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P. W. Eshelman To Attend Meet With Krug In Capitol

Western North Carolina Seeks Completion Of Blue Ridge Parkway

J. B. Williams, President of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, announced the appointment of P. W. Eshelman, president of the Wilkes Hostelry Mills, to represent the membership of the Wilkes Chamber at a meeting with Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug in Washington on Friday of this week.

The purpose of this meeting with Secretary Krug is to discuss the completion of the Blue Ridge Parkway, and more particularly, that uncompleted area between Boone and Blowing Rock.

Eshelman will be joined in Washington by a group representing the Western North Carolina Associated Communities. This group will have a preliminary meeting in the office of Congressman Redden at 10:00 on February 7, and will meet with the Secretary of Interior at 2:00 in his office.

The chamber office has received a letter from Congressman Charles B. Deane stating that he is very much interested in the completion of the Blue Ridge Parkway, and that he is joining this delegation to meet with Secretary Krug. Mr. Deane has assured the members of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce of his special interest in the completion of the Blue Ridge Parkway, and that he will do everything in his power to assist on this project. Congressman Redden is also working toward the completion of this project.

Girl Scout News Notes

The Girl Scout Association of Wilkes County met in the Educational Building of the Presbyterian church, Monday, Jan. 7th, at 7:00. Mrs. T. A. Finley presided at the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. Claude Doughton. Mrs. Robert Gibbs talked on the rules and regulations of the association's constitution. Mrs. Finley read the by-laws. A nominating committee was appointed to select officers for the coming year. The following compose that committee: Mrs. William Barber, chairman, Mrs. Lewis Carter and Mrs. T. A. Finley.

Girl Scout Troop No. 8 held a Court of Awards last Thursday evening in the Educational Building of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Gilbert R. Combs conducted a very impressive entertainment service and made a most interesting talk. Twenty uniformed girls added attractiveness to the scene.

Awards were made to Girl Scout members of Troop No. 8 in "My Community" and in "Dancing." The parents of the girls were present for the occasion. At the close of the program refreshments were enjoyed during the social period.

Mrs. Charlie Crysel Last Rites Sunday

Funeral service for Mrs. Mary Ann Crysel, who died Thursday evening at her home near Crick, was held Sunday, 11 a. m., at Union Methodist church. Rev. Gilbert Osborne conducted the last rites.

Mrs. Crysel, wife of Charlie Crysel, well known citizen of the Crick community, had been in apparently normal health until she was stricken suddenly Thursday evening.

Surviving Mrs. Crysel are the following brothers and sisters: John Welch, Fred Welch, Warrensville; Charles Welch, Lenoir; George Welch, Smithport; Mrs. Sallie Shumate, Warrensville; Mrs. Rosa Turner, Galax, Va.; Mrs. Ella Crysel, Mrs. Reesie Crysel, Wilkesboro; Mrs. Gena Lewis, Warrensville.

H. B. Pearson Joins Sidden-Canter Firm

H. B. Pearson, widely known brick layer, has purchased a one-third interest in the firm of Sidden and Canter, local licensed contractors. The firm, which has a large volume of construction under contract, will be known as Sidden, Canter and Pearson. Office is maintained in the Poin-dexter building in this city.

To Meet With Krug



P. W. Eshelman, local manufacturer, will represent the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce Friday in a meeting of western North Carolina people and congressmen with Secretary of the Interior Krug in Washington. The meeting will be in the interest of completion of the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina.

Youth Is Charged With Attempt To Rape Girl, Age 6

Charges were accumulating today against George Brown, 18-year-old youth who was arrested Friday night by Sheriff C. G. Poindexter and deputies.

Brown, son of Sanford Brown, who lives near this city, is charged with attempted rape of a six-year-old girl.

North Wilkesboro police also have charged Brown with breaking into the home of Isaac Miller, Jr., in Finley Park Tuesday. Entrance to the home was gained by cutting a screen. Between \$25 and \$40 in cash, including money in the children's banks, was missing from the home. Police Chief J. E. Walker said that Brown had admitted entering the home.

Sheriff Poindexter said that the Brown youth is alleged to have met Brenda Osborne, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Osborne, near the home of her parents north of this city, and to have carried the little girl into woods nearby. Officers said that Brown is charged with having attempted to rape the child.

Local police said today that Brown has a criminal record and that he was a former inmate of a state training school.

NORTH WILKESBORO BOYS UPSET SPENCER; GIRLS LOSE CLOSE ONE

North Wilkesboro boys, vastly improved in the past week, outplayed Spencer boys all the way Friday night for a 31 to 20 victory. North Wilkesboro girls also played their best game of the season and lost to the fast Spencer sextet by the close margin of 20 to 24.

