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Democrats Discuss County Candidates

Caucas Meeting On Monday Night Is Well Attended

Candidates Endorsed By Meeting State Intention To File

Many Democrats, representing a majority of the precincts in Wilkes county, gathered at the North Wilkesboro town hall Monday night for a planning meeting to discuss candidates for county offices and to lay preliminary plans for the fall election campaign.

W. A. McNeil, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, issued the call for the meeting.

Attorney Eugene Trivette presided over the meeting and Attorney J. H. Whicker, Jr. served as secretary. A committee which had been previously appointed to suggest names of candidates for county offices made its reports through Dr. M. G. Edwards, chairman. Other members of the committee were J. R. Rousseau, Major W. H. McElwee, E. P. Inscore, Irving Key, J. E. Walker and Grady Miller. The committee reported that the matter of suggesting candidates had been left up to the meeting.

Former Sheriff C. T. Doughton suggested the following candidates: Rufus B. Church, sheriff; Sam Oglivie, clerk of court; Grady Miller, George Forester and Paul J. Vestal, commissioners.

C. C. Faw placed the name of Attorney Larry Moore before the meeting as a candidate for the legislature, S. P. Mitchell was proposed for county surveyor and Dr. Seth Beale, of Elkin, was advanced as the candidate for coroner.

Other candidates were suggested for the nomination for sheriff, including Homer W. Brookshire, Joel Bentley and J. Mack Reavis.

The assembly went on record as favoring the candidates proposed by Mr. Doughton, adding Larry Moore for representative, S. P. Mitchell for surveyor and Dr. Beale for coroner.

However, it was pointed out that the action was merely a proposal and that any Democrat may file for nomination for any county office prior to Saturday evening, six o'clock, and that the suggestions of the meeting were in no way barring or discouraging anyone who wished to become a candidate for any of the county offices to be filled in the fall election.

At the close of the meeting W. E. Horner, of Sanford, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for congress in the eighth district, delivered a brief address.

Legion Sponsor Grand Ole Opry Show April 26

Wilkes post of the American Legion will sponsor a Grand Ole Opry show from WSM, Nashville, Tenn., on Friday night, April 26, at the county courthouse in Wilkesboro. There will be two shows, at 7:30 and 9:00 p. m.

Charles and Danny Bailey and the Happy Valley Boys will appear in the show, which will be replete with music and fun for all. A part of the proceeds from the admission charges will go into the Legion post fund to help carry out some of the many worthy activities of the post.

Mrs. Fred Hethcock's Father Dies April 6th

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Hethcock and family have returned from Richmond, Virginia, where they were called upon the death of Mrs. Hethcock's father, Mr. George Richard Rice, who died at his home Saturday, April 6th. Funeral services were held Monday at the Dan River Baptist church at Ruffin, N. C.

Baptist Studies At Pleasant Home

There will be a study of distinctive Baptist beliefs at the Pleasant Home Baptist church, beginning April 14. The group will meet Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings at 7:30. All persons interested in learning more about the Baptist communion are cordially invited to attend the class. Four Club members are urged to be present. Miss Madge Lewis, the missionary for the Brushy Mountain Baptists, will lead the discussions.

Wilkes County Spelling Bee To Be Held Apr. 13

The County Spelling Bee will be held in the Wilkesboro school auditorium Saturday, April 13, 1946, at 10:30 a. m.

All school champions will compete in the County Spelling Bee to determine the county champion, who will represent the county in the state spelling bee at Winston-Salem on April 27.

Dr. Gilbert R. Combs, Dr. David E. Browning, Mrs. Robert Morehouse and Mrs. N. O. Smoak, will serve as judges of the county contest.

Business firms in North Wilkesboro have been very generous in donating prizes for the county contest. The following donations have been made for prizes: Prevette's Stores, \$10.00 merchandise; Bank of North Wilkesboro, \$10.00 cash; North-western Bank, \$10.00 cash; Spahnour's, \$10.00 merchandise; Belk's, \$8.00 cash or merchandise; Jenkens Hardware Co., \$6.00 merchandise; Payne Clothing Co., \$5.00 cash or merchandise; Deans Jewelry, \$5.00 fountain pen; Brame Drug Co., \$4.00 merchandise.

