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ANNUAL MEETING WILKES CHAMBER COMMERCE JAN. 31

Annual meeting of the membership of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday, January 31, at Hotel Wilkes, beginning at 6:30.

Principal speaker for this annual banquet, which is expected to be attended by a record number of members, will be Lester Rose, general manager of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. Rose, a past president of the Southern Association of chamber of commerce executives, has an enviable reputation as an entertaining speaker.

The banquet program will be opened by singing of "America," led by John Cashion, and Dr. John T. Wayland will speak the invocation. Richard Johnston, retiring president, will preside and welcome guests. Robert Morrow

will present a program of special music.

In the business session will be report of the president and report of the treasurer. W. K. Sturdivant will present agricultural awards in projects sponsored by the chamber. C. Arthur Venable will recognize and welcome new members.

R. T. McNeil will present certificates to retiring members of the board of directors, which will be followed by installation of new members of the board of directors and officers for the coming year. Tom Jenrette, manager of the Wilkes chamber, will present the speaker.

The chamber here has closed a most active year, which will be climaxed by the annual meeting of the entire membership.

Richard Johnston Outstanding Young Man Of Year 1949

Honored In Joint Banquet Of Civic Clubs Held Here On Friday Night

Richard B. Johnston, prominent young business man, civic leader and churchman, was honored Friday night as the "Outstanding Young Man of 1949" in Wilkes county.

Occasion for presentation of the Distinguished Service Award by the Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce was a joint banquet of Jaycees, Lions, Optimists and Kiwanians held at Hotel Wilkes with the ballroom filled with an attendance of 147.

John Cashion, president of the Junior Chamber, presided and invocation was by Rev. Russell L. Young, First Methodist minister.

Tom Jenrette, manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, read the qualifications, on which was based the selection for the Distinguished Service Award by a committee of judges representing churches, professions, business and local government. The nominations, he said, were judged on the basis of contributions to community and state welfare and betterment; participating in all "round" community and state activities and civic enterprises; leadership; ability; success in own vocation, personal and business progress; cooperation with individuals and civic organizations during the year 1949.

Mr. Johnston's achievements during 1949 on the basis of the above scale were listed as follows: chairman of board of stewards and member of First Methodist church choir; president of Wilkes Chamber of Commerce; vice chairman of board of directors of Wilkes Chapter of American Red Cross; permanent program chairman of Lions Club; president of local division of Educational Foundation of University of North Carolina; province chief of ATO fraternity in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia; served as liaison between Junior and Senior Chamber of Commerce; director of Community Concert Association; vice president and plant manager of the American Furniture company.

Paul Osborne, incoming president of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, following appropriate remarks, presented the DSA to Mr. Johnston.

Banks Newman, Speaker Joe Edwards, Scout executive and member of the Jaycees, was program chairman, and he presented H. Banks Newman, of Winston-Salem. Mr. Newman, a former Scout executive and a former recipient of the DSA in Winston-Salem, is export manager of Reynolds Tobacco company.

On the subject of "Leadership" Mr. Newman stated that virile leadership with high ideals is always in demand and never is the

Receives DSA



RICHARD B. JOHNSTON

supply great enough. To be truly great, he said, one must please God, must not harm fellowman and must be beneficial to fellowman.

The address was well received by the large crowd present.

The joint banquet of service clubs for honoring the outstanding young man of the year is an annual event here, which was started in 1949 with presentation of the award to Sam Ogilvie for his work in the Infantile Paralysis Foundation chapter, in his church and in civic life of the community.

Winner Student Forum For Safety



James M. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ivey Moore, of North Wilkesboro, won in the elimination contest of the Student Safety Forum held in Greensboro recently and will participate in the semi-finals January 29 over radio station WBIG, Greensboro. The state highway safety division, in cooperation with American Mutual Liability Insurance Co., is sponsoring the contest. Finalists will receive six scholarships, running from \$100 to \$1,000, to the college of their choice. The local contestant is a student of North Wilkesboro high school.

Eugene Prevette Freed In Death Everett Cleary

Justifiable Homicide In Self Defense Verdict At Hearing Saturday

Eugene Prevette, 24-year-old highway employe, was exonerated Saturday afternoon in the death of his brother-in-law, Everett Cleary, 28, of North Wilkesboro, at the Prevette home at Hays, eight miles northeast of here on the night of January 9.

Prevette told in the hearing before Magistrate C. J. Jones at the courthouse in Wilkesboro that Everett Cleary and his brother, Walter Cleary, both assaulted him with a knife at his home near midnight January 9th and he shot Everett Cleary when the latter was advancing on him with a knife and after Cleary had made the statement that he was going to kill Prevette. Account of the shooting was given by Prevette was corroborated by the testimony of his wife who was present in the home but did not see the shooting.

