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NAVY MAY ESTABLISH RADIO UNIT HERE



An Electronic Drill of Naval Reservists at the Charleston Naval Base in S. C. is pictured here. A similar setup will be used by Reserve Electronics Companies and Platoons in communities where they are established. Left to right are Commander Thomas I. Dean, Chief Radioman Rex C. Wiggs (from Warsaw, N. C.) and Lieutenant Roy C. Heavner (from Landrum, S. C.). The latter was the first officer to report for two weeks communications training in the Sixth Naval District.

Three Injured In Crash Of Autos

Three men were injured Monday morning when two vehicles crashed on highway 268 near Roaring River.

Sgt. A. H. Clark, of the highway patrol, said that a car driven by William J. Burchett was traveling east when it collided with a pickup truck driven by Hubert T. French, of Winston-Salem, who was traveling west.

Burchett sustained broken ribs and lost a number of teeth. French had chest injuries and head cuts. Richard Gentry and Fred Smith, Winston-Salem men with French, were also injured. Gentry had broken ribs and a neck injury. Smith had one leg broken. Both vehicles, apparently in good condition, were badly damaged.

Sgt. Clark said that Mr. Burchett informed him that the brakes on his car failed as he tried to slow down after pulling out to pass another car.

Polio Bingo Party On Saturday Night To Attract Many

Valuable Prizes Will Be Given In Popular Game For the Polio Fund

Under sponsorship of the North Wilkesboro Lions Club, an all day and evening bingo party will be held Saturday this week for the infantile paralysis fund.

The Northwestern Paint and Wall Paper company, which recently leased the building adjacent to the Town Hall on Main street, very generously donated use of the building for the bingo party, which will get under way at ten a. m. and continue until Saturday night about nine o'clock.

Dorman Payne and Bill Lee compose the committee in charge of arranging the Bingo Party. They have secured numerous prizes to be used. Everybody is invited to play and thus aid in raising Wilkes county's quota of \$4,500 in the current polio campaign.

R. G. Finley Named Vice President Of Bank N. Wilkesboro

In the January meeting of the board of directors of the Bank of North Wilkesboro R. G. Finley was elected vice president of the bank, succeeding S. V. Tomlinson, who died recently.

Mr. Finley, a prominent local manufacturer, has for many years been a member of the board of directors of the bank.

NORTH WILKESBORO MAY GET NAVY RESERVE ELECTRONIC UNIT; NAVY RESERVE RADIO STATION POSSIBLE

Naval Reserve Electronic Companies and Platoons are being organized throughout the Sixth Naval District and at present companies in Columbia, S. C. and Charlotte, N. C. have been activated. Weekly drills are now being conducted every Thursday evening at eight o'clock, with Headquarters Sixth Naval District (NAO-7) acting as master control station. The primary frequency for these drills is 2792 KC's and 2656 KC's is the secondary.

Lieutenant Commander H. M. Kennickell, of Winston-Salem, Naval Reserve Representative for this area announced today that North Wilkesboro may get a local unit if sufficient interested personnel can be found.

The units will be primarily for those reservists who have had communication, radar and technical electronic experience, however there will be openings for those interested in learning the electronic field.

The Electronic Warfare Companies and Platoons will participate in drills with each other and with the organized Reserves when the Reserve Armories are completed. In the meantime equipment will be set up and drills held in approved temporary places. Equipment for all units will be available in the near future.

Naval Reserve armories are being established in Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Charlotte, Asheville, Raleigh, Durham and Wilmington.

Forty-Five Men In Company Each Reserve Electronic Warfare company will consist of forty men and five officers. The qualifications for officers will be in the rank of Lieutenant commander and below with communication and electronic classifications, and enlisted men with Radioman, radarman, Electronic technicians mate rates, and non rated men who have an electronic background or are interested in learning the electronic field.

Eleven Men In Platoon The Reserve Electronic Warfare Platoon will consist of ten men and one officer, whose qualifications will be the same as for the companies. The warfare platoons will normally be organized in localities where sufficient personnel is not available for the organization of a company.

Companies and Platoons All personnel of the Electronic Warfare Companies and platoons are members of the Volunteer Reserve, and will be given the opportunity to request a two weeks training cruise or two

weeks training duty ashore. Pay for participation in drill periods may be authorized, and there will be opportunities for advancement in rating. These units will replace the pre-war organization known as the Naval Communication Service.

Each locality where platoons and companies are established will have its own Navy radio station, which will be manned during drill periods by reservists.

Get Amateur Call Sign The Federal communications commission will assign amateur radio call signs to all Navy Reserve radio stations, for the purpose of establishing emergency communication service in the event of local emergencies or disaster.

Non Veterans Eligible For V-8 Enlistments in the Postwar Volunteer Naval Reserve are now open to non veterans 17 to 18 1-2 years old and 30 to 40 years old. World war II veterans who were honorably discharged and are 17 to 64 years old are eligible and all qualified ex-Navy and Coast Guard men may retain the rate in which they were discharged. Ex-Army men and Marines may also retain their ratings in certain instances.

