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Three-Fourths Of War Fund Quota Is Reached This Week

The Orange county chapter of the Red Cross is accomplishing its aim for a "whirlwind" drive in the War Fund drive having already raised \$3,500 of the \$4,000 quota. Although the goal was not reached in ten days, as had previously been hoped, Mrs. Allen Whitaker, chairman of the drive, expressed gratitude toward the public in pushing the figure more than three-fourths of the way to the top in two weeks. This figure was reported Tuesday of this week.

The white residential sections reported \$984.69 under the leadership of Miss Maria Read. Miss Read set a goal of \$1,000 for her area and says she "won't stop" until that goal is reached. Of the donations so far received in her sector, there were 16 "special gifts." Any donation of \$15 or more is classified as a special gift.

The rural colored section so far has reported one-third more donations in the drive than they did in the 1944 campaign. A partial report last Tuesday from that area under the leadership of A. L. Stanback, principal of the Hillsboro colored school, and M. C. Burt, shows \$358.30 in donations. The colored residential area, headed by Marinda McPherson, turned in \$143.25, according to a partial report last Tuesday.

Belle-Vue Manufacturing Company employees reported \$275, about \$25 less than they turned in during the drive last year. Eno Mills, under the direction of Bill White, have not yet reported. Clarence Jones, chairman of the chapter and leader of the drive in the Hillsboro business section, reported \$535 from that area. The Hillsboro schools have not yet reported.

The officials in the drive are well pleased with the response and are confident that the goal will be reached. Last year the goal was not reached until almost the last hour of the last day.

Hillians Show \$4063 Toward Red Cross Goal

John M. Foushee, chairman of the Chapel Hill chapter of the American Red Cross, announced Monday that \$4,063.86 of the \$12,300 goal has been collected from the Chapel Hill and Bligham townships in the current drive. Of this amount \$2,146.76 was contributed in the business and residential sections of Chapel Hill, and \$1,917 was listed under special gifts.

Division chairmen in the 1945 Red Cross drive are: Clarence Oakley, business; W. Plennmons, campus offices; Miss Kitty Kelly, campus students; J. R. Evans, Carrboro; Mr. Wentworth, Munitions Corporation; Mrs. Norma Snipes, negro; Mrs. J. M. Saunders, residential; Miss Woodward, Byars, rural; Chaplain George Cummins, Pre-Flight school; E. C. Smith, theater.

Chapel Hill storekeepers and organizations have cooperated in the drive by setting up posters and handing out literature. The Little Shop has a full window display showing the hospital work done by the local chapter in this area.

Carrboro Lions' First Meeting In Local Church Hut

Carrboro, March 12.—At the first regular meeting of the Carrboro Lions club held in the Methodist church-hut last Friday night, District Governor Francis Walker and Lion Chris Hamlet of Durham gave talks on the aims, objects, and principles of Lionism. Other visiting Lions from Durham who attended the opening meeting were: Dr. W. F. Mustian, Lion Tamer J. W. Wheeler, Wade Cavin, and Ed Gwynn, president of the Durham club.

Dinner was served by the women of the Methodist church, who together with the Baptist women will serve meals for the Lions at their regular meetings which are to be held every other Thursday night in the Methodist hut.

The Rev. V. E. Queen is president of the newly organized club, and Roy Riggsbee is secretary.

Plans are now being made for the charter night exercises which will be held early in April.

THE NEWS of Orange County

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(One Week Nearer Victory)

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This Week's ORANGE AND UNIVERSITY MEN

University Man of the Week
DR. BENJAMIN W. SWALIN

Orange Man of the Week
CHARLES J. JAMES

Dr. Benjamin W. Swalin, for the past ten years connected with the University music department, is regarded by his students, friends, and audiences as one of the state's most brilliant and colorful personalities. Holding six music diplomas, Dr. Swalin has gained national recognition in the fields of musical art, instruction, composing, and entertainment.

He began his musical career in Minneapolis, Minn., the city in



which he was born, where he studied violin and played in the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra at an early age. After receiving his M. A. degree in English literature in this country, he was given a fellowship to the University of Vienna, where he took his Ph. D. in music.