Walter Cleary, who was ordered held under \$750 bond for trial in the March term of court for assault with deadly weapon, testified that on that night he and his brother had been drinking; that they had consumed one and one-half pints of whiskey and perhaps six bottles of beer each. He said they had heard reports that Prevette had been beating his wife, their sister, and that he had knocked some of her teeth out. They hired a man to carry them to the Prevette home, where he went in first and had a knife while scuffling with Prevette. He said he went out and Everett went in and was killed. After Everett was shot, Walter and Prevette scuffled on the bed and Prevette left with Walter following him some distance.

Other witnesses examined at the preliminary hearing were Earl Childress, North Wilkesboro policeman who saw the slain man and Walter Prevette at the Wilkes hospital here, and Oscar Felts, a neighbor of Prevette who carried Everett to the hospital.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall conducted examination of witnesses and following the taking of evidence, told the court that he would not ask that Eugene Prevette be held for trial in superior court. "It is the most perfect case of self defense that I have encountered since I have been solicitor", he said.

In her testimony, Mrs. Eugene Prevette said that she and her husband had not had any serious trouble but that they had minor quarrels at times and that on one occasion he had slapped her but had not hurt her at any time.

Dr. A. S. Cassel, of Raleigh, spent the week-end in Wilkesboro with his family.

1949 Good Year In Wilkes For Veteran Farmers Program

Heads Wilkes YDC



Irving Key, prominent Ronda resident, was elected president of the Young Democratic Club of Wilkes county in the recent organization meeting held in Wilkesboro. Under the leadership of Mr. Key the club plans an active year in Wilkes county politics.

Report Of 129 Enrolled Shows Much Progress

During 1949 there were 129 veterans enrolled in the institution of farm training at the Wilkesboro school agricultural department.

F. W. Davis, teacher of agriculture and supervisor of the veteran trainees, reports that 1949 was a most active year for that department.

The statistical report as given by Mr. Davis is as follows: Certified baby chicks brooded, 374,888.

Purebred pullets raised, 23,064.

Poultry houses constructed or renovated, 59.

Laying flocks culled, 84.

Pigs raised, 247.

Feeder hogs raised for home use, 192.

Farrowing houses constructed, 8.

Registered and high-grade milk cows bought, 73 head.

Well fertilized pasture provided, 181 acres.

High quality legume hay fed, 379 tons.

Protein supplement fed, 39,771 pounds.

Barns constructed or renovated, 15.

Registered or high grade beef stock bought, 32 head.

Soils tested for acidity and fertility, 1438 acres.

Crops fertilized as recommended, 1084 acres.

Adapted hybrid corn grown, 368 acres.

Adapted certified seed used, 22,096 pounds.

Cover crops turned under, 439 acres.

Legumes seeded, 400 acres.

Permanent pasture seeded, 257 acres.

Legume hay grown, 689 acres.

Terraces constructed, 86,290 feet.

Fields cultivated on the contour, 448 acres.

Woodland thinned, 61 acres.

Woodland protected from fire, 635 acres.

Shrubs transplanted and cared for, 237.

Lawns prepared and seeded, 37,242 square feet.

Dwellings painted outside, 16.

Dwellings wired for electricity, 36.

Running water installed in home, 18.

Bathrooms installed, 6.

Fruit trees transplanted, 1,370 trees.

Fruit trees sprayed, 2,548 trees.

Gardens planted, 102 acres.

Small fruits transplanted, 6,130 plants.

Food canned, 30,520 quarts.

Meat cured, 45,440 pounds.

Farm plans made, 72.

Wagon beds constructed, 11.

Household equipment constructed, 48.

Farm implements repaired, 149.

Tractors and trucks serviced and repaired, 60.

Major farm building constructed, 32.

Equipment purchased, \$30,171.00.

Attended organized classes and field trips, 24,237 hours.

Farm record books kept accurately, 129 books.

V. F. W. To Meet On Thursday, 7:30

All members of the Blue Ridge Mountain Post No. 1142 are urged to attend the regular meeting to be held at V.F.W. headquarters on Thursday, January 26th, at 7:30 p. m.

Final plans on the square dance to be held on Saturday, February 4th, and the round dance to be held on February 11th will be made.

All veterans eligible for membership in the V.F.W. are invited to attend meetings of the local post and applications for membership are available from any member of the post.

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POLIO FUND AIDS CHILD'S RECOVERY



Margie Harrold, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harrold, of Hays, was stricken with infantile paralysis in July last year. Margie remains a patient at the convalescent center at Greensboro and is making progress on the long and slow road to recovery from a severe case. Margie is only one of several Wilkes patients now receiving aid from polio funds, and her hospital costs total \$15 per day. Her parents have been able to pay only a minor part of the cost. Margie and thousands of others in the nation need care and it is imperative that gifts during the polio campaign be numerous and liberal.

