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ENLARGED RECREATION PROGRAM DISCUSSED BY COMMITTEES OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE THIS WEEK

Memorial Park Project, Basketball League, Professional Baseball, Softball and Other Programs Planned

Civic Affairs and Recreation committees of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in meeting this week outlined plans for an enlarged public recreation program in the Wilkesboro and all Wilkes county.

Present for the meeting were Joe McCoy, Civic Affairs chairman, Glenn R. Andrews, recreation chairman, C. J. Swofford, W. R. Newton, Dr. H. B. Smith, Arthur Venable, W. O. Absher, Mrs. Arthur Venable, Police Chief John Walker. Mr. McCoy presided.

C. J. Swofford, Memorial Park chairman, reported on progress of the park, saying that the lighting system with 120 flood lights and auxiliary lighting had been installed and that bleacher seats for 1,500 are in process of construction and will be completed this week. He also reported that grading for the baseball field has been completed and that future work will include baseball seating facilities and a board fence around the combination field. Glenn R. Andrews and Dwight Nichols were commended for their assistance on the park project.

Plan of operation of the park was discussed and a special com-

mittee composed of Arthur Venable, W. R. Newton and W. O. Absher was named to work with Tom S. Jenrette, chamber secretary, in forming a plan of operation. Low charge for use of the park was advocated because of the need of the high school athletic association for funds.

A committee composed of Glenn R. Andrews, Dwight Nichols and Maurice Walsh was appointed to further look into the possibility of professional baseball here for 1948. The committee agreed that the baseball program at the park could include high school and junior baseball. It was also suggested that the Smoot Park field be improved for softball.

Mr. Jenrette reported that the Chamber of Commerce had been contacted relative to the organization of a community or county basketball league and the committee agreed to lead and assist in this work. A meeting of those interested will be called later.

Inadequate heating of the North Wilkesboro high school gymnasium was discussed and the matter was referred to the Education committee for further consideration with the superintendent of schools.

Broyhill Building Is Sold At Auction

The Broyhill building, located on Main street and occupied by Dick's Electric Service, was sold at a successful auction sale by Williams and Clark, auctioneers. Dave Hall and James Lowe purchased the building, which will continue to be occupied by the Dick's Electric Service store. The highest bid on the property was \$17,800.

M. C. Woodie and P. E. Dancy were selling agents for the sale.

14 Active Troops Of Girl Scouts In Wilkes Is Record

The Girl Scout program in Wilkes county during the past year has been highly successful and has experienced increase in number participating and in interest shown in activities.

An increase of 30 adults and 35 girls participating is reported and there are 14 troops which are serving well in their respective communities.

In order to better acquaint the public with Girl Scouting, a list of troop committees and leaders is given as follows:

1. Mrs. Sam Pennell, Mrs. Lawrence Critcher, Miss Thelma Laws.
2. Mrs. E. E. Vaught, Miss Frank Somers.
3. Mrs. Robert Gibbs, leader; Mrs. W. K. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Horton.

4. Mrs. T. R. Grayson, leader; Mrs. Dwight Foster, leader; Mrs. Bryan Gilreath, chairman of committee.
5. In need of leaders, none at present.
6. Mrs. W. T. Long, committee chairman.

7. Mrs. Howard Bowers, leader; Mrs. Cecil Hauss, leader; Mrs. J. B. Carter, chairman committee.
8. Mrs. Cecil Wiles, leader; Mrs. W. G. Gabriel, chairman committee.

9. Miss Elizabeth Redmon, Mrs. Belle Thomas, leaders.
10. Mrs. Luke Irvin, leader; Mrs. Jay Jones, chairman committee.

11. Mrs. Ira Payne, Mrs. Isaac Duncan, leaders; Mrs. W. A. Brame, chairman committee.
12. Miss Eva German, Mrs. Atwell German, leaders; Mrs. W. R. Craft, chairman committee.
13. Mrs. Joe Pearson, Mrs. Dick Johnston, leaders.
14. Miss Helen Lottes, leader.

Somers Family Reunion

Somers family reunion will be held Sunday, October 19, with an all-day program at Union church, located on the Ronda-Statesville road. All members of the family and friends are invited, and with well filled baskets for the picnic lunch at noon.

