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Mrs. W. R. Absher Endorsed By Local Organizations For President State Auxiliary

North Wilkesboro Is Solidly Behind Local Candidate For High Office HAS SPLENDID RECORD

North Wilkesboro civic organizations have given unanimous endorsement to the candidacy of Mrs. W. R. Absher for president of the North Carolina department of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Each of the organizations praised Mrs. Absher as a citizen, club woman and leader of various activities of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Absher has been endorsed by quite a number of the leading Auxiliary units of the state and will have a large following at the annual meeting, it is stated.

Taken To Atlanta

Deputy Marshal H. H. Jennings, Otto Somers, guard, and Arlie Foster, driver, returned Tuesday evening from Atlanta, Ga., where they carried three prisoners to the federal penitentiary to serve terms imposed upon them by Judge Johnson J. Hayes in federal court at Wilkesboro last week.

F. R. Farnham Was Here On Monday And Tuesday

F. R. Farnham, dairy extension specialist of State College, was in the county Monday and Tuesday working with County Farm Agent A. G. Hendren and Assistant County Agent Joe Ellis, Jr.

Twin City Choir To Sing In City Sunday Evening

Wilson Angel To Feature Splendid Program At Methodist Church

Wilson Angel, who recently won national fame by receiving one of the \$5,000 awards in the Atwater Kent radio audition contest, and the Centenary Methodist church choir of Winston-Salem will appear at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church Sunday evening.

After their arrival in the city about 6 o'clock, members of the choir will go to the Legion-Auxiliary Club House for a light dinner. From there they will go to the church at 8 o'clock.

Trot Line And Basket Fishing Is Now Allowed

An important change in the laws governing fishing in Wilkes county was made by the General Assembly, County Game Warden T. A. Finley stated Tuesday. The amended law permits fishermen to fish with trot lines and baskets, this provision applying to Wilkes, Alexander and Davie counties.

Except for this one change, the old laws on hunting and fishing apply, Mr. Finley said.

Mr. Finley said he understood that in some rural communities the report had gone out that the hunting and fishing laws had been abolished. He wanted to correct that report and let it be known that the old laws are still in effect.

Some reorganization and adjustments are expected the first of July, Mr. Finley said, but these will in no way affect the requirements.

Memorial Service To Be Held Here Tuesday Evening

Attractive Program Being Arranged By American Legion Members

Memorial Day will be observed here with appropriate exercises which are to begin Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

J. B. McCoy, chairman of the committee of the Wilkes County Post No. 125, American Legion, which is arranging the program, announced Tuesday that the procession will form in front of Hotel Wilkes at 7 o'clock.

After the bugle sounds assembly, the following program will be given:

Song, "America," by high school band.
Prayer by Rev. C. W. Robinson.
Address, "Placing of wreaths by Legion Auxiliary."
One minute silent prayer.
Salute by firing squad of National Guard company.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. McNeill, of this city, spent Sunday at Bina, Ashe county, visiting Mrs. McNeill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Eller.

Bryant Stone To Die June 2nd In Chair at Raleigh

Only Hope Lies In Action By Governor; Slayer Of Wayne Norman

ATTORNEYS AT WORK

Bryant Stone, convicted slayer of his son-in-law, Wayne Norman will die in the electric chair on Friday, June 2, unless Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus intervenes. Affirmation of the death sentence by the state Supreme court on May 17 automatically set the date for the execution.

If Stone pays the death penalty, he will have the unenviable distinction of being the first Wilkes county man to die in the electric chair at Raleigh and the first man sent up from the Wilkes courts to be legally killed since James Byers was hanged in Wilkesboro in 1888.

Stone was convicted at the August term of court last year. Since that time he has been in death row awaiting the decision of the state Supreme court.

Every effort will be made by his attorneys, J. H. Whicker and J. M. Blackburn, to get the governor to commute the sentence.

Superior Court Begins Monday

Judge Michael Schenk To Preside; Is For Trial Of Civil Cases

A two weeks' term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases only will convene at the county courthouse in Wilkesboro Monday. Judge Michael Schenk, of Hendersonville, will be the presiding jurist.

Although this is usually known as the June term, it will convene on May 29 in compliance with the law that the court begin on the fourth Monday after the first Monday in May.

The calendar announced recently is unusually large.

Visitors Here

John Paul Lucas And C. B. Mitchell Here Tuesday

John Paul Lucas, of Charlotte, vice president of the Southern Public Utilities company, and C. B. Mitchell, district sales representative of Kelvinators, were in the city a few hours Tuesday.

