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ELLER ADVOCATES \$700,000 BONDS FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS

National Guard Here Praised At Inspection

Inspection Team From U. S. Army Here On Tuesday

Battery C Of 112th Field Artillery Here To Be Federally Recognized

An inspection team of army officers highly complimented the newly organized battery C of the 112th field of the National Guard here following inspection of facilities and personnel. Lt. Col. Julian C. Cook, of the third army headquarters, was inspecting officer and he was assisted by the following: Col. Fitz, senior ground inspector in charge of training National Guard troops in North Carolina; Major Nolan, property and disbursing officer, of Raleigh; Lt. Col. R. E. Thompson, of Lenoir, commander of 112th battalion; Capt. McLean, unit ground instructor; and a staff of master sergeant as an inspection team of the army.

At three p. m. records and facilities were inspected and approved. Records were highly complimented as being the only records found complete at time of first inspection. Included in these records, Major Roy Forehand, battery commander, said were soldiers' service records, enlistment qualifications, fingerprint cards, council book and funds, intricate filing system of more than 50 files, unit training program, files on officer assignments, activation orders and assignments, initial roster forms and other detailed records.

At 7:30 Tuesday night the inspection team inspected personnel of the guard at the Legion clubhouse, which is being used temporarily as National Guard headquarters here. When Acting First Sergeant Harry Kerley called the roster every member of the battery stepped forward and answered "present." Officers commented that the battery here, with 45 members, was the only one in the state with 100 per cent attendance at inspection. Lt. Col. Cook with officers of the battery here made a detailed inspection of troops. The officers also stated that the battery here had the largest enlistment of any battery in the battalion at time of first inspection.

The inspecting officers were high in their praise of the aggressive manner in which Major Forehand had prepared the battery for inspection.

Major Forehand, Pacific war combat veteran who took a reduction in rank to captain in order to organize the guard battery, was commended for the splendid progress made.

At the close of the inspection each officer made brief remarks to the personnel and of special interest was a talk by Major E. P. Robinson, retired, who was commanding officer of the National guard company here at the time of mobilization for service in World War II. He commended the organization and highly praised Major Forehand, commanding officer, for his organization work.

Mess Sergeant Paul Rhodes served coffee and cake to the visiting officers.

The army officers stated that the National Guard battery here will have an annual payroll of about \$25,000, and that pay for guard members began with inspection night. The payroll will be issued quarterly. The annual summer encampment, they said, will probably be about the middle of July.

It was explained by the inspection officer that a locker room with individual lockers must be provided and the commanding officer assured the inspection team that such facilities would be provided.

Maintenance House Planned

The army officers stated to Major Forehand that North Wilkesboro is high on the list to be the location for one of 11 maintenance warehouses for the National Guard in North Carolina. The buildings are to be erected at a cost of about \$35,000 each with state funds. The city or county in which a building is located must furnish the land on

PARKWAY TOLL FEES CALLED OFF

Washington.—Plans to impose "toll" fees on the Blue Ridge parkway in Virginia and North Carolina this season were called off yesterday, Senator A. Willis Robertson (D-Va) said he was advised.

The proposal to start charging fees of 25 cents a car and \$1 annual permit at the beginning of

the tourist season in the Spring met with vigorous protests. Letters of objection were written by Robertson, other Virginia Congressman, Gov. Tuck of Virginia and Virginia State Highway Commissioner James A. Anderson.

North Carolina officials also protested.

Organization Of Wilkes District Scouts Complete

Committees Appointed In Meeting of District Here On Tuesday Night

Plans for the year's activities were mapped and committees for the year were appointed in the Wilkes District Boy Scout meeting held here.

L. M. Nelson, district chairman, announced the following committee appointments:

Organization and Extension—Glenn Andrews, chairman, Robert S. Gibbs and Gilbert Foster.

Health and Safety—Dr. H. B. Smith, chairman, C. D. Coffey, Jr.

Advancement—J. E. Carter, chairman, Richard Johnston, T. E. Story, Paul Osborne, Rev. H. M. Wellman, Edward Finley.

Camping and Activities—W. F. Absher, chairman, Jack Swford, W. A. Brame.

