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## Seek Re-Opening of Tubercular Hospital

### T. B. Situation In Wilkes County Called Alarming

Committee Reports More Than 300 Cases in County; No Facilities

A committee of influential citizens representing civic, health and church organizations in this community are seeking re-opening of the Wilkes tubercular hospital to provide hospitalization and isolation for some of the many cases of tuberculosis in Wilkes county.

Mrs. Wesley Epsy, of Raleigh, a field worker for the tuberculosis seal association in North Carolina, met with some of the committee members in the initial meeting held at the home of Mrs. O. E. Triplett, who so successfully led the seal campaign here this year.

Among those present at the meeting were Dr. E. N. Phillips and Dr. J. H. McNeill, of the Wilkes Medical Society, Mrs. Bertha Bell, of the county health department, Mrs. Ivey Moore and Mrs. Triplett, of the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club, and W. J. Bason, of the American Legion. The committee, when completed, will have representatives of the civic organizations, churches, schools, welfare department and other agencies interested in public health.

First objective of the committee in the fight against spread of tuberculosis in Wilkes will be the re-opening of the county tubercular hospital located on the county home property. Members of the committee pointed out that 19 patients can be hospitalized there and that that number would greatly improve the situation in the county.

Health authorities reported to the meeting that there are now 300 cases of tuberculosis in Wilkes, and that the county ranks badly among the counties of the state in number of cases. It was also pointed out that 30 from Wilkes are now in tubercular sanatoriums, which are full.

This means, members of the committee said, that many tubercular victims are not isolated, and that it can be expected that others will become infected from them.

Mrs. Triplett and Mrs. Moore will present the matter to the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club Monday with the request that that organization in cooperation with the many other civic and public groups sponsor the movement to re-open the county tubercular hospital.

The committee also plans many other activities designed to prevent further spread of tuberculosis in Wilkes county.

## Greater Part Of \$3,500 Band Fund Is Raised In City

The recent campaign to raise \$3,500 to provide instruments and uniforms for an enlarged North Wilkesboro high school band was successful, it was learned here today.

Although the \$3,500 goal has not been reached, about two-thirds of that amount has been contributed with a number of reports yet to be received.

Mrs. C. Arthur Venable, parent-teacher association president, and C. Jack Swafford are chairmen of the campaign, and those who have not donated are asked to send their contributions as early as convenient to either of the chairmen or to the high school office.

## Lt. Col. Reins Is At Home From Alaska

Lt. Colonel Ralph R. Reins, who has been stationed at Fairbanks, Alaska, for the past 30 months, is now spending 30 days leave with his family here.

Lt. Col. Reins said that the coldest temperature at Fairbanks during January was 32 degrees below zero. At the end of his leave Lt. Col. Reins will receive his next assignment of duty from Washington, D. C.

### Miss Wilkesboro



Miss Betty Hayworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hayworth, of Wilkesboro, won the beauty contest title in the recent contest and program held at Wilkesboro high school under sponsorship of the junior class. The contest was highly successful and attracted much interest.

## Correll On Trial For Baker Murder On December 28

Case May Reach Jury Late Today; Self Defense Is Plea Of Correll

Johnny Horace Correll, operator of a tavern near Lenoir, went on trial in Wilkes court yesterday for the fatal shooting of Charles C. Baker, 20, manager of Club 40 & 8 on highway 268 near here December 28.

Verdict of second degree murder or manslaughter is being asked by Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, who is assisted in the prosecution by Eugene Trivette.

The trial got under way at noon and the first witnesses were Miss Helen Kilby, a waitress at the club, and Tommy Land, a colored man who worked there. Their testimony was similar, both to the effect that the shooting occurred after an argument about a dice game in which Baker and Correll were engaged.

The state's witnesses said that in the argument Baker ordered Correll to leave the club, which is located five miles east of this city. Correll did not leave, they said, and Baker went behind the bar, got his gun, which they later learned was not loaded, and again ordered Correll out. Correll, before Baker's gun, backed away but not toward the door and held Miss Fay Fields, of Lenoir, between him and Baker. While behind the girl, Correll drew his own gun and fired. The bullet struck Baker above the left eye and he fell dead.

