

Wilkes Unit Of Army Reserves Rating Raised

Winston-Salem, Feb. 23.—The army today moved its second unit in the Winston-Salem military subdistrict up the ladder of preparedness to Class B.

Captain Richard J. McInerney, army reserve unit instructor here, said the 309th Quartermaster Service Company of North Wilkesboro had been raised to the new classification from class C.

The only other unit in this area which holds a Class B rating, the captain declared, is the 938th Quartermaster Service

Company of Winston-Salem. The Wilkes unit, which has two officers and 29 enlisted men, now will be authorized to accept five officers and 181 enlisted men.

Potential Class A
The unit also has become a potential Class A outfit. This is the highest rating given by the army reserve and denotes that the company will be ready almost immediately for service in event of a national emergency.

The Wilkes unit was activated some time ago. It originally was located in Lexington, but was transferred to North Wilkesboro about a year ago. It is commanded by Captain Lawrence A. Miller, with Lieutenant Edward Bell serving as the other officer. Luther D. Saylor is the first sergeant.

The army uses the class system to determine the strength and order in which units will be used in an emergency. With the exception of the two Class B outfits, most of the military units here are in Class C. A few are becoming eligible for promotion.

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RC Blood Program Grows In Scope

A total of 371 Red Cross chapters now are included in the Red Cross national blood program through which blood and blood products are being supplied to more than 500 hospitals.

Operation of the program began in January, 1948, with the opening of the Rochester, N. Y., center. Since that time it has expanded gradually and it is expected that 34 regional centers with 39 associated mobile blood collecting units will be in operation by next July.

During the last fiscal year the Red Cross provided hospitals and physicians, through state health departments, with approximately \$17,000,000 worth of plasma and other blood derivatives processed from wartime surpluses.

Hospital Births

During the past week the following births occurred at the Wilkes hospital: daughter, Mary Elizabeth, February 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Vestal Walker, of Abshers; daughter, Linda Jean, February 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Vance Cardwell, of North Wilkesboro route one; son, William Jay, February 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Junior Moser, of North Wilkesboro; daughter, Nancy Alice, February 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Thomas Stewart, of Wilkesboro; son, Roger Lee, February 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Johnson Cooper, of Wilkesboro; daughter, Margaret Katherine, February 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Walsh, Jr., of Parsonville; son, James Wade, Jr., February 21 to Mr. and Mrs. James Wade Gryder, of North Wilkesboro; son, Rodney Lee, February 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frederick Eddinger, of Wilkesboro; daughter, Anita Burke, February 21 to Mr. and

World Day Of Prayer Services Planned

The theme of the World Day of Prayer to be observed on March 4th is, "The Lord is thy Keeper." Psalm 121 is our selected scripture. To be really effective in prayer our thoughts and desires must be directed in the right direction. The world needs to recognize its needs and know that help must come from the Lord. The world is made up of individuals, you and me. The call is to us to prepare for the World Day of Prayer. There will be prayers offered by Christian groups from sunrise to sunset all over the world on Friday, March 4th, beginning in some island of the Pacific and continuing as the sun moves until the last prayers are made in the arctic circle.

Services will be held in Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro and we hope in many places in the county. The time and places will be announced next week.

