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Tuberculosis Hospital Renders Good Service

Is Fine Example Of Co-operative Work By People
Food Contributions Needed To Assure Best In Care And Treatment

Wilkes Tuberculosis Hospital, cozy white buildings located on a sun-kissed slope on the beautiful county farm just east of North Wilkesboro, is an example of what public spirited people can do when they are determined.

The institution, recently renovated and re-opened, is now caring for 16 patients and has facilities for four more.

A visit to the newly re-opened hospital reveals that the patients are well cared for and are making strides in the fight for recovery. With but one exception, all patients are gaining weight, a checkup last week showed.

The Wilkes Tuberculosis hospital has an interesting history. It was operated for several years before the war, and with satisfactory results. In the early years of the war the county commissioners found that there were only two patients and that adequate personnel for the institution was next to impossible to get. So they closed the place and sent the two patients to state institutions, which was a most reasonable action on the part of the board.

But during the early part of this year a situation developed which was far from satisfactory in the county. Medical authorities found that T. B. was on the increase. There were a number of patients from Wilkes in the Western North Carolina Sanatorium at Black Mountain. The county was helping pay for care and treatment of some of the patients from low income groups. Those hospitalized were, of course, well cared for.

But the county health department reported at least a dozen active cases who could not be admitted at the state sanatoria because of shortage of beds. They were on the waiting list and were at home spreading the disease to members of their families and associates. One family had developed three cases, due to the fact that the ill member had been unable to gain admittance in the crowded state sanatorium.

Led by a group in the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club and members of the Wilkes Medical Society, a movement was launched to re-open the county tuberculosis hospital, which in the past had been known as the "T. B. hut." The county commissioners agreed to an appropriation for operation of the institution, and planned to use also the funds which formerly were paid out to aid patients at the state hospitals.

But it was found that the appropriation could not be enough to furnish and equip the institution. The Wilkes Chapter of the Christmas Seal fund had about \$2,000 accumulated funds, and a greater part of this was applied with approval of the state chapter. Funds were needed yet and many groups and individuals gave liberally to furnish the hospital for the protection of the people of the county from tuberculosis spread and for the aid of unfortunate victims.

The buildings were thoroughly renovated, repainted and re-furnished, with much of the work being done on a voluntary basis by a group led by Mrs. Ivey Moore, of North Wilkesboro. A central heating plant was installed for the two buildings.

Home Demonstration clubs throughout Wilkes county and many other women rallied to the call for canned foods, fruits and staple food items. With continued donations of foods the hospital can keep on rendering the high type of service, because the food donated means more funds can be available from the appropriation for treatment and other essential expenses. Particularly needed now are apples, canned fruits and staple food items.

Three periods for visiting hours are designated daily—from ten to 11 a. m., four to five p. m.

H. D. & 4-H Schedule For The Coming Week

Tuesday, December 2—Fair-plains Home Demonstration club; place of meeting, Mrs. C. C. Gambill, 2 p. m.

Clingsboro 4-H, 9:15 a. m. Ronda 4-H, 10:30 a. m.

Wednesday, December 3—Mulberry 4-H, 9:30 a. m. North Wilkesboro 4-H, 10:45 a. m.

Thursday, December 4—Pleasant Ridge Home Demonstration club; place of meeting, Mrs. Ennis Gentry, 2 p. m.

Moravian Falls 4-H, 9:15 a. m. Wilkesboro 4-H, 10:30 a. m.

Friday, December 5—Clingsman Home Demonstration club; place of meeting, Mrs. R. H. Greene, 2 p. m.

Meat production under Federal inspection for the week ended October 25 totaled 310 million pounds.

AREA MEETING ON FLOOD CONTROL WILL BE HELD IN WINSTON-SALEM DECEMBER 18; INTEREST GROWING

Winston-Salem, November 27.—Local interest was stimulated in the long-discussed Yadkin Valley flood control project yesterday at a meeting of Forsyth and Wilkes County delegations in the offices of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce.

