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OLD AND NEW GRANGE MASTERS



Harry B. Caldwell, retiring State Grange Master, is shown above handing the gavel over to Mrs. Caldwell, who was recently elected to succeed her husband in this position. The former State Grange leader is now associated with the National Plant Food Council. Mrs. Caldwell is the first woman to become Master of the North Carolina Grange.

F.S.A. Is Locating Farms For People In Wilkes County

Recognizing that the farm-minded veteran's biggest problem these days is finding a suitable farm for sale at a reasonable price, or one for rent or lease on a sound arrangement, Paul E. Church, FSA supervisor for Wilkes county, has announced a plan for helping qualified veterans to get started on the road to farm ownership.

There's plenty of help available to a farm-experienced veteran in the way of sound advice and adequate financing, but it is of little value in getting him started if he can find a farm. It's like having plenty of gas and oil but no car to use it in, he says.

"In some areas farm owners who wanted to help have contacted FSA offices and offered to sell their farms to qualified veterans on the basis of impartial appraisals. This is a way that farmers who are planning to retire, and non-resident farm owners can help make farm ownership possible for some of the veteran applicants," Mr. Church said. "The same applies to owners of large estates who will sell enough land to make a good family type farm. There is no better way to create an opportunity for a veteran to attain farm ownership."

In appropriating \$50,000,000 for FSA's farm ownership program this fiscal year congress earmarked half of it for veterans, but few of the farms for sale are priced on the basis of their long-time earning capacity, the supervisor pointed out. Loans are made on the basis of long-time average appraised values. They are repayable over a period of 40 years and bear three per cent interest. Similar loans are available to qualified tenants, sharecroppers and farm laborers.

Youth Center Will Be Open On Friday and Saturday Nights

The Youth Center in the former Moose Hall on C street will be open on Friday and Saturday nights each week until further notice, it was announced today by the local Junior Order Council, sponsor of the Center. Young people are invited to use the recreation facilities provided.

Farmers Mutual Names Officers

Wilkes and Yadkin branch of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association recently met in annual meeting in Wilkesboro. Directors elected for the year were: J. M. German, Frank Hobson, A. S. Spears, R. F. Eller, Clarence Hendren, Ernest Edwards and D. M. Brendle.

Child Hit E Car

Jerry McNeil, son of Mrs. Alma McNeil, of this city, was injured Monday afternoon when he was struck by a car driven on Sixth street by Clifford Mitchell, local colored man.

Jerry was taken to the Wilkes hospital, where it was found that he had suffered severe bruises. He has returned home and is improving. However, he is still unable to walk. Mitchell was placed under arrest.

WADE HAMPTON ARSHER SERVES ON CRUISER

On the USS Canberra—Wade Hampton Arsher, fireman, second class, USNR, Halls Mills, N. C., served in the Pacific on this heavy cruiser. After nearly 11 months on the other side of the continent, the Canberra has again joined the Pacific Fleet for duty.

During the war the ship was attached to Tank Force 58, and participated in attacks on Eniwotok, Yap, Palau, Hollandia, Satawan, the Marianas, the Bonins, the Philippines and the Ryukyus. In October, 1944, off Formosa, the Canberra was put out of action by a crippling torpedo hit by an enemy plane.

People Urged To List Property Now

Tax listing began in Wilkes county Monday.

Reports from a number of places indicate that at the present rate tax listers will not be able to complete the tax listing job in the time designated.

All who have property and must list for payment of poll tax are urged to attend to the matter on the earliest date possible to avoid a rush in the latter days of listing. Tax listing for North Wilkesboro township and for North Wilkesboro is at the North Wilkesboro town hall through the remainder of this month. Bradley Dancy is the county list taker and W. P. Kelly is listing for the town of North Wilkesboro.

SGT. RAY SHOMAKER RETURNS HOME RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Sgt. Ray Shomaker returned to his home in the city last week after three years of army service in the ordnance department. Ray was in the European Theatre for about two years. Prior to entering the army, he held a position with the Motor Market. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Shomaker, and his wife is the former Miss Lola Foster.

