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Red Cross Solicitation Will Begin Monday, March 3

Concerted Drive Planned to Raise Quota of \$7,500

Cecil Adamson, Chairman, Has Complete Organization For Campaign

Solicitation to raise Wilkes county's Red Cross quota of \$7,500 will get under way Monday, March 3, Cecil Adamson, 1947 fund chairman, said today.

A complete organization has been set up to reach all the people in the county with the Red Cross appeal for funds to back up the slogan of "The Red Cross Carries On."

A Special Gifts committee will contact business firms and individuals in the higher income brackets for special gifts, which have always been liberal and have helped materially to reach previous quotas.

Chapter officials have pointed with pardonable pride to the fact that Wilkes invariably has met and exceeded all Red Cross quotas and 1947 is not expected to be any exception.

The past year was the most active year in history of the Wilkes Red Cross chapter, which will use \$4,900 to carry on during the current year. The remaining \$2,600 will go into the national chapter fund.

Services to men and women in military service, to veterans and their families will predominate in Red Cross activities, as well as disaster relief and the other many permanent activities of Red Cross organizations everywhere.

The following workers have been appointed for the Red Cross campaign:

Special Gifts: P. W. Eshelman, chairman, J. R. Hix, R. G. Finley.

Industrial Section: F. D. Meserve, chairman, J. B. Carter, Robert Ogilvie, P. W. Eshelman, R. G. Finley, J. R. Hix, E. F. Gardner, W. C. Grier, Richard B. Johnston, Paul Osborne, A. M. Church, Boyd E. Stout, J. M. Kerr, Gordon Finley, J. A. Derr, Jr., Bryce Caudill, J. A. Jones, Gordon Forester.

North Wilkesboro Business District: Ira D. Payne, chairman, R. S. Gibbs, Jr., Frank Crow, Maurice Walsh, O. K. Pope, Lucinda Tedder, R. M. Brame, Jr., Jack Swafford, Gilbert Baro, J. C. Allen, J. V. Wallace, W. E. Jones, C. A. Venable, Mrs. Ethel Moore, Oliver Abshyr, G. S. Winters, A. F. Kilby, E. E. Gibbs, Hubert Carter, Shoun Kerbaugh, Dudley S. Hill, Dr. J. S. Deans, J. M. Anderson, R. W. Forehand.

North Wilkesboro Residential District: Mrs. Cecil F. Adamson, chairman, Mrs. W. J. Bason, Mrs. Lewis M. Nelson, Mrs. W. E. Jones, Mrs. J. A. Rousseau, Mrs. J. R. Hix, Mrs. William Marlow, Mrs. J. M. Anderson, Mrs. W. K. Sturdivant, Mrs. Rufus B. Church, Mrs. W. D. Halfacre, Mrs. R. G. Finley, Mrs. Stanton McIver, Mrs. E. N. Phillips, Mrs. A. M. Handy, Mrs. R. T. McNeill, Mrs. R. H. Shell, Mrs. Frank Stafford, Mrs. Clyde Pearson, Mrs. Clyde Lillard, Mrs. W. R. Newton, Mrs. Ira D. Payne, Mrs. John Leyshon, Mrs. A. H. Clark, Mrs. Ray Barnes, Mrs. H. F. Bauknight, Mrs. J. T. Kenerly, Miss Nonie Gordon, Miss Lucille Young, F. C. Hubbard, Jr.

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Warner W. Miller, Jr., chairman, Miss Clyde Shepherd, Miss Marjorie Miller.

Committee organization is not complete for the other sections, which include Wilkesboro residential, rural, and colored areas.

