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## Sesquicentennial Celebration Brier Creek Church Sunday Was An Outstanding Success

### Captain Percy W. Foote Is Principal Speaker of the Day

History of This Old Church Given in Paper By Miss Mattie E. Sale

IS LARGELY ATTENDED  
Rev. W. E. Linney and Rev. N. T. Jarvis Are Among the Other Speakers

The sesquicentennial at Brier Creek Baptist church, 16 miles east of the Wilkesboros, Sunday, June 25, was quite largely attended, and a complete success. Though it was necessary to make some changes in the tentative program outlined, the various numbers and the entire day were all of even greater interest than could have been anticipated.

One interesting fact to be noted in connection with the celebration of its 150th anniversary, is that Brier Creek is the oldest surviving Baptist church planted in all the territory now embraced in the counties of Wilkes, Yadkin, Surry, Ashe, Caldwell, Watauga, Alleghany, Alexander, Iredell, and some other western counties.

After the singularly felicitous words of welcome, spoken by Rev. N. T. Jarvis, pastor of the church, Rev. J. B. Ray gave the appropriate scripture reading from Revelation, describing the beauties of the future home in heaven; and prayer was offered by Rev. A. T. Pardue, venerable Baptist divine.

Because of the startling facts it pointed out, about the antiquity, influence, and colorful narrative of the organization, the history of Brier Creek church, written and read by Miss Mattie E. Sale, made an extraordinary appeal. Miss Sale, through her father's 77 years as a member of Brier Creek and 47 as a clerk, and her own constant attendance there since her birth and for more than 60 years, has been enabled to keep in closer touch with the records of the church than has anyone else.

The relatively brief lecture describing the "Growth of the Baptists" delivered in a pleasing manner by Rev. N. T. Jarvis, revealed intensive research, and was a most vivid chronicle of the progress of this denomination and the underlying causes of that progress.

Recreating the atmosphere of the period two years after the Revolutionary War, in which Brier Creek was established, Rev. W. E. Linney limned dramatic pictures of the history and struggles of the Baptist and of the exponents of religious freedom, and traced some of the diabolical persecution which was formerly perpetrated in the name of religion. Lest we forget and return to similar tortures and barbarity, he offered three effective remedies. His sermon, during the course of which he brought an indictment against the present system of education for not making more prominent in histories the names of John Robinson, who led the pilgrims to Leyden, Holland, and finally to the Mayflower to the "New World"; and of Christmas Evans, a Welshman who was the most powerful preacher since St. Paul, was said by many hearers to have been the most powerful to which the audience had ever listened.

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## James Grayson Memorial Fund

Donations previously reported: B. Williams, \$1.00; Mayor J. A. Rousseau, \$1.00; A. B. Johnston, \$1.00; Carlyle Ingle, \$1.00; L. R. Fisher, \$1.00; James M. Anderson, \$1.00; W. M. Morrison, \$1.00; L. A. Harris, \$1.00; Ralph Duncan, \$1.00; S. V. Tomlinson, \$1.00; I. E. Pearson, \$1.00.

Later Reports  
New donations: Frank L. Smith, of Cleveland, Tenn., \$2.00. Sheriff W. B. Somers, \$5.00. J. H. Rector, 50 cents. J. H. Albrust, \$1.00.

### Our Industrial Boss



General Hugh S. Johnson, administrator of the Federal Industrial Act, at his desk in Commerce headquarters at Washington, where he started the wheels turning in our new industrial era.

## Herman Handy Is Freed In Hobart Myers Death Case

Motion of Counsel For Defendant To Dismiss the Charges Sustained

### HEARING HELD TUESDAY

Herman Handy, young man of the Halls Mills section, under arrest in connection with the death of Hobart Myers, of the same community, was set free Tuesday afternoon following a preliminary hearing before J. C. Wallace, justice of the peace, at his offices here.

At the conclusion of the state's evidence, Attorney J. H. Whicker, counsel for the defendant, moved for a judgment as of nonsuit. The motion was allowed.

Handy was in company with Myers when Myers was fatally injured in an automobile accident on the evening of June 10. Evidence disclosed that Myers was driving the automobile and that Handy was in no way responsible for the accident.

## State D. A. R. To Erect Marker On Rendezvous Soon

State Officers Here Monday To Confer With Local People About Plans

### PLAN 2 OTHER MARKERS

Mrs. Sydney Perry Cooper, State Regent, Mrs. H. O. Steel, chairman D. A. R. park committee, and Mrs. Eugene Davis spent Monday in the city, conferring with Judge and Mrs. T. B. Finley and Miss Lucy Finley, Regent of Rendezvous Mountain Chapter, D. A. R., about the erection of bronze markers on the Rendezvous Mountain and on the two main highways on either side of the mountain.