Rev. J. W. Luke Head Presbytery

Adjourned Session Winston-Salem Presbytery To Meet Here Nov. 17

West Jefferson.—Rev. John W. Luke of Glendale Springs was named moderator of the Winston-Salem Presbytery at its Fall meeting yesterday at Foster Memorial Church in Ashe county.

He succeeds Hoke Henderson of Elkin. More than 150 delegates from churches in Ashe, Alleghany, Surry, Wilkes, Forsyth, Davie, and Davidson counties were present.

Dr. George Mauze, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, gave the report on home missions. Rev. Ralph Buchanan of Elkin, superintendent of home missions of the presbytery, discussed the advancement of the work, and Rev. R. H. Stone, executive secretary of the Mecklenburg Presbytery and a former Ashe County minister, spoke briefly on the advertising of home missions.

A number of reports on other work were made and five new ministers had their calls approved and installations arranged for in the presbytery in the near future.

The next session will be an adjourned meeting in North Wilkesboro November 17.

Benefit Party 28th

Wilkesboro Woman's Club will sponsor another benefit card party at their clubhouse on Tuesday, October 28.

Bell Loses Appeal Supreme Court; 31st Is Death Date

Litteral and Bell Doomed To Die For Rape Unless Governor Intervenes

Marvin Claude Bell, Roaring River man doomed with Ralph Vernon Litteral, of Winston-Salem, to die for multiple rape of Peggy Ruth Shore, Elkin girl, this week lost his appeal to the United States supreme court and is slated to die in the state gas chamber October 31.

Litteral and Bell were convicted during the March term of Wilkes court in a week-long trial. Evidence was that they kidnapped Peggy Ruth Shore, then 15 years of age, after she alighted from a bus west of Elkin in Wilkes county on August 2, 1946, and raped her four times during a terror-filled ride through Wilkes and Watauga counties into Tennessee.

Evidence in the case was obtained by F. B. I. agents and written confessions were obtained from both men.

Appeal was taken to the supreme court of North Carolina by Bell's attorneys, which included Eugene Trivette, Bill Mitchell, Kyle and Clyde Hayes, of North Wilkesboro. The supreme court of the state found no prejudicial error in the trial before Judge Hoyle Sink in Wilkesboro and the conviction was upheld.

Appeals to the governor by counsel for Bell and by Fred Hutchins, of Winston-Salem, attorney for Litteral, for commutation of the sentences of both men to life imprisonment failed and Governor Cherry announced he would not intervene, saying: "If we are going to have capital punishment for rape this is one sentence that should be carried out."

Another appeal to Governor Cherry to change the sentence of Bell will be made by local attorneys. It was learned here today. These appeals are being made on the grounds that Bell's life should be spared because he persuaded Litteral not to kill the girl, thus enabling her to live and tell her testimony which resulted in the conviction of her two assailants.

The execution date will be October 31 if the decision of the U. S. Supreme court not to review the case is certified back to the supreme court in Raleigh by Friday of this week. Otherwise, there will be a later execution date.

The appeal to the highest court in the land on behalf of Bell alleged that F. B. I. agents obtained confession from Bell under duress and before he was taken before a U. S. commissioner to face charges. However, the high court was not sufficiently impressed with the claim to review the case or hold hearing on the claims of the defendant.

The men were charged in federal court with violation of the federal kidnapping law, but were released to state court for trial first on the capital charge of rape, which carried the death penalty. In federal court on charge of kidnapping the death sentence is not imposed unless specifically requested by the jury which convicts the defendant.

Oyster Supper At Moravian Falls 20th

An oyster supper will be served Monday evening, October 20, beginning at 6:30 p. m., at Moravian Falls community house for benefit of the Moravian Falls Baptist church building fund.

Tickets for the supper at \$1.50 each must be purchased not later than Saturday. Tickets may be purchased from Miss Lola Belle Pardue at Emily's Beauty Salon or Miss Maxie Pardue at Spahnour's.

SPECIAL TERM COURT CALLED FOR NOVEMBER 3; HUGH WEST IS HURT

A special term of Wilkes court for trial of criminal cases has been called to begin in Wilkesboro on Monday, November 3.

