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JAYCEES SPONSORING DECORATION CONTEST FOR HOMES IN WILKES

The Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the Christmas Home Decoration contest as it has been doing for the last three years. This contest is open to all Wilkes county residents who wish to have "Outside" decorations at their homes in line with the Christmas season. Prizes of \$15.00, \$10.00 and \$5.00 will be offered to stimulate a community spirit of "Make Our County More Beautiful."

Entries must consist of outside trees, doorways, windows or outside displays or a combination of all four. In order to compete, entries must be able to be seen from streets and highways, and must be lighted at night from Wednesday, December 21st, through Saturday, December 31st. As in past years the judging will be done by a group selected to represent all phases of community activity and all entries in the towns and in the county will be judged.

WINSTON-SALEM YOUTH ADMITS KILLING CLARY L. BROWN AT ELKIN; BODY LOCATED SUNDAY

John Worth Gamble, 18, of Winston-Salem Sunday night admitted a confession that he shot and killed Clary L. Brown, 32, Friday afternoon as the two were riding in a truck near Elkin State Highway Patrol Sergeant H. C. Johnson reported. Sergeant Johnson said Brown's body was found on the outskirts of Elkin about 6:30 p. m. Sunday. He had been dead since Friday afternoon, Johnson said.

Salem about 5:30 p. m. Friday and drove to Mt. Airy, Elkin, Roaring River, Hays, Traphill and back to Surry county. Sergeant Johnson said Gamble told him Brown complained of being sleepy as the truck entered Elkin city limits from the west on highway 268. He stopped the truck, Gamble, Johnson reported, said he then shot Brown.

Music Features Kiwanis Program Here Friday Noon

Key Club Charter Presented To Club In North Wilkesboro Hi

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club enjoyed an interesting meeting Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes. Robin N. Wooten, who had previously been elected to membership, was inducted into membership by J. B. Williams, who presented him the Kiwanis button with appropriate remarks.

Program Chairman Dr. Fred C. Hubbard presented Mrs. Annie Finley Winkler, who told the members of the families who have come under her observation and to whom Christmas cheer baskets should be sent. Following her talk a large number of the members volunteered to take a family each and send or take a basket.

Dr. Hubbard then presented the following group for a musical program: Miss Jackie Frazier, Miss Peggy Nichols, R. C. Morrow and Kiwanian John Cashion, accompanied by Mrs. A. F. Kilby. They sang: "Christ was Born on Christmas Day"; "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; "We Three Kings"; "White Christmas" by Miss Frazier; "Upon the House Top"; "Deck the Halls"; "Silent Night". The program was well done and was appreciated.

At 11:30 a. m. Friday a large number of the members of the club went with President W. H. McElwee to the North Wilkesboro high school auditorium, where the Key Club charter was presented to the Key Club of this school. President McElwee made the presentation and Tom Johnson, president of the Key Club, accepted the charter. Membership cards were presented to the members by Don Coffey.

20 Per Cent Of Gift Sales 2 Days To Linoleum Fund

North Wilkesboro Woman's Club announced today that 20 per cent of gross gift sales by Mrs. W. S. Fletcher on Thursday, December 15, and Tuesday, December 20, will go to the Woman's Club to help pay for linoleum installed in the Wilkes Tuberculosis hospital.

Mrs. Fletcher sells hand made gift articles at Northwestern Wallpaper and Paint company.

Mrs. Billings, 84, Claimed By Death

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, two p. m., at Walnut Grove church near Springfield for Mrs. Bettie Billings, 84, who died at her home in that community Sunday night. Rev. Minter Blevins will conduct the service.

Surviving Mrs. Billings are eight sons and daughters: Merice, Jamie, Ollie, Frank Billings, Mrs. Callie Billings, Mrs. Quincy Caudill, Mrs. Marvin Jones, Mrs. Tom Billings.