Anderson Child Drowns Sunday In Water Cistern

Funeral service was held Monday at Edgewood Baptist church for Robert Warner Anderson, 15-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Warner Anderson.

The child drowned Sunday afternoon in a water reservoir at a tenant home on the farm of J. B. Greer near Moravian Falls.

The child was playing with other children when he suddenly disappeared and a search of the neighborhood failed to locate him. Later another child found his lifeless body in five feet of water in the reservoir.

Surviving are the father and mother and one brother, Billy Ray.

Mathis Child Is Victim Accident

Carl Phillip Mathis, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mathis, of the Clingman community, died Monday night at the hospital in Elkin as the result of injuries received Sunday afternoon when he was struck by an automobile while crossing the highway near his home.

The car reportedly was operated by Floyd Wilson Randleman, of Hamptonville. No charges have been preferred, according to information available here.

Surviving the child are his father and mother, Carl and Agnes B. Greene Mathis, one sister and one brother, Doris and Rex Mathis.

Funeral was held Wednesday, 2:30 p. m., at Pleasant Grove Baptist church with Rev. R. R. Crater and Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner conducting the service.

WILKESBORO GIRL SCOUTS HOLD OPEN HOUSE



Last week the Girl Scouts of Wilkesboro troop number 6 were hostesses to 68 guests on the re-opening of the Girl Scout house, and the above picture shows part of the crowd on that occasion. The "Little House" has been redecorated and is very useful and beautiful for the Wilkesboro Girl Scout meetings. During the afternoon delicious refreshments were served to the guests which included Mothers of the Scouts, Committee Members, and members of the Girl Scout Council.

Band Concert To Be Tuesday Night

The North Wilkesboro High School Band will give a concert in the school auditorium at 8 p. m. next Tuesday night. The public is invited to attend the concert. There will be no admission charge.

The band, which is directed by Miss Eva Bingham, will present a varied program of solos, group numbers, as well as numerous selections by the full band.

Many instruments have been added to the band this year. A larger selection of musical numbers will be heard than at any previous concert. Members of the band who will appear in the concert are: Lewis Nelson, Jane Cragan, Bill Bason, Frances Harris, Carolyn Deans, Doris Wiles, Tommy Turner, Jane Carter, John Gibbs, Cate Duncan, Betty Jean Wells, Patsy Hawkins, Suzanne Johnson, Carl Swofford, Paul McGinnis, Peggy Harris, Betty Whicker, Jimmie Carter, Jim Moore, David Browning, Bobby Eller, Gordon Finley, Tony Marlow, Gordon Forester, G. L. Adams, Tommy Johnson, Doris Godby, Billie Moore, Dorothy Winters, Charles Tevepaugh, Tyre Sidden.

Beginning band members who will aid in making arrangements are: Betty J. Reavis, Norma Gabriel, Kent Sturdivant, Hubert Emerson, Smith Hudson, Ann Lott, Robert Wells, and Alvin Rhodes.

Hearing Waved In Claude Absher Case; Now In Jail

Local Man Charged With First Degree Murder For Death of Clyde Watts

Claude Absher, through his counsel, Eugene Trivette, on Wednesday waived preliminary hearing before Mayor R. T. McNeil here and was remanded to jail in Wilkesboro on the charge of first degree murder for the death of Clyde Watts, 23, here Saturday night.

Absher is charged with shooting Watts with a shotgun about nine o'clock Saturday night as Watts was walking on the sidewalk on Ninth street near the corner of Main and Ninth. Watts died 30 minutes later at the Wilkes hospital.

Police quoted witnesses as saying that Absher engaged a taxi and went to his home, where he got his shotgun and returned downtown. As he alighted from the taxi Watts walked along the sidewalk and he shot him in the abdomen.