T4 GAITHER BRETTHOLL RECEIVES DISCHARGE

T4 Gaither Brettholl has received his discharge after two years in the army, during which time he served in New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan. Gaither is now visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Brettholl, near Moravian Falls, and will soon join his wife and daughter, Martha Ellen, in Seattle, Wash. He has never seen his daughter, who is 11 months of age.

JAY W. BENTLEY RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Naval Staging Center, Pearl Harbor, T. H.—Jay W. Bentley, seaman, first class, of Ferguson, N. C., is getting ready to rejoin the ranks of civilians, together with thousands of others going through this naval demobilization center headed for the States.

At this staging center the prospective discharges are grouped according to what separation center they will report to for their final papers. They are placed aboard cargo ships headed for the States as soon as shipping space is available.

SGT. HOKS H. STEELMAN IS NOW IN JAPAN

Sgt. Hoks H. Steelman, who has been in the service since June, 1943, took his boot training at Shepherd Field, Texas, his ASTP training at Denver, Colo. From there he was sent to Ontario, Calif., where he served as airplane dispatcher until near the end of the European war. He was scheduled to go to Germany, and while waiting in Camp Meade, Md., to ship out, their order was cancelled. Then he was returned to California to ship out to Japan. News of the surrender reached their company before they were landed and their crew embarked on Leyte. Next he was assigned to the 77th division as clerk in the Judge Advocate Court and went to Sapporo, Japan, last October. He writes that they have plenty of snow and the entire division plans to return to the States in early spring.

PF. JULIUS H. CALL HAS RETURNED HOME

Pfc. Julius H. Call, who served in a military police company in France and Belgium for nineteen months, has received his discharge and has returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Call, of Wilkesboro, route two.

GENIO CARDWELL KOONCE ON LEAVE FOR TEN DAYS

Seaman Genio Cardwell Koonce, of Camp Peary, Va., has been spending a ten-day leave with his mother, Mrs. Fred Hemphill. He has completed his boot training.



THIRTEEN DIVORCES GRANTED IN WILKES COURT THIS WEEK

Thirteen divorces have been granted in the Wilkes term of Superior Court, which convened Monday in Wilkesboro, with Judge Allen H. Gwyn, of Reidsville, presiding.

The divorces granted to date were in the following cases:

Virgil R. Whitley vs. Ruth Sexton Whitley; Lena Phipps vs. Edward G. Phipps; Savannah Henderson vs. William Henderson; Edna Marie Willey vs. Robert Lee Willey; Albert Woodward vs. Mary Gray Woodward; Roscoe C. House vs. Juanita House; C. F. Winecoff vs. Sarah B. Winecoff; Mary Jarvis vs. Evrette Jarvis; Theodore R. Ferguson vs. Floretta Minton Ferguson; Max Kilby vs. Anne Kilby; George P. Dancy vs. Thelma Dancy; Yuna Dixon vs. Woodrow Dixon; George V. Blevins vs. Louise Blevins.

In the case of Everett Parsons vs. John Long and T. George Long judgment in the amount of \$15,000 was awarded for the death of a child in an auto accident. Judgment was by default, because the defendant did not answer the complaint.

CPL. CLARENCE WILES HAS RECEIVED DISCHARGE

Cpl. Clarence Dock Wiles, son of Mrs. D. G. Wiles, of this city, has received his discharge from the army after many months service in England. Before entering the army Dock held a position at the North Wilkesboro post office and while in England was in army postal service. He and his wife have been making their home with her parents near Boone while he was in the army.

J. B. HENDERSON, LETTER CARRIER 41 YEARS, TO RETIRE

J. Blaine Henderson, for more than 41 years rural letter carrier from the Wilkesboro post office, will retire on February 1.

Mr. Henderson began carrying the mail on Wilkesboro, route one in November, 1904, later he started Wilkesboro, route two, on a part time basis and then went back to route one full time.