Cross examination indicated a self defense plea for Correll. The prosecution rested the case after five witnesses testified and fifteen witnesses were sworn for the defense.

Correll on the stand later admitted the shooting and claimed self defense. Another witness for Correll was Miss Fields.

Evidence in the case was completed at 11 a. m. today and argument of counsel began. It was indicated that Judge Sink will charge the jury before court adjourns today.

## Arthur Holbrook Wilkesboro Chief

Wilkesboro town council in recent meeting appointed Arthur Holbrook Wilkesboro police chief to succeed Arlie Foster, who resigned to become Wilkes forest warden.

Mr. Holbrook is also jailer and is a deputy sheriff of Wilkes county.

The council has ordered that a traffic light be installed at the intersection of highways 16, 18, 268 and the Oakwoods road at Midway.

In Wilkesboro the police department will designate bus stops and will mark traffic lanes in order to provide more efficient and safe traffic movement.

## Stone Mountain Singing March 30 Fairplains Baptist

Stone Mountain union singing association will meet with Fairplains Baptist church on Sunday, March 30, one p. m. J. A. Gilliam, chairman, announced today. All singers are invited to participate.

## Millers Creek Is Planning Athletic Field For School

Tract Of Land Purchased But Grading Necessary To Complete Project

Seven acres of land, part of which will be used for an athletic field, has been purchased by Millers Creek school, P. W. Greer, principal, said here this week.

The land joins the present school property and is located at the back of the school buildings. The most suitable portion of the land, which was acquired by funds raised by school activities and private donations, will be graded for an athletic field, Mr. Greer said, and there is now a demand in the community that the task of grading be commenced at an early date.

Early action on the athletic field project is asked because there is a movement for a community baseball team during the summer and plans are to start football at the school for the first time next fall.

Slope of the land will make it necessary that a large amount of dirt be moved to construct a baseball and football field, Mr. Greer said.

## Cage Game Tonight

North Wilkesboro high school's team of boys will play Roanoke River tonight, eight o'clock.

## Support the Y. M. C. A.

## LIONS WILL PROVIDE ADEQUATE LIGHTING FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES IN WILKES; SURVEY COMPLETED

Seeking to prevent blindness and defective vision, the North Wilkesboro Lions Club as a major project will furnish adequate and proper lights for the school libraries in Wilkes county.

A lighting engineer of Duke Power company, at the request of the Lions Club, recently inspected and made a survey of lighting needs in libraries of the North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county schools.

Libraries of all the larger schools were found with improper and inadequate lights.

Believing that prevention of

## Cling Minton Gets 12-15 Years For Death Of Parsons

Manslaughter Verdict Returned By Jury After Short Deliberation

Cling Minton, owner of a store on highway 18 near Boomer, was sentenced in Wilkes superior court Wednesday to 12 to 15 years in prison after the jury had returned a verdict of manslaughter for the fatal shooting of Atwell Wilson Parsons, 20, at Minton's place of business last December 7.

The jury returned the manslaughter verdict after brief deliberation and Judge Sink pronounced sentence shortly after noon.

The state did not ask a first degree verdict.

Witnesses stated that Parsons, in company with a number of other men, were at Minton's for some time on the night of December 7 and that the shooting occurred about midnight. He was shot in the abdomen at close range by a pistol and died shortly after being carried to the Wilkes hospital here.

Minton on the stand admitted the shooting and claimed self defense. He stated that he ordered Parsons to leave and that he fired his gun as Parsons was advancing toward him and was threatening to kill him. Other witnesses to the shooting said that they did not hear Parsons' threat and saw no weapon on his hands or person.

Parsons, a navy veteran of World War II, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Parsons, of the Boomer community.

Counsel for Minton, Attorneys Eugene Trivette and W. H. McElwee, filed notice of appeal to the supreme court.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall was aided in prosecution of the case by Whicker and Whicker and Jones and Bowers.