SGT ARTHUR LOWE HAS RETURNED HOME

First Sergeant Arthur Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lowe and husband of the former Miss Elizabeth Neal, has received his discharge from the army and he returned home Thursday. Sgt. Lowe was in the army for more than two years, serving in the Pacific theatre. He was last stationed in Korea.

Many From Wilkes At Republican Meet

Harold Stassen Speaker; DeLapp Again Chairman

Republican party in Wilkes was represented by a large delegation at the state Republican convention held Wednesday afternoon in Winston-Salem and to hear Harold Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and recognized candidate for president, speak Wednesday night.

Republicans from Wilkes were prominent in the convention. Attorney T. E. Story was chairman of the Resolutions committee and a member of the Platform committee. Attorney T. R. Bryan served on the Credentials committee and H. P. Eller was a member of the Arrangements committee.

Slim A. DeLapp, of Lexington, was re-elected state chairman and he appointed J. M. Baley and A. L. Butler as assistants. Mrs. Walter Zachary, of Yadkinville, was elected vice chairman.

Among those from Wilkes attending the convention and hearing the address of Stassen were: N. B. Smithey, T. E. Story, P. E. Brown, W. B. Somers, Jim Somers, Paul Osborne, Tom Story, Jr., Troy Foster, T. R. Bryan, H. P. Eller, S. M. Shumate, L. B. Dula, J. H. Whicker, Sr., C. G. Poindexter, L. W. Greene, C. C. Hayes, W. S. Fletcher, Will Fletcher, Kyle Hayes, R. Staley, Hayden Hayes, Allie Hayes, Granville Billings, Billie Hayes, and Presley Myers.

Pledging "a rebirth of American liberty, initiative and enterprise," and prophesying a national Republican sweep at the polls, delegates to the State Republican convention concluded their one-day session, marked chiefly by a short—but heated—floor fight on a platform plank opposing universal peacetime military conscription.

Overwhelmingly, the convention met with applause a plank favoring submission of an amendment to the Federal Constitution limiting presidential tenure to one term of six years, and denying the right of succession.

Harold E. Stassen told a cheering audience that the United States must adopt a new labor policy based, not upon socialization of industry, but upon safeguarding the rights of the individual worker and enthusiastic support of the American system of enterprise.

Speaking to an estimated 6,000 people assembled in Liberty Warehouse for the climatic session of the convention, the man

Bingo Party to Be Given April 16th In Moose Hall

The Cricket Home Demonstration club will sponsor a bingo party Tuesday evening, April 16, beginning at 7:30 o'clock in the former Moose Hall on C Street opposite the Postoffice. The public is cordially invited.

A main feature of the evening is to be the giving away of a hand made quilt to the person holding the lucky number, the quilt is now on display in the show window at Jenkins Furniture Company.

Prizes to be awarded in bingo will be articles made by the club women, and donations by the business firms of North Wilkesboro including nylon hose, rino, lard and butter.

Cake walks will be enjoyed, and candy, drinks, and popcorn will be on sale.

ORGANIZATION GETS EXCELLENT SUPPORT FROM BUSINESS FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS OVER COUNTY

Veterans Foreign Wars In a Meeting

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Blue Ridge Mountain Post No. 1142 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars was held Tuesday evening, April 9th, at 7:30 at the North Wilkesboro City Hall with Dr. J. H. McNeill, commander, presiding.

Several matters of interest were taken up in the business session and plans were made for increased membership of the post.

All overseas veterans of Wilkes county are urged to contact the post for membership. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday night, April 23rd, at the Town Hall in North Wilkesboro.

Board of Directors Meets Tonight to Consider Employment of Secretary

Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, recently organized here with election of officers and a board of 27 directors, is making ready to function in promoting progress and welfare of the Wilkesboro and all Wilkes county.

