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The Bank of North Wilkesboro Holds Annual Meeting

Excellent Progress Reported For Year; Officers And Directors Re-Elected

Stockholders of the Bank of North Wilkesboro, largest single unit bank in this section of the state, in meeting Thursday heard a splendid report of the year's business and re-elected the board of directors, who re-elected the officers for another year.

The report of President J. R. Hix revealed that the bank reached a new high in resources for the year, going beyond ten million dollars, and that prospects are good for even better business in the coming year.

Re-elected to membership on the board of directors were John E. Justice, Jr., E. M. Blackburn, Ralph Duncan, S. V. Tomlinson, R. W. Gwyn, J. K. Hix, W. D. Halfacre and R. G. Finley.

The officers elected were: J. R. Hix, president; W. D. Halfacre, executive vice-president; S. V. Tomlinson, vice-president; R. W. Gwyn, cashier; W. W. Starr, J. G. McNeil, J. T. Brame and W. B. Gwyn, assistant cashiers.

Excerpts from the report of President Hix to the stockholders follow:

Before sketching your bank's activities and operations during its fifty-fourth year of service let us remind ourselves that 1945 was indeed a momentous history making year. It witnessed our armed forces backed by the productive power of our nation win such victories in widely separated areas that our enemies were forced to surrender unconditionally. It saw the advent of atomic force—a power as yet unpredictable—as to its influence on humanity. Again we proved to the world the might of America, and emerged from the most destructive of all wars the greatest nation on the earth. The close of the year brought peace to a weary world. All of us join in the fervent hope that this peace may be everlasting and that future generations may forever live in harmony and brotherly love with one another.

During the past year the Bank of North Wilkesboro rose to a new high level of progress and achievement. We can report that 1945 has been one of the most outstanding years in our long span of service to the patrons we are privileged to serve. We have sold government bonds since 1941. One of our officers holds the position of Wilkes County War Finance Chairman, and another officer has served as county chairman in all of the eight successful war and victory loan campaigns. During the year we sold at the bank \$872,300.00 of E bonds in addition to the larger denomination bonds ordered for individuals and corporations. We have served as ration point bankers, and an agent for the government in redeeming War Savings Bonds. We continue to serve as a depository for war funds and withhold federal taxes. Near the close of the year we undertook the greatest possible service to veterans pursuant to the G.I. Bill of Rights. We are specializing in advising and otherwise assisting former members of the armed

Girard R. Phillips Funeral Sunday

Girard R. Phillips, age 45, passed away at the home of his mother January 18, at 9:10 p. m. Mr. Phillips had been in ill health for a number of years, although pneumonia was the cause of his sudden death. He was preceded in death by his father, the late C. M. Phillips, and brother, Ulysses, several years ago. He is survived by his mother, the former Mrs. Nancy Spencer Phillips, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. McKinley Burcham, Mrs. T. B. Hanks, R. M. Phillips, Miss Zola Phillips, Mrs. Odell Cokerham, Jack Phillips, Mrs. Robert Byrd, all of Benham.

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Takes Position



MAJOR E. P. ROBINSON

Major Robinson Has Position With Vets Activities

Major Edmund P. Robinson, of North Wilkesboro, veteran of World Wars I and II, has assumed his duties as assistant state officer of the veterans administration. His office will be on the fifth floor of the Nissen building in Winston-Salem.

Major Robinson, who was discharged from active service in July, 1944, succeeds Walter C. Mahaley, Mahaley, a captain in World War II, resigned recently to re-enlist as a master sergeant in the armed forces.

Prior to returning to active service, the new assistant state officer was a farmer in the vicinity of North Wilkesboro. Next to the army, says the Major, farming is his first love.

He is intensely interested in his new duties, however, and said last night he hoped all veterans would feel free to come to him at all times with their problems.

"I have been through it all, and I know what it means. Whether they see me on the street or in the office, I hope they will come up to me and discuss anything that may be troubling them," said Major Robinson.

Major Robinson complains that he was "born too soon." He saw action overseas with the 105th Engineers, 30th Division, in the first world conflict, but age kept him on this side during World War II. Until Jan. 1, 1942, the major was connected with the same outfit in the last World War. At that time he assumed duties with post headquarters at Fort Jackson.

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\$26,000 Spent To Treat 22 Infantile Paralysis Patients

Jester Gives Report Of Foundation Work In Address At Kiwanis Meet.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis treated Wilkes polio patients at a cost of \$26,000 during and following the 1944 epidemic of infantile paralysis, W. D. Jester, Wilkes chairman of the infantile paralysis campaign, told the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club in meeting Friday noon.