SYMPHONY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TO END WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK

The campaign for subscriptions in the North Carolina Symphony Society, currently under way in North Wilkesboro will close on Wednesday, January 25. The drive will furnish funds to bring the North Carolina Little Symphony, conducted by Benjamin Swalin, here in March, under the sponsorship of the Jaycees and the Junior Woman's Club.

Miss Dorothy Jennings, Symphony committee chairman, requests that all Jaycees and Junior Woman's club members turn in the tickets they have sold to

R. E. Stewart at Rhodes-Day Furniture Company by noon Wednesday. Co-operation of both clubs in turning in their tickets promptly will be greatly appreciated.

Membership are still available and will remain on sale at Stafford's Record Shop through noon Wednesday. Adult memberships are \$2.00 each; and junior memberships for high school student, and the grade students who wish to attend the evening concert as well as the afternoon performance for children, are 60c.

Bank Of North Wilkesboro Has Good Year In '49

All Officers And Directors Of Bank Re-elected For Ensuing Year

The Bank of North Wilkesboro enjoyed a very satisfactory business year in 1949, J. R. Hix, reported to the stockholders in annual meeting here Thursday.

During the year the capital structure of the bank was substantially increased. Capital stock totaled \$150,000, surplus \$400,000 and reserves \$157,000. The loan department experienced a very active year and investment in bonds continued moderately high, with a year end total of about \$4,663,712. Deposits at the close of business December 31 totaled \$7,898,000, with total resources of \$8,724,888.15.

Commenting on the new year, Mr. Hix said: "The personnel, directors and stockholders are looking forward to 1950 for continued growth of the bank and its services to the community and surrounding areas."

President Hix mentioned in his report that the bank recently completed the task of remodeling and renovating the bank's quarters which included the construction of a mazzanine floor and other improvements which increased floor space by one-third and added greatly to the bank's facilities.

Stockholders re-elected all directors as follows: Ralph Duncan, R. G. Finley, W. B. Gwyn, J. R. Hix, W. D. Halfacre, J. E. Justice, Jr., and Worth E. Tomlinson. W. H. McElwee, a prominent local attorney, was named a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of E. M. Blackburn.

J. R. Hix was re-elected president of the bank for his 27th year. Other officers were re-elected as follows: W. D. Halfacre, executive vice president; R. G. Finley and W. W. Starr, vice presidents; W. B. Gwyn, cashier; J. G. McNeil and J. T. Brame, assistant cashiers.

Woodward Addresses Optometric Society

J. Floyd Woodward, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, spoke to the Optometrists, their wives and assistants at the monthly meeting of the Catawba Valley Optometric Society in Hickory, January 18.

His talk, which followed a delightful banquet, centered around three aspects of light; namely, physical light, mental light, and spiritual light.

Others attending from North Wilkesboro were Mrs. J. Floyd Woodward and Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Bowder.

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EXCITING BASKETBALL GAMES SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK

Basketball fans will have opportunity this week to view some of the best games of the season in the Wilkesboros.

On Tuesday night Wilkesboro teams will take on Appalachian high school in an important Highland conference engagement at Wilkesboro, with the girls' game beginning at 7:30, and the boys' contest at 8:30. On Friday night the pace-setting Traphill teams face Wilkesboro at Wilkesboro in games which will have much bearing on county standings.

Children's Home Coming
Basketball teams from Children's Home in Winston-Salem play North Wilkesboro boys and girls here Tuesday night, with the girls' game starting at seven o'clock. On Thursday night, North Wilkesboro teams go to Mountain View and on Friday night Kannapolis teams will play here in South Piedmont conference games.

At Millers Creek
Millers Creek and Roaring River will play at Millers Creek Tuesday night, with the first game starting at 7:30.

Singing Sunday At Beaver Creek
Southside Singing Association will meet with Beaver Creek Baptist church Sunday, January 29. Chairman F. J. McDuffie stated

today. Singing will begin at one o'clock and all singers are invited to attend and take part.

Bundle Day Very Successful Here

Over 1,000 Articles Of Clothing Given In Collection Here Sunday

More than 1,200 articles of clothing were given in the Wilkesboros and adjacent communities during the Bundle Day event carried out Sunday under auspices of the Knights of Pythias lodge in North Wilkesboro. Charles McNeill, Wilkes' welfare officer, who will have the task of distributing bundle day gifts among the needy in the county, expressed much satisfaction with the quality of the clothing donated. Practically all of the clothes given were in condition for immediate use. Somebody gave a fur coat.

Trucks canvassed the Wilkesboros Sunday afternoon and also picked up bundles along highways leading to Millers Creek, Mulberry and Moravian Falls. This week schools are serving as collection points for rural communities and many more bundles are expected to be received through the schools.