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AFTERNOON, NIGHT— Ferguson Place Regional Meet of Grange Thursday

State Master Harry B. Caldwell Will Deliver Address On Thursday Night

Regional conference of the North Carolina State Grange will be held at Ferguson school 15 miles west of Wilkesboro on Thursday afternoon and night, January 22. T. W. Ferguson, master of the Wilkes Grange and official of the State Grange, said today.

The afternoon session will open at three o'clock and a picnic supper will follow.

At the night session the fourth degree will be conferred and H. B. Caldwell of Greensboro, master of the State Grange, will deliver an address.

Following his address the Wilkes Pomona Grange will meet and elect officers for the year. There will also be recreational features and a large attendance is desired.

FRIDAY EVENING— McElwee Speaks To Lions About Civilian Defense

Preparation, Health and Morale Essentials Outlined In Address To Club

W. H. McElwee, local attorney and chairman of the Wilkes civilian defense council, addressed the North Wilkesboro Lions club Friday evening, using the subject, "Am I A Good Soldier?"

The program was in charge of Gordon Forester, who introduced the speaker. He began his address with an explanation of the local civilian defense organization and urged that all who can register for some kind of civilian defense duty.

The three essentials which the speaker listed as being essential for a soldier on fighting or home fronts were: be prepared, be healthy, have high morals.

Attorney McElwee said that there have been far too few registrations for civilian defense and that Wilkes is not ready to meet an emergency should one arise. He explained various parts of civilian defense, including air raid posts and watchers and air raid wardens.

On the health phase of his subject he stressed six ingredients of diet as milk, fruits and juices, eggs, meat and fish, vegetables, whole wheat or enriched bread.

He emphasized the importance of morale, saying that morale is a comprehensive condition of character of the people and that to have a high state of morale people must be entirely unselfish.

In conclusion he stated that "We are going to win this war by digging up our talents and going to work."

Prior to the program three new members were presented. They were: W. B. Collins, industrial arts instructor here; James Lowe, local hardware merchant; Dr. J. C. Stokes, pastor of the Wilkesboro Methodist church.

The right hand of fellowship was extended by Otis Keeling and buttons were presented by Grady (Continued on Page Five)

AT THE CITY HALL— Many Failed To List For Taxes

Time of Listing Here Extended Through January 31 to Accommodate Public

County and city list takers for North Wilkesboro township said today that many have neglected to list property for taxation and that the time as advertised for list taking has expired.

To accommodate the public the tax listing period has been extended to include the remainder of this month and all are urged to list property for taxation or list for poll tax before that time. It is pointed out that failure to list is a violation of the law.

E. M. Blackburn is county list taker and W. P. Kelly is list taker for the city. Both are working at the city hall.

WITH "SEEING-EYE" DOG— BLIND LADY IS CASE WORKER



Miss Hazel Long, blind case worker, and her "seeing-eye" dog, Ping, as they left the Wilkes courthouse last week to begin work among the blind in Wilkes and other northwestern North Carolina counties. Behind Miss Long are Mrs. Inez B. Wall, field supervisor for the state commission for blind, and Charles McNeill, superintendent of public welfare in Wilkes. (Photo by Dwight Nichols)

IN THIS COUNTY— Drive To Raise Funds To Fight Polio Is Begun

Program at Kiwanis On That Topic; President's Ball Night of January 23

Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, chairman of the infantile paralysis fund campaign in Wilkes, launched the drive Friday noon before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club by presentation of a stentid program showing the need for funds and what can be accomplished for infantile paralysis victims.

Dr. Chamberlain, who was presented by J. R. Hix, program chairman, read a paper outlining findings which have been made in studies of infantile paralysis and presented four persons for short talks.

Talks were made by Mrs. W. F. Absher, secretary of Wilkes chapter of the organization to fight infantile paralysis; Mrs. Bertha Bell, county health nurse who said there were 16 cases of infantile paralysis in Wilkes last year; Charlie Finley, who stated that he had been afflicted with the disease for several years; and Sam Ogilvie, of Oakwoods, a patient for several months at Warm Springs, Ga.