Since 1939 Dr. Swalin has conducted the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra, which has made noteworthy progress under his direction. In March, 1943, the state legislature passed a bill granting

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Charles J. James, one of Hillsboro's leading pharmacists, marked with distinctive characteristics of a different laugh and an endless stream of cigars, is 100 per cent Orange countian in heritage, family, education and occupation.

Born and reared in Orange county, he is the son of the late Henry and Mary James. He has three half brothers now living. In 1933 he married another Orange countian, the former Miss Oma Rhew, and they have one daughter, 16-months old Charlotte Rhew.

Mr. James attended Hillsboro high school and several other schools about the county. He even remained in Orange county to get a higher education, taking a graduate degree in pharmacy at the University of North Carolina in 1929.

After his college days, Mr. James spent six months working in Durham and then came to Hillsboro to work for the Hillsboro Drug Company two years, after which he bought the concern and began operating under the name of James Pharmacy.

If you should walk into James Pharmacy today, you will probably find him either scribbling at something on his desk, stirring up some medicine or chatting with some customers—all the while keeping up with the cigar.

He says he doesn't have any particular hobbies, except that he likes to travel, but hasn't been anywhere. Perhaps being a thoroughbred Orange countian, he also restricts his traveling to Orange county, especially in war time.

Mr. James is a member of the Hillsboro Lions Club of which he is the finance chairman. He is also president of the Hillsboro merchants association and a Shriner. He is a member of the Durham Shrine Club and the Hillsboro Methodist church.

March Superior Court Will Convene Monday Morning To Dispense With Heavy Docket

The Little Things About Red Cross

(Ens. Robert E. Sonntag, USNR, wrote the following letter about what the Red Cross is doing for the men overseas and urges full cooperation in donations sought by the Red Cross. Ens. Sonntag is a Chapel Hill boy and attended the University of North Carolina, and this is what he thinks of the Red Cross.)

One big blessing, believe me, has been the American Red Cross. They will do anything for you and really make us feel at home in the various places I have been. Little things like peanut butter sandwiches and cokes mean an awful lot. So do girls with American accents. They are doing a wonderful job. Of all the things at home that I want money, I should say the Red Cross should come first. They're O.K.

Ens. Robt. E. Sonntag, USNR
May 24, 1944

Men and Women In the Service

PVT. PHILLIPS HELPS BUILD BRIDGES IN ITALY

Pvt. WILLIAM H. PHILLIPS, son of Mrs. J. C. Phillips of Hillsboro, is at present serving with the 175th engineer general service regiment in Italy as a basic engineer.

Pvt. Phillips' duties consist of assisting in the construction of airport taxiways, bridges, highways, clearing mines and booby traps, repairing damaged piers, roads and hospitals, and at present maintaining snow stations where emergency rations are stored and issued.

Since last August 1 his regiment has built 70 large bridges, 15 of which were under construction at one time. It has also repaired in record time many old Italian bridges damaged by explosions. One of the bridges recently repaired was a masonry arch bridge built in 1628, located on Route 2 north of Bolsena.

The most recent bridge built by Pvt. Phillips' regiment is the 270-foot bridge across the Serchio river on the Fifth army front in Italy. A 530-foot bridge was assembled by one company of this regiment in seven days to span the Arno river.

CHESHIRE J. COLE, BKR 2-C, is home on a 30-day leave after seeing action two years in the South Pacific. He enlisted in the Navy November 23, 1942, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cole of West Hillsboro. He has two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Oakley and Mrs. Blanche Connolly, one brother, Jack Cole, all of West Hillsboro.

Heart Attack Fatal To Scott Cates Last Saturday Morning

H. Scott Cates, 67, one of Hillsboro's most prominent citizens and business men, died suddenly at his home last Saturday morning at 7:30 as a result of a heart attack. Prior to the attack he appeared to be in good health.

