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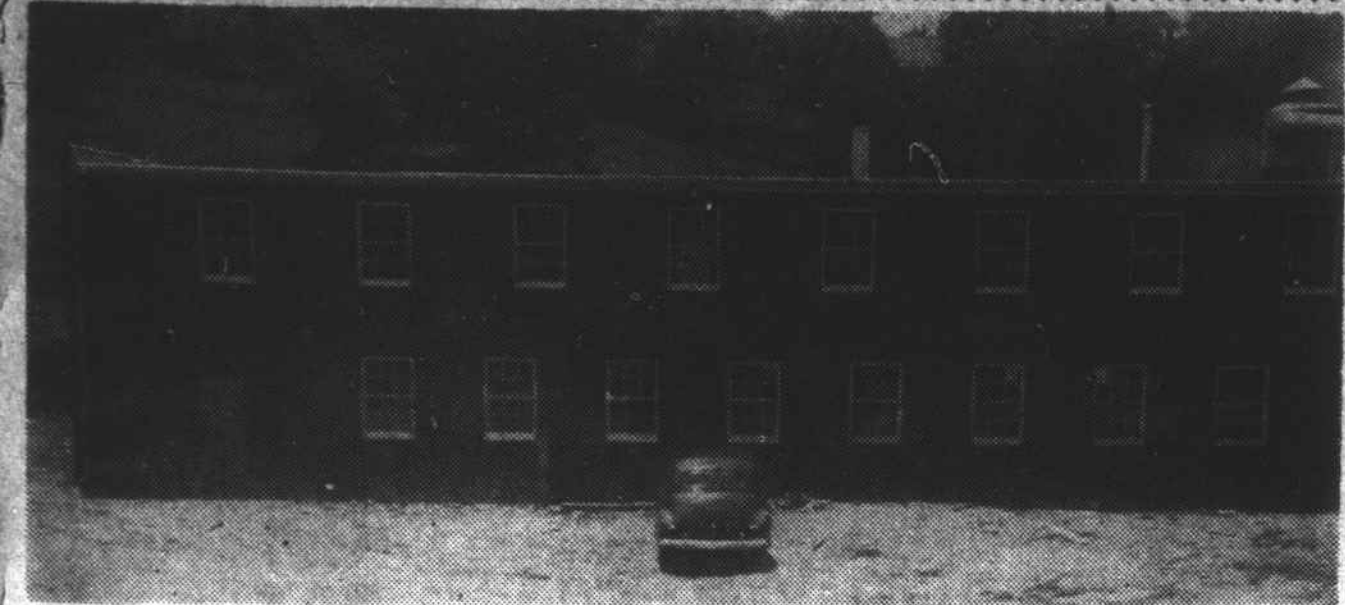
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Make North Wilkesboro Your Shopping Center

NEW MANUFACTURING PLANT IN OPERATION



Above is shown the furniture plant erected by C. C. Sidden, left, and which is now in operation. The modern plant is located on the Toll Road in North Wilkesboro and is well equipped. At present building materials are being manufactured while awaiting a few small items of machinery needed to completely equip the plant for manufacture of beds, for which the plant was designed. Now under construction adjacent to the main plant is a dry kiln to be used for processing lumber for use in furniture manufacture. The Sidden furniture plant is one of several new plants and additions in Wilkes.—(Photo by Dwight Nichols).



Agricultural Fair Planned By Local Kiwanis Oct. 1-4

Club Hears Detective Story In Meeting Friday Noon At Hotel Wilkes

Agricultural committee of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club is laying plans for an agricultural fair for Wilkes county to be held October 1 to 4.

Paul Church, chairman of the committee, made preliminary reports on the fair at the meeting of the club Friday noon. The fair will open with annual Farmers' Day here. Further announcements relative to the event are expected soon.

The matter of contributing to the erection of a cafeteria at the Lincoln Heights high school was discussed by P. W. Eshelman, J. B. Williams and C. B. Eller. The membership was encouraged to make contributions to this worthy cause.

H. H. Morehouse urged the members to read the article in the current issue of the Kiwanis Magazine by Roe Fulkerson. W. K. Sturdivant made a financial statement of the receipts and disbursements from the horse show recently held here.

Secretary T. E. Story made request for the number who will attend a "Charlie Armstrong Fest" to be given by the Lenoir club at Lenoir ball park on Thursday, August 21, at 6:00 p. m. Fifteen persons indicated they will go.

On account of the illness of Robert M. Brame, program chairman for the day, P. W. Eshelman, general chairman, presented Robert L. Morehouse, who read a detective story, "The Name of the Shot That Waited." It is a Scotland Yard story and was well read by Kiwanian Morehouse.