Seeking Help For Veterans Family

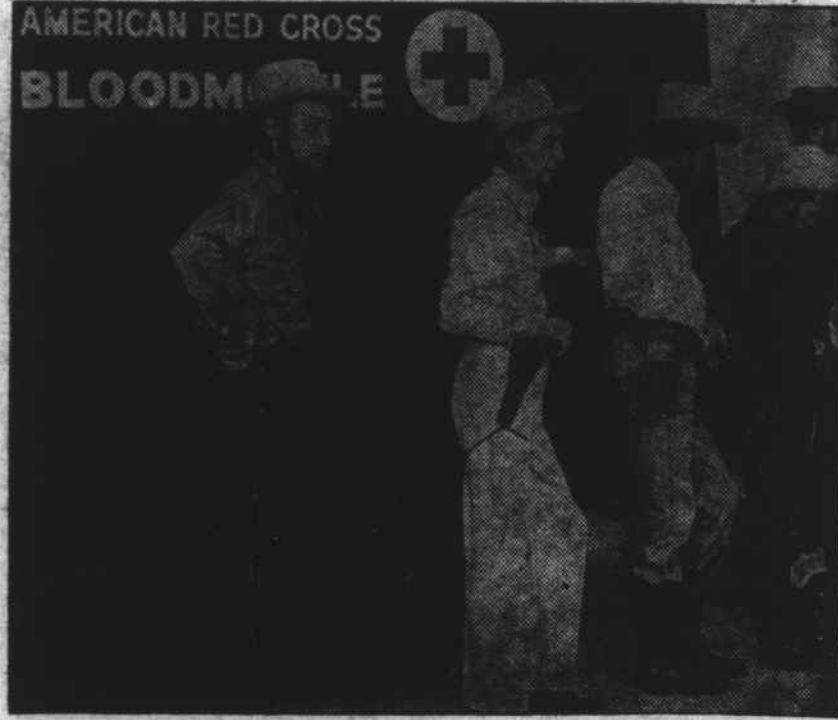
Blue Ridge Mountain post of Veterans of Foreign Wars is asking aid in providing clothing and other materials for the family of a very needy veteran.

Members of the family and ages are: wife, size 18; boy age 15, girl 11, girl 9, boy 6, boy 4, girl 2 and boy 11 months. Those who have clothing or toys they will give for this family may leave them at the Jewel Box or call James McNeill at Belk's and he will pick up the gifts.

Optimist Club Meets Tuesday

All members of the Optimist club are requested to be present for the meeting which will be held Tuesday, December 13th, 12 to 1, at Hotel Wilkes. New members are expected to be taken into the club, and special business will be transacted.

Gun-Totin' Bad Men Spill Blood



All dressed up for the Helderado Festival at Tombstone, Ariz., these bewhiskered desperadoes take time out from the festivities to donate blood through the mobile unit from the Red Cross regional blood center at Tucson.

White Christmas At First Methodist 21st

The White Christmas program for the First Methodist church will be held on Wednesday evening, December 21. Members of the Youth Fellowship are giving Christmas play, and there will be an old fashioned Christmas tree for the children. Everyone attending this program is asked to bring a White Christmas gift, the gifts to be given to some needy families.

Bank Of North Wilkesboro Open House Friday, 16

Complete Modernization And Remodeling Program Carried Out

The Bank of North Wilkesboro will have open house Friday afternoon and evening in observance of completion of a thorough program of modernization and remodeling.

The hours for open house, to which the public is cordially invited, will be from 4:30 until six in the afternoon, and from 7:00 until 9:30 in the evening.

The Bank of North Wilkesboro was organized in 1892, its history dating back almost to the beginning of the town of North Wilkesboro. Growth of the bank necessitated the erection of a large building.

During the past few years continued growth of the bank's business caused the institution to completely outgrow its facilities, and the remodeling program was made necessary because of this continued growth.

The interior of the building has been completely remodeled to allow more space for expanded facilities and for complete modernization. A mezzanine floor has been constructed, which increased the floor space of the bank by one-third. This floor now houses the accounting department. Removal of the accounting department from the street floor to the mezzanine made it possible to more than double the lobby area. Most modern fixtures and equipment has been installed throughout the bank, in order to serve more promptly the bank's customers with convenience and comfort.

The lighting system has been completely replaced with the best lighting obtainable and no part of the bank was missed in the modernization program.

Theme of the open house reception to the public Friday will be "Modern Banking In Modern Surroundings." Refreshments will be served and there will be favors for visitors.

Future Homemakers In Christmas Dance

The Future Homemakers of America club of the North Wilkesboro high school, under the direction of Mrs. Josephine Bingham, held a formal Christmas dance, Wednesday, December 7. The gymnasium was decorated in blue and white and refreshments were served throughout the entire evening. Many F. H. A. members and invited guests were present.