Judge J. H. Clement, of Winston-Salem, who is currently presiding over courts in the 17th district, will preside over the term, which was called to clear the congested docket of criminal cases pending trial.

One of the major cases awaiting trial is the manslaughter charge against Hugh L. West,

Music Club Is To Be Organized Monday

On Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock there will be a meeting of all teen-agers who are interested in organizing a music club. The group will meet at the home of Miss Dot Shell on C Street, and J. Jay Anderson will be advisor.

The music club will have as its purpose the understanding and appreciation of all types of music—from swing to symphony. A knowledge of music is unnecessary; all teen-age boys and girls are invited.

Two New Pastors Are Assigned To Wilkes Churches

Wilkes Methodists Well Represented At Conference In Charlotte

Dr. Gilbert R. Combs at North Wilkesboro First Methodist and Rev. H. M. Wellman at Wilkesboro and Union were returned to their churches by the Methodist conference which closed in Charlotte Monday.

Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner, Millers Creek circuit pastor for several years and Rev. S. N. Bumgarner, who had been serving the churches on the Moravian Falls charge, were retired. Rev. J. E. Green, a young minister, was assigned to Moravian Falls and Rev. J. R. Short to the Millers Creek churches.

Rev. J. H. Armbrust was re-appointed superintendent of the Statesville district. Following are listed a number of appointments which are of interest in this community: Granite Falls, F. H. Price; Jefferson, G. H. Needham; Lenoir First, F. C. Smathers; Maiden, James C. Stokes; Abernethy Memorial at Newton, G. W. Bumgarner; Olin, D. T. Huss; Taylorsville, G. R. Stafford; West Jefferson, Hoyt H. Wood; Stony Point, O. J. Jones.

In This District Secretary of town and country work, G. R. Stafford; district missionary secretary, E. H. Lowman; district director of Evangelism, C. P. Bowles; district director of Bible society, J. C. Stokes; district director of temperance advance, J. C. Madison; approved evangelist, P. R. Rayle; student, Duke Divinity school, North Wilkesboro, N. C., W. P. Combs.

Carnegie Course Gets Under Way In Meeting Here

Dinner Meeting Of All Interested Will Be Held Tuesday Evening

Organization meeting for a Dale Carnegie course in North Wilkesboro was held very successfully Tuesday night at Carolina Restaurant.

The course in North Wilkesboro is under sponsorship of the Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. A. P. Wilson, of Charlotte, who will conduct the 17 weeks course, was here for the organization meeting.

Many have already enrolled, but the sponsors are seeking 12 additional pupils for the widely known course and it is expected that the course roll will be completed by the time of the second meeting, which will be a dinner meeting on Tuesday evening, October 21, 6:30 p. m., at Carolina Restaurant. It will be a Dutch dinner and all who may be interested in the course are invited to attend.

Veterans are asked to take with them certified copies of their discharges.

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FOOTBALL!

Thursday (tonight) — Memorial Park, Wilkesboro versus Booneville; kickoff eight p. m.; radio broadcast over WILX.

Friday — North Wilkesboro Mountain Lions versus Thomasville at Thomasville; kickoff eight p. m.

Rock Slide Crushes Machine At Quarry

A tremendous slide of rock at Superior Stone Works' quarry five miles east of this city Wednesday afternoon crushed a huge shovel.

Men operating the shovel were thrown clear by the impact and were not injured. All workmen miraculously escaped injury.

Gresham Succeeds Maddox At V. A. Office This City

The Veterans Administration announced today that John E. Maddox, VA contact representative, has been transferred to the North Carolina regional office at Winston-Salem. Since December, 1946, Mr. Maddox has been in charge of the local VA office on the second floor of the Bank of North Wilkesboro building. A veteran of World War II, he has been actively interested in the problems of former servicemen and women of this and adjoining counties.

Mr. Maddox will be succeeded by Newton E. Gresham, who has for the past three years been in charge of VA activities at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Mr. Gresham is a veteran of World War I, stated the Veterans Administration, and is well supplied with information concerning Veterans benefits.

Veterans are urged to contact Mr. Gresham for any necessary assistance concerning their problems. The VA office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a. m. until 4:30 p. m.

