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\$250,000 HOSPITAL BONDS SOLD BY NORTH WILKESBORO; INTEREST UNDER 2 PER CENT

Town of North Wilkesboro Tuesday sold \$250,000 hospital bonds at an average interest rate of 1.9710 per cent.

Sold by the Local Government Commission of North Carolina, the bonds were purchased by Interstate Securities Corporation and McDaniel Lewis and company.

The bonds will be dated April 1, 1950.

Sale of the bonds was authorized and approved by vote of the people of North Wilkesboro, who voted overwhelmingly to approve a maximum of \$275,000 in bonds as the city's part in the erection of a modern 100-bed hospital.

The hospital, to be located on the site of the old Gordon home just across Reddies River from North Wilkesboro on the west, is now under construction with P. S. West Construction company, of Hickory, having the general contract.

Cost of the building, including the several contracts and estimated sum for equipment, will be approximately \$947,000, which is about 20 per cent less than preliminary estimates when the movement was started here to erect a hospital under provisions of the Hill-Burton act.

The low interest rate on the bonds sold is evidence of the splendid credit rating of the Town of North Wilkesboro in financial circles.

Grant Holbrook Trial Scheduled For Wednesday

State Will Ask Death Penalty For Murder Of Paul Hemric Dec. 17

Grant (Skippy) Holbrook, Traphill resident charged with murder of Paul Hemric, 38, of Wonda, at Holbrook's store near Traphill last December 17, will go on trial in Wilkes court Wednesday, March 22.

Holbrook, who is alleged to have shot and killed Hemric with a rifle bullet in his head, was arraigned today before Judge J. C. Rudisill and he entered a plea of not guilty.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall said the prosecution would ask for a verdict of first degree murder and the death penalty.

A special venire of 75 Wilkes men was ordered drawn to report on Wednesday morning. There will be no court next week until the Holbrook case is called Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Summerhill Died March 5th In Florida

Mrs. Sue Summerhill, 82, mother of Mrs. Sam Pennell, of Moravian Falls, died March 5 at her home in Deland, Florida. She had been in declining health for two years and seriously ill for a month. All of her eight children were with her at the time of her death.

Funeral service was held March 7 in Deland and burial was in Hopkinsville, Ky., beside the grave of her husband, E. T. Summerhill.

Mrs. Pennell and son, Fred and daughter, Suella, returned the latter part of the week from attending the funeral and burial services.

Bloodshed Boxscore On The Highways

Killed March 10 through March 13, 14.

Injured March 10 through March 13, 131.

Killed through March 13 this year, 161.

Killed through March 13, 1949, 150.

Injured through March 13 this year, 2,047.

Injured through March 13, 1949, 1,518.

Helms Guests On Caribbean Cruise

New Orleans, La., — Mr. and Mrs. Hight Helms, of North Wilkesboro, will be in the party of Ralston Purina dealers who sail Saturday aboard the "S. S. Contessa" for a 10-day Caribbean cruise.

The cruise, with all expenses paid, is the major prize for exceeding tonnage quota for last year and provides a complete, wining vacation for two from the time they leave home until they return.

Highlights of the cruise will be stop-overs at Havana, Cuba, and La Ceiba, Honduras, where sight-seeing trips and other special programs have been prepared for the visitors.

Wilkes Farm Center, is the Purina dealer winning one of these winter vacation trips.

MRS. F. D. R. GREETS PROTOGE'S BABY



THE FORMER FIRST LADY, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, gets her first look at newcomer Mayris Michael Martin in a Cleveland, Ohio, hospital. It is the second child to be born to Mrs. Hershey Martin, the former Mayris Chaney, Mrs. Roosevelt's dancing protegee. Mrs. Roosevelt acted as godmother at the christening of Mrs. Martin's first baby. (International)

Tom Jenrette Tells Optimist Club About Great Progress That Wilkes Has Made In Recent Years

The regular meeting of the Optimist Club of North Wilkesboro was held Tuesday at noon, and Tom Jenrette, secretary of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, was in charge of the program.

The luncheon meeting opened with singing "America," followed by repeating the club's Creed in unison and invocation spoken by Dr. John T. Wayland.