Superior Court To Open Monday

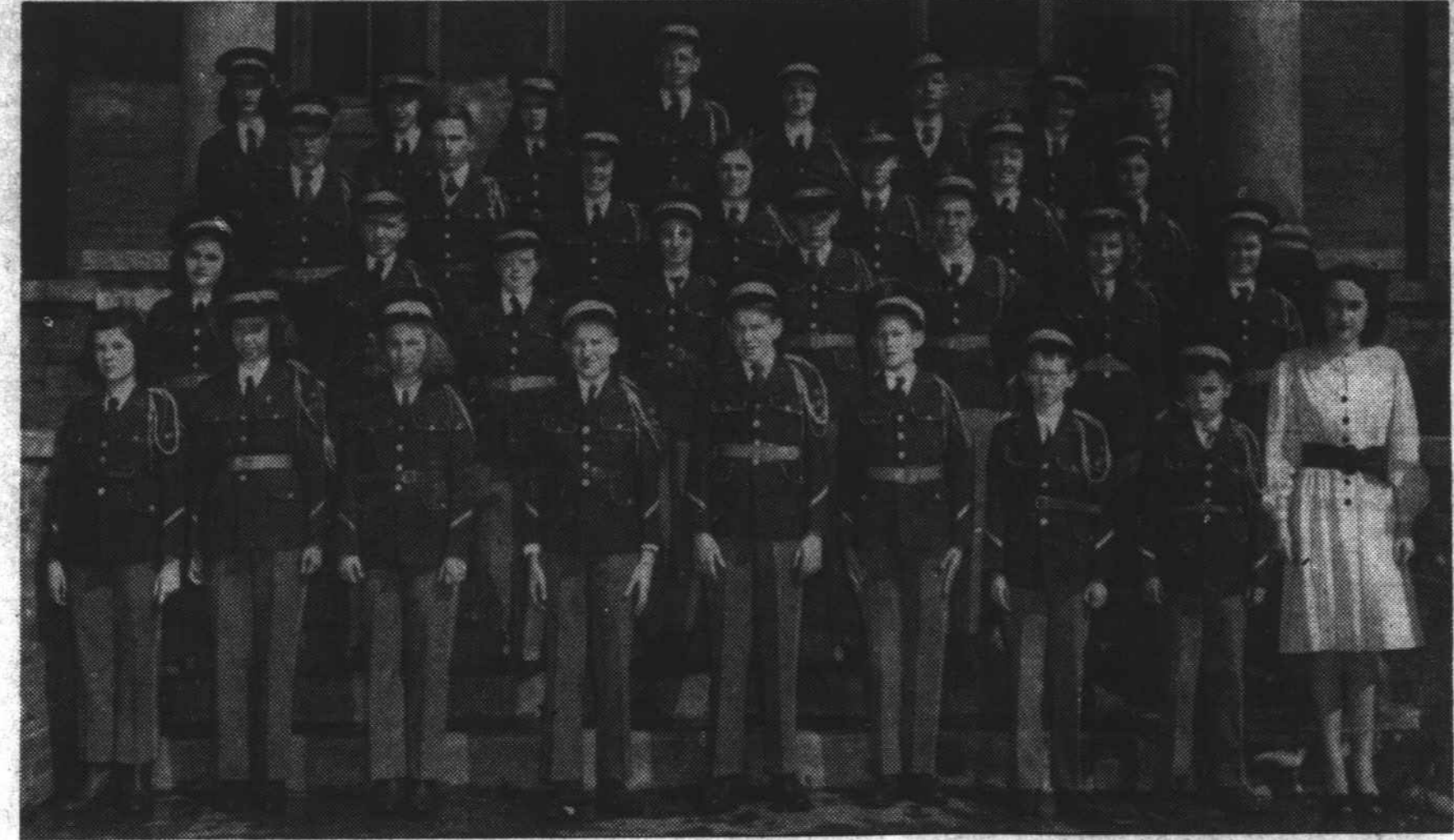
March term of Wilkes superior court will open Monday morning, March 3, with Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of Greensboro, presiding.

A total of 176 cases are contained in the court calendar, which is published elsewhere in this newspaper. Included on the docket are a number of homicide cases, but none in which a first degree verdict will be asked.

The first two weeks of the three weeks court will be devoted to trial of criminal cases.

