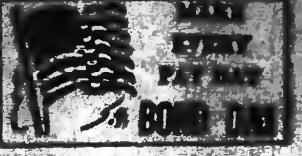


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## Wilkes Included For District Blackout Friday Night

Seeks 3rd Term



Sheriff Claude T. Doughton, who is unopposed for the Democratic nomination to succeed himself, Sheriff Doughton was elected to a two-year term in 1936 and a four-year term in 1938.

### Doughton Files As Candidate For Sheriff of County

If Elected He Would Set A New Record For Length Of Time In The Office

Sheriff Claude T. Doughton, first Democrat, elected to the office of sheriff of Wilkes county in 40 years, filed notice of candidacy Saturday for a third term.

Sheriff Doughton was first elected in November, 1936, when he defeated Sheriff W. B. Somers. His first term was for two years and in 1938 he defeated C. G. Poindexter, Republican candidate, in a close election. In that election the term of office of sheriffs and coroners was increased from two to four years.

Sheriff Doughton is widely known in this part of the state. Prior to his election as sheriff he was cashier of the Deposit and Savings Bank here for several years. He is a son of Representative R. L. Doughton, chairman of the Ways and Means committee in congress.

Sheriff Doughton was not opposed for the Democratic nomination and will be certified by the board of elections as the nominee. If elected, his term would be for four years, making a total of ten years in the office. Ten years would set a new record for Wilkes county, where no sheriff has ever held office for more than eight years.

There are two candidates for the Republican nomination for sheriff: C. G. Poindexter, who was the Republican nominee four years ago, and H. P. (Pat) Eller.

### FACTS ABOUT— 4th Registration Monday, April 27

With the same registration places as were used for the third registration, arrangements have been made in Wilkes for the fourth registration under the Selective Service Act.

The fourth registration will be of all men ages 44 to 65, and will be from 7 a. m. until nine p. m. The following excerpts from the proclamation by President Roosevelt gives pertinent facts about the fourth registration: "1. Pursuant to the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, the registration of male citizens of the United States and other male persons who were born on or after April 28, 1877, and on or before February 15, 1897, shall take place in the United States and the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and in Puerto Rico on Monday, the 27th day of April, 1942, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. "2. (a) Every male citizen of the United States, and every other male person residing in the (Continued On Page Eight)

Files For Senate



W. A. (Lon) McNeil, of this city, is the Democratic nominee for state senate from the 24th district, which is composed of Wilkes, Yadkin and Davie counties.

### 24th DISTRICT— W. A. McNeil Is Candidate For State Senate

Local Citizen Unopposed for Democratic Nomination For The Senate

W. A. (Lon) McNeil, prominent North Wilkesboro business man and a leader in the Democratic party, is his party's nominee for the state senate in the 24th senatorial district.

According to the plan of rotating the office between Wilkes, Yadkin and Davie, the three counties composing the district, this was Davie's time to name the candidates but Davie passed up the opportunity to name the Democratic nominee and McNeil filed with the Wilkes election board and notified the election boards of Yadkin and Davie of his candidacy on the Democratic ticket.

For many years Mr. McNeil has been active in affairs of the Democratic party in northwestern North Carolina and is widely known throughout other parts of the state.

His Republican opponent is B. C. Erock, of Mocksville, who was unopposed for the Republican nomination. Attorney Brock was state senator from the district six years ago. The district is normally Republican.

### 77 PRESENT— Ladies' Night Is Observed By Lions Club Here

Interesting Address Delivered By R. L. Patton On Thursday Evening

North Wilkesboro Lions Club enjoyed a very delightful Ladies' Night celebration at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse Thursday evening.

Seventy-seven members and guests attended the meeting, which was one of the most successful events in the history of the club.

R. L. Patton, Morganton superintendent of schools, was the featured speaker. Using the subject, "What Do We Fear?", he interspersed his address with humor which kept the audience in a constant uproar of laughter. E. C. Johnson, Lions president, was toastmaster. J. Milton Craig, of Mount Holly, district Lions governor, was an honor guest and he delivered a short talk relative to aims and purposes of the Lions Club in this day of national and world crisis. He also delivered awards to key members for membership work. During the dinner, which was served by the American Legion Auxiliary, a Lenoir band furnished music. The band also furnished music for a most enjoyable dance which followed the meeting.

For Legislature



Attorney J. H. Whicker, Jr., Democratic nominee for the office of representative in the general assembly from Wilkes county. He was not opposed for the Democratic nomination.

### Only 1 Contest for Nomination County Offices

When filing time for county candidates ended Saturday afternoon at six o'clock only one primary contest had developed in Wilkes county.

With the exception of the nomination for sheriff on the Republican ticket, all candidates were unopposed for nomination in both parties.

C. G. Poindexter and H. P. (Pat) Eller, both of this city, are the candidates for the Republican nomination for sheriff. Sheriff Claude T. Doughton was not opposed for the Democratic nomination for sheriff.

C. C. Hayes is candidate for a third four-year term as clerk of superior court and his Democratic opponent is W. J. Bason, of North Wilkesboro.

Coroner I. M. Myers, Republican, will have as his Democratic opponent in the election Paul L. Cashion, of North Wilkesboro.

Earl Caudill, Republican county surveyor, had no opposition for renomination and has no Democratic opponent for the election.

The two present Republican members of the board of commissioners are candidates for another term. They are Max Foster in division 1 and M. F. Absher in division 3.

Democratic candidates for commissioner are F. D. Forester in division 1, Paul J. Vestal in division 2 and F. C. Johnson in division 3. V. T. Walsh, Democrat and present member of the board from division 2, declined to be a candidate for another term.

Following is the complete list of all candidates for all offices who filed with the Wilkes board of elections:

State Senate: W. A. (Lon) McNeil, Democrat.  
Legislature: J. H. Whicker, Jr., Democrat; T. E. Story, Republican.  
Sheriff: C. G. Poindexter, H. P. Eller, republicans; C. T. Doughton, Democrat.  
Clerk of Court—C. C. Hayes, republican; W. J. Bason, Democrat.  
Commissioners: Div. No. 1, Max Foster; No. 2, J. E. Pardue; No. 3, M. F. Absher, republicans. Div. No. 1, F. D. Forester; No. 2, Paul J. Vestal; No. 3, F. C. Johnson, democrats.  
Coroner: I. M. Myers, Republican; Paul L. Cashion, Democrat.  
Surveyor: Earl L. Caudill, Republican.  
Constables: Blaine Sparts, Traphill; Boss Blackburn, Edwards; John Royal, Union; C. E. Hayes, Moravian Falls; R. W. Edwards, Wilkesboro; W. C. Beshears, Jobs Cabin; republicans. S. H. Jones, Elk; Elbert Elledge, Lewis Fork; B. F. Estes, North Wilkesboro; J. L. (Continued on Page 8)

### Tannery Whistle, Telephone Rings, Auto Horns, Church and School Bells To Signal Blackout All Over County

Blackout Will Be Between Nine And Eleven O'Clock By Order Of War Department; Full Cooperation Everybody Asked

Blackout committee of the Wilkes County Civilian Defense Council in called meeting this morning made arrangements for the county-wide blackout of Wilkes county Friday night.

The blackout will be over a large district extending across the northern part of the state westward from Raleigh and was ordered by the War Department.

#### EXACT TIME NOT KNOWN NOW

Exact time for the blackout will not be known until the instant it is to begin and the maneuver will be a test of communications and air raid defense organizations in cities, towns and into every rural community. The time for beginning of the blackout will be between nine and 11 p. m. and it will last for an indefinite time.

#### PLANES WILL OBSERVE

Planes will be sent out by the war department to observe effectiveness of the blackout and to make a report.