Guests Friday were: Leonard Smith, of Jacksonville, Florida, with H. H. Morehouse; Frank B. Hill, Joe McGlamery and son, M. H. McGlamery, of Tampa, Florida, guests of the club.

Leave For Australia

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Arthur Nichols left this morning for Melbourne, Australia, where they will make their home. Mr. Nichols, a native of the Purlear community of Wilkes county, served several years in the marine corps and met Miss Olive Hampton in Melbourne, Australia, in 1943. She came to America last fall and they were married and for the past several months made their home in Greensboro. Before going to San Francisco to sail about September 1 they will visit New York, Chicago, Detroit and other places of interest.

To Teach Piano

Mrs. Gordon Finley, of this city, will teach piano in Mountain View school, beginning Monday, August 25.

Marriage License

During the past week license to wed were issued by Troy C. Foster, Wilkes register of deeds, to the following: William E. Parks, Roaring River, and Oma Hawkins, Hays; Weldon Douglas Gulin, Carthage, and Jane A. Parlier, Winston-Salem; John Holbrook and Louise C. Gilliam, both of Wilkesboro; Barney Hamby, Mt. Zion, and Ola Mae Watson, Deep Gap; Jackson Cameron Whisnant, Hickory, and Fern Foster, Wilkesboro; James Wells, Greensboro, and Edna Alexander, Roaring River; Arvil Johnson Cooper and Doris Sue Hamby, both of Purlear; Raleigh Key and Doris Holder, both of Mertie; Vernon Minton and Violet Adams, both of Wilkesboro; Rex Riddle and Lucille Terrence, both of North Wilkesboro; Joshua Rhoades, North Wilkesboro route one, and Joyce Porter, North Wilkesboro route two.

W. R. Vannoy Is Suicide Tuesday

Well Known Wilkes Citizen Ends His Life At Home At Millers Creek

William R. Vannoy, 43, one of Wilkes county's best known citizens, ended his own life at two a. m. Tuesday near his home at Millers Creek by firing a pistol bullet into his forehead.

Coroner I. M. Myers, who investigated the death, pronounced it suicide. He said that Mr. Vannoy had left notes indicating his intention to end his life. He had been in ill health for several years and had become despondent.

Mr. Vannoy's body was found early Tuesday morning between his home and the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Tom McNeill, nearby. Mrs. McNeill told Coroner Myers that she had heard a shot about two o'clock. He had got up out of bed and had walked out clad in pajamas. Mrs. Vannoy was not awakened at the time.

Mr. Vannoy was born at Purlear December 29, 1893, a son of the late James and Cornelia Bumgarner Vannoy. In North Wilkesboro he owned and managed service stations and became one of the best known service station operators in northwestern North Carolina. More recently he had purchased Busic Cabs business here and was operating a number of cars. He gained a wide reputation and many friends through his business interests and sincere services to the public.

Surviving Mr. Vannoy are his wife, Mrs. Lacie McNeill Vannoy and one daughter, Miss Catherine Vannoy. Also surviving are eight brothers and four sisters: H. R. Vannoy, West Jefferson; John T. Vannoy, Purlear; J. A. Vannoy, Winston-Salem; R. G. and R. N. Vannoy, Purlear; J. C. Vannoy, Wilkesboro; C. J. and Clyde Vannoy, Purlear; Mrs. J. H. Davis, Purlear; Mrs. John D. McLean, Cricket; Mrs. Bob Reavis, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Minnie Bumgarner, Purlear.

Funeral was held Wednesday, three p. m., at Pleasant Home Baptist church, conducted by Rev. W. S. Luck and Rev. A. W. Eller.

Support the Y. M. C. A.

Scout Troop 35 Has Successful Week In Camping

Twenty-two boys from Boy Scout troop 35 held a most successful camp at Mortimer all last week.

Under direction of Ivey Moore, Scoutmaster, Paul Bumgarner, assistant Scoutmaster, and Richard Hix, junior assistant Scoutmaster, the boys were engaged in swimming, signaling, nature study, cooking and other subjects during the week.

So successful was the camp that 148 requirements toward first and second class rank were passed. J. D. Saylor won the prize for most advancements made with 20. Activities at the camp included a 14-mile hike to Rossman.

Scoutmaster Moore did all the cooking and is still complaining of burns. Jim Moore, patrol leader, was in charge of the water front division with Richard Hix heading training and advancement. Clayton Bumgarner was in charge of signaling.

At the beginning of the camp there were seven boys who were non-swimmers. At the close of the camp every boy could swim and six of the seven had passed the test and had become first class swimmers.