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P.-T. A. LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO RAISE \$3,500 FOR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Here are pictured the uninformed members of the North Wilkesboro high school band, which is to be enlarged into a 40-piece concert band and 50-piece marching band. A campaign is now being conducted by the Parent-Teacher Association to raise \$3,500 to purchase uniforms and instruments for enlarging the band. In the above picture the members of the band are, left to right: (first row) Nell Brame, Carolyn Deans, Christine Godby, Kenneth Phillips, Tommy Turner, T. C. Billings, Phillip Lomax, Eric Duncan, Miss Eva Bingham, Director; (second row) Doris Godby, Tyre Sidden, Doris Wiles, Betty Whicker, Clate Dun-

can, John Hubert Emerson, Tony Marlow, Norma Gabriel; (third row) Jimmie Carter, Gordon Finley, Jane Cragan, Anne Carlton, Carl Franklin Swafford, Betty Wells, Peggy Harris; (fourth row) Dot Jenkins, Dot Powell, Dot Winters, Tommy Johnson, Patsy Hawkins, John Gibbs, Betty Jo Reavis, Jane Carter, Corinna Finley and Frances Harris absent when photograph was taken. Beginners not in photograph: Becky Reins, Jo Ann McGinnis, Kyle Eller, Lila Duncan, Jimmy Swafford, Pattie Gabriel, Gladys Sebastian, Charles Summers, Charles Crook, Patricia Hutchinson, Jimmie Caldwell, Bill Justus and Betty Blackburn.

Local Post V. F. W. Supports National Defense Program

Letters are enroute to Senators and Representatives in Congress urging their 100 per cent support of the National Defense Program. Due to the restless condition of the World at present and the drafting of Korean civilians into the Russian army this is the one and only means of insuring preparedness and world peace.

This action is further proof that the fellows who know what war really is are doing all in their power to prevent another catastrophe like that of World War I and World War II. "World Peace and Our Nation's Safety" are watchwords of the V. F. W.

William S. Gantt Died On Tuesday

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The long and colorful career of William Skelly Gantt, 50, ended at two a. m. Tuesday when he died of cerebral hemorrhage at the Wilkes hospital.

Veteran of 26 years service in the army, navy and marine corps, Mr. Gantt had been veterans training officer for Wilkes, Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties for the Veterans Administration since 1946 and had headquarters in North Wilkesboro.

He was born in Prospect, Va., in 1897. At an early age he entered military service and saw service in both World Wars. He had been in apparently normal health until he was stricken here Friday.

Only surviving member of his immediate family is his wife, Mrs. Florence E. Gantt, whose home was formerly in New Jersey.

Funeral service was held today, three p. m., at Reins-Sturdivant chapel here and the body will be taken to Arlington cemetery, Washington, D. C., for burial.

Everybody is invited to enjoy the old fashioned square dance Friday night, eight o'clock, at Moravian Falls community house. Good music and an enjoyable occasion is assured. The dance will be for the benefit of the Community House fund.

Jointed dolls, moved by strings, were favorite playthings of the children of ancient Greece, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

BIRTHS

A daughter was born Wednesday at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. William Mack Pruitt, Jr., of North Wilkesboro route one.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Morrow, of this city, a daughter on Wednesday at the Wilkes hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Clayton Anderson, of North Wilkesboro route two, are parents of a son born Tuesday at the Wilkes hospital.

A son was born February 19 at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Neil C. Cashion, of North Wilkesboro.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James L. Frazier, of Pores Knob, a son on Sunday at the Wilkes hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hoyt Haynes, of North Wilkesboro route two, are parents of a daughter born Monday at the Wilkes hospital.

A daughter was born Friday at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Edwin Holland, of North Wilkesboro route two.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Worth Johnson, of North Wilkesboro, a daughter on Monday at the Wilkes hospital.

A daughter was born Tuesday at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. Ward, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Franklin Whittington, of North Wilkesboro, are parents of a daughter born Monday at the Wilkes hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hadley, of Statesville, announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Jane, on Tuesday at Long's hospital. The Hadleys are former local residents.

North Wilkesboro Signs Are to Be Placed On Parkway

A letter from Representative C. B. Deane to the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce today said that the strict rules relative to signs on the Blue Ridge Parkway have been relaxed sufficiently to place signs at road intersections directing tourists to nearby cities and towns where accommodations could be had.

Representative Deane said: "In this connection North Wilkesboro is being included and I hope it will guide a lot of tourists into your good city." North Wilkesboro has three highways leading into the Parkway—16 and 18, twenty miles; U. S. 421, twenty-six miles.

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VA Office Is To Be Closed Saturdays

Effective Saturday, March 1, the Veterans Administration Contact office in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina will be closed every Saturday, and will operate on a 40 hour Monday-through-Friday week.

