

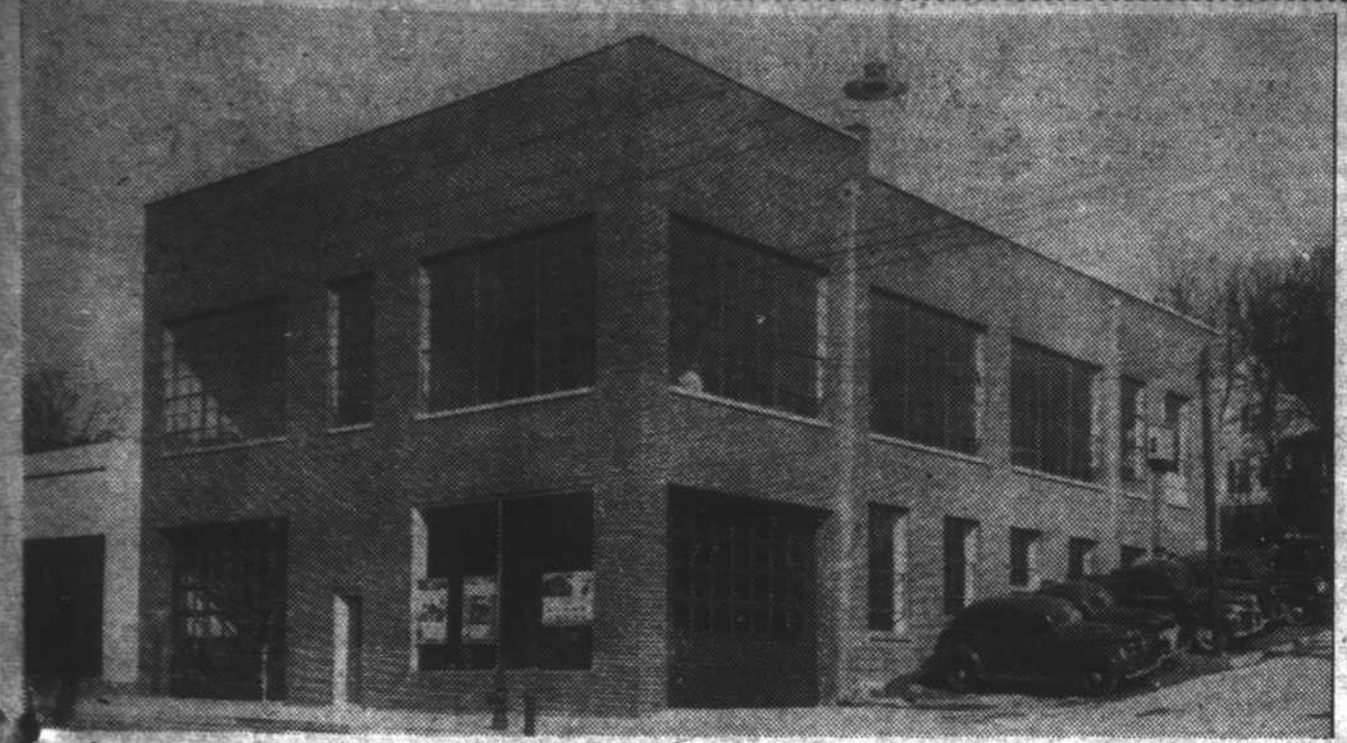
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YADKIN VALLEY MOTOR COMPANY'S NEW BUILDING



A splendid addition to North Wilkesboro downtown business district is the new building pictured above. The fireproof structure was erected on the corner of Ninth and C streets for a truck department on the street floor and a paint and body shop on the second floor. The truck department has already been installed and 1948 model Ford trucks are on display. —(Photo by Lane Atkinson, Jr.)

Basketball Calendar
 Tonight — Chatham versus Wilkes all stars at North Wilkesboro gymnasium.
 Tonight—Mountain View all stars at Wilkesboro.
 Tuesday afternoon—Roaring River high school at Wilkesboro.
 Tuesday night—North Wilkesboro high school at Elkin.
 Wednesday night — Millers Creek all stars and—Eller's Bluejackets at Millers Creek.
 Thursday night — Mount Pleasant all stars at North Wilkesboro.
 Thursday night—North Wilkesboro high school at Taylorsville.
 Friday night—Mount Pleasant high school at Wilkesboro.

Mulberry School Raises \$262.13 In Polio Effort
 Mulberry school made an excellent record in raising money for the March of Dimes campaign. R. W. Gwyn, Jr., Wilkes chairman, said today. The school reported a total of \$262.13, which greatly exceeded the amount raised there last year. The sixth grade won the contest in the school by raising \$115.00.

