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Make North Wilkesboro Your Shopping Center

Y. M. C. A. CONSTRUCTION HERE IS DEFERRED BECAUSE PRESENT HIGH COST BUILDING MATERIALS

Directors Decide To Postpone Construction Until More Can Be Obtained From Building Fund; Total Of \$153,665.12 Raised

Directors of the Wilkes Y. M. C. A. have decided to defer erecting a Y. M. C. A. building here until such time as greater value can be obtained for the money. This decision was reached by the directors in view of the excessively high cost of construction at the present time, although the greater part of the sum originally planned for a Y. M. C. A. has been given or pledged.

Movement to organize a Y. M. C. A. here was begun just before the war and a continuing campaign has been in progress for contributions. At the time preliminary plans were formulated, it was estimated that \$160,000 would erect a modern and adequate Y. M. C. A. complete with all departments necessary for the community.

Support the Y. M. C. A.

SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS IN WILKES WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY

Sale of Christmas seals will begin in Wilkes county Monday, Mrs. Ivey Moore, seal sale chairman, announced today.

The sale of seals in the fight against tuberculosis is of especial interest in Wilkes this year because of the fact that seal sale funds helped greatly to make it possible that the county tuberculosis hospital be re-opened, and a record amount in purchase of the little, decorative seals is anticipated.

The campaign will be conducted through the mails and through the schools of Wilkes county. Seals will be mailed out Monday here to a long list of prospective buyers, who are asked to make their remittance before the holidays.

Following is the text of Mrs. Moore's letter to the people of the county:

"Wilkes county is protecting its people against tuberculosis. It is treating dangerous cases. This work is being done by the county, the welfare department, and the medical profession—but YOU are the one who is really doing it.

"It was through your generous

contributions in the past that made the remodeling of the sanatorium possible. It was YOU who furnished it with food, new blankets, linens, pillows, and kitchen equipment.

"The Seal Sale Committee is deeply grateful. We are proud of you and we know that you are not going to leave a job unfinished.

"The fight against tuberculosis must be continuous. That disease doesn't stop fighting us—in fact, it fights us now after wars when people's resistance is low. You all want to protect your youngsters against the disease. To do so, you must isolate the known cases and treat them. Unknown cases must be diagnosed.

"The money you spend on Christmas Seals will do much to accomplish this purpose. Did you know that seventy-five cents of every dollar you contribute stays right here in Wilkes? The remainder of your dollar is also used to fight the disease through education of the people and through research.

"Remember! In contributing to the fight against tuberculosis, you are protecting your own loved ones!"

BOWERS COUSINS KILLED IN WAR ACTION TO BE BURIED TOGETHER

Bodies of Pfc. Kimp O. Bowers and Pfc. Edgar D. Bowers, double first cousins, boyhood and army pals, will arrive here Tuesday from Europe and will make their final journey together to graves in the Piney Grove cemetery in Walnut Grove township at the church where they worshipped as children.

Kimp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Millard L. Bowers, and Edgar, son of Mrs. Fannie Bowers and the late Tyre Bowers, of Moxley, entered the army together, trained

together and were assigned to the infantry together. They were killed in action in Germany; Kimp on November 18, 1944, and Edgar only a short time later with the records giving his death date as January 15, 1945. They were buried together in Europe and were exhumed together and shipped back together.

A double funeral service will be held for the two young men, with the date and final arrangements yet to be made by their families.

3 FROM WILKES ON COMMITTEES FOR SURVEY OF SCHOOL SYSTEM

J. Floyd Woodward, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools; T. E. Story, Wilkes representative in the General Assembly, and Mrs. R. Ivey Moore, a North Wilkesboro civic leader, are members of important committees set up by the Governor's Commission appointed to make a survey of the school system in North Carolina.

Supt. Woodward is a member of the Teacher Education Committee; Representative Story on the Instructional Program committee; and Mrs. Moore was named to the Materials and Supplies Committee. They attended the meeting of the commission and all committees in Raleigh Monday, at which time they were addressed by Governor Cherry and each committee met separately for study and conference.

Wilkes has been selected as one of ten counties in the state for the survey and representatives of the commission arrived in the county yesterday to begin work in the county and North Wilkesboro schools. The survey will give particular attention to needs of schools from every standpoint and will make recommendations to the next General Assembly.

The ten counties in the state selected for the survey are expected to show a cross section of the situation existing in schools throughout the state.