This announcement was made today by John E. Maddox, Contact Representative, in charge of the VA office, upon receipt of instructions from the regional VA headquarters in Winston-Salem.

"We want every veteran to know that this office will no longer be open on Saturday," the VA representative said. "Those seeking assistance or information should be sure to arrange their visits or calls during the regular work week."

Office hours of the contact office are 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 P. M. Monday through Friday. The office is located on the second floor of the Bank of North Wilkesboro building.

All activities of the Veterans Administration in North Carolina have been placed on the 40 hour week, Mr. Maddox said. Heretofore, 29 VA contact offices functioned Saturdays on an overtime basis.

Local Teams Will Play at Statesville On Friday Night

North Wilkesboro high school basketball team will engage Statesville team Friday night in the North Wilkesboro high school gymnasium.

The girls' game will begin at seven o'clock and the boys will play following the girls game. The games are a part of the Piedmont Conference schedule and exciting contests are expected.

Marriage License

License to wed were issued during the past week by Wilkes Register of Deeds Troy C. Foster to the following: James Theodore Waters and Vada McGlamery, both of Wilkesboro route one; James H. Hutchens and Mary Lou Anderson, both of North Wilkesboro; Glenn Chambers and Blanche Souther, both of Wilkesboro route two; Gullford Johnson and Doris Hendren, both of Wilkesboro route two; Robert Lee Scott, Pinnacle, and Edna Alma Simmons, Jonesville; J. R. Roupe and Carleen Haynes, both of Crumpler; Stuart Triplett and Agnes Huffman, both of Purlear.

V. F. W. Elects Officers For '47

S. L. Whitaker Named Commander; Full Slate Of Officers Is Chosen

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 8:00 p. m. at V. F. W. hall, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1142, elected the following officers to serve during the incoming year, March 1, 1947 to February 28, 1948:

Commander, S. L. Whitaker, veteran of World War I and former High Point Post Commander; Sr. Vice Commander, Ralph Williams, veteran World War II; Jr. Vice Commander, Harold Bumgarner, veteran World War II; Quartermaster, J. D. Moore, veteran World War II; Adjutant, Tommie Caudill, veteran World War II; Judge Advocate, J. F. Jordan, veteran World War I; Chaplain, Ray Shumaker, veteran World War II; Surgeon, Dr. J. H. McNeill, veteran World War II; Trustee, 3 years, Frank Allen, veteran World War II.

Family Shoe Store Will Open In City

The Family Shoe Store, Inc., is the name of a new firm which will open for business in North Wilkesboro.

The principal owners of the new corporation are W. C. Marlow and R. C. Wellman.

The Family Shoe Store will open in the building now occupied by the Hub, which will move to the building presently occupied by Better Homes Furniture company. The furniture store will move to a new building now being erected on the Blair block next to Reins Market.

Howard Wellman, who has been associated with Pollock's, a chain shoe store organization, will be manager of the Family Shoe Store, which will carry complete lines of footwear for men, women and children.

At the present time removal sales are in progress at the Hub and Better Homes Furniture store.

Athletic Fields Get Added Grass Seed

North Wilkesboro high school this week sowed grass seed on the football field and baseball outfield of the athletic park on the fairgrounds.

The grass seed will supplement native grasses and should result in excellent sod for the fields of play.

JAYCEES ARE ORGANIZED

If Subscription Is To Expire at 3-47 Please Renew Now

Attention of all subscribers whose address label date is 3-47 is called to the fact that their subscription will expire March 1 and that they should renew their subscriptions at once in order not to miss any copies of The Journal-Patriot. Postal regulations do not permit newspapers to continue papers after subscriptions have expired.

Calls Attention To State Income Taxes

Harry B. Summers, deputy collector of state revenue whose office is located in the rear of the town hall auditorium in rooms formerly occupied by the Selective Service board, has called attention to the fact that state income taxes are due March 15. Mr. Summers will be in his office March 10 to 15 to assist in making returns. Office hours will be nine to five except Saturday, which will be nine to one. The following persons must file returns:

(1) Every resident having a net income during the income year in excess of \$1,000.00 if single, or \$2,000.00 if a married man living with wife on December 31st, or \$1,000.00 if a married woman with a separate income.

(2) Every resident professional individual or person in business with a gross income of \$5,000.00 or more.

