

TWO KILLED IN CRASH OF CARS

Four Others Hurt In Wreck On No. 21 North of Elkin

Mrs. Verna Casey And Stacey Odell Bowers, Accident Victims

Crash of an automobile and a station wagon on highway 21 between Thurman and Doughton north of Elkin Thursday afternoon claimed the lives of two people and left others critically injured.

Mrs. Verna Casey Spicer, age 37, of Traphill, was killed instantly in the crash.

Stacey Odell Bowers, 23, of Traphill, suffered internal injuries and died Friday morning at the hospital in Elkin, where all the injured were carried.

John Holbrook, 31, of Absher, had internal injuries, including ruptured spleen, and his condition has been described as critical.

Will Billings, of Traphill, had a neck injury.

Mack Joiner, of Absher, driver of the car was less seriously hurt, having fractured ribs and minor injuries.

John H. Brinkley, prominent Thomasville contractor, was driving the station wagon. He escaped with a knee injury.

Highway patrolmen quoted Mr. Brinkley as saying that he was meeting the car driven by Joiner, that it was traveling at a high rate of speed and was apparently out of control of the driver, rocking from side to side on the highway. He said he pulled off the pavement and stopped. The car swerved over, he said, and the car passed over the front of his station wagon.

Highway patrolman W. S. McKinney, of Elkin, charged Joiner with speeding, reckless driving and manslaughter.

Mrs. Spicer was a daughter of John and Effie Holbrook Casey, of Traphill, and wife of Guy Spicer. Surviving are her parents and two sisters, Mrs. Aldean Wiles, of Traphill, and Mrs. Edna Barker, of Piney Creek.

Bowers was a son of W. B. and Della Holbrook Bowers. He is survived by his parents; three brothers, Andrew and Clifford Bowers of Traphill and Ernest Bowers of Statesville and two sisters, Mrs. Wallace Wiles of Traphill and Eunice Bowers of the home.

A double funeral service was held at Piney Grove Baptist church at 11 a. m. Sunday. Rev. L. B. Sparks and Rev. Arthur Gambill officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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FLOOD CONTROL FUNDS EXPECTED TO BE IN PROPOSED BUDGET FOR SUBMISSION TO THE CONGRESS

Funds for the Yadkin Valley Flood Control Project have been included in the Army's engineers' proposed budget for the next fiscal year, although the amount requested cannot be disclosed until President Truman sends his budget message to Congress this week.

A total of \$75,000 has already been appropriated as a planning fund for the four proposed dams.

The cost of constructing the four dams was estimated at \$7,194,000 on the basis of building figures a year ago. This figure will probably require upward re-

Representatives Of Local Churches At Recreation Workshop

Miss Jo Lassiter, director of religious education of the North Wilkesboro First Methodist church, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lassiter, at Four Oaks, after which she attended a Recreation Workshop held at Wilson. Others attending the workshop from here were Rev. and Mrs. Watt M. Cooper, and Miss Emily McCoy, from the Presbyterian church.

Around forty-five were enrolled for the school, which was held at the Presbyterian church, with the pastor of the church, Rev. Harold J. Dudley, as the director. Handcraft, folk games, and visual aids, were the three phases of work emphasized. Headquarters for the workers attending was the Atlantic Christian College.

Contractors Ready To Begin Work On 3.79 Miles of 268

River Road From Western Wilkesboro to First Dam Site Will Be Built

Contractors are moving in machinery to begin grading 3.79 miles of highway 268 west of Wilkesboro.

Suber and Company, of Whitmire, S. C., was low bidder for construction of the roadway, the approved bid being \$96,025.50, and John Brinkley, of Thomasville, was awarded contract for structures for \$42,079.

The highway project will begin in the western part of Wilkesboro at the intersection with Curtis bridge road and will extend westward up the river 3.79 miles to the lower site of the proposed flood control dams on the Yadkin, just west of the Brown's Ford bridge.

The new grade will follow closely the present gravel road, with elimination of some curves. The highway will serve one of the highly producing agricultural areas in Wilkes county.

Henry Wallace Head Of New Third Party

Chicago.—Henry Wallace last night announced he would be an independent candidate for President on a platform advocating "peace and prosperity."

The former Vice President and erstwhile Cabinet member, in an address broadcast over the Mutual network, struck out at both major parties with the declaration:

"There is no real fight between a Truman and a Republican. Both stand for a policy which opens the door to war in our lifetime, and makes war certain for our children."