Niswonger Here Today, C. L. Sams Coming Tuesday

H. R. Niswonger, state horticulturist, will be here today and tomorrow and C. L. Sams, bee specialist, is coming to the county next Tuesday. They will work with County Agent Hendren among the farmers of the county.

City School Finals To Begin

James F. Thorpe Died On Tuesday

Prominent Farmer Of Roaring River; Funeral Was Held Yesterday

James F. Thorpe, prominent farmer of the Roaring River section, died Tuesday at 1:40 a. m. Mr. Thorpe was born September 6, 1867.

An impressive funeral service was held at Pleasant Home church yesterday morning (Wednesday) at 10 o'clock. Rev. Grant Cothren and Rev. Levi McCann were in charge of the service.

Mr. Thorpe was widely known and had many friends throughout the county.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Thorpe, one son, Clero Thorpe; three brothers, L. M., of Charlotte; D. L., of Bel Air, Md.; N. S., of Roaring River; three sisters, Mrs. E. W. Settle, of Benham; Mrs. L. S. Hoots, of Roaring River, and Mrs. T. F. Byrd, of Ronda.

Twelve Carried To Gastonia Hospital

Four Admitted For Treatment; Two Discharged After Being Cured

Twelve were taken to the orthopaedic hospital at Gastonia for observation and treatment Tuesday by Mrs. Bertha Bell, county health nurse. Four of that number were admitted for treatment.

Two Wilkes people, Viola Darnell and Stella Casey, who had been in the hospital for some time, were discharged as cured and returned with Mrs. Bell.

The four admitted to the hospital were Vera Hall, Arbutus Myers, Ruth Adams and Sanford Teague.

Others going for observation were Forest Church, John Davidson, Ruth Souther, Carl Bauguess, Dovie Myers, Irene Harless, Daisy Greene, Marie Greene.

These trips to the Gastonia hospital are sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, and gasoline and oil for the two cars Tuesday were furnished by John E. Justice and W. E. Jones.

36 Prisoners Are Taken Away Monday

Sentences of Men Total 50 Years or More; Taken To Virginia

Thirty-six federal prisoners were carried to Camp Lee at Petersburg, Va. and Camp Eustis at Lee Hall, Va. the first of the week. Two buses were chartered to transport the prisoners there to begin serving their sentences which were imposed in federal court in Wilkesboro last week. Their sentences totaled about 50 years.

The prisoners were carried there by Deputy Marshal B. H. Goss, of Wilkesboro, and Deputy Marshal R. C. Brown, of Winston-Salem, who were assisted by Denver Holcomb, W. B. Somers, R. Williams, John Payne, W. R. Bumgarner, P. V. Turner, S. A. Foster, Perry Greer, D. P. Jones, F. E. Harless and Tom and Joe Price.

The party left here Monday and returned Tuesday evening.

Israel Byrd Dies

Israel Z. Byrd, of New Castle township, was claimed by death Tuesday. He was born May 18, 1845 and was, therefore, 88 years and 5 days of age.

The funeral service was conducted from Dennyville Baptist church Wednesday at 11 o'clock by Rev. Noah Jarvis.

One daughter, Mrs. Nancy Younger, is the only surviving member of the immediate family.

Zone Meeting

A zone meeting of the Methodist Auxiliaries will be held at the local Methodist church, Tuesday, May 30, beginning at 10:30 o'clock. This zone includes Sparta, Union, Moravian Falls, Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro. Miss Mabel Cherry, a returned missionary from Korea, and Mrs. J. L. Wolts, of Mt. Airy, will be present. Each one is expected to bring lunch for two. All Auxiliary members and also church members are invited to attend.

LEGION-AUXILIARY CLUB HOUSE



The Legion-Auxiliary Club House, recently completed, was formally opened May 1. (Photo courtesy Blue Ridge Studio.)

Erection of Legion-Auxiliary Club House Fine Achievement

Beautiful New Home Was Formally Opened To Public May 1st

The Legion-Auxiliary Club House which was formally opened to the public May 1 is a major accomplishment of the Wilkes County Post No. 125, American Legion, and the North Wilkesboro unit of the American Legion Auxiliary for this year.

While the two organizations, especially the Auxiliary unit, had kept in mind such a building for several years, definite steps toward its erection were not taken until the early part of this year. The lot on which it is situated was purchased by the Auxiliary for this purpose some years ago.

