Wilkes Man Is Suicide

own life this afternoon by slashing his throat with a rasor, Coroner I. M. Myers said following an investigation of the death.

Members of the family at the home two miles southwest of Wilkesboro said that Higgins went from his house to the granary to feed the chickens and after feeding them slashed his throat. He had taken his son's razor from the house. His body was found by his son.

Coroner Myers said the laceration was deen enough to puncture the jugular vein and the larnyx. He fell on his face and died almost instantly.

No cause was given for the act but relatives told the coroner that only recently Higgins had taken a number of strychnine tablets and said he was going to

Surviving are his widow. Mrs. Mary L. Milam Higgins, and four children: Harrison Higgins, Bland, Va.; Lester Higgins, Willkesboro; Mrs. Worth Church, Moravian Falls; C. J. Higgins, Wil-

Funeral arrangements had not been completed late today

Bishop Purcell Is Speaker At

Young People Of Elkin Methodist District Hold Meeting In This City

Bishop Clare Purcell, of Charlotte, delivered an inspiring message here Thursday night before kin Methodist district.

The Bishop's subject was divided into three parts: "Know your Methodism. Love Your Methodism, Serve Your Methodism."

For the service the church was filled to capacity with young people from churches in all parts of the district, which is composed of Wilkes, Surry, Davie, Ashe, Watauga, Alleghany and Yadkin counties.

The program opened with a hymn, a prayer by Miss Louise Laffoon, of Elkin, music by the boy's quartet, of Boone, and a song, "Just For Today," by Miss Iva Faw, of North Wilkesboro, accompanied by Miss Ellen Rob-

Bishop Purcell was introduced by District Superintendent J. S. Hiatt.

Following the sermon special music was rendered by Lena Sale and Peggy Royall.

M. Teague Hipps, of Salisbury, director of the young people's son. work in the Western North Carolina Conference, spoke briefly, Christy Tedder and R. L. Meatelling about young people's activities scheduled for the coming summer.

The rally was described as one of the most successful gatherings of young people ever held in this

Regional B. T. U. Convention Wil Convene In

Baptists Of Twelve Associations To Gather Here Friday and Saturday

Announcement was made here today of a regional B. T. U. convention to be held at the First Baptist church in this city on Friday and Saturday, April 12 and The theme of the convention will be "The New Testament Pattern of Church Membership."

The first session will open Friday afternoon at three o'clock. The highlight of the session will be a discussion by Miss Josephine Turner on "Facing Our Training Needs In Region Seven."

Friday evening's session will open at seven o'clock. Dr. O. R. Mangum, of Lenoir, will speak on

the subject, "My Church." Rev. J. C. Canipe, of Boone, will conduct a sunrise service Sat-

urday morning at 6:30. The Saturday morning session will have many interesting numbers, including an address by 1.

G. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home, Thomasville. The final session will begin Saturday afternoon 1:15. Baptist

associations in region Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Brier Creek, Brushy Mountain, Caldwell, Elkin, Stone

Mountain, Stony Fork, Three Forks and Yadkin. Mr. Wade Gilbert, constable of

Elk township, was a North Wil- die Holbrook. kesboro visitor today.

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Will Higgins, age 73, ended his VOL XXXIII, No. 33 Published Mondays and Thursdays.

NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1940 \$1.50 IN THE STATE 13.00 OUT OF THE STATE

WOMAN'S CLUB OBSERVES GOLDEN JUBILEE



The above picture was taken Friday evening at the birthday party given by the Senior Woman's club of North Wilkesboro celebrating the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of the Federation of Women's clubs. Club leaders as shown in the picture are, left to right: Mrs. A. B. Johnston, chairman of building committee, and second vice-president: Mrs. W. E. Jones, first vice-president; Mrs. C. H. Cowles, of Wilkesboro, chairman of district three; Mrs. F. C. Forester, president of the club; Mrs. T. B. Finley, a past president; Mrs. Emmett C. Johnson, president of Junior club; Mrs. Ivey Moore, firance chairman;

C. O. McNiel, chairman of

the witkes county board of

Wilkes county Democratic ex-

notice of candidacy for another

term on the board of education.

Member Of County

Iucumbent Chairman Board

Seeks Party's Endorse-

ment In The Primary

pires every two years. The mem-

not expire next year are R. R.

in northwestern North Carolina,

tary of the county executive com-

His notice of candidacy was

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace E. Day,

mittee.

Mrs. Day.

first wife of Mr. Day.

Church and D. F. Shepherd.

