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HOME DEMONSTRATION WOMEN LEARN COMFORT MAKING



Home Demonstration club women are pictured here admiring a beautiful comfort made of feathers and cloth in a comfort making demonstration recently conducted here by Mrs. Annie H. Greene, home demonstration agent. Left to right on the picture are: Mrs. Taft Foster, of Champion; Mrs. Greene, home agent; Mrs. W. J. Proffit, of the Lewis Fork club; Mrs. Lizzie Walsh, of the Pleasant Ridge club; Miss Margaret Morrison, assistant home agent.—(Photo by Lane Atkinson, Jr.)

G. O. P. County Convention Will Be Held Saturday

Wilkes county Republicans will meet in biennial convention Saturday, March 13, one p. m., at the Wilkes courthouse, according to the convention call by N. B. Smithey, chairman, and T. E. Story, secretary of the county Republican executive committee.

At the convention a chairman and secretary will be elected and delegates will be named to the state and congressional conventions. The state convention will be held in Durham on March 18.

Republicans will perfect precinct organizations in meetings at the polling places throughout the county on Friday afternoon, one o'clock, with the exception of North Wilkesboro, where the meeting will be held at four p. m. at the town hall. The meetings, in addition to setting up precinct organizations, will name delegates to the county convention and select members of the executive committee.

One of the prominent party leaders who will attend the county convention will be Attorney Robert H. McNeill, of Washington, D. C., former candidate for governor and now one of several candidates for the post of national committeeman from North Carolina.

Wilkes Baptist Preachers' School

A school will be held for all Baptist preachers in Wilkes county Monday through Friday, March 15-19, at Wilkesboro Baptist church. Many Baptist leaders will take part in the school and attendance of all Baptist ministers in the county is highly desired.

Following is the schedule for devotional service each morning at ten o'clock: Monday, Rev. Victor Wattle; Tuesday, Rev. John Higgins; Wednesday, Rev. W. S. Luck; Thursday, Rev. A. W. Eller; Friday, Rev. Glenn Huffman.

"Acts of the Apostles" will be the subject of Dr. W. K. McGee, religious director of the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem, at 10:30 daily. Rev. N. B. Phillips, of Hendersonville, will discuss "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit as Revealed in Scripture and in Christian Experience."

For afternoon sessions Miss Madge Lewis will discuss associational work and Rev. E. C. Shoe will have the homiletical study. Rev. J. C. Pipes, of Taylorsville, state missionary, will deliver the inspirational messages.

DANCE POSTPONED

The square dance planned for Friday night at the Moravian Falls community house has been postponed to a later date, due to the arrival of the body of Pfc. Robert Laws, who was killed in the Pacific, and funeral plans in the community.

"The Hasty Heart", Broadway Play, At Liberty March 16

Coming Tuesday, March 16th, at the Liberty Theatre is Freddie Bartholomew, in person, in the outstanding Broadway success "The Hasty Heart", written by John Patrick.

Of all the delightful and charming plays that have come out of Broadway, "The Hasty Heart" has more real wit and comedy than any two plays combined. Freddie Bartholomew, who plays the star part, is very unusual and almost uncanny in his dialect impersonation of a good doctor. Not even a native of that country could find any fault with him. The play is extremely well-written, and gives him a chance to display all of his varied talents.

Theatre-goers are probably unaware that once in a life-time does a star get a part like "Lachlan" that would seem "made to order" for him. For in this play, Bartholomew runs the gamut of emotions, and under a supposed crusty exterior, he really has a heart of gold. His tenderness and love for "Sister Margaret" shows the real man!

Among the eight men and one woman comprising the cast, he shines like a lone star—so perfect is his performance! Not only will we accept Freddie Bartholomew in this play, which is his greatest vehicle at this time, but let us look forward to all future plays with all eagerness—we have a genius in our midst, and they are rare!

Kidnapping Betty At Mt. Pleasant

"Kidnapping Betty," a three-act comedy, will be presented by the Junior class of Mount Pleasant high school Tuesday, March 16, 7:30 p. m. In addition to the play will be a good movie. The public is cordially invited to the program, which assures plenty of entertainment for the evening.

NORTH WILKESBORO HIGH SCHOOL BAND TO BE HEARD IN CONCERT

On Monday, March 15th at 8 p. m., the North Wilkesboro high school band will present a concert in the high school auditorium.