Nancy Felts' accuracy at the basket and good defense by the North Wilkesboro guards made the girls' game a contest all the way. At one time in the third quarter the local lassies were trailing by only one point.

The Mountain Lions, who had been overwhelmed by Spencer by a margin of 18 points only a week before, took command of the game in the opening minutes and rolled up an 8 to 0 score on the bewildered visitors who took time out to wonder what had happened to the North Wilkesboro team in a week.

Chip Caudill was "hot" in the scoring parade, and could hardly miss from any point on the court, scoring 13 points and playing a fast floor game. Johnson had a belated start but scored ten. Rousseau's defensive work was outstanding, while Hudson and Sturdivant were also good on defense. Bingham was the leader for Spencer with 11.

North Wilkesboro could have beaten Spencer by a greater margin, but Coach Howard Bowers sent in all members of his squad in the last quarter to get a taste of victory over a good team. The substitutes did not perform badly, but the scoring was slowed down. Spencer last week was the second ranking team in the South Piedmont Conference.

The B teams played an opening game with the Spencer reserves running a 50 to 24 victory.

Plan Speaking Contest Finals

Veterans Contact Office Here Has Very Busy Month

Applications For Re-Instatement \$210,000 Life Insurance Handled

During the month of January 1947 587 personal interviews were held with local veterans by the North Wilkesboro office of the Veterans Administration. It was announced today by the Contact Representative in charge of the local VA office.

In this period, Applications for the Reinstatement of \$210,000 of National Service Life Insurance, which had previously lapsed due to non-payment of premiums, were completed. Applications for conversion of existing National Service Life Insurance to permanent plans totalled \$42,000.

The above figures include those veterans who were given assistance in securing on-the-job training and government subsistence after beginning their period of training. In addition to insurance and on-the-job training, many ex-soldiers, sailors, marines and coast guard's men were aided in the completion of applications for various other benefits available to them under Public Law 346, otherwise known as the "G. I. Bill of Rights."

The local VA Contact Office, which is located on the second floor of the Bank of North Wilkesboro Building, is open on week days from 8:30 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. and on Saturdays from 8:30 a. m. until 12:30 p. m. Veterans of any war and of peace-time service are urged to contact the local office if there are any questions to be answered or any information to be sought concerning benefits to which they might be entitled. Dependents of veterans are also invited to come to the office at any time for information or assistance.

'Teen Age Square Dance Is a Success

A large number of local 'teen age boys and girls and several from rural communities enjoyed the 'teen age square dance held Saturday night at the Wilkes 'Teen Age Center. Wasteland Wanderers, a popular local string band, furnished music for the occasion. The 'Teen Age Center directors plan to make a square dance a bi-monthly feature of the center.

Wilkes Hospital Is On Approved List

Surmounting the difficulties of postwar shortages of personnel and supplies, 3,118 hospitals in the United States and Canada have qualified for approval following the 29th annual survey completed December 31 by the American College of Surgeons, according to the Approval Number of the College Bulletin just issued. Dr. Irvin Abell of Louisville, President and Chairman of the Board of Regents, commented that in 1946 more was expected in the way of conformance with the requirements than could be required during the war when certain insuperable difficulties prevailed. For the first time since Hospital Standardization was started by the College in 1918, when only 89 hospitals were approved, there is a decline, Dr. Abell said, in the number of approved hospitals compared with the previous year. In 1945 the total was 3,181 approved, or 63 more than on December 31, 1946.

The Wilkes Hospital is on the list of fully approved hospitals. Dr. Abell continued: "The College by withholding approval from a few hospitals which have permitted themselves to sink into a sort of postwar lethargy, is endeavoring to correct the habits formed in wartime of abbreviating medical records, relaxing control of medical staff appointments, omitting some of the medical staff conferences which should be held at least monthly, delegating administrative responsibility to inadequately trained personnel, and the like. Compromises with the standards are no longer necessary, and most hospitals have ceased to make them. Because of the important role which hospitals play in the conservation of the lives and health of the people, they should be leaders in the postwar effort to improve every type of welfare service."

Box Supper to Be Given at Mtn. View

The Senior Class of Mountain View high school is sponsoring an entertainment event at the school auditorium on Thursday evening, Feb. 6. A Box Supper and Cake Walk will be held with bingo games and prizes awarded. Music will be furnished by the "Carolina Pals," and an election of "Miss Mountain View" will be another feature of the program. The public is cordially invited for an evening of music and fun. No admission charge.

Plans have been completed for an all-breed hog sale at Elizabethtown City, February 13.

Mills Home Teams Play Here Tuesday

North Wilkesboro's Mountain Lions will be seeking to gain their second conference basketball victory here Tuesday night when they play the fast team from Mills Home Baptist orphanage at Thomasville.