Planning to Attend Farm-Home Week

By MARY E. TAYLOR
(Extension Secretary to Home Agents)

Five Wilkes County Home Demonstration Club women have been chosen by their club as delegates to Farm and Home Week, August 25-29. They are: Mrs. J. P. Crysel, Cricket Club; Mrs. A. J. Proffitt, Lewis Fork Club; Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, Ferguson Club; Mrs. Wiley Brooks, Fairplains Club; and Mrs. Charlie German, Boomer Club.

A full program has been planned for each day during the week. Miss Dorothy Thompson will be the speaker in the morning on Thursday, and General Dwight D. Eisenhower will address the delegates on Thursday evening. There will be classes taught in every phase of farming and homemaking such as Progress in Poultry Breeding, Tricks of the Cooking Trade, and Preparing our Children for Adolescence. Many other classes will be taught.

Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, Ferguson Club, is on the refreshment committee for the Annual Garden Party of Farm and Home Week which will be held on the campus in front of Holiday Hall, August 28th at 5:00 p. m.

On Friday, September 12, these five delegates will present a program on Farm and Home Week over station WKBC at 12:45. Everyone is invited to tune in and hear a report on the activities at Farm and Home Week.

Mr. Dean Minton, ministerial student, spent the week-end in Damascus, Va., where he preached Sunday morning and evening at the First Baptist church for Rev. Walter Whittington, who was on vacation.

Johnsons Get 25-30 Years

Liberty Grove Plans Home Coming, Revival

Revival services at Liberty Grove Baptist church will begin with a home coming service Sunday. There will be morning and afternoon programs with a picnic dinner at noon. Everybody is invited. Rev. Roy Franklin is pastor of the church.

Jenkins Purchases International Shoe Property In City

Buildings, Industrial Plant and 34 Acres of Land To Be Sold Sept. 6

C. E. Jenkins, Jr., prominent North Wilkesboro hardware merchant, has purchased the property of International Shoe company in North Wilkesboro.

Mr. Jenkins said today that the deal included 34 acres of land and all buildings and machinery on the property, which included a tannery and tannin extract plant. In the flood of 1940 the tannery plant was destroyed by fire in the flood but the tannin extract plant was operated until recently when it was closed because of the diminishing supply of tannin wood and barks used in manufacture of tannin extract.

A small portion of the real estate proper was purchased by C. P. Walter to be used by him as a pulpwood yard. Previously the town of North Wilkesboro had purchased the Smoot Park area, which is being used as a recreational park.

Mr. Jenkins said that the entire 34 acres, with the manufacturing plant, buildings, machinery and equipment will be sold at public auction on September 6 by Penney Brothers auctioneers. The real estate will be subdivided into lots with each lot facing a street and the property will be sold as a whole and in lots.

The buildings, machinery and equipment could be used as an extract plant or could be readily converted into any one of several types of industrial plants, Mr. Jenkins said.

Included in the machinery are high powered steam engines, electric generators, many electric motors, sprinkler system, 200,000-gallon elevated water tank, many types of machines and items of industrial equipment.

Further announcements relative to the sale will be made soon.

Firestone Store Will Open Soon

Eller, Kilby and Brown Owners New Firm To Open On 10th Street

The Eller, Kilby and Brown Firestone store will open in the near future in the Forester building on the corner of Tenth and C streets, which was formerly occupied by Lovette Poultry company.

For the store the building is being completely renovated and refinished. The walls have been repainted and an attractive new front has been installed.

The store will carry a complete line of Firestone products, including tires, tubes, auto accessories of all types, home appliances and many other items.

C. M. Brown, Jr., who with H. P. Eller and Cecil Kilby are the owners, will be in charge of the store. Mr. Brown has been affiliated with Eller Firestone store and Central Service station.

The public is asked to watch for announcement of the opening, which will appear in The Journal-Patriot within the next several days.

Rev. Harvey Phillips Is On Station WKBC

Rev. Harvey Phillips, Wilkes evangelist who is conducting a tent revival just west of this city on highway 421, will be heard each Saturday afternoon, 3:30 to 5:45 over radio station WKBC in North Wilkesboro. All are invited to the tent revival and to hear the broadcasts each Saturday.

McElwee Endorsed By Wilkes Bar For Appointment As Special Judge

Movement was launched here today to persuade Governor Cherry to appoint Attorney W. H. McElwee, prominent and widely known member of the Wilkes bar, as special judge of the superior court to succeed Judge Hubert E. Olive, who resigned.

Wilkes bar in meeting today unanimously endorsed Attorney McElwee for the appointment and forwarded to Governor Cherry resolutions signed by the 18 active members of the Wilkes bar.