The program will be as follows:

"Blue Devil Mounties", Richards; "Prelude and Fugue in B Minor"; Bach; "The New Colonial March", Hall; "Song of India", Rimsky-Korsakov; "The Scarlet Mask Overture", Zamecnik; "The Magic Flute", three melodies from Mozart; "Coronation" (a musical Episode), Skroneka; "Invercargill March", Lithgow; "The Old Grey Mare", Yoder; "Stars and Stripes Forever" Sousa.

There will be no admission, and the public is invited.

Recently three local band students were selected to go to the Northwestern band clinic held at High Point. The clinic was sponsored by the North Carolina Bandmasters' Association and lasted for two days. Those who represented our band made a good showing. Frances Harris, John Gibbs and Corina Finley were chosen to go. Mr. Bone, the Duke University band director, was director of the clinic band. Thirty-four high school bands were represented in the clinic band. The first night the Davidson band gave a concert for the guests and the second night the all state clinic band gave a concert.

Saturday, March 13th, the North Wilkesboro high school band plans to take part in the district contest at Winston-Salem. There they will be criticized and rated. The judges will be Mr. Bone, the Duke University band director; Mr. Slocum, Chapel Hill band director; and Mr. Pfohl, the Davidson College band director.

Veterans Foreign Wars Memorial Building Fund

By S. L. WHITAKER (Post Commander)

As has been announced thru the press and by radio, the Local Post 1142, Veterans Foreign Wars is going to build a home, just outside the city limits on Highway No. 421.

We believe there are many citizens of the county who want to contribute to this memorial building. It will be dedicated to the service men and women of Wilkes county of all wars, who gave their lives, that we who are left, may continue to enjoy living our chosen way of life.

Some of you may want to contribute money, other lumber and still others concrete blocks. We will need about 20,000 of these blocks and they will cost almost 25c per block. They may be dedicated to a relative or friend who died in service, and the name will be posted in the building as a permanent record.

A convenient coupon is below and you may use this to indicate the number of blocks you wish to give for this splendid memorial building. Any number from one up, you wish to buy will be very greatly appreciated. We want the names of all who give so that the names may be published.

Coupon

I will give _____ Concrete Blocks for Veterans Foreign Wars Memorial Building and enclose \$_____ (dollars) to cover cost of same. Please dedicate them to _____ (deceased).

Signed _____

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New Dates Made For Soil Conservation Speaking Contest

By PAUL CHOPLIN (County Agent)

Due to the unusually bad weather which has necessitated the closing of schools throughout the state, we have decided to postpone the Soil Conservation speaking contest. The dates have been set as follows: school elimination, March 28; county elimination, April 2; group elimination, April 9; state final, April 16.

The Wilkes county elimination will be held at the North Wilkesboro Town Hall, Friday, April 2, at 7:30 p. m.

LOCAL

Mrs. T. R. Hayes visited in Greensboro last week.

Mr. T. R. Hayes and family visited relatives in Greensboro Sunday.

Mr. Junior Lovette is erecting a garage at his home near Millers Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lee left Saturday for a several days' vacation at Miami, Fla.

Miss Vera Bumgarner spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. M. O. Caton, at Ayden.

Mr. Vernon Minton is erecting a new home in the Arbor Grove community near Millers Creek.

Mr. John Andrews, of Boomer, is recovering from an operation performed at Blackwelder hospital in Lenoir.

Rev. Fred Blevins, of Oakwoods, will preach Sunday night, seven o'clock, at Goshen Baptist church. The public is cordially invited to the service.

Mr. Jimmy Hethcock, student at Pfeiffer College, was here for the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hethcock.

Miss Blanche Ferguson, of Wilkesboro, will leave Friday to visit her brother, Mr. W. H. Ferguson, at Curles Neck farm near Richmond, Va.

Attorney J. E. Holshouser, of Boone, member of the law firm of Trivette, Holshouser and Mitchell, has been attending court in Wilkesboro this week.

Miss Jean Caudill, an experienced cosmetologist, has accepted a position with the Hinshaw Beauty Shop. Miss Caudill formerly was in Winston-Salem.

Mr. J. R. Owens, well known citizen of the Wilbar community, is ill at the home of a son near Millers Creek. Until recently, Mr. Owens was keeper of the county home.

Mrs. L. R. Toburen and young son, Lawrence Ricker, Jr., arrived here Tuesday from Denver, Colo., to visit with Mrs. Toburen's mother, Mrs. R. M. Brame, and other relatives.

Born to Major and Mrs. Henry M. Wellman, Jr. of Hickory, a son, Henry Wellman, III, on March 9. The new arrival is a grandson of Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Wellman, of Wilkesboro.

