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Wilkes C. of C. Gets Recognition On Soil Program

Styron McIver, District Soil Conservationist for Northwest North Carolina with headquarters in North Wilkesboro, stated today that the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, through its progressive farm program, had gained unusual distinction over a wide area. He had particular reference to three projects dealing directly with soil conservation, on which the Soil Conservation Service has requested a detailed report for possible distribution over the entire United States as a suggested program of other civic organizations interested in the preservation of the soil.

The three projects Mr. McIver had reference to are the Wilkes County Soil Conservation Speaking Contest sponsored by the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the North Carolina Bankers Association and the U. S. D. A. Council for Wilkes County, in which over 500 Wilkes County high school students will take part before the county finals at the courthouse on February 8.

The second project is the three-year reforestation project sponsored by the Wilkes Chamber and the North Carolina Extension Service on reforestation, reforestation and forest management are two of the greatest agricultural problems in Wilkes County today, Mr. McIver said. The Wilkes Chamber of Commerce and the Extension Service certainly should be complimented for recognizing the problem and starting a progressive program to solve it.

The third project has attracted wide attention because of the unusual approach. Last year the Chamber provided for the flying of seventeen key Wilkes County soil conservation farmers over their lands to observe from the air the soil conservation practices already established on their farms and to compare their practices with those of their neighbors. This project has created widespread discussion among neighboring farmers and friendly competition among neighboring farmers as to who can do the best job of establishing soil conservation practices, particularly those that show up well from the air, such as terracing, strip cropping, pasture improvement, and reforestation. The agricultural committee of the Chamber has already made plans to continue the project this year.

According to Forrest Jones, Secretary, and E. G. Finley, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, these projects were designed to assist the Soil Conservation District and the Extension Service with their educational program on a vital problem to both farmers and town people alike—soil conservation. Mr. Jones said that what effects the soil has a direct bearing on everyone. It has been proven that rich soil, well managed, creates a progressive community, he pointed out, while poor soil, poorly managed and depreciated by soil erosion, creates a poor, run-down community.

Hosiery Employees Finish Red Cross Nutrition Course

On last Tuesday 24 women employees of the Wilkes Hosiery Mills completed the Red Cross Modified Nutrition Course. The class, which was sponsored by Mrs. H. B. Smith, Nutrition Chairman of the local Red Cross chapter, assisted by P. W. Behlman, Miss Pansy Ferguson, and Mrs. Alma Blair, met in the Ward Eshelman Club House. As instructor the Duke Power Company loaned the Services of Miss Addie Malone, Food Economist. Women participating in the class were: Mrs. Cleve Beshears, Mrs. T. M. Brock, Mrs. Eulala Brown, Miss Pauline Broyhill, Miss Florine Craven, Miss Marion Craven, Mrs. Juanita Felts, Miss Faye Hall, Miss Betty Hill, Miss Arlie Minton, Miss Helen Minton, Mrs. Lorene Phillips, Mrs. Lola Shomaker, Miss Juanita Keys, Miss Faye McGlamory, Miss Eva Miller, Mrs. Kathleen Miller, Mrs. C. B. Yates, Mrs. Mae Bauhaus, Miss Hilda Combs, Miss Combs, Miss Ruby Hayes, Mrs. Alma Blair and Miss Faye Reavis.

Now In Philippines



Opl. Harold J. Bauguss entered the army November 28, 1945, was in training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and is now stationed at Clark Field in the Philippines, where he is a member of the 72nd air service group. He went overseas in April, 1946 and was recently made foreman of a shop. Bauguss is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Bauguss, former residents of the Traphill community now residing at Wadley, Ga.

Wilkes County Boys Plant 7,000 Trees

By JOHN E. FORD Farm Forester
As a result of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce County Forestry Field Day held this past December seven Wilkes County boys have entered the tree planting contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the State Extension Service. These boys have received a thousand shortleaf pine seedlings each and have already started their planting. Next fall these plantings will be inspected to determine which boy was the most successful planter.

