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Building & Loan Association Has Successful Year

Directors and Officers Re-elected in Meeting Held Here Monday Night

The shareholders of the North Wilkesboro Building & Loan Association met Monday evening in their annual meeting at which time the president and secretary-treasurer gave the annual report. It was ascertained that the association had again had a very successful year. Mr. C. P. Walter was made chairman and J. B. Williams secretary of the annual meeting. The secretary's report, which is very comprehensive, is found in this issue of the Journal-Patriot. The old board of directors was unanimously re-elected, namely: J. C. Reins, C. P. Walter, J. H. Whicker, Jr., J. B. Williams, J. H. Reitor, R. G. Finley, J. B. Snyder, H. M. Hutchens, W. H. H. Waugh, C. E. Jenkins, Jr., E. F. Gardner and F. C. Tomlinson.

The shareholders remembering the long and useful service of their director and vice-president, Mr. S. V. Tomlinson, deceased, stood a moment in silence in memory of this most loyal member.

Following the stockholders meeting the board of directors met and perfected the new organization for the year in which J. C. Reins was re-elected as president. Mr. Reins has served the association for approximately twenty-five years and has meant much to its success and growth. C. P. Walter was re-elected vice president, J. B. Williams, secretary-treasurer, J. T. Brame, assistant secretary-treasurer and J. H. Whicker, Jr., attorney.

Annual Report

Nineteen hundred forty-six was first entire year in the postwar period. It was, therefore, a year of transition in which numerous adjustments were made to a peacetime economy. During the past year we have seen much advanced the shift in emphasis which began in August, 1945, from meeting the needs of war financing, manpower, and war housing to those of which the housing for veterans have become paramount. It is against this background that the present report traces the progress which your institution has made during the past year.

We believe that the North Wilkesboro Building & Loan Association has continued to render a real service to its community in the promotion of thrift and home ownership. One of the best measures of this service is the gain which has taken place in our assets. We closed 1946 with resources totaling \$1,062,714.92, which represents a substantial increase over those of the previous year. Present assets are at an all-time high for your institution.

In spite of loan repayments which have continued relatively high, our mortgage portfolio shows a net increase during the year of \$126,555.00, which brought mortgage loans outstanding up to \$634,210.00 by year end. This reflects a year of unusual lending activity during which we placed a total of \$380,400.00 loans on our books. This volume represents the peak figure for our association.

The following shows in detail the purpose for which our loans were made during the year just closed:

New Construction \$79,800.00

Home Purchase 120,600.00

Other Purposes 180,000.00

Total \$380,400.00

There is a large pent-up demand for housing arising from an accumulated deficiency during the war and a continuing scarcity of skilled labor and materials. We are confident that as the building industry becomes increasingly stabilized and that as prices become adjusted to a competitive level, we shall see a very substantial volume of new residential construction.

Your officers, as in the past, are keeping alert to the real estate market, and are, they believe, making sound loans and so propose to do in the future. We believe that full consideration is being given to the fact that in the present market there are some properties selling for unwarrantedly inflated prices, although there has lately been a tendency for the number of such instances to fall off somewhat.

No one today doubts that the provision for adequate reserves (Continued on Page 8)

2-47—Please Renew By February First

Attention of all subscribers whose address labels carry the date of 2-47 is called to the fact that their subscriptions will expire February 1. They are respectfully urged to renew their subscriptions by February 1 in order that they will not miss any issues of The Journal-Patriot.

Subscribers are asked in every instance of requesting change of address to give the old address as well as the new and correct address. This will greatly facilitate handling the request so that all issues of the paper will be sent promptly. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Use Of Clubhouse For Young People Offered By Legion

Wilkes post of the American Legion is sponsoring a young people's club at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse.

It will be open house at the clubhouse every Saturday afternoon and night for all young people who wish to use the clubhouse facilities. Games are provided and there is also opportunity for music. Legion officials invite all young people to attend each Saturday afternoon and night.

