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Make North Wilkesboro Your Shopping Center

SANTA CLAUS GREET'S A LARGE CROWD OF CHILDREN HERE ON FRIDAY; STREETS DECORATED

Jolly Old Saint Nick arrived in North Wilkesboro Friday afternoon amid a big celebration and greeted a crowd of about 1,000 eager and happy children.

Through efforts of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, Santa Claus was prevailed upon to make a hurried visit to North Wilkesboro by plane as a pre-holiday event.

Santa arrived at the North Wilkesboro airport by plane, and because he was in a hurry was met there by the North Wilkesboro fire truck, which brought him in grand style to the streets here for a parade.

At the end of the parade Santa paused in front of the North Wilkesboro postoffice long enough for the children to gather around and receive some candy from his hands. He also accepted a large number of letters.

The Santa Claus event was arranged and engineered by R. E. Gibbs and Presley Myers, who composed a sub-committee of the Trade Promotion Division of



WAS HERE FRIDAY

the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce.

North Wilkesboro people and thousands of visitors Saturday night were happy to see the streets attractively decorated for the holiday season. Laurel roping streamers with vari-colored lights and stars were used to make most attractive decorations. This work was carried out through the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce.

Annual Christmas Seal Sale Now On

Raleigh.—The 40th annual Christmas Seal Sale opened Monday throughout North Carolina and the nation. The goal for North Carolina has been set at \$300,000 according to D. Hilden Ramsey, State chairman of the campaign, and the funds raised will be used to support the tuberculosis control programs of the 150 tuberculosis associations and committees affiliated with the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association.

Ninety-five per cent of the money raised in North Carolina will remain in the State. Five per cent will be sent to the National Tuberculosis Association to support the services which it performs on a nationwide basis to further the campaign against the disease.

Tuberculosis killed 1,403 people in North Carolina in 1945. In the nation as a whole, nearly 55,000 people died from the disease last year—killing at the rate of one person every 10 minutes. It is estimated that approximately 500,000 people in the United States have active tuberculosis today. Of this number, only about one-half are undergoing treatment while the other one-half, consisting of a quarter of a million people, constitute the unknown cases—people who do not realize that they are ill and spreading the disease to others.

Dr. T. F. Vestal of the North Carolina State Board of Health estimates that there are at least 10,000 cases of tuberculosis in the State at the present time. The State Bureau of Vital Statistics and the School-Health Coordinating Service report that among the 10 leading causes of death, tuberculosis ranks first in negro females in the age group 10 to 14 years of age and in both negro males and females in the age groups 15 to 19 and 30 to 34. Exclusive of motor vehicle accidents, the disease ranks second as a killer of white males from 30 to 34 years of age and third in white females from 15 to 19 years of age.

In the nation as a whole, tuberculosis kills more young men and women from 15 to 35 years of age than any other disease. These are the vital, productive years when men and women are building their homes and establishing themselves in business. It kills as many people as all other infectious and parasitic diseases combined. The disease annually kills about 2,000 children under 10 years of age.

Tuberculosis knows no boundary lines of cities, counties, states or nations. It knows no boundary lines of race or color. It is a communicable disease which strikes rich and poor, white and colored, people of all nationalities.

Tuberculosis can be prevented. The spread of the disease can be controlled. The public's purchase of Christmas Seals during the current campaign will make possible an intensification of the measures now used to prevent and control this disease which annually takes the lives of so many people.

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Six-Year-Old Boy Victim of Accident Thursday Morning

Gun In Hands of Neighbor Boy Accidentally Discharged in Fall

William Boyd Eller, six-year-old son of Mrs. Nellie Eller, of near Moravian Falls, was accidentally shot and killed Thursday morning in the yard at the home of his mother.

Quicken Minton, age 17, a neighbor, was absolved following investigation conducted by Coroner I. M. Myers, Sheriff C. G. Poindexter and Sgt. A. H. Clark, of the highway patrol.