ABOUT SCOUTS

Troop 82, Wilkesboro On November 20, 1947, Troop 32 of Wilkesboro completed selection of troop officers for the year of 1947. The officers are, B. B. Banner, patrol leader, Fred Glass, patrol leader, Edgar Terrell, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Dean Edwards, Senior Patrol Leader and Malcolm Gambill, scribe.

During the meeting a knotting contest was held between the two patrols with assistant Scoutmaster Hubert Dancy as judge. The contest was won by the Eagle Patrol, with a margin of one point.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Since January 16 license to wed were issued by Wilkes Register of Deeds Troy C. Foster to the following: Bill Vickers and Kate Parsons, both of North Wilkesboro; Sidney Swanson, Lenoir, and Ethel Huffman, Parsonsville; Tom Walker and Anna Dancy, both of Reddies River; Chester E. Arnold, Fellsmeier, Fla., and Bernice Cox, Traphill; James William Bengue and Willia Mae Anderson, both of Cycle; Charles Dollar and Helen Parsons, both of Smethport; Charlie Wadkins, North Wilkesboro, and Grace Church, Buck; Gaither B. Wagoner, Halls Mills, and Lula Billings, Roaring River; Coy Norris, Boone, and Elsie Reid, Todd; Verlin Blankenship, Hendrix, and Decle Green, Mt. Zion; Tommy Land and Virginia Eller, both of Boomer; Ralph Merritt McFadden, Chillicothe, Iowa, and Muriel Farrington, Jefferson.

THE JOURNAL-PATRIOT SOON TO ISSUE HIGHWAY SAFETY SECTION

with descriptions of these frightful wrecks. Many safety authorities are agreed that mechanical defects of old automobiles are responsible for much of the increase in fatalities and injuries since V-J day. According to the Motor Vehicles Bureau, North Carolina stands third from the top in the increase. It is hoped that The Journal-Patriot supplement will be the means of making some contribution to greater safety and fewer motor accidents. G. Selwyn Meyers is in charge of this program, which is being used in this and other newspapers throughout the State. He is in North Wilkesboro contacting local authorities and representative citizens, many of whom have lent full and enthusiastic cooperation. He is working with the approval of the State Highway Safety Division and other authorities on traffic safety.

POLIO FUND AT HALF MARK

Polio Shows Are Given In County

Many are attending the free shows being given in Wilkes county schools by the Wilkes chapter of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

The show consists of performances by Blue Ridge Ramblers, popular Wilkes string band, and showing of a sound movie, "The Miracle of Hickory." There are no admission charges and everybody is invited.

The schedule of shows this week (7:30 p. m. on each date) is as follows: January 28, Ferguson; January 29, Roaring River; January 30, Millers Creek; January 31, Ronda.

Hosiery Employees Give Generously Local Polio Fund

Employees of the Wilkes Hosiery Mills company generously contributed \$300 in the current campaign for Infantile Paralysis funds.

In addition to the \$300 given by the employees, the Wilkes Hosiery Mills company added a substantial donation.

The campaign leaders appreciate this valuable assistance and cooperation of the part of the Wilkes Hosiery employees and the company and stress the fact that other liberal contributions are needed to raise Wilkes' quota of \$4,500 in the current campaign.

Benefit Dance For Polio On Friday

"Dance that others may walk" is the slogan for the benefit dance to be staged Friday night, January 31, for the infantile paralysis campaign in Wilkes county.

The dance will begin at nine o'clock and admission will be \$1.00 per couple. The dance is being staged without heavy costs and all proceeds from admission charges will go into the polio fund.

Funeral On Tuesday For Reynolds Child

Funeral service for Robert Billings Reynolds, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. (Bud) Reynolds, of Hays, will be held Tuesday, two p. m., at Covenant church. Rev. Ernest Blovin, Jimmie Bryant and Rev. M. C. Dillard will conduct the service.