'Forgotten Men' Subject Address At Kiwanis Meet
 Rev. C. E. Rozelle Brings Inspiring Message To Civic Club Friday
 North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club enjoyed a good program at the regular weekly luncheon meeting held Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes. Program chairman Dr. Fred C. Hubbard presented John Cashion, who sang two numbers, "Seven Beers," and "Old Man River."

Rev. C. E. Rozelle, of Ardmore Methodist church, Winston-Salem, was then presented and he spoke to the club on the subject of "Unremembered People Who Have Meant So Much To The World." In his list he named William Dawes who met Paul Revere in his midnight ride. 2. H. Solomon, whose million dollars of gold saved America in the days of George Washington and Valley Forge. 3. Samuel Slater, who is the father of the textile manufacturing in this country. 4. Marcus Whitman, who prevailed on the congress to save the northwest in the days of John Tyler. 5. Dorothy Dix, who founded the institution for the mentally sick. 6. Dr. Garrie, who made the first artificial ice. 7. Dr. Ephraim McDowell, who performed the first abdominal operation for tumor in this country. 8. Mary Lyon, who founded Mt. Holyoke College for girls. 9. Lorenza Coffin, who made the first air brakes work. 10. Harvey Wiley, the pure food act. 11. Perry Heath, the R. F. D. Mail Service. It was a challenging and interesting talk. Guests Friday were: Miss Agnes Elledge and Claude Elledge with D. B. Elledge; Fred Hubbard, Jr., with Dr. Fred Hubbard.

Flood Control Talks In Winston-Salem

Experts Discuss Full Program Of Flood Control
 Winston-Salem, Feb. 1.—Detention dams must be augmented by soil conservation and reforestation programs for adequate flood control in the Yadkin Valley. This was the consensus of opinion of two representatives, officials of national conservation and forest service, and local Chamber of Commerce officials, who met here informally yesterday.

Meeting at luncheon at Hotel Robert E. Lee to discuss the Yadkin Valley flood control project were North Carolina Representatives John H. Folger and C. B. Deane; Homer M. Wells, chief of water conservation, Soil Conservation Service, Washington; W. R. Hine of the National Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Atlanta, Ga.; T. C. Shuler, assistant chief engineer at Muskingum Watershed Conservatory District, New Philadelphia, Ohio; Harry J. Kruss, general manager of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce; and P. B. Ralford, industrial secretary of the Chamber.

Larger Meeting Canceled
 A larger meeting, which several hundred businessmen, land owners, farmers, county farm agents, N. C. Grange representatives, and members of the N. C. Farm Bureau and other agricultural organizations were expected to attend, was called off because of inclement weather and impassable roads in many areas. In the discussion yesterday it was agreed:
 1. The problem of flood control is actually that of "water control" and "sand and cement" isn't enough to control water.
 2. Congress should be asked for money to build the detention dams on the Yadkin and Reddies Rivers and to carry out wide soil conservation and reforestation programs in the whole Yadkin watershed.
 To Work for Program
 Both Congressmen indicated they would work for such a program.
 3. Another meeting, such as the one canceled, should be held in the near future to educate the public on the benefits of such a program.
 Representative Folger said that a Congressional appropriation for a triple-phase control program would be an "investment." Cutting off programs "like this is not economy," he declared.
 Representative Deane said that \$75,000 had been appropriated by Congress for initial planning and surveying of four dam sites on the Yadkin and Reddies. He said another \$80,000 to \$90,000 appropriation would be needed to finish planning for the dams, so that complete data could be presented to the construction companies which would undertake the project.
 To Seek Funds
 He estimated this second phase of planning would take the rest

of this year. He indicated he would ask Congress to appropriate the money for this planning work and for the whole three-point project. (In August, 1946, Congress approved a flood-control project on the two rivers, calling for an expenditure of around \$7,194,000, but as yet no appropriation has been set aside for actual construction of the dams.) Mr. Deane also made the point that the control project is not a power project, that no impounded water hydroelectric power will enter the picture in the project as it is now proposed. Calling the triple-phase control program "sound," Mr. Wells stressed the point that much of the effectiveness of soil conservation and reforestation depends on the co-operation of the individual farmers in the area. The farmers must be educated to the "benefits that will accrue" to them if they follow recommended conservation and reforestation plans, he declared.