Navy Recruiters Here A Navy recruiter will visit here each Wednesday to furnish information and accept enlistments into the inactive reserve as well as the regular Navy. The recruiter will be at the North Wilkesboro Post Office 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. on Wednesdays. All Navy Recruiting offices in North Carolina now remain open from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. Monday through Fridays, and 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. on Saturdays, to accommodate those people who work during the day time and may desire to enlist in the Reserve at night. All Veterans must present their discharge papers and Navy and Coast Guard veterans must also present their "Notice of Separation from the U. S. Naval Service," (form No. 553).

Square Dance 30th At Moravian Falls

Another enjoyable square dance will be held Thursday night, January 30, at Moravian Falls. All are invited to make plans to attend.

Game Friday Night

North Wilkesboro Basketball B team will play Roaring River Friday night, 7:30, in the North Wilkesboro gymnasium.

Williams Is Again Elected President Of Wilkes C. of C.

Russell Gray, Jr., Vice President, and Richard Johnston Is Treasurer

J. B. Williams was re-elected president of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on Tuesday afternoon. Other officers elected were Russell Gray, Jr., Vice President; Richard Johnston, Treasurer; C. J. Swofford and J. B. Carter, members of the Executive Committee.

The Board decided to have their regular monthly meetings of the board of directors at noon on the third Tuesday of each month. These meetings will be luncheon meetings, and the place will be announced in the near future.

The budget for the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce was set at \$12,000 for the year 1947. The budget includes appropriations for all committees activities, county publicity, and a reserve fund to insure continued active operation of the Wilkes Chamber.

Members of the 1947 board were recently elected by the general membership of the chamber of commerce and include: J. B. Williams, Richard Johnston, Dr. Fred Hubbard, J. B. Carter, D. V. Deal, W. O. Absher, R. G. Finley, C. J. Swofford, E. F. Gardner, W. K. Sturdivant, J. R. Hix, Russell Gray, Jr., Paul Osborne, Link Spainhour, N. S. Forester, W. G. Gabriel, W. D. Halfacre, Eugene Trivette.

Local V. F. W. In Membership Drive

One hundred new members as a "birthday gift" to Commander-in-Chief Louis E. Starr, on his 50th birthday, March 12, 1947, is the goal of a two-month membership campaign which got under way on January 17.

Everyone of the 10,000 V. F. W. Posts are participating in this birthday tribute to the Commander-in-Chief.

Contact any member of local post 1142, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and he has enough information and authority to make you an "on the spot" member. Don't Wait—Join Now!

Polio Shows Are Being Shown At Wilkes Schools

Blue Ridge Ramblers And Movie Provide Interesting Program

In conjunction with the March of Dimes program, the Blue Ridge Ramblers, popular Wilkes string band composed of Mack Wood, Glenn Carter, Percy Billings, Jones Wood and Roy Taylor, are putting on free shows in a number of Wilkes county school buildings.

The schedule of these shows are as follows with the show beginning at 7:30 p. m.

January 23, Mount Pleasant; January 24, Mulberry; January 27, Traphill; January 28, Ferguson; January 29, Roaring River; January 30, Millers Creek; January 31, Ronda.

In addition to a splendid string band show with vocal and instrumental numbers and comedy, a sound movie, "The Miracle of Hickory," is being shown. This picture is designed to let the public know what the National Foundation is doing to combat infantile paralysis, the great and deadly crippler of children and adults. The public is invited to all the shows, and are asked to be ready to make contributions to the polio fund if they so desire.

Larry Moore, county polio chairman, said today that Olan Pardue has accepted chairmanship of the campaign at Ronda and that Mrs. L. H. Anderson is Lincoln Heights chairman.

A Bingo party on Saturday, all day and up to nine at night, will be held in the building next to the town hall for the polio fund, and the annual infantile paralysis dance will be held on the night of January 31 at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse.

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SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDS ARE LISTED

WINNERS V. F. W. BABY CONTEST



Camille Lovette, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Lovette, of North Wilkesboro, carried off the trophy in the girls' division of the V. F. W. baby contest held Saturday night in connection with the final performance of "Cornzappopin" at the city school auditorium. Harold Radford (Raddie) Blankenship, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blankenship, of this city, appears extremely happy as the winner of the trophy in the boys' division.



Cost Estimates For School Needs Total \$2,069,165

Survey of Building Needs Presented at Joint Meetings County Boards

Listing the units needs for each school district, C. B. Eller, superintendent of Wilkes schools, has prepared a survey of the necessary buildings to adequately house the schools of Wilkes county.

In order to acquaint the people of the county with the desperate need of school buildings, Supt. Eller prepared and released the following survey of school needs:

I am listing below the building needs of the schools of Wilkes County as presented to a joint meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Education and the Board of County Commissioners of Wilkes County on Monday, January 6, 1947.

Cost of the work is based on recent contracts let in nearby counties.

First, I have listed the requirements of each school that is essential in order to do an efficient job. This includes adequate classrooms, laboratories, libraries, study halls, offices, auditoriums, and cafeterias with adequate water, plumbing, sewage disposal systems, and central heating.