School Forced To Raise Lunch Price

Federal Funds Paying Part Of School Lunch Price Exhausted March 1

Beginning Monday, March 3, the price of lunches in the North Wilkesboro School Cafeteria will be increased to twenty-five cents. This action was taken by the Board of Education at its last meeting. The price raise is necessary to meet costs of operation because of the exhaustion of funds appropriated by Congress for the National Child Feeding Program.

Under the previous plan of operation, the child paid 15 cents for a lunch and the Federal Government paid 9 cents on each lunch. Notice was received recently from the State School Superintendent that all Federal Funds for the current school year will be spent by March 1.

The Cafeteria was opened in January, 1943 under sponsorship of the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club. At that time the Woman's Club raised the fund to purchase the necessary equipment. The Cafeteria has been operated by the Board of Education.

The Board has found it possible to pay the operating costs from ticket sales plus the Child Feeding Allotment. Even in the face of increased food costs, the price has not been changed in the more than three years the Cafeteria has been open. This has been possible because of the steady increasing volume of meals served. At present about 400 children a day are eating lunch in the Cafeteria.

A plan has been worked out whereby those children who have been served free meals will continue to be served. This has been made possible by several organizations and individuals who have accepted the responsibility of paying for the meals of needy children.

Cemetery Meeting At Moravian Falls

Annual meeting of the Moravian Falls Cemetery association will be held Sunday, March 2, 2:30 p. m., at the Moravian Falls community house. All members of the association and others interested are asked to attend.

An increase of six per cent is the goal for bee colonies in the United States for 1947.

Edward S. Finley Elected President

Officers Elected Tuesday Night; Another Meeting To Be Held Tuesday

Edward S. Finley, well known young business man who holds a position with the Meadows Mills company, was elected president of the Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce in the initial meeting held Tuesday night in the Chamber of Commerce office on Ninth street.

C. C. Faw, Jr., and Harry Kerley were named first and second vice presidents, respectively, and J. C. Allen was elected secretary. Shoun Kerbaugh is treasurer of the new organization.

With 18 members as a beginning, the Jaycees hope to enlist into the organization a much larger number of men between ages of 21 and 35 who are interested in civic and economic progress of the Wilkesboros and Wilkes county.

A constitution and by-laws were adopted in the meeting Tuesday night and election of a board of directors was deferred until the next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday night, March 4, 7:30 p. m., at the Chamber of Commerce office. The new organization invites to the meeting all interested young men, regardless of their intentions relative to membership. Nominal membership dues of \$10 per year per member were voted at the meeting held Tuesday night.

The matter of meeting time and place was deferred until a later meeting. Meanwhile, the possibilities of holding luncheon dinner meetings are to be investigated.

The movement to organize a Jaycees unit here was first presented the public Friday night with a meeting of interested citizens here with three representatives of the Winston-Salem Junior Chamber, which included Sam Dorsett, president and principal speaker.

Play Tonight By Dramatics Club

"He Couldn't Marry Five" is the amusing title of the three-act comedy to be produced by the Dramatics Club in the North Wilkesboro high school auditorium on this evening.

The title describes the major plot of the play which is all about a young man who goes to visit a family with five eligible daughters and falls in love with each and every one of them! To make things worse, the sisters all fall in love with the young man—or think they do. If this isn't a complicated situation for any young man to find himself in, we'd like to know what is. It seems hopeless, but after many laughable situations, everything finally straightens out to everybody's satisfaction through the common sense advice of the girls' grandmother.

Those taking part in the play are Agnes Kenerly, John Gibbs, Betty Lou Porter, Billy Jo Zimmerman, Jane Carter, Betty Campbell, Margie Newton, Martha Absher, Dot Jenkins, and Fred Myers.

The performance will be under the direction of Miss Lois Edinger, who has been quoted as saying that "He Couldn't Marry Five" is one of the brightest, gayest and most utterly charming plays she has ever put on.

The furniture in the play was provided through the courtesy of the Ideal Furniture Company.

The curtain rises promptly at 7:30 p. m. Tickets are 50 cents for adults, and 25 cents for children.

Remember the time, and don't let anything else interfere with your coming to see "He Couldn't Marry Five," which is produced by special arrangement with The Northwestern Press, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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