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WILKES 4-H CLUB LEADERS AT ACHIEVEMENT DAY



The above picture was taken at the annual Achievement Day for 4-H club members in Wilkes county, which was held in this city recently. Those in the picture, left to right, are as follows: first row—Mrs. J. P. Crysel, Mrs. Ted Carpenter, P. W. Greer and Grady F. Miller, neighborhood leaders; second row—Mary Ann Pennell, song leader, and Royce Mathis, Achievement Day usher; third row—R. D. Smith, coun-

ty agent, Mrs. Annie H. Greene, home agent, Roland Inglebert, song leader, Sammy Greer, reporter, Buddy Mathis, president 4-H council, Ruth Long and I. T. Mathis, ushers, Linda Bumgarner, cheer leader, Charlie Blackburn, secretary-treasurer of council, Peggy Henderson, vice president of council, Dwight Williamson, assistant county agent.

Clyde Watts Is Shot To Death Saturday Night In This City

Claude Absher Held On First Degree Murder Charge

Claude Absher, 30, of North Wilkesboro, is being held in Wilkes jail on a first degree murder charge for the shotgun slaying of Clyde Watts, 23, of North Wilkesboro, on Ninth street near the corner of Main and Ninth streets Saturday night, nine o'clock.

Watts, who received the shotgun load at close range into his abdomen, was carried by ambulance to the Wilkes hospital, where blood plasma was used in a last minute effort to save his life. He died in about 30 minutes.

Police Chief Keller, who was near the scene of the shooting, grappled with Absher and handcuffed him. Police Chief J. E. Walker and Highway Patrol Sgt. A. H. Clark assisted in the arrest.

Officers quoted witnesses as saying that Absher and Watts previously in the evening had some trouble, reportedly concerning Mrs. Josie Church Watts, estranged wife of Clyde Watts. Absher engaged a taxi and went to his home, returning downtown with a 12-gauge shotgun. As Absher alighted from the taxi, Clyde Watts was walking along the sidewalk and Absher fired, officers quoted witnesses as saying.

Clyde Watts was a son of John and Fannie Lovette Watts, of North Wilkesboro. In addition to his parents he is survived by four brothers and one sister: Earl Watts, North Wilkesboro; Dwight Watts, Roaring River; Charlie Watts, North Wilkesboro; Guy Watts, in the army; and Miss Clara Watts, North Wilkesboro.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, 11 a. m., at Pleasant Home Baptist church near Millers Creek.

Smithey Re-Elected G. O. P. Chairman

Taylorsville Club Puts On Program At Lions Meeting

Interesting Meeting of Local Club Held Friday; Membership Totals 71

A group of members from the Taylorsville Lions Club entertained the North Wilkesboro Lions with a program Friday evening at Hotel Wilkes.

Henkel Mills was program chairman for the Taylorsville group and he presented the following program: Carl Madison, who gave interesting accounts of humorous incidents about Alexander county people; Earl Current, who gave historical facts about Alexander and Wilkes counties; Rev. Garland Stafford, who sang, and Mrs. Howard Gryder, piano accompanist; Howard Gryder, who talked on "Why I Am A Lion"; and Tommy Gardner, Taylorsville Lions president, who talked briefly. The program was well received.

Prior to the program president J. S. Deans stated that the clothing collection in the recent clothing campaign totaled 5,000 pounds and that the clothes had been packed and shipped by members of the club. He also reported that Larry Moore, J. H. Whicker, Jr., Allie Hayes, Presley Myers, Maurice O'Sullivan and J. D. Moore had put on a splendid program recently at a meeting of the Sparta club.

A nominating committee composed of Vernon Deal, chairman, Paul Cashion, W. O. Absher, Richard Johnston, J. W. Willis and B. E. Broome was named to nominate officers of the club for the coming year.

The club Friday evening was delighted with the return of three members from the army and navy. Those returning to the club were T. R. Grayson, Frank Allen and Shoun Kerbaugh. The Lions club membership totals 71. Bob Barrett was a guest of W. Blair Gwyn at the meeting Friday.

