

Contract Awarded For Construction Of Water Tanks

Bids On Other Sections of North Wilkesboro Water Works Project Rejected
RUN OVER ESTIMATES
Commissioners Authorize Application For \$11,000 More From PWA

Board of city commissioners in session Thursday let conditional contract to R. D. Cole Manufacturing Company, of Newman, Ga., for the erection of the three water tanks and towers to be included in the city's new water works system. Bids on all other sections of the project were rejected.

The contracts call for three tanks and towers as follows: 200,000-gallon tank and tower, \$7,495; 100,000-gallon tank and tower, \$6,890; 50,000-gallon tank and tower, \$3,020. Contracts for this work are awarded on condition that the city secure an additional allotment from the Public Works Administration.

All bids on all other sections of the project were rejected on account of irregularity of bid, lack of competition, seeming misunderstanding of the specifications and exceeding of estimates.

The mayor and town clerk were directed by the board to advertise for new bids to be received at twelve o'clock noon on June 28.

Commissioners gave the mayor and town clerk authority to submit an amendatory application to the Public Works Administration for additional funds of \$11,000, which is judged necessary to complete the water works project based on bids which have been received.

The amended authorized bond issue will be in the amount of \$54,000, to be supplemented by a grant from the federal government of 30 per cent of the cost of labor and materials. However, bonds will be issued only in such amount as are necessary to complete the project and the total authorized issue of \$54,000 may not be necessary.

The board in its resolution in regard to the water works project eliminated the sections calling for repainting and other work on the present standpipe.

The full board of commissioners, R. T. McNeill, S. V. Tomlinson, I. E. Pearson, Ralph Duncan and Hoyle Hutchens, were present for the meeting.

Master of Arts Degree Is Conferred On Lieut. Ernest Eller, This City

Lieutenant Ernest McNeill Eller, a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Eller, of this city, was given the degree of master of arts from Columbia college in the 113th commencement of the George Washington university in Washington, D. C., on June 6.

Trial of Men Charged With Throwing M. S. Phillips Into Mash Postponed

Preliminary Hearing Will Be Before Commissioner Dula June 23rd

Trial of three men charged with throwing M. S. Phillips into a vat of boiling mash at a still in Lewis Fork township on May 27 has been postponed until June 23, at one o'clock, according to information given out Saturday.

The preliminary hearing was scheduled to have been heard before United States Commissioner J. W. Dula in Wilkesboro Saturday at one o'clock but was postponed because the government representatives expressed themselves as not being ready for trial.

The three men are Morris Matherley, Turner Laws and Claude Teague. Matherley and Laws, who were captured at the scene of the still, are out under bond of \$5,000 for appearance at the preliminary hearing. Teague's bond has been set at \$5,000 but he is still in jail.

In the meantime Mr. Phillips remains in a critical condition at The Wilkes Hospital, where he has been treated since the night of the near-tragedy.

IS A CANDIDATE



Mrs. Merline H. Shumway, who is one of the first to announce her candidacy for state president of the American Legion Auxiliary, has served on the state board for the past three years and is a member of the Jim Leonard Unit of Lexington, N. C. She is well known and is serving this year as chairman of the fourth area, which includes this city.

Baptists Plan Sunday School Campaign Here

Week of July 28 to August 5 Set Aside For Churches of Wilkes

SEND OUT INSTRUCTORS
Every Church Participating Will Be Furnished Worker For Week

A Baptist Sunday school enlargement campaign will be conducted in churches of the Brushy Mountain and parts of Stone Mountain Associations during the week of August 28 to August 5, it was learned here today.

James Morgan, worker of the State Baptist Convention, has been in the county during the past week and has visited a number of the churches in an effort to ascertain the number desiring this campaign.

The Sunday school enlargement and enrollment week is sponsored jointly by the Southern Baptist Sunday school board and the North Carolina state mission board.

During the week set aside for the campaign each church taking part will be given a full time worker, whose duty it will be to give courses of instruction along Sunday school lines and to arrange for a census of the community in which the church is located. In this manner the entire church will be organized for larger and more regular attendance in Sunday schools.

The instructors who will be sent to all of the churches desiring the course will be well trained. (Continued on page eight)

Dynamites Fish And Now Rests In Jail

Green Watson, citizen of Buffalo Cove, Caldwell county, journeyed over into Wilkes county several days ago, and with others not yet identified, dynamited fish in Elk creek. His act was reported to H. G. Minton, county game warden, who issued a warrant for his arrest. On June 8th he was given a hearing before W. E. Horton, magistrate of Elk township, and convicted. Bond in the sum of \$100 was required of Watson, and he was unable to give it. Officers brought him to the county jail where he remains an inmate in default of bond.

