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Make North Wilkesboro Your Shopping Center

Red Cross Fund Goal Is \$10,500

Major McElwee Is Named Red Cross Fund Chairman

"Your Red Cross Must Carry On" Is Slogan For 1946 Campaign

Major W. H. McElwee, recently discharged from the army after serving at home and overseas for a period of over three years as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Department, has accepted chairmanship of the 1946 fund campaign in Wilkes county.

The Wilkes county quota for 1946 is \$10,500. Of the total amount 59.5 per cent of funds collected will be retained in Wilkes county for local work, while the remaining 40.5 per cent will be remitted to national headquarters.

Mr. McElwee announced that the 1946 fund campaign will open in Wilkes county on March 1 and last through March 15. "Your Red Cross Must Carry On" has been selected as the slogan for the 1946 fund campaign.

It was pointed out by Mr. McElwee that the funds raised by the American Red Cross in this campaign will be used by the national organization and by local chapters to meet the primary and fundamental Red Cross responsibilities to the American armed forces at home and abroad and to veterans and their families; for maintenance and expansion of regular Red Cross services for civilian welfare; and to deal with situations which have developed or may develop as the result of war. A large portion of these funds will be used in services to disabled veterans.

Mr. McElwee further states that the services rendered by the Wilkes County Chapter, have been on a steady increase since April, 1945. During the past month of January, 1946, the Wilkes County Chapter handled a total of 291 cases. Services were rendered to 193 active servicemen or their families, and 32 ex-servicemen were assisted in their claims and other problems. Red Cross services were rendered to all civilians during January. Volunteer workers gave many hours as nurses aides, in knitting garments for the armed forces and the production committee cut 100 kit bags which are now ready to be sewed. The nutrition committee, with the cooperation of the librarian, has arranged a center for display and distribution of Red Cross materials on nutrition, and recipes for saving fats and sugar.

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GREER BROTHERS CAUGHT ON FRIDAY IN WELCH, W. VIRGINIA, AFTER AN EXCHANGE OF SHOTS

Millard Greer, desperado, wanted for a series of robberies, theft, kidnaping and jail breaks, was captured by Welch, W. Va., officers Friday evening on a mountainside near Welch after an exchange of shots.

Captured with Greer was his brother, Estel Greer, who escaped with him from the Caldwell county jail at Lenoir a week ago.

Millard Greer was arrested by local police here on February 2. On charges of robbing Clayton C. (Bozo) Davis, local taxi driver, who was left tied to a tree in Ashe county after he was relieved of his car and cash, for holdup of a taxi driver in Lenoir, for holdup and tying up of a taxi driver in Johnson City, Tenn., and for breaking out of the Virginia state prison. Greer was held and taken to Lenoir, where he escaped two days later by overpowering the jailer.

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V. F. W. to Meet Thursday Night

Regular meeting of Veterans of Foreign Wars will be at the city hall in Wilkesboro on Thursday night, February 14, at 7:30 o'clock.

Variety Subjects Discussed Friday At Kiwanis Meet

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club enjoyed a program on varied subjects Friday noon.

Rev. H. M. Wellman was in charge of the program. He asked P. W. Eshelman to direct the first part of the program, which consisted of group singing led by Paul S. Cragan and J. C. Reins.

Paul S. Cragan spoke briefly concerning the project to develop the fair grounds into a football field, baseball park and softball grounds. He outlined plans for the development, and the city council was enthusiastically thanked for appropriating money for grading the grounds. Athletic Coach Charlie Manship, a guest at the meeting, spoke briefly about the athletic program now developing in the school and community.

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Sidden Sells The Model Upholstery

Local Men Buy Plant And Organize Model Chair Company, Inc.

J. M. Derr, Jr., and F. B. Hethcock have purchased the Model Upholstery Company from C. C. Sidden and have organized the Model Chair Co., Inc.

The new corporation will continue to operate the plant, which is located just north of the city limits on highway 18, and the same type of furniture as made by Mr. Sidden is being manufactured.

Mr. Derr, husband of the former Miss Gwendolyn Hubbard, and Mr. Hethcock, who had been associated with local manufacturers, are well known here.

Mr. Sidden will devote his time to the Sidden Bus Lines, recently purchased in Winston-Salem, but will continue to make his home in this city.

Leading anthropologists regard Eskimos as merely one kind of North American Indian, both in blood and language.

Eller Cites Need School Buildings

Superintendent Giving Summary Building Needs

School Building Needs Will Be Told In Series Of Three Articles

C. B. Eller, superintendent of Wilkes schools, has made an intensive survey of the school building needs for the Wilkes county school system.

In order that the public may be informed of the needs of the schools, Supt. Eller has prepared for publication in The Journal-Patriot a brief summary of the needs for new school buildings and additions in all the districts of the county system.

Following is Supt. Eller's statement, followed by his recommendations for a part of the schools. The remainder will be carried in two succeeding issues of The Journal-Patriot:

I plan to give the local papers an article each week on the building and equipment needs of the schools of Wilkes county. These articles will deal with the schools by district starting with district one and continuing throughout the county.

The articles will be based on a county-wide survey made of the school needs.