Robert died Saturday in a Richmond, Va., hospital, to which he was taken last week. He is survived by his father and mother, W. E. and Mattie Billings Reynolds, one brother, W. E. Reynolds, Jr.; his paternal grandfather, S. U. Reynolds, of North Wilkesboro, and maternal grandmother, Mrs. A. C. Billings, of Hays.

Plan Square Dance At Moravian Falls

Everybody is invited to the square dance to be held Thursday night, January 30, eight o'clock, at Moravian Falls community house. The Wasteland Wanderers, popular string band, will furnish the music. Proceeds from the admission charge of \$1.50 per couple will go into the community house improvement fund.

3,675 Chicks Die In Chicken House Blaze Wednesday

Fire early Wednesday morning destroyed a large chicken house and 3,675 well started chickens on the property of C. C. Wingler two miles east of this city on highway 268.

The two story building, size 20 by 30 feet, and all the chicks were destroyed in the fire, which was thought to have originated from brooder equipment. Mr. Wingler said the loss totaled \$6,872, with only a small part being covered by insurance.

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Another Life Saved!



Although still on crutches, this youngster is all smiles. And no wonder, for he is being discharged from the State Orthopedic Hospital after undergoing treatment for infantile paralysis, and is well along the road to complete recovery. He's Bobby Deloach, son of Mrs. J. K. Deloach, R. F. D. 2, Shelby. Your contributions of dimes and dollars in the current March of Dimes campaign, which ends January 31, will save the lives of thousands of such youngsters.

Officers Farmers Mutual Named

Directors of the Wilkes and Yadkin branch of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association in January meeting elected officers for the year.

W. M. Absher was re-elected president and the other officers are: G. E. Bell, vice president; J. F. Jordan, secretary-treasurer. The association began the year with ample assets and in excellent financial condition. Prospects are good for the coming year, officials said.

LOCAL BURIAL ASSOCIATION ONE OF LARGEST OPERATING IN U. S.

Reins-Sturdivant Mutual Burial Association, with home office in North Wilkesboro and branches in a number of other towns, is the largest in the state and possibly the largest in the nation, it was learned here today.

The annual report of the association published as of December 31 shows that the net membership in good standing totaled 74,446 people.

The year ended with a total surplus of \$163,753.90, which included more than \$100,000 in war bonds, over \$36,000 in

RED CROSS HOME NURSING CLASSES POPULAR WITH H. D. CLUB WOMEN

As part of its peace-time program the Wilkes County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a series of classes in home nursing. According to Mrs. Ira Payne, chairman of Nursing Service, much enthusiasm has been shown by various home Demonstration Clubs of the county.

The Mountain View club was the first to complete the series of lessons which was given at night in the cafeteria of the Mulberry School. Members of this class were: Mrs. Lorene Harrold, President of the club, Mrs. Dewey Myers, Mrs. Dare Rhodes, Mrs. Horace Ward, Mrs. C. W. Bryant, Mrs. H. C. Byrd, Mrs. Glen Eller, Mrs. Quince Hutchison, Mrs. Spencer McGrady, Mrs. Worth McGrady, and Miss Rebecca Moseley, Executive Secretary, who took the course with this group.

The Wilkes County Chapter of the Red Cross was fortunate in securing as instructor the services of Mrs. Estelle Mikell of Columbia, S. C. Mrs. Mikell is a registered nurse, having been graduated from the Emory University School of Nursing. She has had much experience as a nursing instructor. Recently she served overseas as a member of the Army Nurse Corps.

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Judge Sink Ill; No Court Until Jan. 29

Wilkes superior court adjourned today until Wednesday because of the illness of Judge H. Hoyle Sink, of Greensboro.

Judge Sink, who presided over the first week of the regular January civil term last week, called from Greensboro today that he was ill and that he would be in court Wednesday if possible to hear motions. Jurors for the week were discharged.