And the North Wilkesboro girls, who missed an upset victory over Spencer here Friday night by four points, will be trying for their first conference win. Coach Howard Bowers' boys will have added confidence after their surprising 31 to 20 victory over Spencer, second ranking team in the conference, Friday night. The Mills Home team, although not a conference leader at present, has been playing the best teams in the league and is reported to pack plenty of speed on the court. The girls' game will begin at seven o'clock and the boys will follow.

Some Facts About North Wilkesboro

North Wilkesboro has two livery stables, two harness manufacturing establishments, a ladies' hat factory, the largest locust pin factory in the world, the largest pin, brack and cross arm factory in the world, has more than 300 wagons coming here daily.

No, the above facts were not in a Chamber of Commerce folder.

They are excerpts from an advertising folder published in 1905 by the late V. F. Trogdon and Elmore Dancy.

The pamphlet, which was unearthed recently by Attorney J. H. Whicker, Sr., listed the population of North Wilkesboro in 1890 at 15 people. In 1900 the population had grown to 816 and in 1905 to 2,000. The pamphlet missed in its prophecy, which declared that the town's population should have been 20,000 in 1920.

The real estate ad said that lumber was \$8.50 per thousand, and that construction labor, including carpenters, was 75 cents per day.

How things do change!

Girls Scout Sing and Exhibit To Be Held

The Girl Scout Organization of the Wilkesboros will hold a Sing and Exhibit in the Educational Building of the Presbyterian church Thursday, February 6, from 7:30 to 8:30. All Girl Scout parents, leaders, Council members, and Girl Scouts are expected to be present as this promises to be one of the outstanding "get-togethers" of the year.

Scout District Committee to Meet

Wilkes district committee of Boy Scouts will meet Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., in the office of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce. All committee members are asked to attend because of the important matters to be taken up.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6, IS DATE FOR HOME CLUBS ACHIEVEMENT DAY

The Annual Achievement Day Program for the Wilkes County Home Demonstration Clubs will be held in the Masonic Hall in North Wilkesboro on Thursday, February 6, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

Each club in the county will have an exhibit portraying some phase of work, carried out during the year. Some of the exhibits will be: Homestead Planning; Table Service; Iron Building Foods; Community Building Project; 7-Basic Foods and What They do to the Body; Finishing Touches for the Home; Homemade Gifts from the Farm; Braided Rugs; Food Preservation; Handiwork; Quilt Display; What We Eat and How to Serve It.

The following program will be carried out during the meeting: Song—"We Believe in Our

7 Wilkes Schools Entered In Soil Speaking Contest

County Finals Will Be Held At Courthouse on Thursday Morning

Seven Wilkes schools will enter the county soil conservation speaking contest, sponsored by the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the North Carolina Bankers Association, on Thursday, February 6, at 10:00 a. m. at the courthouse. Traphill, Ronda, Roaring River, Millers Creek, North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro, and Champion schools will have completed the school elimination contests by that time and most will enter the maximum of two contestants per school, as allowed by the county rules.

R. E. Dunn, county soil conservationist, completed field trips for students entering the contest last week. Mr. Dunn said these field trips were required so that each student entering the contest could obtain first-hand knowledge of soil conservation practices on the ground and discuss them with the landowner.

R. D. Smith, county agent, also announced that the judging for the county contest will be done by a team from the Iredell County USDA Council. He said the Wilkes County Chamber of Commerce is providing the prizes of: 1st prize, \$25; 2nd prize, \$15; 3rd prize, \$10. Anyone interested in hearing the contestants is cordially invited to attend, Mr. Smith said, and could be assured of hearing some fine talks on soil conservation.

V. F. W. Auxiliary To Meet Thursday

The Auxiliary to the local V. F. W. Post 1142 will have its regular meeting in the V. F. W. Hall Thursday evening, February 6, at 7:30 o'clock. At this meeting there will be an invitation service for all new members who have not yet taken their obligations of membership. It is urgently requested that all officers and old members, as well as the new members, be present for this meeting.

At Fort Lewis



Sgt. Bill Brewer has returned to Fort Lewis, Washington, after a 15-day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Dottie Brewer, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Brewer, of Route 2, North Wilkesboro.

\$459.20 Raised By Millers Creek School For Polio

Millers Creek school raised a total of \$459.20 for the Infantile Paralysis fund in Wilkes county. Larry Moore, chairman of the Infantile Paralysis campaign in the county, praised the record of Millers Creek school highly and pointed out that the splendid total raised there helped greatly in reaching the county's goal of \$4,500.

At Millers Creek the campaign took the form of a contest with Mrs. Joe Wellborn and Mrs. Mont Livingston as captains, and Mrs. Wellborn's group won in amount collected.

