

Endorses March of Dimes



President Harry S. Truman (above), in a letter to Basil O'Connor, President of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, pledged full cooperation in the Foundation's 1946 March of Dimes.

Kiwanis Begins Year; Officers Are Installed

Edd Gardner President For 1946; Splendid Achievement Report Read

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club began the new year Friday with the reading of a splendid achievement report and installation of officers for 1946.

President Paul Osborne, who very successfully headed the club through the past year, asked Secretary T. E. Story to read the annual report of the club's achievements, which enumerated many commendable accomplishments during the year.

The outgoing president ended his year's work by complimenting the membership for the fine support given him during the year. He then presented the president's button and gavel to Edd Gardner, who assured the club of his intentions to have 1946 to be an outstanding year for the club, and asked for full support of every member.

Following the luncheon meeting President Gardner met with officers and committee chairmen. At this meeting it was decided to hold the club's training course on Thursday evening 5 o'clock, with a dinner to follow the meeting.

C. E. Jenkins' Funeral Friday

Funeral service was held Friday afternoon at the First Baptist church for Charles E. Jenkins, 67, widely known business man, who died Wednesday night at the Wilkes hospital.

Dr. Marshall Mott, pastor of Ardmore Baptist church in Winston-Salem, and lifelong friend of Mr. Jenkins, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. Watt M. Cooper, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, and Rev. Walter Whittington, of Damascus, Va.

Burial was in Mount Lawn Memorial Park north of this city. In the service Miss Ellen Robinson sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," and the choir sang "Abide With Me" and "Rock of Ages."

Active pallbearers were J. B. Williams, J. S. Caudill, Eugene Trivette, Leonard Michael, Judge Johnson J. Hayes and J. H. Whicker.

Numerous and beautiful flowers attested to the esteem for the life of Mr. Jenkins by a wide circle of friends. A large crowd, including many from distant points attended the last rites.

Address By Lions Governor, Movie Program Features

Lions Club Holds Interesting Meeting Friday Evening At Hotel Wilkes

A splendid program, featured by an address and a sound movie, was carried out Friday evening at the North Wilkesboro Lions Club meeting at Hotel Wilkes.

Allie Hayes and Sam Ogilvie were in charge of the program, which opened by presentation of Bob Wood, of Hickory, deputy district governor, D. C. Whittener, of Boone, zone chairman, and Edward H. McMahan, of Breward, district governor.

Mr. McMahan complimented the North Wilkesboro club on its fine record of outstanding achievements during the year. He briefly reviewed the history of the Lions Club from the beginning in 1917 to the present day, when he said that Lions are now the largest and strongest civic organization. The real strength, he said, lies in the service rendered by clubs to their communities and to the nation.

The second feature of the program was a sound movie showing the work on the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Basil O'Connor, national chairman for the Foundation, was the narrator. Much of the movie was filmed at the emergency hospital at Hickory in 1944 and was of much interest to the club.

The club Friday evening welcomed the return of two members from service: Lt. Col. Edward S. Finley and Ensign Fred Hubbard, Jr. Mrs. James M. Anderson was a guest of Mr. Anderson, J. J. Turner was a guest of Harry Klutz, and Bill Young was a guest of Vernon Deal.

Pfc. Mathis Dies In Truck Crash

Wilkes Soldier Killed On Jan. 1 at Camp Robinson; Funeral Sunday

Pfc. John Sherman Mathis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Mathis, of North Wilkesboro, route three, was killed in an automobile accident at Camp Robinson, Ark.

Funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at Cranberry church, near his home. He was killed on January 1, receiving a fatal skull fracture in a crash of an army vehicle. Few details concerning the accident were received here.

Northwestern Bank Stockholders Meet At Bank Tuesday

Stockholders of the Northwestern Bank, which has home office here and branches in many other northwestern North Carolina cities and towns, will meet in annual meeting in the directors' room at the bank tomorrow, Tuesday, January 8, 11 a. m.

SCHOOLS MAY NOT RE-OPEN UNTIL MONDAY

District Meeting Of Masons Held In This City Jan. 3rd

Officers Of Lodges In District Installed By Deputy Grand Master

More than 100 Masons and guests attended the 33rd district meeting held Thursday night at the North Wilkesboro lodge hall with Liberty Lodge No. 45 of Wilkesboro as host.

Principal features of the meeting were installation of officers of the lodges in the district and an address by Wm. J. Bundy, of Greenville, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Johnson Sanders of Wilkesboro, was toastmaster. The program opened with invocation by Rev. H. M. Wellman, welcome address by T. E. Story, of Wilkesboro, and response by Rev. John Wells, of North Wilkesboro. Dr. Gilbert R. Combs presented the speaker.

