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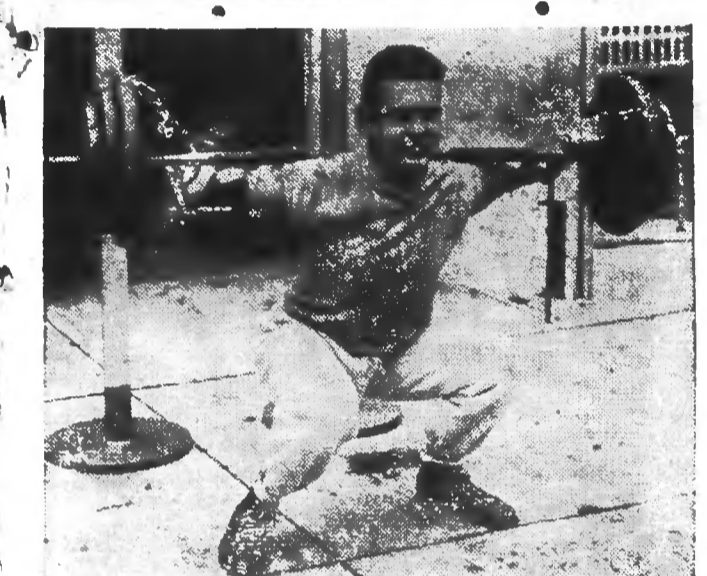
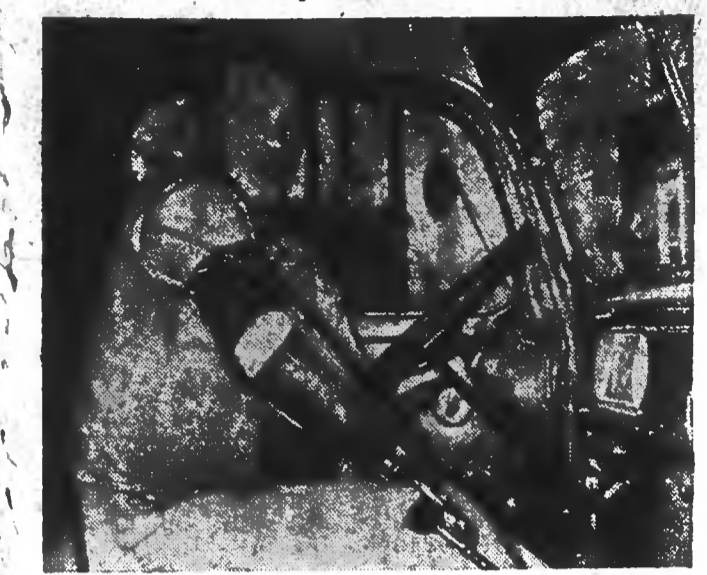
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Wilkes Chamber Of Commerce Lists Objectives

Drives Truck, Runs Cement Mixer



John Novak, shown driving a truck and getting a bit of exercise with an 180-lb. bar bell, is an active member of a Cleveland cement contracting firm formed last spring by the ex-Tech. Sgt. and his brother-in-law. The firm now boasts a pay roll of 10 and a 6-week work backlog. Formerly with the First Ranger Battalion and a Silver Star winner, Novak lost both arms in an antipersonnel mine explosion at Anzio. He has mastered manipulation of the artificial arms, operates the firm's big mixer, and sometimes drives a truck.

Flood Control Bill Through Congress

Measure Passes Conference And In Both Houses

The revised flood control bill containing the added provisions to construct detention dams on the Yadkin and Reddies Rivers near North Wilkesboro was given final approval by vote of the United States Senate Friday.

The measure, which now goes to President Truman for approval, is certain to become law. Thus ends a most successful phase of the fight on the part of the citizens of the Yadkin Valley to secure protection from devastating floods which have caused great agricultural and industrial damage during the past 40 years.

The Yadkin Valley projects for the four dams estimated to cost over ten million dollars was added to the bill in the Senate Commerce committee hearing, passed the senate and was approved in the conference of both houses. Later the conference report was approved by both house and senate.

War Department engineers have indicated a willingness to begin work on the projects in the spring of 1947, provided appropriation for the projects is voted by congress.

Jack Minton Loses Foot at Wood Saw

Jack Minton, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Minton, of Hinshaw street, lost a foot Saturday when it was caught in a wood saw. He was helping another boy saw some wood when the accident occurred.

Also to erect \$30,000,000 sheet and plate plant in Iowa.

Local Subjects Are Discussed Here In Meet of Kiwanis

Community Improvements And Progress General Theme of Program

The North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club in meeting Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes discussed several matters of much local interest. The club voted to hold its annual meeting on August 2nd at the home of I. J. Broyhill in the Boomer section of the county, at which place the Fruit Growers Association will be holding its annual meeting. The program will be furnished by the Fruit Growers. The dinner is to be provided by the Home Clubs of that community.