Mrs. M. H. Blythe returned last week to her home at Princeton, Ky., after spending two weeks in Wilkesboro with her sister, Mrs. W. W. Miller, and her brother, Mr. Prince E. Forester.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smoak, Mr. Charles Sink, Mr. William Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Caudill, attended the Southern Conference basketball tournament Thursday through Saturday at Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lowe have moved into their new nine-room residence in Forest Hill development. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Curry have purchased the residence formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, and will move there.

Mr. H. G. Nichols is able to be out again after an illness of two weeks, during which time he was a patient at the Wilkes hospital for several days. Mr. Nichols expects to return to his position at Carter-Hubard Publishing company within the next few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin Bailey, of Chapel Hill, Miss Frances Rousseau, of Raleigh, Miss Nancy Rousseau and her roommate, Miss Betty Ann Skale, of Raleigh, both students at Duke University, were here for the week-end with Judge and Mrs. J. A. Rousseau. Mrs. Bailey and the Misses Rousseaus are daughters of Judge and Mrs. Rousseau.

Grand Jury Has Busy Session In Superior Court

Several Recommendations Made After Inspection County Properties

The grand jury in the current term of Wilkes county had a busy session and made a number of recommendations, report of Joe Godbey, chairman, disclosed.

Of 80 bills of indictment examined, 65 were found true bills, six not true bills and nine were continued for lack of evidence.

At the school bus garage the grand jury recommended that the grounds be surfaced to eliminate mud and that the place be given a thorough cleaning.

Several repairs were asked at the county courthouse, including new plaster in the office of the clerk of court and as usual the report asked additions to the vaults in the office of the clerk of court, register or deeds, and construction of a vault for the county accountant.

Meanwhile, the county commissioner has asked for bids on enlarging the vaults.

At the county home, the grand jury reported that some improvements had been made recently in correcting conditions cited by the state welfare department and that a new keeper had been employed.

Large water pipe and septic tank improvements were asked at the county tuberculosis sanatorium. It was also recommended that the staff be enlarged because two workers and one voluntary worker are trying to care for 12 patients.

Formal Opening Brame's Friday

Brame's Drug Store, for almost a half century one of northwestern North Carolina's best known wholesale and retail drug firms, will have formal opening of the newly remodeled and modernized store Friday, March 12th.

The store, located on the corner of Main and Ninth streets, has been remodeled into one of the state's most attractive and modernistic stores.

For the opening Friday, special arrangements have been made to receive and serve a record number of visitors. Door prizes and souvenirs will be given.

Interior of the building was completely remodeled and renovated, including new ceiling, new floors, renovated walls, new heating system and the cold cathode system of interior lighting. Remodeling also included the stock rooms.

A deluxe fountain was installed, along with new fixtures, new booths and a glass enclosed prescription counter.

Brame Drug Store was founded here by the late Dr. R. M. Brame and is now owned and operated by two of his sons, Phillip and William J. Brame, both of whom are registered pharmacists.

With the formal opening announcement is another development of major interest. Brame Drug Store here has obtained the Walgreen Agency, famous from coast to coast. This agency will enable the store to have full advantage of the group buying power of the Walgreen system. Emerson Bell, of Valdosta, Ga., district manager for Walgreen, is here for the opening and helping to set up the Walgreen system in the highly modern store.

Additional drugs and merchandise are now stocked to make the store one of the most complete drug firms in North Carolina. In addition to a wider variety of drugs, the store now stocks a complete line of drugs and supplies for veterinarians.

Everybody is invited to visit the newly remodeled store Friday.

Meet Industrial Committee To Be Held Friday, 7:30

The Industrial committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, of which J. B. Williams is chairman, will meet Friday, 7:30 p. m., at the Chamber of Commerce office.

A representative of the North Carolina department of Conservation and Development will meet with the committee for a discussion on possibilities for industrial expansion in this community.

There will be a discussion of ideas which have worked successfully at other points and what can be done here.

Plans are under way for filing with the state department data on this community's industrial possibilities.

This is a very important meeting of the committee and every member is asked to attend.

Duke Power Co. Improving Lines In Wilkes County

Like every business in Wilkes County the Duke Power Company is having growing pains.

Two contracting crews, in addition to their own local men, are working every day the weather will permit on new construction and maintenance. It was explained by the local office that lines are so overloaded that, even though the backlog of new additions is immense, men must be diverted to rebuilding whenever new materials arrive.

One crew is now rebuilding the circuit from the substation along D Street to the Reddies River Bridge. This will have two fold effect of increasing the capacity of the line feeding the Millers Creek section and relieving the overloaded city lines. The service to both will thereby be greatly improved.