C. O. McNiel, chairman of the

Crusade Rally Registrars And Judges Birthday Party By Woman's Club Appointed For Precincts

Board Elections a Youth Crusade Rally of the El- Met On Saturday To Name Officials

New Registration Called; All Who Vote This Year Must Register

Wilkes county board of elections in meeting Saturday we ning appointed precinct officials for the primary to be held on May

Officials named 'or each precinct were a registrar, Democratic udge and Republican judge.

The first named for each township is the registrar, the second s the Democratic judge and the hird is the Republican judge:

Antioch-R. G. Mathis, Charlie oster and Mansfield Jarvis. Beaver Creek-L. F. Walsh, A Foster and G. H. Walker.

Boomer - Willard Williams. Earl German and Elisha Fergu-

Brushy Mountain-Coy Parker. Edwards No. 1-Clyde Burch

tte. Ernest Edwards and Hugh Hanks Edwards No. 2-Conrad Dur-

nam, Lewis Church and Clifton Prevette. Edwards No. 3-Paul Newman,

J. J. Myers and Eli Smith. Elk No. 1-Philo Blankenship, Burwin Shell and S. F. Miller.

Elk No. 2-W. E. Horton, Fred McNeill and W. F. Green. Johs Cabin No 1-D. F. Beshears. Odell Beshears and Glen Watson.

Jobs Cabin No. 2-Doughton Foster, J. M. A. Adkins and R. S. Church.

Lewis Fork-G. C. Walsh, J. M. Shepherd and E. C. Foster. Lovelace-Mrs. E. P. Inscore, term. Andrew Johnson and Andrew Souther.

Moravian Falls-Mrs. W. Reavis, June Pearson and Ed Jennings.

Mulberry No 1-Miss Vernie Hayes, Crom Owens and J. F. Bumgarner. Mulberry No. 2-Grady

Miller, W. E. Brewer and William Harrold New Castle-Richard Pardue,

Bob Calloway and Hubert Roberts. North Wilkesboro-Effner El-

ler, Glenn Cox and E. R. Eller. Reddies River-Cecil Vannoy, Froy Eller and Quince Kilby. Rock Creek-F. C. Johnson, Bob Johnson and Eli Sebastian. | Bridal Couple, Age Somers-Albert Myers, T. Y.

nscore and H. C. Somers. Stanton-Vernon Eller, Clarence Whittington and H. O. Par-

Traphill No. 1-Rich F. Gentry, S. A. Lyon and Glenn Casstevens. Traphill No. 2-Vance John-

son, Jesse L. Holloway and H. N. Kennedy. Union-Thornton Staley, B. F Staley and Pete Dancy.

Walnut Grove No. 1-Willie their marriage but had known lovely tea following the organiza-Holbrook, J. C. Johnson and Lun-each other for more than 50 tion of the club to honor the guest

(Continued on page eight)

Is Held In City Activities Of Organization Is A Candidate

Outlined In Gathering Held Friday Night To celebrate the Golden Jubi-

lee Anniversary of the Federation of Woman's clubs, the members of the Senior Woman's club of North Wilkeshoro entertained at a lovely birthday party at the Falls Methodist church. clubhouse on Trogdon Street Friday evening. Mrs. F. C. Forester, president of the club, presided throughout the evening, during which time an interesting program was given, being followed by a dance.

The spacious room of the clubhouse was attractively decorated with a variety of spring flowers. while on the birthday table was a large white cake, topped with fifty tiny vellow candles, on each side of which was bowls of the vellow jonguils and white spirea.

To open the program John at the piano by Miss Lois Scroggs. sang "Love Sends a Little Gift of Roses" and "O Promise Me." after which Mrs. Forester wel- day night about the anti-trust ac education and secretary of the comed the group and presented and how it is designed to protect ecutive committee, has filed Mrs. C. H. Cowles, of Wilkesboro, the masses of unorganized conchairman of district three, who made a most interesting talk on nopoly. the Golden Jubilee.

McNeil Files As A Since the North Wilkesboro Senior club was organized in October 1920 the following have served as presidents; Mesdames T. B. Finley, W. J. Bason, R. G. Finley, Palmer Horton, J. C. Board Education Finley, Palmer Horton, J. C. Reins, John Tait, and Mrs. Forester. The achievements during

their term of office was related by a number of these women, in which the building of the clubhouse was an outstanding accomplishment.