Weekly Study For Baptist Pastors

There will be a period of study for all Baptist Ministers held on each Monday, except Monday following the third Sunday each month, which is the regular time for the Wilkes County Baptist Pastor's Conference.

This study will be held at the Wilkesboro Baptist church under the direction of Rev. W. N. Brookshire, pastor, and Dr. John T. Wayland, pastor of the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro.

"All Baptist Ministers are urged to attend these studies, that we may learn more about the great work to which we are called," the announcement said.

The first session of this school will be held Monday, Nov. 24, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

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MEMBERS OF CAST IN WOMANLESS WEDDING HERE



Here are pictured the members of the cast in the highly successful and hilarious womanless wedding put on here by the Parent-Teacher Association of North Wilkesboro. In the top photo the characters are: Forrest Jones, train bearer (seated); front row, left to right, E. A. Shook, W. G. Gabriel, Jim Sanges, Carl W. Steele, (bride), S. B. Moore (groom) Gilbert Bare, Bill Marlow, Archie Rousseau; back row, Max Foster, Thurmond Kenerly, Harvel Howell, Carl VanDeman, Bill Sturdivant, Gilbert Foster, Nick Lawrence, Lewis Vickery, Sam Winters. In the lower picture seated are Paul Cashion and John Cashion; Mayor T. S. Kenerly is the nurse pushing baby carriage containing Bill Hardister with bottle and all necessary accessories; others standing are Clyde Pearson (father), R. E. Gibbs (moth-



er), Ed Caudill, John Baity and T. H. Waller. The two-night event raised \$588 for the school playground fund. —(Photos by Lane Atkinson, Jr.)

Trade Promotion Group Explains Lighting Plans

Expansion and Replacement of Old Materials Raised Cost This Year

Following a meeting of the Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday the plans for Christmas lighting in the Wilkesboro was more thoroughly explained.

The cost this year of the lighting, which will be expanded over a greater area and with more materials and labor, will be \$3,000. The committee is raising a merchants fund to bear this cost and other expenses directly for trade promotion in the Wilkesboro. It has been estimated that an average of one dollar per front foot for merchants and business firms in the Wilkesboro will raise the necessary amount.

However, the contributions, which are entirely voluntary, may be over or under the suggested amount according to volume of business, number of floors and other considerations.

In addition to the area as outlined in previous articles, the committee said that lighting will be extended south on Tenth and Ninth streets to A street.

Any who have not been contacted by solicitors are urged to send their checks now so that plans for the best Christmas lighting in this part of the state may be carried out next week.

The committee pointed out that attractive Christmas lighting which will attract people of the city will benefit all business firms of all types and all are invited to share in the costs.

Miss Elsie Foster Deputy Register Deeds in Wilkes

Miss Elsie Foster, has accepted an appointment as Deputy Register of Deeds, for Wilkes County. Miss Foster, has been employed in the office of C. C. Hayes, Clerk of Superior Court for the past 12 years.

Cub Pack 39 To Meet On Monday

Cub Pack number 36 of Boy Scouts will meet Monday night, 7:30, at the Presbyterian religious education building. The meeting was changed from Friday to Monday night because of Thanksgiving. All cubs and their parents are urged to attend.

D. A. R. TO MEET

The Rensselaers Mountain Chapter D. A. R. will meet Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. P. M. Williams. Mrs. E. N. Phillips, and Mrs. Richard Finley will be hostesses with Mrs. Williams.

FOOTBALL!

Wilkesboro high school Ramblers will play Hartsell of Concord Friday, November 21, two o'clock, on the Wilkesboro field. Broadcast of the game by WKBC.

North Wilkesboro Mountain Lions will go to Asheboro tomorrow night to meet Asheboro at eight o'clock.

Games this week end the schedules of the Mountain Lions and Ramblers for the 1947 season.

Dr. C. D. Thomas Kiwanis Speaker

Dr. C. D. Thomas, of the Western North Carolina Sanatorium at Black Mountain, will deliver an address Friday noon before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis clubs. The program, which will be broadcast over local radio stations, will be in charge of Dr. J. H. McNeill.

Merchants Fixed Holiday Closing

Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in recent meeting suggested that merchants remain open until eight p. m. on December 22, 23 and 24.

The committee also approved a previous agreement to be closed on Christmas day and the day following, which will be December 25 and 26.

