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DIVISION HIGHWAY OFFICES UNDER CONSTRUCTION



This photo shows work in progress on construction of the new Eighth Division offices of the State Highway and Public Works commission. Previously shifted from town to town in rented quarters, the eighth division office will be permanently located in the new brick veneer building, which is being erected on State Highway property adjacent to the prison camp and highway division garage just outside of this city on highway 115. The new building, which will be ready for occupancy in the near future, will have nine offices, assembly room and modern conveniences.—(Photo by Lane Atkinson, Jr.)

Eller Re-Elected Director of N. C. Bus Association

Wilkes Transportation Co. Owner Honored By Organization

H. P. Eller, owner of Wilkes Transportation company in North Wilkesboro, was re-elected a director of the North Carolina Bus Association in annual convention at Wrightsville Beach last week.

The association is composed of 74 bus owning individuals and firms in North Carolina. It was brought out during the convention that the people of North Carolina have bus service ranking near the top and it is the aim of the association to keep North Carolina at the top with the best bus system in the nation.

As association went into its final business session Thursday, J. Nat Hamrick of Rutherfordton, succeeded J. Ed Butler as president at the annual election of officers.

Louis Wade, Fuquay Springs, former director, succeeded his father, Stacey W. Wade, as first vice president.

For the first time, the association elected two vice presidents, naming A. T. Watson of Fayetteville to the new position.

T. E. McGinnis of Asheville was elected secretary, succeeding Hamrick, who became president; and Marshall C. Kurfess was elected executive secretary.

Home Missionary Will Begin Sunday School At Cricket

The first Sunday in September a Sunday school will be started at Cricket at Mrs. Vickers' old house. It will be under the sponsorship of the First Presbyterian Church of North Wilkesboro. Some of the young people of that church will help in the work.

The Sunday school is not in opposition to any church, but it is intended to be a help to those who do not go elsewhere. Anyone will be welcomed.

Miss Zeta Davison, home missionary and Sunday school extension worker of Winston-Salem Presbytery, is in Cricket to direct the work, to visit in the homes in the community, and to render any spiritual assistance to those who need it. She is staying with Miss Winnie McLean.

Tannery Property Sale On Saturday

33 Acres Real Estate, Plants And Machinery To Go At Auction

C. E. and Lewis H. Jenkins, who recently purchased the tannery property here from International Shoe company, will sell the property Saturday, September 6, at public auction, beginning at 10:30 a. m.

The 33 acres of real estate have been subdivided into business and industrial sites.

The tannin extract plant, together with all machinery, including power plant, steam engines, generators, electric motors, numerous machines, elevated water tank and other equipment will also be sold, representing a splendid industrial opportunity for buyers.

Patrolman Jones Injured In Crash

Two Cars Collide At Intersection Highways 16 and 18 At Moravian Falls

State Highway Patrolman C. M. Jones, of North Wilkesboro, lost a tooth and received a scalp wound Tuesday morning in a terrific crash of his automobile and a car driven by John Kirby, of Lenoir.

The accident occurred at the intersection of highways 16 and 18 at Moravian Falls. According to Patrolman Tom Roberts, who investigated the accident, Patrolman Jones was traveling on 18 toward Lenoir and Kirby was traveling toward North Wilkesboro from Lenoir. In the intersection Kirby applied his brakes and the left front wheel grabbed. The pavement was slightly wet and the front of Kirby's car swerved into the path of the car driven by Patrolman Jones. Kirby was not hurt but both cars were demolished. Jones was released following treatment at the Wilkes hospital.

Midway Pontiac Buys Building

Midway Pontiac, Inc., of which M. B. McNeill is president and R. R. Church is secretary and treasurer, has purchased from E. L. Beshears the building in Wilkesboro which the company now occupies.

Five Men Enlisted In U. S. Navy Here

Chief R. L. Hogard, Navy recruiter, announced today that six men from the vicinity of North Wilkesboro enlisted in the Navy during the month of August. They were: Pruitt, U. B. Parris, North Wilkesboro; Shaw, Ray Patterson, Route 1, Wilkesboro; Haynes, Paul William, Smithport; Hamby, James, Parsonsville; Parsons, James, Parsonsville.

