

Four Road Projects In Wilkes Listed For Bids On May 23rd

Parsonville And Hays Roads Will Get Improvements

Many County Road Projects Included In List on Which Bids Are Asked

The State Highway and Public Works commission has four Wilkes county road projects listed for bids to be received May 23.

All the projects are on county roads, which is in line with the present policy of improving farm-to-market roads and school bus routes.

The major project listed among those from Wilkes calls for reconstruction and black top surfacing of 4.80 miles of road from highway 421 at Purllear Grocery ten miles west of this city to Parsonville.

The road from Fairplains toward Traphill will be regraded and surfaced a distance of one and three-quarter miles from near Mulberry Creek toward Hays.

Another important county road will be improved. Bids will be asked for surfacing approximately three miles of road from Ronda to Clingman.

The other project in Wilkes calls for surfacing of three-quarters of a mile of road from Pleasant Hill to Pleasant Hill church.

A total of 68 state highway and county roads projects were week for bids, and the total cost was estimated at \$2,345,000.

Lester Duncan Is Severely Burned

Lester Duncan, of Wilkesboro route one, was badly injured Friday when gasoline on his clothing ignited while he was working on an automobile.

His chest, arms and face were badly burned and his condition is regarded as critical. He is a patient at the Wilkes hospital.

Music Recital Here On Thursday Night

Miss Ellen Robinson's pupils in piano and voice will be presented in recital Thursday night, eight o'clock, in the North Wilkesboro school auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Three Teams Tie For Leadership In Softball League

Four splendid games were played in the churches softball league here during the latter part of the week.

On Thursday afternoon North Wilkesboro Methodists slugged a ten to four win over the First Baptist number 1 team.

Wilkesboro Baptists broke into the win column with a thrilling three to two victory over the home town rivals, the Wilkesboro Methodists.

First Baptist number 2 team had the edge over the Presbyterians and won 11 to 5.

On Friday afternoon the two First Baptist teams played off a game which had ended in a tie on a previous date. Number 1 team defeated number 2 team eight to five.

Standing of the teams now is as follows:

TEAM	W.	L.	Pct.
Wilkesboro M. E.	2	1	.667
First Baptist 1	2	1	.667
First Baptist 2	2	1	.667
N. W. Methodist	1	2	.333
N. W. Presbyterian	1	2	.333
Wilkesboro Baptist	1	2	.333

Schedule of games for Tuesday, May 14, with location for game and umpires, follows: N. W. Baptist No. 2-Wilkesboro Baptist, Wilkesboro, G. T. Bare and Paul S. Osgan; N. W. Baptist No. 1-Wilkesboro Methodist, Smoot Park, Dick Bason and Bryan Gilreath; N. W. Methodist-Presbyterian, Fairgrounds, Bob Kite and T. R. Bryan.

Brings Pet Coyote From Calif. Ranch

Aren Beshears, who returned last week to his home at Wilbar after being employed for some time on a ranch in Los Angeles county, California, brought with him an eight-week-old coyote, which he is going to keep for a pet.

Mr. Beshears said that he found two baby coyotes in a hole while rounding up some cattle and decided to bring one of them along.

Veterans Foreign Wars Commander Condemns Strikes

Dr. McNeill Head of Local Post, Writes Strong Letter to Members

Dr. J. H. McNeill, commander of the Wilkes post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, in a recent letter to the post's membership strongly condemned the strike situation in the United States and called on the members as veterans to fight for better conditions.

Text of the letter of Commander McNeill to the post follows: "I greatly regret that I cannot be present to bring this matter to you personally, but other business prevents.

"I want to bring to your attention, for action, the matters of strikes, (particularly the coal strike) and reconversion. Don't

intention to get this post into any argument on the virtues of Capital and Labor. We can't do that, but all will agree, no matter which side you favor, that something definite and drastic should be done to regain "The American Way of Life."