Convention Held Today; Delegates Are Selected

Republicans Hold Harmonious Gathering; Story Re-Elected Secretary

Republicans of Wilkes county in convention today at Wilkesboro re-elected N. B. Smithey, prominent local merchant and business leader, as chairman of the Wilkes Republican executive committee.

Chairman Smithey was drafted for another term as chairman over his protest and was unanimously re-elected. T. E. Story, who has represented Wilkes for the past three terms in the house of representatives of the state legislature, was re-elected secretary.

Delegates and alternates were elected to the state convention to be held in Winston-Salem Wednesday and to the 24th district senatorial convention to be held in Yadkinville Tuesday afternoon, two p. m.

The convention was opened by Chairman Smithey, who called Dwight Nichols to serve as assistant to Secretary Story for the convention. J. H. Whicker, Sr., who was recently nominated by Republicans of the eighth district for congress, was appointed convention chairman.

Roll call of precincts was answered by credentials handed in by delegates from all but three of the 29 precincts. There were no contests and the credentials committee composed of F. J. McDuffie, J. W. Robbins and I. M. Myers had no tasks to perform. The committee appointed to nominate delegates to the conventions was composed of P. E. Brown, W. W. Gambill and S. M. Shumate.

Those who addressed the convention included the convention chairman, Chairman Smithey, Secretary T. E. Story and Ex-Sheriff P. E. Brown. The speakers expressed satisfaction with the harmony and enthusiasm prevailing in the party and predicted sweeping victories in the fall election in Wilkes.

P. E. Brown and Mrs. W. B. Somers were re-elected to membership on the state Republican executive committee. The county Republican executive committee members were elected as recommended by the various precincts.

Following are the lists of convention delegates and alternates named by the convention:

State Convention Delegates and alternates to the Republican State Convention, Winston-Salem, N. C. April 10, 1946.

Delegates: N. B. Smithey, T. E. Story, W. B. Somers, P. E. Brown, C. C. Hayes, C. G. Poindecker, Troy Foster, M. P. Absher, C. C. Sidden, I. J. Broyles, I. M. Myers, T. G. Casoy, T. H. Settle, E. R. Eller, Ed Eller, John Culler, P. W. Eshelman, T. R. Bryan, J. H. Whicker, Sr., R. Staley, R. F. Eller, Alonzo Anderson, J. K. Tharpe, Clifton Prevette, C. B. Lewis, Daner Triplett, Coy Marley, L. M. Eller, W. A. Payne, Virgil M. Church, E. C. Foster, Vaughn Pendergrass, R. C. Meadows, F. S. Farrington, W. V. Caudill, C. H. Welborn, Max Foster, M. M. Bumgarner, L. W. Wood, Henry Johnson, J. H. Davis, D. B. Swearingen, H. Y. Warren, A. R. Miller, W. W. Gambill, H. M. Anderson, M. W. Green, Clyde Hayes, Ralph Davis.

Alternates: McKinley Hanks, T. J. Frazier, John Joines, Jim Somers, Paul Osborne, R. C. Segraves, Mrs. Arthur Caudill, Cama Robinson, Clyde Hinshaw, Boss Blackburn, Jack Hoots, W. O. Blackburn, J. W. Cheek, Tom Joines, McKinley Burcham, E. W. Smith, Oliver Holbrook, Charlie Darnell, H. P. Eller, S. U. Reynolds, Winfield Fletcher, Clarence Davis, Mrs. C. G. Poindecker, Mrs. I. E. Pearson, O. M. Watson, Willie Waters, Lake Messick, Will Porter, W. O. Blackburn, Colon Foster, L. P. Johnson, R. Don Laws, John R. Jones, J. H. Stamper, H. H. Jennings, Don Gray, Richard Johnston, Allie Hayes, J. A. Sebastian, J. W. Robbins, D. C. Casteven, McKinley Blackburn, J. B. Sheets, J. G. Billings, Kyle Hayes.

