city burned down and another seriously damaged, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported today.

In the latest bombardment on Sunday by battleships of the powerful Third Fleet, more than 1,000 tons of shells set off continual explosions and great fires in the once-important industrial port of Muroran on Hokkaido Island.

The enemy offered no defense, either aerial or naval, he said, to this second day's assaults on the home islands by 16-inch broadsides and carrier plane strikes, which first were announced yesterday while they were taking place.

Gets Bronze Star



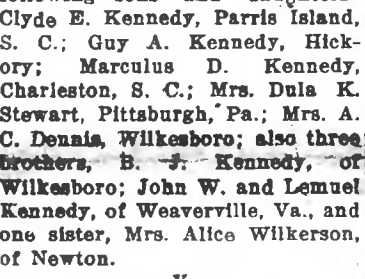
T-Sgt. William J. (Bill) Pruitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pruitt, of Oakwoods, and husband of the former Miss Faye Lovette, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service with the 8th Infantry division in Germany.

George W. Stone Is Claimed By Death

George Washington Stone, 56, died at 12:05 a. m. Sunday at his home in North Wilkesboro. He had been ill for some time.

Funeral service was held today, two p. m., at the home and burial was in the Baptist cemetery in this city. Rev. L. B. Murray conducted the last rites.

Gets Commission



Ensign Charles C. Ervin, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Ervin, of Wilkesboro, received his commission as ensign, U.S.N. R., on July 8. Ensign Ervin attended Duke University and was graduated from U.S.N.R. midshipmen's school, Fort Schuyler, N. Y. He and his wife, the former Miss Mary Frances Underdown, of Lenoir, are visiting with his parents in Wilkesboro.

Aussies Take Stronghold Of The Japs

Manila.—Australian 7th Division troops have captured 200-foot Mt. Batochamper, heavily-defended Japanese stronghold five miles north of Balikpapan in Southeast Borneo, under cover of an artillery barrage, and are pushing toward an inland highway leading northward, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

A blistering barrage paralyzed the Japanese garrison on the hill and Australian shock troops ripped into them to capture it.

They are now in position to move up the highway toward Samarinda, 60 miles up the coast, in co-ordination with the coastal column which was advancing steadily northward.

MacArthur announced that the coastal force had advanced five miles in 48 hours to take Amborwang, about five miles southwest of the coastal oil fields and refinery center of Sembodjalama.

FSA Committee Members Named In Wilkes County

The appointment of Charlie Miles to the Wilkes County Farm Security Administration Committee was announced today by Paul E. Church. Mr. Miles succeeds James A. Poplar whose term expired on July 1, 1945. Mr. Church stated that Mr. Miles comes to the Farm Security Administration Committee with a life-long experience as a farmer, and has had continual experience with AAA and public affairs of this county.

Mr. Miles will assist William M. Absher, chairman, and Curtis M. Welborn, who will comprise the Wilkes County FSA Committee. Other personnel in the office are Mary H. Gale, home supervisor and Lois G. Herbert, clerk typist. This office is now taking applications from tenant farmers for the purchase of farms. These loans are amortized over a 40-year period at 3 percent interest. Applications are also being taken for loans to purchase farming tools and livestock. Interested farmers are advised to put their applications in now.

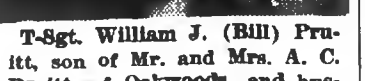
CHIANG'S MEN DRIVE 70 MILES TO TAKE TOWNS

CHIANG'S FORCES
Shungking.—Chinese troops have seized Yellow Gold Airfield at Kanshien, sixth former U. S. Air Base liberated in Southeast China, and other forces have driven 70 miles along the South China Coast to recapture Shuitang and Tinpak as enemy forces in the area withdrew swiftly toward Canton, it was announced yesterday.

Japanese units retreating from the base of Lieuchow Peninsula toward Canton have now reached the Yeungkong area midway between Kwangchow and Canton, leaving the former coastal areas in the hands of the Chinese, the Central News Agency reported.

Bitter fighting was raging in the Kanshien Airfield area after the Chinese drove in from the south while the main Japanese garrison moved south.

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Boy Scout Court of Honor Meets 19th

The Boy Scout court of honor will meet on Thursday, July 19, in the religious education building of the First Presbyterian church. The meeting will open at 7:30 p. m. and all Scouts, parents and others interested are invited to attend.

Earl Anderson Buys R. C. Miller Farm

Earl Anderson, who resides several miles west of Wilkesboro, and who is engaged in the chicken business on rather an extensive scale, has purchased the splendid R. C. Miller farm just east of Wilkesboro. The trade was made on Thursday of last week, and Mr. Anderson and family are expecting to move to their new home within the next few days. Mr. Anderson is planning to continue in the chicken business.

\$34,000 Worth Of Rousseau Lands Sold at Auction

Successful Sale Conducted Near Wilkesboro Saturday by Penny Bros.
Part of the Rousseau estate property near Wilkesboro was sold at auction Saturday in a very successful sale.

Junior Order Not To Meet Tuesday

North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order will meet only twice monthly until September 15. No meeting will be held on Tuesday of this week and the next meeting will be Tuesday night, July 24, eight p. m. Until September 15 meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesday nights.

Serves In Pacific

H. J. Cooper, electrician's mate first class, has recently returned to duty on the Pacific after spending a leave with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cooper, of Furber. He has been in the Pacific area for 26 months.

Okinawa Veteran



Pfc. Paul Caudill

Wilkes Marine Tells Of Taking Okinawa Capital

Somewhere in the Pacific (Delayed).—"It sure was a let down when we entered Naha," said Marine Private First Class Paul Caudill, 32, of Hays, who was with one of the first patrols which probed the inner defenses of that capital city of Okinawa.

