

## 4-H CLUBS HAVE SUCCESSFUL ACHIEVEMENT DAY



These are scenes from the highly successful 4-H Achievement Day held for Wilkes county. The top photo shows a number of project winners and county council officers participating. Left to right are: Bettie Faw, county dress revue winner; Catherine Burchette, home improvement project winner; Mary Frances Foster, food preservation winner; Freda Felts, song leader; Rachel Scroggs, council secretary; Buddy Mathis, council president; Miss Evelyn Waugh, of Surry county, who is also shown at right. Miss Waugh was national winner in clothing achievement at the National 4-H Congress in Chicago.



## 4-H CLUBS HAVE EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT DAY PROGRAM

Six hundred 4-H club members, their parents and 4-H leaders attended the annual 4-H Achievement Program held in the V.F.W. Hall in North Wilkesboro. Buddy Mathis, president of the 4-H County Council presided at this meeting.

The "Passing Parade of 4-H Achievement" was given by Rachel Scroggs, secretary to the 4-H County Council.

Miss Evelyn Waugh, National 4-H Clothing winner from Surry county gave a most interesting and inspiring account of her recent trip to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Evelyn told of the importance of keeping 4-H records and how leaders can help in 4-H work. On hand to bring greetings from the Extension Service were Miss Anamerle Arant, Northwestern District Agent; and Mr. O. H. Phillips, Assistant State 4-H Leader.

The following 4-H members were winners in the various projects. Rachel Scroggs from the North Wilkesboro 4-H club was county winner in three projects this year. These projects were clothing achievement, girl's record, and leadership. County winner in Food Preservation was Miss Mary Frances Foster of the Mt. Pleasant 4-H club. Betty Faw of the North Wilkesboro 4-H club was county Dress Revue winner. Mary Geneva Prevett from Mountain View 4-H club had the best record in Food Preparation and was declared county winner in that project.

Doris Miller of the North Wilkesboro 4-H club was again county winner in Frozen Foods. A \$25 savings bond and \$5 were presented to her by Mr. Sam Winters on behalf of the Wilkes Implement company and the Kiwanis Club.

Katherine Burchett of the Ronda 4-H club won county honors in the Home Improvement project.

Betty Jo Watson of the North Wilkesboro 4-H club was county winner in Poultry this year.

The above mentioned 4-H girls were given medals and certificates of achievement.

The following boys were winners in the various projects. First place in farm crops went to Fred Finley, Jr., of the North Wilkesboro 4-H club. Fred produced 126 bushels of corn on one acre giving him high record in 4-H and second high record in the county corn growing contest. A \$25 savings bond and \$5 was presented to him by Mr. Sam Winters on behalf of the Wilkes Implement company and the Kiwanis Club.

Second high corn record was made by Warner Hoots of Ronda with a yield of 112 bushels. Clyde Adams of Ronda was winner in the forestry contest. Carl Cleary

## Meeting Young Republicans Is Called Feb. 9th

All Young Republicans Invited To Meeting To Be Held Thursday Night

Meeting of young Republicans of Wilkes county has been called to be held at the Wilkes county courthouse Thursday, February 9, 7:30 p. m.

The meeting of young Republicans was called by E. R. Eller, chairman, and T. E. Story, secretary of the Wilkes county Republican executive committee. Discussing the meeting, the chairman and secretary stated: "Every young Republican in the county is invited to be present. The problems that arise on the horizon call for the ability and strength, and for the action of every eligible voter in the nation. Come to the meeting and share in the deliberations and expressions that will be offered regarding these matters."

## Nelson Child Dies

Funeral service was held Sunday at Nelson cemetery for Larry Arthur Nelson, infant son of Millard and Ollie Royal Nelson, of the Rock Creek community. The child died early Saturday. Surviving are the father and mother, four brothers and four sisters.

## Fire Department Has Five Alarms

Flames Friday Night At Forest Furniture Company Quickly Put Out

After more than a month without an alarm, the North Wilkesboro fire department during the week-end had five calls.

The first and most serious of these fires was on Friday night, 10 o'clock, when flames broke out in a spray booth on the top floor of the Forest Furniture factory on Main street. When discovered fire was pouring out of the ventilator on the roof.

The automatic sprinkler system worked very efficiently and the water from the system had the fire under control when firemen arrived and completed the job. Damage by water to materials in process of manufacture was greater than fire damage. However, the plant was able to operate today as usual with little loss in production.

Saturday just after noon firemen were called to the home of D. E. Elledge on Hinshaw street, where a barn was on fire. Damage was not great and the fire was put out with little difficulty. On Saturday evening firemen were called to the home of Mr. Templeton on Kensington Drive, where a flue fire was extinguished.

On Sunday afternoon there was a small fire at the loading platform of Key City Furniture company. Damage was negligible. Later Sunday afternoon firemen were called to the parking lot back of Hotel Wilkes, where an automobile was on fire. Damage was small.

## 3 Wilkes Road Projects Are Let

Good Roads program in Wilkes county received a boost Wednesday when State Highway Commission received bids on three county road projects.

The projects, with names of successful bidders, were as follows:

Grading, surfacing and structures on 3.67 miles from a point five miles west of Wilkesboro on N. C. 268 southwest to a point on N. C. 268 eight miles west of Wilkesboro; roadway, National Truck Service, Inc., Asheville, \$102,963.30; structures, John H. Brinkley, Thomasville, \$16,912.20.

Hardsurfacing on 6.5 miles from a point on U. S. 421 3.2 miles West of Yadkin-Wilkes county line south 6.5 miles toward Osbornville; A. C. Shearer Co., Chapel Hill, \$63,898.40.

Hardsurfacing on four miles from a point at Ferguson on N. C. 268 north four miles to end of pavement on county road; A. R. Thompson Construction, Inc., Rutherfordton, \$31,987.50.

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, February 8, 1950, is the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, chartered by the Congress of the United States, as a program for all boys of America, and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scout Program has affected the lives of 16,000,000 American boys and men since 1910, and now has an active enrollment of 2,300,000 and

WHEREAS, the Movement is engaged in a Crusade to "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty" by giving more boys a richer experience and increase its usefulness to the nation and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America, a great force for training youth in right character and good citizenship, marks its 40th anniversary by a great National Scout Jamboree at historic Valley Forge, Pa., this coming summer;

NOW THEREFORE, I, R. T. McNeil, Mayor of the City of North Wilkesboro, in the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of February 6th to 12th as "Boy Scout Week," and do urge our citizens to recognize the unselfish, patriotic service being rendered to our community by the voluntary Scout Leaders who bring the Program to the youth of our city, and in all possible ways, to further this wholesome youth program, and help the City of North Wilkesboro to be adequately represented at the great National Scout Jamboree this year.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the City of North Wilkesboro to be affixed, this 31st day of January, 1950.

(Signed) R. T. McNEIL, Mayor.

## COMMUNITIES ASK TELEPHONE LINES

Two-day hearing by the North Carolina Utilities Commission into the telephone situation in Wilkes county closed Friday afternoon with testimony by officials of the Central Telephone company, which serves this area.

The hearing, conducted by Commissioner Edward H. McMahan, was originally petitioned mainly on account of complaints in the Wilkesboros but turned into a mass of testimony relative to the lack of telephone service in rural communities of this large county.

Fourteen communities paraded witnesses to the stand to tell of their lack of rural telephone lines and need for service. Evidence was not heard on many of the original complaints in the petition for hearing, because the company had taken steps to correct the defects or had given assurance that improvements would be made as quickly as possible.

Delegations were heard from communities in all directions from the Wilkesboros.

At the close of petitioners' evidence, the company through Attorney Fred Folger, of Mt. Airy, requested postponement of respondent's testimony on the grounds that scope of the hearing had been broadened beyond the complaints in the petition and the company was not prepared with figures to answer much of the material presented for the cause of rural lines. Commissioner McMahan overruled the motion, but stated that the company could furnish any additional material it desires to submit for consideration following the hearing.

In addition to 13 rural communities petitioning Thursday, G. C. Owen testified Friday. He said he represented 40 petitioners north of Mulberry on highway 18, who wanted telephones.

W. S. Beddingfield, of Mt. Airy, district manager, said his company had made preliminary surveys and rough estimates of cost and yearly anticipated revenue on 13 projects: Champion community, to Roaring River, near Millers Creek, Pores Knob, Fairplains, Mulberry, Lithia Springs, Roby Rhodes near Hays, Lincoln Heights, Brocktown, Boomer, Congo road, Oakwoods.

He gave the totals for these projects as having 344 applicants, requiring 77.2 pole miles and 296.1 circuit miles. The estimated cost, he said, was \$109,090, with yearly estimated revenue of \$11,883.

Of these projects he said his company had approved for early construction the Oakwoods line to serve 14, the Roby Rhodes line near Hays, the Lincoln Heights area near Wilkesboro, and a short line off highway 421 near Crick-et into the Welcome Home community.

In his testimony Mr. Beddingfield enumerated the projects on which his company had made estimates during the past few years. They are as follows:

Champion — 48 customers, 12 miles pole line, \$20,819 cost, \$2,028 annual revenue.

Roaring River road — 37 customers, 4.9 miles pole line, \$7,428 cost, \$1,179 revenue annually.

Millers Creek — 26 customers, 2.5 miles pole line, \$4,442 cost, \$891 annual revenue.

Pores Knob — 10 customers, eight-tenth mile pole line, cost \$1,490, annual revenue \$300.

Fairplains — nine-tenth mile, cost \$975, annual revenue \$225.

Mulberry — 40 customers, 8.9 miles, cost \$13,130, annual revenue \$1,578.

Lithia Springs (Brushy Mountain) — 13 customers, 2.1 miles pole line, cost \$3,334, annual revenue \$402.

Roby Rhodes line near Hays — 1.1 miles pole line, cost \$999, annual revenue \$203. (Construction order already issued).

Lincoln Heights — 10 customers, three-tenth mile pole line, cost \$728, annual revenue \$249.

Brocktown road — 15 customers, 4.5 miles pole line, cost \$6,133, annual revenue, \$456.

Boomer — 35 customers, 20.8 miles pole line, cost \$24,346, annual revenue \$1,296.

Congo road — 69 customers, 17.4 miles pole line, cost \$23,154, annual revenue \$2,412.

Oakwoods — 14 customers, 4.5 circuit miles, cost \$1,224, annual revenue \$348.

Since these surveys were made some changes have been made in the proposals with respect to length of lines and number of people who have pledged to take telephone service. In several instances the number of prospective customers has increased.

Mr. Beddingfield cited growth of the North Wilkesboro branch since January 1, 1946. The number of phones increased 61.7 per cent to a total of 2,433.

W. E. Sparger, of Charlottesville, Va., Central Telephone division auditor, said the book value investment of the 18 branches of the company in North Carolina had increased 106.37 from January 1, 1946, to October 31, 1949, and that the investment increase at North Wilkesboro was 98.01 per cent from \$151,946 to \$300,874 in the same period. Net earnings of the company in North Carolina for the year ended October 31, 1949, were 4.2 per cent, he said. Sparger also stated the company is preparing a rate increase request in North Carolina.

Concluding the hearing Commissioner McMahan said that rural residents are entitled to telephone service but the commission does not want to impose any orders which a company is not able to carry out. He suggested that addition of rural lines also increase the value of urban phones and that possibly urban users may have to pay some part of

## Attend Conference Of Grange Deputies

Those from Wilkes who attended the conference of Grange deputies held with Schley Grange near Hillsboro January 27 and 28 were Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson and Mrs. Eugene Shepherd.

One of the interesting phases of the conference was a discussion led by Mr. Samonow, representative of the REA, of Washington D. C., who gave explanation of the government provisions for loans for construction of rural telephone lines. Those desiring details may contact Harry B. Caldwell, master of the State Grange.

## Mrs. D. G. Gentry Injured In Wreck Dies In This City

Mrs. Annie Mounce Gentry, 56, wife of Decatur Gentry, of Elkin, route 1, died Wednesday night at Wilkes hospital at North Wilkesboro of injuries received in an automobile accident Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Gentry was injured when the car in which she was riding with her husband daughter and granddaughter, was in a collision with a truck at North Wilkesboro. Mrs. Gentry received head and internal injuries. The truck was operated by Clarence Shew of Boonville. Her husband, who was operating the car, was seriously hurt and is in the North Wilkesboro hospital.

Surviving are the husband; four children, Mrs. T. T. Waggoner, Clifford Gentry, Misses Toledo and Geneva Gentry, all of Elkin, route 1; five stepchildren, Mrs. Willie Phillips, Mrs. W. S. Hinson, Mrs. Aubrey Sloop, Mrs. William Cooper, all of Elkin, and Omar Gentry of Jonesville; two grandchildren; 24 step-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; five brothers, Willie and Alex Mounce of Elkin, Preston Mounce of State Road, Elmer and Brady Mounce of Smithtown.

## J. A. Bowlin Dies; Funeral Saturday

J. A. Bowlin, 62, resident of the Wilkes community of Wilkes county, died Thursday afternoon in a Statesville hospital.

Surviving Mr. Bowlin are his wife, Mrs. Eda Belle Bowlin; six children, Garvin, Virgil, Ardell, Davis and John Bowlin and Mrs. Thirley Sheets; two brothers and three sisters, G. H. and J. D. Bowlin, Mrs. Dora Miller, Mrs. Mary Jane Burgess and Mrs. Rebecca Miller, all of Wilbar.