"When we were drafted or volunteered for service we were told that we were fighting against "Tyranny" and for the right to carry on the "American Way of Life." That implied that we were fighting for our loved ones at home, the right to own our own homes, to work as we pleased, for whom we pleased and where we pleased. It implied a right for enough food to feed them. It implied a right to try to get the luxuries which the average American considers necessities.

"Does the present status give us any of the things we might have expected?"

"No, but why? It's because of strikes!"

"It's because a lot of hoggish people are fighting to run this country. These hoggish people are on both sides of the fence. Most of them are civilians who, being engaged in "Essential Employment," avoided military service, the discomforts and rigors of war, stayed home, lived in relative comfort and did quite well for themselves financially.

"Think these questions over. Are you comfortably housed in a place of your own? If you are not, what chance have you of getting that house—or even of getting the materials to build one? Can you get the materials, tools and equipment needed to set you up in business or to carry on your old business? What are the answers? What are you going to do about it?"

"Are you going to sit back and let these hoggish interests run our country, endanger health—even life itself, and deprive you of normal life necessities?"

"Remember my platform on election to this office was that this is a non-political outfit, run for the benefit of service men. On my induction into office, I told you that Republicans might have to vote Democratic, and vice versa. We must bind together, as service units, for our common benefit.

"It is my earnest desire that you discuss this matter. If you disagree with the above, say so. If you agree with the above, Do Something About It!"

Sunday, May 13, has been designated 4-H Church Sunday in North Carolina, when services on the theme "conservation of the home" will be conducted throughout the state.

Receives Discharge



Sgt. Paul Bangess has received his discharge, after spending several years in the armed forces. He is now making his home in Baltimore, Md. He is the son of Mrs. Minnie Bangess.

Postmasters Meet In Winston-Salem

Annual convention of the North Carolina branch of the National League of District Postmasters will be held Tuesday and Wednesday of this week at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Mattie F. Greer, of Boomer, secretary-treasurer of the organization has announced a most splendid program for the two-day convention, which includes a banquet meeting on Tuesday evening with Roy M. North, deputy third assistant postmaster general, as the feature speaker.

Church Training School Is Successful

Many Certificates Awarded At Closing of Methodist Training Course

The annual training school for the North Wilkesboro First Methodist church and other nearby churches, which opened Sunday afternoon, closed Thursday evening with a number of credit certificates being awarded. In the course taught by Mrs. J. O. Goode, of Richmond, Va., "The home and the church working together for children" the following received credit awards: From the North Wilkesboro church, Mesdames W. A. Brame, Jack Brame, Grady Church, Claude Doughton, R. E. Gibbs, C. B. Lomax, J. C. Reins, Dermont Smith, W. W. Starr, Misses Inez Wilson, Agnes Kenerly, Mamie Sockwell, and Ruby Pearson. From the Wilkesboro church, Mrs. Grace Leckie Terrell.

In the course given by Rev. R. L. Ownbey, of Charlotte, on "Christian Evangelism" awards were presented for the North Wilkesboro church to Dr. Gilbert R. Combs, Mr. and Mrs. Homer T. Boring, Dr. J. S. Deans, Mrs. W. F. Gaddy, Mrs. Edd F. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hauss, Mrs. Joe E. Johnson, Mrs. M. B. McNeill, Mr. Jack Swafford, Mr. W. C. Marlow, and Miss Dorothy Ann Bell. From the Wilkesboro church Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Wellman, Mrs. J. W. White, and Miss Ghita Tuttle; from Union, Miss Mary Nichols; from Friendship church, Mrs. Annie Church, George S. Bumgarner, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Bumgarner, and from the New Hope Baptist church, Miss Anne McNeill.

Each class also had a number of audit credits, those who attended three sessions out of the five.

Junior Red Cross Products Display Very Interesting

Articles Made By Junior Red Cross in Sentinel Insurance Show Window

Members of the Junior Red Cross in schools of North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county have been very active in Red Cross production recently.