These markers are very handsome, and will be unveiled during the summer or autumn.

## Fruit Growers To Meet On Saturday

Arrangements To Be Made At Meeting For the Annual Picnic

A meeting of the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers Association will be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, according to an announcement yesterday by Mrs. C. F. Bretholl, secretary.

Arrangements for the annual picnic this year will be made and topics of interest to the growers discussed. All members are urged to attend and non-members, interested in fruit growing, are cordially invited.

## Citizens' Body Is Receiving Pledges Of Strong Backing

Lodges, Churches, Civic Organizations and Individuals Backing It

### PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED

County Commissioners Anxious For Complete Co-operation During Court

Many pledges of support in their movement looking toward stricter law enforcement and better law observance are being received by officers of the Wilkes County Citizens Association, it was learned yesterday.

A number of churches, at least one civic organization and one or more lodges have gone on record as solidly behind the association's program.

The board of county commissioners has given its support by calling upon the governor for a special term of court for the purpose of removing some of the cases from the criminal docket.

In commenting upon the court, N. R. Smithy, chairman of the county board, stated Tuesday that "We have secured the court and lawyers, court officials and everyone connected with the court should co-operate to the end that the court's business may be handled with the greatest dispatch possible."

## Reins-Sturdivant Organize Burial Association Here

Association Is Under Bond Of \$5,000 To Carry Out All Of Its By-Laws

The formation of the Reins-Sturdivant Burial Association was announced today by Reins-Sturdivant, Inc., local undertakers.

Copies of the by-laws are now ready for distribution and may be obtained by calling at their place of business.

"To quite a number of our friends we are only fulfilling a promise that we would form an organization of this kind when, and only when, the laws of North Carolina were so adjusted that they would have some protection for the money entrusted to us," Mr. W. K. Sturdivant, president of Reins-Sturdivant, Inc., stated. The new association carries a bond of \$5,000 as a guarantee to every member that the by-laws will be carried out in their entirety. The secretary is bonded for \$1,000.

Memberships from Wilkes and adjoining counties will be accepted provided the applicants are in sound health, and are between the ages of one and 55.

Anyone interested in joining is invited to call at the associations office for a copy of the by-laws and for a full explanation of the proposition.

## Company "A" To Camp July 15th

Local Company of National Guard Will Go To Camp Jackson This Year

Company "A", 105th Engineers of the North Carolina National Guard, will entrain July 15 for their annual 15-day sojourn at camp, it was learned Tuesday from Captain Ralph R. Reins.

The local company will go to Camp Jackson, located near Columbia, S. C., this year.

Although for economy reasons, the appropriation for national guard companies has been greatly reduced, the local company still has 61 men enlisted and all of these are expected to go to camp this year.

## Spanish War Vets To Meet Saturday

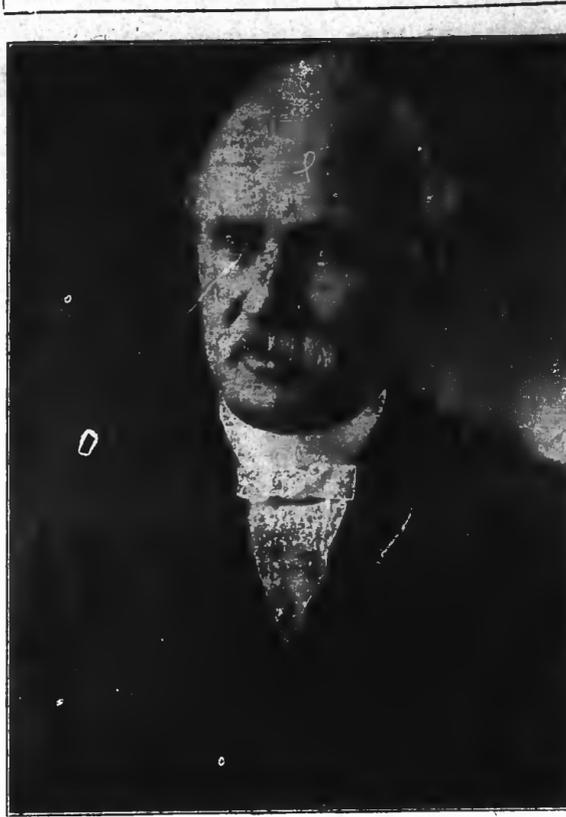
Members Of Camp 13 And All Other Veterans Of That War Are Invited

Spanish-American war veterans will meet Saturday, July 1, at the courthouse in Wilkesboro at 2 p. m., U. A. Miller, adjutant of Camp 13, announced yesterday.