Mr. Jester stated that in the 1944 epidemic which claimed so many victims in Piedmont North Carolina there were 37 patients in Wilkes county. Of that number 22 were treated in hospitals at a cost of \$26,000. With but few exceptions, families were unable to pay the cost, which was paid by the National Foundation and its state and county chapters forming a pool of funds.

Last year, Mr. Jester said, \$7,600 was raised in Wilkes and this year the goal is \$5,000. He explained that the goal is to be reached by special gifts, the March of Dimes boards on the streets on Saturdays, the bingo game sponsored Saturday afternoon and night by the Lions Club, and solicitation through the schools. He also stated that a large number of letters had been mailed out asking return of donations and that response had been good to date.

Paul E. Church was program chairman and he introduced the speaker. Prior to the program, R. L. Morehouse gave the attendance prize for the day to Joe Barber. J. B. Williams gave a brief report of the Chamber of Commerce organization meeting Thursday night. Judge Allen H. Gwyn was a guest of J. H. Whicker at Friday's meeting.

Bank In Wilkes Seeking To Open Three Branches

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—The State Banking Commission has received applications from the Northwestern Bank, North Wilkesboro, to open branches at Newton, Maiden and Hickory.

The Northwestern Bank also asked permission to take over and assume the liabilities of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Newton and branch at Maiden; and the assets and liabilities of the Bank of Hickory.

Public hearings will be held at Hickory January 22, and at Newton on January 30. Banking Commissioner Gurney P. Hood, will make reports on the hearings to the full commission at its next meeting.

The Northwestern Bank has branches at Bakersville, Black Mountain, Blowing Rock, Boone, Burnsville, Jefferson, Old Fort, Sparta, Spruce Pine, Taylorsville and Valdese. Its general officers are Dr. B. B. Dougherty, of Boone, president; Edwin Duncan, of Sparta, executive vice-president; and D. V. Deal, of North Wilkesboro, secretary.

Scout Court Of Honor To Meet Thursday Night

Wilkes District Boy Scout Court of Honor will meet on Thursday, January 24, 7:30 p. m. in the religious education building of the First Presbyterian church. This will be the regular January meeting, which was postponed from Thursday night of last week because of weather conditions.

At the meeting John Hubbard will be advanced to rank of second class Scout and B. B. Banner and Edgar Terrell will attain first class rank. Dean Edwards will be awarded merit badges for firemanship, wood working, personal health and wood carving.

All Scouts and their parents, with others interested in Scouting are urged to attend the meeting.

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OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS

T5 PAUL REEVES VETERANS' HOSPITAL

T5 Paul Reeves, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Reeves, of North Wilkesboro, route one, who received his discharge in October, has been confined to his room for several weeks and is now a patient at the veterans' hospital at Mountain Home, Tenn. Friends hope that he will soon recover and be out again.

T5 CONRAD REEVES IS TO RETURN HOME

T5 Conrad Reeves writes to his wife, the former Miss Leila Shumate, from Foggia, Italy, stating that he expects to be home this month. He is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Reeves, of North Wilkesboro, route one.

SEAMAN CONNIE OWENS RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Seaman First Class Connie Owens has received his discharge from the navy and has returned to his home and family on North Wilkesboro, route one. Seaman Owens spent 19 months in the navy, serving a greater part of the time on Saipan.

WAKE WATTS HAS RECEIVED DISCHARGE

Wake Watts, aviation machinist's mate third class, received his discharge from the navy Jan. 10. He was in the navy 25 months, received his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and was then stationed at the naval base at Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. Watts, who has been making her home with him at Minneapolis, accompanied him home and they are temporarily residing at the home of her parents.

PARKS BROTHERS ARE RELEASED FROM SERVICE

David L. Parks, who held the rank of warrant officer, junior grade, and Yeoman First Class Harold W. Parks, sons of Mrs. F. L. Parks, of Roaring River, have returned home.

David entered the army April 15, 1942, and following training was assigned to the 12th armored division. He served in Europe in the group of the 12th armored which was used as one of the spearhead units for the third and seventh armies in their drive along the Rhine and into Germany. He was awarded the combat infantryman's medal and campaign stars for the Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns. He arrived back in the States on December 18 and will receive his discharge February 1. He has accepted a position with the Duke Power Co. in North Wilkesboro.

Harold served aboard the destroyer Corry in the fall and winter of 1942-43 on the Atlantic, participating in the invasion of North Africa November 8, 1942, later on convoy duty in the North Atlantic and Caribbean area. The Corry sank on D-Day off the Normandy coast.

Later he went to the Pacific, and served on the carrier Lexington, which was operating in Tokyo Bay at the time of his discharge, December 25. Harold served three and one-half years. He returned to his position with the Chatham Manufacturing Co. in Elkin.