Home From Korea



MISS EMILY MCCOY

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Mrs. Noah Benton First Woman On Jury In Wilkes

Mrs. Beulah W. Benton, wife of Noah T. Benton, of Purlear, made history Wednesday when she became the first woman to serve on a jury in Wilkes county.

With regular jurors for the week discharged, attorneys seeking to try an uncontroverted divorce action asked a number of people in court to occupy the jury box. Among the number of jurors collected was Mrs. Benton.

The jury granted Mrs. Addie Mae Cothren a divorce from her husband, W. Clarence Cothren, on grounds of two years separation. Judge H. Hoyle Sink, presiding, took cognizance of the fact that Mrs. Benton was the first woman to serve on a jury in Wilkes county and his statement was received into minutes of the court.

V. F. W. Backs Good Health Plan In N. Carolina

Post Gives \$100 To Infantile Paralysis Fund; Other Matters Are Up

Blue Ridge Mountain post of Veterans of Foreign Wars in meeting Tuesday night voted unanimously to favor the North Carolina Medical Care Commission's good health plan for North Carolina.

A committee composed of S. L. Whitaker, J. F. Jordan and Dr. J. H. McNeill was named to frame resolutions for the Good Health Plan and to send the resolutions to Representative T. E. Story and Senator Lafayette Williams in the legislature.

Dr. J. H. McNeill, post commander, presided at the meeting, which was well attended. The post voted to contribute \$100 to the Infantile Paralysis Fund. The post engaged in a discussion of Boy Scout troops and it was decided that the post would give the Wilkes Teen Age Center the use of the V. F. W. hall on C street two nights weekly instead of one.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL Rev. B. M. Lackey, Rector Vesper service will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon, February 2nd, at four o'clock. Friends and visitors are invited to attend this service.

Rob Newland Bank

Robbers held up the bank at Newland this morning, locked a bank employe and customers in the vault, and escaped with \$25,000 toward Tennessee in a 1946 Ford sedan.

Polio Dance Will Be Held Friday Night

Everybody is invited to the dance to be held Friday night, nine until 12, at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse for the Infantile Paralysis campaign. All of the money paid for admission to the dance will go into the fund.

MISS EMILY MCCOY, HOME FROM KOREA, TELLS ABOUT RED CROSS WORK AMONG U.S. ARMY TROOPS

Miss Emily McCoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCoy, of North Wilkesboro, is glad to be home again after more than a year of Red Cross foreign service in Korea.

Miss McCoy sailed from California October 31, 1945, after a short course in Red Cross work at Washington, D. C., and two weeks field training at Aberdeen, Md. She landed in Manila November 20, 1945, and went into Korea fifteen days later. On December 31, 1945, she sailed for home.

Miss McCoy, with one other Red Cross worker, operated a Red Cross club for the Seventh army division artillery in Korea. With the few facilities available, the two Red Cross workers planned recreation for the men of the three battalions in the area. Writing tables and stationery were made available, there were ping pong tables and card games. Other than that, the Red Cross workers had to create and improvise for the recreation of the troops. Ping Pong tournaments, truth and consequence programs, dances, fashion shows by wives of soldiers, letter work classes, tours and picnics were some of the Red Cross planned recreational features.

The tours often carried the troops to historic shrines in Korea, including a Buddhist temple near the walled city of Suowan. Silk mills were found to be very interesting.

Miss McCoy stated that the Red Cross furnished the only recreational programs afforded American troops in the area of Korea where she was situated during her 13 months of Red Cross club service. The area was a former Jap artillery post and many of the fortifications placed there by Japs remained and were found to be interesting. Arrival of American troops to occupy the area was the occasion for a gleeful celebration on the part of native Koreans, Miss McCoy said.

Because of dangers involved, Red Cross workers did not have much contact with the native population. But Miss McCoy gained from observation that 90 per cent of the Koreans were living in dire poverty. The men were discarded Jap uniforms and any kind of garment or part of a garment they could find. Inflation during the past year was terrible with the average native unable to buy anything.