Chief Hogard further stated that the above named men were transferred to navy training center, San Diego, Calif., for navy indoctrination for 10 weeks.

William S. Spears, of Parsonsville, enlisted in the navy after serving in the army for two years. Mr. Spears was transferred to Norfolk, Va., for reassignment.

Sharon Walker Church To Have a Dedication

The members of Sharon Walker Baptist church cordially invite everybody to attend the dedication Sunday, September 7; all day service, dinner on the grounds. The church is located 13 miles west of North Wilkesboro.

Ralph L. Williams Dies In Wilkesboro

Ralph L. Williams, 37, died at the Wilkes Hospital Tuesday afternoon following illness of one day.

Mr. Williams was son of the late Charlie Garland and Julia Ann Chambers Williams, of Wilkes county. He had lived in Wilkesboro several years and was a painter.

He was a member of Woodlawn Baptist church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mrs. Mable Minton Williams, two daughters, Evelyn Louise and Peggy Ann Williams, of the home; one brother, J. Paul Williams, and two sisters, Mrs. Richard Brookshire and Mrs. Stamey Hayes, all of North Wilkesboro.

Piedmont Quartet At Pores Knob 6th

Piedmont Quartet, which is heard regularly over radio station WSJS in Winston-Salem and WKBC in North Wilkesboro, will give a program Saturday night, September 6, eight o'clock, at Pores Knob community house. The admission charges will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children, with proceeds going to the Community House fund. All who will attend are assured of splendid entertainment.

Bell Brothers Get 15-20 Years For Highway 'Deals'

Wilkes Men Draw Long Sentences In Yadkin County Court

Yadkinville.—Two brothers of Marvin Claude Bell, Wilkes County convicted rapist now on death row at Raleigh awaiting result of an appeal to the United States Supreme Court, yesterday were convicted in Yadkin Superior Court of impersonating officers and highway robbery in connection with a speed trap they were operating near Brooks Crossroads last April.

The two, Glenn Bell and Millard Bell, both of Wilkes county, were each sentenced to 15 to 20 years on two separate charges by Judge J. H. Clement of Walkertown.

Marvin Bell and Ralph Vernon Litteral were sentenced January 18 in Wilkes Superior Court to die in the gas chamber at Raleigh for the rape of Peggy Ruth Shore, pretty 16-year-old Elkin girl assaulted repeatedly on a terror-filled auto ride August 23 last year into Tennessee with the two men.

Held In Six Cases

Burton Key, charged with being with the Bell brothers on several occasions when they staged their phony speed trap act, pleaded guilty in six cases of impersonating an officer. Judge Clement sentenced him to two years each in five of the cases, the terms to run consecutively and giving him a total of 10 years in prison.

The Bells appealed and bond was set at \$15,000 each.

Solicitor Avalon Hall of Yadkinville said that if the two meet that bond he will insist that they post another bond of \$12,000 each in four other charges of robbery with firearms against them.

The solicitor said that the two operated their holdup racket for about a week before they were arrested April 25 last, robbing Stuart Fox and Ernest Fox, Elliott, Md., brothers near Brooks Crossroads.

Testimony was to the effect that one of the Bells wore a State highway patrolman's uniform and the other posed as a deputy sheriff, stopping cars along the highway.

They stopped the Fox brothers, according to testimony, confiscated a pistol valued at \$50 and ordered the Foxes at gunpoint to pay fines of \$25 for speeding and \$20 for having a gun.

Johnson Funeral Is Held On Monday

Funeral service was held Monday at Mountain View church for Dewey Berl Johnson, age 19, who died Friday, August 29, when he fell under a truck on highway 268.

He was a son of C. J. (Luma) Johnson and the late Dorothy Love Johnson, who preceded him in death in 1935.

He is survived by his father, stepmother and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Esplie Johnson, Wilkesboro; Mrs. Gracie Jolly, of Statesville; Miss Nola Johnson, of Greensboro; Mr. Carl Johnson, of Statesville; Betty Jean, Geardiean, Jimmie, Joan, Douglas, Jesse, Leah and Larry at home.

