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THREE ARE KILLED IN ACCIDENTS IN WILKES DURING WEEK-END

Youth Drowns In Fish Lake Sunday Near Highway 115

Arthur Byrd Sinks In 12 Feet Of Water In Lake South Of This City

Arthur Byrd, 16-year-old student of Wilkesboro school, drowned Sunday afternoon in a fish lake near highway 115, twelve miles south of North Wilkesboro. The boy was swimming in the lake, watching on the bank told Coroner I. M. Myers, who investigated the death, when he sank in 12 feet of water and did not come up. Efforts to recover his body failed until Highway Patrolman Sidney Carter arrived on the scene, and dived and brought up the body.

The drowning victim was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Byrd, of the Rock Creek community. Recently he had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Beshears near this city in order to continue school at Wilkesboro after his parents had moved from this community.

The fish lake where the accident occurred was constructed the past year by Robert Holland and Lester Beshears. The lake had not been opened for fishing and swimming. Surviving the Byrd youth are his father and mother, Harvey and Eric Sales Byrd, of North Wilkesboro route two, and two brothers, Monroe Byrd, of Greensboro, and Eugene Byrd, of North Wilkesboro.

Short Story Contest Will End April 30th

Short story contest sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Junior Woman's Club will end April 30. This contest is open to all high school students in Wilkes County. Prizes of five and ten dollars will be given in two groups: the junior and senior group and the freshman and sophomore group. Entries must be sent to Mrs. James Ford, North Wilkesboro.

Attorney and Mrs. J. H. Whicker were business visitors in Raleigh Friday.

M-SGT. LONG, PLANE CRASH SURVIVOR, IS VISITING HERE

M-Sgt. Gwynne A. Long, U. S. Air Corps, has returned to Washington, D. C., and thence to Ottawa, Canada, to re-enter a hospital there for further treatment after a visit of several days with relatives and friends here. M-Sgt. Long is recuperating from injuries received when he jumped from the burning plane on which U. S. Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt and four others lost their lives, March 29.

With reference to the crash M-Sgt. Long said: "I told them to get out of the plane," said Long, who was crew chief of the air force C-47 transport. "But something happened and they didn't move. I guess there wasn't time. Everything was happening so fast. And there was a terrific noise, I've only a vague memory of what went on in the cabin in the few seconds before I decided to jump."

Long said the plane's right wing blew up in "very spontaneous fire" when the plane was about 3,000 feet in the air and that flames shot into the cabin within 45 seconds after the explosion. He said the pilot, Lt. Col. W. F. Trueblood, told him he would fly a level course to give passengers a chance to jump.

"He told me to go back and get the others to jump," Long said, "I realize there were only six to seven seconds left before we would crash so I bailed out. I went through the door on the left side of the plane."

He said he did not remember trying to push any of the passengers out the door. "There was no question of arguing with them," he said. "There wasn't time, any more than to tell them to get out of the plane. They didn't say anything at all that I can recall."

Brothers and sisters of M-Sgt.

Wilkesboro Chorus In Music Festival

Twenty-five members of the Wilkesboro high school mixed chorus participated with 45 other high school groups in the state music festival held in Greensboro Wednesday night. The total chorus had 500 voices. The Wilkesboro group, under direction of Mrs. C. T. Doughton, gained the privilege of participating by having received a rating of "very good" in the district contest.

In addition to chorus members those from Wilkesboro attending included John Prevette, Mrs. Lacy Huffman and daughter, Miss Lacy Huffman, and Mr. and Mrs. Slater Prevette.

Smith And Horner Deliver Speeches In Wilkes County

Candidates Active In Campaigns For Congress And Senate Seats

Willis Smith, prominent Raleigh attorney who is making a determined bid for the United States senate seat now held by Senator Frank Graham, and W. E. Horner, Sanford publisher opposing Representative C. B. Deane in the primary for the Democratic nomination for congress, were busy in Wilkes last week.

At noon Friday Candidate Smith addressed the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club and on Friday night delivered a campaign address to an audience at the Wilkes courthouse, where he was presented by Attorney W. H. McElwee. The candidate was well received by audiences at both places. In addition to speaking, Mr. Smith called on many of his friends in Wilkes during the day. He was accompanied by his son, Willis Smith, Jr.