Second, I have listed what it would take to give each school enough class rooms to house the present enrollment and to provide running water, plumbing facilities, and central heat. This does not include anything for libraries, laboratories, cafeterias, or auditoriums except at schools where there is no auditoriums at present. This list does not include any room for expected increase in enrollment but is listed to give an accurate picture of the conditions that exist today.

(Total cost under the second survey, which is not published here, was estimated at \$1,932,700).

Buildings needed to bring all schools up to a satisfactory standard.

Schools listed by districts. Wilkesboro: A new unit with 12 class rooms, library, science laboratory, home economics, and agriculture departments, cafeteria, and auditorium, heating and plumbing, \$192,000.00.

Boomer: Two toilet rooms, boiler room, heating, plumbing, and sewage disposal system, \$10,500.00.

Brushy Mountain: A new unit with 4 class rooms, library, lunch room, and auditorium with water, heat, plumbing and sewage system, \$63,640.00.

Ferguson: 3 class rooms, library, science laboratory, cafeteria, with heat, plumbing, and sewage system, \$52,800.00.

Moravian Falls: 2 class rooms, auditorium, lunch room, and boiler room. Heat, plumbing and sewage system, \$46,250.00.

Somers: A new unit consisting of 9 class rooms, library, cafeteria, and auditorium. Water, heat, plumbing, and sewage system, \$131,000.00.

Mt. Pleasant: A new unit consisting of 10 class rooms, library, home economics, and agriculture departments and auditorium, water, heat, plumbing, and sewage system, \$147,000.00.

Miller's Creek: A new unit with 12 class rooms, library, science laboratory, home economics, and vocational agriculture departments, and cafeteria, heat and plumbing, \$114,900.00.

Crocket: A new unit with nine class rooms, library, cafeteria, and auditorium. Water, heat, plumbing, and sewage system, \$131,000.00.

Union Township: A new unit containing 10 class rooms, library, cafeteria, and auditorium, water, heat, plumbing, and sewage system, \$126,800.00.

Mulberry: Three class rooms, library, and cafeteria, \$35,000.

Fairplains: A new complete unit consisting of 3 class rooms, library, cafeteria, and auditorium with water, heat, plumbing, See — SCHOOLS — Page 5

TWO COUPLES NAMED DIRECTORS WILKES 'TEEN AGE CENTER HERE

Cecil Adamson, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Wilkes Teen-Age Center, and Paul Osborne, chairman of the special committee to secure a director for the center, announced today that Mr. and Mrs. Shoun Kerbaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lee have been employed to direct the activities of the Wilkes Teen-Age Center.

Kerbaugh and Lee also announced that the center would be open this Friday and Saturday nights at the V. F. W. Hall. It was originally planned to have the center open one week in Wilkesboro and the next week in North Wilkesboro, but the problem of moving the equipment from one meeting place to the other has necessitated holding

the meetings at one location. Plans are being developed now for some sort of transportation to and from the Teen-Age Center on Friday and Saturday evenings. This will make it possible for all the children in this immediate area to attend the center without too many transportation problems.

Two new ping pong tables with complete equipment have been added to the equipment of the Teen-Age Center, and the children have been enjoying the use of these tables for several weeks.

The children of Wilkes are invited to attend the center and join in all the activities. More detailed plans of the activities will be announced in the near future.

APPRECIATION SERVICE FOR DR. AND MRS. D. E. BROWNING SUNDAY

On Sunday evening at seventhirty the members of the three churches of North Wilkesboro and the citizens of the community will join in a service of appreciation and God-speed to Dr. and Mrs. David E. Browning and their sons, David and Phillip, who will leave next week for Richmond, Virginia, where Dr. Browning is to become the minister of the River Road Baptist church.

Dr. Gilbert R. Combs, minister of the First Methodist Church, will preside over the service and talks will be made by a representative of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church and by Dr. Combs, with a response by Dr. Browning. Special music will feature the service.

Dr. Browning has been the popular minister of the North Wilkesboro First Baptist church for two and a half years and he and his family have made for themselves a large place in the esteem and affections of the community.

Dr. Browning is better known to the merchants in this territory as the "Camel Man", is now connected with the North Wilkesboro Candy Company and will represent the firm on the road. He stands ready to extend the same courteous service to the buying public that has characterized the policies of the North Wilkesboro Candy Company in the past.

Mr. Forester wishes to express his sincere appreciation for the business given the Company in the past years and solicits the future patronage of the merchants throughout this section of the state.

Walter Sebastian of Hays, will assist Mr. Morrow and will handle all business transactions within the establishment.

Pie Supper

The Wilkesboro Senior Service Scouts are sponsoring a pie supper Friday night, January 31st, at 7:30. All ladies please bring a pie. There will be entertainment following the auction.

Rev. L. E. Sparks, Rev. Arthur Gambill and Rev. Wirt Walker conducted the service.

North Wilkesboro Candy Company In New Location Here

The North Wilkesboro Candy Company is now open at its new location on Tenth street in the building formerly occupied by Church Hardware Co. N. S. Forester stated that he feels the expanded facilities of the wholesale business now made available to the merchants of Wilkes and surrounding counties, will deal in candies, tobaccos, hosiery, confectioners, and notions and will sell only to bona fide retail merchants.

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