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## Bids Are Asked on 12 Paving Projects

### Young Democrats Club Organized In Meet Last Night

Irving Key, of Ronda, Elected President Of The New Organization

Organization of Young Democratic Club of Wilkes county was perfected in an enthusiastic and well-attended meeting held Wednesday night at the Wilkes courthouse.

Irving Day, of Ronda, was named president of the club and the six regional vice presidents are: Robert Poplin, of Ronda; Forrest Jones, of North Wilkesboro; Robert R. Smoak, of Wilkesboro; John A. Whittington, of Wilkes River; Charlie Burchette, of New Castle township; Bentley, of Moravian Falls; C. C. Faw, Jr., of North Wilkesboro, who presided over the meeting was elected secretary. Mrs. J. H. Winkler, of North Wilkesboro, was elected to the treasurer's office and dues of members was set at one dollar per year.

On the six-member executive committee were named the following: Pete Carlton, of Boomer; Vann Caudill, of Millers Creek; Foley Layle, of Edwards township; Carl Buchan, of North Wilkesboro; Carl Calloway, of New Castle township; and James Everett Hayes, of Mulberry.

It was decided at the meeting Wednesday night that the officers and executive committee meet at an early date to plan work for the year, and that the club will meet monthly, beginning in May. Charter members who joined Wednesday night totaled 45 and the club expects to bring a large membership before regular meetings begin in May.

Party leaders present from outside the county Wednesday night included Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gammon, of Statesville, Mr. Gannon being the state organizer for Young Democratic clubs; Mrs. Helen Ross, of Newton, national committeewoman; Mrs. Earline Pritchett, of Boone, vice president of the state YDC. Each of the visitors spoke briefly and commended the group for organization in Wilkes.

### Local Youth Has Both Arms Broken In Highway Crash

Frank Rhodes' Motorcycle - D. J. Brookshire's Automobile Collide

Frank Rhodes, 19, had both arms broken late Wednesday afternoon when his motorcycle collided with an automobile driven by D. J. Brookshire seven miles east of here on highway 268.

Mr. Brookshire said he was traveling east on the highway and started to turn off the highway to the left at Elmore's store when he saw three motorcycles coming over the top of the hill just ahead. He said he stopped and one of the motorcycles collided with the front of his car. Riders of the other motorcycles were Jack Johnson and Tam Staley, both of this city. They said that when the motorcycle and the car collided that Rhodes was thrown high into the air and landed off the highway on the right.

Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rhodes, of this city, is an employee of Manah's Seafood Center. At the Wilkes hospital today physicians said that in addition to having both arms broken the young man suffered severe cuts and bruises on both legs and probable internal injuries.

### Dr. Blakely Will Speak Here Sunday

Dr. Hunter B. Blakely, president of Queen's College, Charlotte, will speak Sunday at the 11 a. m. service at the First Presbyterian church. The Lord's Supper will be observed at the service.

### Preaching Service

Rev. S. I. Watts, a widely known Baptist minister, will preach at Zion Hill Baptist church at Boomer Sunday, January 15 at 11 a. m. All are cordially invited to attend this service.

### NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING YOUNG MAN OF YEAR CLOSE 15TH

Nominations for the young man in Wilkes county to receive the Distinguished Service award from the Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce will close on Saturday midnight, January 15. Nomination blanks are available at the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce office and nominations must be turned in to Tom Jenrette, chamber manager. The young man to receive the honor must not be more than 35 years of age.

A committee of judges over 35 years of age will name the young man to receive the honor. Presentation of the award will be made on January 20th at a joint banquet of Jaycees, Optimists, Lions and Kiwanis.

### 1949 Good Year For Northwestern Bank's 17 Offices

At a meeting of the stockholders of The Northwestern Bank held January 10, the following directors were elected:

Ralph Duncan, C. A. Lowe, C. O. McNeil and N. B. Smithey, North Wilkesboro; R. L. Doughton, Sparta; W. C. Berry, Bakersville; J. D. Brinkley, Valdese; Henry C. Cline, Hickory; D. C. Duncan, Sparta; W. D. Farthing, Boone; G. M. Kirkpatrick, Taylorsville; John C. McBees, Sr., Spruce Pine; W. W. Mast, Valle Crucis; C. M. Bailey, Burnsville; C. A. Peterson, Spruce Pine; M. E. Reeves, Laurel Springs; Wade H. Shuford, Hickory; C. L. Whisnant, Hickory; Gordon H. Winkler, Boone; Herbert M. Yount, Newton.