Leadership Training—Cecil Adamson, chairman, R. Ivey Moore, J. Floyd Woodward, W. D. Halfacre.

Publicity—Julius C. Hubbard, chairman.

Finance—To be appointed later by Chairman Nelson.

Father-Son Supper

Plans were also discussed for the annual father and son winter supper to be held Monday night, February 9, seven o'clock, at the Legion clubhouse. All Boy Scouts, Scouters, Cub Scouts, Cubbers and Senior Scouts from all parts of Wilkes are expected to be present. The announcement said there will be plenty of fun, eats and a movie of interest to Scouts. The supper will be the climaxing event of Boy Scout week February 6-12.

In addition to Chairman Nelson the district officers are: James M. Anderson, vice chairman; Gordon Finley, commissioner.

Commissioner Finley appointed the following to serve on his staff for the year: Carl E. Vandeman, R. Ivey Moore, J. Floyd Woodward and W. D. Halfacre.

Appeal Is Made For All to Help The Gymnasium

Letter Sent Out By Chairman Venable and Supt. Woodward

Parents and patrons of North Wilkesboro school were urged this week to complete the fund of \$3,000 for dressing rooms and heating facilities in the school gymnasium.

A letter by C. Arthur Venable, chairman of the gymnasium committee, and J. Floyd Woodward, superintendent of schools, was sent out to patrons this week under date of February 3. Text of the letter follows:

"We are indeed grateful to every one who has contributed to the Gymnasium Fund. We have received to date \$1,947.10. This amount has been given by 147 persons and firms.

"We need an additional thousand dollars to complete our project.

"We believe that almost all of our parents and patrons will eventually contribute to this most worthy cause. If you have not already had a part in this project, may we urge you to help us equip our physical education building in order that all our boys and girls may have a better opportunity to develop physically and socially.

"To you who have given, we are grateful. To you who have not participated, we urge you to support our cause by sending any amount which you are willing to give. We have avoided purposely any personal solicitation because we want what is contributed to be given willingly.

"We want your support for our schools. We covet your interest and enthusiasm for our boys and girls. We are eager to have you share with us in this worthy project."

Total Now \$2,925.81

This morning the gymnasium fund had reached a total of \$2,925.81.

The Town of North Wilkesboro appropriated \$250 in the town council meeting held Tuesday night. Supt. J. Floyd Woodward highly complimented the city council for their interest and cooperation in the project.

Already response to the reminder letters has been good and the following were listed as donors since the report published Monday: Town of North Wilkesboro, Mrs. C. G. Day, Sr., Dan Church, Mrs. J. B. Williams, Mrs. Shoun Kerbaugh, T. A. Finley, Mrs. Watts Harris, Bill Marlow, Howard Bowers, A. L. Fin-