When Mr. Henderson began carrying Wilkesboro, route one, mail he had only a handful daily and the main task was to make the round by horse and buggy or horseback. Now the mail on Wilkesboro, route one, goes as high as 40,000 pieces monthly, even for the lighter months.

After retiring from the mail route Mr. Henderson will devote his full time to the Henderson Flower Shop, which is owned by his son, Fred Henderson, and will devote much time to the growth and culture of flowers.

W. M. U. MEETING

Woman's Missionary Union Leadership Conference will be held Monday, January 28, 7 p. m., at Reins-Sturdivant chapel in this city.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING 22ND

Next meeting of the Brushy Mountain Sunday School Association will be held with Mount Pleasant Baptist church on Tuesday, January 22, 7:30 p. m.

J. F. Jordan, chairman, has announced the program for the meeting, which will open with song, prayer, Scripture and distribution of the guide booklet, "Launching A Century In Baptist Sunday School Work." There will be a brief study of the eight items contained in the Baptist Sunday school program and three minute talks by superintendents on "Making This Program Available To Every Church."

There will be a discussion of special Sunday school meetings to be held in the churches during the month of February under direction of the associational officers. Teams will be appointed and schedules will be made for the meetings. An address will close the meeting.

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Now In Germany

Pfc. Bill Phillips is stationed in Kassel, Germany with the Army of Occupation. He has been in the army 13 months and has been overseas eight months. Pfc. Phillips is the husband of the former Miss Ruby Jones. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Phillips, of Wilkesboro.

Many Valuable Prizes Donated For Polio Bingo

Numerous valuable prizes, including highly desirable articles difficult to obtain on the open market, will be given in the bingo games to be operated Saturday afternoon and night in this city for the benefit of the Infantile Paralysis Fund.

W. D. Jester, chairman of the campaign to raise \$5,000 for the polio fund in Wilkes, said that the bingo stand will be in the building between City Barber Shop and Jean's, and that the game will start about noon and continue until late Saturday night.

Prizes, a majority of which have been donated by business firms and individuals, will include a case of rock candy, large quantities of Spry and Bake-Rite shortening, kleenex, many quarts of salad oil, numerous boxes of Ivory Flakes, waste baskets, bath powder, billfolds, military sets, chinaware, statuettes, shotgun shells, candy mints, chewing gum and 22 cartridges.

V. F. W. TO SPONSOR A SPECIAL FEATURE ADVERTISING DRIVE

The local post, Veterans of Foreign Wars will sponsor one of the biggest advertising campaigns, featuring the two Wilkesboros and Wilkes county, ever to be undertaken. Because of the fact that so many highways lead through North Wilkesboro-Wilkesboro, and in anticipation of the army of tourists that will be on the move as tires become more plentiful, Pictorial America Magazine has selected this section as one to be covered in their "Know America," coming out soon.

A photographer-reporter will be in North Wilkesboro the week of January 28, and during that week will be interviewing as many of the business men of the county as possible. As many pictures, showing the many advantages and up to the minute projects in operation here, as well as the many historic and scenic places of note.

A member of the local post will act as guide, and during these five days they will cover the county if possible.

Interest and membership in Post No. 1142, V. F. W., is progressing in a very satisfactory manner. Plans are under way to organize a woman's auxiliary. Mrs. Cook, state chairman, will be invited to North Wilkesboro in the near future to attend to this. The post hopes that in the not too distant future to start the construction of a post club house. The meetings will be the second and fourth Tuesday nights in each month.

Red Cross Here To Be Represented At Hickory Meeting

A delegation from the Wilkes County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be in Hickory on January 22 to attend a regional conference with the Southeastern Area officials on plans for the 1946 fund campaign which is to be held in March, Andrew F. Kilby, chapter chairman, announced.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a. m. at First Presbyterian church, with Francis P. Simerville leading the discussion of campaign plans. After luncheon the group will hear Lucy B. Darter, Red Cross hospital worker, in a talk on her experiences in serving hospitalized servicemen. Miss Darter is the Red Cross field director at the U. S. Naval hospital in Pensacola, Fla.

