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Scouters Officers Re-Elected; Supt. Woodward Speaks

Splendid Reports Given In Annual Meeting Wilkes District Boy Scouts

All officers of the Wilkes district of Old Hickory Boy Scout council were re-elected in the annual scouters' meeting held Tuesday night at Duke Power company office.

Reports from committees indicated that the year had been very successful for Scouting and that much progress was made.

The Advancement committee reported 10 board of review and nine courts of honor held during the year with the following awards presented: 18 second class, five first class, one star, two life and 48 merit badges.

Report of the organization and extension committee showed a total of 15 units in the county with a membership of 286 Scouts and cubs and with 111 Scouters and cubbers registered. The increase during the year was two units, 70 Scouts and cubs and 19 Scouters and cubbers. These figures represented a gain of 28.9 per cent over 1946.

Report of the financial committee by Richard Gibbs, chairman, reported a total of \$3,965 raised on the \$4,000 goal with assurance that late gifts would enable the campaign to reach the \$4,000 goal for Boy and Girl Scouting programs in Wilkes.

Officers for the district were all re-elected as follows: L. M. Nelson, chairman; James M. Anderson, vice chairman; Gordon Finley, district commissioner; Gordon Finley, district member at large.

Mr. Nelson presided and the meeting, which was well attended, opened with invocation by Rev. H. M. Wellman. Principal feature of the program other than the business transacted was a splendid address by J. Floyd Woodward, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools.

Following are excerpts from Mr. Woodward's address, which was well received by the Scouters:

Jesus—The Greatest Scout

The importance of scouting is readily recognized by almost everyone. Its effect upon the lives of our boys and girls cannot be measured in any concrete way.

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LOSES BOTH FEET AFTER FREEZING

Rufus Harris Garris, resident of near Roaring River, lost both feet from freezing and exposure.

At the Wilkes hospital it was found that both his feet had frozen during exposure of many hours duration and amputation of both above the ankles was necessary.

He is now a patient at the Wilkes hospital, where his condition was reported today as improved.

Welfare Offices Thanking Folks For Holiday Help

Representatives of the North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county welfare departments today issued a statement of thanks to the many people who provided Christmas cheer help for needy families in the city and county.

More needy families were helped than in any previous year, the welfare officers said, which was due in part to better organization and clearance of names through the welfare departments. There were few, if any, duplications, and destitute families throughout the county were visited.

Civic clubs, church groups, school groups, several mercantile firms, orchardists and many individuals contributed materials for distribution and many helped deliver the Christmas packages.

Baby Sitter Service Is Made Available

As a project to raise money for the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the North Wilkesboro First Methodist church, the girls in the organization are offering their services as "Baby Sitters."

Any parents desiring someone to keep their children in the late afternoon or evening will please call Miss Jo Lassiter at her office at the church. Phone 838.

Plan Square Dance

Wilkes post of the American Legion will sponsor a square dance to be held Saturday night at the Legion club house, eight until 11:30. All are invited. Jim Goden and His Carolina Pals will furnish music.

SUPT. WOODWARD ASKS SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL GYM IMPROVEMENT

J. Floyd Woodward, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, has mailed the following letter to school patrons and other friends of the school:

"I wish that it were possible for me to talk with every patron of the North Wilkesboro school concerning our most pressing needs. I would certainly place the following at the top of the list:

1. An adequate physical education building or gymnasium.
2. Ten or twelve additional classrooms that would provide for industrial art, public school music, visual education, etc.
3. A modern auditorium that would take care of our people.
4. Adequate equipment and necessary repairs for our school.

"If our boys and girls are to receive a thorough education and proper training for the future, surely our goal must be to work consistently to make our school as modern and complete as are our homes, our churches, and our town. To this end may we as parents and patrons pledge ourselves to do everything that is possible to give our children the best education.

"On Thursday night, December 18, a special committee appointed by the Board of Education and the P. T. A. Executive Board met to discuss one of our most pressing needs—the heating of the gymnasium and the construction of two dressing rooms. This group of patrons, known as the Gymnasium Improvement Committee and headed by Mr. Arthur Venable, made two definite decisions:

1. It endorsed enthusiastically immediate plans for heating the gymnasium and when possible the construction of two dressing rooms in the basement of the gymnasium.
2. Desiring to avoid personal solicitation, it requested the Superintendent of schools to write a letter to each patron explaining that every one would be given an opportunity to contribute to this worthy cause.