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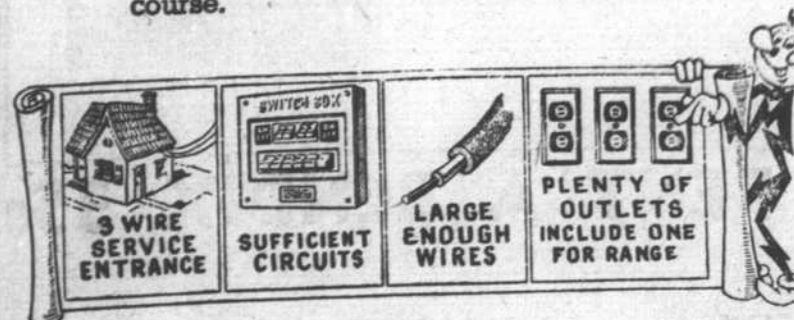
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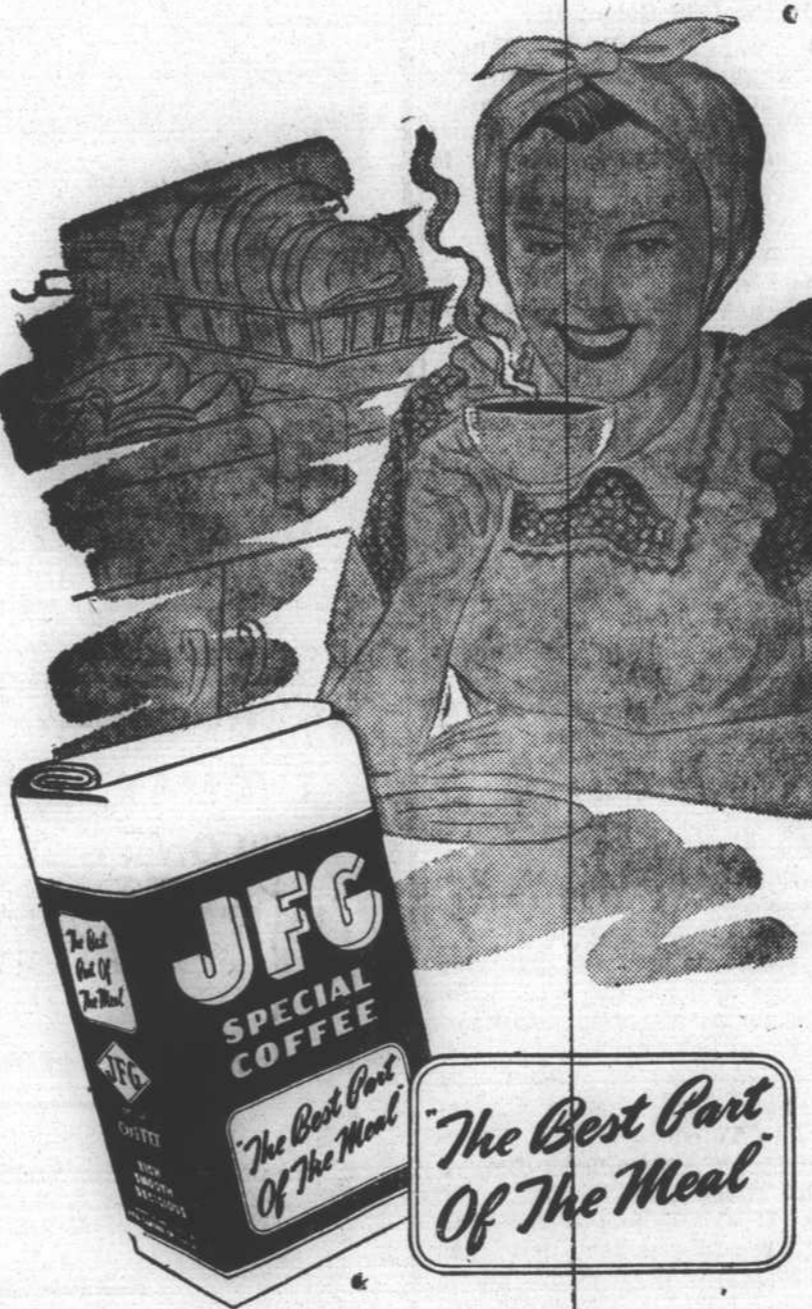
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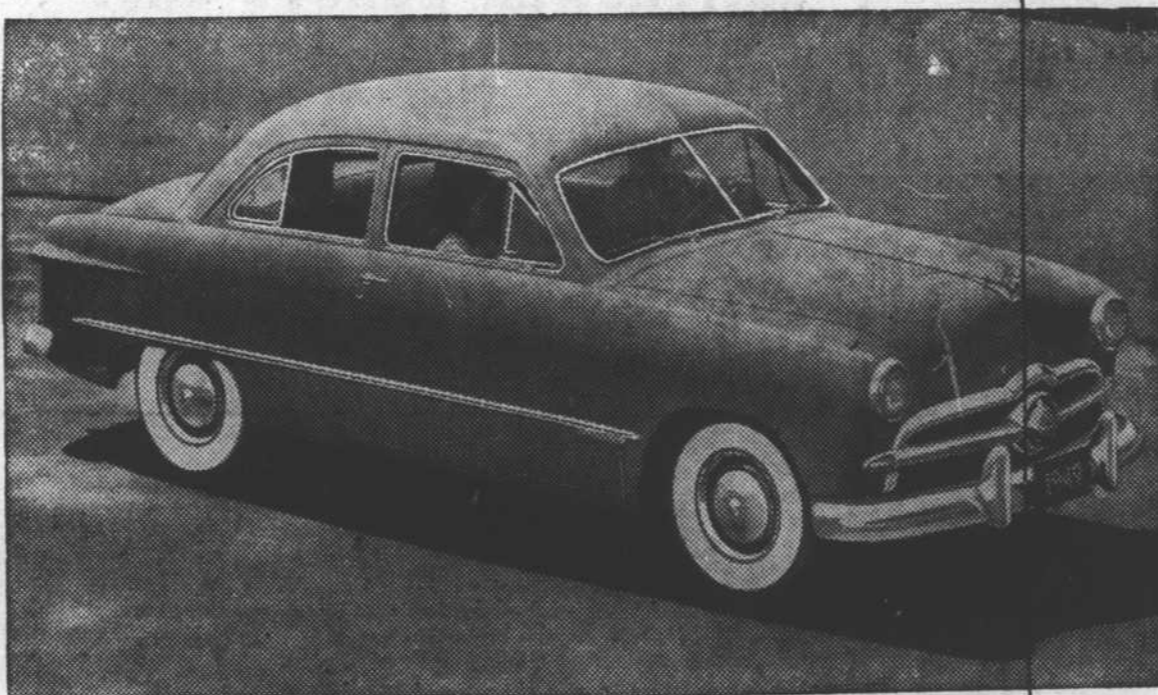