Korean politics was a subject of much interest to Miss McCoy. During the early part of the occupation there were many holiday rites by the Communist party, who were in the minority. It is the custom there, Miss McCoy said, for the minority party to try to get into power through a holiday riot. The Red Cross workers never went anywhere without an escort of armed soldiers.

North Wilkesboro And Spencer Will Play Here Friday

North Wilkesboro high school basketball teams, boys and girls, will meet the strong teams from Spencer high school in the North Wilkesboro gymnasium Friday night.

The first of the three games, which should draw a record crowd of fans, will get under way at 6:30 p. m. when the North Wilkesboro B Team meets the Spencer reserves. The girls' and boys' games will follow.

These games are on the Piedmont Conference schedule and the North Wilkesboro teams hope to break into the win column. SUPPORT THE Y. M. C. A.

Boomer Negro Woman Held For Fatal Shooting Of Husband At Boomer Monday; Man Also Held

Emma Howell Hedrick, 29-year-old colored woman, was held under \$2,500 bond on a charge of murder for the shotgun slaying of her estranged husband, Robert Hedrick, 30, at the home of the woman's mother near Boomer Monday noon.

Also held under \$2,500 bond following the hearing Wednesday in Wilkes court before Judge H. Hoyle Sink was Robert Nathaniel Howell, a first cousin of Emma Howell Hedrick.

Witnesses said in the hearing that the woman fired a shotgun load into Hedrick's abdomen. He died on the way to the hospital in North Wilkesboro. According to the testimony, Hedrick had been separated from his wife for some time and was at Granite Falls prior to his death. He traveled in a taxi from Granite Falls to the home of his wife's mother. There his wife stood at the front of the house with a shotgun and told him not to go into the house. He approached the house with uplifted

hands as she shot him, witnesses were quoted as saying.

Emma Howell Hedrick's cousin, Robert Nathaniel Howell, was held as accessory to murder. He is alleged to have borrowed the shotgun from a nearby home and to have furnished two shells. According to the woman defendant's story to officers, he did not give her the gun but placed it near and told her "there it was." After shooting her husband the woman fled. Deputy Sheriff Arthur Holbrook and State Highway Patrolman Sidney Carter pursued her for four hours Monday afternoon, finally overtaking her in the neighborhood. Howell also fled, but came to Wilkesboro and gave up after being informed he was wanted as a witness in the case.

In investigation of the case were Coroner I. M. Myers, Sheriff C. G. Poindexter, Deputy Arthur Holbrook, Sidney Carter and A. H. Clark, of the state highway patrol. Solicitor Avalon Hall assisted at the hearing.

Father Who Threw 3 Children Into Well Is Held For Murder

Yadkinville, Jan. 29.—Charges of murder were brought yesterday against Gene Scales, raving negro father, who threw his three small daughters to their death in a well Monday night.

Scales is being held without bond in Yadkin county jail, where he was placed early Tuesday morning. No date for a hearing has been set.

Scales, about 30, tenant farmer for Paul Price Davis on a farm about seven miles east of Yadkinville on Highway 421, threw his three small daughters into the well and then jumped into the well himself, yelling "Jesus says we got to go." The three children, whose bodies were recovered early Tuesday morning, were Dorothy Ann, age 8, Grace Helen, 6, and Alice Faye, 2. An autopsy performed at a Winston-Salem hospital yesterday showed that the three children died from drowning, according to Solicitor Avalon Hall.

According to the story told by Ruth Louise Scales, mother of the three girls, Dorothy Ann and Grace Helen went to bed about 8 p. m., and Alice Faye was still up playing on the floor. Dorothy Ann was ill of chicken pox. Their father and mother were seated in a room in their tenant home

across the highway from the big Davis farmhouse. Scales started talking about being "born again" and said God had called him to preach.

"I felt pretty good about it," his wife said.