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MOUNT PLEASANT COMMUNITY PLANS \$25,000 PROGRAM FOR A CHURCH; PLAN OTHER PROJECTS

Mount Pleasant community, 15 miles west of this city, has plans for a number of major improvements, including a \$25,000 building program for Mount Pleasant Baptist church and the erection of a Masonic Temple.

Mount Pleasant Baptist church will go on a full time pastorate in June of this year. Rev. Latt Beshears, who will complete his studies at Mars Hill College in May, will be the full time pastor. Rev. A. W. Eller, pastor for the past four years, will supply until Rev. Mr. Beshears begins his duties.

Rev. and Mrs. Beshears, who before her marriage was Miss Rose Waters, completed their high school education at Mount Pleasant in 1934. For their home the church has purchased the W. E. Blackburn farm, consisting of residence, outbuildings and 30 acres of land near the church, at a cost of \$5,800. Most of the farm has been planted in grass for hay and permanent pasture. Rev. and Mrs. Beshears have two small daughters, Peggy and Belvety.

A very substantial gift to the Mount Pleasant building fund has been received from Roy Foster, native of the community and now mayor of Wadesley, Ga. Mr. Foster, whose father, the late W. Hayes Foster, was a member of the Mount Pleasant church before moving to Wilkesboro, has given \$5,000 on the fund.

In addition to the church building program, the community will erect a splendid Masonic temple for Mount Pleasant lodge, Dr. James W. Davis, of Statesville, who has retained his Masonic membership at Mount Pleasant, is chief sponsor of the Masonic building fund, which has already reached a very substantial amount.

Full Program For Pre-School Clinic

A full program has been arranged for Pre-School Children at North Wilkesboro elementary school tomorrow. All children who will be six years old on or before October 1, 1946 are invited to attend.

Dr. A. J. Eller and his assistants from the Wilkes County Health Department will be present and every child will be given a physical examination some time during the day.

Special class work has been arranged for the visiting children. They will be guests in the first grade rooms. At noon the children and their parents will have lunch in the school cafeteria.

An extra treat has been added in the form of "Little Jackies" who will present a special Puppet Show in the school auditorium at eleven o'clock.

Letters inviting the children and their parents have been sent to many of the homes of the town. However, parents are urged to have their children present on Tuesday, April 9, even if no letter was received.

Teachers of the first grades will be assisted during the day by girls from the Home Economics classes and boys and girls from the eighth grade.

Accepts Call



Rev. Latt Beshears, now a student at Mars Hill College, has accepted the full time pastorate of Mount Pleasant Baptist church. He will begin his duties in June.

Legion Discusses Veterans Housing At Meet Friday

Wilkes post of the American Legion in meeting Friday evening discussed plans for a housing project for veterans.

The Legion post has been endeavoring to locate several acres of land close in which could be sold to veterans for residential building purposes and some progress has been made on the plan.

It was pointed out that veterans have first priority on building materials available and that veteran labor would be available for the construction. Further developments on the proposal are expected in a short time.

J. T. Miles, 76, Taken By Death

James Thomas Wiles, 76, well known citizen of the Rock Creek community, died Saturday in the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem following an illness of two weeks.

Mr. Wiles was a member of a well known Wilkes family, being a son of the late Wellborn and Emmaline Wiles. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jeanette Lambert Wiles, and the following sons and daughters: Earl and J. S. Wiles, North Wilkesboro route two; Mrs. G. M. Byrd, North Wilkesboro route one; Mrs. Vestal Wiles, Dockery; Mrs. E. C. Roope, North Wilkesboro route two; and Mrs. J. G. Wiles, Dockery.

Funeral service was held today, 11 a. m., at Round Hill church. Rev. Jimmie Bryant and Rev. L. E. Sparks conducted the last rites.

