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Make North Wilkesboro Your Christmas Shopping Center

December Term Superior Court Has Adjourned

Second Week Not To Be Held Because Of Weather And Bad Roads.

Wilkes Superior Court, which was scheduled to begin second week this morning, was adjourned by Judge Wm. H. Bobbitt, presiding judge, because of the inclement weather and condition of roads in Wilkes.

Consequently, criminal cases calendared for trial and which were not reached were automatically continued until the March term.

Judgments rendered during the latter part of the first week were as follows:

Collin Hayes, colored, plea of involuntary manslaughter, 12 months on roads, suspended and placed on probation two years.

Frank Anderson, operating while intoxicated, 60 days, suspended on payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Carl Pardue, operating car while intoxicated, 60 days, suspended on payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Richard Harding McGuire, operating car while intoxicated, four months, suspended on payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Lawrence Cleveland Parsons, operating car while intoxicated, eight months, suspended on payment of \$100 fine and costs.

H. C. Elam, operating car while intoxicated, 60 days, suspended on payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Everette Jarvis, operating car while intoxicated, 60 days, suspended on payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Edgar J. Hamby, Sr., operating car while intoxicated, four months, suspended on payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Reuben Anderson, violating exhibition law, six months, suspended on payment of \$75 fine and costs.

Arnold Bland Wyatt and Odell Shepherd, temporary larceny of auto, six months, each suspended.

Bryant Faw, Andrew Faw, Clay Greer, Roy Huffman, Howard Baugus, Hubert Pierce, fishing out of season, \$10 fine and costs each.

Herbert St. Clair, operating car while intoxicated, 60 days, suspended on payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Zola W. Snottherly vs. G. L. Snottherly, divorce granted.

Walter Collins, forgery, 12 months.

Grand Jury Makes Recommendations At Close Of Term

The grand jury at the December term of Wilkes court made a comprehensive report on its activities.

In his report to Judge Wm. H. Bobbitt, J. C. McNeill, grand jury foreman, stated that 101 bills were examined, of which 86 were found true bills, four not true and 11 were continued for lack of evidence.

An inspection of the court house, o. k'd the records but, as usual, a recommendation was made for more vault space for the offices of clerk and register of deeds.

At the jail nine prisoners were found and minor repairs on the building were recommended. At the prison camp there were 44 prisoners.

At the county home there were 20 inmates, and the grand jury asked extension of the city water lines to the property and plumbing repairs.

At the school bus garage were found 50 public buses and 20 contract buses. Joe Porter was commended for his efforts to keep the buses in good shape.

J. S. Greene, 65, Rites Held Sunday

Last rites were held Sunday at Yellow Hill church for John Sherman Greene, 65-year-old citizen for the Summit community, who died at his home.

Mr. Greene is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nancy Greene; three daughters and two sons, Mrs. Spencer Blackburn and Mrs. Virgil Church, of Purlear; Mrs. Aldrien Greene, of Wilkesboro, route one; and Arlis Greene, of Millers Creek.

England still has an egg shortage.

Christmas In 1945

(By Dr. Gilbert R. Combs.)

The Christmas spirit of 1945 should be characterized by joyous gratitude, serious self-examination and rededication to the ideals of Him who came as a Babe of Bethlehem, and an unusual spirit of sharing with others, and particularly the unfortunate ones of our disrupted world. This is of course the spirit in which all Christmases should be commemorated but there are particular reasons why such a spirit should be manifest at this Christmas.

We have just emerged from the most devastating war of all time. And, while its ugly aftermath is still with us, our sons and daughters have been released from the heart-burdening dangers of actual combat, many of them have already returned to our homes and our hearts and others are coming soon. How thankful we should be that the Christmas prophecy of "peace on earth" has once more been generally realized. And how glad and thankful we should be that amid all the threat and discussion of future wars, Jesus has come to our bewildered world and offered to us the one realistic plan for preventing war that our world has yet found. We all know in our hearts that only when the Prince of Peace has been crowned King in all our human relationships will the threat of war be banished. All of us are praying at this Christmas season that God will speed that day. But our prayers do not count for much unless we rededicate ourselves anew to the task of helping Him to bring that day to its glorious dawning.

And so this Christmas season should be a time of self-examination and rededication to the ideals of Jesus. Are we doing all that we can to bring His great dream to fruition? What a different world this would be if we

gave as much of our thought, our sustenance and our effort to the healing of the causes of tragedy as we do to meeting tragedy when it has been thrust upon us by our careless neglect! It is estimated that this war has cost the nations three trillion dollars. And that, of course, is the smallest item of its gigantic toll. The heart-breaking sorrow of hundreds of millions of people, critical preparation years taken from the lives of countless youth, billions of man-hours of human labor diverted from the peaceful pursuits of production to the baneful pursuits of destruction, the starving and shivering children of many lands, the dead and maimed of all lands; these and similar things are the real costs of war. Suppose that just one half of this great price of human effort and material wealth had been expended during the past century in bringing this message of Jesus to a needy world; to laying the foundations, through His gospel of brotherly love, for world understanding and cooperation, how different the story of these latter tragic years might have been. Will we poor, foolish mortals ever learn the lessons of history!

And what an opportunity to have this year to commemorate God's greatest gift to our world by a spirit of sharing with others and especially with the unfortunate ones of our war-stricken world. The spirit of giving is in the very air at Christmas time. But what a tragic Christmas it is going to be for countless numbers of God's children all around this earth! Giving gifts to those we love is very proper and right. But this year, our spirit of generosity should reach out until it includes all those who belong to the larger family of our Heavenly Father, of which we claim to be a part.

In closing this message, which is written at the request of the Ministerial Alliance of the Wilkesboros, let me say a word about one illustration of the gross abuse of the Christmas spirit. How inappropriate and gruesome is this custom of ours, particularly here in the South, of encouraging, or at least permitting, our children the use of fireworks as a part of the Christmas celebration. It is a custom that is not only dangerous but gives to our children a perverted idea of what Christmas means. Incidentally, it is training our children also in disrespect for the law. No one would think of even celebrating his mother's birthday in such a fashion. Why encourage such things in celebrating the greatest and holiest birthday of all? Christmas should be a joyful and happy season for the children, to be sure, but more noise adds nothing to the joys. It is a custom so dangerous, so wasteful, and so inappropriate, let's discourage and stop it!

And this year we should remember that many of our war heroes are home from perhaps months of constant exposure to shell and rifle fire. The nerves of many are shattered and distraught. At a recent football game in North Carolina a thoughtless spectator started to shoot off firecrackers on the edge of the gridiron. When the first firecracker exploded a dozen or so lads in uniform, in the bleachers, jumped to their feet and showed great distress. The thoughtless celebrant continued his explosions until he was waited upon by a group of servicemen who promptly "persuaded" him to cease. Surely no one of us would add to the difficulties of these brave men who are struggling toward rehabilitation and readjustment.

Your ministers wish for each of you a happy and truly Christian Christmas season.

Holiday Dance Saturday Night

Wilkes Post of the American Legion is sponsor of a holiday dance to be held at the Legion and Auxiliary club house Saturday night, December 22, nine until 12 o'clock.

There will be a colored orchestra to furnish music and an enjoyable occasion is anticipated. Formal dress for ladies will be optional.

To Open Shop

Messrs. W. B. Barnett and W. C. Kilby will open a blacksmith and general repair shop near the Broadway Service Station, a mile east of the city, on January 1.

The new business, which will be known as the Broadway Blacksmith & Repair Shop, will do horse shoeing, repair work of all kinds and truck body building.

Messrs. Barnett and Kilby invite the patronage of the public when their shop goes into operation the first of the year.

Work Started On Glendale Springs Proposed Church

West Jefferson, Dec. 13.—Actual construction work has been started on the proposed church at Glendale Springs, which is to be located on the road back of the Glendale Springs hotel. Approximately \$1,500 of the estimated \$3,500 cost for the building has already been raised and more gifts are expected to be turned in soon.

Plans for the new church were made four years ago but actual building did not begin due to the scarcity of building materials. Forms have now been set and the concrete foundation is ready to be poured. Lumber for constructing the framework is now on the grounds ready for use as soon as the foundation is completed. The new building is to be composed of an auditorium, 45 feet by 24 feet, and is to have a two-storied Sunday school department. The Rev. J. W. Luke, the pastor in the Glendale Springs field, has announced that any contributions to the church will be appreciated.

County Schools Will Re-Open On Monday, Dec. 31

Schools With Transportation Closed Thursday Because Of Road Conditions

Because of weather conditions and the current epidemic of colds and flu, schools of the Wilkes county system with transportation facilities closed Thursday until December 31.

C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, said that attendance had been ragged for several days due to an epidemic of a mild form of flu and that a decision to close the schools earlier for the holidays was being considered. On Thursday snow fell heavily and the roads became difficult for school bus travel. Consequently, the schools which have bus transportation closed earlier for the holidays.

In North Wilkesboro city schools, where attendance picked up during the latter part of the week, the original schedule of holidays will be observed. The schools in North Wilkesboro will close on Thursday, December 20, and reopen on Monday, December 31.

Cantata Sunday at The First Baptist

The "Story of Christmas," a cantata by H. Alexander Matthews, will be given at the First Baptist church on Sunday night, December 23.

The cantata will be presented with 45 voices under direction of Mrs. A. F. Kilby. Miss Lois Scroggs will be guest organist and Miss Elsie Nichols will be pianist.

BAY WINDOW

New Uncle (by marriage): Well, Tom, I've met all your brothers except the oldest, George. Which side of the house does he look like? Tommy: George? Oh, he looks like the one with the bay window.

Buy More Bonds!

New and Modern Buses Are Added To Interstate Line

M. C. Woodie, vice-president of the Carolina-Tennessee Coach Co., which is owned and operated by Parkway Bus Co., recently added three new and modern Mainliner buses.

The Carolina-Tennessee Coach Co. is now rendering splendid service between Winston-Salem, Lexington, North Wilkesboro, West Jefferson, Elizabethton, Johnson City and Bristol. In the new service recently inaugurated the buses operate between Elizabethton, Tenn., and Lexington without change.

On this schedule buses leave North Wilkesboro for Winston-Salem at 8:50 a. m., 2:30 and 7 p. m., and one leaves for Salisbury at 11:25 a. m.

The new 33-passenger buses are modern in every respect and provide maximum comfort for bus travelers.

Accident Fatal To Mrs. Leslie Shugart

Yadkinville, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Leslie Shugart, Jr., 19, of Yadkinville, died at 12:15 today at Chatham hospital, Elkin, of injuries sustained in an accident at 11 p. m. Wednesday. Mrs. Shugart's husband is in a critical condition in Chatham hospital as a result of the accident. He was brought to the hospital in an unconscious condition and has not yet regained consciousness.

The couple were injured when their car was in collision here with a truck belonging to a Mt. Airy firm. No charges have been preferred. Mr. and Mrs. Shugart were married last November 25.

Mrs. Shugart was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Swinarsky, of East Rutherford, N. J. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

TWO BAD HABITS

Mrs. Wild: Mrs. Wilkins has a very bad habit. Mr. Wild: What is that? Mrs. Wild: She turns around and looks back every time we pass in the street. Mr. Wild: How do you know?

The clever hostess makes the most of the eye-appeal of foods she serves. Serve cauliflower for unique table decorations.

\$38,716.25 More E Bonds Needed To Reach the Goal

Gallen Is Speaker At Kiwanis Meet Here Friday Noon

Provisions Of G. I. Bill Of Rights Explained To Club In Meeting

Featured by an instructive address, the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club held a most enjoyable meeting at Hotel Wilkes Friday noon.

Dr. James H. McNeill, who was recently elected to membership in the club, was present and was inducted into membership by J. B. McCoy.

Program Chairman Andrew Kilby introduced his program by asking for a song, and the club sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem." He then introduced Joe Gallen, who is in charge of veterans' interests in this territory.

Mr. Gallen made an interesting informational talk about the two G. I. bills that have been passed by congress in the interest of World War veterans. These laws are:

- 1. Public Law No. 346 for able-bodied veterans. 2. Public Law No. 16 for disabled veterans.

Bill No. 346 allows able-bodied veterans who entered over the age of 25 years a one-year refreshing course with the cost paid. Veterans under 25 on entering are allowed one year plus number of months under 25.

The employer and veteran make their own trade as to wages. He may pay the veteran 40 cents per hour and the veteran will receive \$80 from the government if single and \$75 if married.

Public Law No. 16 is for disabled veterans. It is the payment of an obligation. If the veteran has received an injury that causes him to have to change his trade or type of work the government will pay the difference between a wage agreed to be paid by the employer to the veteran while he learns a new trade and the wage he is entitled to receive for that work when he is skilled in it.

The speaker stated that employers everywhere were cooperating splendidly in working out the details of the plan as they are approached by the returning veterans.

Guests Friday were as follows: Mrs. Kathryn Lott and Major Walter Moss with P. W. Eshelman, Fred Hubbard, Jr., with Dr. F. C. Hubbard, Lacy Meredith with R. M. Brame, Jr.

Wilkes Man Takes Own Life in State Prison December 6

Roy Osborne, Serving Murder Sentence, Takes Own Life By Hanging

Roy Osborne, 50, white prisoner from Vannoy, Wilkes county, committed suicide last Friday at Central prison in Raleigh by hanging himself with a chain from his bunk in the prison cell, Coroner Roy M. Banks said.

Prison officials said Osborne was mentally deranged. He was sentenced in Wilkes county August 17 of this year for 20 to 25 years for second degree murder of his brother, Tom Osborne.

The body was found about five o'clock Friday morning by guards as they were making a check of the prison cells. Osborne had disconnected part of the chain holding the upper bunk to the wall, tied it around his neck and jumped from the bed. He died of a broken neck, the coroner said.

Mrs. Sally Smoot Taken By Death

Funeral service was held today, 11 a. m., at Charity church for Mrs. Sally Smoot, age 85, well known resident of Traphill township, who died Saturday. Rev. L. E. Sparks and Rev. Grant Cotthren conducted the last rites. Mrs. Smoot, widow of the late Johnnie Smoot, is survived by two sons, Charlie Smoot, of Austin and Will Smoot, of Benham.