Then Scales started to shout and sing. The children began to cry. Suddenly, he cut the light off, grabbed the oldest child and the baby and, started out the door. His wife asked him where he was going, and he shouted, "Jesus says go and we gotta go. Come on. You gotta go too, hurry up." He hurried to the back porch. Ruth grabbed Grace Helen and followed. "Jesus says go," Scales kept shouting. Then he threw Dorothy Ann and Alice Faye, through the 12-inch square opening of the back porch well. He snatched Grace Helen from her mother and threw her in, and tried to send his wife down the well after the children. When she fought him, he turned and went feet first into the well himself.

At the bottom of the 75-feet-deep well, he continued to shout and sing and pray. Then presently (Ruth did not remember how much later) he called to her to send him a rope. "My children are gone," he said, "and I'm coming out." She threw him the well bucket and he started upward, raving, "When Jesus says come out, I'm coming out."

Mrs. Louis J. Church

Last rites were conducted Wednesday at Double Springs church in Ashe county for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Church, 80, wife of Louis J. Church, of Hendrix. Mrs. Church died Tuesday.

Surviving Mrs. Church are her husband and the following sons and daughters: Edgar Church, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Margaret Shell, Hendrix; Mrs. E. O. Hutchison, North Wilkesboro; James F. Church, Vannoy.

William H. Pardue

Funeral service for William Henry Pardue, 85, well known citizen of the Roaring River community who died Wednesday evening, will be held Friday, two p. m., at Brier Creek church. Rev. R. R. Crater will conduct the service. Mr. Pardue is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lula Pardue, and the following sons and daughters: James, Luther, and Will Pardue, Mrs. Bob Beaman and Mrs. Francis Pardue.

Recreation Party At Ferguson School

Everybody is invited to a recreation party to be given at Ferguson school Saturday night, eight until 11 p. m., for the benefit of the gymnasium fund. A popular string band will furnish music and an enjoyable evening is assured all who will attend.

Zeb Vance Strader Claimed By Death

Funeral service for Zebulon Vance Strader, 70, of 909 Spring Garden Street, Greensboro, who died early Saturday morning at Wesley Long Hospital in Greensboro, was held Sunday afternoon, two o'clock at Forbis and Murray Chapel. The service was conducted by Rev. E. W. Wiseman, pastor of the First Congregational Christian church, and burial was in the Green Hill cemetery.

Mr. Strader was the father of Mrs. J. Mark McAdams, of Elon College, a former resident of North Wilkesboro.

Wildlife Club Supporters Win In First Round

Raleigh.—The heralded Wildlife Federation-sponsored bill to separate the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries from the State Department of Conservation and Development was rushed to legislative hoppers yesterday, already signed by 17 Senators and 70 Representatives.

Presentation of the bill by Senator Rodman of Beaufort and Representative McDonald of Polk followed the winding-up Tuesday of the Wildlife Federation's two-day annual meeting.

The measure calls for the creation of a separate State agency to be known as the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, whose "function, purpose and duty shall be to manage, restore, develop, cultivate, conserve, protect and regulate the wildlife resources" of this State, and "administer the laws relating to game, game fish and other wildlife exclusive of commercial fisheries."

Nine Commissioners Proposed The new commission would be governed by nine commissioners, one appointed by the Governor from each of nine geographic districts of the State, and each would be required to be "an experienced hunter, fisherman, farmer or biologist," with special knowledge and training in the restoration, protection, proper use and management of wildlife resources.

Members would be appointed for staggered terms, the first expiring in January, 1948, and one expiring each year thereafter through 1956. Thereafter, all appointments would be for terms of nine years each.

The bill specifies that commissioners, in turn, "shall select and appoint a competent person to serve as executive director. The director shall have had formal training and experience in conservation, protection, and management of wildlife resources." His salary, not to exceed \$7,500 annually, would be fixed by the Governor.