During the business part of the meeting, Optimist Maurice Walsh, general chairman of the successful Wilkes County Basketball Tournament, gave a brief report of the sports event. He thanked every Optimist who helped in any way to make the event such a success, and especially expressed appreciation for the publicity given by Radio Station WKBC and The Journal-Patriot.

Guests at the luncheon were Wayne Rutherford with J. B. Brookshire; Thomas Culler with Lewis Jenkins; and Tom Jenrette had as his guest Harold Sturdivant, who projected the motion picture showing the Farmer's Day parade last fall.

Mr. Jenrette rendered his own program, delivering an enlightening address about Wilkes county agriculture.

Speaking on the topic of "Relation of Agriculture to Industry in Wilkes County," Tom Jenrette, manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce brought out many interesting facts about Wilkes county, particularly in four major fields of agriculture — Poultry, Forestry and Timber, Dairying and Livestock and Fruit Growing.

As nearly as can be estimated, Mr. Jenrette said, the poultry phase of agriculture in Wilkes county is a \$25,000,000 industry, that being the estimated dollar value of poultry and eggs produced and feed consumed by poultry in the county last year.

In Wilkes 200,000,000 eggs are produced annually, with 13 million used by commercial hatcheries. Ten million is the estimated number of broilers produced last year.

In Wilkes 303,100 of the county's total of 489,600 acres is timber land, growing 30 million board feet of lumber yearly while during the past several years 73 million feet have been cut annually. In one year 200 sawmills cut about 48 million feet of lumber.

The year 1949 set a new record of milk production in the state and in Wilkes county, Mr. Jenrette said. Milk production in Wilkes was estimated at 29 million pounds. From 25 to 30 per cent of the milk sold by farmers was Grade A.

Mr. Jenrette also cited the increase in livestock in the state, with a value of over \$70,000,000.

In apple growing Wilkes leads the counties of the state. With the third lowest crop since 1934 the state apple crop last year was 448,000 bushels and is expected to be much higher this year.

Speaking of corn production, Mr. Jenrette said that \$5,000

with an average yield of 30 bushels and one of the aims of the chamber's corn contest is to increase the yield and the income of farmers. He pointed to Irvin Key's 127 bushel yield last year as being a result of encouraging greater yields.

Chicken House On Coudill Farm Burns

Fire discovered about 4:30 a. m. Tuesday completely destroyed a large chicken house at the home of W. A. Caudill in the Boomer community.

Over 2,000 sexed pullets, more than \$100 worth of feed, 75 bushels of corn and all farming implements were destroyed in the blaze, which was discovered too late to save anything except a car which was in a shed near the chicken house.

The total loss was estimated to exceed \$2,500 and no insurance was carried on the property.

The North Wilkesboro fire department answered call to the fire and saved a large barn from the spreading flames.

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Many Cases Tried In March Session Of Wilkes Court

Judge J. C. Rudisill Presiding; Solicitor Hall Prosecuting Docket

Wilkes superior court neared the end of the second week of the March term today.

Although illness of many connected with cases has hampered work of the court, many cases have been removed from the docket. Judge J. C. Rudisill, of Newton, is presiding and Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, is prosecuting the docket.

Following are listed cases in which judgments were rendered during the past week:

James Howard Painter, gambling, not guilty.

C. E. Michael, forgery in two cases, 18 to 24 months in state prison.

Roy Dare Kilby, forgery in two cases, two to three years in state prison.

Howard Eller, non-support, six months suspended on good behavior.

James Roberts, violation prohibition law, prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Benjamin J. Beshears, reckless driving, fine of \$25 and costs.

Bruce Bowers, hit and run and reckless driving, six months suspended on payment \$25 and costs, driver license revoked.

George Hendren, operating car after revocation of license and operating while intoxicated, \$300 fine in each case.

Conrad Dale Jolly and Dewey Bentley, violation prohibition law, fine of \$25 each and costs.

Dempsey Vickers, violation prohibition and slot machine laws, six months suspended on payment \$300 in fines and costs.

Edward Childress, operating car while intoxicated, six months suspended on payment \$100 fine and costs, \$110 damage for J. W. Faw and \$19.75 for Jim Frasier; driver license revoked.