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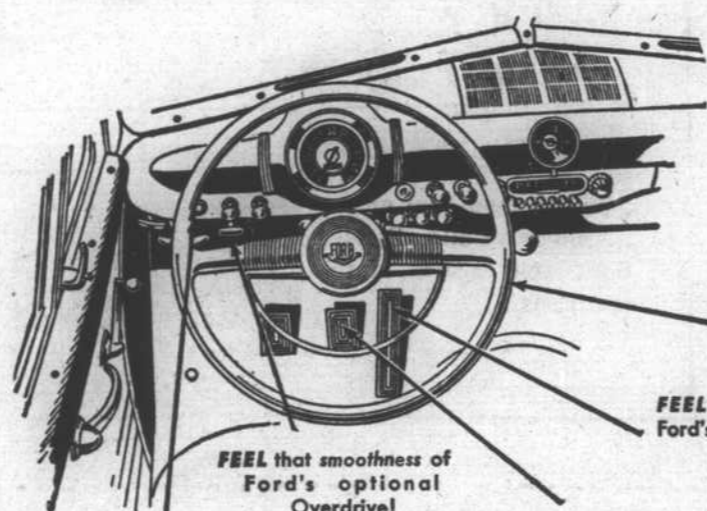
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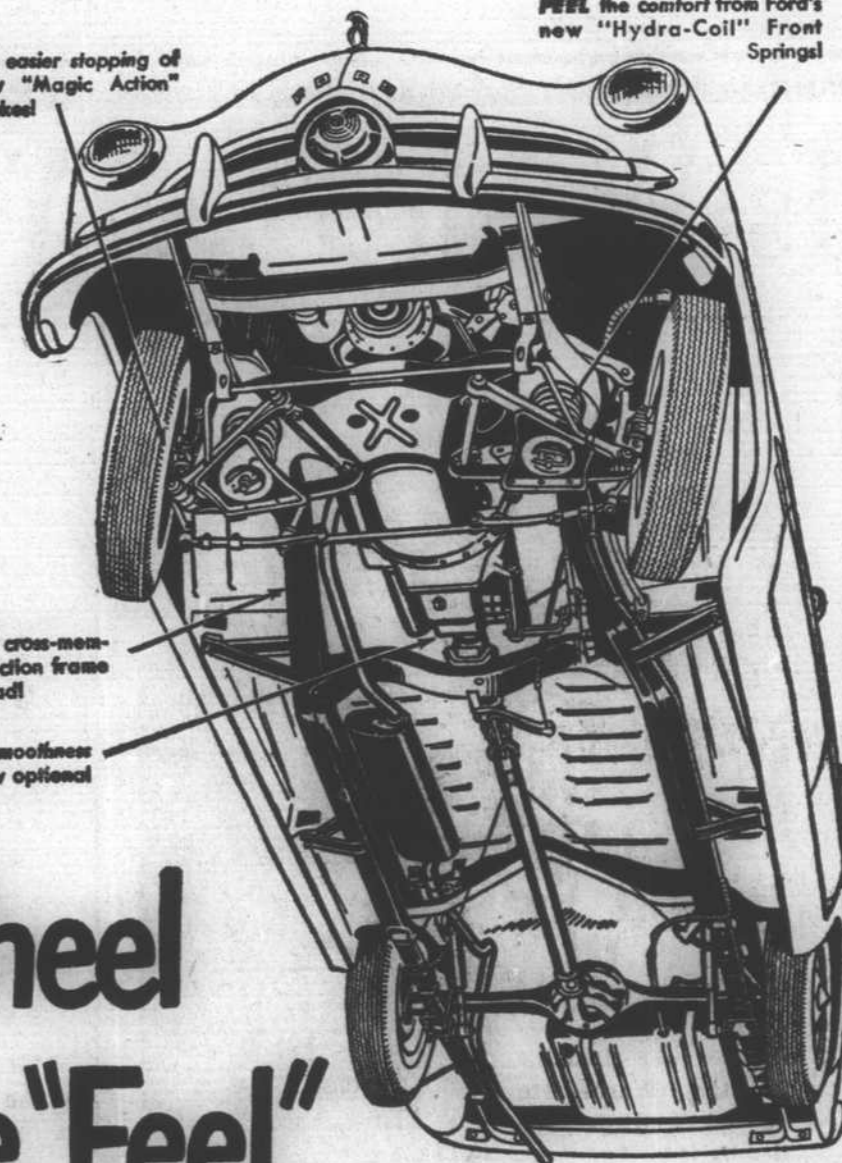
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