

Wilkes Man Is Suicide

Will Higgins, age 73, ended his own life this afternoon by slashing his throat with a razor, 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 deep enough to puncture the jugular vein and the larynx. 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 die.

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

Funeral arrangements had not been completed late today.

Bishop Purcell Is Speaker At Crusade Rally

Young People Of Elkin Methodist District Hold Meeting In This City

Bishop Clare Purcell, of Charlotte, delivered an inspiring message here Thursday night before a Youth Crusade Rally of the Elkin 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 boys' quartet, of Boone, and a song, "Just For Today," by Miss Iva Faw, of North Wilkesboro, accompanied by Miss Ellen Robinson.

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

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

M. Toague Hippius, of Salisbury, director of the young people's work in the Western North Carolina Conference, spoke briefly, telling 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 city.

Regional B. T. U. Convention Will Convene In City

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 13. 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 Saturday morning at 6:30.

The Saturday morning session will have many interesting numbers, including an address by I. C. 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 Wilkesboro visitor today.

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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, finance chairman; and Mrs. W. R. Absher, historian.

Registrars And Judges Appointed For Precincts

Board Elections Met On Saturday To Name Officials

New Registration Called; All Who Vote This Year Must Register

Wilkes county board of elections in meeting Saturday evening appointed precinct officials for the primary to be held on May 25.

Officials named for each precinct were a registrar, Democratic judge and Republican judge.

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

Antioch—R. G. Mathis, Charlie Foster and Mansfield Jarvis.

Beaver Creek—L. F. Walsh, A. J. Foster and G. H. Walker.

Boomer—Willard Williams, Earl German and Elisha Ferguson.

Brushy Mountain—Coy Parker, Christy Tedder and R. L. Meadows.

Edwards No. 1—Clyde Burchette, Ernest Edwards and Hugh Hanks.

Edwards No. 2—Conrad Durham, 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.

Jobs 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.

Lovell—Mrs. E. P. Inscore, Andrew Johnson and Andrew Southern.

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

Mulberry No. 1—Miss Vernie Hayes, Crom Owens and J. F. Bumkanner.

Mulberry No. 2—Grady F. Miller, W. E. Brewer and William Harrold.

New Castle—Richard Pardue, Bob Calloway and Hubert Roberts.

North Wilkesboro—Effner Eller, Glenn Cox and E. R. Eller.

Reddies River—Cecil Vannoy, Troy Eller and Quince Kilby.

Rock Creek—F. C. Johnson, Bob Johnson and Eli Sebastian.

Somers—Albert Myers, T. Y. Inscore and H. C. Somers.

Stanton—Vernon Eljer, Clarence Whitington and H. O. Parsons.

Traphill No. 1—Rich F. Gentry, S. A. Lyon and Glenn Castevens.

Traphill No. 2—Vance Johnson, Jesse L. Holloway and H. N. Kennedy.

Union—Thornton Staley, B. F. Staley and Pete Dancy.

Walnut Grove No. 1—Willie Holbrook, J. C. Johnson and Lunde Holbrook.

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Wilkes Youth Is Fatally Injured In Auto Mishap

William B. Pennell Is Killed Almost Instantly When Car Overturned

William Ben Pennell, 22-year-old resident of near Wilkesboro, was almost instantly killed and Russel Brooks, of Wilkesboro route 2, was badly 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 consciousness and his condition today was not considered critical, although there were a number of severe 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 Wilkesboro, 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 Falls Methodist church.

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 Justice now engaged in alleged violations of the anti-trust act by fertilizer companies, told the North Wilkesboro Lions Club Friday night about the anti-trust act and how it is designed to protect the masses of unorganized consumers against organized monopoly.

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 act makes void any contracts or agreements which are in restraint of trade. Price 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 cases.

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 many members of the local club as possible make plans to attend.

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

L. L. Carpenter, E. C. Johnson and Edward Finley are the program committee for Anniversary and Ladies' night April 19. Blair Gwyn and Paul Cashion were named as a committee on arrangements.

Curb Mart Meet On Tuesday Night

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.

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

Grange To Meet On Tuesday Night

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

Dr. Hubbard President 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 The State Senate

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 candidacy for the Democratic nomination for State Senate in the Twenty-fourth district, composed of Wilkes, Yadkin and Davie counties.

Mr. Forester has been prominent and active in the Democratic party in Wilkes county and state. He was elected chairman of the county executive committee in 1912 and was head of the party in Wilkes for 16 years. He has been a member of the State Democratic executive committee for several years, and in 1932 was a delegate from the Eighth congressional district to the Democratic National convention in 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 years ago Dr. T. W. Shore, Yadkin county Democrat, was defeated by Charles H. Cowles, Wilkes Republican, by only about 100 votes.

Merchants To Set Saturday Closing Hours At Meeting

To Be Held At North Wilkesboro 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 until 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 At Mt. Pleasant

Charlie Monroe, one of the famous Monroe Brothers, and his party of "Kentucky Partners," will render a program at Mount Pleasant school on Thursday, April 11, 7:30 p. m.

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-Salem Wednesday night.

Other officers elected were J. Lyman Melvin of Rocky Mount, president elect, who will head the group next year, and Sample B. Forbes, of Durham, re-elected secretary-treasurer. Dr. Vance P. Peery, Winston, 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 Wednesday 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 used to pay three dollars per day on the hospital bill of any victim of an auto accident in the state.

The body also adopted by unanimous vote a new constitution and bylaws which was set up as a model by the American Hospital Association. There is little difference between the old and new documents, it was pointed out.

A lengthy discussion of the workmen's compensation law as it affects hospitals was held, followed by the decision that the association recommend to the industrial commission that a hospital advisory committee be set up to handle hospital claims.

McNeill Speaker For G.O.P. Meet

Candidate For Governor To Address County Convention On Monday

Attorney Robert H. McNeill, a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of North Carolina, will speak at the Wilkes county Republican 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-Sturdivant 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 sermon.

At 1:15 p. m. Rev. C. M. Casdill will conduct the devotional, followed by a discussion led by Rev. Eugene Olive on "The Minister as a Local Church Leader." The concluding number on the program will be an address by Rev. S. I. Watts on "Preparing For A Revival."