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SAFETY INSPECTION LANE TO BE USED FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AFTER JAN. 1, 1948



This is a safety inspection lane, typical of the one your car will pass through when the new Mechanical Inspection Program goes into effect in January. According to statistics of the National Safety Council, 17 per cent of all motor vehicle accidents are caused by cars with faulty equipment. The Mechanical Inspection Program was passed by the 1947 General Assembly "for your safety" to cut down on North Carolina's high accident and fatality rates. The new law requires that all vehicles must be inspected once during 1948 and twice a year thereafter. Three principal points that will be stressed in the inspection program are SEEING, STEERING, AND STOPPING, which will take care of lights, brakes, steering assembly, mirrors, horn, windshield wiper, wheel alignment, and tires.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

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WILKES IS VISITED BY WHITE CHRISTMAS; HOLIDAYS QUIET

Weather experts confessed their errors when snow fell on Christmas Day after predictions 24 hours before that there could be no snow for Christmas. Beautiful and was not a sufficient quantity to create any traffic hazard. He and some other points reported as much as five inches of snow. Mountain counties here had only about two inches. For some motor vehicles in which none were reported, the holidays passed quietly in Wilkes county. Enforcement officers reported that they received more than usual but no accidents were reported.

SCHEDULE COMPLETED FOR WILKES BASKETBALL LEAGUE TO BEGIN 5TH

Wilkes Industrial Basketball League, recently organized by the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, will open play on January 5 and continue through the second week in March. The league is composed of North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro, Mount Pleasant, Mountain View, Millers Creek all stars and Eller's Bluejackets at Millers Creek. The league is for those who wish to play basketball and do not play on high school teams. Following is the complete schedule as announced by Tom Jentette, secretary-manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce:

First Half

Jan. 5—Eller's Blue Jackets vs North Wilkesboro All Stars at Millers Creek.

Jan. 7—Mt. Pleasant All Stars vs Wilkesboro All Stars at Mt. Pleasant.

Jan. 9—Mountain View All Stars vs Millers Creek All Stars at Mountain View.

Jan. 12—Eller's Blue Jackets vs Wilkesboro All Stars at Millers Creek.

Jan. 16—Mountain View All Stars vs Mount Pleasant All Stars at Mountain View.

Jan. 14—Millers Creek All Stars vs North Wilkesboro All Stars at Millers Creek.

Jan. 19—Wilkesboro All Stars vs Millers Creek All Stars at Wilkesboro.

Jan. 21—Mount Pleasant All Stars vs Eller's Blue Jackets at Mount Pleasant.

Jan. 23—Mountain View All Stars vs North Wilkesboro All Stars at Mountain View.

Jan. 26—Eller's Blue Jackets vs Mountain View All Stars at Millers Creek.

Jan. 29—North Wilkesboro All Stars vs Wilkesboro All Stars at North Wilkesboro.

Jan. 30—Millers Creek All Stars vs Mount Pleasant All Stars at Millers Creek.

Feb. 2—Wilkesboro All Stars vs Mountain View All Stars at Wilkesboro.

Feb. 4—Millers Creek All Stars vs Eller's Blue Jackets at Millers Creek.

Feb. 5—North Wilkesboro All Stars vs Mount Pleasant All Stars at North Wilkesboro.

Second Half

Feb. 8—Wilkesboro All Stars vs Mount Pleasant All Stars at Wilkesboro.

Feb. 11—Millers Creek All Stars vs Mountain View All Stars at Millers Creek.

Feb. 12—North Wilkesboro All Stars vs Eller's Blue Jackets at North Wilkesboro.

Feb. 18—Wilkesboro All Stars vs Eller's Blue Jackets at Wilkesboro.

Feb. 20—Mount Pleasant All Stars vs Mountain View All Stars at Mount Pleasant.

Feb. 16—North Wilkesboro All Stars vs Millers Creek All Stars at North Wilkesboro.

Feb. 26—North Wilkesboro

Square Dance 31st At Moravian Falls

An old time square dance will be held Wednesday night, eight o'clock, in the Moravian Falls community house for the benefit of the Community House fund. All are invited to enjoy New Year's Eve at the square dance.