Hospital Births

The following births were reported at the Wilkes hospital since November 11:

Son, Lincoln Snyder, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Spahnour, of North Wilkesboro, November 11; daughter, Elizabeth Gall, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raymond Lane, of Wilkesboro, November 12; daughter, Patsy Ruth, to Mr. and Mrs. John William Burnette, of North Wilkesboro, November 12; daughter, Geraldine Kay, to Mr. and Mrs. James L. Nichols, of Ronda, November 13; daughter, Elizabeth Anne, to Mr. and Mrs. Ivory Britt Pruitt, of North Wilkesboro route three, November 12; daughter, Janet Kay, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Curtis Greene, of Purlear, November 12; son, Samuel Garfield, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Garfield Davis, of Pores Knob route 2, November 14; daughter, Linda Sue, to Mr. and Mrs. Graham I. Paw, of North Wilkesboro, November 14; son, Richard Thomas, to Mr. and Mrs. Boys Thomas Wingate, of Independence, Va., November 15; son, Laney Ray, to Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Vickery, of North Wilkesboro route 2, November 15; son to Mr. and Mrs. James Willard Walsh, of Boomer, November 15; daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eugene Yates, of Purlear, November 15.

Judge Hayes Is On Caribbean Cruise

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkesboro, is a guest of Admiral Felix Johnson on a cruise on the U. S. S. Rochester on the Caribbean sea.

Also a guest of Admiral Johnson is his brother, Tolbert Johnson, of Aberdeen. The Rochester sailed Monday from Philadelphia and the cruise will be for two weeks. Jamaica will be one of the stops on the cruise.

Judge E. Yates Webb, of the western district of Federal Court, substituted for Judge Hayes in presiding over federal court in Wilkesboro during Judge Hayes' absence. On January 1 Judge Hayes will preside at a term of federal court in Richmond, Va.

WILKES FARM BUREAU ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Wilkes County Farm Bureau met at Ronda High School November 12, and elected the following officers for the next year: president, C. E. Tharpe, Ronda; vice president, Irvin Key, Ronda; secretary and treasurer, Lawrence Miller, Wilkesboro.

A Board of Directors was also elected: James Pardue, Ronda; T. J. McNeill, Roaring River; John Wm. Hurt, Ronda. Much interest was shown in this meeting and the membership for the county was almost doubled. It was decided in the meeting that a drive would be put on for a larger membership in Wilkes county, beginning about January 1, 1948.

The speaker of the evening was Clyde R. Green, a merchant and farmer from Boone, who was introduced by George Farthing, district representative of the N. C. Farm Bureau. Mr. Green emphasized his necessity of organization of farmers, combined with the businessmen that they trade with.

The next regular meeting will be held in Ronda on December 11, at 7:00 p. m.

Saturday Night Square Dance For Legion Baseball

A square dance will be held Saturday night, eight o'clock, at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse with the Carolina Pals furnishing music.

Funds raised by admission to the dance will be used to help finance American Legion junior baseball next summer. All are invited to attend and are assured of a full evening's entertainment.

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BELLS ARE GIVEN TERMS IN PRISON

Thursday's Paper To Go Out Day Earlier

Issue of The Journal-Patriot for Thursday, November 27, will be published on Wednesday, November 26, in order that The Journal-Patriot personnel may enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

Because of the short time for printing it will be necessary to hold the size of that issue to eight pages. Advertisers are asked to cooperate by preparing copy early and advertisements will be accepted in order they are received for that issue until all available advertising space is taken.

John E. Justice Heads Southern Furniture Group

Local Manufacturer President Southern Manufacturers Association

John E. Justice, Jr., president of the Oak Furniture company in North Wilkesboro, was elected president of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association in annual convention last week at Virginia Beach.

For several years Mr. Justice has been prominently affiliated with the association and has served on the board of directors. The Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association is made up of furniture manufacturers in all the southern states and is a widely known and influential organization in industry.

To head this highly important industrial group is an honor which reflects credit upon Mr. Justice and the entire section of North Carolina.

Timber Operators Field Day Will Be Held December 4

By JOHN E. FORD (Farm Forester)

The Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Agricultural Extension Service, is planning a new item in this year's cooperative Forestry Program. Plans are being worked up for a sawmill timber operators field day to be held Thursday, December 4. One of the features at this field day will be Mr. Ed Meeks of the E. C. Atkins and Company out of Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Meeks will conduct log sawing contests so any one planning to attend the field day who intends to enter this sawing contest should practice up on his cross cut saw. Mr. Meeks will also demonstrate the proper methods for filing cross cut saws. The E. C. Atkins Company is also expected to demonstrate an electrically driven chain saw in the woods.