Attendance prize was given by Ed F. Gardner, a large bevelled mirror, and won by J. B. Carter. Program chairman J. B. Williams brought the club a variety program. The directors of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce were the guests of the club, and were presented to the club in a body. John E. Justice was presented and he made a brief talk on the work that had been done to get through Congress the flood control bill which has just recently been passed. He also enumerated the various people who have aided in this project.

By motion duly seconded the club voted to express its appreciation to the following people, George Wiese, of the Patterson School, Marion Allen and his Flood Control committee, of Elkin. Senator J. W. Bailey, Senator Clyde R. Hoey, Rep. Jane Pratt, and Rep. John H. Folger. The secretary was asked to communicate the appreciation of the club to these people.

The matter of the unsatisfactory Long Distance telephone conditions was again brought to the attention of the club and on motion duly seconded the public affairs committee was authorized to take the matter up with the Utilities Commission for its consideration and possible adjustment.

Forrest E. Jones, newly elected secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, was presented and he made a brief talk, setting out eleven projects in which this community is interested and will undertake to achieve.

Richard Johnston was presented and he discussed briefly possibilities for having an Air Field suitable for our station. Already the community is becoming very much air-minded and with proper cooperation and encouragement the community may become a prominent link in the larger air line system. Mr. Johnston gave considerable local statistics concerning the number of planes now being flown in the community.

The program was varied and of tremendous interest. Guests Friday were: H. H. Morehouse had Elton Kirksey, of Greensboro; R. L. Morehouse had Maj. M. B. Morehouse; Robert S. Gibbs had Palmer Horton; Joe Barber had O. K. Stephens; W. D. Halfacre had Paul Greene; Paul Osborne had Oliver Absher; W. K. Sturdivant had B. Moore; R. E. Gibbs had Jack Swofford; R. G. Finley had A. A. Cashion; A. F. Kilby had Bill Jester; A. C. Venable had Julian B. Ellis; J. B. Williams had Forrest B. Jones and Richard Johnston.

Mrs. Almedia Hester Is Claimed By Death

Mrs. Almedia Hester, 82, member of a well known Wilkes family, died today at her home at Boomer.

Mrs. Hester is survived by the following sons and daughters: Walter Hester, in Texas; Mrs. Wiley Bishop, Boomer; Mrs. Walter Parlier and Mrs. I. J. Lovette, Moravian Falls; Tom Hester, in California; Herbert Hester, Boomer; Mrs. Clara Shumer and Mrs. F. L. Michael, Winston-Salem; also one brother, J. V. Wallace, North Wilkesboro.

Funeral will be held Friday, two p. m., at Mt. Carmel Church. The body will lie in state from Thursday, four p. m., to Friday noon at Reins-Sturdivant chapel in North Wilkesboro and at the church for one hour before the funeral.

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WILKES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LISTS 11 MAJOR PROJECTS—1946

1. A NEW AIRPORT, LARGE ENOUGH FOR AIR-LINE OPERATION.
2. A POULTRY PROCESSING PLANT.
3. BETTER PARKING FACILITIES IN NORTH WILKESBORO.
4. AN AGGRESSIVE, COUNTY-WIDE, TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMPAIGN.
5. A NEW INDUSTRIAL PROGRAM AND SURVEY OF WILKES COUNTY.
6. A WORKABLE REFORESTATION PROGRAM.
7. SPECIAL PROMOTIONS FOR RETAIL TRADE—"OPEN HOUSE FOR FARMERS" DAY, CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS, ETC.
8. A COUNTY-WIDE CLEAN-UP PAINT-UP PROGRAM.
9. A COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAM.
10. SPEEDING OF HOME CONSTRUCTION.
11. WHITE WAY FOR NORTH WILKESBORO.

Many additional activities are included in the complete "Program of Work" of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Fire Threatens Planes, Hangar At the Airport

Trash Dump Fire Near Hangar Sunday Extinguished With Difficulty

Fire in the trash dumped near the hangar at the local airport by the town of North Wilkesboro Sunday threatened the hangar and at least ten planes with destruction.

The fire, which was thought to have originated by spontaneous combustion, was near the hangar and the building was becoming very hot when local firemen placed one of their largest planes near the hangar and kept the flames and heat blown from the hangar by wind from the propeller.

The fire department was called and after some delay in locating a city official who could give permission for the fire truck to go beyond the city limits, the truck went to the scene and got the fire under control, local firemen said.

However, the smouldering fire continued and watchers remained at the scene during the night in case of another threatening outbreak near the hangar and planes.