The resolutions point out that Attorney McElwee has been a practicing attorney for 15 years and that he is suitable, fit and duly qualified to receive the appointment. He is a veteran of World War II and spent several months in the Army in Europe as a claims adjuster and in capacity of judge.

The resolutions further pointed out that there had been no special judge from the northwestern section of the state in several years.

The movement to have Attorney McElwee appointed is expected to be well received by the people in this part of the state. The Wilkes bar today appointed committees to contact bars in adjoining counties, many of whom are expected to enthusiastically back the movement. It was also learned here that a delegation may be formed to personally carry the appeal before Governor Cherry.

Lions Club Gives Total of \$1,369.75 To Memorial Park

Money Was Raised By Giving Car and By Operating Bingo Stand

North Wilkesboro Lions Club has given a total of \$1,369.75 to the Memorial Park fund for erecting lights and seats on the athletic field.

Of that amount \$1,108.38 represented half the profits from giving away an automobile and \$261.37 was made by operating a bingo stand during the week of rides sponsored by the fire department.

Thus the Lions have contributed largely toward success of the Memorial Park project for a lighted athletic field.

However, sufficient funds have not been raised to complete the project and other contributions will be welcomed by the sponsor.

WILKES MAN TENNIS CHAMPION



Bill Carrigan is shown here following the final match of the Greensboro tennis tournament when he won the singles championship. Yesterday he played in the national tournament at Indianapolis and was eliminated after a hard fought match with Hank Campbell. Bill is a native of Wilkesboro, a son of Mrs. J. H. Carrigan, and for several years has been one of the state's outstanding tennis players.

Verdict Of Second Degree Murder Is Returned In Court

Percy And Taft Johnson Convicted For Shooting Lloyd Mayberry

Percy and Taft Johnson were convicted in Wilkes court today for second degree murder for the death of Lloyd Mayberry at Windy Gap June 14 and were sentenced by Judge John H. Clement to serve from 25 to 30 years in state prison at hard labor.

The jury returned the second degree verdict at 10:30 this morning. The case was given the jury late Wednesday afternoon at the close of Judge Clement's charge.

During the plea by defense counsel for mercy for the defendants Judge Clement remarked that both defendants were fortunate because in his opinion both were guilty of cold blooded, first degree murder. However, he offered no criticism of the jury's verdict.

Mayberry, age 22, was the son of Mrs. Lottie Mayberry, who is a first cousin of Percy and Taft Johnson and they are also first cousins to each other. The killing took place over the alleged theft of 40 gallons of moonshine liquor from Percy and Taft Johnson and they accused Lloyd Mayberry of the theft.

Trial of the Johnson cousins began Monday with selection of a jury from 26 regular jurors and a venire of 75 summoned for the trial.

The jury was completed at 4:30 p. m. Monday and Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes health officer who examined the body of Mayberry on the morning of June 15, said that Mayberry died from a bullet wound which entered his back just left of the spine at the tenth rib and ranged upward through the heart and out his chest at the third rib.

On Tuesday morning the state presented their star witness, Mrs. Shirley Johnson, at whose home Mayberry was killed. She testified that Percy and Taft Johnson drove up to her home some time after dark and that they were riding in a pickup. After some words were passed Percy Johnson shot three times with a 45-caliber automatic and that Mayberry was running from the Johnsons at the time. Taft Johnson, the witness said, had a shotgun in his hands while Percy Johnson did the shooting.

Mrs. Lottie Mayberry, mother of the slain man, told that Percy and Taft Johnson had been to her home earlier that night and told her that her son had been stealing their liquor from their moonshine still and that he had better quit.

There were other witnesses, including testimony that Percy Johnson had purchased the automatic on the afternoon preceding the killing.

For their own defense the Johnson cousins went on the stand and pleaded self defense.

Percy Johnson admitted firing the shots, but said that he could see the outline of a gun under Mayberry's shirt and that he shot Mayberry because he thought Mayberry was going for his gun to shoot him. Coroner I. M. Myers had testified earlier that he had taken a revolver from Mayberry's body, but that the gun was under his shirt, which had not been unbuttoned.

Percy's story, which was corroborated by Taft, was that he had gone to the home of Lottie Mayberry and had talked with her for the purpose of trying to get her to have her son quit stealing their liquor. He said that he then went on to the home of Sanford Sparks and on their return stopped at the home of Shirley Johnson when he heard someone call for him to wait a minute. He said that Mayberry was there and asked him why he had gone to the home of his mother. He denied any previous intention of killing Mayberry and claimed throughout that he fired only because he was sure his own life was in danger.

On cross examination Percy Johnson admitted being one of three who were convicted 27 years ago in the Longbottom case, and said he served 48 months of a 30-year sentence before receiving a parole.