A barbecue will be furnished the sawmill and timber operators attending the field day through the courtesy of R. G. Finley and the Meadows Mill Company, of North Wilkesboro.

Harvest Sale And Square Dance Will Be Tuesday Night

Ninth grade of Wilkesboro school is sponsoring a big harvest sale and square dance at the Wilkesboro school Tuesday night, November 25.

Many food items will be offered for sale and there will be ample entertainment, including a square dance. Proceeds will go into the gymnasium fund and everybody is invited.

R. A. Conclave At Boone On Friday

A divisional R. A. Conclave will be held at the First Baptist church in Boone Friday, 3:00 p. m. through Saturday noon, November 23-29. All counselors are asked to take as many of their R. A. Boys as possible. The total cost will be \$1.00 per person. The boys will be taken care of in the homes and given meals. Send your list of reservations and \$1.00 to Mrs. Gordon Winkler, Boone, N. C.

Brother, Kinsmen Of Marvin C. Bell In Federal Court

Glenn B. and George Turner Bell and Henry Clay Parker, brother, cousin and brother-in-law of Marvin Claude Bell, who was executed in the gas chamber at Raleigh Friday for rape of Peggy Ruth Shore, 15-year-old Elkin girl, were sentenced in federal court at Wilkesboro this week by Judge E. Yates Webb.

The Bells and Parker had four charges against them in the United States court. Three of the counts were for liquor law violations and Glenn Bell, brother of the executed man, had still another count. Alcohol tax unit officials seized his car with 90 gallons of liquor and the car was confiscated. Shortly after the car was stored in Wilkesboro Bell was caught by the man in charge of the storage trying to remove the car. According to the evidence, Bell tried to bribe the man to let him get away with the car and a bribery count was added to the liquor charges.

The three defendants entered pleas of guilty and Eugene Trivette, attorney, made a dramatic plea before Judge Webb for leniency, in which he related history of the Bell family in the Roaring River community and told of his farewell words with Marvin Claude Bell before his execution Friday. During this plea Glenn Bell and his kinsmen at the bar wept bitterly.

Judge Webb gave Glenn Bell four years in prison while sentencing Turner Bell and Parker to two years each on one of four counts.

In three counts judgment against Glenn Bell was suspended pending the outcome of an appeal in the supreme court on a robbery conviction. Glenn Bell and another brother, Millard Bell, were convicted in Yadkin county of robbery and were given 15 to 20 years. Their appeal to the supreme court is expected to be heard in February. The liquor car cases originated since the Yadkin county trial and while Glenn and Millard Bell were under \$27,000 appeal bonds. In the Yadkin case they were convicted of posing as deputies, stopping cars on highway 421 and relieving the drivers of whatever cash they had on their person.

The Bells are sons of Claude Bell, of the Roaring River community.

Judge Webb presided over court in Wilkesboro in the absence of Judge Johnson J. Hayes, who is on a cruise on the Caribbean sea with Admiral Felix Johnson. The court adjourned Wednesday after three busy days on a large docket made up entirely of liquor cases.

The following defendants received prison sentences: Harrel Brooks, six months; John Frank Johnson, six months; Frank Love, two years; Willie B. Faulk, 7 months and \$250 fine; Square Cleary, eight months; Dallas Whitfield Bishop, 18 months; Jay Hugh Harris, six months; Gwyn Thomas Chambers, two years; Willie Royal Johnson, seven months; M. H. Elledge, 30 days for contempt of court; William Hayes Reynolds, two months; Allen William Mast, \$250 fine, year suspended; Boatman Stone, year and a day.

The following defendants received sentences: James Daniel Sale and Garfield Wellborn, fines of \$25 each; Jasper B. Sparks, six months suspended and placed on probation two years; Roby M. Burchette, prayer for judgment continued; Presley Elmer Wyatt and Bud Wyatt, prayer for judgment continued; Albert Roy Osborne, prayer for judgment continued; Daniel Manuel Hayworth and Louie Thomas Cothren, year and a day each suspended, placed on probation; Clyde Preston Holleman, six months suspended and placed on probation; George Absher, placed on probation; Lora Lee Johnson, non pro; Russell Foster, prayer for judgment continued; Ernest Cecil Marley and Eugene Roberts Blevins, three months suspended and placed on probation; Richard Hardin McGuire, six months suspended and placed on probation; Howard James Foster, judgment suspended; Lonnie Thomas Cothren, six months suspended.

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