All veterans, whether members of the camp or not, are requested to attend. Mr. Miller stated, since very important business affecting all veterans is scheduled to come before the meeting.

## Merchants Will Meet At City Hall Tonight

### Preaches To Large Congregation On 85th Birthday



Rev. C. W. Robinson celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday Sunday by occupying the pulpit of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, of which he has been pastor for thirty-eight years. He came here soon after the local church was organized and has been the only pastor of the church.

He has been engaged in the ministry for 55 years and is known throughout the state. Robinson church near Charlotte was named in his honor.

Despite his 85 years, Rev. Mr. Robinson is physically active and alert and his mind retains its youthful vigor. As someone has said, he has truly grown old gracefully.

## Jurors For Special Term of Court Are Drawn At Meeting of the County Board

### Officers School To Be Held First Day Court

In compliance with a request of the Institute of Government, Solicitor John R. Jones is asking all enforcement officers and judges of inferior courts to meet with Judge G. Vernon Cowper and himself at the county courthouse in Wilkesboro on July 23 at 1 p. m.

Those requested to be present are the sheriff's deputies, constables, police officers, justices of the peace and the welfare officer. The meeting will take the form of a school, instructions being offered in the duties of these officials. Solicitor Jones announced the meeting Tuesday.

## Dr. Gribbin Will Speak To Kiwanis

Episcopal Minister of Winston-Salem To Be Here For Luncheon Friday

Dr. Robert E. Gribbin, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, of Winston-Salem, will deliver the address at the regular luncheon program of the Kiwanis Club at Hotel Wilkes here tomorrow (Friday).

The Winston-Salem minister delivered the commencement address at the North Wilkesboro schools a few weeks ago and is known as a very effective speaker. He comes here tomorrow at the invitation of Solicitor John R. Jones who is scheduled to have charge of the program.

## Open House Party Public Invited To Baptist Parsonage Tonight

Mrs. Eugene Olive and members of the Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist church have arranged for an "open house" party at the Baptist parsonage this (Thursday) evening between 8 and 10 p. m.

Members of all denominations and the public generally are invited to attend. The parsonage was recently remodeled and repainted and is now very attractive. The "open house" tonight will be in the nature of a get-acquainted occasion.

Baseball Game  
North Wilkesboro and Millers Creek will clash in a baseball game at the fairgrounds here at 2:30 this (Thursday) afternoon.

## Commissioners Met Tuesday Afternoon At Courthouse To Draw Jurors

### TERM BEGINS JULY 24TH

Jurors for the two weeks special term of Superior court, which is to convene on July 24, were drawn Tuesday afternoon at a special meeting of the board of county commissioners with Mrs. W. A. Stroud, assistant clerk of Superior court, and Old Wiles, chief deputy sheriff.

Judge G. V. Cowper has been assigned to preside at the court. Only criminal cases will come up for trial.

Following is a list of the jurors:

First Week  
G. T. Cooper, Ed Crysel, Willie Gilliam, Charlie Faw, T. O. Hayes, Paul Byrd, J. M. Hutchison, B. C. Price, Joe Green Jr., Barney Jordan, J. W. Neal, W. N. Minton, Zack Yale, D. E. Treadaway, J. S. Steele, C. S. Foster, C. L. Walsh, P. E. Chur h, W. B. Money, M. R. Cook, R. D. Nichols, Wiley Johnson, A. G. Foster, W. E. Gaither, Cecil Miller, Columbus Wells, W. R. Handy, Bret Cothren, D. L. Absher, J. Lee Edsall, Jas. F. Mastin, T. J. Wood, L. Chap Ferguson, J. F. Parlier, W. P. Billings, Theopolis Yale, W. C. Walsh, W. L. Church, T. J. Bishop, Calvin Saunders, J. F. Wyatt, John Stanley.

Second Week  
L. N. Absher, Ranson Elledge R. L. Wooten, E. R. Eller, Joe F. Hayes, R. C. Meadows, K. M. Lockhart, A. S. Lowe, C. V. Davis, Hamp Woodie, Chas. P. Brock, W. L. Myers, S. R. Laws, Spencer Elledge, E. S. Staley, L. M. Hawkins, James R. Adams, L. M. Nicholson, U. G. Matherly, J. Walter Brown, J. B. Nichols, Jesse F. Darnell, J. M. German, J. T. Vannoy.