Would Transfer Powers The proposal calls for the transfer of all "powers, duties, jurisdiction, responsibilities, lands, buildings, records and equipment" from the present Division of Game and Inland Fisheries to the new Wildlife Resources Commission. People of the U. S. took more than 40,000,000 lbs. of pills and powders last year. However, Spencer has fast teams which will offer plenty of competition. Spencer now ranks second in the conference.

Freezer Locker Plant Operation Scheduled Soon

Date of Formal Opening Will Be Announced By Carl E. Vandeman

Freezer locker and storage plant being erected on the Oakwoods road near Wilkesboro by the Carolina Refrigeration Co-operative Association is near completion.

Carl E. Vandeman, former orchard research specialist who resigned his position to become manager of the cooperative erecting the plant, said today that a date for the formal opening of the modern plant will be released in the near future.

In addition to family size lockers, the large plant will have much space for commercial storage. Locker plant service will be available to all patrons of the cooperative.

Mr. Vandeman announced the following schedule of prices for locker plant services:

Pork (per pound): Chill, cut, wrap, label, date, and sharp freeze, 2c; wrap, label, date and sharp freeze, 2c; chilling and cutting, 1 1-2c; cutting and grinding sausage or lard, 2c; grinding sausage or lard, 1c; cutting, grinding, and seasoning sausage, 3c; slicing bacon, 3c; curing—plain salt, sugar cure, or sugar cure smoke salt, 3 1-2c; smoking (painted), 1c; bulk storage per week, 3-4c. Beef, Veal, and Lamb (per pound): Chill, cut, wrap, label, date, and quick freeze, 3c; chilling and cutting, 1 1-2c; cutting, 1c; wrap, label, date, and quick freeze, 2c; bulk storage per week, 3-4c. Poultry: wrapping and sharp freezing, 2c lb. Eggs: Labeling and sharp freezing, 1c per pint, 2c per qt. Fruits and Vegetables:

1. Custom processing: Minimum charge for packing up to 2 quarts or ten pints, 10c. Above this amount, the charge will be 1 1-2c for packing quarts and 1c for pints, not including cost of the package.

2. Patron Processing: Patrons may come in and use the kitchen for preparing their own fruits and vegetables. The minimum charge will be 35c for which a patron may process and pack up to 50 packages. For all over 50 the charge will be 1-2c per package. Patrons must call ahead of time and make arrangements for the use of the kitchen.

3. Freezing price schedule: Actual sharp freezing charge is 1c per pint or 2c per quart whether the product is packaged at home or at the plant. All products must be frozen before going into the lockers.

Locker Rental Rates: Drawer type locker, \$15.00 per year; Door type locker, \$12.00 per year, \$1.50 per month; Storage on overflow packages, 1c per pound per month, minimum charge of 25c per month.

Brokerage For Selling Meat, 2c per pound. Storage of apples, peaches, and other fruits for home use: 1st month, 30c per bushel, each additional month, 10c per bushel.

Mrs. Rogers Dies At York, So. Carolina

York, S. C., Jan. 28.—Mrs. Margaret Elvira Rogers passed away this afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Marion Smith in York, S. C. She was born April 8, 1878, and had lived all her life in York county and was the widow of William R. Rogers.

The funeral was held in York at Trinity Methodist church where Mrs. Rogers was a lifelong member. Officiating for the services were Rev. Mr. Harris, pastor of Trinity Church, Rev. James B. Brown pastor of First Baptist church and Dr. J. C. Roger, former pastor of Trinity Church. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery in York.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. E. Stewart of North Wilkesboro, Mrs. Marion E. Smith, and Mrs. Joe D. Smith, both of York; two sons, B. M. Rogers of Charlotte, N. C. and William Rogers of Washington, D. C.; one sister, eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

'Teen Age Square Dance Saturday

A square dance will be held at the V. F. W. Hall on Saturday night, eight o'clock, under sponsorship of the Teen Age Center and all boys and girls of teen age in Wilkes county are invited.