He made a most impressive presentation of the treatment he received at Warm Springs and urged all persons to help fight the disease. He said the funds given to the cause constitute an investment and that the movement should have the support of all.

Each member of the club was presented with a blank check on which to make a contribution.

Dr. Chamberlain announced that the President's Ball to raise funds here will be held on the night of January 23rd at the Legion clubhouse and that the mile of dimes will be sponsored here.

At the meeting were the following guests: Judge A. R. Crisp with W. H. McElwee; Earl Garrett with P. W. Edwards; O. K. Whittington and W. P. Kelly with R. G. Finley; C. G. Fordham with W. E. Jones; Mrs. W. R. Absher, Charlie Finley and Sam Ogilvie with Dr. A. C. Chamberlain.

Navy doctors must be graduates of accredited medical schools before being commissioned in the service.

Cox Home Burned Here On Sunday

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cox in this city was almost destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon about four o'clock.

The fire, of unknown origin, had made much headway when discovered. The building and the furnishings were almost destroyed. Some insurance was carried on the property.

WELL ATTENDED— Representatives Seven Counties At Institute Here

Dr. Cutter and Dr. Garbee Address Regional Health Institute Saturday

Seven counties were represented in the area institute on health and physical education held on Saturday at the North Wilkesboro school.

Alleghany, Wilkes, Ashe, Watauga, Alexander, Surry and Yadkin were represented by the school authorities including superintendents, principals, and teachers. The institute was held as a part of the national defense effort.

Dr. Walter Cutter, of the state highway safety division, discussed safety. Health and physical education was the subject of a lecture by Prof. E. Garbee, of A. S. T. C., Boone. At 10:45 those present heard a radio address by Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, on the general theme of the institute.

The institute, which was one of several held throughout the state, began at 10 a. m. and continued until noon.

Kiwanians Preparing For 27th Anniversary Program Jan. 18-24

Local Members Will Join With All in U. S. and Canada For Annual Observance

"The 27th anniversary of Kiwanis International will be observed by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club during the week of January 18 to 24," said J. B. Williams, president of the club today.

Kiwanis was founded in Detroit on January 21, 1915. In the United States and Canada there are now nearly 2,200 clubs with 114,000 members.

Kiwanians in North Wilkesboro will join with all the other members from coast to coast in observing the occasion.

Local Celebration "Charles S. Donley, of Pittsburgh, president of Kiwanis International, will send a special message to the local club for its anniversary celebration meeting," said Mr. Williams.

To Hold Stenog And Tynist Exam In N. Wilkesboro

A representative of the civil service commission will be in North Wilkesboro within the next few days to hold a typist and stenographer examination.

While here he will give "the examination and tell the applicants their grades. Those passing will be referred to the civil service commission for positions at once.

All who are interested should file applications at the North Wilkesboro postoffice immediately.

Mrs. DeWitt Huffman Is Claimed by Death

Funeral service was held Saturday at Charity church for Mrs. Velma Jolly Huffman, 22, wife of DeWitt Huffman, of Benham. She died Friday in the hospital at Elkin.

In addition to her husband she leaves four brothers and four sisters: Mrs. Roxie Yarboro and Mrs. Lexie Rose, of Benham; Mrs. Cooper Durham, of Traphill; Mrs. Ina Huffman, U. D., Marcus, Banner and Ray Jolly, of Benham.

Dr. McNeill Moves Office To Hospital

Offices of Dr. J. H. McNeill have been moved from the second floor of the Horton Drug store building to the upper building of the Wilkes hospital.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT— Methodists Here To Plan Expansion Church Buildings

Plan Remodeling Auditorium and For New Religious Education Building

Plans for remodeling the Methodist church auditorium and for construction of a religious education building will be formulated at an adjourned session of the first quarterly conference to be held Wednesday night immediately after the mid-week prayer service.

This announcement was made today by the pastor, Rev. A. C. Waggoner, who said all members of the church are invited to attend the conference. Rev. A. C. Gibbs, superintendent of the Elkin district, will preside.

At the conference a building committee and a finance committee will be elected. The nominating committee which has already been named is composed of W. D. Halfacre, Mrs. Edd Gardner and Joseph White.

It is expected that plans for the remodeling and new construction will be released following the meeting on Wednesday night.

IN THIS CITY— Disastrous Fire At Bare's Fair Store Thursday

Large Stock of Merchandise Destroyed and Building Also Damaged

Fire destroyed merchandise with an estimated value of \$25,000 and did several thousand dollars damage to Bare's Fair store building on Tenth street here Thursday night about ten o'clock.

No one had been in the store for hours before the fire was seen from the street and its origin was not known. The fire spread rapidly through all merchandise on the street floor.

Firemen soon had the fire under control but the merchandise was almost a total loss by fire and water.

The merchandise was the property of Gilbert T. Bare, owner of Bare's store here and in Boone. He was attending a style show in Morganton at the time of the fire. The merchandise loss was only partially covered by insurance.

The building belongs to W. H. McElwee, a local attorney. Damage to the building is partially covered by insurance, he said.

HEAVY ATTACKS— Imperial Army Withdraws Near Singapore Area

Singapore. — Japanese troops attacked heavily today at opposite ends of a 40-mile line on the West Malaya front and forced a British withdrawal below the mouth of the Muar river 90 miles from Singapore.

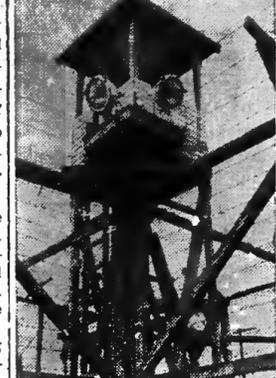
Strong imperial airplane forces rushed to the aid of the ground troops and made a heavy bombing and machine gunning attack on Japanese transport along the roads in the river area.

They also attacked ships and invasion barges on the river. A communique of the Malay command said Japanese fighter planes attacked the imperial bombers and imperial fighting planes intervened. In a dramatic dog fight one Japanese plane was downed, one was damaged and a third was probably destroyed and it was admitted that three imperial planes were missing.

Two Attacks Made Describing the new Japanese offensive, the communique said the Japanese attacked in the Muar River and Segamat fronts. In the Muar area, toward the river mouth on the west coast, it was admitted that the Japanese succeeded in infiltrating a number of men along the coast and said there had been some withdrawal of imperial troops to meet the movement.

ALL OVER WILKES COUNTY— Next Week Will Be "Scrap Iron Week"

Prison Camp



The first prison camp since World War I is now being completed near Patchogue, N. Y. It will accommodate some 700 aliens. The watchtower is shown above.

HERE ON THURSDAY— Stockholders Of The Bank of North Wilkesboro Meet

Institution Had Very Successful Year; Reaches 50th Anniversary March 2d

Stockholders of the Bank of North Wilkesboro, largest unit bank in this immediate section of the state, in meeting here last week heard reports of a very successful year for the bank.

During the last six months of the year resources of the bank increased more than one-half million dollars, reaching a record total of \$2,769,360.68.

The stockholders re-elected the board of directors as follows: E. M. Blackburn, Ralph Duncan, R. G. Finley, J. R. Hix, W. D. Halfacre, Jno. E. Justice, S. V. Tomlinson, and R. W. Gwyn.

Following the meeting of the stockholders the directors met and re-elected all officers of the bank as follows: J. R. Hix, president; W. D. Halfacre, vice president; S. V. Tomlinson, cashier; R. W. Gwyn, vice cashier; W. W. Starr, J. G. McNeill and W. B. Gwyn, assistant cashiers.

The report of President J. R. Hix to the stockholders contained much interesting information. The report mentioned that March 2nd this year will mark the fifth anniversary of the bank at that R. W. Gwyn, cashier, will have been with the bank for fifty years in July this year.

Excerpts from the report of the bank's president to the stockholders follow:

"The eventful year of 1941 has been added to history and with its closing we pause to reflect on some of the activities of your Bank. The year 1940, as reported to you a year ago, was a banner year, and now we are glad to state that 1941 even surpassed 1940.

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FOR THIS CITY— Cecil Hayes Is Superintendent Water, Streets

Appointed By Board Monday Night And Has Begun Duties In New Position

Cecil Hayes, for the past several years sergeant on the local police force, has begun his duties as superintendent of water and streets for North Wilkesboro.

He was appointed to that position in a meeting of the city council held on Monday night.

In that capacity he succeeds John Tevetspaugh, who held the responsible job for several years and until his death a few weeks ago.

The vacancy on the police force caused by the appointment of Hayes to the water and street position has not been filled.

28 Merchants Will Buy Scrap Iron In Wilkes Next Week

County Agent Appeals For Sale of Scrap Metals To Aid In War Program

By J. B. Snipes, County Agent A program has been organized in all the counties of the state, including our county, for the purpose of collecting all kinds of scrap metal and iron. The Defense Officials tell us that it is very important that all scrap metal and iron be placed in the hands of dealers as soon as possible in order that it may be used for defense purposes. Below we are giving you a list of merchants over the county who will handle all scrap iron and metal the farmers will sell them. Please contact the merchant nearest you, listed, below, and ask him the prices being paid for scrap iron and metal.

Some of the farmers are selling this scrap iron and metal and giving the money to the Red Cross, while others are using it to buy defense stamps and bonds. The Defense Officials are not as interested in what you do with the money as they are in getting the scrap iron and metal, which is very badly needed at this time.

So, keep in mind, while you check your farm implements in making out the parts you expect to order, that parts which cannot be worked over or used in any way—may be sold for scrap. We would like to suggest however, that any parts which can be worked over and used, should not be sold for scrap since these

machinery parts. The last week in January has been set as scrap iron week and the slogan is "Scrap the Japs with Scrap!"

R. C. Jarvis, Cycle; Gus Myers, Cycle; L. E. Woodie, Summit; G. C. Parsons, Parsonville; Virgil Church, Feed and Grocery Store, Purlear; Taft Foster, Champion; T. W. Ferguson, Moravian Falls; Comers Store (C.L.), Union Grove; Press, Inscore Store, Rt. 3, North Wilkesboro; Perry Lowe, Pores Knob; C. A. Lowe and sons, North Wilkesboro; Tom Grier Store, Boomer; Morris Hendon, Gilreath; W. W. Harris Hardware Store, Roaring River; Loet Poplin Store, Ronda; L. Z. Adams Store, Austin; Charlie Miles, Traphill; Lonnie Jobbrook Store, Ashers; W. W. Jambill Store, Duckery; Jesse Templeton, Hays; M. F. Absher, RFD, Hays; W. M. Osborne Store, McGrady; A. R. Miller, Vannoy; A. T. Nichols, Route 1, Wilkesboro; R. H. Green, Ronda; Mont Jones, Oakwoods; Robert Spencer, State Road.

Mrs. Phoebe Joynes, Succumbs Friday

Mrs. Phoebe Joynes, 75, member of a well known family in the Traphill section of Wilkes, died Friday night at the home of her nephew, Blaine Sparks, at Traphill.

Funeral service for Mrs. Joynes was held at the Traphill Baptist church Sunday, 11 o'clock, with Rev. Grant Cotbren in charge.

Mrs. Joynes was a daughter of the late Lewis and Mattie Spicer Sparks. She is survived by one brother and one sister, Arthur Sparks and Mrs. Allie Zolla, both of Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Wm. Allen Clanton Claimed By Death

Funeral services for William Allen Clanton, 77, citizen of Moravian Falls Township who died Thursday evening at his home were held at 10:30 Saturday morning at Walnut Grove Baptist church with Rev. C. G. Holland in charge.

Mr. Clanton is survived by six sons and daughters: Mrs. Zora Smith and Mrs. Dora Botsford, who live in Illinois; Mrs. L. M. Pebell, Robert Ernest, Carlisle and Charlie Clanton, of Pores Knob.