"The responsibility of providing a warm gymnasium for our children is ours. The opportunity to share in this project is ours. The challenge to do our part is ours. We shall need at least \$3,000.00 to do the job well. It is hoped that we shall be able to equip our gymnasium so that it may be used by all grades for physical education.

"Every one is urged to contribute according to his loyalty to his school and interest in his children's education. Your cooperation and support of this project will be greatly appreciated by our boys and girls."

Mack Shew Shows Some Improvement

Mack Shew, 21-year-old Call community resident who was shot in the abdomen Friday twice by a .38-caliber pistol, is improving at the Wilkes hospital and may recover. Grover Gentry, colored, is being held in jail charged with the shooting.

Mrs. Alice W. Watson Last Rites On Tuesday

Funeral service was held Tuesday at Yellow Hill Baptist church at Summit for Mrs. Alice Wilcox Watson, 84, resident of Jobs Cabin township who died Monday. Rev. Henry Smith conducted the service.

Surviving Mrs. Watson are the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Eva Cardwell, Winston-Salem; Dick Watson, Salisbury; Melvin Watson, Summit; Love Watson, Damascus, Va.; Bine Watson, Summit; Turner Watson, Ferguson; Nora Watson, Linville; Mrs. Bertha Hanks, Parlier; Enoch Watson, Thurmond; Claude Watson, Kannapolis.

Hickory, hard maple, apple and many other hard woods are satisfactory for smoking meat, although hickory has long been regarded as the best.

"SCHOOL WINNERS IN 'GOOD CITIZEN' CONTEST



Three high schools in the county, Roaring River, Wilkesboro, and Millers Creek, have elected a "Good Citizen" in a project sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The girls, chosen on the basis of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism, are Miss Dorothy Blackburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Blackburn, North Wilkesboro, Route Two, from the Roaring River school; Miss Wanda Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rhuel Hayes, Wilkesboro, Route One, the Millers Creek School; Miss Maxine Brookshire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brookshire, of Moravian Falls, Wilkesboro school.

Each "Good Citizen" chosen is to compile a scrapbook which will include accounts of her school, church, and community activities during her four years in high school. As a recognition for their work each "Good Citizen" sending in a scrapbook will be given a Certificate of Award and a Good Citizenship Pin, will be formally presented at State Conference held in High Point during March, and will receive an invitation to attend the Page's Ball. The State winner will be given a trip to Washington where she will be presented to the D. A. R. Continental Congress and will be the guest of the National Society from April 18-19, 1948.

Mrs. C. Don Coffey, Jr., is chairman of the Committee of the Good Citizenship Pilgrimage of the local Rendezvous Mountain Chapter.

Schools and students who have participated in this patriotic and commendable endeavor are to be congratulated to their interest. Splendid work was accomplished by those participating.

Skyland Textile Company States Plans For Year

Forrest E. Tugman has been appointed superintendent of the Skyland Textile Company plant at North Wilkesboro. Mr. Tugman is a native son of Wilkes county, has had extensive experience in the manufacturing of hose, and is highly regarded by his many acquaintances here.

H. F. McLendon will assist Mr. Tugman. Mr. McLendon is a native of Burlington, has been in the hosiery manufacturing field for some time and comes recommended very highly.

The plant is now employing 120 people and looks to the year 1948 as a year of greater expansion. Consistent with this optimism, the company expects to add 80 to 100 additional employees during the first quarter of the year provided enough qualified people are available. A training school is being conducted for those who qualify and applications are being taken at the office of Skyland Textile Company, in the new G. R. Andrews building, opposite the State Highway Department.

The company announces a substantial general increase in wages was made effective January 5, 1948.

Enormous Egg

An egg from the poultry farm of Tam Hutchison near this city had a weight of seven and one-half ounces, measured 9 1-4 inches around the ends and 7 3-4 inches around the middle, and the hen which laid the egg lives! The extra large egg is now on display at The Journal-Patriot office.

Dokies to Meet

North Wilkesboro Dokies club will meet Friday, seven p. m., at the Mimosa House at Moravian Falls. An excellent program has been arranged for the meeting.