This dance was only one of the series of special events to be held by the club during this school year. The club's present project is to make toys and clothes for underprivileged children at Christmas time. Reported by Bonnie Nichols.

Two Men Taken On Theft Charge Here Thursday Night

Curtiss Ferguson, formerly of this city but who more recently served a term in Florida for safe cracking, and Horace Kimbrell, who gave his home address as Alexandria, La., were arrested here at 1:30 a. m. Friday on theft charges.

Highway Patrolman Clyde Shook arrested the men. Ferguson was carrying a revolver which was later identified as having been stolen, and the men were quoted as saying that they had tried to steal an automobile belonging to Conrad Kilby, of this city. They were unsuccessful in attempts to change the switch wires and get the car started, but were charged with taking a number of objects from the car.

Lions Club Will Aid Families In Christmas Cheer

Dr. J. S. Hiatt Speaker At Meeting of Club Here Friday Evening

North Wilkesboro Lions Club held an interesting meeting Friday evening at Hotel Wilkes.

In the business session of the club names of needy families were distributed to the members, who will furnish and deliver Christmas cheer provisions. This has been an annual holiday project of the club for the past several years.

D. R. Wright was received into membership from the Black Mountain club and I. L. Grogan, manager of the Central Telephone company branch here, transferred from the Leaksville club.

Ray Hoover was in charge of the program and he presented Dr. J. S. Hiatt, administrator of Chatham Memorial hospital in Elkin. In his usual fine way Dr. Hiatt told a number of humorous stories, interwoven with philosophical observations. His address was highly entertaining and was well received by the club.

The club will meet again on Friday evening this week, December 16, 6:30 p. m., at Hotel Wilkes.

At the meeting Friday evening Bucky Faw was guest of C. C. Faw, Jr., and Bill Ford was guest of W. O. Absher.

Poultry Meeting Held On Disease Control Nov. 29

By J. P. CHOPLIN (County Agent)

A poultry meeting was held at the Wilkesboro high school, Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m., November 29. Poultry disease control was discussed by Dr. L. M. Green, of the Veterinary Division of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, and the three members of his staff: L. J. Fourn, W. W. Keever and Tom L. Welborn.

The meeting was called by Forrest Jones, president of the Wilkes Poultry Industries Association, and Paul Choplin, Wilkes farm agent. 150 farmers attended.

There are 228 white and Negro home demonstration agents and assistants in North Carolina.

Christmas Cheer Work Organized

CREeping PARALYSIS VICTIM, 12, WOULD BE HAPPY WITH PEN PALS

Ernest Triplett, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Triplett, of Purlear, hasn't walked since March and his hopes for getting on his feet again are fading each day as he spends the long hours in a wheel chair at home.

Ernest's trouble has been diagnosed as creeping paralysis, a rare malady for which medical science has not found a remedy. His family physician and several specialists have offered little hope of his recovery.

The lad is not seeking charity. He doesn't ask gifts. His re-

quests from people who face life with brighter hopes is a simple one. He would enjoy mail. His father said that every time Ernest receives a card or letter his day is brighter and more pleasant. He avidly reads what mail he gets and he would get much happiness from corresponding with pen pals.

The mail man can be Santa Claus to this crippled lad, if pen pals will get busy and send him some cards and letters, addressed to Ernest Triplett, Purlear, N. C.

THREE SCOUT LEADERS RECEIVE SILVER BEAVER AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OLD HICKORY COUNCIL

Winston-Salem, Dec. 7.—Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts of America, last night awarded the Silver Beaver to three veteran Scout leaders at its annual meeting at Home Moravian Church.

Receiving the council's highest award for service to boyhood were C. H. Sebring of Winston-Salem, the Rev. John W. Luke of Glendale Springs and Harry E. White, Sr., of Mount Airy.

Dr. Stanley A. Harris, district Scout commissioner of Boone, and principal speaker, said the greatest problem in America is that the young people are not receiving the proper training. "People have gone crazy over the almighty dollar," he said, "and do not give enough time to youth." He warned that "if we do not change in this respect, we will pay the penalty in the future."

Dr. Harris asked if the youth of this country is safe from physical peril, crime, disease and safe to the home, to the church, and to democracy. He said that if youth takes part in, and believes in, the teachings of Scouting, there need be no fear of these dangers. The youth of the United States is the finest in the world, he said, but unless it is properly trained, "it will turn into a liability."