"After all the bloody fighting which took place in the days before we reached the city, it seemed quiet as a tomb most of the time while we were in it," said the North Carolinian.

Rubble was piled everywhere when the Marine patrol penetrated the city on a reconnaissance mission, he said, and it was like being in a city of the dead.

"An occasional burst of sniper or machine fire reminded us there was still tough going ahead," he added, "and I found out after I left the city that the Japs weren't through yet."

As the patrol moved back toward its lines, a mortar shell, fired from inside Naha, landed three feet from Caudill. He was hit in the left knee and right arm. Unable to crawl through the mud where he fell, he was picked up by a corpsman and returned to the safety of his own lines.

Overseas seven months and a Marine since March, 1944, Caudill was employed at a war plant at Adrian, Mich., when he enlisted. Before that he was employed at a furniture shop at Hays, where his wife, Annie, and their two children live. He served with the 6th Marine Division at Okinawa, going ashore on D-Day.

Pfc. Jay Grayson Praises Red Cross Aid to Prisoners

Pfc. Jay C. Grayson, now at his home here after ten months in a German prison camp, credits Red Cross food packages with saving the lives of many Americans who otherwise would have died in Germany.

"The Red Cross food packages enabled many Americans to return to their homes as liberated prisoners who would have died in German prison camps," Pfc. Grayson said.

Pfc. Grayson stated that the food allotted to the prisoners by the Germans was insufficient in quantity and quality and that the Red Cross food packages in numerous instances made the difference between life and death. While a prisoner Pfc. Grayson lost much weight, most of which he has regained since being liberated.

Funeral Saturday For T. M. Hawkins

Last rites were held Saturday at Union church for T. M. Hawkins, local citizen and member of a well known Wilkes family. He died Friday.

Mr. Hawkins leaves the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Mollie Anderson, Hudson; Mrs. Claude Gentry and Mrs. Wade Wallace, North Wilkesboro; Chas. Hawkins, Miles City, Mont.; Lloyd Hawkins, Harton, Mont.; Thomas Hawkins, Molens, Idaho; Lawrence Hawkins, Winchester, Ore.; Rome Hawkins, Camilla; also one brother, John Hawkins, of Buffalo Cove, and one sister, Mrs. Julia Church, of Happy Valley.

Rev. W. A. Kale Is Speaker Friday At Kiwanis Meet

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club held an enjoyable meeting Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes.

Program Chairman J. O. Ervin introduced Rev. W. Arthur Kale, of Hickory, who made a good speech which was greatly appreciated by the members on the subject: "Elbowing or 'Elbowing Your Way Through'". After pointing out that it is a part of every one's life to "Jostle" and to be jostled in the journey of life, the speaker then offered four suggestions for helping one to make the most of his elbowing his way through, as follows:

1. Travel Light. Do not take on too much excess. And he pointed out that the excess of Worry, of Excuse, and the like, burden many people down to the point that they fail to make a successful journey.

2. Keep Rule "6". Do not take yourself too seriously. He told the story of the Englishman who cautioned his office girl not to keep rule "6", and then he told the American what it meant. When asked what the other five rules are, he stated, "There are no other rules."

3. Be Able to Take It. Criticism comes to every one who does anything. He will never make the grade if he cannot stand up under criticism.

4. Keep Your Head. One must keep his head level when difficulties arise. To successfully get thru one must think above the fog. He must maintain a level of thinking that is high.

Prior to the program, Attorney J. H. Whicker moved that the club express appreciation to W. D. Halfacre for his work as chairman of the 7th War Loan in putting the county over the quota, and he also requested that the club memorialize North Carolina Senators and Congressmen for speedy approval of the San Francisco charter.

Guests Friday were as follows: Dick Smith with President Paul Osborne; Hospital Apprentice Mack Kerley with R. M. Brame, Jr., Mrs. L. M. Nelson with L. Nelson; Kiwanian Jimmie McCarty, of Salisbury, with R. E. Gibbs; Hayden Hayes with Joe Barber; R. M. Mauldin with J. E. Johnson; Pat Williams, Jr., with R. G. Finley; Dave Scroggs with Dr. F. C. Hubbard; Rev. A. C. Waggoner with Rev. J. O. Ervin.

Banner Lambs Bring High Prices Here

The second shipment of lambs from the railway stock pens located in North Wilkesboro was made Saturday morning July 14. Four hundred and twenty-seven lambs were assembled from Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Avery and Alleghany counties. Choice lambs sold for \$15.85 per hundred.

Included in this shipment was 17 lambs owned by B. B. Banner, of Wilkesboro. Mr. Banner has proven through good sheep management that sheep are a paying project in this section of the state. Last year Mr. Banner bought 16 ewes for which he paid \$160. One died. He did not have but one ram but borrowed a good one from a neighbor. From the 15 ewes he raised 17 lambs which graded and weighed the following:

5 choice, 435 lbs. \$ 8.74
9 choice bucks, 915 lbs 135.87
3 good, 265 lbs. 39.35

Total \$248.96
From the 12 ewes he sold \$35.80 worth of wool. This gives Mr. Banner a nice profit and he still has the 15 ewes.

Another shipment will probably be made the first week in August.

Local Scouts Enjoy An Outing

Six members of Scout Troop No. 34 returned to the city Friday after enjoying a five-day camping trip to Mortimer and Boone. They were accompanied by their Scoutmaster, Merrill Wiles. The following members of Troop 34 made the trip: Gene Forester, Dale Andrews, Ralph Kilby, George Forester, Harold Turner, and Leonard Cooke.

WANTED!

The name of every Wilkes service man who has lost his life during World War 2, also the names and addresses of his parents.

Please send this information at once to Mrs. J. W. Loyshaw, North Wilkesboro, N. C., who is president of the Wilkes Legion Auxiliary.