So much ceremony was once attached to royal beds that they were saluted by courtiers as if the beds were altars.

## Litteral and Bell Execution Date Is Delayed By Appeal

Ralph Vernon Litteral and Marvin Claude Bell will not die in the gas chamber at Raleigh March 15 for rape of Peggy Ruth Shore because their appeal to the state supreme court has not been heard and decided.

Litteral and Bell were sentenced in the January special term of court by Judge H. Hoyle Sink after the jury returned a verdict at the end of a sensational, week-long trial. Because of the length of the case, extra time was allowed for preparing the appeal, automatically staying the execution.

## Installation Of Parking Meters Scheduled Soon

Representatives of manufacturers of parking meters were scheduled to arrive in North Wilkesboro today to begin installation of parking meters on North Wilkesboro's downtown streets.

Several weeks ago the city council entered into a contract for installation and trial use of meters on parts of B, C, Ninth and Tenth streets.

The meters to be installed will take a toll of five cents per hour for parking and will accept pennies for shorter parking periods.

A law passed by the current legislature legalized parking meters for smaller cities and towns.

## Rev. Rufus Mitchell At Courthouse 16th

Evangelist Rufus Mitchell will preach Sunday, March 16, three p. m., at the courthouse in Wilkesboro. The public, and especially all who are interested in erecting a tabernacle in Wilkesboro, is invited to the service.

## Harry Kerley Will Open Men's Store

Harry T. Kerley, well known young business man here, on Saturday will open a men's clothing store in the building formerly occupied by Home Appliance company at the corner of Tenth and D streets.

The firm name will be Harry T. Kerley, Complete Men's Outfitter, and Mr. Kerley said today that the store will be as the name implies, with a full line of dress and work clothing for men.

Completely new merchandise is being stocked for the opening, featuring all types of men's clothing.

Mr. Kerley, a veteran of two years service in the army in Europe, cordially invites the public to visit his new store on opening date and assures everybody a cordial welcome at any time.

## Ask Early Reports In Red Cross Drive

### Heads Red Cross



ANDREW F. KILBY

## Officials Wilkes Red Cross Again To Head Chapter

At a recent meeting of the Red Cross Board the chapter officers, A. F. Kilby, chairman; Richard Johnston, vice chairman; W. C. Grier, secretary; and W. W. Starr, treasurer, were re-elected to serve another year.

P. W. Eshelman was re-elected to serve another three-year period as a member-at-large on the Board of Directors. New members-at-large elected were: Mrs. J. P. Pardue, Roaring River, who will represent Edwards Township and Mrs. T. J. Foster, Furler, representing Lewis Fork section. These ladies succeeded Walter Morrison and T. O. Minton, who served a three-year period. Members whose terms have not expired are: M. G. Edwards, W. A. Jennings, W. O. Barnett, A. C. Sidden, L. P. Somers, and Perry Lowe.

## Baptist Pastors Yearly Conference Here Next Week

The Baptist Pastors' Annual conference will be held at Reins-Sturdivant chapel the week of March 17-21.

Ministers, deacons and laymen are cordially invited. A splendid program has been arranged and is as follows:

**Morning**  
9:45—Devotions: Monday, Grant Miller; Tuesday, W. S. Luck; Wednesday, A. B. Hayes; Thursday, L. T. Younger; Friday, Latt Beshears.

10:00—"New Testament Stewardship," J. C. Pipes.

10:45—Homiletical Study, E. C. Shoe, Monday, "Does God Require Knowledge?"; Tuesday, "The Law of Spiritual Security"; Wednesday, "Arise and Shine"; Thursday, "What Do Ye See in the Sun?"; Friday, "A Day With Jesus."

11:20—Recess and Song.

11:30—Sermon, E. V. Bumgarner, Monday, "The Security of the Believer in Christ"; Tuesday, "Feeding the Church of God"; Wednesday, "The Fountain for Sin"; Thursday, "The Day of God's Making"; Friday, (To be decided).