Under leadership of Mrs. Carl E. Vandeman a most interesting display of Junior Red Cross products has been arranged in the Sentinel Insurance Agency office show window on Ninth street.

Included in the display are articles made for service men in hospitals and a sample of 264 gift boxes made for destitute children in war torn areas. The public is invited to view the display.

FLOOD CONTROL PLAN IS ENDORSED AT MEET HERE

Sam Segraves Is Victim Accident On Highway 421

Achie Segraves, Brother Held on Manslaughter Charge; Other Counts

Samuel William Segraves, 35, resident of North Wilkesboro route three, was instantly killed at 12:30 a. m. Friday when the car in which he was riding struck a bank and overturned on highway 421 seven miles east of this city.

The car, a 1940 Ford tudor, was driven by Archie Segraves, brother of the accident victim.

Patrolman Lamar Ratliff, who investigated the accident, said that Archie Segraves was arrested on charges of manslaughter, driving while intoxicated, speeding, reckless driving and driving without operator's license.

The car was traveling eastward when it left the road, struck the bank, overturned and turned around. It was completely demolished. Archie Segraves escaped without serious injury.

Segraves is survived by his mother, Mrs. Carrie Segraves, and the following brothers and sisters: Coy and Archie Segraves, North Wilkesboro; Norwood and Howard Segraves, Portland, Ore.; Misses Fern and June Segraves and Rex Segraves, at home.

Funeral service for Sam Segraves was held Sunday afternoon at Antioch church.

D. D. Williamson Is Speaker Friday At Kiwanis Meet

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club in luncheon meeting Friday noon heard an interesting address and discussed famine relief.

W. H. McElwee read a letter addressed to Sen. Clyde Hoy of Washington suggesting the desire of the people of this community to have a town in Poland assigned to this community to which we might send food during the time of their food shortage.

Several members discussed the idea, more or less favorably. A motion to have a committee further study the matter and report next Friday carried, and the president appointed W. H. McElwee, Edward Finley, Dr. G. R. Combs and J. R. Hix.

Attendance prize was given by J. B. Williams and won by Dr. M. G. Edwards.

Program Chairman W. F. Gaddy asked Bob Smith to present the speaker, Dwight D. Williamson, assistant county agent, who gave a very interesting talk on the construction and value of the Sisalcraft Paper Silos. The talk by Mr. Williamson and also the picture and illustration of the hurried and inexpensive method of making corn silage was suggested to the farmers of the county.

Guests Friday were as follows: Rev. T. Sloane Guy, Jr., with Dr. David E. Browning; Judge Johnson J. Hayes with John E. Justice; Richard A. Hertler with Pat Williams; G. C. Smith, of Salisbury, with E. F. Gardner; Ralph Harbinson with J. B. Carter; C. C. Alexander, C. E. Tharpe and Dwight D. Williamson with W. F. Gaddy.

Library Closes Wednesday P.M.

Beginning this week, the Wilkes County Public Library located in the town hall will close each Wednesday afternoon, one o'clock.

Veterans Foreign War Plan Meeting

Local post of Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet Tuesday evening, 7:30, at the North Wilkesboro town hall. All members and all other overseas veterans are urged to attend.

Support Y. M. C. A.

Eshelman Lists Officers Wilkes Hosiery Mills Co.

P. W. Eshelman, president of the Wilkes Hosiery Mills Co., announced today the election of several new officers of the Company. Effective immediately, Tom G. McLaughlin, who has been Assistant Treasurer, becomes Vice President; Cecil F. Adamson, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer; Russell G. Hodges, Assistant Secretary.

Mr. McLaughlin has been with the company since 1928 and has been in charge of production and Assistant to the President.

Mr. Hodges came with the company in 1923 and since that time has been chemist and in charge of the dyeing.

Mr. Adamson became associated with the Company as office manager in 1940. During the past three years he served in the quartermaster department of the army, returning to his former position several months ago.