The local delegation will consist of A. F. Kilby, W. H. McElwee, Mrs. Gordon Finley and Miss Rebecca Moseley. Representatives of the area headquarters who are expected to be present include John C. Wilson, area manager; Velma Tinsley, chief of radio; and Mrs. Marion Ritzert, general field representative.

Goal of the 1946 national campaign has been set at \$100,000,000. Red Cross post-war services are vital to the nation's well-being, Chairman Kilby pointed out. Our armed forces are still deployed all over the world, and our wounded are entitled to the same grateful service as ever. The campaign slogan, "Your Red Cross Must Carry On," is particularly appropriate, he added.

Other chapters of the region which are to send representatives to the meeting are: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Davie, Iredell, Salisbury-Rowan, South Iredell, Spencer, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Yadkin.

Ray Vance Rhodes Is Victim of Mine Accident Jan. 8th

Ray Vance Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Rhodes, of Dehart, died at Grace hospital at Welch, W. Va., January 8, at 2:50 a. m., after receiving a serious injury while working in the coal mines at Gary, W. Va. He died at the age of 31 years.

Mr. Rhodes spent his early life at Dehart with his father and mother. He was married to Miss Della Rhodes, of Hays, N. C., December 1, 1934. They later moved to West Virginia, and he has been employed there for the past ten years.

The funeral service was held at Dehart Baptist church Thursday at 2 o'clock. The service was conducted by Rev. Monroe Dillard, Rev. Hilary Blevins and Rev. Ernest Blevins. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Della Rhodes, of Switchback, W. Va.; two sons and one daughter; E. C. Rhodes, Pauline Rhodes and Jackie Lee Rhodes; his father and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Rhodes, of Dehart; three brothers and four sisters; Flay Rhodes, Anawit, W. Va.; Cortez Rhodes, Pageton, W. Va.; Mrs. Pearl Elledge, Flint, Mich.; Mrs. Carmen Hayes, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Hazel Jersyzt, Baltimore, Md.; Miss Norma Rhodes, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Clint Rhodes, Dehart, N. C.; also many friends and relatives.

Palbearers were Harry Labraski, Fred Lester, Sherman Watkins, Della Bradley, Glenn Byrd and Connie Taylor. The flower bearers were his cousins.

J. C. McNiel, 72, Claimed By Death

John Calvin McNiel, age 72, well known merchant and lumberman of North Wilkesboro, passed away Wednesday morning at the Wilkes hospital after an illness of one week.

Surviving Mr. McNiel are his wife, Mrs. Margaret Susan McNiel, and the following sons and daughters: R. H. McNiel, Winston-Salem; Archie J. and J. Glenn McNiel, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Nell Kerley, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. E. W. Hastings, Marion, Va.; also 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a son, Robert E. McNiel, and an infant daughter, Ruby G. McNiel.

Funeral service was held at Mr. McNiel's residence this afternoon, 3:30, and was conducted by Rev. Watt M. Cooper, assisted by Rev. A. W. Eller. Burial was in the family plot in Greenwood cemetery in this city.

Dick's Recapping In New Location

Dick's Recapping Service, also the electrical appliance division of Dick's Service, have moved from the Coffey building on 9th street to the Hutchens building on Gordon Avenue.

The business is now in operation at the new location. Machinery and equipment have been installed and the high type service typical of the firm is being continued. The new location affords a better display of the electrical appliances and also provides ample space for tire recapping and repairing of all sizes and makes of automobile and truck tires.

Baptist Pastors To Meet Monday

January session of the Wilkes Baptist Pastors' Conference will be held Monday, Jan. 21, at Reins-Sturdivant chapel.

The program will open at 10 a. m. with devotional by Rev. J. G. Huffman. Rev. C. J. Poole will discuss "Church Organization;" Rev. A. W. Eller, "Ministerial Application;" and Rev. W. N. Hayes, "Church Services;" Rev. Howard J. Ford, former pastor of the Wilkesboro Baptist church, now in Elkin, "Guest Messenger."

In the afternoon will be a business session and address by Rev. Mr. Ford.

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