Mr. Cates, who owned much real estate, spent many years of his younger life engaged in the mercantile business. He retired about 20 years ago and devoted the greatest part of his time to the improvement of his many real estate holdings.

He took keen interest in the civic development of Hillsboro and took an active part in bringing improvements of modern nature to the community. About 30 years ago he organized the Hillsboro Power and Light Company, which gave to Hillsboro its first electric lights and current, and he remained president of this organization until it was sold to one of the large utility corporations. He had been actively connected with the Hillsboro Building and Loan Association for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Smith Cates; three brothers, Claude Cates of Burlington, Currie C. Cates of Spencer, and F. S. Cates of Hillsboro; and a large number of nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held from the Hillsboro Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Cates was a member, last Sunday afternoon. The

Hillsboro WAC Dies After A Brief Illness

Sgt. L. Sue Hurley, 28, of Hillsboro, died at Northington General Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Ala., at 6:33 p.m. March 12, following a brief illness. Sgt. Hurley enlisted in the WAC in December, 1942. She received her basic training at Daytona Beach, Fla. She was then transferred to the WAC Detachment, the Armored School, Fort Knox, Ky., where she was stationed at the time of her death. Sgt. Hurley was a graduate of Hillsboro high school and prior to her enlistment she was employed by Eno Cotton Mills, Hillsboro. She was an active member of Eno Methodist church.

Sgt. Hurley is survived by her mother, Mrs. C. H. Hurley of Hillsboro; five sisters: Mrs. W. M. Erwin and Mrs. Cleo Davis of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. D. M. Ferree of Randleman, Mrs. D. M. Bowden of Haw River and Mrs. Ralph Cheek of Chapel Hill; five brothers: Carl H. Hurley of Miami, Fla., George B. Hurley of Burlington, B. H. Hurley of Newport News, Va., Pvt. C. Norfleet Hurley, U. S. Marines, stationed somewhere in the South Pacific, and Sgt. J. Carson Hurley, U. S. Army, stationed somewhere in Germany.

Sgt. Hurley was engaged to Sgt. Richard Faris of Spokane, Wash., who is stationed somewhere in France.

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Brunswick Stew Planned

Plans for a Brunswick stew were announced by Mrs. Eland Forrest at the PTA meeting held Monday afternoon in the home economics department of the high school. The date has not been determined.

A nominating committee consisting of Mesdames Alton Williams, Charlie Walker and Grady Brown was requested to submit names for a second vice-president and a secretary for the PTA at the next regular meeting.

The program, a discussion of the problems of adolescents and suggestions for solving them, was conducted by Mrs. Mitchell Lloyd.

A special night meeting will occur on Tuesday, April 10, at 8 p.m. so that as many fathers as possible can attend.

Carrboro Red Cross Report

Carrboro, March 12.—J. R. Evans, in charge of the Red Cross campaign in Carrboro, reported \$724 paid in last Friday night and the work is continuing this week. Workers in the campaign met in the Baptist church Friday night and made their individual reports to Mr. Evans.

The munitions plant was not ready with its report when the meeting was held, although past records indicate that the fund will get a healthy boost when the drive is over.

Mrs. Frank Madry, in charge of the drive at the local school, reported subscriptions of \$85.80.

Visitors at the dinner included Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gruman of Chapel Hill and Rev. and Mrs. V. E. Queen.

Miss Dashiell Wins Scholastic Honors At Stephens College

Columbia, Mo., March 14.—Miss Dorothy Ann Dashiell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Dashiell, 5 Westwood drive, Chapel Hill, has recently been pledged to Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity, at Stephens College for women.

From the student body of 2100, 66 girls were admitted to the fraternity. These students received an excellent rating in scholarship at the college and comprise the upper 7 per cent of the entire student body.

This Week's WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

By MIKE MICHAEL

A greatly reinforced U. S. First Army lashed out from a 10-mile wide bridgehead at Ramagen Monday in a drive which has carried more than five miles beyond the Rhine to take 23 towns in their wake. Aerial superiority of the American forces afforded valuable protection for the First fighters as they threw pontoon bridges across the Rhine in order to move more and more guns, tanks, and men across the stream. Thus as the Canadian First and United States Ninth armies crushed the Germans in the Wesel pocket, five allied armies found themselves solidly linked along 150 miles of the Rhine from the Dutch border to within a mile of Coblenz.