Edwin Duncan, Executive Vice-President, reported to the stockholders that the result of the operation of the bank during the year 1949 was satisfactory and that with the addition of the earnings of 1949 the capital account of the bank and reserve accounts not allocated was \$2,606,957.21, which amount was greater than the total resources of The Northwestern Bank on July 1, 1937, when the bank was first organized. In 1948 and 1949 the capital account and reserve were increased more than \$1,000,000.00. It was his opinion that the bank had made remarkable stride in building a capital account sufficient to assure the stockholder that his stock is an investment of high quality and that the bank would doubtless weather any economic cycle that it may witness.

He also reported that during the year 1949 the bank completed the building and opened an office in Wilkesboro, N. C., and opened an office in Stony Point, N. C. This makes the number of offices other than the Home Office, 12 general offices and 4 teller's windows.

After the stockholders meeting the Board of Directors re-elected Dr. B. B. Dougherty, President Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, North Carolina, as president; Edwin Duncan, Executive Vice-President; Wade H. Shuford, Hickory, N. C., and W. B. Austin, Jefferson, N. C., W. B. Greene, Kingsport, Tenn., Vice-Presidents; D. V. Deal, Secretary; and E. P. Bell, Auditor.

The board of directors passed a resolution thanking the officers and employees for their loyal and faithful service and expressed their appreciation to the many individuals, corporations and partnerships that it had been their pleasure to serve during the year 1949.

### 1950 Plymouths Are Shown Today

Plymouth automobile dealers here today displayed their 1950 model Plymouths which received excellent reception from the public.

The new Plymouth, described as "American Beauty" for 1950, was shown simultaneously at the three Plymouth dealers—Wilkes Auto Sales company, Motor Service Sales company and Barber-Somers Motor company.

The new Plymouth has made new features and improvements over the 1949 Plymouths. The new car is lower, wider and with greater vision.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Wilfong, of Washington, D. C., are here visiting their son, Mr. Charlie Wilfong, Mrs. Wilfong and son, Charlie Wilfong, Jr., who was born Saturday at Elkin.

### On Election Board

### Hearing Saturday For Gene Prevette For Cleary Death

Everett Cleary Killed By Brother-In-Law At Hays On Monday Night

Eugene Prevette, 24, will be given a hearing Saturday morning ten o'clock, at the Wilkes courthouse on charge of fatally shooting his brother-in-law, Everett Cleary, at the Prevette home at Hays Monday night.

At the same time hearing will be held for Walter Cleary, brother of the slain man, on charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Both cases will be heard by Magistrate C. J. Jones.

Prevette was placed under bond Tuesday night after he told Sheriff C. G. Poindexter that he had to shoot Cleary, the 26-year-old employee of a local garage, to protect his own life. Walter Cleary was placed under bond on the assault charge.

Sheriff Poindexter and Coroner Myers related this story of the killing as given them by Prevette and his wife, who is a sister of the slain man and Walter Cleary.

Everett and Walter Cleary went to the Prevette home about midnight and were drinking. They said to Mrs. Prevette, "You are looking dead; he has been beating you up." They then turned to Prevette and said, "We have come to kill you and we are going to kill you."

Mrs. Prevette said that Everett Cleary drew a long knife from his pocket and she picked up a wrench to try to stop the trouble. Meanwhile Prevette had reached for a shotgun. With Cleary's hands on the first floor of the courthouse in quarters formerly occupied by the welfare department. Those who will be examined should register on Tuesday morning between nine and ten o'clock.

Medical authorities point out that persons over 35 should be examined for cancer and that any of any age who have symptoms of cancer should lose no time in securing an examination.

### Tax Listing Will Get Under Way In Wilkes Monday

Tax listing will begin in all townships in Wilkes county on Monday, January 16, J. C. Grayson, Wilkes accountant and tax supervisor, said this week.

Lists of appointments for the tax listers in all townships was published Monday. To avoid penalty, all who own property or who are required to list for poll tax are urged to list during the prescribed period.

Tax listing for the county in North Wilkesboro township and tax listing for the city of North Wilkesboro will be done at the same time at the city hall here.

### Benham Blaze Burns Raymond Byrd Home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Byrd, one of the landmarks of the Benham community, was destroyed by fire Sunday morning. All furniture and clothing were destroyed. There was no insurance.

Mrs. Byrd and her two children were at Sunday school. Mr. Byrd was asleep, but was aroused by neighbors who discovered the blaze.

### Extension Class Offered At Elkin

The Woman's College of the University of North Carolina will offer the following courses in the Elkin elementary school for the spring term:

Language arts; music in the elementary schools; curriculum construction (possibly).