Several matters were tried last week and a number of cases were settled. Divorces were granted in the following cases: Harry Spry versus Dorothy Spry; Lillie Mathis versus Monroe Mathis; Rita Mae Hill versus Donald Harmon Hill; W. R. Tucker versus Essie E. Tucker; V. C. Hartley versus Nora Carson Hartley; Uda C. Barnes versus Grady C. Barnes, Sr.; Claude Elledge versus Geneva Elledge; Barnard Wagner versus Belvie Wagner; Pauline Davis versus Willard Davis.

Farnell Speaker At Kiwanis Meet Here On Friday

A splendid program in Kiwanis education was carried out at the Friday noon meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club.

S. Newton Farnell, of Greensboro, Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor, was presented by J. B. McCoy for the Kiwanis Education committee. The speaker told much about Kiwanis organization, stating that there are now 2,500 clubs with a membership of 170,000. A Kiwanis district is composed of nine divisions and a division has ten clubs.

The speaker's presentation of 1947 objectives of Kiwanis was well received by the club.

Prior to the program R. D. Smith, county agent, spoke briefly relative to the lamb market operated here, saying that 3,885 lambs were shipped here last year and that \$60,721 was brought to the county.

The attendance prize Friday was given by J. B. McCoy to Dr. Fred C. Hubbard. Guests were as follows: W. O. Absher with J. B. McCoy; Claude Billings with Joe Barber; Ed Hettiger with Paul Osborne; R. J. Driver with Gwyn Gambill; S. P. Mitchell with H. H. Morehouse. E. M. Dudley, of Lenoir, was a visiting Kiwanian.

Plans are now underway for a Purebred Swine Sale for the Elizabeth City area February 13.

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Prizes for the District contest are being furnished by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, which will be: First prize, \$25; second prize, \$20; third prize, \$15; fourth prize, \$10; and fifth prize, \$5.

Judging will be on the same basis as the county and state contests. Mr. Harvey Dinkins, farm editor of the Winston-Salem Journal and radio station WJSJ, Mr. Sam Mitchever, County Agent of Forsyth County, and Miss Anamerle Arant, District Home Demonstration Agent of the Extension Service will judge the District contest.

Mr. Dunn said that reports reaching him from the five counties eligible to enter the contest indicate a lively interest and the speeches in the District contest should be exceptionally good.

Dr. Greer Will Speak Here 2nd

Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home Baptist orphanage at Thomasville, will speak Sunday, February 2, 11 a. m., in the pulpit of the First Baptist church in this city. There will be no evening service.

Congregations of the First Baptist, First Methodist and First Presbyterian churches here met together in an union service here Sunday evening honoring Dr. and Mrs. David E. Browning, who are leaving for Richmond, Va., where Dr. Browning will be pastor of River Road Baptist church.

Supply speaker will fill the pulpit of the First Baptist church here until a successor to Dr. Browning as pastor is obtained.

North Wilkesboro Employment Office Service Was Busy

1946 Was Active and Successful Year For Local Branch of Job Service

Report of Mrs. Kathryn Lott, manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the Employment Service, indicated much successful activity during the past year.

During 1946 the office referred about 3,000 to jobs and over 1,500 were successfully placed in regular employment. "We are glad to report that 95 physically handicapped were assisted in securing gainful employment and that over 150 veterans were placed in on-the-job training as provided under the G. I. Bill of Rights," Mrs. Lott said.

A total of 45,439 persons, including 26,000 veterans, visited the Employment Office during the year for various reasons. Some were job seekers, and others requested veteran assistance or information.

In May 8000 veterans were filing unemployment claims through the North Wilkesboro office. The claim lead gradually increased until in December there were only 250 veterans still unemployed and drawing benefits. Mrs. Lott listed several reasons for the decrease, including the number taking advantage of educational benefits, others secured training and many others went to work.

"We hope that 1947 will be a successful year for North Wilkesboro and community. We also hope that each person, whether an employer or job seeker, will consider the North Wilkesboro Employment Service the place to secure qualified workers and satisfactory jobs," Mrs. Lott said.

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