S-SGT. JOSEPH C. JORDAN ON FURLOUGH AT HOME

S-Sgt. Joseph C. Jordan, of Camp Atterbury, Ind., is spending a ten-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jordan, of Roaring River. S-Sgt. Jordan entered the service in 1944 and was shipped overseas June, 1945. He fought with the Ninth Army until he was wounded. He came from overseas last June.

PFC. JAMES H. SHEPHERD HOME ON FURLOUGH

Pfc. James H. Shepherd, who has been serving in the European Theatre, has returned home and is spending a 45-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Shepherd, of Reddies River, N. C. Pfc. Shepherd was overseas ten months.

SCHOOLS OPENING

Millers Creek school reopened today, Mountain View plans to reopen Tuesday and the other schools of the county system plan to reopen Wednesday if road conditions permit, C. B. Eller, county superintendent, said today. The schools have been closed since December 18 because dirt roads have been impassable.

Elkin Barber Badly Hurt In Explosion

Elkin, Jan. 15.—Thomas H. Knight, for many years owner of the Elkin barber shop, who was seriously injured in an explosion of a water heater this morning, is in a grave condition in Elkin hospital. He has not regained consciousness.

The stove blew up, spouting scalding water over Knight as he sat near the heater. A negro worker had built a fire in the heater, not knowing that workmen had cut off the water from the tank.

Bingo Game And Dime Board Held In Polio Drive

Jester Reports Progress Toward Raising Goal Of \$5,000 For County

W. D. Jester, chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Campaign in Wilkes, reported today that some progress had been made toward raising the county's goal of \$5,000.

The bingo game operated Saturday afternoon and night by the Lions Club for the benefit of the fund was very successful and netted over \$600 above expenses. Many of the numerous prizes given at the game were donated by local business firms and individuals.

Meanwhile the American Legion did an excellent job with the March of Dimes board on the street, collecting \$119.50. A week before the Lions Club had collected \$85 on the dime board, which will be operated next Saturday by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Jester said that some response has been received from letters of solicitation mailed out and that the campaign will be continued through the schools and by other means until the goal is reached.

Mrs. Tomlinson Taken By Death

Mother Of S. V., Frank And John Tomlinson, Of This City Succumbs

Mrs. Sarah Ann Tomlinson, age 87, wife of the late William V. Tomlinson, of East Bend, died Sunday morning at 4:15 at her home in East Bend. She was the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Eva Benbow, of East Bend. She was a member of the East Bend Friends church.

Mrs. Tomlinson is survived by the following children: S. V., Frank and John Tomlinson, of North Wilkesboro; W. C., J. R., and Miss Maggie Tomlinson, of East Bend; Miss Myrtle Tomlinson, of East Bend and North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Roy W. Sullivan, of Wilmington, Del.; and Dr. F. N. Tomlinson, Winston-Salem; one brother, John T. Benbow; one sister, Mrs. J. M. Whittington, Winston-Salem; 19 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral was conducted at the home at 2:30 this afternoon by Bishop J. K. Pfohl, of Winston-Salem, Rev. Chas. Hutchens, Rev. G. A. Hovis and Rev. J. R. Short, of East Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Cook and B. D. Yates returned after spending several days with Miss Lorraine Griminger, of Jersey City, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. James Tourney, of Gettysburg, Pa. After spending some time with relatives in Wilkes and Atlanta, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Cook will make their home in Gettysburg, Pa.

State Wildlife Club Will Meet Jan. 23-24

Raleigh.—Dr. H. S. Swingle, nationally known fish culturist of Alabama Polytechnic Institute, will be one of the featured speakers for the first annual meeting of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, Incorporated, at Greensboro on Wednesday and Thursday, January 23 and 24. Dr. Swingle, who was first to experiment with fertilizing fish ponds with commercial fertilizer, will speak to the assembled sportsmen at 2:15 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Sedgewick Inn, where day sessions of the annual meeting are to be held.

Byrd Child Killed When Run Over By Car On Friday

Daughter Of Mr. And Mrs. Jvan Byrd Victim Of Accident On State Road

Jeanette Marie Byrd, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jvan Byrd, of State Road, was killed at their home Friday when she fell from a door of a car and was run over.

The child was in a car driven by her mother's sister, Miss Vivian Eller, when she fell from the car door and was run over by a wheel of the car backing out of the driveway at the Byrd home. She died on the way to the hospital in Elkin. The accident occurred at 8 a. m. as Miss Eller was taking her niece back home after carrying Mrs. Byrd to the bus station at Elkin. She intended to go to Fayetteville to visit her husband, who is ill in the veterans' hospital there.