I hope you will take the time to look over the facts given, visit the school your child attends and give me the benefit of your observation. C. B. ELLER.

DISTRICT NO. ONE WILKESBORO SCHOOL

The district needs a separate high school building containing 12 class rooms, a large auditorium for use by the entire school and community. The building should also include room for library, science laboratories, home economics laboratory, vocational agriculture department and cafeteria.

The present high school building should be partially remodeled to house the grammar grade students.

The present library buildings should have a small assembly or music room added.

Boomer School The building is adequate to house the present enrollment.

The school needs an addition of two toilet rooms and a boiler room. A central heating system, plumbing and sewage disposal should be installed.

Brushy Mountain The present plan calls for an elementary building to house all the students in Brushy Mountain township. The building to contain an auditorium, water sys-

tem, central heating, plumbing, and sewage disposal system.

Receives Discharge



John Huston Jones, Jr., MAM, husband of the former Miss Faye Phillips, and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, of North Wilkesboro, received his discharge from the navy on January 16, 1946, serving 31 months; first on the Atlantic on the USS Booth 170 and on the Pacific on the USS Boric. The Boric, which was hit by a Jap suicide plane a few days before the Jap surrender, was one of the first American ships to enter Tokyo Bay. He has the following decorations: American Victory World War II, Asiatic-Pacific with three bronze stars, Philippines Liberation. Before entering service he owned and operated Jap Jones grocery on Tenth street in this city.

Clothing Collection Sunday, Feb. 17th

Rep. Doughton's Wife Dies; Age 75

Washington, Feb. 9.—From President Truman on down, all walks of life in official Washington extended sympathy to the dean of the North Carolina delegation in Congress, Representative Robert L. Doughton, in the loss of his wife of almost 50 years, who died unexpectedly yesterday morning in Washington's Casualty Hospital.

Grief-stricken by the greatest blow of his life, the stalwart 81-year-old Doughton walked back into his office in the new House Office Building shortly after noon to sit in his private office, his head bowed, as fellow members of the North Carolina delegation, scores of other members of the House, Senate and other friends and admirers passed through to express their sympathies.

Farmer Bob said: "It was never possible for a man to have a better wife and mother. She was a wonderful woman."

Stayed In Background

Mrs. Doughton chose to remain in the background during her 35 years of residence in official Washington with her husband, sharing with him the various hotels, homes or apartments in which they have lived, staying busy making a home and entertaining only to a small extent in the social life of the nation's capital. She seemed to have the same physical strength and her husband has been famous. She never showed her 75 years, was quick-witted and witty, and enjoyed discussing her husband's career. Mrs. Doughton always referred to him as "Robert," and she scrupulously refrained from ever trying to influence any decisions affecting his public life.

Seated at his desk, Farmer Bob recalled how both he and his wife had been married before, their first mates having died. There are three children surviving Mrs. Doughton by her union with the Congressman—Miss Reba Doughton, of Washington, and Laurel Springs; J. Horton Doughton, Statesville; and former Sheriff Claude Doughton, of North Wilkesboro.

President Truman dispatched to Farmer Bob the following letter:

"My heart goes out to you in the sorrow which has come to you with such sudden and crushing force.

"To you and to all who mourn with you, I offer this assurance of heartfelt sympathy, in which Mrs. Truman joins."

The House, meanwhile, paused to pay tribute to Mrs. Doughton, being informed of her death by Major A. L. Bulwinkle, of Gastonia, who stated that "every member of the House grieves with Mr. Doughton."

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Life Saving Squad May Be Organized For N. Wilkesboro

Organizer From Roanoke, Va., To Meet With Local People February 21

A Life Saving Squad may be organized in North Wilkesboro.

Julius S. Wise, director of the medical and safety division of the Southern Oxygen Company, of Roanoke, Va., who was a leader in organizing the squad which became nationally famous in Roanoke, will meet with local citizens at Reins-Sturdivant chapel on February 21, 7 p. m., to explain the form of organization and requirements for a unit of the famous organization here.

Life Savings Squads are volunteer organizations of people who train themselves to save lives in any type of emergency and who have and maintain equipment for that purpose.

Members of the North Wilkesboro fire department will be included among those who will meet with Mr. Wise and all others who are interested in a Life Saving Squad here are invited and urged to be present.

Dr. Gilbert Combs At Duke This Week

Dr. Gilbert R. Combs, pastor of the First Methodist church in this city is attending a series of lectures this week at Duke University, and no prayer service will be held on Wednesday night.

Knutson Speaker For Lincoln Day Dinner Feb. 16th

Kyle Hayes Will Be Toastmaster For Annual Republican Rally In State

Attorney Kyle Hayes, of this city, widely recognized as a leader in the Republican party in North Carolina, will be toastmaster for the annual Lincoln Day dinner to be held at Robert E. Lee hotel in Winston-Salem Saturday evening, February 16, 6:30.

Annual convention of Young Republicans of North Carolina and a statewide declamation contest will be held in the afternoon preceding the dinner.