Mrs. George Forester sponsored Wilkes county board of education the organization of the Junior for the past several years, filed club in October 1934, and its notice of his candidacy Saturday presidents have been Mrs. Frank for primary endorsement as a Blair, Jr., Miss Lois Scroggs, Mrs. member of the hoard for another W. K. Sturdivant, Mrs. W. F. Absher, and Mrs. E. C. Johnson. Under the present law the term | Several of the junior presidents | many members of the local club of one member of the board ex- were introduced and told about as possible make plans to atthe activities of the club under tend.

bers of the board whose terms do their leadership. Mrs. W. R. Absher, historian. gave a brief sketch of the organ-members and buttons were pre-Mr. McNies, a member of one ization of the local senior club, of the most prominent families which was of much interest. In October 1920 Miss Adelaide Fries, has for several years been very of Winston-Salem, was invited gram committee for Anniversary here to speak to the women of Democratic party, being secre- the town in regards to the or- Gwyn and Paul Cashion were ganization of a club. At this meeting, which was presided over by Mrs. Absher, 100 women were filed Saturday with E. P. Inscore, present, the club was organized, chairman of the county board of and enrolled a membership of 98. In the election of the officers Mrs. J. C. Smoot was chosen as president; Mrs. T. B. Finley, vice president; Mrs. E. C. Willis, sec-73, Visitors Here retary and treasurer. Mrs. Smoot presided over the first meeting of the club, but because of illness of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, who in her family was unable to serve were married in November 1939 further, so Mrs. Finley became and have been spending a four- the first president of club in months' honeymoon in Florida, service. The department chairwere week-end guests of Mrs. men were also elected at this Marion Shell, a granddaughter of meeting. The Civic League of which Mrs. Absher was president, Mr. and Mrs. Day were 73 and the Associated Charities, years of age sach at the time of headed by Mrs. Smoot, gave

years. Mrs. Day is a sister of the speaker. (Continued on page eight)

Wilkes Youth Is Fatally Injured

William B. Pennell Is Killed Almost Instantly When Car Overturned

William Ben Pennell, 22-yearold resident of near Wilkesboro, was almost instantly killed and Russel Brooks, of Wilkesboro route 2, was hadly injured in an automobile accident near Moravian Falls on highways 16 and 18 Sunday night about 7:15 o'clock. According to information gained by Carlyle Jordan, state highway patrolman who investigated the accident, Pennell was driving his car, a light roadster, toward Moravian Falls when it overturned on the highway and landed bottom side up.

Both occupants were unconscious when placed in an ambulance and carried to the Wilkes hospital. Pennell died within a few minutes after he arrived at the hospital. There were several wounds on his head and bruises on his arms and shoulders. His neck was broken. Brooks soon regained consci-

ousness and his condition today was not considered critical, although there were a number of evere lacerations and bruises. Cause of the accident was not

immediately determined. Pennell is survived by his mother, Mrs. Geneva Pennell; three brothers, Elbert, Lee and Glenn Pennell of W!lkesboro, Route 2; and two sisters, Mrs. Tyre Johnson of Statesville, and Mrs. Enoch Staley of Wilkesboro, Route 2.

Funeral service will be held some time Tuesday at Moravian

Chas. C. Pearce Addresses Lions On Friday Night

Member Anti-Trust Division Department Of Justice Is Heard Here

Charles C. Pearce, attorney of the United States Department of Kermit Blackburn, accompanied Justice now engaged in alleged violations of the anti-trust act by fertilizer companies, told the North Wilkesboro Lions Club Frisumers against

The program was in charge of Hadley Hayes and Phillip Brame. Mr. Hayes introduced the speaker. Mr. Pearce was strong in his condemnation of monopoly and asserted that the anti-trust activears ago Dr. T. W. Shore, Yadmakes void any contracts or agreements which are in restraint ed by Charles H. Cowles, Wilkes of trade Pros fixing, he said, is a form of taxation.

Following his address Judge Johnson J. Hayes, a guest at the meeting, spoke briefly concerning the public interest in some recent court decisions on anti-trust cas-

President Richard Johnston announced that the International convention of Lions Clubs will be held in Havana, Cuba, on July 23, 24 and 25 and asked that as

Ira W. Day and D. V. Deal were received into the club as new sented by President Johnston.

L. L. Carpenter, E. C. Johnson and Edward Finley are the proand Ladies' night April 19. Blair named as a committee on ar-

Curb Mart Meet

Miss Harriet McGoogan, Wilkes home demonstration agent, has announced that a meeting for the purpose of planning re-opening of the curb market in North Wilkesboro will be held in the courthouse Tuesday night immediately following the Grange meeting which will begin at 7:30.

Ail who sell on the curb market and all others interested are asked to be present.

Grange To Meet

Wilkesboro Grange will meet on Tuesday night, 7:30, at the courthouse. All members are asked to attend.

Dr. Hubbard President In Auto Mishap Of Hospital Association

Is A Candidate



F. C. (Tom) Forester, for many years prominent in the Democratic party in the state, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for state senator in this district.