Wesley Anderson, abandonment, six months suspended on payment of costs and \$30 per month for his wife.

Buddy Long, non-support, pay \$800 to Edith Taylor according to terms of consent judgement.

Dewey Johnson, carrying concealed weapon, \$50 fine and costs.

Hubert Vickers, violation prohibition and slot machine laws, 12 months suspended on payment of \$500 in fines and costs.

Walter Cleary, assault with deadly weapon, 18 months suspended three years, to pay costs.

Sam Baldwin, larceny, eight months suspended three years on payment \$62 for J. A. Longbottom, and to pay costs.

William Clarence Shumate, non-support, two years on roads.

Clyde Barnett, larceny and receiving, eight months on roads.

Sears Abraham Gentry, reckless driving, placed on probation.

Robert Gray, manslaughter, 12 months on roads.

Ravon Wiles, driving after revocation of license, six months suspended on payment \$200 fine, not to drive in five years.

Lester Foster, violation prohibition law, fine of \$5 and costs.

Joseph Steven Spears, drunkenness, 30 days suspended on payment \$10 fine and costs.

Sanford Junior Johnson, reckless driving, \$50 and costs.

Paul Brooks, larceny and receiving, six months on roads.

Bonnie Minton, non-support, 18 months suspended on payment \$40 monthly for support of children.

Robert Ralph Smithey, reckless driving, dismissed.

Claude Shepherd, assault with deadly weapon, 18 months on roads.

Joe Brooks, non-support, six months suspended on payment \$12.50 weekly.

Alonso Clonch, cited for contempt for failure to report to court as directed, 30 days in jail.

Ozmar Griggs, operating car while intoxicated, directed verdict of not guilty.

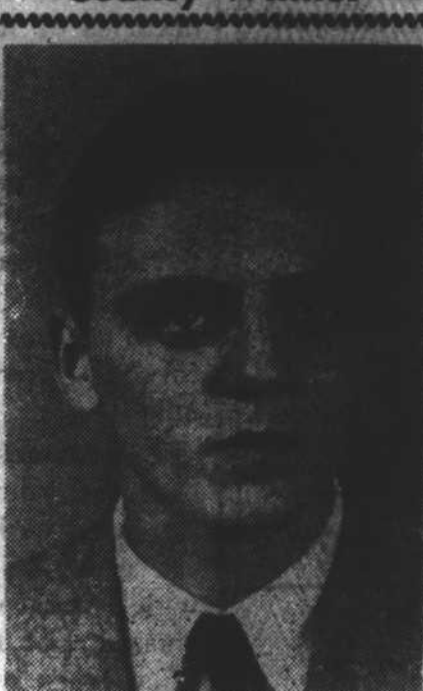
Ray Theron Barnett, larceny and receiving, not guilty.

Board Equalization To Meet April 3rd

Board of commissioners of Wilkes county will meet as board of equalization on Monday, April 3, ten a. m., in the commissioners' office.

At that time the board will hear any requests for changes in property valuations for the purpose of taxation.

County Winner



Harold Bennett, student of Mountain View school, tomorrow will represent Wilkes county in the district soil conservation speaking contest at Lenoir in competition with ten other county winners. Harold won the Wilkes title here Friday night in a field of seven school winners. The Wilkes entry in the district contest is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bennett, of North Wilkesboro route two.

Wilkesboro Mfg. Company Given Award For Safety

Wilkesboro Manufacturing company, local firm which makes building materials and processes lumber, has received a safety award from the Safety Division of the North Carolina Industrial commission for having no lost time accidents during the past year.

Wilkesboro Manufacturing company is the oldest industry here, having started operations before the town of North Wilkesboro was begun. Classified as a planing plant by the commission, the occupation is among the most hazardous, which makes the perfect record of no lost time accidents all the more impressive. In fact, the award recently received is the second given the firm for 12 months' operation with lost time accidents.

Wilkes District Girl Scout Camp To Be July 10-15

Wilkes District Girl Scout summer camp will be held again this year, July 10-15 at Mountain View school eight miles north-east of North Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Robert Gibbs, camp director, has stated that the registration will be \$3, same as last year, and all who attended last year are asked to get their registration to Mrs. Walter Newton by April 1. Opportunity is given early for girls to register so they can make sure they will have a place at camp.