Rev. Noah Hayes and Rev. J. A. Ienhour conducted the last rites. The service was attended by a large crowd.

Revival Services At Oakwoods Church Will Begin Sunday

Revival services will begin Sunday night, September 7, at the Oakwoods Baptist church.

The pastor, Rev. Fred Eblevins, will be assisted by Rev. Clate Brown, of North Wilkesboro, Route 1. Rev. Mr. Brown is pastor of Gordon Baptist church and is a very forceful and inspiring young speaker.

He as many friends in the community who will welcome the opportunity to hear him during the series of revival services.

Services will be held each morning at 11 o'clock and each evening at 7:45. There will be special singing by visiting quartets and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Bull Is Rescued After Fall In Well

Last week an 800-pound bull on Champion Poultry Farm tore off the covering from an old well and plunged to the bottom.

The gentleman cow was very uncomfortable at the bottom of the 25-foot well but was little worse for the experience. He was lifted from the well by an automobile wrecker summoned from North Wilkesboro.

Scoutmasters Give Picnic to Troop 35 And Their Parents

Ivey Moore, Scoutmaster, and Paul Bumgarner, assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout troop 35 gave a picnic at Smoot Park Friday for members of the troop and their parents. About 40 people enjoyed the hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelons and cold drinks. The occasion was very much enjoyed by all who attended.

\$100,000 IN VETS BONDS CASHED HERE

Banks in North Wilkesboro cashed approximately \$100,000 worth of terminal leave bonds for veterans Tuesday and Wednesday and were still doing a thriving business today.

The bonds became cashable according to law on September 1, which was Labor Day and a bank holiday. Veterans were standing in line at the Bank of North Wilkesboro and the Northwestern Bank before opening time Tuesday morning.

Both banks here in the two days cashed about 445 bonds, showing the average to be somewhat over \$200 each.

Souvenirs and New Products to Feature Preview At Store

Firestone Dealer Unit Opens Wednesday; Many Departments Included

Hundreds of souvenirs will be distributed and scores of new products for the automobile, home, garden and farm will be displayed at the preview opening of the big new Firestone Dealer store, corner 20th and 19th Streets.

The special program will begin at 7:00 o'clock and continue until 9:00 o'clock Wednesday evening, Sept. 10th. No merchandise will be sold at the preview.

Messrs. Eller, Kilby and Brown, owners of the store, report that many departments will serve motorists throughout this section. Tire and recapping services will be available, and there will be powerful batteries which assure quick starting and spark plugs which deliver peak service by utilizing the radium-like rays of polonium. Brake lining and a wide selection of automobile accessories, including radios and heaters, also will be in stock.

Housewives will be keenly interested in the variety of radios, stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, irons and deep freeze units which will be on display, along with an extensive line of housewares. For boys and girls, there will be bicycles, wagons and other types of wheel goods as well as toys and games. A complete line of recreation supplies will attract sportsmen, young and old.

Farmers will see merchandise meeting many of their equipment needs, ranging from electric fence controllers to hydraulic tractor seats. Men who like to do repair and maintenance work around the house will see scores of tools and a large choice of paints and painting supplies in the new store.

The preview is part of a three-day opening program which will be concluded with the awarding of merchandise prizes Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mr. Brown announces that everyone who visits the store before 4:00 p. m. Saturday will be eligible for the prizes.

Mr. Brown emphasized that the new store will stress quality, and will offer only the finest merchandise available at popular prices. He also invites everyone to ask for free tire and automobile service advice at the store.

The new store employs four local residents. Mr. Brown, who has resided in the county since 1941, was formerly associated with Central Service Station.

Enrollment Is Up In N. Wilkesboro Schools This Year

Elementary Enrollment Up 50, About 25 More High School Students

Total enrollment in the white schools of North Wilkesboro yesterday had reached a total of 925, J. Floyd Woodward, superintendent, said today, North Wilkesboro schools opened Monday.