## Scott To Speak At Grange Meet

State Master To Address Pomona Grange Members Wednesday Evening

A special meeting of Wilkes Pomona Grange at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Wednesday, July 5, will be addressed by State Master Carr Scott, of Haw River.

An announcement to this effect was made yesterday by County Agent A. G. Hendren who is a leader in Grange activities in the county.

The meeting will begin at 8 p. m. All Grange members are requested to attend and hear Mr. Scott's address.

## Fourth Of July To Be Observed Quietly Here

Independence Day will be observed quietly in North Wilkesboro with practically all business houses closed and no formal celebration of the day. It is expected to be a day featured by motor trips and neighborly visits.

For sport fans, the six teams of the Wilkes County Baseball League will play three games, one at North Wilkesboro, one at Wilkesboro and one at Millers Creek. The game between Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro here is expected to attract quite a large crowd.

## Wilkes Bar Held Meet Yesterday

Solicitor Jones and Eugene Trivette To Prepare Calendar For Court

The Wilkes County Bar Association held a meeting at the courthouse yesterday afternoon and authorized Solicitor John R. Jones and Eugene Trivette, president of the association, to prepare the calendar for the special term of criminal court which convenes July 24.

A committee, composed of Ralph G. Bingham, W. H. McElwee and J. M. Brown, was appointed to draft a resolution setting forth the position of the association with reference to the Wilkes County Citizens Association movement. On the whole, the bar is very favorable to the program, it is understood.

## City Board Not To Meet Tuesday

Regular Meeting Is Postponed Week On Account Of National Holiday

The board of city commissioners will not hold the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday due to the fact that this is a national holiday, Mayor J. A. Rousseau announced last night. The meeting will be held the following Tuesday at the usual hour.

Mayor Rousseau stated, however, that if any citizen has an important matter which should be brought to the attention of the board at once, a special meeting will be called by request. In that event he should be notified of his home.

## Plan For Adding Sales Tax After First To Come Up

Merchants Are Required By Law To Pass Tax On To The Consumer

### SEEK UNIFORM METHOD Meeting Will Be Held This Evening At 7 O'clock; Want All Merchants

Merchants of the city will meet at the city hall this evening (Thursday) at 7 o'clock for the purpose of discussing a uniform method of adding the sales tax to the price of merchandise, it was announced yesterday.

Under the law, merchants are required to pass the sales tax of three per cent on to the consumer. Failure to do so will invite prosecution, the state law classifying violation of this provision as a misdemeanor.

The sales tax will be discussed at length this evening and in order that some general agreement may be reached, every merchant has been asked to attend.

It is understood that a plan is under consideration whereby prices, except when increases are necessary to take care of the advance in commodity prices, will remain the same and the three per cent will be added to the time of the purchase by figuring the cost of each article or the total amount of the purchases and then adding three per cent.

Small items, costing around 10 cents, under the plan which may be adopted, would not be taxed. The sales tax must be added on and after Saturday, July 1.

## Changes To Take Effect Saturday

Sales Tax Goes On First Time In State's History; Postage Lower

Besides being the first day of a new fiscal year, Saturday, July 1, will be a memorable one in North Carolina for it will mark the first time in the history of the state that a sales tax is a part of the state system of revenue. It means that three per cent will be added to the price of all merchandise.

Another change of interest will be the reduction of one cent on local or drop letters. No change will be made, however, in the postage rate on letters going to post offices other than in the one at which they are mailed.

## Wilkes Gets Three Delegates To Meet

Dr. P. J. Brame, Mrs. A. E. Spainhower And F. J. McDuffie To M. E. Conference

Two Wilkes county Methodists were elected delegates to the annual conference at the Mt. Airy district conference of the Methodist church in Jefferson Monday and Tuesday.

Dr. P. J. Brame and Mrs. A. E. Spainhower, members of the local church, and Attorney F. J. McDuffie, of Wilkesboro, were the three named. Seventeen delegates compose the district's representation at the annual conference.

The district conference at Jefferson was largely attended and was a pronounced success, those attending from Wilkes reported.

## Alleged Slayer Free Under Bond

Crom Dancy Obtains Release Under Bond Of \$2,000 Until Next Court

Crom Dancy, of the Haymesdow community, who is alleged to have shot and killed Noah Brown on the afternoon of June 18, was released from jail under bond of \$2,000 Saturday.

Dancy is said to have stated that he shot Brown through a mistake. He had intended to shoot Pet Hayes who he claimed was the leader of a party which was engaged in throwing rocks at the Dancy home and otherwise threatening the life and safety of his home.

The bond gives Dancy his freedom until the special term of court which convenes on July 24.