In the contest by rooms Gwyn Vannoy's room was highest by a margin of two cents over Miss Anne McNeill's room.

The contest proved to be very exciting near the finish and much interest was shown throughout.

Tax Listing Here Extended to 10th

Tax listing for Wilkes county in North Wilkesboro township and for the town of North Wilkesboro has been extended through February 10, it was announced today by M. W. Green, county list taker, and W. P. Kelly, tax lister for North Wilkesboro. Attention is called to the fact that penalties can be added as provided by law for those who fail to list for taxes in the time prescribed.

Cash Fertilizer And Seed Store Enlarged

Construction of an addition to the Cash Fertilizer and Seed Store has been completed.

Addition to the store, which is owned and managed by J. Glenn Greene, will enable the firm to carry a larger stock of seeds and fertilizers and to meet a growing demand promptly and with efficient service.

C. J. Maupin, State chairman of the 1947 "Chicken of Tomorrow" Contest, and poultry specialist for the State College Extension Service, has announced that chicks for this year's contest must be hatched out between March 24 and March 28.

State Club Collect; Devotional

Rev. Watt M. Cooper, Pastor of Presbyterian Church, North Wilkesboro; Welcome, Mrs. Avery Whittington; Roll Call by clubs, Mrs. Claude Deal; Treasurer's Report, Mrs. Claude Deal; Play—"A Day with the McNutt Family"—sponsored by Fairplains Club; Report on Farm & Home Week, Mrs. T. W. Ferguson; Song, "Is Everybody Happy"; Reports from Clubs; Plan of work for 1947, Mrs. Annie H. Greene, Home Agent; Remarks, Miss Anamerle Arant, Northwestern District Agent; Awarding of Prizes, Mrs. Annie H. Greene, Home Agent; Song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

All Home Demonstration Club women in the county will be expected to be present for this achievement day program and will be glad to have any interested visitors.

Good Health Plan Subject Address By Dr. I. G. Greer

Educator Speaks Here Friday Noon at Meeting of the Kiwanis Club

Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of Mills Home Baptist orphanage and chairman of the North Carolina Medical Care commission's campaign for the Good Health Plan in North Carolina, explained the Good Health Plan in an address here before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club. The program was in charge of Dr. W. K. Newton, who had Dr. F. C. Hubbard introduce the speaker.

Dr. Greer stated that he had personally become interested in the Good Health Program through his boyhood experiences and from studying the background of orphans under his care, particularly as to cause of death of their parents. He explained that 59 per cent of draftees in North Carolina were rejected for military service. This emphasized a condition already suspected and the 1945 legislature set up a Medical Care commission which has unearthed many facts about the need of doctors, hospitals and other facilities for medical care.

The objective of proposed 1947 legislation is to provide means of providing hospitals and medical care in rural areas, and for the establishment of a four-year medical school and hospital at Chapel Hill. Pending legislation would share the cost one-third each for federal, state and local governments.

Dr. Greer revealed interesting figures about health of those in orphanages. Of 386 draftees from Mills Home, only three were rejected, and of 1,362 from five of the state's largest children's homes, only 16 were rejected. These figures were cited to show what can be done with proper medical care.

Following the address of Dr. Greer the club unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the Good Health Program and forwarded the resolution to Representative T. E. Story, who is also secretary of the Kiwanis club.

At the meeting Friday Russell Hodges, a charter member of the club, returned to membership. The attendance prize was given by Dr. F. C. Hubbard to P. W. Eshelman. Guests were as follows: John E. Justice, III, with John E. Justice, Jr.; Fred Inscore with Joe Barber; Roy Crouse with R. D. Smith; J. G. Hackett with Dr. F. C. Hubbard.

AAA Application Must Be Signed

The County AAA Committee again would like to warn the farmers that Applications for payment on the 1946 Program must be signed by February 15, 1947. Farmers who have received Conservation Material on the program consisting of Lime, Phosphate, Italian Ryegrass or Austrian Winterpeas must report this material spread or seeded by February 15th in order to prevent a double deduction from being charged and carried forward to the 1947 program. If this happens, it may prevent the producer from receiving any Conservation material for 1947.

Farmers are urged to come by the County AAA office and sign their application for payment and also sign their farm up on the 1947 program as it will soon be necessary for the county committee to make an allocation of funds available for each farm and if a producer waits too long, it may shorten the allocation that may be made to the individual farm.

Our records in the County office reveal that there are about 1500 farmers in Wilkes County who signed their farm application have earned a cash payment on the 1946 program and have not yet signed their application for payment.

Huffman Is Public Accountant In City

Robert L. Huffman, public accountant, has opened an office in the Poindexter building.

Mr. Huffman solicits business on tax returns and features a part time bookkeeping service recommended as economical and complete.

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