The gathering was a preliminary step in planning for an area meeting to be held here December 18, two p. m. at which representatives of all counties bordering the Yadkin Valley will be present. The December meeting will be featured by a panel discussion made up of a Senator, a member of the House of Representatives, a group of army engineers, and others.

While Forsyth County and Winston-Salem long have been interested in a flood control project for the Yadkin area, the current move was intensified about three weeks ago when delegates of four counties met at North Wilkesboro to request the appropriation of Federal funds to build four detention dams above North Wilkesboro which had recently been surveyed by army engineers.

Organization To Expand
In the same resolution, the group, known as the Yadkin Valley Flood Control Committee,

Bill Whittington To Play Dec. 13 In Optimist Bowl

A wire was received this morning by athletic officials of the Wilkesboro high school stating that Bill Whittington, Rambler quarterback, had been selected as one of 22 football players from the western section of the state to play an equal number of players from the eastern section in the "Optimist Bowl" game at High Point on December 13th.

Whittington was an important member of the Rambler "T-formation" backfield, and his punting for the ten games he played during the 1947 season averaged 41 yards.

Another Rambler player, Captain Jack Groce, halfback, received honorable mention as a member of the Greensboro Daily News' all-star state team. Groce is one of the highest individual scorers in the state, having made more than 100 points during the past season.

Valuable Property At Auction Dec. 6

Highly desirable business and residential property will be sold at auction on Saturday, December 6.

The sales will be conducted by C. F. Williams and Alston Clark Land Auction company, through local selling agents P. E. Dancy and M. C. Woodie. They conducted the sale recently of a part of the C. M. Elledge farm near Mulberry, which was one of the most successful sales ever held in the county. The first sale Saturday will be

Safety Council Meeting Dec. 5

The first quarterly meeting of the Western Piedmont Safety Council for the year 1947-1948 will be held in Lenoir, Friday night, December 5th, at the East Harper School Auditorium at 7:30.

A good program has been provided by the program committee featured by a humorous talk on Safety by Robert (Pat) Arnsby of Winston-Salem. At this time awards and certificates will be presented to the winners in the annual State Safety Contest.

The Western Piedmont Safety Council comprises the following counties: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Catawba, Watauga and Wilkes.

It is our earnest hope that we have representatives from every industry throughout these counties at our December meeting.

at 10:30 a. m. and will be the Bill's Service Station and residence one-half mile east of North Wilkesboro on highway 268.

The sale will include service station, stock and fixtures and modern five-room home.

The second sale will be at one p. m. and will be a modern six-room home 3 1-2 miles west of North Wilkesboro on highway 421. The third sale will be at 1:30 and will be the V. M. Baker home place on Congo road near highway 421. The farm of 23 acres has been subdivided and will include 6-room home with modern conveniences.

Skyland Textile Co. Is Increasing Production Here

Skyland Textile company, which opened a hosiery manufacturing plant recently in the Andrews building, is steadily increasing production and the management is well pleased with progress being made at the new plant.

Additional machines are being added constantly and employees at the plant now number more than 100.

Children's anklets are being manufactured at the new plant, which has plans for continued increase in production.

The management today announced an employees' training program. To date the employees have consisted mainly of those who have had some experience in hosiery manufacture. Now the firm will accept for training women and girls between ages of 18 and 30 who have had no experience.

Funeral Tuesday



PFC. LLOYD W. PALMER

Pfc. Lloyd Palmer Funeral To Be At Union Church 2nd

Funeral service for Pfc. Lloyd W. Palmer, who was killed in action in Germany December 14, 1944, will be held Tuesday, two p. m., at Union Methodist church near this city. Rev. H. M. Wellman, pastor, will be assisted by Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner. A military detachment will carry out military rites.