R. M. Brame, Jr., Head Chamber of Commerce In '48

Joe Barber, Vice President, Richard Johnston Again Is Treasurer

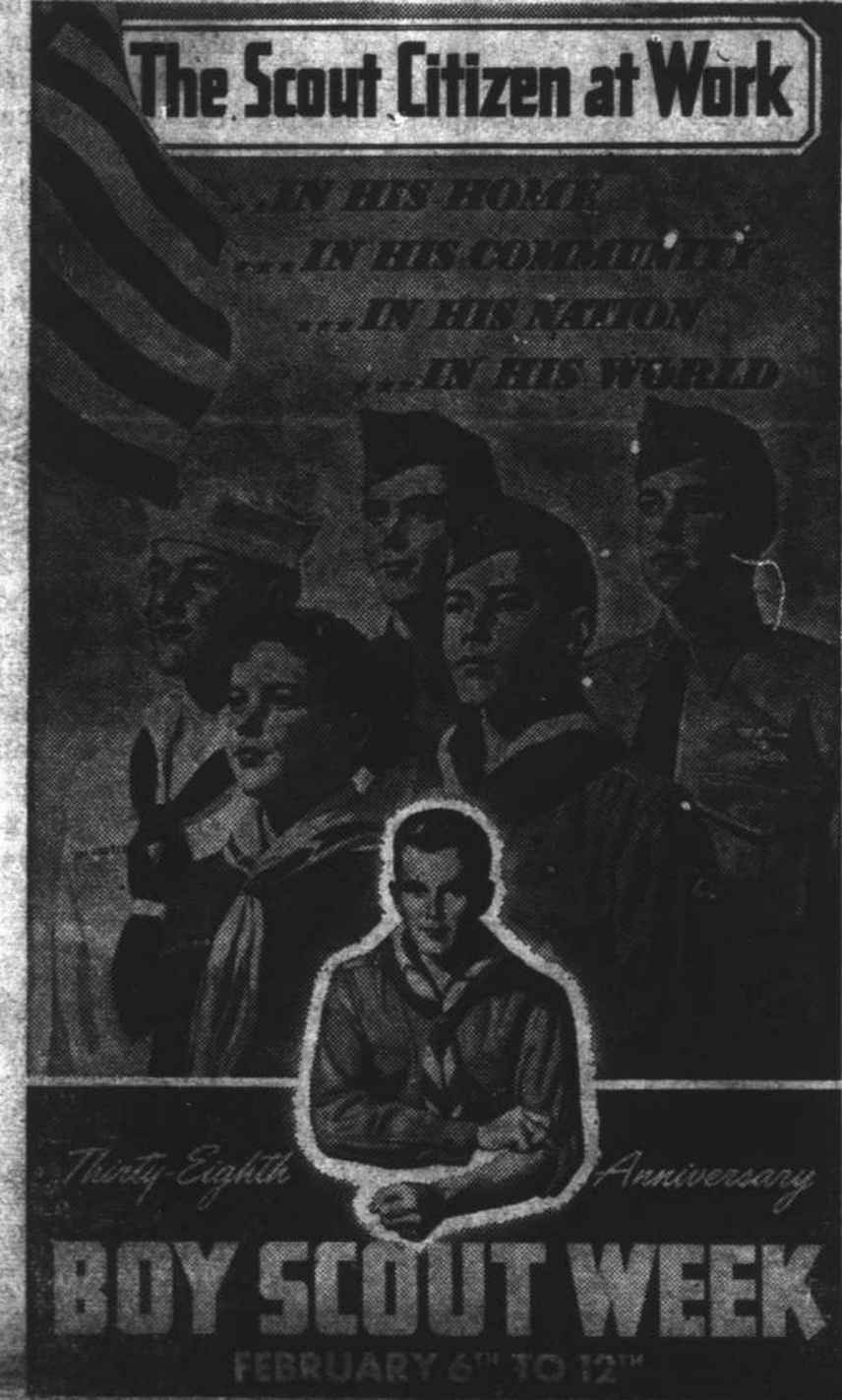
Directors of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in meeting at noon today elected R. M. Brame, Jr., as president to succeed J. B. Williams, president of the organization since it was formed in 1946.

Other officers elected were Joe Barber, vice president, and Richard Johnston, treasurer. Tom S. Jenrette is secretary-manager.

Mr. Brame, a young and progressive citizen, operates the Red Cross Pharmacy drug store on Tenth street. He has been very active in movements for progress and it is expected that the chamber will have a very successful year under his leadership.

The board of directors of the chamber went on record with a resolution highly commending the retiring president, J. B. Williams, for his diligent efforts in the organization period and for his leadership and guidance as head of the chamber. Mr. Williams stated in meeting of the board last week that he could not be president for another year because of his health.

The board of directors adopted the program of work for the year, which included suggestions by members in addition to proposed program as released a few weeks ago.



More than 2,000,000 members of the Boy Scouts of America will observe Boy Scout Week, Feb. 6th to 12th, marking the 38th anniversary of the organization. This year Boy Scouts are emphasizing conservation of food and natural resources, planting gardens, safety and fire prevention, home repairs and personal health check-up. Scouting promotes world peace through World Jamborees and practical help among 42 nations with 4,409,780 members. Through its World Friendship Fund of voluntary gifts the Boy Scouts of America helps Scouts overseas to rebuild their units. So far, more than 3,000 tons of equipment have been shipped. Above is the official poster marking the Scout birthday.