Maintaining that the menace to peace was greater than ever before, the man who left the Republican ranks and now has bolted the Democrats as well, told his audience:

"That menace can be met and overcome only by a new political alignment in America which requires the organization of a new political party. To that end I announce tonight that I shall run as an independent candidate for President of the United States in 1948."

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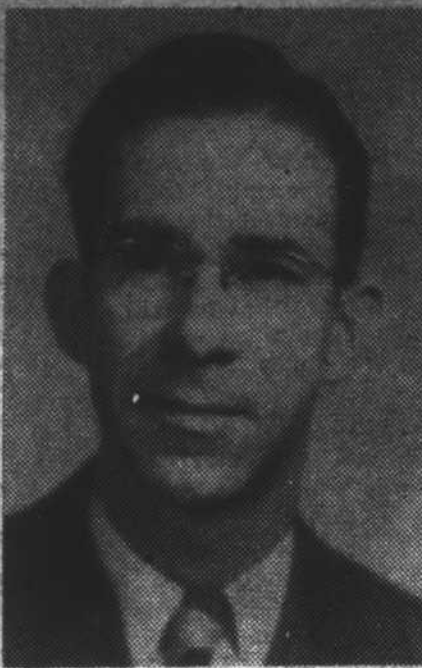
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Odd Plant Attracts Much Attention

Mr. J. A. Hendren, a well known citizen of the North Wilkesboro route three community, found a very odd plant under his house.

The peculiarly shaped plant, about 18 inches long, is light in weight, feels like wood or plastic and is similar in appearance to mushroom or an odd variety of fungus. It is now on display at The Journal-Patriot office.

Kiwanis President



RICHARD E. GIBBS

Gibbs Is Installed As President Of The Kiwanis Club

Club Begins New Year With Reading Of Splendid Achievement Report

Richard E. Gibbs was installed as president of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club in the club's first meeting of the new year Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes.

Mr. Gibbs, native of Burlington, came to North Wilkesboro seven years ago. In business here he has been very successful as manager of the J. C. Penney company store and he has been very active in civic, church and community life. He has been a member of the board of directors of the Kiwanis club, chairman of the Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, steward in the First Methodist church, and Wilkes chairman for the Scout campaign this year.

As president of the Kiwanis club Mr. Gibbs succeeds Dr. G. T. Mitchell, who led the club through a very successful year in 1947.

In the meeting Friday Cecil Adamson discussed the matter of having the state establish a station for car inspection in North Wilkesboro. He stated that the station for this district had been assigned to Surry county and that it would be very inconvenient for the people of Wilkes to go there for their car inspection. He made a motion that a committee be appointed to look into the matter of getting a station here, which was carried. The president appointed Tom Jenrette and T. E. Story to investigate the matter.

President Mitchell expressed appreciation for the fine cooperation the members of the club have given him this past year as president. He then presented the president's button to President-elect Richard E. Gibbs and handed him the gavel as the emblem of his authority and assured him of his support as he took over the high office of directing the affairs of the club for 1948.

President Gibbs made a fine inaugural talk, setting out a number of goals he hopes the club will attain during the coming year.

A feature of the day's program was the reading of the Annual Achievement Report by the Secretary. The report indicates noticeable progress made by the club in various community activities. Particular reference was made to the reports of the Boys and girls committee; The Agriculture Committee; The Public Affairs Committee and the Underprivileged Child Committee.

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CRICKET SCHOOL IS CLOSED

Cricket school located three miles west of this city on highway 421 was closed today by order of the Wilkes county board of education.

O. B. Eller, secretary to the board and who is superintendent of schools, said the action was taken in accordance with a recommendation of the grand jury at the December term of Wilkes court. In their report the grand jury members said that the school building is dangerous and that the building should be torn down and a new one erected.

Enrollment at the school, which has six teachers, is 250.

Supt. Eller said that the action to close the school was taken after consultation with the board of county commissioners by the board of education.

Patrons of the school and community for the past several years have been requesting a new school building to replace the dilapidated and crowded quarters which have been used.

Supt. Eller said that investigation will be made to ascertain whether alterations or repairs can be made sufficient to complete the present term.

County Basketball League Will Begin Schedule Tonight

North Wilkesboro all stars and Eller's Bluejackets will open the Wilkes Industrial Basketball league schedule tonight at Millers Creek, with the game starting at 7:30.