GOOD PROGRAM JAMBOREE SHOW

Hill Billy And Variety Jamboree For Memorial Park Fund Saturday Night In North Wilkesboro School Gymnasium, 8 o'Clock

A program featuring five groups of top radio entertainers here has been arranged for the second Saturday night jamboree for Memorial Park fund, which will be held Saturday night, January 10, eight p. m., in the North Wilkesboro school auditorium.

Jimmie Childress, radio singer who is directing the jamboree, said today that the five groups obtained for the benefit show will offer a variety program featuring hill billy music, with popular and novelty numbers augmenting the show.

Wilkes Entertainers, Don Walker and his Blue Ridge Boys, Jim Golden and His Carolina Pals, The Harmonettes and Key City Songsters will have top billing on the show.

The Key City Songsters, are a male quartet composed of R. R.

2,100 Chickens Die When Fire Destroys Building Tuesday

A total of 2,100 month-old chicks burned Tuesday morning when a poultry house on the farm of Lin Bumgarner at Millers Creek was destroyed by fire.

The house was newly built and was 20 by 100 feet. The fire was thought to have originated from a brooder stove. Total loss was estimated at more than \$2,000.

Davis Brothers To Enlist In the Navy

Rex and Ray Davis, 17 and 18 year old sons of Mr. and Mrs. Schlyer Davis, of North Wilkesboro route three, Tuesday went to Raleigh to enlist in the navy. Robert Howard Johnson, son of William Edward Johnson, of North Wilkesboro route three, also went Tuesday, Chief Frankoff, navy recruiter, reported here.

The recruits will receive boot training at Great Lakes, Ill.

Jas. Monroe Parsons Funeral Wednesday

Last rites were held Wednesday at Union church for James Monroe Parsons, 78, citizen of Union township who died Monday.

Mrs. Parsons leaves two daughters, Mrs. Roberta Faw, of Millers Creek, and Mrs. Annie Be-shears, of Rhoads; also two brothers, Joe Parsons, of Winston-Salem, and Finley Parsons, of Obids.

January Session Of Wilkes Court To Open Monday

Judge Felix E. Alley Will Be Jurist; Civil Cases Calendared For Trial

January term of Wilkes superior court for trial of civil cases will convene on Monday, January 12, for two weeks.

Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, will be on the bench. Judge Alley recently announced his intention to retire from the bench and the Wilkes court will be one of, if not the last, for the veteran jurist.

Civil cases are calendared for trial during the term and a calendar of many actions has been made out by the Wilkes Bar Association.

Jurors have been summoned for the two-weeks term as follows:

First Week
Clyde Michael, C. R. Dancy, Dwight Sebastian, Jay Anderson, Russell Hodges, William E. Pearson, Olin Adams, Thomas W. Anderson, Lester Glass, F. D. Forester, Reece Byrd, Richard C. Foster, Austin H. Lovette, J. W. Adams, Charles H. Porter, Lee Edward Harris, Ray Lankford, all of North Wilkesboro; J. E. Walker, Walnut Grove; George L. Pearson, T. L. Byrd, Robert Spencer, Woodrow Wishon, Eugene Triplett, Clarence Carter, C. E. Cockerham, Edwards; Arthur McCann, Coy Spicer, John W. Brown, Traphill; R. C. Par-due, Somers; W. F. Waters, Shober Minton, A. L. Green, D. V. Triplett, Jobs Cabin; Leonard Dobbins, Luther Glass, T. C. Gray, New Castle; R. A. Greer, Moravian Falls; Earl Adams, E. E. Stanley, C. C. Eller, T. F. Bowlin, Monroe Faw, Forrest Doss, Grover C. Whittington, Reddies River; Marcus Mathis, Mrs. Florence Mathis, James F. Mastin, Antioch; C. R. Walker, Mulberry; Ivan Absher, Mrs. B. L. Bouchelle, Floyd Nance, Wilkesboro; George Odell Moore, Coyle Parlier, J. C. Tedder, Brushy Mountain; Robert Moody, Edwards; J. T. Hawkins, Rook Creek; George D. Miles, Walnut Grove; J. M. Brooks, Lovelace.