BIRTHS

A daughter, Elizabeth Byrd Cheek, was born May 4 at the Wilkes hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Cheek, of this city.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hawkins, of North Wilkesboro route one, a daughter, Lois Anne, on May 8.

A daughter was born May 4 at the Wilkes hospital to Mrs. Bill Fair, of Roaring River.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard McNeill, of Millers Creek, a son on May 8 at the Wilkes hospital.

Miller, of Vannoy, a daughter on May 11 at the Wilkes hospital.

Mrs. J. C. Bumgarner and daughter, Joseph Terry, born May 2 at the Wilkes hospital, returned Friday to their home at Millers Creek.

A son was born Friday at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Minton, of this city.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Myers, of Wilkesboro route two, a son on May 5 at the Wilkes hospital.

A son was born Sunday at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gray, Jr., of Wilkesboro.

Alexander Cleary Funeral Tuesday

Funeral service for Alexander Cleary, age 67, McGrady community citizen who died Sunday, will be held Tuesday, two p. m., at Union Chapel.

Mr. Cleary is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ermie Cleary, one son, William Cleary, of McGrady, and one brother and one sister, Bobby Cleary, of Troutdale, and Mrs. Julia Long, of Laurel Springs.

Nichols Child Dies

Funeral service was held Friday at Pleasant Grove church for James I. Nichols, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Nichols, of Reddies River. The child died Thursday.

Correction

In an account of the death of Mrs. Moses Thompson, which appeared in Thursday's edition of The Journal-Patriot, Mrs. Thompson's age was given as 96, when it should have been 69.

Certificates And Pins Are Awarded R. Cross Workers

Miss Rebecca Moseley, executive secretary of the Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross, said today that certificates and buttons are being mailed to more than 100 members of the chapter for meritorious service in Red Cross work during World War 2.

Certificates and beautiful pins are being awarded to those with 200 or more hours of voluntary work and for outstanding achievements in other phases of Red Cross work during the war years. As others attain the required number of hours, they will also be rewarded, Miss Moseley said.

Rev. W. N. Brookshire Takes Up His Work At Wilkesboro Baptist

Rev. Woodrow N. Brookshire, of Taylorsville, was one of twenty-six North Carolina men receiving degrees at the commencement exercises of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., Saturday. He received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

He and Mrs. Brookshire arrived in Wilkesboro Tuesday to begin his work as pastor of the Wilkesboro Baptist church.

The church was filled to capacity Sunday morning when Rev. Mr. Brookshire delivered his first sermon. Subject of the inspiring message was "Accepting Personal Responsibility."

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Brookshire, of the Poplar Springs community of Alexander county.

To Name Winner Robt. W. Finley Memorial Award

Boy Scout Court Of Honor And Review Will Meet Thursday Evening

This year's winner of the Robert Wood Finley Memorial award—two weeks at Camp Laster—will be selected by the Wilkes district Boy Scout court of honor in meeting Thursday, May 16, at the Wilkes hospital.

Salmon building of the First Presbyterian church.

The two weeks at Camp Laster is a gift of the North Wilkesboro Lions Club and will be for the Scout selected each year for five years. The gift was set up by the club as a memorial to Capt. Robert Wood Finley, former Scoutmaster and member of the Lions club, who was killed in action in France.

Other matters will be before the Court of Honor and all Scouts and others interested in Scouting are asked to attend.

Wilkesboro Church In Series Services

Rev. C. E. Murray Guest Minister at Wilkesboro Methodist Church

A series of special services opened Sunday night at Wilkesboro Methodist church and will continue through this week with services each evening at 7:45.

Rev. C. E. Murray, of Cramerton, is guest minister for the services. On Sunday night his inspiring message was received with rapt interest by the congregation. Rev. H. M. Wellman, pastor, cordially invites the public to the services. Rev. Mr. Murray is a talented speaker and all are urged to take advantage of the opportunity to hear him during the series of services.