Other game dates this week will find Wilkesboro all stars at Mount Pleasant Wednesday night and Millers Creek all stars at Mountain View Friday night.

The league organization was sponsored by the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce and will be operated by the league's board of managers.

Two Cars Stolen During Week-End

Two late model automobiles were stolen from North Wilkesboro streets Saturday and Sunday.

On Sunday afternoon at three o'clock a 1946 model Ford, four-door and maroon color, was stolen from in front of Wilkes hospital on Eighth street. The car, with license number D-13916 and motor number 99A1263101, was the property of A. F. Kilby, of North Wilkesboro.

A 1940 Ford tudor with license number 447-800 was stolen Saturday afternoon, four o'clock, from where it was parked on Main street in front of the Little Grill. The car belonged to Richard McGlamery.

And state highway patrol are still looking for the party who stole a school bus from where it was parked at the home of Ovid Stone east of this city on the night of December 26. The bus was driven several miles and was left in a ditch after it was wrecked. It was a county bus used in the Mountain View school district.

Annual Scouters Meeting Wilkes District Tuesday

Woodward Will Speak; Officers For Ensuing Year Will Be Elected

Annual Scouters meeting for the Wilkes district, of Old Hickory council of Boy Scouts will be held Tuesday evening, 7:30, at Duke Power company office on Ninth street in North Wilkesboro.

Officers for 1948 will be elected and the feature of the program will be an address by J. Floyd Woodward, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, on the subject of "The Value of Scouting." All adult scouters, their wives and friends, are urged to attend the meeting.

Announcement of the meeting by L. M. Nelson, district chairman, called attention to the fact that the time will be 7:30 p. m. instead of 8:45 as stated in cards sent to scouters.

Stores To Begin Wednesday Afternoon Closing This Week

Basketball Star



Charles (Mike) Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat M. Williams, of North Wilkesboro, is an outstanding player and high scorer on Davidson College's current basketball team. Figures published today showed that Mike is fifth high scorer in the state among players of the Big Five basketball teams. His total of 109 points is exceeded only by Dickey, of Wake Forest, and Horvath, of State. In average per game Mike has 18.62, which is virtually a tie with Dickey's 18.63 for the state leadership.

Polio Is Topic Of Program Given At Lions Meeting

Picture Shows How Infantile Paralysis Funds Are Used For Treatment

North Wilkesboro Lions club program Friday evening at Hotel Wilkes was on the topic of infantile paralysis.

Program committee for the evening was composed of Dr. J. W. Willis, Sherman Anderson and R. L. Irwin. Sam Ogilvie, chairman of the Wilkes chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, presented the program.

The Lions annually sponsor the Infantile Paralysis campaign for funds in Wilkes and the program was of special interest to the club. Mr. Ogilvie spoke briefly and presented Little Miss June Royal, of Wilkesboro, a polio victim who was recently treated at Warm Springs.

A motion picture was then shown showing how National Foundation funds are used throughout the country to treat polio victims, especially in epidemics such as visited this community in 1944 and last year in the midwest.

At the meeting Friday two new members were inducted. J. H. Whicker, Jr., gave the induction ceremony and membership buttons to Lee Bossi and Gordon Wood. Ray Watt and E. R. Spruill were guests of J. H. Whicker, Jr., at the meeting.

Alley To Quit Judge's Bench

Asheville, Dec. 30.—Superior Court Judge Felix H. Alley of Waynesville announced today that he will retire in "February or March" after completing 15 years service as resident judge of the 20th Judicial District.

The jurist, who will complete his 15th year of service January 26, told the Asheville Citizen that he had advised Governor Cherry of his plans to retire, and unofficial reports received here from Raleigh indicate that the Governor will elevate Solicitor Dan K. Moore, of Sylva to the Superior Court bench and name State Senator Baxter C. Jones of Bryson City to succeed Moore as solicitor.

Judge Alley was appointed by Governor Ehringhaus on January 26, 1933, to fill the unexpired term of Judge Walter E. Moore. He was elected to a regular term in 1934 and re-elected in 1943.

The Wilkes Public Library needs its books. Return those overdue today.

Girl Scout Sing To Be Held On January 12

The Girl Scout association will have a sing Monday, January 12, 7:30 p. m., at the Presbyterian Education building. Each troop will render a song. All scouters and friends are invited.