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School Banquet At Ferguson April 12

There will be a banquet dinner and entertainment at Ferguson school on Friday, April 12, seven p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend. Tickets are now on sale at the Ferguson school at \$1.50 each. Proceeds will go for the benefit of the school.

Women's Auxiliary To Veterans Foreign Wars To Be Formed

A woman's auxiliary to the Blue Ridge post of Veterans of Foreign Wars will be organized in a meeting to be held Thursday night, April 11, 7:30 o'clock, in the Reins-Sturdivant chapel in North Wilkesboro.

Ladies are asked to attend the meeting, at which time an auxiliary will be formed and officers will be elected.

Fire Department Gives School \$350

Will be Used to Buy Bleachers For Athletic Fields On Fairgrounds

The North Wilkesboro Fire Department has presented \$350 to the North Wilkesboro high school athletic fund. This gift will be used to purchase two sections of bleacher seats for use at high school athletic contests. These bleachers will have a seating capacity of 264 persons.

This latest gift brings the total amount donated to the Athletic Fund by the firemen to \$500.00 for the current school year. A gift of \$150 received last fall was used for the purchase of football equipment.

In the letter which accompanied the gift, E. A. Shook, Secretary of the Fire Department stated that "The members of the Fire Department are all in favor of this donation. We have never had any money before for this kind of work but we are all interested in training the youth of our town so they will make better citizens. By accepting our assistance now we hope they will grow up into citizens who will always be willing to aid and support our department and all other agencies of our community which are doing their best in line of duty."

Supt. Paul S. Cragan, who accepted the gift on behalf of the Board of Education and the high school students, expressed appreciation to the members of the Fire Department for their generosity. "The North Wilkesboro Fire Department is to be highly commended", stated Supt. Cragan, "not only for their continued efforts to afford the best possible fire protection to the community but also for their eagerness to cooperate with other agencies which are struggling to produce a finer future citizenship out of the present generation of boys and girls."

Masonic Notice

Special communication Liberty Lodge number 45, A. F. & A. M., on Tuesday night, 7:30. Work in the first degree. JOHNSON SANDERS, Master, J. R. PREVETTE, Secretary.

The Golden Hunch Subject Address Kiwanis Meeting

Statesville Minister Delivers Inspiring Address Before Local Group

An inspiring address featured the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club meeting Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes.

Program Chairman John Prevette asked Rev. H. M. Wellman to present the speaker, Rev. Charles Bowles, of Statesville, who made a forceful talk to the club on the subject, "The Golden Hunch."

The speaker related four instances he had recently seen in a picture, wherein scientists had at unexpected times met with a new phenomenon and had seized the opportunity and had become famous themselves and at the same time brought a great blessing to mankind. One discovered the X-Ray; another the value of Colodion; another the value of antiseptics and cleanliness; and still another sulphanimide. Each was a "Golden Hunch" and was appropriated in its turn.

Then, said the speaker, life is serious matter. Golden Hunches come to every one; to individuals, to communities and to nations. So often the opportunity is muffed and every day some one of some community or some nation fails to avail itself of the opportunity of achieving great immortality.

A thousand years with the Lord is but a day and conversely a day is but a thousand years and as our daily problems come to us they may be but the opportunities to forget one's self into the immortal. Said the speaker, "we are now in a time when for us as individuals and as a nation the ongoing of the world may depend on how we react to the opportunity."

The attendance prize Friday consisted of cutlery and was given by Dudley S. Hill to Carl E. Vandeman.

Guests were as follows: Harold Riley, of St. Louis, with J. R. Hix; George Robb with Ed Gardner. Z. V. Stewart, of Lenoir, was a visiting Kiwanian. Mrs. L. M. Nelson substituted for Miss Lois Scroggs as pianist.

Cemetery Improved At Walnut Grove

A project of improving the Walnut Grove cemetery, which was started two years ago, has been completed recently. This cemetery, which is one of the largest in the county, has taken considerable amount of hard work on the part of those interested in it. The ground has been dug and the turf all removed. Excavating has been done and the soil has been treated and sowed in grass. There have been 500 man hours of labor given on this job this spring alone which would amount to \$300.00 at the present wage rate. The fertilizer and seed for this spring's sowing was almost \$50.00. These figures do not include what had been done the two years previous.