The blackout committee for Wilkes today worked out a system which should notify every person in the county of the beginning of the blackout and complete cooperation from every person is essential in order that the maneuver may be entirely successful in Wilkes.

#### TANNERY WHISTLE SIGNAL HERE

The tannery whistle, for decades a time regulator for half the county, will signal the blackout with a two-minute blow of zig-zag, or up and down, tone. Sirens and other whistles will immediately help carry the signal.

#### 30 SECOND TELEPHONE RING

At the telephone office the operators will ring every rural line steadily for 30 seconds. Every person hearing the ring is asked not to take down the receiver until the end of the ring. When the long ring ends, each one is asked to get to his or her car or truck immediately and blow the horn steadily for one minute. This will let neighbors who have no telephones know that the time for beginning of the blackout has arrived.

#### BLOW CAR HORNS

In order that the news may spread in the least possible time throughout communities where there are no telephones and where they do not hear the signal whistle here, every person who hears a car horn is asked to immediately blow a car or truck horn in order to spread the news farther.

#### RING CHURCH AND SCHOOL BELLS

It is also asked that someone be at each school and church building Friday night to ring the bells for one minute as soon as the blackout signal is heard.

#### MAY BE LONG BLACKOUT

Attention is called to the fact that the blackout may last for an hour and that lights are not to be turned on until all clear signal is received. The all-clear signal here will be one long blast of the tannery whistle.

#### TURN OUT ALL LIGHTS

Civilian defense officials point out that it is not sufficient just to pull down shades because too much light escapes to be seen from above. Unless the windows are covered closely with heavy cloths it is much better to have all lights completely out.

Attention was called in the meeting today that some signs and display lights are not controlled by a central circuit. Persons leaving places of business before the blackout should turn out such lights. A war Department order was issued some time ago to have such lights under central control but some still remain isolated.

#### ALL ASKED TO COOPERATE

Every person in the county is asked to spread news of the blackout to be on Friday night and to urge full cooperation. It is a highly important maneuver essential to civilian defense and was ordered by the War Department. Air raid wardens in the Wilkesboros and in thickly settled communities along the highways will be on duty.

#### TO ORGANIZE COMMUNITIES

Civilian defense organizations will be set up at Roaring River tonight, Millers Creek Tuesday night and Ronda Thursday night. Each place will have a meeting at 7:30 p. m. and all are asked to attend.

#### PRINCIPALS TO MEET

Wilkes central school principals will meet Wednesday afternoon to lay plans to assist in notifying people of the blackout Friday night.

### "We Have A Job To Do and Are Going to Make It A Good One"—Lt. Johnston

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnston have received the following letter from their son, Lieut. Richard Johnston, army air corps pilot, the letter being mailed by him while on a ship proceeding from Australia to an unannounced destination: Lt. R. B. Johnston-O-430819 67th Pursuit Sqdn. A. P. O. Box 918 San Francisco, Calif. Care of Postmaster.

Aboard Ship—March Dear Mother and Dad: I hope you all got the cablegram that I sent you from Australia. I was hoping to get to call you and talk to you, but no calls could be made, and I also couldn't tell you where I was so that you could cable back. We've been traveling practically all the time since we left New York except for a week in Australia, so no mail (Continued on Page 8)

APRIL 28 AND 29—

### Places Are Designated For The Registration Of Commercial Sugar Users

Guest Minister



Rev. H. Frederick Jones, guest minister for the series of evangelistic services beginning tonight at the First Baptist church, and continuing through Friday, May 1st. Services begin each evening, except Saturday, 8 p. m. There will be two services on Sunday.

### ALL INVITED— Meeting Begins Tonight At First Baptist Church

Rev. H. F. Jones, of Appomattox, Virginia, Will Do Preaching

The series of special evangelistic services, conducted annually by the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro, begins tonight 8 p. m. with Rev. H. Frederick Jones of Appomattox, Virginia, doing the preaching. The visiting minister was formerly pastor in eastern North Carolina, and in other churches of nearby states. He has conducted numerous series of evangelistic meetings in North Carolina and Virginia.

When pastor in Greenville, N. C., the visiting minister was chairman of the ordination council which ordained the present pastor of the First Baptist church to the gospel ministry in 1928. During his stay in North Wilkesboro, he will be a guest at the home of the pastor, 510 D street.

Previous to the opening night of the meeting, prayer services have been held in a number of homes. These home prayer meetings have been well attended, thus indicating a deep interest in the spiritual purposes of the meeting at the church.

The Sunday school of the First Baptist church is sponsoring the first service of the meeting, and the various classes are seeking to have their full membership present at the church tonight. A special "Wilkes County" service is planned for Tuesday night of next week, and it is hoped that many people from the various Baptist churches in Wilkes county will try to be present for the service that evening. The pastors of the churches in the Brushy Mountain and Stone Mountain Associations are cordially invited to bring delegations from their churches on that evening, if possible. The news of the meeting has attracted wide interest in the community, and large congregations are expected. The public is invited to attend the services each evening 8 p. m.

Are you proud of your Navy? Show it by contributing to Navy Relief.

### Ten Places Named to Register Stores, Cafes, Hotels, Etc.

Individual Consumer Registration Will Be Following Week May 4-7

C. B. Eller, sugar rationing administrator for Wilkes county, announced today the places for registration of wholesale and retail merchants, hotels, cafe, boarding houses, institutions and all other commercial users and handlers of sugar.

The registration of all in those classifications will be on April 28 and 29 at ten places in the county. The places and names of administrators were announced as follows: North Wilkesboro high school, Paul S. Cragan; Wilkesboro high school, Wm. T. Long; Ferguson school, O. M. Proffit; Mount Pleasant school at Champion, P. W. Greer; Millers Creek school, R. V. Day; Mountain View school at Hays, Zeb K. Dickson; Traphill high school, W. V. Nix; Ronda high school, E. R. Spruill; Roaring River high school, C. P. Farmer; Lincoln Heights high school, J. R. Edglin.

Individual consumer registration will be on May 4, 5, 6, and 7 at the public elementary schools, which includes the high schools, throughout the county.

It is hoped that the consumer registration can be handled in the afternoons so as not to interfere with the regular school work of the schools that will still be in operation on that date.

The school forces of the county are going to do this work without compensation and it is their desire to render the best service possible to all the people of the county.

More information concerning the sugar registration will be given through the newspapers and through the schools as it is made available.

### SUNDAY NIGHT— 2 Homes Burn At Moravian Falls

Homes of Mrs. Mary Hendren and Mrs. W. S. Smythey Are Destroyed

Fire burned two homes and threatened destruction of a large part of the village of Moravian Falls four miles south of Wilkesboro Sunday night about ten o'clock.

The homes of Mrs. Mary Hendren and Mrs. W. S. Smythey, aged ladies who live alone in adjoining houses, were completely destroyed. Some furnishings were removed from the home of Mrs. Smythey but nothing was saved from Mrs. Hendren's home, which burned first.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Cecil Wiles and children, of this city, who were passing the highway and saw the home of Mrs. Hendren in flames. Although in the building she had not discovered the fire, which had gained much headway, Mrs. Smythey was sleeping in her home but was taken out before her home began to burn.

Wind blowing southwardly caused the fire to spread rapidly. Hotel Moravina building caught fire three times. The home of Mrs. C. S. Pearson also caught fire three times, and a tree and fence (Continued on Page 8)

Eastern Star Meet Wilkes Chapter No. 43, O.E.S. will hold its regular meeting on Thursday night, April 23, in the Lodge Hall at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present. MRS. SUSIE WILLIAMS, W.M. MRS. WILLIE FELTS, Sec.