Mrs. W. J. Allen Funeral Friday

Well Known Local Citizen Died Early Today; Last Rites Friday, 2:30

Mrs. Ella Allen, wife of W. J. Allen, of this city, died at her home on D street at one a. m. today. She had been in ill health for years but a sudden attack was attributed as the cause of death.

Mrs. Allen was a well known and highly esteemed resident of this city and news of her death was received with sorrow by many friends.

Born September 20, 1882, Mrs. Allen was 65 years of age. She was married April 4, 1910, to Mr. Allen. Two sons, James and Frank Allen, of this city, survive. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Jimmie, Frank and Mickey Lynn, and one sister, Mrs. Sallie Journey.

Funeral service will be held Friday, 2:30, at the First Baptist church and burial will be in Mount Lawn cemetery. Dr. John T. Wayland, pastor, will conduct the service, assisted by Rev. J. H. Armbrust, of Statesville.

Third Degree Rites, Barbecue Planned By K. of P. Lodge

The third rank team from Winston-Salem will confer the third degree on three candidates of the North Wilkesboro Knights of Pythias lodge in the meeting here Monday night, 7:30. The candidates are Forrest Jones, James Osborne and Wm. A. Vannoy.

At the close of the meeting barbecue will be served. Every member of the lodge is asked to attend.

Mrs. John Brown Taken By Death

Mrs. Gertie Tuttle Brown, 55, wife of John A. Brown, of this city, died Wednesday afternoon at the Wilkes hospital. She had been ill since December 7.

Mrs. Brown was a daughter of the late John and Lauretta Ward Tuttle, of Stoneville. Thirty-three years ago on December 15 she was married to Mr. Brown and they made their home here for the past 20 years.

Funeral service will be held Friday, 11 a. m., at the First Baptist church, where Mrs. Brown was a member, and burial will be in Mount Lawn Memorial Park.

Surviving Mrs. Brown are her husband, seven brothers and five sisters; Dewitt, Dewey, Bill and Robert Tuttle, all of Stoneville; J. G. Tuttle, Kernersville; T. W. Tuttle, Pine Hall, and Dave Tuttle, Winston-Salem; Mrs. R. B. Simms and Mrs. R. D. Roberts, both of Stoneville, and Miss Anne Tuttle, Mrs. C. O. McNiel and Mrs. W. O. Absher, all of North Wilkesboro.

Square Dance For Youth Center Soon

Saturday, Feb. 14, Date For Event At Wilkes Implement Co.

North Wilkesboro Dokies club is planning a big square dance for the benefit of the Wilkes Youth Center.

Saturday night, February 14, has been set as the date for the big event, which will be held at Wilkes Implement company, located on highway 115 near the State Highway offices and garage.

Many interesting features for the event are planned, including attendance prizes for ladies. All proceeds will go into the Wilkes Youth Center fund, and attendance on the part of the public will be appreciated by the sponsors. Further announcement will appear next week.

Cake, Pie and Box Supper at Ferguson On Saturday Night

A cake, pie and box supper, plus a recreation party, will be held at Ferguson school Saturday night, February 7, beginning at seven o'clock.

Many prizes will be given, including a beautiful strand of pearls and a comb and brush set donated by Carl W. Steele's Jewelry; a blanket and bedspread given by Harris Brothers Department store.

The Parent-Teacher Association is sponsor of the program and an enjoyable occasion is assured all who will attend.

POLIO SQUARE DANCE

Will Be Held Saturday Night In Spacious Gymnasium

Square dance for the Infantile Paralysis campaign will be held Saturday night, 8:30, in Wilkesboro's new and spacious gymnasium.

The dance was originally scheduled for Saturday night of last week but was postponed because of weather conditions.

Jim Golden and His Carolina Pals, popular radio string band, will be the musicians for the county-wide dance. Admission will be one dollar each for adults and 50 cents each for students.

R. W. Gwyn, Jr., campaign chairman, and Sam Ogilvie, chairman of the Wilkes chapter of the foundation, reported today that the halfway point in the drive for \$5,200 had been reached, mainly through splendid work on the part of the schools, some of which have conducted very successful campaigns. It was emphasized that all will be given an opportunity to participate during the next few days.