License to Wed

During the past ten days license to wed were issued by Wilkes' Register of Deeds Troy C. Foster to the following couples: Moses G. Harless and Georgia Barnes, both of Wilbar; Richard A. Conner, Barre, Mass., and Kay Brown, Moravian Falls; James A. Pardue, Roaring River, and Florence Anderson, Wilkesboro route 2; Archie R. Triplett and Grace Dearman, North Wilkesboro; Orville Shew and Enla Day, both of Anawalt, W. Va.; Jesse Hurley, Crumpler, and Pruffitt and Angie Ballard, North Wilkesboro; Grady Lee Chose, Winston-Salem, and Lucy Byrd, Ronda; Robert Neil Patterson, Asheboro, and Marie Corwell, North Wilkesboro; Herbert Anderson, Oakwoods, and Dida Moore, Gilreath; Carl Lewis, North Wilkesboro, and Adelle Hayes, Boone; Pines Carroll and Edwina Robinson, both of Purllear; C. Clyde Huffman, Purllear, and Lydia Kerley, North Wilkesboro route one.

3-County Meeting Held In This City To Discuss Plans To Discuss Plans

Meeting Goes on Record For Early Action On Flood Control Proposal

People of the Yadkin river valley are preponderantly in favor of the flood control plan as recently recommended by War Department Engineers.

This fact was evident following a meeting of citizens of Wilkes, Surry and Caldwell counties called and held here by the Flood Control committee, which is made up of members from Surry, Wilkes and Caldwell counties. John E. Justice, Jr., of North Wilkesboro, is chairman of the committee.

The meeting, called to discuss the flood control plan as recently recommended by the engineers, went on record favoring the plan, which calls for two flood control dams on the Yadkin west of Wilkesboro and two on the Reddies River, Yadkin tributary, near North Wilkesboro.

At the meeting here Thursday Brigadier General James B. Newman, of Atlanta, division engineer of the War Department, explained in some detail the flood control plan as recommended, which calls for erection of the dams to be used only to impound excess run-off during floods, and which would not be used for generation of power.

On the Yadkin the dams would

North Wilkesboro. On the Reddies river the dams would be 1.8 miles and 12.8 miles above North Wilkesboro. According to the advice of engineers, the dams could impound six inches of flood run-off from their drainage area, which is deemed sufficient to protect the valley below from flood disaster, even in the event of a flood equal to that of 1916 or 1940.

The recently recommended plan takes the place of a former plan by the engineers for a combination flood control and power dam on the Yadkin above Wilkesboro, and which was eliminated from the flood control authorizations by the senate at the insistence of Senator Josiah W. Bailey, who objected on the grounds that the lake would flood too great an area of valuable farm lands and that the project was primarily for power with flood control secondary.

Cleary Funeral Held Wednesday at Union

Funeral service was held Tuesday at Union Chapel for Robert Cleary, 67-year-old citizen of the Rusk community who died May 6 at the hospital in Elkin.

Mr. Cleary is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carrie Cleary, and the following sons and daughters: Raymond Cleary, McGrady; Andrew and Dean Cleary, Rusk; Mrs. Veonia Shumate, Halls Mills; Mrs. Hester Dancy, Tree Top, Va.; Mrs. Venar Hayes, Benham; Mrs. Della Whittington, Halls Mills.

School Children Give Flowers For Veterans' Graves

A committee of the Wilkes Valley Guards chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy appointed to decorate graves of Confederate veterans on Confederate Memorial Day May 10 had some valuable assistance from students of Wilkesboro school.

A member of the committee asked the school children in Wilkesboro for flowers with which to decorate the graves and the response was far greater than expected. Many children from the first to the highest grade in school gave beautiful flowers and aided materially in the task of appropriately decorating graves of Confederate veterans in Wilkesboro.