Mrs. R. B. Laffitte Passes In Florida

Mrs. Ida Laffitte, long-time resident of Lloyd, Fla., died yesterday morning at 10:20 at the home of her daughter, Miss Pearl Laffitte, in Jacksonville, Fla. Mrs. Laffitte had been in ill health for the past several years. Mrs. Laffitte was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sydnor, of this city, and Richmond, Va., and was the widow of Mr. R. B. Laffitte, of Lloyd, Fla. Surviving her are three sons, Dr. Sydnor Laffitte, Messrs. Montague and Garvin Laffitte, and two daughters, Misses Elise and Pearl Laffitte, all of Florida; also two sisters, Mrs. J. W. White and Mrs. J. E. Spainhour, of the Wilkesboros, and one brother, Mr. E. B. Sydnor, of Richmond, Va. Another brother, Mr. W. A. Sydnor, of this city, is deceased. Mrs. Laffitte had visited here on numerous occasions and had many friends in the county who will regret to learn of her death. Funeral and burial services will be held at Lloyd, Fla., tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Caswell Yates and son, Robert, have returned to their home in Wilkesboro after spending several days in Georgetown, S. C., with Mrs. Yates' mother, Mrs. J. H. Williams. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Yates' brother, Mr. C. L. Williams, who will spend a week with them.

Home Decoration Contest Success; Jaycees Sponsor

Mrs. Newton, Wade Foster, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Gentry Win Prizes

First prize in the Jaycees Christmas decoration contest for homes went to Mrs. W. K. Newton's home on the Brushies, according to report of judges for the highly competitive contest. The other prize winners were: Mrs. A. C. Chamberlain, J Street, third; Mrs. Fred Emerson, Wilkesboro, seventh; Mrs. Claude Gentry, D Street, North Wilkesboro, fourth; Wade Foster, 311 E street, North Wilkesboro, second; M. G. White, of Moravian Falls highway sixth; Forrest Jones, Fifth street, North Wilkesboro, fifth.

The judging committee was composed of the following: J. B. Carter, chamber of commerce, chairman; Roland Potter, junior chamber of commerce; Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Sr., North Wilkesboro Woman's Club; Mrs. Fred Hubbard, Sr., Wilkesboro Woman's Club; Mrs. W. B. Jones, Garden Club.

Cash prizes of \$10, \$7.50, \$5.00 and \$2.50 were given the first four winners. The judges were high in their praise of results of the first contest, finding many homes with beautiful outdoor decorations and lighting. The junior chamber of commerce plans to make of the contest an annual Christmas event.

Western Auto Store's Moving Is Under Way

Western Auto Associate Store is moving today from their location in the Hotel Wilkes building to the former location of Wilkes Plumbing Works near Quality Cleaners and Northwestern Paint and Wallpaper store on Main street.

The store was in its new location and open for business Wednesday morning. Their former quarters in the Hotel building will be occupied by expansion of the Insurance Service and Credit Corporation offices.

Many Marriages During Holidays

Cupid was busy in this section during the Christmas holiday season and many embarked on the voyage of matrimony. The following were listed as obtaining license to wed from the office of Troy C. Foster, Wilkes register of deeds:

Roy H. Wallace and Mary T. Rader, both of Boomer; Bina Davis, West Jefferson, and Opat Patrick, North Wilkesboro; A. Carl Dennis, Wilkesboro, and Mildred Hunter, North Wilkesboro; T. W. Estes and Ruth Mozelle Smoot, both of Mt. Airy; Dane Ulrich, North Wilkesboro, and Alma Dennis, Wilkesboro; Marvin Mills, Vanceboro, and Lula Jenkins, Wagoner.