In the elementary school 657 were enrolled, an increase of 50, or about eight per cent, over last year. The high school total yesterday was 268, about 25 over last year.

This year physical education has been added in North Wilkesboro school as a regular course of study and is a requirement for the ninth grade. Howard Bowers, who is also athletic coach, is physical education instructor. First aid is being taught in a number of classes.

Band practice hour has been changed to 12:40 to 1:30 p. m. Clubs and various extra-curricular activities will be added this year as the need becomes apparent. Superintendent Woodward, who is beginning his first year, said.

The new superintendent in discussing the school situation here praised the cooperation which he said is so evident among students, teachers and school patrons. He commented particularly on the splendid school spirit prevailing.

Mrs. Weatherman, 69, Dies at Home In Cycle

Mrs. Mary Jane (Sis) Weatherman, 69, died at 2:30 p. m. Monday at her home at Cycle after a serious illness of two weeks. She had been in declining health for the past year.

Mrs. Weatherman was born in Yadkin county and spent her entire life in the county. She was a member of Swains Baptist church.

Surviving are the husband, Tom D. Weatherman; four sons, Dewey and Virge Weatherman of High Point, Richard and Raymond Weatherman of Cycle; five daughters, Mrs. Lonnie Swain, Mrs. Ollie Wagoner and Mrs. Mary Whitaker, all of Booneville; Mrs. Hoyle Vestal of Jonesville and Mrs. Annie Anthony of Cycle; 24 grandchildren; one great-grandchild and one sister, Mrs. Fannie Myers of Winston-Salem.

Funeral services were held at Swain's Baptist church at 11 a. m. Wednesday. Rev. R. L. Speer, Rev. E. C. Norman, Rev. Clifford Larrimore and Rev. Clate Simmons officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Marriage License

During the past several days license to wed were issued from the office of Troy C. Foster, Wilkes Register of Deeds, to the following: Eugene Blevins, Purlear, and Ruth Reavis, Reddies River; Graham Holbrook, Abshers, and Virginia Whitley, Hays; Hillery Johnson and Mary Ada Love, both of North Wilkesboro route two; Frank Wells, Philadelphia, and Etta Latta, Washington, D. C.; Allie Paw, Cricket, and China Hendrix, Hays; Charlie Higgins and Beesie Foster, both of North Wilkesboro; Richard Eugene Yates and Audrey Yates, both of Purlear; Hobert Bare, Wagoner, and Faye Minton, Wilbar; Floyd A. Minton, Lenoir, and Addie Teague, Wilkesboro; James Lloyd and Annie Wells, both of North Wilkesboro.

5th Sunday Singing Lewis Fork Church Successful Event

Blue Ridge Singing convention met with Lewis Fork Baptist church Sunday, August 31st, beginning at 1:00 o'clock. Meeting was opened with congregational song and prayer by Rev. Clate Brown, the chairman, T. A. Eller, president. Registration of singers was called and those taking part in the singing were: Lewis Fork choir, New Hope choir, Purlear choir, Arbor Grove choir. The quartettes were Ready quartettes, Welcome Home, Miller, Jubilee, Lewis Fork Trio, Libby Jean and Judy Walsh, and solo by Rev. Noah Beshars. Last but not least was a guest of Johnson City, Tenn., Rev. Buchanan with his organ.

The meeting closed with a song by the congregation and prayer by Rev. A. W. Eller. Next session will meet with Welcome Home church, November 30th.

Vannoy Upholstery Company Has Moved

Vannoy Upholstery company, which has been operating on Cherry street, has moved to the Hutchens building on Gordon Avenue, W. C. Vannoy, owner, said today. The firm specializes in furniture repair and upholstery and auto and truck upholstery work.

USDA Announces Supplemental Export Allocation of 7,500 Long Tons of Corn for Venezuela

USDA announces that a supplemental export allocation of 7,500 long tons of corn for Venezuela has been made. The corn is being supplied from remaining PMA stocks to meet a critical human food need in that country caused by a drastic reduction in the Venezuelan corn crop.