White Christmas At First Methodist Church On Sunday

Annual White Christmas service will be held at the First Methodist church on Sunday evening, December 23, 5 o'clock. Gifts wrapped in white will be carried for needy families, a Christmas program will be rendered and there will be a treat for the children.



CPL. JAMES V. STALEY RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Cpl. James V. Staley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roby Staley, of Reddies River, has received his discharge from the army after 53 months of service, of which 12 months were spent in England.

PFC. PAUL J. JOHNSON IN SERVICE IN JAPAN

Pfc. Paul J. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Johnson, of North Wilkesboro, route two, is with the occupation troops in Japan. He has written his parents that he had been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Liberation of Philippines Ribbon with one battle star, the Occupation Ribbon and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon. He is expected to get home some time in May or June.

PFC. CHAS. DWIGHT HORTON HAS RECEIVED DISCHARGE

Pfc. Charles Dwight Horton has received his discharge from the army and arrived Friday night at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Horton. Pfc. Horton had been in the army over three years and for the past two years had served in the military police in Italy. Prior to entering the army he was a member of the North Carolina highway patrol.

PFC. JAMES ANDERSON, JR. RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Pfc. James M. Anderson, Jr., who has been in service in Italy over a long period and was twice decorated with the bronze star medal, has received his discharge and has arrived at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Anderson.

MAJOR JOHN D. HINES HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Major John D. Hines, who recently arrived in the States from Manila, is here to spend the holidays with his wife, the former Miss Fern Barnard.

Nathan's Creek School Burned

West Jefferson, Dec. 13.—Nathan's Creek high school building, one of the most modern in the county, was totally destroyed by fire of an unknown origin early yesterday morning, resulting in an estimated loss of \$50,000.

While it could not definitely be determined, it is believed that the fire, which originated in one of the rear rooms, was the result of a short circuit in the electric wiring. The smoke was first discovered by A. B. Hurt, principal, in a routine check of all of the rooms shortly before time for school to open. Help was sought in the neighborhood and the West Jefferson fire truck was brought into action immediately, but the shortage of water made it impossible to curb the blaze, which spread quickly throughout the building.

Members of the fire department worked with others and saved much of the movable equipment on the first floor. None on the basement floor was saved. School officials estimated the loss of the building, on which there was no insurance, and the equipment to be about \$50,000.

Sales E Bonds As Christmas Gifts To Be Emphasized

Report Of Sales By Districts And Stores To Date Made Here Today

Total of E bond sales in the Victory Loan campaign has reached \$121,288.75 in Wilkes county.

This leaves \$38,716.25 yet to be sold to reach the E bond quota of \$160,000, W. D. Half-acre, chairman, said today.

With intensified effort on the part of block leaders, retail stores and community bond salesmen, the quota for the county can be reached before Christmas.

Bond workers are now emphasizing the desirability of E bonds as Christmas gifts, and "Give A Gift With A Future" is the slogan for the campaign until Christmas.

Bond sales by the block leaders in the two city districts, by rural communities and by retail stores were listed today as follows:

Table with columns for City Districts, Sale By Districts, and Sales By Stores. Lists names and amounts for various districts and stores.

Table with columns for Woman's Auxiliary of the N. C. Pharmaceutical Ass'n., R. M. Brame & Sons, Hotel Wilkes, Tomlinson's, Allen Theatre, Reins Sturdivant, Rhodes-Day, Hackney's Dept. Store, Gaddy Motor Co., Payne Clothing Co., J. C. Penney, Princess Cafe, and Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Lists names and amounts.

Valuable Real Estate Will Be Sold Dec. 19th

Some of the most valuable real estate in this vicinity will be sold at auction Wednesday, December 19, when the lands formerly owned by Col. Henry T. Blair go on sale.

T. J. and Ralph Frazier recently purchased from Col. Blair the property at the intersection of highways 268 and 18 at the northern limits of this city. Included in the sale will be several acres of land within the triangle and on Reynolds road, consisting of many desirable business and residential sites in an area which is expected to become a business center.

The property lies on the north-south route from Bluefield, W. Va., to Statesville and Charlotte, and on a principal east-west route of commercial and tourist travel. Penny Brothers, famous twin auctioneers, will conduct the sale, which will begin at 1 p. m. There will be band music and Victory Bonds and cash will be given as free prizes.

Announcement of the coming sale has already attracted much interest, and it is expected that a large crowd will attend.

DOLLAR SAVED

Pop, if I saved you a dollar, would you give me fifty cents of it? Yes, I guess so, son.

Well, I saved it for you. You told me you would give me a dollar if I passed in arithmetic, and I didn't pass.

BUY VICTORY BONDS!