Meanwhile a major obstacle in the path of the Russians was taken Monday as hardy shock troops of Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Army captured the ancient Oder River fortress of Kuestrin after a 35-day battle for this key position in the Nazi defensive chain.

Final victory is in sight for the battle-weary Marines on Iwo Jima as they are beginning mopping-up operations on this strategic blood-bought island only 750 miles from Tokyo's front door. Elsewhere in the Pacific, the Tokyo radio report of an American landing on Mindanao has been confirmed when it was announced that infantrymen of the 41st infantry division under Maj. Gen. J. A. Doe had landed on this island in the Southern Philippines Saturday after a thorough naval and air bombardment of the island.

Hillsboro 4-H Boy Wins \$25 War Bond

Mason Kenyon, Jr., 4-H club boy of Hillsboro, Route 2, was presented a \$25 war bond for winning first place in the 1944 "Feed a Fighter" contest. This bond was given jointly by the Bank of Chapel Hill and the Hillsboro Branch of the Durham Bank & Trust Company. Fred Green, secretary of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, made the award.

This contest was among 400 4-H club boys in Orange county to see who would produce the most food in 1944. Mason Kenyon's record was 1,030 dozen eggs, 240 pounds of broilers, a victory garden, and a purebred spotted Poland China brood sow.

A similar contest will be conducted in 1945 among the 4-H club boys and the Bank of Chapel Hill and the Hillsboro Branch of the Durham Bank & Trust Company have offered another \$25 bond for the 1945 winner.

Dr. Maddy To Speak Sunday

The Rev. W. W. Abernethy, pastor of the Hillsboro First Baptist church, announced this week that Dr. Charles E. Maddy, former secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and former pastor of the church here, will preach Sunday, March 18, at 11 a.m.

Dr. Maddy is now field secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, and with his visit here is beginning a tour of all Baptist churches in the south. He has traveled all over the world and is telling the Southern Baptists about the world as he saw it.

Dr. Maddy said he is especially anxious to render his first service at the Hillsboro church because this was his first pastorate. Rev. Mr. Abernethy, on behalf of Dr. Maddy, urges everyone to be present at this service.

Patterson Promoted

Headquarters, 10th Air Force, Burma.—Promotion to sergeant of Wallace D. Patterson, son of the W. D. Pattersons of 107 South Columbia street, Chapel Hill, has been announced by his troop carrier squadron of Major General Howard C. Davidson's 10th Air Force. He is communications chief of his unit, and has been in the India Burma theater for nine months.

Sgt. Patterson's squadron has twice been given the unit citation for outstanding achievement in supplying ground forces in Northern Burma during the campaign to capture Myitkyina from the Japs. He is a graduate of Chapel Hill high school, and attended Capitol Radio Engineering Institute before his induction 27 months ago.

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Best Tidings in the War News Last Week Came From the Western Front Where Thousands of Yanks of the First Army Surged across the Rhine River Just South of Cologne Wednesday to Crack Germany's Historic, Supposedly Impregnable, Western Barrier. So the hard-hitting First added one more "first" to its enviable record of leadership, for it was first ashore in Normandy, the first to enter Germany, and the first to break through the Siegfried line.

The dramatic announcement came after 24 hours of radio silence which was imposed in order to keep the Germans in the dark as much as possible until the Americans had time to establish a powerful bridgehead on the other shore. The First army troops achieved a military triumph equaling in importance the Normandy landing when they jumped the river at 3:50 p. m. Wednesday in the surprise blow delivered against an enemy so thoroughly disorganized that he had no prepared positions from which to throw up an effective resistance to the invaders.

The surprise crossing by the First will open the way for an early juncture with the surging Third Army on its right thus trapping thousands of Nazi troops in a pocket between the two American armies.

MAY SHORTEN THE WAR

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