Remodeling Front Prevet's Close-Out Store In This City

During the past week workmen have been busy remodeling the front of the building in which Prevet's Close-Out Store is located, between Belk's and Harris Brothers.

An attractive front is being placed in the store and when this work is completed the interior of the building will be renovated. The work will add greatly to the appearance of the establishment.

Pomona Grange Plans a Picnic For July 6th

State Master W. Kerr Scott and Clarence Poe Invited To Attend

OFFICERS INSTALLED
Much Interest Shown In Pomona Meeting Held On Friday Night

Pomona Grange of Wilkes County has invited State Master W. Kerr Scott and Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, to attend the Pomona Grange picnic to be held at Hollywood Lake on July 6.

The decision to hold the picnic was reached at the meeting of the Wilkes Grange held in Wilkesboro Friday night, at which time members from all the subordinate granges attended.

Officers of the Pomona Grange installed Friday night are as follows: J. M. German, master; County Agent A. G. Hendren, overseer; Mrs. J. M. German, chaplain; Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, secretary; Odell Cockerham, gate keeper; Assistant County Agent C. N. Wood, steward; Charlie German, assistant steward; Miss Bonnie Barker, lady assistant steward; T. W. Ferguson, lecturer; M. A. Cockerham, treasurer; Mrs. C. F. Bretholt, series; Miss Flora Cockerham, flora; Mrs. A. G. Hendren, pomona.

Interest in Grange work is decidedly on the increase, is the report of leaders of the organization. Two new members, Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Alexander, were taken into the Pomona Grange in the meeting Friday night.

Officers Catch 2 Men At Distillery

Tilden Byrd and Chris Cameron Bound Over To Court Under Bonds of \$500 Each

Prohibition officers swooped down on Tilden Byrd and Chris H. Cameron while they were engaged in making blockade liquor at a distillery in Newcastle township Sunday morning about 1 o'clock. Byrd and Cameron were brought to Wilkesboro where they were given a preliminary hearing before Commissioner J. W. Dula and bound over to court under bonds in the sum of \$500 each. The bonds were given and the two men were released from custody.

Dr. F. C. Hubbard In Kiwanis Meeting

Is Attending International Convention Of Kiwanis In Toronto

Dr. F. C. Hubbard left Sunday by automobile for Toronto, Canada, where he will attend the 18th annual convention of Kiwanis International. He is the official representative of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club.

The convention will be in session four days, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The sessions today were devoted to business of the organization and an address by Joshua J. Johns, of Appleton, Wisconsin, international president. Tonight is being observed as All Kiwanis Night, at which time clubs over the continent will meet for a fellowship meeting and an expression of gratitude for the accomplishments of all the clubs during the past year.

Dr. Hubbard is accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Hubbard and two children, Fred and Gwendolyn.

Spanish-American Vets And Auxiliary In Meet

The regular monthly meeting of Wilkesboro Camp No. 13 of the Spanish-American war veterans and members of the auxiliary was held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Saturday afternoon. There was a good attendance and much business of routine nature was disposed of by both the war veterans and the auxiliary.

HONORED IN COLLEGE

Miss Faye Adams, a graduate of Wilkesboro high school in the class of 1930, made a splendid record during the past scholastic year in Weaver college. She was chosen as chief marshal for the commencement, which closed Wednesday. The chief marshal is determined by the junior who makes the highest scholastic average.

J. R. Henderson Will Not Ask For A Second Primary In Clerk's Race

W.A. Jones Named Deputy Marshal

He Is Assigned To Duty In the Wilkes District By Marshal W. T. Dowd

Walter A. Jones, well known resident of Elk township, was sworn in as deputy marshal of the middle federal district in Greensboro this morning at 10 o'clock, according to information conveyed in a telephone message received from W. T. Dowd, marshal, this afternoon.

Mr. Jones has been assigned to duty in the Wilkes district, Mr. Dowd stated, and has already entered upon his new duties.

For sometime Mr. Jones had been prominently mentioned for the position of deputy marshal and had the support of friends of Senator Robert R. Reynolds in this county, and in other parts of the district. His appointment had been expected momentarily for the past several weeks.