It is hoped that by Easter the entire cemetery will be a beautiful green.

The committee for this project wish to thank all who have helped in any way.

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Benefit Party For Community Work At Pores Knob

A benefit party will be given by the Pores Knob Home Demonstration Club on Saturday evening, beginning at seven o'clock, April 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Lowe. The proceeds will go for the baseball team and the community club house. All service boys returning home since the last community party will be honor guests on this occasion. Everybody is asked to bring along something to be served for refreshments. It is hoped that everybody interested in these worthwhile projects will get together on this occasion and have a good time. The only charges will be a penny an inch for your height. There will be things to sell and games and contests during the evening.

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COMMITTEES NAMED BY LIONS FOR ANNUAL HORSE SHOW TO BE HELD JULY 3-4 IN WILKESBORO

Plans now being made by the North Wilkesboro Lions Club for the organization's annual horse show July 3 and 4 indicate that the show will be one of the most outstanding horse show events in western North Carolina.

Directors of the club in recent meeting appointed the entire membership of 71 Lions to serve on committees for the two-day horse show, which will be staged on Wilkesboro school's athletic field. Facilities there are being enlarged to accommodate numerous horse show entries and the large crowds expected to attend the show on both afternoons and nights.

Committees to serve for the horse show follow:

Stables and Grounds J. W. Willis, chairman, W. T. Long, Sherman Anderson, Joe Zimmerman, Arlie Foster, William Gray, W. D. Jester, Darwin Smithey, Rex Handy, Paul Cashion, Bryan Collins, Boyd Stout, J. S. Deans, H. B. Smith, G. R. Andrews, G. T. Bare, Gordon Forester, Homer Boling, Ed Koozt.

Advertisements Maurice O'Sullivan, chairman, W. C. Marlow, M. B. McNeil, C. J. Swofford, Charles Jenkins, O. K. Pope, Jimmie Anderson, Edward McEntire, Dorman Payne.

Cemetery Working At Moravian Falls

All persons interested in maintaining Moravian Falls cemetery are requested to meet at the cemetery on Friday and Saturday of this week to work on the cemetery and get it in condition for the Sunrise service to be held Easter Sunday morning. Attention is also called to the fact that some have not paid their dues to the cemetery association and are asked to send their dues to Miss Thelma Laws, secretary-treasurer.

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William Gray, Larry Moore, Fred Henderson, Oliver Absher, Dick Gwyn, W. F. Absher, Charles Day, Flake Cook, Edward Finley, Richard Johnston.

Entries, Events, Judges Wm. T. Long, chairman, J. B. Carter, Worth Tomlinson, D. V. Deal, Terry Burke, Mrs. Dorothy Cranor, James Cranor, L. S. Spahnour, W. D. Jester, Frank Blair, A. A. Sturdivant, Rufus Church, J. H. Whicker, Jr.

Publicity Dwight Nichols, chairman, Sam Ogilvie, Paul Harvel, Eugene Trivette.

Refreshment Stand B. B. Broome and Clyde Pearson, co-chairmen, Presley Myers, Claude Key, W. F. Absher, Station McIver, J. D. Moore, C. C. Faw, Jr., N. S. Forester, J. Allie Hayes, Roby McNeil, Bill Hardister, Bill Marlow, Blair Gwyn.

Car Parking Carlyle Ingle, chairman, Arlie Foster, John Kerbaugh, Thurmond Kenerly, Harry Klutz, E. D. Dancy.

Tickets Paul Green, chairman, Bill Lee, O. K. Pope, Flake Cook, Paul Harvel, Ed Dancy, Homer Boling, Roy Forehand, Paul Knight, Bob Johnson, Edward McEntire, Dorman Payne, Tam Shumaker, Bob Huffman, Frank Allen.