Several rural lines also are on the program for rebuilding as soon as materials are available. Transformers that were ordered in 1945 are expected in April. When their installation is completed the capacity of the local substation will be more than doubled.

New automatic regulators, reclosing switches and other devices to improve the quality of the service have been on order for many months but are not expected for several more.

When all improvements on schedule have been completed Wilkes County will have as good service as any in the Carolinas.

Ask For Bids On Building Vaults To Courthouse

Wilkes county board of commissioners is asking for bids on construction of additional vaults to the offices of clerk of court and register of deeds.

Plans call for vaults 19 by 30 feet to be erected on each side of the front of the courthouse. The vaults are to be of brick and concrete construction.

Plans and specifications may be obtained from the office of Troy C. Foster, register of deeds and clerk to the board of county commissioners.

Grand juries for several years have recommended enlarged vaults for the two offices for safe keeping of county records.

Jaycees Sponsors Bill Monroe Show Friday Night Here

Bill Monroe and his Blue Grass Boys, famous radio show, will appear in person Friday night, 7:30 o'clock, in North Wilkesboro high school gymnasium under sponsorship of the Junior chamber of Commerce.

All profits from the show will go into the North Wilkesboro school gymnasium improvement fund. All who will attend are assured of a good show.

Major Cases Are Tried In Superior Court This Term

Woman Pleas Guilty Second Degree Murder; Jury Frees Minton

Cling Minton, Boomer resident who was convicted and sentenced ten to twelve years in March, 1947, for fatally shooting Atwell Wilson Parsons, Boomer youth, was acquitted in Wilkes court Wednesday as the new trial granted him by the supreme court terminated.

The jury returned the acquittal verdict after deliberating the case for two hours.

In the trial Tuesday, the defense was permitted to introduce evidence that Parsons with others, was at the Silver Dollar place of business near Minton's and that a brawl originated there. When the place closed they proceeded to Minton's small store a short distance away. There was evidence of a non-communicated threat on the part of Parsons. A new trial was won on the contention that testimony should have been admitted.

State's evidence was to the effect that Minton shot Parsons with a revolver shortly after he entered the building and without provocation. Defense witnesses said that Minton ordered Parsons out and that he refused to leave and that he shot in self defense.

Through counsel Miss Myrt Woodie, resident of the Peak Creek community atop the Bigs Ridge near the Wilkes-Ashe line, entered a plea of second degree murder for fatally shooting her brother-in-law, Tam Miller, on a mountain path between their homes last December 1st.

Judge Dan K. Moore began hearing evidence in the case late Wednesday. Sheriff C. G. Poindecker related his conversation with the defendant, in which she said that she shot Miller because he had been abusing his wife (her sister) and their family of several children. She claimed that Miller had run his children away from home and caused them great hardships.

Judge Dan K. Moore today sentenced Miss Woodie to ten years in prison after attorneys had made pleas for light sentence and the prosecution had spoken for full punishment. Judge Moore explained that in the discretion of the court he could mete out sentence from two to 30 years.

Miss Woodie, age about 45, took the sentence calmly. She had been free under bond and was escorted to jail to await beginning of her sentence.

The following minor cases have been disposed of since the last published report:

Frank Barnes, operating car while intoxicated, six months suspended on payment \$100 fine and costs, and to pay \$207 for Marvin Dobe Eller; driver license revoked 12 months.

George Carl Bard, speeding, fine of \$25 and costs.

Ruffin Kennedy, assault, six months suspended on payment of \$616 to Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital for Esther Baughness.

Jones Edward Miller, speeding, fine of \$25 and costs.

Quentin Ferguson, operating car while intoxicated, sentence changed to six months suspended on payment \$150 fine and costs; driver license revoked twelve months.

A divorce was granted in the case of Sibil Mae Williams versus Buster Williams.

Eller's Blue Jackets Beat All Stars 72-58

Eller's Bluejackets staged a mild upset last night to defeat Millers Creek all-stars 72-58 and win second half championship of the Wilkes Industrial League. The all stars won the first half.

Laws Funeral To Be On Saturday

Funeral service will be held Saturday afternoon, two o'clock, at Moravian Falls Methodist church for Pfc. Robert Laws, who was killed while in service in the marine corps in the Pacific area.

Pfc. Laws was a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Laws, of Brentwood, Md., and grandson of Mr. R. Don Laws, of Moravian Falls. He was killed on Tulagi, December 9th, 1942. His body will arrive at Moravian Falls Friday.

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