Candidate Horner spoke on Wednesday night at Ronda school and on Thursday night at Millers Creek. In both speeches he attacked spending policies of the federal government and the record of his opponent in congress.

Mr. Horner had with him a complete string band, which entertained the crowds with folk music.

T. S. Myers, Age 65, Dies Unexpectedly

Tyrol Sylvester Myers, 65, member of a widely known Wilkes family, died unexpectedly Saturday at his home near Dockery.

Wilkes Coroner I. M. Myers, who investigated the death, attributed death to a sudden heart attack. Mr. Myers was stricken just after he had walked from his house to his barn. Born June 29, 1884, Mr. Myers was a son of the late George Elkin and Mary Staley Myers. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Maude Bryan Myers; one son, Staley Myers, a chief machinist mate in the navy and three daughters, Mrs. Vaughn Pruitt of Elkin, Mrs. Dock Wheeler and Mrs. H. O. Martin, of North Wilkesboro.

Funeral will be held Tuesday, 2:30, at Mt. Pisagh church near Dockery. Rev. L. E. Sparks and Rev. Mr. Weatherman will conduct the services.

Senior Class Of Millers Creek To Give "Spring Fever"

"Spring Fever", the three-act comedy by Ray Hodges will be presented at the Millers Creek auditorium by the senior class of Millers Creek high school on Friday evening, April 28, at 7:45. Admittance will be 50c for adults and 25c for children.

Renew Concert Membership.

Sparks Lad Dies After Collision On Highway 421

Two Autos Collide Head-on; Three Are Critically Injured Saturday

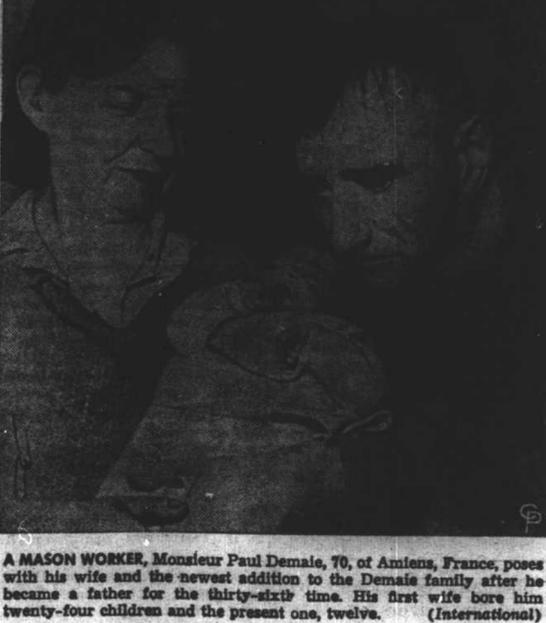
A six-year-old boy was killed and three critically injured Saturday afternoon when two cars collided on highway 421 eight miles east of here.

Monroe Sparks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sparks, who reside about 12 miles east of this city, died at six p. m., two hours following the accident. His mother sustained multiple injuries and may not recover. His father received severe cuts, bruises and possibly internal injuries. Lawrence Call, of North Wilkesboro route three, received severe cuts and chest injuries. All persons are patients at the hospital here.

The car driven by Call was traveling west on the highway when it collided head-on with the car driven by Robert Sparks. Both vehicles were demolished.

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FATHERS 36TH CHILD AT SEVENTY



A MASON WORKER, Monsieur Paul Demate, 70, of Amiens, France, poses with his wife and the newest addition to the Demate family after he became a father for the thirty-sixth time. His first wife bore him twenty-four children and the present one, twelve. (International)

Wildlife Club To Meet On Thursday

Wilkes county Wildlife club will meet Thursday, 7:30, at the Wilkes courthouse. Troy Perry, president, stated that a special invitation is extended all club members, members of the Fox Hunters and Coon Hunters club and all other sportsmen to attend. The club has leased and stocked Hollywood Lake with brim and bass and the lake will be available to Wildlife club members who pay a small extra charge for the fishing privilege. Mr. Perry stated.

Concerts Subject Program Friday At Meeting of Lions

Community Concert Association was the subject of the Lions Club program Friday evening, which had a large attendance of Lions present.