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, at 4:30 for the purpose of working out details. All of these courses give credit toward certificate renewal, raising certificate or graduate credit.

It is important that those who are interested attend the first meeting in order for the courses to materialize.

### Brown Member Election Board In N. Carolina

Local Manufacturer One Of Two Republican Members Named By Scott

Presley E. Brown, former Wilkes sheriff and now a prominent manufacturer here, this week was appointed by Governor W. Kerr Scott to membership on the state board of elections.

This is the second time that the Wilkes political leader has been on the state board governing elections. He was on the board during the administration of Governor J. M. Broughton.

Governor Scott's appointees now compose the entire membership on the state election board. On Tuesday he appointed four members to the five-man board and re-appointed a member he named several months ago.

As Democratic Party representatives on the board the Governor named D. E. Henderson, Sr., Charlotte lawyer, to succeed Walter H. Woodson, of Salisbury; and Harry Farebee, farmer of Camden, to succeed J. R. Morgan, of Waynesville.

As representative of the Republican Party he named James Eugene Snyder, of Lexington, secretary and legal advisor of the Coble Dairy Products Company, of Winton; and P. E. Brown, North Wilkesboro lumber manufacturer, succeeding Thomas C. Carter, of Mebane.

The Governor reappointed Chas. E. Britt, Asheville Democrat, who is now chairman. Britt was appointed last August to complete the unexpired term of H. B. E. Oliver, of Davidson, who resigned.

Terms of the board members expired January 1. The new appointments are for four years.

### Robert M. Bauguss Succumbs At Ronda; Funeral Held Today

Robert Monroe Bauguss, 82, for several decades a well known farmer of the Ronda community, died Tuesday afternoon at his home.

Funeral service was held today at two p. m. at Round Hill Baptist church with Rev. L. E. Sparks and Rev. O. D. Smith officiating.

Mr. Bauguss was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Nancy Bauguss. Surviving are three sons and three daughters: Herbert, Glenn and Lytle Bauguss, Mrs. Della Rose, Mrs. Dulcy Waddell and Mrs. Lessie Cheak, all of the Ronda community.

### RUMMAGE SALE HERE POSTPONED

The rummage sale to be put on Saturday, January 14, by the Woman's Society of the First Methodist church, has been postponed to a later date.

### PATROLMAN GARLAND CAPTURES GUNMAN IN WATAUGA COUNTY

After a four hour chase through the mountains, State Highway Patrolman Ray Garland, of North Wilkesboro yesterday captured an injured and bandaged man identified as one of two gunmen sought since early Tuesday in an exciting manhunt in Watauga county.

Lt. W. S. Hunt of the highway patrol listed the prisoner as Carl Robert Ricker, 36, of Midway, Tennessee. He was captured in a rocky field near Valle Crucis, a few miles from Boone.

Ricker was held in Watauga County jail for investigation pending a formal charge. A companion in the chase that started Tuesday continued to evade a posse of 100 officers.

Ricker was captured six miles from the point where he and a companion left a wrecked and burning car officers said was stolen. The captured man bore two deep gashes on his head, presumably suffered in the wreck, and was given medical attention after his apprehension.

At Charlotte, the FBI said it would file charges of interstate theft of an automobile against the prisoner. The car was reported to have been stolen in Birmingham,

### Green Shepherd Severely Burned In Gasoline Fire

Green Shepherd is recuperating at his home in the Ferguson community from severe burns received Friday while working with a motor vehicle.

Mr. Shepherd was priming a carburetor with gasoline when the motor backfired and ignited the gasoline. The flaming fluid severely burned his hands and the upper part of his chest. He succeeded in getting his coat off, partially smothering the flames, and rolled on the ground until his wife appeared from the house with blanket.

After treatment at a hospital in Statesville he returned to his home.

### Mulberry School Winner In Seal Sales Campaign

Total Receipts To Date In Wilkes Amount To Sum Of \$3,524.47

Receipts from sale of Christmas seals in Wilkes county during the December campaign total \$3,524.47 to date with several reports yet to be received. Mrs. J. H. McNeill, campaign chairman, stated today.

In making the preliminary report, Mrs. McNeill emphasized that the fund is not closed and those who have failed to send money for their seals may do so and the amount will be included in the total. Reports from all sources are requested by Saturday of this week.

Schools of the county this year raised a total of \$882.31 through sale of seals. The prize of ten dollars given by the committee for the school raising the most money went to Mulberry school, which reported a total of \$146.43. Returns from other school were as follows:

Millers Creek, \$111.18; Mountain View \$104.35; Lincoln Heights \$97.78; Mount Pleasant \$35.21; Ronda \$28.11; Moravian Falls \$14; Pleasant Hill \$13.50; Ferguson 12.40; Roaring River \$11.75; Cricket \$11.00; Clingman \$8.00; Hendrix \$3.00.