F. C. Forester Is A Candidate For

Prominent Democratic Leader Files Notice Of Candidacy Saturday

Floyd C. (Tom) Forester, independent oil dealer and for many years a leader in the Democratic party, Saturday filed notice of nomination for State Senate in state. the Twenty-fourth district, composed of Wilkes, Yadkin and Davie counties. Mr. Forester has been promi-

party in Wilkes county and state. difference between the old and county executive committee in out. 1912 and was head of the party; A lengthy discussion on in Wilkes for 16 years. He has workmen's compensation law as been a member of the State Dem- it affects hospitals was held, folocratic executive committee for lowed by the decision that the asseveral years, and in 1932 was a sociation recommend to the indelegate from the Eighth con- dustrial commission that a hosgressional district to the Demo- pital advisory committee be set cratic National convention in up to handle hospital claims. Chicago, at which time Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for

President. Due to an agreement for rotation of candidates in this district, this year is Wilkes' time for a Democratic candidate. Two kin county Democrat, was defeat-Republican, by only about 100

Merchants To Set nomination for governor of North Carolina, will speak at the Wilkes Saturday Closing Hours At Meeting

To Be Held At North Wilkes boro City Hall On Thursday Night, 7:30

A meeting of all merchants in North Wilkesboro will be held on Thursday night, April 11, at the city hall for the purpose of setting Saturday evening closing hours for the mercantile establishments in the city, W. P. Kelly, executive secretary of North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureaus, said today.

The proposal to close stores at seven o'clock Saturday evenings was discussed at a previous meeting but action was deferred un-On Tuesday Night til a complete canvass of the business firms could be made and another meeting called.

All merchants of the city, regardless of whether or not they are members of the Merchants' Bureau, are invited and urged to attend the meeting Thursday night.

Charlie Monroe

Charlie Mouroe, one of the party of "Kentucky Partners," will render a program at Mount program will be an address by Picabant school on Thursday, Rev. S. I. Watts on "Preparing For A Revival."

Is Elected At **Meeting Held In** Winston-Salem

Highway Accident Hospitalization Bill Again Sponsored By Group

Dr. Fred C. Hubbard, chief of staff of the Wilkes Hospital, was elected president of the North Carolina Hospital Association at its meeting held in Winston-Sal-

em Wednesday night... Other officers elected were J. Lyman Melvin of Rocky Mount, president elect, who will head the group next year, and Sample B. Forbus, Watts Hospital, Durham, re-elected secretary-treesurer. Dr. Vance P. Peery, Kinston, retiring president, and Dr. Harry L. Brockman, of High Point, were elected directors for three-year terms. They succeed Dr. Moir S. Martin, of Mount Airy, and Dr. B. C. Willis, of Rocky Mount.

The meeting Wednesday night was a prelude to The Carolinas-Virginias Hospital Conference which was in session Thursday through Saturday, which Dr. Hubbard also attended.

The North Carolina Hospital Association in meeting Wednes-The State Senate day night, about 150 strong, agreed to sponsor again the North Carolina highway accident hospitalization bill which failed passage in the last session of the legislature by only five votes on final reading. The bill would add 50 cents to the price of each auto tag sold, and this fund would be sed til pay three dellars per day on the hospital bill of any viccandidacy for the Democratic tim of an auto accident in the

The body also adopted by unanimous vote a new constitution and bylaws which was set up as a model by the American Hosnent and active in the Democratic pital Association. There is little He was elected chairman of the new documents, it was pointed

McNeill Speaker For G.O.P. Meet

Candidate For Governor To Address County Convention On Monday

Attorney Robert H. McNeill, & candidate for the Republican county Reepublican convention to be held in Wilkesboro on Monday,

April 15, ten a.m. Announcement that Attorney McNeill, a native of Wilkes and for many years a nationally prominent attorney in Washington, D. C., will speak at the convention was made today by Attorney T. R. Bryan, who is manager of Mr. McNeill's campaign in Wilkes.

Pastors' Meeting To Be Thursday

Monthly Meeting Of Baptist Preachers To Be Held At Reins-Sturdivant

April session of the Wilkes county Baptist Pastors' Conference will be held on Thursday, April 11, at Reins-Sturdisant chapel in this city, according to an announcement today by Rev. Eugene Olive, secretary.

The program will open at ten a. m. with devotional by Rev. W. H. Houck. Rev. C. C. Holland will conduct the Bible study and Rev. F. C. Watts will deliver the

At 1:15 p. m. Rev. C. M. Can-At Mt. Pleasant dill will conduct the devotional, followed by a discussion led by Rev. Eugene Olive on "The Minfamous Monroe Brothers, and his later as a Local Church Leader." The concluding number on the