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Liberty Theatre Is Purchased By M.L. Curry, of Ga.

Theatre Is Closed This Week For Installation of Western Electric Equipment

TO REOPEN SATURDAY

Interior To Be Renovated and Celotex Placed On Walls

A deal of considerable importance was completed last week when M. L. Curry, of Milledgeville, Ga., purchased the Liberty Theatre, popular local movie house, from Mrs. C. G. Poindexter, of this city. At the same time the deal was disclosed, Mr. Curry announced that the theatre will be closed this week until Saturday in order that changes in the equipment and the interior of the building may be made.

Western Electric sound equipment, considered among the best on the market, will be installed and ready for use when the theatre reopens Saturday. Mr. Curry said. Western Electric equipment will insure the best sound possible, it was declared.

Celotex walls, which will absorb the hollow tone which is naturally created, will be put in as one of the outstanding changes in the interior. There will also be some renovation work done in the lobby of the theatre.

Mr. Curry announced that the theatre will reopen Saturday with an excellent Western picture.

The new owner of the theatre has had 16 years of experience as owner and manager of several of the leading theatres of the south and is familiar with the desires of the theatre-going public with respect to pictures.

Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer and Paramount pictures will be featured by the new management. Mr. Curry said he had already contracted for some of the outstanding screen productions of these two companies to be shown in the immediate future.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry have already moved to the city and are making their home at Hotel Wilkes.

Dr. Newton Heads Medical Society

Officers Are Elected At Meeting Held At City Hall On Friday

Dr. W. K. Newton was elected president of the Wilkes County Medical Society for the ensuing year at the December meeting of the society which was held at the city hall Friday evening.

Other officers elected were Dr. H. B. Smith as vice president and Dr. J. H. McNeill as secretary-treasurer. Dr. G. T. Mitchell was elected as a member of the board of censors for a term of three years.

Dr. Newton, following his election, appointed Dr. H. B. Smith and Dr. C. S. Sink as members of the executive committee.

Tobacco Farmers Meet This Week

They Will Study Acreage Reduction Contracts Offered By Government

Tobacco farmers of Wilkes, most of whom reside in the "lower end" of the county near the Yadkin county line, will meet this week to study the acreage reduction contracts offered by the government.

County Agent A. G. Hendren announced Saturday that he had scheduled four meetings and that he was anxious for every grower of tobacco to attend one of them.

The schedule follows:

Thursday, December 21, at 7 p. m. at Dennyville schoolhouse.

Friday, December 22, at 7 p. m. at Cedar Hill schoolhouse.

Saturday, December 23, at 2 p. m. at Maple Springs schoolhouse in Edwards township.

Saturday, December 23, at 7 p. m. at Little Mountain schoolhouse.

"Right Answer" Will Be Given At Mountain View

"The Right Answer" is the title of an excellent play which will be presented in the auditorium of Mountain View high school Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to see this performance. The admission charge will be only 15 and 20 cents.

Stores Will Be Open Evenings This Week

North Wilkesboro stores will be kept open at evening this week for the Christmas trade, a survey among the business houses revealed this morning. Additional clerks have been employed in many of the stores and the stores are prepared to take care of holiday shoppers in a most satisfactory manner.

U. L. Hafer Off To See New Car

Local Chevrolet Dealer To Detroit To See the 1934 Model Chevrolets

U. L. Hafer, president of Hafer Chevrolet company, left Saturday for Detroit, where he has been invited by the factory to join with a group of dealers throughout the United States in previewing the 1934 model Chevrolet passenger car. It is said that there are many surprising improvements in the new Chevrolet.

Mr. Hafer was accompanied by Mr. R. C. Freeman, of Elkin.

Mr. Hafer was very enthusiastic over the prospects of seeing the new car and learning just what is meant by "knee action" wheel and many of the other improvements. They will return about the middle of this week. A group meeting of the local organization will then be held.

It is expected that with the large amount of public interest in the showings of the new cars this year thousands of Chevrolet dealers throughout the United States will avail themselves of the opportunity of this preview.

Ferguson School Project Approved

Burned Building To Be Replaced Soon; Work To Begin On Wednesday

The Ferguson school project for the rebuilding of the building which was burned recently was approved Saturday, according to a telegram received by Mrs. G. G. Foster, civil works administrator.

This is to be one of the major CWA projects in Wilkes and one of great importance to the school system. A splendid building, far superior to the one burned, is to be built.

Mrs. Foster stated Saturday that men will be put to work on the project Wednesday morning and that the building will be rushed to completion.