The appointment of Mr. Jones as deputy marshal is well deserved, his friends state, as he has long been an active party worker without any reward to speak of, and the news of his appointment will result in much satisfaction among Reynolds supporters of this section of the state, and the friends of Mr. Jones as well.

All Teachers Are Paid Up In Full

Checks From State For Last Month Sent Out By Superintendent Eller

Checks from the state for the last month payment of all teachers not included in the number sent out from relief funds have been received by County Superintendent C. B. Eller, and have been mailed to the teachers of the county.

Checks to all teachers who were eligible to be classed as wholly dependent upon their salaries for existence were mailed out early last week from relief funds granted the state by the federal emergency relief administration.

School principals, all other teachers receiving as much as \$100 per month and any who were not wholly dependent on their salaries were included in the number mailed out Friday. A sum of approximately \$5,500 was included in the state checks.

Furniture Men Attending Show

Local Manufacturers Represented At Show In Progress In New York

Representatives of the furniture manufacturing establishments of this city left the latter part of last week to attend the furniture show in New York City.

The four furniture manufacturing companies are represented in the show by the following: Forest Furniture Company, J. R. Finley; American Furniture Company, J. R. Hix and A. B. Johnston; Oak Furniture Company, John E. Justice; Home Chair Company, Jack Quinn and Henry Moore. They are expected to return the latter part of this week.

Rev. Rufus Morrow Kiwanis Speaker

Presbyterian Minister Discusses Fulfillment of Biblical Prophecies

Rev. Rufus Morrow, graduate of Davidson college, who is assisting Rev. C. W. Robinson in the Presbyterian church here during the vacation months, addressed the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club at the regular weekly luncheon meeting Friday.

A. A. Finley was program chairman for the day. Rev. Mr. Morrow made a very fine talk, Kiwanis state, and his address was listened to with rapt interest. His discourse was along Biblical lines, dealing mainly with the fulfillment of the prophecies of Ezekiel.

Judge Wilson Warlick, who is presiding over the present term of Wilkes superior court, was a guest of Attorney J. H. Whicker at the meeting.

Ignores Kidnapers



Los Angeles . . . Despite threats of kidnapers against her life, Loretta Turnbull (above), beautiful speedboat racing champion is again entering regattas and driving winning races.

Federal Loans To Refinance Farm Debts In Wilkes

Farm Credit Administration Loans In County For Year Total \$66,200

MANY ARE BENEFITTED
Loans Used To Clear Mortgages, Taxes and Many Other Obligations

A total of \$66,200 of Federal land bank and Land Bank Commissioner's farm mortgage loans was made in Wilkes county from June 1, 1933, to May 1, 1934, according to the Farm Credit Administration.

Of this total, farmers in Wilkes county used approximately \$56,700, or 85.7 per cent to refinance their indebtedness. By refinancing, farmers obtained new mortgage loans which they used to repay their old debts. They generally reduced their annual interest charges in doing so. In a number of cases, scale-downs of indebtedness occurred in connection with the new loans. These and other advantages benefited farmers primarily. Secondly, creditors benefited from the receipt of cash or bonds in exchange for obligations they held.

Of the loan money used by farmers in Wilkes county for refinancing their debts, about \$36,500, it was estimated, repaid their debts to banks; \$800, their taxes; \$19,400, their debts to "others," or creditors not separately classified, including private mortgage lenders, mortgage loan companies, retired farmers and many others to whom farmers were in debt.

A total of about \$9,500 of loans in the county was used for purposes other than the refinancing of borrowers' debts. Of this sum, \$7,500 was used for the purchase of land and equipment, the construction or improvement of buildings, and for general agricultural uses, including the provision of capital, while \$2,000, the balance, was used for the purchase of stock in national farm loan associations, for loan fees, etc.

Throughout the United States approximately \$675,000,000 of land bank and Commissioner's loans were made from June 1, 1933, to May 1, 1934. Most of these loans were made to refinance debts resulting from the long period of low farm income.

Generally farmers pay considerably less interest each year on (Continued on page eight)

APPLICATION BLANKS CONFEDERATE GRAVE HEADSTONES READY

All who desire to obtain headstones for graves of Confederate veterans may get the necessary application blanks from Mrs. W. C. Grier, Mrs. J. G. Hackett and Miss Nell Rousseau, committee of the Wilkes Valley Guards chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy who are asking that each grave get one of the headstones.