William Reece Martin, Elkin, and Judith Norman, Thurmond; H. D. Caudill, Millers Creek, and Alma Jean McNeill, North Wilkesboro; Olen Gentry, Lomax, and Juanita Warren, Traphill; Clinard Norman, State Road, and Mary Lee Phillips, Elkin; Mayhew Swaim, Elkin, and Jackie Ring, Siloam; Lee James Collins, Elkin, and Frances Rhynes, Jonesville; Robert Albert, Benham, and Zenas Sprinkle, Roaring River; Coy Shore, Jonesville, and Virginia Pardue, Roaring River; Cecil Luffman, Ronda, and Ennis Porter, Elkin.

Ulysses Souther, Cycle, and Margaret Davis, North Wilkesboro route 2; Truman Roope and Ruth Byrd, both of North Wilkesboro route 2; Rufus J. Reynolds, Elkin, and Annie Blanche Darnall, Ronda; Robert E. Benge, North Wilkesboro route 2, and Bernice Shaver, North Wilkesboro route 1; Isaac B. Smitley, Wilkesboro, and Ina Harmon, Columbia, S. C.; Ernest Bengo, Hendrix, and Virginia Nichols, Stony Fork; Fred Ashley, North Wilkesboro, and Levaughn Osborne, Oricket; L. E. Waddell and Leona Frances Sparks, both of Roaring River; Clarence Pileon and Edna Marlon, Dobson; Elbert F. Slawter and Annie Mae Snow, both of State Road; Thomas B. Ford, Blowing Rock, and Mary Rachel Herman, Taylorsville; Raymond M. Hodge, Elkin, and Dolores Ellen Cochran, Benham; Bonice Wagoner and Faye Church, both of North Wilkesboro.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Kirkpatrick and daughter, Elizabeth, of Taylorsville, visited Mrs. Kirkpatrick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Smithey, during the Christmas season.

Mr. Edd F. Gardner and daughter and son, Miss Mary Lee Gardner and Mr. Bill Gardner, spent Friday with Mr. Gardner's mother, Mrs. D. M. Gardner, at Hillsville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jones and daughter, Miss Margaret Jones, spent Christmas Day with Mr. Jones' mother and sister, Mrs. F. A. Jones and Miss Cora Jones, at Clemmons.

Mr. Jerry Beckett and sister, Miss Kitty Beckett, of Charleston, S. C., visited during the holiday here in the home of their aunt Mrs. Guy Lillard, and with other relatives.

Miss Faye Rhodes, of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Rhodes of Wilkesboro route 1.

Messrs. Joe and Pat Hunt, students of W. C. T. C. at Cullowhee, are home spending the Christmas season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Hunt.

Mr. Wiley Webster, of Wyco, W. Va., was among the Wilkes folk coming home to spend Christmas. Mr. Webster is the son of Mrs. J. L. Webster, of Wilkesboro.

Miss Margaret Cassel has returned to Bryn Mawr, Pa., where she is associated with a large hospital, after spending Christmas in Wilkesboro with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Cassel. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Johnson, of North Wilkesboro route 3, on December 27th at the Wilkes Hospital, a daughter, Mother and baby are getting along splendidly.

Miss Carolyn Oglvie, student of Flora MacDonald College at Red Springs, is home spending the holidays with her parents, Oakwoods.

Miss Barbara Oglvie, instructor in piano at the Griffin school near Winston-Salem, spent the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Oglvie, at Oakwoods.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dudley and daughter, Miss Anne Dudley, of Shelby, visited Mr. Dudley's mother, Mrs. F. L. Parks, at Roaring River, and relatives in Wilkesboro during Christmas week.

Messrs. Lomax Kilby, Glynn Kerbaugh, and Tommie Kilby, students of Bowling Green Business University, Bowling Green, Ky., are home for the holiday season.

Mr. Bill Leyshon left Sunday for Oak Ridge, Tenn., where he has a new position, after spending some time here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Leyshon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Gambill and family spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. Gambill's brother and Mrs. Gambill's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gambill, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wellborn, of Charlotte, are here spending the Christmas season with Mr. Wellborn's father, Mr. G. G. Wellborn, and Mrs. Wellborn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hubbard, and family have returned to their home in New Bern after spending Christmas at Moravian Falls with Mr. Hubbard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hubbard.