Rep. Harold Knutson, veteran Republican member from Minnesota, the top-ranking minority member of the House Ways and Means Committee, who for some years was the "whip" in the House, and who began his long service in Congress in 1917, will be the principal speaker for the dinner. In case Republicans win control of the House this fall in the November elections, Knutson will succeed Rep. Robert L. Doughton as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

Pleasing Program Arranged

Committees have been at work on the details of the dinner affair and report a pleasing program has been arranged. There will be a musical program directed by H. Grady Miller, minister of music at the First Baptist church, with Miss Inobel Shaffer, of radio station WJSJ, featuring with her large organ. Mrs. Mary Mills Dyer, who was confined for three years in a Japanese concentration camp just outside Manila, will be heard in a quartette, singing the solo for a patriotic specialty number.

Kyle Hayes, of North Wilkesboro, will be toastmaster.

In the afternoon the annual convention of North Carolina Young Republicans will be held with J. Ray Jennings, of Taylorsville, president, in charge. The keynote address of this session will be delivered by J. M. Bailey, Jr., of Marshall, with Fate Beal, of Lenoir, as chairman of the nominating committee to select officers for next year. It is expected that Jennings will be named to succeed himself for a second term.

An added feature expected to help swell the crowd is the first statewide declamation contest among high school boys and girls on the subject, "The Republican Party and the Future." The county winners will contest there during the afternoon with the two winners meeting at the dinner for first place prize of \$100 in cash and a second prize of \$50. The \$100 offered first place winner comes from well known Winston-Salem citizen who plans, if it becomes successful, to leave a trust fund to the party in order that the contests may go on through the years to come.

Seats at special tables will be reserved for state Republican leaders, members of the general assembly and officials in the various counties. Robert Hayes McNeill, of Washington, D. C., who ran for governor in the 1940 campaign, will attend with Mrs. McNeill.

All Stars Will Play Boonville Tuesday

North Wilkesboro all stars, men and boys, will play the Boonville all star teams on the North Wilkesboro high school gymnasium court Tuesday night. The first game will begin at 7:30.

Boonville has perhaps the most outstanding all star teams in western North Carolina, and it is expected that there will be a large attendance of local cage fans to witness the games.

Downpour of Rain Yesterday Caused Postponement

Collection Here Sponsored By The Lions Club With Aid Of Boy Scouts

Victory clothing collection in the Wilkesboros, scheduled for Sunday afternoon, February 10, but postponed because of a downpour of rain, will be carried out on Sunday afternoon, February 17, beginning at 2:30.

The Victory clothing collection here is sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Lions Club with the aid of the Boy Scouts, and Paul Green is chairman for the collection. Trucks will tour the two Wilkesboros Sunday afternoon and Scouts will pick up the bundles from the front porches of the residences.

The people are asked to gather all types of usable clothing which they can give, tie it in bundles or place it in cardboard boxes, and put the bundles and boxes in plain view so that the Scouts with the trucks can see them. Shoes in pairs should be tied together.

For convenience of people outside of the Wilkesboros who have clothing they wish to contribute, boxes have been placed at the fire departments in North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro, where the clothing may be deposited.

In addition to clothing and shoes, the collection will include blankets, sheets, quilts and other types of bedding.

The materials collected will go for the relief of the destitute people in war ravaged countries of the world.

Father and Son Scout Banquet Is Successful Event

Indicative of the high interest in Scouting, more than 160 Scouts and their dads gathered at the Legion club house Thursday evening for the father and son banquet, a highlight of Boy Scout Week observance in the Wilkes district.

A count of those attending revealed more than 50 adults and 110 Scouts, representing all except two of the Scout units in the county.

The supper consisted of hot dogs, slaw and drinks and was thoroughly enjoyed by the crowd.

L. M. Nelson, chairman of the Scout Advancement Committee, was toastmaster for the occasion, and he presented J. B. Carter, chairman of the Wilkes district, who spoke briefly and introduced Ralph Harbinson, assistant Scout executive of the Old Hickory Council, who gave an inspiring message on Scouting. Mr. Carter also presented the chairmen of the various committees, who in turn presented the members of their committees for the district.

Ivey Moore performed a number of magician's tricks, which were thoroughly enjoyed.

The father and son banquet was arranged by a Camping and Activities Committee, which is composed of Bill Absher, Ivey Moore, William A. Brame and George Forester, who were given a vote of thanks for the very successful event which they staged for the Scouts and Scouters of the district.

A splendid spirit of interest prevailed at the banquet, and the opinion was expressed that Scouting is entering upon a new era of advancement and progress in Wilkes county. It was one of the most successful Scout assemblies ever held in the county.

At the banquet troop 36 led in attendance with 18 boys and seven adults present. Other attendance figures follow: Troop 32, 15 boys and two adults; Troop 34, 11 boys and four adults; Troop 35, 12 boys and five adults; Troop 77, Moravian Falls, seven boys and three adults; Troop 95, at Mountain View, one boy and one adult; Troop 99, at Millers Creek, 14 boys and one adult; Troop 32, 15 boys and seven adults; Troop 36; 36 boys and ten adults.



Ted H. Hamby has returned to Camp Peary, Va., where he recently completed his boot training in the navy, after spending a ten-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hamby, of Parkers.