Minton told the officers he was hunting with a single barrel shotgun when he slipped and fell. The gun accidentally discharged and the Eller child was hit with many shot on the left side of his face, neck, chest and abdomen. He died while being carried to the hospital here.

Surviving the child are his mother, one brother and four sisters.

Funeral service was held Saturday at the home and burial was in the family cemetery.

Dennville Revival Is Very Successful

Rev. L. T. Younger closed a very successful revival last week at Dennville Baptist church. Sixteen were added to the church by baptism and much interest was shown in the services. Rev. P. C. Parks, of Cycle, assisted in the revival.

Santa at Penney's 2 Times Saturday

Children will be very much interested in the announcement that Santa Claus will be at Penney's Saturday, December 7, 10 a. m. until 12 o'clock, and on Saturday afternoon from two to four. Santa will accept letters, greet the children and hear their requests for Christmas.

Church Hardware Now On 'A' Street

Church Hardware company, a well known hardware firm which has operated successfully in this city on Tenth street for the past several years, has moved to the firm's new building on A street.

The new and larger location will enable the store to carry a larger stock of hardware and render a more complete hardware service.

All patrons of the store and others interested are invited to visit the store in the new location.

Mrs. W. A. Sydnor, well known local lady who has been a patient at The Wilkes Hospital for several weeks, is now much improved and was released from the hospital last week. Mrs. Sydnor is now visiting with her sister, Mrs. R. M. Houck, in Lebanon.

County Officials Elected Nov. 5th Begin Term Today

All Republican Incumbents Were Re-Elected; Sworn In Today

Wilkes county officials elected in the November 5 election took oaths of office today.

All officials elected were Republican incumbents and no new officials were included.

Sheriff C. G. Poindexter, Clerk of Court C. C. Hayes and Coroner I. M. Myers were elected for four-year terms.

M. F. Absher, I. J. Broynhill and C. C. Sidden were re-elected for two-year terms as members of the county board of commissioners.

Tyre Casey today began another two-year term as county surveyor.

Oaths of office were administered to the county officials by Miss Elsie Foster, notary public and justice of the peace.

Office of register of deeds was not included in the election this year. Troy C. Foster, Republican, today reached the half-way mark in a four-year term to that office.

Square Dance 5th At Moravian Falls

An old fashioned square dance will be held Thursday night, December 5, 7:30 o'clock, at the Moravian Falls community house.

The Smoky Mountain Moonshiners, a well known string band, will furnish music for the dance, which will be called by the inimitable Pat Williams, of North Wilkesboro.

Admission will be \$1.00 each for men with no charge for ladies, and proceeds will go into the community house fund. All who attend are assured of an enjoyable evening.

LOCALS

Mr. Roy Forehand attended the home coming football game at Presbyterian College at Clinton, S. C., Thursday, which Presbyterian won 14 to 12 over Newberry. Mr. Forehand, a former player at Presbyterian, was placed on the college alumni association committee.

Students of A. S. T. C., Boone, home for the holidays included Mr. Jack Hadley, Miss Patsy Hadley, Mr. Jimmie Anderson, Jr., and Mr. James Hemphill. Mr. Glenn Golliver, Jr., spent the week-end at Ronda with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Golliver.

T. J. John P. Horton received his discharge last week after nineteen months in the army, spending a greater part of his time in the medical corps in Italy. Mr. Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Horton, of this city, plans to resume his studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Miss Mary Gage Barber has returned to Boone where she has re-entered A. S. T. C. Miss Barber had to give up her studies in college on account of illness, having undergone an appendectomy, and later being ill with pneumonia. Miss Barber is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Barber.

Mrs. D. L. Crook and daughter and son, Miss Mary Evelyn Crook and Charles Lee Crook, spent Thanksgiving Day in Albemarle as guests in the home of Mr. J. B. Crook. Miss Crook went to Mars Hill Friday where she visited until Sunday before returning to Winston-Salem where she is a student nurse at the Baptist hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Vestal of Moravian Falls had as their Thanksgiving guests Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hutton and son, Paul Scott Hutton, of Hampton, Va. Mrs. Lawrence W. Laxton and three children of Elkin, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Critcher and two sons of Asheville, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Laxton and daughter, of Marion.

Mrs. R. J. Bullis returned to her home near Sanford in Lee county Friday after spending several months with her son, Mr. Carl Bullis, and family in Wilkesboro. Mrs. Bullis' daughters, Mrs. Cliff Jackson and W. H. McDuffie, came up from Lee county to accompany her home and to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Bullis.

A new soil conservation district has been approved in Cumberland county. Eighty-four counties of the State are now organized in 22 districts.

John Lee Shumate Is Taken By Death

John Lee Shumate, 32, citizen of the Mountain View community of Wilkes county, died Saturday after an extended illness.

Funeral service was held Sunday, three o'clock, at Round Mountain church with Rev. A. B. Hayes in charge.

Mr. Shumate is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gay Ashley Shumate, three children, Patsy, Nancy and Lizzie; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas M. Shumate; one brother, Walter Shumate; and three sisters, Mrs. H. B. Powell, of Gastonia, Mrs. Judson Yale and Mrs. Bill Pendry, of Hays.

Girl Scouts Give Program Friday At Kiwanis Meet

Progress of Girl Scouting In County Reviewed; Number Scouts Take Part

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club held an interesting meeting Friday noon, featured by a program in which Girl Scouts participated.

Prior to the program W. J. Caroon read list of absentees and urged members to make up attendance.

Secretary T. E. Story made a report of the directors meeting held last Tuesday evening at the hotel with all members of board present and a majority with written reports.

President E. F. Gardner stated that the board of directors had made recommendation that the members each draw names on Dec. 13 for exchange of Christmas presents not to cost over \$1.00 each and that they be brought to the club on Friday, Dec. 20, for exchange. The idea was heartily approved by the members of the club.

The Secretary read Resolutions of Respect on account of the death of S. V. Tomlinson, prepared by J. H. Whicker, J. B. McCoy and J. B. Williams, which were unanimously approved.

Attendance prize, a package of T. Bone Steaks, was given by Paul Church and won by Sam Winters. Program chairman W. K. Sturdivant had present a number of Girl Scouts and Scouters to give his program.

Mrs. W. K. Sturdivant took charge of the program and gave a brief discussion of the work being done in the Wilkesboros and in Wilkes county for the Girl Scouts. She then presented Mrs. C. T. Doughton, who gave a detailed account of the budget for the coming year, totaling \$2,000.00. She also stated that Girl Scout troops in the county had increased from seven to 12 during the current year.

Mrs. Robert Gibbs, who is assistant council leader, discussed the work of establishing the new troops and of carrying on the work in the entire county. She then presented three girls representing the three age levels of Girl Scouting as follows: First, the Brownies was represented by Kay Forester who told some of the things that Brownies do; Norma Gabriel represented the Intermediate Scouts with a splendid outline of the activities carried on in this age group. Betsy Barber represented the Senior service Scouts with a fine talk on their activities, all of which are character and citizenship building.

North Wilkesboro Band Concert To Be Friday Night

Forty-Five Members of Band Here To Appear in Annual Fall Concert

Annual fall concert of the North Wilkesboro high school band will be held Friday, December 6, eight o'clock.

Miss Eva Bingham is director of the band, which now has 45 members and is in the midst of its most successful year. The band has played at football games and in a number of other public appearances and has been the subject of much favorable comment this fall.

A splendid program is being arranged for the concert, and it is expected that a large crowd will attend.

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Forestry Field Day School Will Be Held Wednesday

Special Term Of Court Is Asked For Big Docket

Large Number Of Cases Pending; Dec. Term To Open Monday

Wilkes Bar Association in meeting today with Solicitor Avalon E. Hall arranged calendar for the term of court to begin December 9 and asked for a special term to begin January 6 for trial of criminal cases.

With the largest number of cases pending in many years, the December term will convene next Monday with Judge William G. Pittman, of Rockingham, on the bench. Judge Pittman was appointed to serve in place of Judge F. Donald Phillips, who accepted a judgeship appointment in the military government in Germany.

On the Wilkes court docket now are a number of capital cases which are calculated to take much time in trial. One of the cases is the new trial ordered by the Supreme Court for Claude Absher, of this city, who was convicted and sentenced to death during the August term for the shotgun slaying of Clyde Watts here in April.

Other capital cases include the first degree murder charge against Richard Horton, colored, for the robbery-slaying of Francis Baker, local taxi driver, a few weeks ago.

Complete court calendar for the December term will be published in this newspaper Thursday.

Associational B. T. U. Meet

Rev. C. C. Holland, of Statesville, will address an associational Baptist Training Union meeting to be held Friday, December 6, 7:15 p. m., at the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro.

All Baptists of the Brushy Mountain association, and especially all who are interested in B. T. U. work, are asked to attend the meeting.

James F. Porter, 46, Is Claimed By Death

Plymouth, Nov. 30.—James F. Porter, 46, died in Wilson Wednesday after an illness of several years. He was a native of Wilkes county but had resided here for some time. Funeral was held Friday in Christian Hope Church near here. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Annie Morris Porter; a son, James F. Porter, Jr.; three brothers, Robert of Plymouth, Joe and Galther Porter of Wilkesboro; six sisters, Mrs. C. R. Walker of Hays, Mrs. Carrie Mills of Greensboro, Mrs. Phoenix Shaves and Mrs. Opal Wilkins of Statesville, Mrs. Annie Austin of Asheville and Mrs. C. A. Vredenberg of Detroit, Mich.

Ramblers To Be Feted at Dinner

Members of the Wilkesboro high school Ramblers football team, cheer leaders of the school, Coach R. E. Caldwell, and Supt. Wm. T. Long will be guests of honor at a big turkey dinner at the White Pine Farm, operated by Mr. and Mrs. John A. Brown, Friday evening, December 6th, at 7 o'clock. Plans for the dinner have been underway for several weeks. The event is being sponsored by fathers of members of the Rambler team.

At a dance given recently by the cheer leaders in honor of the Ramblers, Coach Caldwell was presented with a handsome overcoat and Mrs. Caldwell was given a beautiful bedspread, both being gifts from the members of the football team and cheer leaders.

Bigger and better gardens for 1947 are planned, with emphasis on food, health, and good living. There's a national garden conference in Washington on December 5 and 6.



TALK

Anyone can be taught to fly, so says the book, and your reporter is just about ready to go along with the saying, for a time anyway. You see, I took my first flying lesson last week from Wood Wallace at the local field and learned that even on the first lesson you actually fly the airplane. On this lesson I learned that it isn't hard to maneuver an airplane but it is hard to keep them flying on a straight line. I put the nose of that plane on line with one mountain fifty times during this half-hour lesson and while I was checking the wings to see if they were still level the plane would swing around so the mountain would have a wing pointing toward it instead of the nose. Some of the old-timers say that flying in a straight line is pretty hard and I felt on par with them because I surely agree with them.

Then we tried turns. Now turning a plane is easy, all you do is to push the rudder with your foot and gently push the stick in the same direction. The only trouble is you have to do these things at the same time. Being a believer in first things first, I tried to do them one at a time and it just doesn't work that way. By the end of a half hour's flying my turns were getting a little better. Wood thought we had better quit while I was ahead of the game so he pointed out the traffic pattern of our local field as we came in for a landing. Traffic pattern, that's the airman's way of saying—stay in your own lane, Buddy, and we will all have plenty of room.

I haven't been able to tell you much about flying in this account of my first lesson but if you decide to learn to take lessons just remember this; fly the plane and don't let it fly you. In other words, remember that you must learn to think in the air just as you do when you are driving a car. The main difference is of course, that you don't find any selfish drivers in the air.

So much for that and here is the latest dop on who's been where, by air; Wood Wallace is pretty proud of his mother because she took her first plane ride this week. She enjoyed it so much that she tells your reporter that she plans on some longer rides in the near future. Mrs. Wallace has a host of friends who have been telling her that they will fly after she does and now is the time for them to enjoy an air trip over the beautiful Wilkes County.

Cecil Bumgarner and Richard Johnston, on Saturday, flew Johnston's AT6 "Texan" on a business trip to Augusta, Georgia and several cities in South Carolina. By any other means of transportation this trip would have taken at least two days.

Flyers who have landed at the North Wilkesboro airport this past week both for business and pleasure include: Alton Alexander of 436 Donnet Avenue, Portsmouth, Va., Tom Swain, Butler, Va., Bill Taylor of Elkin, N. C., Eddie Nicholson of Greensboro, Doyle Alexander, High Point, N. C., C. E. Brunds, E. A. Mays, M. E. Holcomb and J. W. Hart, all of Morganton, Jim Phipps and Garnett S. Wengate, both of Independence, Virginia.

With all these people, and more, flying back to their home towns with words of praise about Wilkes county, we have a tangible asset in good public relations. Lets build aviation interest in Wilkes county.

Messrs. Pat and Charles J. Williams, students at Davidson College, were at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Williams, during the holidays. Guests of Charles were Mr. George Cheek, of Selma, Ala., and Mr. Douglas Rice, of Bennington, S. C.

52 School Boys To Get Lessons About Forestry

Chamber of Commerce Project In Interest Reformation Work

Final arrangements have been made for the Wilkes County Forestry Field Day which is being sponsored by the Wilkes County Chamber of Commerce and the State Extension Service.

The fifty-two school boys who have been selected to participate are to meet at the Wilkes County Courthouse at nine A. M. Wednesday morning, December 4th. From the Courthouse a chartered bus will carry the boys to Mr. Clifford Moore's woodlands on Route 115. Mr. Moore, who is making his woodlands available for the purpose of the school, has an interesting variety and composition of timber just suited for this type of a woods school.

When the boys arrive in the woods they will be split into different forestry groups—each with a different forestry instructor. Instructors will be Mr. R. W. Graber, State Extension Forester, Mr. John Gray, Assistant Extension Forester, Mr. A. Maxwell, Farm Forester stationed at Morganton, and Mr. John E. Ford, Farm Forester from Wilkesboro. It is expected that the sandrick Saw Company will have a representative attend the meeting to demonstrate the use and how to file and set bow saws.

Mr. W. T. Long, Principal of Wilkesboro High School, has made arrangements so the Wilkesboro School Cafeteria will be available at one-thirty for the boys attending the Forestry Field Day to have dinner. After eating, the participants in the field day will be shown forestry motion pictures in the auditorium of the Wilkesboro high school.

At the conclusion of the field day each boy attending will receive a card which, with his parents' signature signifying approval, will entitle him to enter a tree planting contest. He is then to mail the card to Mr. R. D. Smith, County Agent, and next spring when tree planting season rolls around he will receive one thousand tree seedlings (enough to plant one acre) donated by the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce. These plantings will be inspected in the fall of 1947, at the end of the first growing season. The boy who has the best plantation will receive a prize which is to be furnished by the Chamber of Commerce.

AAA Limestone To Be Available At Elections 7th

The County AAA Committee has made arrangements to have their representatives present at the polling places in the county on December 7 for the purpose of receiving applications for ground limestone under the 1947 program.

Under the 1947 provisions of the AAA program, the producer pays \$1.50 per ton at the time the order is filed. The least amount of limestone that can be accepted on an order is 4 tons. This 1947 limestone will be delivered during the months of December and January unless otherwise specified.

All producers are requested to take the advantage of filing their orders for this material on December 7 as the supply for North Carolina will not meet the demand for 1947 and those who file their orders early can be assured of receiving this material.

The part that the farmer will pay for the material delivered to the farm will be \$1.50 per ton or as listed below:

4.0 tons\$ 6.00
5.0 tons 7.50
6.0 tons 9.00
7.0 tons 10.00
8.0 tons 12.00
9.0 tons 13.50
10.0 tons 15.00

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