May Exhaust Water
 Mr. Hine said the people of this area must learn that erosion and the destruction of standing timber, by cutting or fire, reduces the "water holding capacity of land." He said that if present practices are continued Piedmont residents stand a chance of exhausting their underground water. If the back lands and farmlands aren't prosperous, Mr. Kruss said, the city, which contains the markets, also suffers. Therefore, he declared, flood control, conservation, and reforestation are of as much concern to urban dwellers as to rural people. He also said that "we've been out of the running" in developing rayon and chemical plants, which require a great deal of water. The city didn't have the industrial water available, he said. Mr. Deane said the Army Corps of Engineers had asked him to inquire what plans should be made about a possible Winston-Salem water supply on the Yadkin. Mr. Kruss said he felt sure city engineers would be glad to discuss the matter with the army engineers. It was suggested that a group from this area go to Washington to be oriented on the over-all water control program, and that a group visit Coweeta farm, the forest service's experimental farm in North Carolina on U. S. Highway 23 right across the Georgia line.

Father and Son Banquet Feb. 9
 Annual father and son banquet of the Wilkes Boy Scout district will be held Monday, February 9, seven p. m., in the American Legion clubhouse. A wafel supper will be served and Ralph Harrison, assistant Scout executive of the Old Hickory council, will show a suitable motion picture. All Scouts in the country, with their fathers, are asked to attend the annual event, L. M. Nelson, district chairman, said.

WYATT CHILD BURNED FRIDAY IN HOME FIRE

Kenneth Wayne Wyatt, nine-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Toy Wyatt, was burned to death Friday when the Wyatt home two miles east of North Wilkesboro was destroyed by fire. Mrs. Wyatt had gone to the home of a neighbor, Joel Johnson, to get milk when the accident occurred about 4:30 p. m. The Johnson house was about a quarter of a mile away. Dorothy, four, the Wyatt's oldest child, said she was looking for something in a closet and struck a match. An article in the closet burst into a blaze, which she tried unsuccessfully to douse with water.

Two-Year-Old Child Escapes
 Dorothy went for her mother, and Mrs. Wyatt and Mr. Johnson ran to the home. When they arrived the room where the baby was lying on a bed was in flames. Another child, a two-year-old girl, had escaped from the burning house. The house, a six-room frame building, burned quickly and completely. None of the Wyatts' belongings was rescued. Mr. Wyatt, who is employed by Church Lumber Company nearby, was in North Wilkesboro on business at the time of the fire. The house was owned by the lumber firm. The child was so completely burned that no remains were found in the ashes of the home.

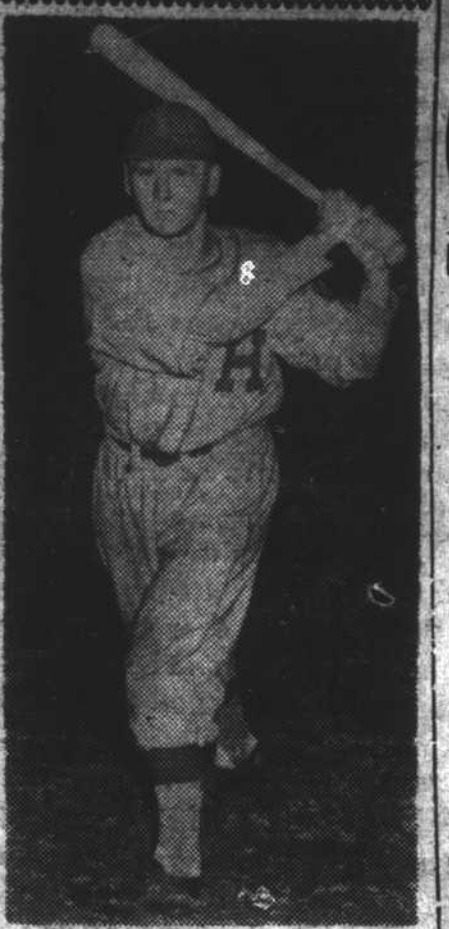
Wilkes District Scout Committee To Meet Tuesday
 Boy Scout committee of the Wilkes district will meet Tuesday, February 3, 7:30, at the office of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce. Every member is asked to attend.

Mrs. Alice Shepherd Funeral Held Today
 Last rites were conducted at Fishing Creek church today for Mrs. Alice Shepherd, 86, who died Saturday at her home near Wilkesboro. She was the wife of the late Jim Shepherd and leaves the following sons and daughters: Ernest Baitz, Kannapolis; Manuel and Rowan Shepherd, North Wilkesboro route three; Clarence Shepherd, Wilkesboro route two; Bessie Shepherd, North Wilkesboro route three; also two stepsons, John Shepherd, of Salisbury, and Lewis Shepherd, of North Wilkesboro route three.