**Afternoon**

1:30—Devotions: Monday, Charlie Pool; Tuesday, E. C. Hodges; Wednesday, John Wells; Thursday, Ralph Miller; Friday, Glenn Huffman.

1:45—"Preaching From the Bible," W. N. Brookshire, Monday, "Jesus and His Bible"; Tuesday, "The Preacher and His Bible"; Wednesday, "Preaching from the Old Testament"; Thursday, "Preaching from the Gospels"; Friday, "Preaching from the Epistles."

2:25—Song.

2:30—An Exposition of Ephesians, George W. Bond.

## Dokies to Meet

North Wilkesboro Dokies Club will meet Friday, seven p. m., at John Brown's White Pine Farm. All members are asked to attend.

## Liberal Response Needed to Raise Quota of \$7,500

Red Cross Last Year Assisted Destitute In Total of 206 Disasters

The Annual Red Cross Fund Drive is progressing in Wilkes County, but reports are coming in so slowly that it is impossible for chapter officials to determine the amount raised to date. All solicitors in the city areas are requested to phone the local office by 4:30 Friday to report on the amount collected to date, even though their canvass might not be completed by that time. This information is necessary in order that a report on the campaign to date may be made to the National Headquarters.

The minimum quota for Wilkes County is \$7,500. Of the total raised 65.1 per cent will remain in Wilkes County, while 34.9 per cent will be allotted to National.

During 1946 the American Red Cross assisted in 205 disasters—as of December 10.

Every state in the nation, the District of Columbia, and Hawaii were struck by catastrophe, an average of 4 times each.

The American Red Cross spent more than \$1,500,000 in disaster relief during the 1945-46 fiscal year.

Eighty per cent of all Red Cross disaster expenditures each year are for rehabilitation of disaster-stricken families who have no other resources. This Red Cross aid includes, wherever necessary, rebuilding and repair of destroyed or damaged homes and barns, providing household necessities, long-term medical-nursing service, and reestablishment of small businesses.

Approximately 47 per cent of all rehabilitation expenditures in Red Cross disaster relief in the past have gone for rebuilding and repair. Increasing building costs will present a real problem to the Red Cross and will necessitate even more careful apportionment of available funds in rehabilitating disaster sufferers.

More than half the year's disasters requiring Red Cross aid were fires; they numbered 114 and all were listed by local officials as preventable. Tornadoes, numbering 30, and floods, numbering 23, were next in frequency. Ten severe storms, 1 hurricane, and 22 miscellaneous catastrophes—transportation wrecks, epidemics, explosions, snow-ice disaster, tidal waves, marine disasters, and landlides—completed the year's total of 205.

Fires in this country take more lives annually than the death toll in any earthquake, flood, tornado, or hurricane disaster in our history. Ten thousand persons die in fires every year, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Property losses, a great part of them in critically needed housing are now amounting to close to \$600,000,000 annually. Worst year in fire history was 1946. Even without the loss of life in the sensational Atlanta and Chicago holocausts, the record would still have been the same.

Disaster requiring Red Cross aid throughout the country occur on an average of every 2 1-2 days.

## Legion Speaking Contest Friday

The American Legion's oratorical contest in Wilkes county will be held Friday, 4:30, in the North Wilkesboro school auditorium.

Students from the high schools in Wilkes county will speak for the \$25 bond to be given as first prize and the winner will represent Wilkes in the district contest.

The American Constitution will be the subject of the orations. The public is cordially invited to the contests here Friday.

## Support Y. M. C. A.



Here is a picture of the Millers Creek boys basketball team, winner of the county schools tournament which ended Saturday night when the Millers Creek boys defeated Mountain View 40-31. In the above picture are: front row, left to right, Frank Caudill, Wayne Church, Clyde Watkins, Blaine Oliver, Gilbert Bare; back row, Howard Vannoy, Jimmie Benton, Arlie Jennings, Duane Church. Picture of the Ronda girls, Wilkes champions who defeated Mountain View in the finals, was not immediately available.