C. & C. Service Station Opened

Prepared To Give Motorists Complete Service; Carl Colvard, Manager

The C. & C. Service Station, located in the C. & C. Chevrolet company building on "D" street, opened for business Saturday and is now prepared to give the motorists of this section a complete one-stop service. Mr. Carl Colvard, of Wilbar, who has been connected with the W. J. Chevrolet company at West Jefferson for the past two years, is manager of the station.

Two new Shell gasoline tanks were installed a few days ago and are now in use. The tanks are the most modern on the market and are so designed as to register what each motorist receives separately.

The C. & C. Service Station is headquarters for Shell gasoline and motor oils in this territory. The station has the distributing agency for Goodyear tires and tubes and a complete stock of this popular make of tire has just been received.

A new battery tester has been installed and for a limited time batteries will be tested free for the convenience of the motorists of this section.

The station is carrying a full line of automobile accessories and they are prepared to oil, grease, wash, repair and service all makes of automobiles.

The service station is complete and up-to-date in every respect and the management invites the motorists to pay the station a visit.

The condition of Rev. W. C. Meadows, of Pores Knob, who is a patient at the Wilkes Hospital, continues critical. Little hope has been held out for his recovery.

The Empty Stocking

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By F. S. Manning



(This picture is used through the courtesy of the Greensboro Daily News)

Stage Popularity Contest Thursday At Millers Creek

Four Young Ladies Are Now Being Voted Upon By Community Citizens

CAKE WALK IS FEATURE

Christmas Celebration Program Also Thursday Evening

The final count in the girls' popularity contest which is being staged at Millers Creek high school will be made Thursday evening during a Christmas celebration program which will be given in the school auditorium there.

A representative from each of the four high school grades was selected last week and many votes have already been turned in. The four girls to be voted upon are: Hester Tulbert, senior; Annie Ruth McNeill, junior; Marianna Church, sophomore, and Arabella Parsons, freshman.

The winner will be determined by the largest number of votes and much interest is being shown in the outcome.

Speeches, poems, songs and plays given by grade and high school students will make up the first part of the program which begins at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening.

A sale of pie boxes and a series of cake walks will precede the popularity contest finals. The grade which brings in the largest number of cakes as contributions to the program will be given a picnic.

Votes in the popularity contest are one dollar per hundred and many votes are being mailed to R. V. Day, principal of the school, by those who may not be able to attend.

Charles Elledge, a member of the Mt. Pleasant school faculty, will act as auctioneer.

The public is cordially invited to attend the program and thus help in a worthy cause.

All the money received from the sale of cakes, pies and the popularity contest will be used for school improvements.

Mount Pleasant Wins And Loses

Girls Are Defeated By Close Score, But Boys Win Easily 29 To 6

Mount Pleasant divided a doubleheader with Mountain View on the Mountain View court Thursday in the county tournament basketball games.

The Mount Pleasant girls were defeated by the narrow margin of 13 to 14, while the boys came through with an easy victory, the final score being 29 to 6.

Attractive Popularity Contestants



Above are the four attractive contestants in the popularity contest which is being staged at Millers Creek high school. Each was selected as a representative of one of the high school grades and the community will decide the winner Thursday evening, December 21. They are: Standing (left to right) Hester Tulbert, senior; Arabella Parsons, freshman; sitting: Marianna Church, sophomore, and Annie Ruth McNeill, junior. (Photo courtesy of Blue Ridge Studio.)

Holiday Trading Is Brisk As Thousands Visit Stores Here

Immense Throng of Buyers Expected During Remaining Days of This Week As Christmas Nears; Only Five More Shopping Days; Shoppers Pleased

Christmas shopping was brisk here Friday and Saturday as thousands visited local stores. Not in years has trading been so heavy a week before Christmas, according to merchants of the city.

Stores were thronged with buyers on the last two days of the week and the Yuletide spirit abounded on every hand.

With only five more days until the Christmas trade will be over, immense throngs are expected for the remaining Christmas shopping season. Trading is expected to reach its peak Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

DODGE AND PLYMOUTH CARS NOW ON DISPLAY

Two Dodge trucks, one Dodge sedan and one Plymouth de luxe coupe are now on display at Wilkes Auto Sales, Inc. which recently opened for business here. The new cars were brought back from Detroit yesterday by Mr. F. D. Forester and Mr. R. T. McNeill.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS.