Pfc. Palmer was born March 11, 1923, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Palmer, of Cricket. He entered the army January 15, 1943, trained at Fort Knox, Ky., and went overseas in January, 1944, serving with Company C, 15th armored infantry of the fifth armored division. He was killed during the Battle of the Bulge and was buried in Belgium.

Surviving Pfc. Palmer are his father and mother, two brothers, Wade and Jimmie Palmer, and his widow, the former Miss Alene McNeill.

The body arrived in North Wilkesboro today and will be carried to the home of his parents this evening.

Sawmill Operators Will Enjoy Field Day On Thursday

Sponsored by the Agricultural Committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce and the Extension Service, a field day for sawmill operators in Wilkes county and vicinity will be held Thursday, December 4.

John E. Ford farm forester in this area, said today that a program of much interest and entertainment, including a barbecue dinner, has been arranged for the day, which may become an annual event.

R. W. Graeber, of Raleigh, extension forester, will conduct the field day program, which will open at 9:30 a. m. at Parlier Brothers sawmill on highway 16 near Pores Knob postoffice.

Demonstrations will be held at various stops and a big event will be the barbecue at one p. m. on J. Robert Crysel's farm two miles west of the Wilkes airport, near this city. R. G. Finley, of Meadows Mill company, will be host at the barbecue and he has invited all sawmill and timber operators to be guests.

Other interesting events will be to determine the best axemen and the best with a crosscut saw. Valuable prizes will be given in each contest.

Ed Meeks, of the Atkins Saw company, will conduct the sawing contest and demonstrate filing. Representatives of Diston, Mall and Sandvik companies will demonstrate chain and bow saws and Peter McLaren, world champion axeman, from Plumb Axe company, will conduct the chopping contest.

Carl Strauss, of the U. S. Forest Service, will discuss sawmill and logging methods.

Miss Billie Lawson, of Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. Lucy Farabow, of Kinston, have returned to their homes following a visit here with Misses Lucy and Grace Finley, former schoolmates of theirs at Flora McDonald College, at Red Springs.

Employees Of Duke Power Co. Guests At Venison Supper

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Triplett entertained personnel of the Duke Power company here at a very enjoyable deer supper at the company's demonstration room on the night of November 21st.

Holiday Opening Successful Event

Circle Bazaar In Wilkesboro On Friday

Many delicious foods, including home-made candies, cakes, pies, and dressed chickens, will be on sale Friday afternoon at the community house in Wilkesboro. The food sale and bazaar is sponsored by the Pearl White Circle of the Methodist church, and besides the food, many attractive aprons and other pieces of fancy work will be for sale.

Oscar G. Barker Kiwanis Speaker

Oscar G. Barker, Durham lawyer, representative in the General Assembly and an announced candidate for governor next year, will address the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club here Friday noon in a program arranged by J. R. Finley, program chairman for the day.

SATURDAY NIGHT JAMBOREE FOR BENEFIT MEMORIAL PARK FUND WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, DEC. 6

A Saturday night jamboree for the Memorial Park fund will be held Saturday night, December 6, eight o'clock, at the North Wilkesboro high school auditorium with many of northwestern North Carolina's best known entertainers participating in a two-hour show.

Jimmie Childress, local radio singer and song writer, has organized the show, which may become a regular Saturday night attraction in this section of the state.

Mr. Childress, who will be master of ceremonies, said today that he had obtained seven groups to participate in the show. The hill billy bands will form the nucleus of the program will be Jim Golden and His Carolina Pals, Carolina Plovers, Wilkes Entertainers, and the Yadkin Valley Boys. These groups have been well received over local radio stations and the jamboree show will give the public a chance to see them all on the stage.

In addition to the hill billy bands there will be numbers by groups to give variety to the show. Mrs. A. F. Kibby will present her glee club with special numbers, Dot Gabriel and Jamie Clark will sing popular songs and Bill Ernest will perform on his guitar.

Radio stations here are cooperating in promoting the event. Admission prices will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children.