Mr. J. C. Critcher, Jr., and family, of Asheville, spent Christmas Day at Moravian Falls with Mr. Critcher's mother, Mrs. J. C. Critcher, and brother, Mr. L. G. Critcher and family, and Mrs. Critcher's mother, Mrs. W. A. Laxton, and sister, Mrs. Paul J. Vestal, and Mr. Vestal. On Saturday, the Critchers left for a visit to points of interest in Florida.

Wilkes students at Appalachian State College, Boone, home for the holidays include: Misses Mary Gage and Betsy Barber, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Barber; Miss Mary Sue Hendren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hendren; Miss Dot Gabriel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gabriel; Mr. Tal Barnes, Jr., son of Mrs. Tal Barnes; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Sturdivant, Jr.; Mr. Britt Steelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Steelman; Miss Katherine Irvin, daughter of Mr. J. T. Irvin; Mr. Hubert Dancy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dancy; Mr. Sloan Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley S. Hill; Mr. Junior Dula, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Dula. They will return to school Tuesday, December 30.

Christmas Seal Sale Is \$2,000; Goal Is \$2,500

Successful Sale Of Apples Carried Out, Netting Sum Of \$183.06

Receipts from sale of Christmas seals in Wilkes through Christmas eve reached the \$2,000 mark, Mrs. Ivey Moore, chairman of the campaign, reported today. This is substantially over the amount of receipts last year but the goal this time is \$2,500, Mrs. Moore said, and late receipts are counted on to reach the goal. She also pointed out that the greater part of the receipts will be in the fight against tuberculosis in Wilkes county and urged those who have not made return for the seals received to send their checks this week. Commenting on use of the funds, Mrs. Moore pointed out that much of the funds accumulated in Wilkes were used very advantageously in the re-opening of the Wilkes Tuberculosis hospital.

Apples Are Sold

A unique project was carried out here immediately before the holidays. The plan for the project was made by A. B. Johnston and was carried out with remarkable success for the purpose of buying a pneumothorax machine for the tuberculosis hospital.

Apples were donated by Mr. Johnston, W. H. H. Waugh, Virgil Church and H. H. Morehouse. A stand was erected at the corner of Main and Ninth streets and the beautiful apples were individually wrapped and sold for whatever the customer would give. Mrs. Moore was aided in this project by Mrs. Mary Moore Hix and the net profits were \$183.06. Apples were sold individually from ten cents to five dollars each.

Parkway Section To Blowing Rock To Be Completed

Letter From Sam Weems, P. W. Eshelman Bridge Contract Is Letting contract for the on Creek bridge will assure completion of the Blue Parkway from a point near Gap to Blowing Rock. It learned here today.

Work on the Parkway was suspended at the outbreak of war and several months ago movement was launched by people of Northwestern North Carolina, led by P. W. Eshelman of this city, to have the Blowing Rock link completed. That section of the parkway was graded prior to the war but has never been completed.

Sam P. Weems, parkway superintendent of the National Park Service, Roanoke, Va., explained recent developments in the following letter to Mr. Eshelman: "Mr. P. W. Eshelman, President, Wilkes Hosiery Mills Company, North Wilkesboro, N. C. "Dear Mr. Eshelman: "Remembering your interest in the Blue Ridge Parkway and particularly in the completion of the Goshen Creek viaduct, I am pleased to be able to write you that a contract has now been let to Harvey H. Stewart, Contractor, of Charlotte, North Carolina, for construction of the steel superstructure of this bridge. "With best wishes for a happy holiday season. "Very truly yours, "SAM P. WEEMS, "Superintendent."

Home In Woodlawn Is Destroyed By Fire

Fire this morning destroyed the home of Joe Witherspoon, colored, near the colored school in the Woodlawn section of this city. The small frame house, which was the property of Joe Pearson, was burning rapidly when the fire alarm was given. Lack of water facilities made it impossible to extinguish the fire but by the aid of the street flusher truck adjoining property was saved.

State Highway Patrolman Killed

Tom Whitley, state highway patrolman stationed at Haswell, died early today from a gunshot wound received last night. Whitley was a former resident of ...