J. B. Williams, president of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce and who led the movement for its organization, said today that the board of directors will meet tonight for the purpose of considering the employment of a full time secretary.

A number of applications have been received, but the board has been giving the matter serious attention in order to employ the best possible man for the position.

K. of P. Planning Public Speaking Contest in Schools

The North Wilkesboro Lodge Knights of Pythias is sponsoring a public speaking contest among the high schools of Wilkes County. This contest will take place in the Lodge Hall at 7:30 p. m. next Monday night, April 15.

Schools already entered in the contest include Mountain View, Roaring River, Wilkesboro, and North Wilkesboro. Other entries are expected before Monday.

"Five Milestones in The Progress of My Country" Topic for Contest

This public speaking contest which is being sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Pythians for the first time, is part of a nationwide contest sponsored by the Supreme Lodge. The finals will be held at the Supreme Lodge Convention next summer in Tulsa, Oklahoma at which time the top four winners will receive college scholarships.

Prizes for the Wilkes County contest have been donated by the North Wilkesboro Lodge and the Dokie Club. First, second, and third place winners will receive prizes of \$25, \$15, and \$10. The winner of the contest Monday night will represent this district in the State contest which will be held before April 30.

A large attendance of the members of the Lodge is expected and visitors to the Lodge will be welcomed.

The topic chosen for the speeches is "Five Milestones in the Progress of My Country." Each speaker is allowed ten minutes for the presentation of his speech.

Barber Shops Will Close On Saturday Night Eight o'Clock

Six local barber shops announced this week that they will close on Saturday nights at eight o'clock and that they will close each Wednesday at 12 o'clock noon.

Barber shops making the announcement were Wilkes Barber shop, Key City Barber shop, City

PRE-EASTER SERVICES ARRANGED FOR CHURCHES OF WILKESBORO

Series of Services Planned For Sunday, April 14, Through April 18

Once again the Ministerial Alliance invites the people of the Wilkesboro to worship together in a series of Lenten services. The people are asked to come together during these days of public worship to seek strength for the soul and to discover fresh revelations for the meaning and purpose of life.

The services will begin each night at 7:45 o'clock. There will be special music arranged for the worship hours. The offerings will go to World Relief.

In Wilkesboro

Sunday, April 14, at First Methodist, Rev. Watt Cooper, preacher.

Monday, April 15, at First Baptist, (Preacher to be supplied).

In North Wilkesboro

Tuesday, April 16, at First Presbyterian, Rev. H. M. Wellman, preacher.

Wednesday, April 17, at First Methodist, Dr. David E. Browning, preacher.

Thursday, April 18, at First Baptist, Dr. Gilbert R. Combs, preacher.

Girl Scouts Meets For Monday Night

Training course for Girl Scout leaders will be held Monday, 7:30 p. m., in the religious education building of the First Presbyterian church. Following the course, a meeting of the Girl Scout Council will be held at eight o'clock.

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Easter Seals On Sale For Benefit Young Crippled

Liberal Response from Public Urged to Support Humanitarian Effort

The Easter Seals which have been mailed to citizens of Wilkes in an appeal for funds to aid crippled children are of special interest because of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults with which the local organization is affiliated through the State Society.

The 1946 issue of the Easter Seal symbolizes the silver anniversary in work for crippled children by a border of silver surrounding a design in blue and magenta which shows a crippled child gazing at a blue bird. At the top of the design are the words "crippled children" lettered in blue. The seals come one hundred to a sheet.

This year's winning design, based on national competition open to high school boys and girls, is the work of Mary Snyder, a student at Tech High School, Memphis, Tennessee. She received the Michael J. Dowling Memorial Award presented annually by the National Society for the best Easter Seal design.

From twenty-two million in the first Easter Seal sale, 1934, the annual national distribution has risen to well over one billion seals. In the same period the number of hospital beds available for crippled children, the number of hospital admissions, orthopedic surgeons, physical and occupational therapists, and other professional and lay persons in the work for crippled children throughout the country has nearly doubled.

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