Funeral service was held Saturday, 2 p. m., at the home and burial was in Bowlin cemetery. Rev. Wade Houck conducted the last rites.

## Good Cage Games On Menu This Week

Wilkesboro high school has three home game dates this week. On Tuesday, beginning at 6:30 p. m. Wilkesboro will play Ronda at Wilkesboro. The girls' B game will be first, followed by varsity girls and varsity boys. On Thursday afternoon Roaring River will play Wilkesboro, 2 p. m.

On Friday night, beginning at 7:30, will be Wilkesboro versus North Wilkesboro, boys and girls, at Wilkesboro. This will be the final meeting of the two schools in the regular schedule.

## Rummage Sale By W. S. C. S. Saturday

The members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church are sponsoring a rummage sale on Saturday, February 11, at the Day Electric Store on the corner Main and Tenth Street. The sale will begin at 9 o'clock. Wearing apparel and various other articles will be for sale, and anyone having anything to donate may call Mrs. W. F. Gaddy or take the articles to the circle meetings Tuesday.

## Maggie Sale Dies

Maggie Sale, 52, colored resident of Antioch township, died Friday and funeral service was held Sunday at Union Grove church. Surviving are two sisters and one brother, Nora Sale, Lillie Parks and Lonnie Sale, all of Roaring River route 2.

## Miss Kathryn Hendren, of Durham, visited here last week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Forester and with other relatives.

## Polio Drive Is Continued Two Weeks In County

Urgent Effort Needed If County Is To Reach Goal Of \$10,000

The polio campaign in Wilkes county has been continued two weeks, Edward P. Bell, chairman, stated today.

Actual cash turned in has reached the halfway point in the \$10,000 campaign, but many reports have not been received. However, it was evident that much work remains to be done.

Schools are continuing their good work and every effort was urged by campaign leaders to reach every individual in the county with the appeal to give liberally.

A similar situation exists throughout the nation and the dates of January 16 through 31 have been extended to include the first half of February.

Junior Chamber of Commerce handled the dime board here Saturday which netted \$114.82. The dime board will be in operation again Saturday of this week, with members of the North Wilkesboro Lions club doing the work.

Card reminders have gone out to hundreds who have failed to send in contributions from the letters mailed them at the beginning of the campaign. Numerous and liberal contributions are urgently requested.

## LOCALS

Miss Mary Ann Casey, student at Meredith College, Raleigh, was home for the week-end with her mother, Mrs. A. H. Casey, and had as her guest, her roommate, Miss Lillian Garnett, of Lake Worth, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Duncan, of this city, have gone to Hot Springs, Ark., where they will spend several weeks in the interest of their health. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan will be guests of Hotel Como while in Hot Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie J. McNeill spent the day Saturday in Winston-Salem as guests of their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bowen. The Bowns accompanied them home for the week-end.

Mrs. W. S. Miller returned to her home at Todd Sunday following a week's visit here in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joe H. Pearson. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson and children, Billy, Jane, and Tommy, accompanied her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Foster and daughter, Nancy Carolyn, visited recently at Martinsville, Va., with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith. Mrs. Smith, the former Miss Ethel Adams, of North Wilkesboro, has been seriously ill, but her condition is now much improved.

Mrs. Karl H. Hemmerich and two children, Anne and Freddy, of Sinking Springs, Pa., are here on a 10-day visit with Mrs. Hemmerich's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jennings, at Pores Knob. Mrs. Hemmerich is the former Miss Beatrice Jennings.

Mr. J. Floyd Woodward, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro school, Miss Hope Brown, librarian, and two of the elementary teachers, Mrs. Bruce Pearson and Mrs. H. M. Bivens, were business visitors in Raleigh Thursday. They went down especially to purchase books for the library.

## Stocks of soybeans on North Carolina farms as of January 1, 1950, amounted to 1,465,000 bushels. This is about 37 per cent below the 2,317,000 bushels on farms a year earlier and compares with the \$143-48 average of 1,451,000 bushels.

He indicated that some time may be necessary to review all the evidence and that he would write for the commission a summary and recommend orders.

Several members of the local bar assisted at the hearing in presenting evidence for various rural groups. Attorney J. H. Whicker, Jr., assisted throughout the hearing in presentation of evidence and examination of witnesses for the petitioners.