Mack Shew, 21, Seriously Shot; Negro Arrested

Young Man Hit Twice By .38-Calibre Bullets At Home In Call Section

Mack Shew, 21, is in critical condition at the Wilkes hospital because of two bullet wounds received Saturday noon at the home of his father, Simon Shew, in the Call community.

Wilkes Sheriff C. G. Poindexter said that Grover Gentry, 44-year-old negro of the same community, has been arrested and is being held without privilege of bond pending outcome of injuries to Shew.

Shew was hit in the lower abdomen by two .38-calibre pistol bullets, one of which went through his body and fell down his pant leg to the porch floor, where he was standing when he was hit. Some hope is held for his recovery and he was described as resting well today.

Deputies A. H. Holbrook, R. W. Edwards and John Holbrook picked up Gentry shortly after the shooting. He was near the home of Julius Clark and was drunk, officers said. He admitted firing the shots but was vague on details.

Sheriff Poindexter talked to Shew at the hospital and learned that a quarrel had ensued between the two men before Shew was shot and that Shew had a rifle in his possession at the time.

Soon after his arrest Gentry was removed from the Wilkes jail to a jail at an undisclosed location.

Whittington Accepts Call to Faith Church

Rev. W. T. Whittington, who made an enviable record as a pastor of the West Jefferson Baptist church and as a community leader before leaving there to go to Damascus, Va., has accepted a call to Faith, near Salisbury.

Mr. Whittington has also made a fine record at Damascus, where church officials point out it is with regret that they see him go. During his stay at Damascus, five new Sunday school rooms have been added to the church, it has also been equipped with a dining room and kitchen, a new carpet has been added and there have been around 100 new members to join. In addition to this, a new parsonage has also been built.

Rev. Mr. Whittington is a member of a well known Wilkes family. He was born and reared in the Reddies River community.

Legion to Meet

All Legionnaires are urged to attend the meeting of the Wilkes post of the American Legion to be held Thursday night, eight o'clock, at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse.

BIG JAMBOREE SHOW FOR PARK FUND HERE ON SATURDAY NIGHT

The second Saturday night jamboree show, featuring hill billy bands, quartets and novelty numbers, will be held Saturday night, January 11, eight o'clock, at the North Wilkesboro school auditorium for benefit of the Memorial Park Fund.

Jimmie Childress, radio singer and organizer of the show, said today that he was arranging a splendid program for the show, which is expected to draw a large crowd of folk music lovers in northwestern North Carolina.

Hill billy bands to be featured will include the Wilkes Entertainers, Don Walker and his

Year's Schedule Of Holidays Here Given Out Today

Easter Monday, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day To Be Holidays

Business houses will begin Wednesday afternoon closing Wednesday of this week, January 7, and will close at one p. m. each Wednesday through September 28.

This decision was reached today by the Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, which met to tabulate the vote returned by merchants on a suggested schedule of holidays for 1948.

In accordance with a high majority vote, the committee adopted the following holiday schedule: close at one p. m. on Wednesdays from January 7 to September 29; be closed on Easter Monday, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Attention was called to the fact that July 4 will be on Sunday and it was suggested that stores and business houses be closed Monday, July 5. Another vote will be held by mail on that proposal.

Drug stores were not included in the Wednesday afternoon closing schedule and it was learned here today that drug stores will remain open Wednesday afternoons for some time but may adopt the half holiday for the summer months.

The committee announced in reaching the holiday schedule decision that their action was based entirely on majority vote of merchants and asked cooperation of all in order that there will be no confusion for the public or merchants.

35 Members In National Guard

Next Meeting Friday Night; February 3 Date For Federal Recognition

Thirty-five men have enlisted in the field artillery battery of the National Guard now in process of organization in North Wilkesboro, Major Roy Forehand, commanding officer, reported today.

The authorized strength will be 75 enlisted men and five officers. It is expected that additional members will be inducted in the next meeting to be held Friday night at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse.

Speaking of enlistments, Major Forehand said that he had been informed by the adjutant general's office that in the compulsory military training bill now before congress there is a provision which exempts National Guard members from the year of training.

Construction at the Legion clubhouse is under way to make the quarters ready for federal inspection. February 3 has been set as the date for federal recognition of the battery.

Don Story, of Wilkesboro, a pilot in the army air forces during the war, has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the battery and C. G. Faw, Jr., has been commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Return that Book to the Library.

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