Needs Of County System Shown By Supt. Eller

Says Tax Levy Would Be Too Slow and Too Great Without Bond Issue

In an interview here today C. B. Eller, superintendent of the Wilkes County school system, advocated a Wilkes county bond issue of \$700,000 to meet the most pressing needs for school buildings in Wilkes county.

"The schools of Wilkes need two million dollars for building and equipment in order to house every boy and girl in a comfortable and healthful way, and this figure does not include the North Wilkesboro city school system," Supt. Eller said.

Continuing with estimates of cost, the head of the county school system explained that approximately \$700,000 would provide the needed classrooms with water, plumbing and heating systems. This minimum figure would not provide adequate libraries, auditoriums and laboratories, which, included with classrooms, would more than double the minimum estimate.

"Due to present debt limitation laws and the amount of tax that can be levied each year it is impossible to raise two million dollars for many years to come," Supt. Eller continued.

Taking into consideration the present indebtedness of the county and the total assessed valuation of approximately \$20,000,000, the county can borrow about \$700,000 under debt limitation laws, provided the bond issue is approved by vote of the people. Any other money for school buildings must come from

Continuing with his discussion of financing, Supt. Eller stated: "The cheapest way to build buildings is to levy and pay for the buildings when constructed, but that is a difficult task due to magnitude of the present needs. It would take a one dollar levy on the hundred dollar valuation ten years to raise two million dollars. At the end of the ten-year period the big majority of students now in school would have passed school age without benefits of facilities they need."

"The county could borrow \$700,000.00 and use it to build class rooms, install water, plumbing and heating systems. This amount plus a substantial levy each year would soon provide enough class rooms to house the students, but it will take many years to secure such needed facilities as libraries, laboratories and auditoriums. If the state or federal government should provide help then the job can be done more quickly.

"To borrow \$700,000.00 by issuing twenty-year bonds (one twentieth or \$35,000.00 to become due each year for twenty years) would cost the tax payer 25c on each \$100.00 valuation for the first year but would decrease each year as the bonds are retired."

In a recent survey of school needs, the following estimates were given on number of classrooms and cost, which would include toilet rooms, plumbing, water system, heating and sewage disposal at schools where such facilities are not provided or where expansion of such facilities would be necessary:

Wilkesboro: eight classrooms, \$61,000.

Somers: seven classrooms, \$61,000.

Boomer: \$12,500.

Moravian Falls: \$8,500.

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Moravian Falls Forms 4-H Club

In January meeting the Moravian Falls 4-H club was reorganized for 1948 and plans are for a most active year.

The following officers were elected for the year: Charlie Bentley, president; Johnny Miller, vice president; Shelby Jean Lackey, secretary-treasurer; Miss Thelma Laws, school leader; Bobby Meadows, newspaper reporter; Wanda Smith, song leader; Mrs. Bud Howell, community 4-H club leader.

OVERSEAS RELIEF DRIVE SUNDAY

Postponed Last Sunday On Account Weather; Trucks Will Tour Wilkesboros Sunday Afternoon at Two o'Clock

By DR. GILBERT R. COMBS

Since weather conditions made it necessary to postpone for a week the community collection of relief supplies to the destitute people of Europe, we hope that the people of Wilkes county have used the extra time to make another survey of closets and trunks to supplement the bundles already prepared, and that the collection next Sunday be even larger. Please remember that clothing, bedding and shoes come first but that many other items can be used and are greatly needed: any sizeable remnant of fabric, feed or flour bags, soap, children's toys, bed linens, and many other things.

The people of the two Wilkesboros will please have their bundles, in cartons or bags, on their front porches by two o'clock on Sunday, February 8th. We hope that the people of the county are cooperating fully and generously through their schools.

Please help generously to "Fill a Ship with Friendship!" We feel very sure that if you could see the face and hear the words of gratitude of some half-starved child or some shivering adult, as he receives your garments and goods, you would share even to the point of sacrifice.

At the close of the meeting barbecue will be served. Every member of the lodge is asked to attend.