Brother of John R. Jones Is Dead

Charles Matton Jones, age 75, prominent citizen of Walnut Cove, Stokes county, died Wednesday. He was a brother of Attorney John R. Jones, of North Wilkesboro.

Mr. Jones, in declining health for four years, died at his home after an illness of four days. A resident of Stokes county all his life, Mr. Jones served as its sheriff for four years, register of deeds for four years, State Senator from Stokes and Surry counties for one term, and for 12 years United States Deputy Collector of Revenue under William Grissom, a position which he held until he retired.

Surviving Mr. Jones are his wife, Mrs. Flora Wall Jones, and the following sons and daughters: Odell Jones, James Jones, Spencer Jones, Miss Flora Jones and Mrs. Dewey Green, all of Walnut Cove; Mrs. Nell Beeson, Miss Anne Jones and Sam Jones, of Greensboro; also the following brothers and sisters, Mrs. Addie Bernard, of Greensboro, Mrs. Carrie Young, of Winston-Salem; Attorney John R. Jones, North Wilkesboro; J. W. Jones and Sam Jones, of Pinnacle.

Funeral service was held at the home Thursday afternoon and at the new Methodist church cemetery at Pinnacle. Elder J. A. Fagg, Rev. Tom B. Crouse and Rev. J. M. Johnson conducted the services.

Schedule of Girl Scout Activities

Tuesday—Brownies meet at train station 1:45. Bring lunch.
Wednesday—Junior Intermediates meet at pool at 10:00 a. m. Bring lunch.
Thursday—Senior-Intermediates meet at Smoot Park for softball game, 3:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Lovette's Home Is Destroyed By Fire

The home of Mrs. Jim Lee Lovette on Odell street was destroyed by fire early Friday.

The fire, which was discovered about three a. m., had made such headway that the home could not be saved. The six-room house and practically all contents were destroyed.

Stockholders Of Freezer Locker In 1st Annual Meet

Report of Cooperative Given; Directors Elected; Speakers Are Heard

First annual meetings of the Stockholders of the Carolina Refrigeration Cooperative Association, which is erecting a freezer locker plant near this city, was held in Wilkesboro July 10. Paul Osborne, president of the board of directors, presided.

Carl E. VanDeman, manager of the plant now under construction, made a financial report, which showed that \$38,475 had been received in sale of stock for the past year and that total stock paid in to date was about \$50,000 in preferred stock and 116 common stock memberships.

T. E. Story, Clarence Hendren, Dewey Broyhill, W. H. H. Waugh and T. O. Minton were elected directors. Paul Osborne and J. B. Carter are also directors, having been appointed by Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, as public directors for a term of three years.

Dr. Ivan Jones, of the Department of Horticulture of State College, Raleigh, was introduced by Carl VanDeman and he discussed advantages of the locker plant. He said it might be thought as "A treasure Chest." Therefore it should be used wisely. The locker will hold about 250 pounds of meat, or possibly about that amount of vegetables. During the year, however, it should have contained much more than that amount. A schedule of putting meats and vegetables in the locker should be wisely planned.

Robert Hogan, who will have charge of the meat cutting and meat curing, spoke briefly of his training at Lumberton.

It was announced that Gordon Ogilvie would be in charge of the refrigeration at the plant and the apple storage department on the first floor. He is now in Salisbury, in preparation for this work.

Dr. Martin Abrahamson, Apple Storage Expert of Virginia who has been in this county for the past two days viewing orchards, was presented by Carl VanDeman. He recited some advantages to be had through Co-operatives as follows: more net returns; better market information; processing; working together; some disadvantages: economic conditions do not look too good; "What goes up must come down." Is the product good; directors getting on pay-roll; unsound financial reserves; uninformed membership; undertaking projects notable to complete, etc.

Edwin Cate, of the Farm Credit Administration, was introduced by Carl VanDeman. He spoke on the subject of "Marketing Agreement." He argued in favor of having such agreements or contracts. But urged that all be familiar with the requirements before signing one. He thinks it is most important that we have signed agreements and a man who will be authorized to trade for the organization.

Lightning Strikes Sawmill; Team Of Horses Are Killed

Two horses were killed, a sawmill was damaged, and a number of workmen received electric shock Thursday afternoon when lightning hit a sawmill operated by Marvin Joines near Abshers postoffice.

One horse belonging to Marvin Joines and another which was the property of Young Bowers were killed instantly. Two men were knocked down and several others received shock but none were badly injured. The sawmill was extensively damaged.

Schedule Churches League This Week

Recent games in the churches softball league were rained out. The schedule for this week follows:
Tuesday—North Wilkesboro Methodist-Wilkesboro Baptist at Smoot Park; Presbyterian-First Baptist 1 at Fairground; Wilkesboro Methodist-Baptist 2 at Wilkesboro.
Thursday—North Wilkesboro Methodist-First Baptist 2 at Fairground; Presbyterian-Wilkesboro Methodist at Smoot Park; First Baptist 1-Wilkesboro Baptist at Wilkesboro.