Crews Funeral To Be Held On Friday

Last rites for Jacob R. Crews, 93, Boomer resident who died Wednesday, will be held Friday, 11 a. m., at Crews family cemetery.

Mr. Crews is survived by one daughter and three sons: Mrs. Cub Pearson, Boomer; Walter Crews, Boomer; Eliza Crews, Goshen; York Crews, Boomer.

2 Seriously Hurt As Auto Hits Tree

Roy Mathis, of Roaring River, and Fred Johnson, of Hamptonville, remained in critical condition today at the Wilkes hospital as the result of injuries sustained when the car in which they were riding struck a tree just off highway 421 about 12 miles east of the city Tuesday afternoon.

According to reports here, Johnson went to the home of Mathis and asked him to take a ride with him to try out a new motor he had placed in his car. They were traveling at a high rate of speed when a tire burst and the car left the road.

The car, after being partially torn up on a concrete culvert, struck a large sycamore and was a complete wreck. The mangled bodies of both men were trapped in the wreckage and much difficulty was experienced in getting them out.

Both have internal injuries and many fractures.

J. Frank Pearson Store Has Moved

J. Frank Pearson, well known wholesale merchant here, announced removal of his store to the former location of Tal J. Pearson on Tenth street. A complete line of feeds will be carried at the old location.

District Chairmen For Fund Drive In County Are Named

On Tuesday night the officials of the local Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations met to complete plans for the campaign to raise funds for 1948.

The Co-Chairmen for the drive are Mrs. J. H. Winkler and Richard E. Gibbs. The following district chairmen have been appointed: North Wilkesboro business district, Lewis Nelson; special gifts, J. B. Carter; North Wilkesboro residential, Mrs. J. H. Winkler; Wilkesboro, Miss Francis Somers; Moravian Falls, Mrs. Sam Pennell; Millers Creek, Mrs. Charles Bishop; Cricket, Mrs. Albert Vannoy; Boomer, Mrs. Eva German; Colored sections, Mrs. Belle Thomas; leaders for Mountain View and Roaring River will be appointed later.

On Monday night, Oct. 20th, these workers are asked to meet at the Duke Power Co., at 7:30 to go over lists in their territory. The drive proper will start bright and early Tuesday, Oct. 21st.

To relieve the public of an additional drive these two very important organizations are combining their efforts on a 50-50 basis. The total budget is \$4,000 and each will receive half of what is raised.

Progress has been shown by both boys and girls and it is generally felt that these Boy and Girl Scouts are worthy of our best efforts. Let us sow now for a bountiful crop of good citizens later.

Baptists Planning Bible Teaching Clinic In City

The Better Bible Teaching Clinic sponsored by the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association will begin with classes Monday night, October 20, at 7:30 o'clock at the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro.

Dr. Henry Walden, pastor of the Old Fort Baptist church, will direct the clinic, teach the workers with adults, and lecture on the biblical background for the Sunday school lessons for this quarter. Dr. Walden has led several clinics similar to the one to be here.

Assisting Dr. Walden will be five approved state Sunday school leaders. Miss May Bomar of Spartanburg, S. C., will lead the conferences for workers with the Nursery and Beginners ages; Mrs. C. D. Bain, Dunn, N. C., will be with the Primary workers; Mrs. F. A. Bower, Morganton, will lead Junior workers; Mrs. Clyde Baucum, Wilson, the Intermediate group; and Mrs. L. L. Carpenter, Raleigh, the Young People.

All Sunday school teachers and officers and others interested in teaching the Bible more effectively are invited to attend the clinic each night.

Dr. Walden will arrive in time for the Brushy Mountain Sunday school mass meeting Sunday afternoon, October 19, at 3 o'clock at the First Church, North Wilkesboro. All the other leaders will arrive Monday.

Baptist Pastors To Meet Monday

Wilkes County Baptist Pastors Conference will meet Monday, October 20, ten a. m., in Reine-Sturdivant chapel.

Rev. A. B. Hayes will open the session with devotional, followed by a business session. Dr. Henry Walton, of Old Fort, will discuss "Increasing the Efficiency of Sunday School." Dr. John T. Wayland will talk on "Baptist Methods and Customs in Maryland." The morning sermon will be by Rev. Edd Hodge.