Commenting on plans for the camp Mrs. Gibbs said: "Mrs. Ford will be with us again to help us with nature study and Mrs. Wayland hopes she won't sprain her wrist playing folk games this year. Mrs. Vaughn will think up something else for crafts but let us hope it is not brick this time. See you at camp."

Baptist Pastors To Meet Monday

The Wilkes County Pastors Conference will meet at the Reins-Sturdivant Chapel at 10 o'clock, Monday, March 20. Rev. L. T. Younger will be in charge of the program and the following persons have been asked to serve:

10:00 A. M. Devotions — Rev. A. B. Hayes.

10:15 A. M. Business Session — Rev. Glenn Huffman, President.

10:30 A. M. Church Problem — "How to Deal With Erring Church Members" — Rev. L. T. Younger.

11:00 A. M. Reces.

11:10 A. M. Address — "North Carolina Baptist Hospital and Public Funds" — Mr. T. E. Story.

11:40 A. M. Sermon — Rev. Minter Blevins.

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STORY TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

Veteran State Legislator Files Notice Of Candidacy 8th District

Thomas Edgar Story, veteran legislator and attorney, today filed with the State Board of Elections notice of his candidacy as the Republican nominee for congress in the eighth district.

Republican congressional convention in session at Lexington Monday recommended the Wilkes leader as nominee but he requested more time to make a decision on the matter.

For the past ten years Mr. Story has represented Wilkes county in the house of representatives of the state legislature and for four years was house minority leader. For several years he has been secretary and treasurer of the Wilkes Republican executive committee.

The nominee is a native of Watauga county. He was educated at the University of North Carolina, where he received A. B. and M. A. degrees. Over a long period he was principal of Wilkesboro district schools and was recognized as one of the state's outstanding school men.

Mr. Story studied law at Wake Forest College and since leaving the education field he has practiced law in North Wilkesboro.

Commenting today on his candidacy Mr. Story said he expected to wage an active campaign throughout the district for the congressional seat now held by C. B. Deane, Democrat, who is candidate for renomination.

A leader in church, civic and fraternal activities, Mr. Story is moderator of the Brushy Mountain Association of Baptist churches, secretary of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club, member of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, member of Masons and Knights of Pythias lodges and active in a number of other church and civic groups.

Many Attend The G.O.P. Convention

Wilkes county was well represented at the North Carolina State Republican convention held Tuesday in Charlotte. The Wilkes delegation was very active in affairs of the convention, which was largely attended from all parts of the state.

Those from Wilkes at the convention included E. R. Eller, T. E. Story, P. E. Brown, W. B. Somers, Troy Foster, C. C. Siddon, L. B. Dula, J. H. Whicker, J. Aille Hayes, W. S. Fletcher, W. J. Fletcher, T. R. Bryan, Paul Osborne, H. P. Eller, R. Staley, T. H. Settle, M. W. Greene, W. M. Blackburn, D. E. Turner and Dewey Parker.

For further convention news see article on Page 8, section 3 of this newspaper.

Smithey Case Is Heard Today

Prayer For Judgment Continued In Case Of Mrs. Hessie Brown Smithey

Mrs. Hessie Brown Smithey in Wilkes court today entered a plea of involuntary manslaughter for the fatal shooting of her estranged husband, Frank Smithey, at her home near Wilkesboro February 26.

The plea was accepted by Solicitor Avalon E. Hall and Judge J. C. Rudisill entered prayer for judgment continued for a period of five years on condition that the defendant be of good behavior.

Mrs. Smithey told that she shot her husband with a 22-target pistol after he had tried to enter her house and she had told him not to enter.

The bullet from the small gun severed an abdominal artery and the man bled internally while lying on the ground in the yard of the home. When he reached the hospital here by ambulance he was dying.

Mrs. R. T. McNeil and Mrs. A. H. Casey were in Raleigh Wednesday and today attending the State Women's Missionary Union Convention held in the First Baptist church. They were representatives from the First Baptist church of this city.