HELP MEMORIAL PARK FUND

Second Week
S. J. Miller, Galther Parsons, Thomas Perry, Union; Roby S. Eller, J. T. Call, A. G. Nichols, Raddies River; Claude Hall, Traphill; Jake Eller, Lewis Fork; J. C. Johnson, J. L. Garwood, Clyde Mitchell, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. T. G. Eller, Moravian Falls; Ray Church, New Castle; Basel Edwards, Edwards; J. H. Shores, Somers; G. J. Brewer, Moravian Falls; Charlie Walsh, Beaver Creek; R. C. Jarvis, Somers; Lee Cornett, Jobs Cabin; K. B. Farrington, Mulberry; E. L. Wellborn, Somers; Marcus Blackburn, Edwards; Frank Staley, Antioch; L. J. Mahaffey, Rook Creek; David C. Darnell, Edwards; W. R. Parlier, Moravian Falls; Robert P. Ray, Antioch; Arthur Warren, Mulberry; C. L. Bell, Somers; Hamp Triplett, Elk.

PROGRESS PLANS CHAMBER COMMERCE ARRANGES PROGRAM OF WORK FOR THE YEAR

With ballots for election of six members of the board of directors, the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce has mailed to members a list of 17 major projects to form the basis for a program of work for the ensuing year.

With the list of projects a blank was enclosed for members to suggest additional projects and the way has been left open for all members and others who are interested in the progress of the community and county to suggest additional work projects for the year. All suggestions will be wel-

Tax Listing Will Begin On Monday

Full List Of Appointments By All List Takers On Page 11 This Paper

Annual task of listing property and poll for taxation will get under way Monday, January 12, throughout Wilkes county, J. C. Grayson, county tax supervisor, said today.

All are urged to list during the list taking period. For convenience of the public the appointments of every list taker are published in this newspaper today on page 11, along with names of list takers.

Penalties are provided by law for failure to list. All are urged to select the appointment most convenient and to attend to the listing duties on the dates prescribed.

Youth Fellowship Sponsor Service; Miss Webb Speaks

Miss Nell Webb, director of Methodist Youth Work in the Western North Carolina Conference, is to be the speaker for the five o'clock vesper service held at the North Wilkesboro First Methodist church Sunday afternoon. Miss Webb will bring a message from the Second World Conference of Christian Youth which she attended last July in Oslo, Norway. "Jesus Christ is Lord" was the theme of the conference.

The service Sunday afternoon is to be sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the church, and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend. The local MYF is especially anxious to have a large representation from MYF groups from the nearby Methodist churches and other young people of the community.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN WILKES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMING

Annual membership campaign of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will be carried out the first three days next week.

W. K. Sturdivant is membership chairman and is "commander in chief" for the campaign, which is expected to be a spirited event.

Membership forces for the campaign have been divided into "army" and "navy" forces. Heading the "navy" will be "Admiral" J. B. Carter with "Commander" Richard Johnston as his aide. "General" Cecil Adameon is head of the "army" forces with "Major" Link Spainhour second in command.

The "navy" division will have four "lieutenants" with six men each and the "army" will have the same number of teams with six each.

The "officers" with President J. B. Williams and Secretary Tom Jenrette will have a dinner meeting Monday evening, 6:30, at Hotel Wilkes, at which time data will be given all workers, along with a prospect list of business and professional men and farmers who should become members. In event any are overlooked, it was pointed out that any citizen interested in the welfare and progress of the county may join the chamber of commerce.

Plans are to have a rapid campaign of three days and complete the membership in order that the board of directors may plan the budget and work according to the membership.

BIRTHS

The following births were reported at the Wilkes hospital during the past week: son, James Douglas, to Mr. and Mrs. James Richard Call, of North Wilkesboro, January 1, 7:50 a. m.; daughter, Velna Joyce, to Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Roscoe Osborne, of North Wilkesboro route one, January 2; daughter, Eloise, to Mr. and Mrs. James Arthur Garris, of Roaring River, January 1, 7:35 p. m.; son, Tony Wayne, to Mr. and Mrs. William Rile Johnson, of North Wilkesboro route three, January 2; son, William Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Wyatt, of Wilkesboro, January 2; son, Steven Edward, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Osborne, of North Wilkesboro, January 5.

Pat's Parkway Cafe Open For Business

Pat Patterson has reopened the Parkway Cafe located just outside of this city on highway 115. The cafe will have as specialties steaks, chicken, home-made pie, oysters, fish. The cafe provides curb service and private dining rooms. Special prices are offered church, lodge and civic groups for dinners.

The public is asked to watch for opening of addition private dining rooms and Pat's Recreation Parlor.