Gymnasium Fund Drive Continues
 The North Wilkesboro school gymnasium improvement fund is now near \$2,000, or two-thirds of the \$3,000 goal. This week efforts will be made to complete the campaign to assure that dressing rooms will be constructed in the gymnasium and that installation of heating facilities will be paid for. Patrons and others interested in school progress are asked to send in their donations this week. All are pleased with the heating facilities now installed in the gymnasium, which makes it possible for the building to be used for physical education classes, as well as assuring comfort for fans at basketball games.

Chatham to Play All Star Team In Polio Fund Game
 Chatham basketball team from Elkin will play a Wilkes all star team in the North Wilkesboro school gymnasium tonight, 7:30, in an infantile paralysis benefit game. Proceeds from the admission charge of 50 cents each will go into the March of Dimes fund. Chatham has one of the best semi-pro teams in the state and the Wilkes players intend to give them ample competition. Dance Called Off
 The square dance planned for Saturday night at the Wilkesboro gymnasium was postponed because of weather conditions and further announcements are expected.

Meet the Manager



Henry (Flash) Loman, of Greensboro, has been employed as manager of North Wilkesboro's first professional baseball team, which will take the field here in April as an entry in the Blue Ridge league. Flash is 38, has several highly successful years of league play, hits right handed and plays third base. Club owners Tal J. Pearson and Jack Johnson have reported that Loman has already secured a number of good players and will give all baseball talent in northwest North Carolina a chance to try out in spring training here about April 10.

Local Resident Is Accident Victim At Lebanon, Va
 Conley Milam Killed When His Truck Overturns Off Highway Friday
 Funeral service was held today at Gordon Baptist church for Conley Milam, 29, resident of near this city who died Friday night in a hospital at Lebanon, Va., of injuries received earlier that day in a highway accident. Charlie Faw, of North Wilkesboro, was with Milam when his truck skidded on icy pavement and overturned four times off the road. Faw was thrown clear and sustained minor injuries but Milam was pinned beneath the truck. He died several hours later from internal injuries. They were on their way to mines for a load of coal when the accident occurred. Conley Milam was a son of A. F. and Della Higgins Milam. In addition to his wife, Mrs. Virginia Milam, he is survived by one daughter, Brenda Gail; two brothers, P. J. and Paul Milam, and one sister, Mrs. Felix Glass. Funeral service this afternoon was conducted by Rev. Clate Brown and burial was in Baptist cemetery in this city.

THE RELIEF CANVASS IS POSTPONED
 Will Be Carried Out Sunday Afternoon, Feb. 8, 2 o'Clock
 Due to weather conditions which made travel very difficult, the canvass of the Wilkesboros for clothing and other supplies for European relief planned for Sunday afternoon was postponed until Sunday, February 8, two p. m. Those who had prepared boxes are asked to keep them until the canvass Sunday afternoon. Jaycees, Scouts and others with trucks will gather the boxes and bundles from front porches.

Continue Listing Town Taxes Here
 W. P. Kelly, tax lister for the Town of North Wilkesboro, said today that all persons who have not listed property for town taxes may list at the clerk's office in the town hall now. The county tax listing books have been moved to the accountant's office in the courthouse, where those who have failed to list may list now for county taxes.

Roy Lee Oakley's Last Rites Held
 Funeral service was held Saturday at Mountain View school for Roy Lee Oakley, 33, citizen of Antioch township who died Thursday. Rev. Noah Hayes officiated at the service. Mr. Oakley is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lottie Roberts, and three sons, C. C. Roberts, McGraw; J. P. Roberts, Rockingham; William Roberts, North Wilkesboro.

Cleary Child Dies
 Funeral service was held Monday at Piney Grove church for Edford Cleary, infant son of Paul and Mattie Cleary, of Moxley. The child died January 24. Rev. L. E. Sparks conducted the funeral service.

Inspection National Guard On Tuesday

Local Firm Did \$12,000 Business Here Saturday
 With business practically at a standstill all over the state Saturday because of sleet and icy roads, a firm here did \$12,000 in business Saturday. The firm here with the big business and many customers was the local branch of the Carolina Motor Club selling auto and truck plates on the last day for driving with 1947 plates. T. C. Caudill, manager of the club's branch office here, said today's business would be well over \$10,000.