Mr. Bundy delivered an inspiring address and installed officers as follows:

Liberty No. 45—Johnson Sanders, Master; J. F. Jordan, Senior Warden; Arlie Foster, Junior Warden; John R. Prevette, Secretary; C. W. Bullis, Treasurer; Owen Stephens, Senior Deacon; S. T. Anderson, Junior Deacon; Presley Joiner, Senior Steward; Paige Choate, Junior Steward; Ed Crysel, Tyler; Rev. W. N. Hayes, Chaplain.

North Wilkesboro No. 407.—D. E. Elledge, Master; Maurice Walsh, Senior Warden; Q. B. Huffman, Junior Warden; E. M. Blackburn, Treasurer; Frank H. Crow, Secretary; Tam L. Shoemaker, Senior Deacon; J. C. Dyer, Junior Deacon; Eddie Forrester and Haggie Faw, Stewards; Dick Wellborn, Tyler; Rev. John Ellis, Chaplain.

Tranah No. 433.—H. S. Holbrook, Master; D. B. Swearingen, Jr., Senior Warden; Kermit Pruitt, Junior Warden; C. C. McCann, Treasurer; D. B. Swearingen, Sr., Secretary; D. H. Wellborn, Senior Deacon; Guy Spicer, Junior Deacon; H. B. Moran and H. L. Brinkley, Stewards; D. C. Brown, Tyler; D. C. Castevens, Chaplain.

Mount Pleasant No. 573.—O. M. Proffit, Master; Lewis Triplett, Senior Warden; Howard Walker, Junior Warden; V. C. Elledge, Treasurer; C. W. Proffit, Secretary; A. M. McGee, Senior Deacon; Claude Whittington, Junior Deacon; Vernon Foster and Howard Jones, Stewards; T. P. Elledge, Tyler; Rev. A. W. Eller, Chaplain.

Prior to the program a banquet dinner was served. Rev. W. N. Hayes closed the meeting with benediction.

Mrs. Robert Gibbs' Father Succumbs

John B. Gamble, father of Mrs. Robert S. Gibbs, died Wednesday night at his home in Athens, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs left early Thursday for Athens to attend funeral services and will return to this city today or tomorrow.

Returns to States



John W. Lloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Lloyd, arrived in New York January 3 with the 82nd airborne division after a year of service in England, France, Italy, Belgium and Germany. The first day after his arrival in New York was his birthday, which was perhaps his happiest. His division will stage a gigantic military parade in New York City and on January 16 he will arrive home on a 80-day furlough.

Mr. Bullis Retires



Wm. A. Bullis, active in business and public life here for the past 48 years, has retired from the Sentinel Insurance Agency, Inc. Mr. Bullis came to North Wilkesboro from the Moravian Falls community in 1907, and with the exception of six years, when he was in the milling business at Quarry, he has been a continuous citizen of North Wilkesboro. For 13 years he was clerk and treasurer of the town of North Wilkesboro and served three terms as mayor of the city, from 1925 to 1931. He has been in the insurance business since 1908, being agent for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, and until 1935 was affiliated with the North Wilkesboro Insurance Agency. In 1935 he and associates organized the Sentinel Insurance Agency and he was secretary-treasurer of the firm until he sold his interest to W. Blair Gwyn on January 1. Mr. Bullis will remain in the Sentinel Insurance Agency office for a short time. He is still an agent for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company.

Interesting Talks Feature Meeting American Legion

Dr. McNeill, Rev. Watt M. Cooper And Attorney McElwee Address Meeting.

Wilkes Post, American Legion, which is growing into one of the largest and most influential civic groups in this section of the state, held a very successful meeting Friday night at the North Wilkesboro town hall.

Henry Landon, who succeeded Carl Buchan as commander of the Post, following Mr. Buchan's resignation, presided, and most interesting talks were made by Dr. J. H. McNeill, recently commander in the navy's medical corps; Attorney W. H. McElwee, a former major in the army; and Rev. Watt M. Cooper, for three years a naval chaplain.

Dr. McNeill discussed the proposal of more interesting programs and promoting larger attendance at Legion meetings. Attorney McElwee pointed out that veterans in the Legion can cooperate together for mutual aid and to promote better conditions in the community, state and nation, and Rev. Mr. Cooper also talked most interestingly.

Ten new members were received into the Post, and it was emphasized that the Post is a county-wide organization open to all veterans of World Wars I and II. A plan is under consideration to have meetings in central communities in the rural areas later, but meetings during the remaining winter months will be held at the North Wilkesboro town hall on the first Friday night in each month.

Veterans interested in membership in the Legion are urged to discuss the matter with any Legion member at their earliest convenience.

Building & Loan In Wilkesboro In Annual Meeting

Wilkesboro Building and Loan Association experienced a successful year in 1945 despite wartime restrictions on building construction, the report of Wm. A. Stroud, secretary-treasurer, to the stockholders in annual meeting showed.