In the afternoon session Rev. L. T. Younger will conduct the devotional and Rev. W. N. Brookshire will be in charge of Homilistical study.

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Scouting In Wilkes County Now Has A Membership of 351

Scouting in Wilkes county has shown growth during the year with an increase of 58 boys and 16 men over the January 1, 1947 enrollment. There are now 254 boys and 97 men enrolled in Scouting in the Wilkes District.

Cub Pack 36 sponsored by the Kiwanis club has been reorganized with the following set-up: Messrs. C. Arthur Venable, T. A. Finley and Wm. A. Hardister to serve as Committee and Mr. Edward P. Bell as cubmaster. Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Farthing will serve as Den Mothers. There are now 19 boys registered in this pack.

Units located in the county with the leaders of each and the number of boys registered are as following:

Pack 32 sponsored by the Wilkesboro Methodist church. Leaders, Messrs. W. P. Choate, J. G. Greene, Howard Pharr, W. M. Alexander, Joe R. Barber and Mrs. Page Choate with 15 boys registered.

Troop 32, sponsored by Young Men's Bible Class of the Wilkesboro Baptist church. Leaders, Messrs. A. A. Sturdivant, Jr., Hubert Dancy, Carl Bullis, S. T. Anderson and O. K. Stephens with 25 boys registered.

Troop 34, sponsored by the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro. Leaders, Messrs. Isaac Duncan, A. M. Bush, G. R. Andrews, G. G. Foster, H. D. Burke, Stacey B. Moore, and Arthur Venable with 13 boys registered.

Troop 35, sponsored by the First Methodist church of North Wilkesboro. Leaders, Messrs. R. I. Moore, J. P. Bumgarner, Frank H. Crow, W. A. Brame, O. K. Pope, J. D. Moore, Jr., and George Wells with 27 boys registered.

Troop 36, sponsored by the Men's Class of the Presbyterian church of North Wilkesboro. Leaders, Messrs. Gordon Forester, Sr., W. Blair Gwyn, P. L. Cashion, and G. F. Ogilvie with 22 boys registered.

Troop 77, sponsored by the Baptist and Methodist churches of Moravian Falls. Leaders, Messrs. Archie Hege, L. G. Cletcher, W. C. Hendren, M. B. Clark and R. G. Call with 14 boys registered.

Troop 83, sponsored by Roaring River school. Leaders, Messrs. E. L. Elliege, J. C. Henderson, G. A. Johnson and Albert Elmore with 13 boys registered.

Troop 90, sponsored by V. F. W. Post #1142. Leaders, Messrs. R. J. Williams, W. S. Thomas, Jr., C. D. Wiles, W. F. Allen, H. G. Thomas and J. D. Moore, Jr., with 13 boys registered.

Troop 95, sponsored by Mountain View High School. Leaders, Messrs. L. D. Woodruff, Alvin Joines, P. W. Gregory, Wilmer Woodruff and A. A. Johnson with 15 boys registered.

Brushy Mountain Baptists To Meet In City Sunday

Plans Will Be Discussed For Bible Teaching Course In All Churches

A mass meeting of all 34 churches in the Brushy Mountain Baptist association will be held Sunday afternoon, October 19, three o'clock, at the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro.

Purpose of the meeting, Baptist leaders said, will be to discuss plans for a Bible teaching course in all churches in the association.

Associational officers particularly urged that all Sunday School superintendents, pastors and other church workers interested attend the mass meeting.

Poker Players Get New Trial

James Foster, Dobe Powell, Joe Holland and Charlie Combs, sentenced by Judge Hoyle Sink to serve 12 months on charge of gambling, were granted a new trial by the North Carolina supreme court.

The four men pleaded guilty to gambling following their testimony which convicted Cola and Carl Keaton of robbery of the four men of \$27,000 in a poker game at Foster's home near this city July 5 last year.

In the appeal it was contended they pleaded guilty and testified in order to convict the robbers and that they should not be punished on the charge of gambling. During the robbery \$17,000 was taken from Foster's safe and about \$10,000 from the poker players at a kitchen table.