11 Major Projects Are Selected For Work During Year

Many Additional Activities Listed in Complete "Program of Work"

Meeting last Thursday night at the new Chamber office the Board of Directors of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of President J. B. Williams adopted eleven major projects for action this year. Committees to work on these projects will be appointed this week by a special committee of the Board composed of W. D. Halfacre, Dr. J. S. Deans, J. B. Carter, W. K. Sturdivant, Andrew F. Kilby, Richard Gibbs and J. B. Williams.

Projects included for immediate study and action by the Chamber were: a new airport, large enough for airline operation, a poultry processing plant, better parking facilities in the business section of North Wilkesboro, an aggressive, county-wide, traffic safety campaign, a new industrial program and survey of Wilkes county, a workable reforestation program for Wilkes County, special promotions for retail trade, a county-wide clean-up paint-up campaign, assistance on the community recreation program, speeding of home construction in Wilkes county and a new "White Way" for North Wilkesboro.

Treasurer Richard Johnston reported that the present membership of the Chamber produced revenue in the amount of \$9,025.00 and it was hoped that the next year's budget of the Chamber could be met at \$10,000.00.

Present at this meeting were President J. B. Williams; vice presidents J. B. Carter and Andrew F. Kilby; treasurer Richard Johnston; secretary-manager, Forrest E. Jones and the following Board members: W. D. Halfacre, W. D. Jester, E. F. Gardner, Dr. J. S. Deans, P. L. Cashion, J. P. Horton, R. G. Finley, D. V. Deal, R. E. Gibbs, Paul Green, W. O. Absher, Dr. F. C. Hubbard, C. J. Swofford, R. S. Gibbs, W. J. Bason, Paul Osborne, and J. R. Prevette.

The Board decided to hold regular meetings the second Thursday of each month at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Call Hotel building.

W. H. Edmisten Last Rites Today

W. H. Edmisten, 85, for many decades a prominent citizen of Wilkes county, died Saturday night at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. S. Steelman, at Moravian Falls. He had been ill for some time.

Mr. Edmisten was born June 15, 1861, and was married December 6, 1885, to Miss Carrie Almedia Ellis. Surviving are Mrs. Edmisten and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. W. C. Shoemaker, Purlear; Mrs. S. H. Jones, Ferguson; Mrs. J. S. Steelman, Moravian Falls; E. F. Edmisten, Boomer; J. E. Edmisten, Moravian Falls; Mrs. H. F. Laffoon, Elkin; Mrs. T. D. Finger, Maiden. Also surviving are many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Mrs. P. H. Watson, of Paul, Idaho.

Over a long period of years Mr. Edmisten was very active in public and community affairs. He received his early education at Moravian Falls academy and in early life joined the Methodist church. From 1914 to 1916 he was president of the Wilkes County Farmers' Union and he was an active member of the Wilkes County Grange. Being a charter member of the Mount Pleasant Masonic lodge, he was awarded a fifty-year membership medal several years ago.

The funeral service was held today, 11 a. m., at Mount Pleasant Baptist church. Rev. Atwell Watts conducted the service and Masonic rites were conducted in the cemetery.

Stone Quarry To Be Opened Soon

One of the largest manufacturers of crushed stone in North Carolina has leased the old stone quarry east of this city on the railroad.

According to information received here, the company will place machinery on the scene and begin operations on a big scale in the near future.

The quarry, which has unlimited quantity of first class construction stone, has been idle for many years.

Lucy M. Shore to Be Cycle Postmistress

The nomination for Postmistress of Lucy M. Shore for the Cycle office, in Yadkin county, was sent to the Senate Monday for confirmation by President Truman.

She succeeds A. R. Sale.

North Wilkesboro Tax Rate For The Year Likely \$1.50

Summary of Budget Estimates Published Today, Financial Thursday

Tax rate for North Wilkesboro for the fiscal year which began July 1 will be \$1.50 per hundred dollars valuation of property, according to the tentative budget and tax rate adopted by the town board.

The rate of \$1.50 represents an increase of 30 cents over the \$1.20 rate during the past year. The increase was made necessary by increased costs and contemplated improvements included in the tentative budget.

According to the tentative budget, total expenditures for the general fund for the coming year are estimated at \$76,725. \$32,261.34 will be for debt service and \$12,251.34 will be for schools.

The bonded indebtedness of the Town of North Wilkesboro now is \$152,500, and the total valuation is \$5,118,499.

The estimated expenditures and revenue for the ensuing fiscal years are published elsewhere in this newspaper. The annual financial report for the town will appear in Thursday's edition of The Journal-Patriot.

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