Recordings were played from the concerts held here during the past year and were much enjoyed. In addition, a representative of Community Concert Association spoke briefly. The membership drive for Community Concerts will be held in the near future, but present members are asked to send their renewals to Miss Scroggs or Mrs. W. D. Halfacre and save much work and time on the part of volunteer workers and members. Fred Davis and Sam Oglivie were in charge of the program.

Willis Smith Is Speaker Friday At Kiwanis Meeting

Willis Smith, prominent Raleigh attorney and now a candidate for the United States senate, addressed the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon.

Program Chairman Cecil F. Adamson introduced the speaker. Mr. Smith spoke from the subject of "The Business of Government."

Cecil Adamson, general program chairman, introduced Willis Smith of Raleigh, as the speaker. Mr. Smith spoke on the subject of "The Business of Government." He said our government is important, next to our home and our church. It is important to our daily life. It is important to our liberty. He said in the recent years there has arisen the idea that the state is supreme. Our nation has not grown great through that idea. Our people have been different to the peoples of the world, and that difference has made us the greatest nation in the world. True, we have great resources, but the other countries also have resources, but their means of using them have not led to greatness. Our kind of government has made the difference. The prevailing ideas of great power in the hands of those who govern us and their inclination to spend more on government than it can collect from the people is decidedly destructive in its nature.

Guests Friday were as follows: Ben Stinson with H. H. Morehouse, Maurice Walsh with Tom Jenrette, James M. Anderson with J. B. Williams, Floyd Woodward with Ira Payne, Charlie Jenkins with John Walker, Clarence F. Coffey with W. E. Ellor, Avery Waddell and Willis Smith, Jr., with W. H. McElwee, Roland Potter with John Cashion.

Following the luncheon several members went to Millers Creek to join in the high school program there presenting a charter to the newly organized Key club.

Optimist Club To Meet Tuesday

The Optimist Club of North Wilkesboro will meet Tuesday, April 25th, at noon at Hotel Wilkes. Mr. J. Floyd Woodward, superintendent of the city school, will address the club.

Georgia Man Is Killed In Truck Accident On 421

Trailer Truck Crashes Into Ditch Near Wade Harris Bridge Thursday

A Thomasville, Georgia, business man was killed and his partner was injured Thursday afternoon when a truck got out of control on highway 421, 23 miles west of here and crashed.

John Mel Gunter, 35, elected to jump from the speeding truck and was killed. With him was Clyde Barnes his partner in the trucking firm of Gunter and Barnes. Barnes remained in the truck and sustained only bruises and shock. He received treatment at the hospital here.

Wilkes Coroner I. M. Myers and members of the state highway patrol investigated the accident. Barnes told them that he and Gunter were carrying a load of merchandise by tractor-trailer from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Georgia, and that Gunter was driving.

They lacked only one mile of reaching the bottom of the long Blue Ridge grade when the brakes weakened to such an extent that they would not hold the loaded truck in check. They had just passed over the 110-foot high Wade Harris bridge when Gunter tried vainly to change the truck into a lower gear to slow its progress. Barnes said the motor had stalled, apparently from carburetor trouble, and the driver could not change the gears. Gunter chose to jump from the cab and apparently was run over by a wheel of the heavily laden trailer. Barnes said he tried to stop the truck with the emergency brakes but it swerved into the left side ditch and the tractor part stopped after partially climbing the roadbank. The trailer broke loose and landed on the side of the highway beside the tractor. Merchandise from the truck scattered over a wide area of the highway and roadside.

Body of Gunter was taken to Thomasville, Georgia for burial.

Local People To Establish Radio Station In Boone

The Wilkes Broadcasting Company announces that through the effort and cooperation of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, the Federal Communications Commission has granted them a permit to establish a 250-watt station at Boone. The station will be a local outlet and will begin operation around July 1. The Wilkes Broadcasting Company operates WKBC, the 1,000 Watt station in North Wilkesboro.

Owners of the Wilkes Broadcasting company, which will operate both stations, are Mrs. Doris E. Brown, president and general manager; John T. Cashion, vice president; Roland B. Potter, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Godfrey Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Tennie Mae Godfrey, 60, wife of L. L. Godfrey, for many years a well known resident of Wilkesboro, died Saturday morning following a brief illness.