Christmas Cheer Committee Makes Appeal For Funds

Picture of Empty Stocking Is Portrayed in Words By Publicity Chairman

IN NEED OF CLOTHING

Need Is Great This Year, Says Halfacre; Supplies Committee Busy

By J. B. WILLIAMS
(Chairman Publicity Committee)

Good people of North Wilkesboro are you going to permit the above picture to become a reality here on Christmas morning? We, your Christmas Cheer Committee, have confidence in you to the extent that we believe you will not permit this to happen. This is an old picture but it tells the same story.

The bright rays of the sun penetrate the window Christmas morning. The landscape, perhaps covered with immaculate new-fallen snow, carries a message of cheer. In the distance may be heard the gleeful voices of happy children—happy because in some realistic form the spirit of the season has been brought to them.

But inside the bright rays reflect the drabness of an humble home. The crisp air breezes through cracks in the walls. No heat radiates from the fuelless stove. Bowing on the bed, the coverlets of which are all too meager, is a child clutching an empty stocking.

The Empty Stocking! It has brought heartaches. It has wounded the soul of the child. The faith of childhood has been blasted. All because of circumstances brought about through no fault of the little form that bows over the thinly-covered bed.

This same picture will appear as true as life itself here in

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To Give Pageant In City Schools

Christmas Pageant Will Be Presented Tomorrow Evening at 7:30 O'clock

A Christmas pageant will be presented in the city school auditorium tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock by 135 elementary and high school children of the city schools.

The pageant tells the story of Christmas in a most effective manner and the public is cordially invited to see it.

There will be no admission charge, this being the school-children's contribution to the community for the holiday season.

Total Sales Tax Collections For Wilkes \$8,739.57

Total For the First Three Months Announced By Revenue Commissioner

AMOUNT IS INCREASING

County Would Have Paid \$49,524.524 In Property Tax But For Sales Tax

During the first three months of the new sales tax, \$8,739.57 was collected in Wilkes county, according to a statement furnished The Journal-Patriot by A. J. Maxwell, North Carolina commissioner of revenue.

Sales tax collections are picking up and the collections for the first three months are below the anticipated average for the year. However, the sales tax has resulted in substantial relief to the property owners of the county, in the opinion of Mr. Maxwell.

But for the sales tax, Wilkes property owners would have been assessed a total of \$49,524.524, Mr. Maxwell declares in his statement.

Following is Mr. Maxwell's statement:

"We take pleasure in furnishing you herewith information taken from our records, showing the amount of sales taxes collected in North Carolina for the month of July, August and September which has been tabulated for each county in the state.

"We take pleasure also in enclosing herein tabulation showing property tax reductions afforded by (1) Removal of 15 cent levy for schools; (2) Elimination of levies for current expense for districts county-wide and special charter schools.

"From these tabulations you will observe that we have the following results in your county:

Sales Taxes Collected	
July	\$ 2,415.73
August	2,582.57
September	8,739.57
TOTAL	\$ 13,737.87

Property Relief Afforded

District levies, current expense	\$ 7,781.00
Special charter, current expense	17,741.00
15 cent county-wide levy	26,002.00
TOTAL	\$ 51,524.00

"Figures given above represent the actual reductions in dollar levies which were relieved in your county by reason of the fact that the State of North Carolina took over the operation of the entire eight-months school term. In taking over our schools, the State reduced the cost of operation in the schools which amounted in 1932 to approximately \$23,000,000.00 to approximately \$16,000,000.00 for 1933, thereby resulting in a saving to the taxpayers of the state of approximately \$7,000,000.00 in operating cost. The property tax relief afforded for the entire state amounted to \$11,476,540.00 as shown by the above tabulations.

"Sales taxes collected in your county for the first three months are below the average collections for the entire year as our collections are being improved from month to month. But, after allowing for the reasonable increase in the sales tax collections in your county which are anticipated, it will be observed that the property owners in your county are relieved of property taxes in the considerable amount shown and that the sales tax collections in your county will be far less than the property tax relief afforded.

"The sales tax payments are made by all of the people in the county rather than those who happen to be owners of property.

"If the relief afforded property taxpayers in your county is not fully reflected in the actual levies made in your county for 1933 taxes, it would not be because the relief was not afforded by 1933 legislation, it would be on account of levies being made for purposes which were not included in the levy of 1932 or for increases in debt service requirements or relief work. In saying this, we are not criticizing any local authorities as situations have arisen in some counties on account of debt service requirements, relief purposes, etc., for which local authorities have found that they must make levies for county purposes other than schools or in consideration of relief conditions in their county.

"In 1932 property owners in

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