Executive board members at large are P. G. Wright, Lewis M. Nelson, Stanley A. Harris, Ed Gibson, A. R. Nicolas, Morris Brenner, the Rev. Ralph Ritchie, C. E. Davis, and the council members at large.

National council representatives are Millard Graybeal, James B. Carter, and Mr. Brown. The meeting was presided over by council president Brown.

Store Holiday Schedule Will Be Up To Vote

Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in meeting Thursday discussed the holiday schedule for stores here in 1950.

These recommendations will be voted on and merchants may also express their views relative to Labor Day and Easter Monday.

At the request of the committee the chamber had contacted 20 other towns in central and western North Carolina to find out what is the most desired schedule.

Close Dec. 26 and 27. This year stores will be closed for Christmas from December 24 through December 27 and will reopen Wednesday, December 28. This schedule is due to the fact that Christmas will be on Sunday and it is the custom to be closed two working days for Christmas.

2 One-Act Plays At Ferguson School 15

Two one-act plays will be presented by Ferguson school Thursday night, December 15, 7:30 p. m. Titles of the plays are "The Henpecked Hollar Gossip Club" and "Mrs. Beamer's Boarding House." Admission charges will be 50 and 25 cents and all who attend are assured of splendid entertainment.

Special Program Wilkesboro Church

Circle number 3 of Wilkesboro Baptist Missionary Society will put on a special program at the Church Wednesday evening, 7:30. All members and visitors are cordially invited to attend.

NORTH WILKESBORO-WILKESBORO BASKETBALL GAME TUESDAY, 7:00

An athletic engagement between schools of North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro never fails to have its thrills, and the public has a double bill coming up Tuesday night.

Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro boys and girls will clash in basketball games Tuesday night at the North Wilkesboro gymnasium. The girls' game will get under way at seven o'clock, with the boys playing the nightcap. Although practice has been under way only a few days, teams of both schools are in good condition for the big games Tuesday night. Basketball fans are expected to attend in large numbers.

Various Groups To Aid Families In Holiday Season

Chamber Of Commerce Office Will Act As Clearing House For Giving

By correlating activities Christmas Cheer work will be spread to take care of more families in the Wilkesboros and Wilkes county this holiday season.

The Civic Affairs committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, of which Cecil Adamson is chairman, is acting as a clearing house of information concerning various organizations and individuals who plan to participate in Christmas Cheer work for needy families.

Wilkes county and North Wilkesboro welfare departments and the Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross have prepared lists of needy families. This list gives names, addresses and ages of all members of these families, with directions on how to reach the homes.

All organizations and groups who will provide Christmas Cheer provisions for families are asked to file that information at the chamber of commerce office. The information to be filed should give the names of families the various groups are to help. Those who wish information about families needing help can get that information at the chamber of commerce.

By using the chamber of commerce office as a clearing house for information, duplications can be reduced to a minimum and benefits will be spread, if possible, to include all families in dire need. The county welfare office has a list of 179 families and the city welfare department has 50 families in North Wilkesboro.

Many organizations and groups are helping. Already the North Wilkesboro Lions club has taken 50 families and members of the Kiwanis club will provide Christmas cheer for 21 families. First Methodist church has taken 12 families and the Junior Woman's Club three. North Wilkesboro schools will help 23 families.

Donors are asked to deliver Christmas cheer materials, but the county welfare department will provide such delivery if packages are taken to the welfare office several days before Christmas.

Holiday Dates For Schools Set

County Schools To Close For Holidays 20th; City Schools 16th

Christmas holiday schedule of schools in Wilkes county has been announced by C. B. Ellier, county schools' superintendent.

Schools of the county system will have their last day of work before Christmas on December 20 and will resume work on Monday, January 2.

North Wilkesboro city schools will close for the holidays on December 16 and will resume work on January 2, which will be two full weeks of holidays.

P.-T. A. Meeting On Thursday Night

North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association will meet Thursday, December 15, 7:30 p. m.

After a short business session the glee club under direction of Miss Sarah Jane Judy will put on a program that is sure to be highly enjoyable. A large attendance is urged for the meeting.

Moravian Falls To Have Square Dance

An old time square dance will be held Saturday night, December 17, at the community house at Moravian Falls. A most enjoyable occasion is assured all who will attend.