A prize of ten dollars will be given by the committee to the Home Demonstration club in the county with the largest sale of seals. Reports so far are incomplete from the clubs and the winner will be announced later.

### Wrenn Minton Hurt By Accidental Shot

Wrenn Minton received an accidental gunshot wound early Wednesday night at his home at Champion.

Mr. Minton, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Minton, Champion Poultry farm owners, accidentally dropped a .38-calibre revolver on the floor when it discharged. The bullet struck his right leg just above the ankle and ranged upward before going out. He sustained a fracture and painful flesh wound.

### Moravian Falls To Have Square Dance

An enjoyable occasion is in store for those who attend the old-time square dance to be held Saturday night at eight o'clock at the community house at Moravian Falls for the community house fund. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holder will be hosts for the dance.

### Dokies Will Meet On Friday Evening

North Wilkesboro Dokies club will meet Friday evening at seven o'clock at the Princess Cafe. A real steak supper will be served and an interesting program will be carried out. All members are asked to attend.

### Wm. C. Shumate, 69, Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held today at 11 a. m., at Roberts cemetery for William Callie Shumate, 69-year-old citizen of Walnut Grove township who died on Tuesday. Rev. Uriah Hanks and Rev. Arthur Gambill conducted the service.

Surviving Mr. Shumate are his wife, Mrs. Neva Shumate, four sons and six daughters.

### Toll Road And 11 Other Projects To Get Black Top Jobs

Twelve street surfacing projects are to be carried out in the immediate future in North Wilkesboro.

Mayor R. T. McNeil and Clerk W. P. Kelly have advertised for bids on the surfacing projects, and bids will be received until five p. m. on February 7. If bids received are accepted, it is expected that the surfacing work will be carried out as soon after that date as weather conditions will permit.

One of the principal projects in the list for bids will be surfacing of the street here known as the Toll Road, extending 2-951 feet from F to Elizabeth streets. Black top pavement on a gravel base already laid will be 18 feet wide.

The other projects for which 18-foot paving is asked were described as follows:

Trogdon Avenue from Trogdon street west a distance of 899 feet.

Gwyn Avenue from old highway 13 northwest a distance of 400 feet.

E street from Sixth to Seventh street, a distance of 393 feet.

Seventh street from E to F streets, approximately 338 feet.

Alley between A' and B streets from Seventh to Ninth street.

Alley between A and B streets from Ninth street northwest to end of alley, a distance of about 318 feet.

Eighth street from A street to back of town hall.

Street from Hinshaw to 5th and 6th from J to K streets, a total distance of 1,083.

Alley between K and L streets from Hinshaw street across Peden street to Sixth street.

Alley from Gordon Avenue east 112 feet.

Vance street from Maple south 211 feet toward Laurel street.

### Baptist Pastors To Meet Monday

Wilkes County Baptist Pastor's conference will meet Monday morning, January 16, at 10 o'clock, at Reins - Sturdivant chapel. The program will feature a talk on the ordination of ministers, by Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elkin; and a discussion on church history, by Rev. E. C. Shoe, pastor of the First Baptist church of Taylorsville. All ministers are urged to attend. Even though they may not be pastors of churches.

The ministers will have lunch together and the program will continue with an afternoon session for study at the same meeting place. The classes in Bible study, the ministry, church administration and homiletics, ordinarily held at Wilkesboro on Monday mornings at 9:30, will be the features of the afternoon program. Plans for the annual preachers' school, usually held for one week in the spring, will probably be made at this meeting of the conference.

### Burr C. Pendry Taken By Death

Burr Clarke Pendry, 35, a well known citizen of the Hays community, died Monday afternoon in a Statesville hospital following an illness of several days.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, two p. m., at Maple Grove Church. Rev. Hillery Blevins and Rev. S. L. Blevins officiated. Burial was in Mountain View cemetery.

Mr. Pendry for some time operated a garage in the Mountain View community. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lora Pendry; three sons, Billie, Jimmie and David Pendry, of the home; father and mother, B. W. and Millie Walker Pendry, of Hays; four sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Wayne Elledge, Mrs. Troy Felts, Mrs. Paul Huffman, all of Hays, Mrs. Elbert Blevins, North Wilkesboro route one, Sherrill, Ralph and Fred Pendry, of Hays.



PRESLEY E. BROWN