The headstones are furnished by the government and there is no cost attached except erection of the marker on the grave.

The application blanks when properly filled out must give the name of the deceased veteran, his company, regiment and the date of his death.

Democrats of County Held Meeting Today

J. G. Hackett Named Chairman; Delegates Elected To State Convention

HARMONIOUS AFFAIR
D. J. Brookshire Re-elected Chairman of Executive Committee

A large number of Democrats from every one of the twenty-seven voting precincts in Wilkes county gathered at the courthouse in Wilkesboro today at 1:30 p. m., and held one of the most harmonious conventions in several years.

D. J. Brookshire, chairman of the county executive committee, called the convention to order, and named J. G. Hackett, one of the veteran Democrats of the county, as temporary chairman. Mr. Hackett then asked for a roll call of townships which was made by C. O. McNeill, secretary of the executive committee. Every precinct in the county had delegates present and handed in their credentials. As there was no contest in any township, it was not necessary to appoint any credential committee.

After members of the local press were called to assist the secretary in making a record of the convention proceedings, J. R. Rousseau moved that the temporary organization be made permanent, the motion carrying unanimously.

The first business to be transacted after the convention was properly organized was the election of delegates to the state convention. On motion by J. R. Rousseau, duly seconded, the convention named any Democrat in good and regular standing as a delegate to the state convention which will be held in Raleigh on Thursday, June 21st, the unit rule to prevail.

D. F. Sheppard then introduced a resolution pledging the support of the Democrats in the seventeenth judicial district, in the event a second primary is called. This resolution was adopted by the convention.

While the county executive committee was in session for the purpose of naming its chairman and secretary for the next two years, Chairman Hackett called on a number of Democrats attending the convention for speeches. The first speaker, naturally, was L. W. Lunsford, veteran Democrat of the county, who is now 86 years of age. He spoke of the alleged cross voting in Alexander county, and stated that he would either be a Republican or a Democrat, and not try to carry water on both shoulders. Others making short, but interesting talks, were J. C. Reins, immediate past chairman of the party, C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, P. E. (Continued on page eight)

Honorary Degree For R. H. McNeill

Native of Wilkes Given High Honor In Wake Forest Commencement

A native of Wilkes county received a high honor at the Wake Forest college commencement last week when Attorney R. H. McNeill, now of Washington, D. C., was the recipient of the honorary degree of doctor of laws.

Attorney McNeill is a son of the late Rev. Milton McNeill, of Wilkesboro, and is a brother of Mrs. John R. Jones. He is recognized as one of the outstanding lawyers in the nation at this time.

Two other Tar Heels were given the honor by the college in the commencement just closed. They were Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, of Oxford, and Dr. Charles E. Brewer, president of Meredith college, Raleigh.

Public Welfare Survey Shows Large Number of Handicapped Children

More Than 100 Have Been Located In Wilkes By Survey So Far

Public Welfare Child Survey being conducted by the American Legion and Auxiliary in Wilkes county has already located more than one hundred orphans of veterans and physically handicapped children who should be included in the list in need of aid, states Miss Lillian Stafford, worker for the project in Wilkes.

Under the direction of Mrs. W. R. Absber, of this city, department president of the Auxiliary, the public child welfare survey is being conducted in every county in North Carolina through Miss Rachel Payne Sugg, supervisor who maintains an office of state headquarters here.

Miss Stafford states that the work has just begun in Wilkes and that she expects to have several hundred children included in the survey within a short time. In an interview this morning she issued the following statement: "It is the duty and privilege of the local civic organizations and public spirited individuals all over the county to give any information that will assist in this survey. The members of the committee and the active workers wish to thank the local churches, the Kiwanis (Continued on page eight)

Bill Crews Is Captain University Track Team

Bill Crews, a former resident of this city, was made captain of the University of Florida track team this year. Mr. Crews is taking an active part in athletic activities and is very popular on the university campus.

Baptist Ministers In Meeting Here Today

The June meeting of the Wilkes Baptist Ministers' association is being held at the First Baptist church in this city today. The meeting convened at 10 o'clock with ministers of the denomination from all parts of the county in attendance.

FERA Supply Room To Be Open Three Days

Announcement is made today that the supply room of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, located in the Brames building near the depot, will be open only three days each week, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. The usual hours will be observed on the three days.

Grier Team Wins

Grier Cotton Mills baseball team defeated Moravian Falls Saturday at Moravian Falls by the score of 8 to 4.