Mr. Stroud said today that there is renewed activity in home construction since restrictions have been lifted and that the association has received many applications in the past few weeks.

In the annual meeting of stockholders the board of directors was re-elected, as follows: J. H. Johnson, Wm. A. Stroud, B. J. Kennedy, R. B. Pharr, O. K. Whittington, George Kennedy, Charlie Howard, Dr. M. G. Edwards, Edward McIntire, Charles C. McNeill and Wm. T. Long. William Gray was named director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. H. Leckie.

The directors re-elected officers as follows: J. H. Johnson, president; Dr. M. G. Edwards, vice-president; Wm. A. Stroud, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Wm. A. Stroud, assistant secretary-treasurer; J. R. Henderson, attorney. The meeting was held in Wilkesboro, December 21.

Brothers and Dad Apart 3 Years, In Town Same Day; None Knew Of It

Two brothers and their father, who had not seen each other for years, were on the same block here last week for some time and neither knew that either of the others was near.

R. J. Spears, Jr., who had been in the navy, arrived one night from Boston, and because of the condition of the roads he did not try to reach his father's home in a rural community west of here that night. On the following morning Ernest Spears, who had been overseas in the army air corps, arrived here and because of the weather and bad roads he also registered at Hotel Wilkes, not knowing that his brother was there.

On the same day their father came to town and was overjoyed when a mutual acquaintance informed him that his sons were at the hotel. After so long a time, they all located each other.

Decorated



1ST SGT. PALMER L. LOVETTE

Sgt. Lovette Is Awarded Bronze Star For Heroism

First Sergeant Palmer Lee Lovette, of North Wilkesboro, has been awarded the bronze star for heroic achievement on Iwo Jima. The citation follows:

"For heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy while serving with a marine infantry battalion on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands. On the morning of 21 February, 1945, the battalion, of which Sgt. Lovette was a member, was receiving heavy and accurate artillery and mortar fire which obviously was observed fire. Sgt. Lovette at the time was in the 81 millimeter mortar platoon observation post and, with complete disregard for his personal safety, constantly and bravely exposed himself to the enemy fire in an attempt to spot the observation post from which the enemy fire was being directed. He detected the enemy installation and personally directed the fire of the mortar platoon in knocking out this observation post. The loss of this observation post immediately resulted in a tremendous decrease in the accuracy of the enemy fire. He gained his battle experience at Vella Lavella and Bougainville. His initiative, devotion to duty, and personal bravery were at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States naval service."

Sgt. Lovette sent to his sister, Mrs. W. E. Snow, with whom he made his home, a large Jap flag, one of the largest found on Iwo Jima and which was captured by his battalion after a bloody battle. He also sent some fur-lined Jap flying suits which were also captured. Sgt. Lovette is a son of Mrs. Florence Dancy, of Statesville. He is now in China.

Surviving are his widow, Margaret McNeely Hall; a daughter, Mrs. A. L. Walker, Jr., of New York; and a son, Chalmers G. Hall, Jr., of that city.

Funeral services will be in the Port Myer chapel tomorrow. Burial will be in Arlington cemetery.

Sam Ogilvie With I. S. & C. Corp.

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Juniors to Elect Officers Tuesday

North Wilkesboro Council of the Junior Order will have an important meeting Tuesday night, 7:30, in the lodge hall. Officers will be elected and there will be degree work. A large attendance is earnestly requested.

Pfc. Gaither L. Mathis RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Pfc. Gaither L. Mathis, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Mathis, has received his discharge from the army and has returned home after two years service overseas.

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Continued Rain Makes Dirt Roads Near Impassable

Schools May Reopen Wednesday If Roads Improve Very Rapidly

If weather conditions continue unfavorable, schools of the Wilkes county school system which have bus transportation will not reopen before Monday, January 14, C. B. Eller, county superintendent said today.

If there is a great improvement in the weather, schools may reopen Wednesday, but this was considered doubtful this afternoon as the rains continued and roads became worse.

Steady rain through the week end turned the dirt roads into a mass of mud, after some improvement was reported during the latter part of last week.

With exception of Mulberry, Wilkes schools which have transportation have been closed since December 13 because of bad condition of roads over which school buses must travel. North Wilkesboro city schools and Mulberry reopened a week ago.

Snow, sleet and heavy rainfall during the past four weeks have rendered many of the dirt roads practically impassable for heavy traffic. Many observers say the county roads are in the worst condition in many years.

Col. Chalmers Hall Dies In Washington

Washington, Jan. 4. — Col. Chalmers G. Hall, 70, a pioneer in military aviation and a survivor of the ill-fated airship Shenandoah, died of a heart attack yesterday at Walter Reed hospital.

A native of North Wilkesboro, N. C., he resided with his family here. He retired from the army about six years ago.

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