At that time, Mrs. W. R. Absher, a leading member of the local unit, was chairman of a special building committee and presented the terms upon which the lot could be secured from the Extension committee of Home Missions of the Presbyterian church.

The lot, located on Highway 18, had been unimproved until February when the idea of erecting a club house this year took form. At a meeting of the two organizations, it was learned that the building could be constructed with the Legion's building and loan fund if federal relief unemployment funds could be obtained to pay for the labor.

Mrs. G. G. Foster, county welfare superintendent, endorsed the project and made available a sufficient sum of money for the labor charges. Materials from an old building in Wilkesboro was purchased and construction work was soon started.

The Legion-Auxiliary Club House is 75 feet long and 26 feet wide with a 15-foot stage and two dressing rooms. The front is 40 feet by 25 feet. Two cloak rooms and a very convenient bathroom are included. (Continued on page three)

Miss Florence Marsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Marsh, of Wilkesboro, Route 1, underwent an operation for appendicitis this week at Wilkes Hospital.

Dick's Service Station No. 3 Will Be Opened To Public Tomorrow

Dick's Service Station No. 3, which has been under construction for some time, will be formally opened to the public tomorrow (Friday) morning at 6 o'clock. Announcement to this effect was made today by Mr. A. A. (Dick) Cashion, popular service station operator, who has operated service stations in the city for several years.

The new station is located at the intersection of Elizabeth, Trogon and Hinshaw streets and is just opposite the station where Mr. Cashion started in business about nine years ago. Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27, have been designated as opening days and a special offer is being made for all those who do business with the station on either of these days. The station opens at 6 a. m. tomorrow and will remain open until 12 M. Saturday night.

Dick's Service Station No. 3 will carry a full line of Standard products including tires and also the famous...

Literary Address To Be Delivered By Robt. Gribbon

Exercises Will Open Sunday With Sermon By Rev. J. H. Armbrust, Of City

CLASS NIGHT JUNE 1 Closing Program To Be On June 2; Diplomas Will Be Presented

Commencement exercises for the North Wilkesboro schools will get under way Sunday morning and will come to an end on the evening of June 2.

The schedule for the closing exercises was announced yesterday afternoon by Prof. W. D. Halfacre, superintendent of the city school system.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered at the First Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. H. Armbrust, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church. Rev. Eugene Olive and Rev. C. W. Robinson will also take part in the program.

Class day exercises will be held at the school auditorium Thursday evening, June 1, beginning at 8 o'clock. These will be in the form of a play and during brief intermissions, the high school band will furnish music.

The school year will come to a close on Friday evening with the literary address by Dr. Robert Gribbon, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Winston-Salem, and the presentation of diplomas to the graduating class by J. R. Hix, vice chairman of the local school board. This program will begin at 8 p. m. C. C. Wright, county superintendent of schools, is scheduled to present the diplomas to seventh grade graduates.

Two Are Arrested

Lundy Nichols And Fred Nichols Caught At Still

Lundy Nichols and Fred Nichols were arrested in the Buck community Saturday by prohibition agents when they were caught at a distillery which they are alleged to have been operating. The arrest was made by Agents D. C. Dettor and H. C. Kilby, who were accompanied on the raid by M. S. Phillips and T. M. Setzer.

Following a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner J. W. Dula, they filled bond of \$500 each for their appearance at the next term of federal court.

Wilkesboro Woman's Club Will Meet Friday At 3:30

The Wilkesboro Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. C. H. Hulcher Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. R. E. Pevette, Mrs. J. B. Henderson and Mrs. J. R. Henderson as joint hostesses. A musical program in charge of Mrs. Pevette will be given.

Wilkes Boys At Fort Bragg For Training Period

Four Alternates Allowed To Go; Fifty Wilkes Boys Are There

The fifty Wilkes county boys who were accepted at Winston-Salem last Friday are now in training at Fort Bragg and will remain there several days before being taken to the forest camps to begin work. Reports received from Fort Bragg were to the effect that the boys are enjoying their conditioning period.

Four alternates were given places among the fifty allotted Wilkes when four of those selected did not go to Fort Bragg. The four alternates taken were Cyrus Holcomb, Russell Church, Noah D. Royal and Dykes Johnson. They took the places of George Wyatt, Don Wyatt, Leonard Pearson and Hazel Rappington.

Mrs. J. N. Shockey will leave Friday for Boston, Mass., to visit her daughter, Miss Mary Shockey. Her son, Mr. J. N. Shockey, is also in the city.