Funeral service was held Sunday, 2:30 p. m., at Wilkesboro Baptist church with the pastor, Rev. W. N. Brookshire, in charge assisted by Rev. Howard J. Ford, of Elkin. Burial was in Mount Lawn Memorial Park.

Mrs. Godfrey was born January 28, 1890, a daughter of the late Stephen A. and Alice Hardin Godfrey. Surviving are her husband, two daughters, Mrs. George Partier of Wilkesboro, and Mrs. W. A. Edens of Washington, D. C., two sons, L. H. Godfrey of Washington, D. C., and R. S. Godfrey of Wilkesboro, and six grandchildren.

Music Recital

Ensemble music recital will be given by the Handel Junior Music Club, Tuesday April 25, 8:00 p. m. at the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club. The public is invited to attend.

SCHOOL BOARDS, AND P.T.A. FAVORING SCHOOL MERGER

At a joint meeting of members of the Wilkes County and North Wilkesboro boards of education held Friday night the proposed annexation of Wilkesboro high to North Wilkesboro high was discussed at length and certain recommendations were made.

The meeting recommended that the Doughton property in Wilkesboro be used as the site of a central high school and that a building be started as soon as possible with funds available. In the event that available funds would not be sufficient to erect a building large enough to house the entire central school at present, that students of Wilkesboro high school be housed there first, because of extremely crowded conditions in Wilkesboro buildings, and that North Wilkesboro students be taken into the school when the building is large enough.

It was also recommended that the central school begin operation under the North Wilkesboro special charter with the provision that Wilkesboro join the district by voting the supplement tax now in force in North Wilkesboro.

Meeting with the two schools boards were C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, and M. F. Absher and C. C. Sidden, members of the Wilkes county board of commissioners. Members of the county board of commissioners present, who had already stated willingness to appropriate \$13,000 as half the cost of the proposed site in addition to available funds, stated that the appropriation over a two-

North Wilkesboro Band Rates High In State Contest

Superior rating attained by band in state meet at Greensboro. North Wilkesboro high school band received superior rating in the state contest held Friday in Greensboro. Superior rating is the highest given in the music contest and is coveted by all participants. In addition to receiving the highest rating possible, the band was highly complimented by many members of the audience for the superior performance given at the contest.

Cemetery Working

All who have relatives buried in Purcell cemetery are asked to be at the cemetery Wednesday afternoon, with tools and ready to work on improving the cemetery. At Wilkesboro he said crowded conditions were the second worst that he had witnessed in the state, and that the school has 300 more students than it has room for. At North Wilkesboro he said conditions were not as bad but the school was lacking in facilities, including adequate room for library, science department, band and extra-curricula activities. He stated that consolidation of high schools of the Wilkesboros into a central high school was the logical solution. He said the high school students removed from present buildings in the two towns would allow room for elementary students and would make possible the bringing in of Fairplains and eliminate the necessity of a school building there.

The speakers said they found that the Wilkesboros are in reality one community, and that available building funds for Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro and Fairplains could be pooled to build a central high school, while neither place has enough money to do decent building jobs individually. They said that there is a danger that funds will be dissipated by division instead of building something to make better educational advantages.

The speakers described sites visited, including the county home property, Johnston property and the Doughton property, which they said being centrally located was made by school children. Three trucks with tools, materials and workmen emphasized paint-up clean-up and fix-up. Following the parade in Wilkesboro a group of citizens headed by Mayor W. E. Smith and Wm. T. Long, school principal, demonstrated clean-up on public property. In North Wilkesboro Jack Swoford, acted as foreman of a group of citizens, with Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Sr., as supervisor. Mr. Swoford's helpers were designed as follows: J. B. "Bull of the Brushies" Williams, Maurice "Uncle Sam" Walsh, Charlie "White Horse" Jenkins, Gilbert "Fair Deal" Bare, "Beagle" Joe McCoy, W. G. "Belk" Gabriel, Link "Macy" Spainhour, Bill "Spic and Span" Marlow, "Diamond" Jim Carter, "Romes" Robin Wooten. This group really put on a show. Dressed to the extreme, they were very closely supervised as they cleaned parts of Main and Tenth streets to perfection.

Keep Wilkes County Green--Prevent Forest Fires