Wilkes Hospital On Approved List
 Local Institution Fully Approved By American College Of Surgeons
 The Wilkes Hospital here is one of 3,143 hospitals in the United States and Canada which qualified for approval by the American College of Surgeons in 1947, according to Dr. Irvin Abell, chairman of the board of regents of the A. C. S. Dr. Abell said the new Approved List shows only a small increase over 1946, but that this is due partly to the omission of some 75 Army hospitals which have ceased to operate. "It is a satisfaction to state that, in general, the service rendered by our hospitals today, despite high costs, shortages of personnel, and other difficulties, is worthy of warm commendation," he declared. Among requirements hospitals must meet for approval by the American College of Surgeons are modern physical plant, competent administrator, adequate and efficient personnel, adequate diagnostic and therapeutic facilities, complete medical records and a humanitarian spirit.

Mrs. Eva Wingler Rites January 30
 Funeral service was held Friday at Bethel Presbyterian church for Mrs. Eva Emalene Sheets Wingler, 78, resident of Union township who died Wednesday. Rev. J. W. Luke conducted the service. Mrs. Wingler, wife of the late Henry Wingler, leaves the following children: Gordon Wingler, Mrs. Doris Perry, Mrs. Myra Osborne, Mrs. Dossie Wyatt, Oscar Wingler, Mrs. C. E. Shepherd, Mrs. Mattie Shepherd, Miss Minnie Wingler, Mrs. Lydia Sheets and Joe Wingler.

Jas. Alfred Roberts Last Rites Tuesday
 James Alfred Roberts, 82-year-old citizen of the McGrady community, died Sunday and funeral service will be held Tuesday, 11 a. m. at the home with Revs. K. B. Farrington and E. B. Douglas officiating. Mr. Roberts is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lottie Roberts, and three sons, C. C. Roberts, McGraw; J. P. Roberts, Rockingham; William Roberts, North Wilkesboro.

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Army Officers To Inspect Battery, Men, Facilities

Quarters and Records to Be Inspected At 3:00; Personnel At Seven
 The newly organized field artillery battery of the National Guard here will officially become a part of the guard Tuesday night if it passes the army inspection. Major Roy Forehand, battery commander, said that Lt. Col. Julian Cook, Captain McLean and Sgt. Cantrell, of the U. S. army, will inspect records and facilities at the Legion clubhouse Tuesday afternoon and at 7:00 p. m. will inspect the personnel, which now consists of three officers, and 42 enlisted men. Of interest to the guard members is the fact that pay for National Guard members will begin with the Tuesday night meeting if the inspection is o. k'd by the officers in charge, which means federal recognition of the battery. Major Forehand also reported that Zeb Stewart, highway division engineer, had granted permission for the battery to store vehicles at the highway division garage. The battery will have a number of motorized vehicles and three 155mm howitzers in addition to small arms. Inspection and federal recognition is the culmination of efforts to organize the guard here and much progress has been made in the past few weeks, especially in enlisting the personnel of the battery. Excellent cooperation has been given the organization efforts by local business men and many others interested.

ALL HOPING GROUNDHOG IS BAD PROPHET
 With ice, snow, sleet, near-zero temperatures, fuel shortages, etc. a gloomy day everybody, Groundhog Day arrived today and the sun shone brightly all day for a change, or to give this winter weather everything in the way of variety. This is supposed to mean that Mr. Groundhog saw his shadow and that he has gone back in for six weeks more of winter weather. Ironically enough, Groundhog Day today was the first fair weather day in a week. Temperature was mild Friday and rain fell all day. During Friday night the falling rain froze into a half-inch sheet of ice. Early Saturday the sleet started and the ice from sleet reached a depth of two inches on the sheet of solid ice. Late Saturday afternoon it changed to snow, which reached a depth of three inches on the ice Saturday night. Highway forces did an excellent job Saturday night and Sunday morning and all roads were open. Today schools were operating throughout the county. Business here Saturday was off because of the condition of the roads and traffic was light. The overseas relief canvass planned for Sunday afternoon was postponed a week and the polio fund square dance to have been held Saturday night was postponed. Many oil users had very low supplies but no unusual hardship cases were reported.

Ivey Moore State Officer in Legion
 R. Ivey Moore, a member of Wilkes post of the American Legion, has been appointed vice chairman of the Youth Movement in the North Carolina department of the American Legion. Appointment of Mr. Moore to this responsible post is appropriate recognition of Mr. Moore's many fine efforts for better youth conditions in this community. Legion To Meet
 Every member of the Wilkes Legion post is asked to attend the next meeting, to be held Thursday, eight o'clock, at the Legion clubhouse.