Memorial Park is greatly in need of funds for construction of a grandstand, fence around the field and many other improvements included in the plans for a complete athletic park for major sports here.

BLUE RIDGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE TO BE FORMED HERE WEDNESDAY BY NORTHWESTERN N. C. SCHOOLS

A major development in high school athletics will be completed here Wednesday evening when representatives of a number of northwestern North Carolina high schools meet to organize the Blue Ridge Athletic conference.

Preliminary plans were formed in a meeting held several days ago at Elkin, when Wednesday evening, December 3, was set as the date of the organization meeting, which will be a dinner meeting at 6:30 at Carolina Restaurant.

At the meeting called by Supt. Carpenter, of Elkin, Wm. T. Long, Wilkesboro principal, was elected temporary chairman, and principal of Granite Falls school in Caldwell county was named acting secretary.

Schools which have already indicated that they will be members of the conference include Elkin, Booneville, Jonesville, Appalachian, Wilkesboro, Valdese, Granite Falls, Taylorsville, Sparta and Mocksville. In addition, invitations have gone out to other schools in the northwestern part of the state and other memberships are expected at the Wednesday evening meeting.

Parade Friday Is Well Carried Out In Wilkesboro

Santa Claus discarded the sleigh for a plane Friday and flew into North Wilkesboro to feature the big parade ushering in the Christmas season in the Wilkesboros.

Old Saint Nick was the favored attraction in a long parade of many features witnessed by a large crowd on the streets of the two towns Friday morning.

The event was sponsored by the Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, of which R. E. Gibbs is chairman.

The parade formed on E street and marched over parts of D, Tenth and B streets and through Wilkesboro.

Headed by color bearers followed by many riders on beautiful horses, the parade contained the North Wilkesboro high school band, Boy and Girl Scouts, 4-H club members, North Wilkesboro, and Wilkesboro officials, Wilkes county commissioners, a sound truck rendering Christmas carols, and the fire truck which carried Santa Claus.

Santa had a number of lovely companions atop the fire truck. They were beauty queens from high schools in the county and were as follows: Miss Jessie Edmisten, Ferguson; Miss Joanne Johnson, Ronda; Miss Lucy Church, North Wilkesboro; Miss Betty Sue Johnson, Mountain View; Miss Nancy Garwood, Wilkesboro; Miss Inez McNeill, Millers Creek; Miss Fay Shumate, Roaring River.

At the North Wilkesboro city hall the parade stopped and Santa Claus was officially welcomed to Wilkes by J. B. Williams, president of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce. He very appropriately welcomed the grand old gentleman from the North Pole and presented him with a key to homes of all children in the county.

At the courthouse in Wilkesboro Santa was welcomed by Russell Gray, Jr., vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, and was presented with another key.

At both stops Santa distributed candy to children and assured them that he would be back on Christmas eve with presents for all.

North Wilkesboro's Mayor T. S. Kenerly was out of town attending the funeral of his brother-in-law and was unable to participate in the parade.

On Friday night the Christmas lighting in the Wilkesboros went on for the first time. Erected by Wells Electric company, the lights this year cover an expanded area in both towns and are among the most beautiful in the state.

In anticipation of the greatest demand in history, the merchants in this community have stocked heavily with Christmas merchandise and are in position to fill the needs of the most discriminating throughout this expanding trade area.

Freshmen Boost Gymnasium Fund Wilkesboro High

On Tuesday night, Nov. 25, the Wilkesboro Freshman Class conducted a Harvest Sale in the school auditorium which netted \$500.00 for the gymnasium fund. The stage was piled with produce until it was a picture of a truly great harvest. There were canned goods, hay, corn, apples, chickens, turkeys, cakes and numerous other items donated for the occasion.

Allie Hayes and Bob Gambill did an excellent job of auctioning and when the sale ended there was \$500.00 to add to the gymnasium fund.

Much progress is being made on the gymnasium and with good weather the roof is expected to be completed this week.