Jeanette Marie was born April 25, 1943, making her age two years, nine months and 23 days. Surviving are her father and mother, Jvan and Marie Eller Byrd, of State Road. She was a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Byrd, of Benham, and Mr. and Mrs. John Eller, of Purlear. Funeral service for the child was held Sunday morning at Benham Baptist church.

R. Don Laws Is Speaker Friday At Lions Meeting

Publisher And Lecturer Delivers His "Essay On Man" Before Local Club

R. Don Laws, of Moravian Falls, editor of the nationally known Yellow Jacket, delivered a most entertaining address Friday evening before the North Wilkesboro Lions Club.

The program was in charge of Joe Zimmerman and C. J. Swoford, who asked Eugene Trivette to present the speaker.

After a number of humorous stories, Mr. Laws read his famous "Essay on Man," which provoked much laughter and contained much home spun philosophy.

Prior to the program, Paul W. Harvel, Jr., and Robert Huffman were received into membership and were inducted by Maurice O'Sullivan. Arrangements were made for the polio bingo benefit to be put on Saturday night and members of the club volunteered to do the work.

The club also voted to cooperate in the Victory Clothing drive by placing boxes in North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro to receive the clothing.

At the meeting Friday evening R. D. Smith was a guest of Presley Myers.

Girl All Stars To Begin Practice

North Wilkesboro is to have an all-star girls' basketball team.

All girls interested in becoming members of the team are asked to report for the first practice session, which will be held Tuesday, 6 p. m., in the North Wilkesboro high school gymnasium.

Hogs need to be treated for lice during the winter months because the lice may be carriers of swine pox.

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J. B. Williams Is First President Of Local Chamber

Board Of Directors Of 27 Members Named In Initial Meeting Thursday

Wilkes Chamber of Commerce was organized in a meeting on Thursday night by election of J. B. Williams as president and a board of 27 directors representing the different phases of commercial, industrial, professional and civic activity in this community.

Mr. Williams, who served as chairman of the organization committee for the Chamber of Commerce, is one of North Wilkesboro's best known business and civic leaders. He is an executive of the Insurance Service and Credit Corporation, secretary-treasurer of the North Wilkesboro Building and Loan Association, and has been active in many civic endeavors.

Elected to the board of directors were the following: J. R. Hix, Richard B. Johnston, W. D. Jester, E. F. Gardner, Dr. J. S. Deans, Paul L. Cashion, Joe Pearson, Palmer Horton, J. B. Williams, R. G. Finley, R. T. McNeil, D. V. Deal, J. B. Carter, R. E. Gibbs, Paul Greene, W. K. Sturdivant, W. O. Absher, Dr. F. C. Hubbard, C. J. Swoford, A. F. Kilby, Robert S. Gibbs, W. J. Bason, Dr. R. P. Casey, Eugene Trivette, Paul Osborne, John R. Prevette and W. D. Halfacre.

A constitution and by-laws was adopted tentatively pursuant to obtaining a charter to incorporate the organization. The plan of organization calls for five committees: Convention and Publicity, Civic and Public Affairs, Industrial, Agricultural and Rural and Transportation. Twelve directors will be elected at large by the entire membership and each of the five committees will have three members on the board of directors.

The officers shall be the president, two vice-presidents, treasurer and business manager. The membership in annual meeting will elect the president and board of directors. The other officers will be named by the board of directors.

At the close of the meeting President Williams stated that the board of directors will meet in the near future to complete the organization and take steps to employ a capable, full-time business manager.

The meeting Thursday night, held in the town hall, was well attended with many phases of business and civic activity represented. Mr. Williams opened the meeting and explained that excellent progress had been made in the membership campaign. By unanimous vote the organization was named Wilkes Chamber of Commerce and the proposed constitution and by-laws were adopted, tentative to provisions of the charter to be obtained.

Nominations for membership on the board of directors were made by G. R. Andrews, who served as chairman of the nominating committee, and his report was unanimously adopted.

Richard Johnston, who has served as treasurer for the organization committee and who was also secretary of the meeting Thursday night, gave a report on finances and membership.

Mr. Johnston reported that membership to date totaled 329, with many reports yet to be turned in, and that the cash on hand and accounts receivable totaled \$8,325. The goal for the organization of \$12,000 will be reached, officials stated, and many of the 600 prospective members have not been contacted.

To close the meeting President Williams talked most encouragingly on the future of the Chamber of Commerce, outlining some of the needs of North Wilkesboro and vicinity which the organization can help to fill. He stated that one of the first major needs was more homes, and encouraged all who can to build more homes as early as possible. He also spoke of the need for an airport and for more industrial activity.

We have enough ingenuity in this country to see to it that every citizen, both in urban and rural areas, within a reasonable time is well housed, says Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson.