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Large Crowd Asks Construction Traphill Highway

Commissioner Is Impressed With Meeting Tuesday

Traphill Road Improvement Principal Object Of Meeting

Six hundred Wilkes county citizens packed the North Wilkesboro city hall and overflowed into the hallways Tuesday night for the citizens' road meeting, asking improvement of roads in the county and particularly construction of the Traphill road from Mountain View to Dougherty.

Raymond K. Smith, of Mount Airy, eighth division highway commissioner, and Zeb V. Stewart, division engineer, were visibly impressed by the great interest shown by the attendance of such a great crowd of citizens.

At the close of the meeting Commissioners Smith and Stewart briefly commended the people for their interest and stated that the highway commission would continue to do the very best they could with what they had to do with. He cited high cost of highway construction, saying that \$20,000 per mile was the cheapest figure they could hope for, even on secondary roads. He assured the people that their road needs would be met as rapidly as practical.

R. M. Brame, Jr., North Wilkesboro merchant who is president of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, opened the meeting and welcomed the people. He called on W. H. McElwee, prominent local attorney and member of the chamber's Roads committee, sponsor of the meeting, to preside.

Chairman McElwee explained the purpose of the meeting to give the people of the county opportunity to be heard on their road needs, and that while the meeting was planned particularly for urging construction of the Traphill road, the Chamber of Commerce was interested in all roads and that other groups would be heard following discussion of the Traphill project.

The first speakers were representatives of North Wilkesboro civic organizations. Paul Osborne, vice president and past president of the Kiwanis club, stated in favor of that organization in the Traphill project and other roads. W. C. Marlow, Lions club president, spoke for the Lions club and enthusiastically endorsed the project.

J. B. Williams, past president of the Chamber of Commerce, highly complimented the highway officials and employees for their splendid service to the people and cited the importance of construction of the Traphill road.

Vernon Deal, cashier of the Northwestern Bank and J. R. Hix, president of the Bank of North Wilkesboro, in brief talks summarized the great need of a highway into the northeastern part of the county. They were followed with brief addresses by Dr. F. C. Hubbard, chief of staff of the Wilkes hospital, and T. S. Kenerly, mayor of North Wilkesboro.

P. E. Brown, prominent lumber manufacturer and former sheriff of Wilkes, called attention to the great and undeveloped resources of the Traphill and adjacent communities, which he said had been handicapped by lack of a highway. N. B. Smith, widely known local merchant, expressed much interest in highway construction and particularly the need of the Traphill proposed highway.

Traphill People Speak
 At this point in the meeting opportunity was given the people in the northeastern part of the county to express their views. Grover Pendry, of Hays, stated that he was maintenance man for 15 years on the present Traphill road, which he described as inadequate and extremely difficult to maintain because of the heavy traffic and numerous curves.

Rev. A. C. Sidden was the next speaker and he called attention to the great area with many people who are not now near a paved road. He stated that a road during the past winter had become impassable and that the people were practically marooned out of reach of a doctor or hospital. Other speakers for the Traphill project were Blaine Sparks, of Traphill, a deputy sheriff, W. See — ROADS — Page 12

Mrs. McDuffie Rites Conducted Tuesday

Funeral service for Mrs. F. J. McDuffie, who died Sunday night, was held Tuesday afternoon at the Wilkesboro Methodist church.

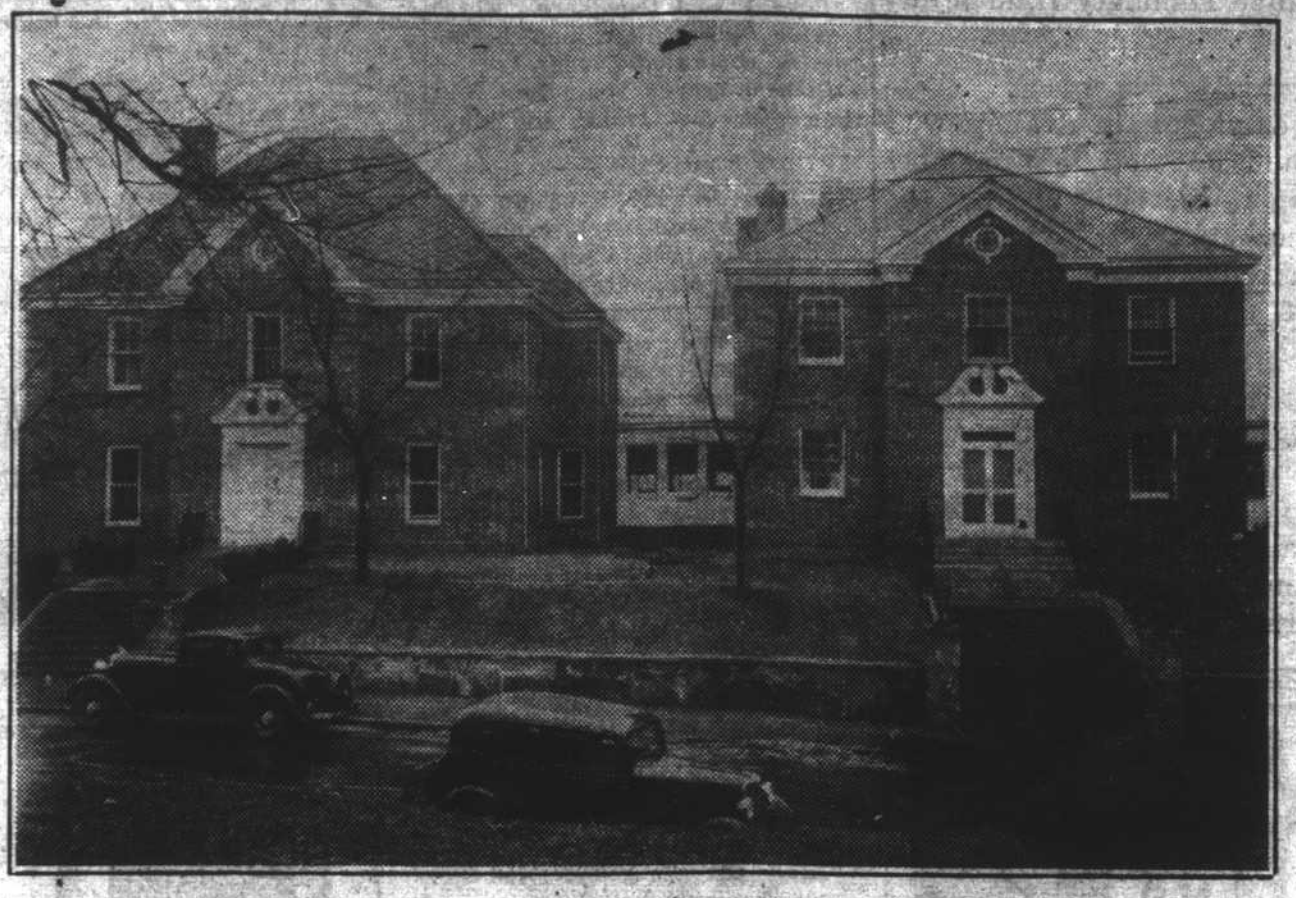
Rev. H. M. Wellman, pastor, was assisted in the service by Rev. W. N. Brookshire, pastor of the Wilkesboro Baptist church. The body lay in state at the church for one hour and many people attended the service.

Pall bearers were W. B. Somers, C. G. Poindexter, Troy Foster, J. F. Jordan, T. E. Story and T. R. Bryan. Honorary pall bearers were members of the Wilkes Bar Association. Numerous and beautiful floral tributes were evidences of esteem for the life of Mrs. McDuffie in the community.

Out-of-town relatives attending the funeral included the following: Mrs. A. B. Moss, Mrs. Earl Moss and Russell Moss, of Creedmoor; M. C. McDuffie, C. L. McDuffie, K. A. Bullard and Mrs. Mae Hill Spivey, of Sanford; Mrs. Floyd Foltz, Misses Frances and Flossie Bowman and Lester Bowman, of Harrisonburg, Va.

Burial was in Mountain Park cemetery at Wilkesboro.

WILKES HOSPITAL HAS 25TH ANNIVERSARY



Wilkesboro Beats Taylorsville 8-0 In Baseball Game

Wilkesboro high school Ramblers shutout Taylorsville Tuesday afternoon at Taylorsville 8 to 0 in the first game of the season.

Whittington pitched a masterpiece for Wilkesboro and allowed only two hits while striking out 13. Remarkable for the opening game, the Wilkesboro boys played errorless ball.

Craig with a homer and Lowe with a triple figured in the 11-hit attack by the Ramblers.

The first game in Wilkesboro will be Friday afternoon, three o'clock, against the strong team from Sparta. All baseball fans present will enjoy the game.

The Wilkesboro Ramblers bid to be one of the best high school baseball combinations in this section of the state.

RAPID GROWTH OF THE WILKES HOSPITAL HERE IS INTERESTING

Friday, April 2, will mark the 25th anniversary of the Wilkes hospital, an institution which has rendered long and inestimable service to Wilkes and adjoining counties.

On April 2, 1923, Dr. Fred C. Hubbard, who was born and reared in Wilkesboro, opened the Wilkes hospital in a large frame residence building on Eighth street.

With Dr. Hubbard to this city came Miss Toby Turner, superintendent of the hospital from opening day until now, and Miss Norma Stevenson, now assistant anesthetist. Miss Mamie Witherspoon, who is also on the staff, came within a short time, and Miss Hattie McNeill for many years was night superintendent.

A comparison of the institution then and now reflects great progress, not only of the hospital, but of the growth and development of the Wilkesboros and all Wilkes county. Dr. Hubbard opened the hospital with a capacity of ten beds. Surgery, medicine, laboratory, obstetrics and dietetics were the services afforded.

Mrs. C. C. Woodie, of North Wilkesboro, was the first patient admitted to the hospital, on April 3, 1923.

During those early days of the institution the loyalty of the above named personnel and others who became a part of institution was of great value in its continuing existence. Several organizations and individuals helped greatly with material assistance to the young hospital, which was filling a long felt need in the community. Nurses then worked from 12 to 20 hours per day. Their hard work was a great factor in early success of the hospital. The surgical and medical staff was composed of Dr. Hubbard—with Dr. C. S. Sink as anesthetist.

The hospital continued to grow and in four years after it opened several rooms were added on the east side of the building. Eight years later, in 1935, the new wing was erected with three floors. It is of fireproof construction. The old building, which was connected to the new, was renovated and made fire resistant. The new construction afforded more wards and rooms, a new operating suite, new X-ray and laboratory equipment and modern kitchen.

A separate obstetrics department was also made possible. The bed capacity was increased to 45, which was four and one-half times the original capacity. Since 1935 additional space has been utilized to bring the bed capacity to 55.

Work of the hospital has increased rapidly through the years, and now the hospital is filled to capacity practically all the time. Additional space for beds, doctors' offices, X-ray and laboratory and other facilities is badly needed.

In 1941 additional housing space was obtained in a building next door to the hospital for an adequate nurses' home.

Services of the hospital have expanded with other progress. It is needless to say that the one

WILKES COUNTY CORN GROWING CONTEST BEING SPONSORED BY WILKES CHAMBER COMMERCE

By J. P. OHOPLIN, County Agent, and H. C. COLVARD, Assistant Agent.

The Wilkes Chamber of Commerce realizes that one way to reduce the cost of the production of corn in Wilkes county is by increasing the yield per acre through the use of improved methods of fertilization, cultivation, management and use of better seed. The average corn yield in Wilkes county for 1946 was 25.2 bushels per acre. Corn is one of the most essential sources of food for human and animal consumption. Anything that can be done to increase the yield of corn per acre will be a great asset in enabling the farmers of Wilkes county to adequately feed the people and livestock of the county and to encourage an increase in profitable livestock and poultry production, thus resulting in a higher standard of living.

In 1945 Wilkes county produced 704,491 bushels of corn on 27,956 acres. If the average yield per acre was increased to 30 bushels an increase of 13.7 per cent would be realized above the 1945 crop. This increase would be 134,189 bushels, or on the present local market be worth \$315,344.15 to Wilkes county farmers.

For the above reasons the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this contest.

Rules and Regulations

1. Any person may participate in this contest by producing one acre of corn.
2. Entry date: All participants

must be registered in the county agent's office not later than June 1, 1948.

3. Anyone interested in entering this contest may secure information by contacting the farm agent's office, in the county courthouse.
4. The participant will be required to estimate his corn yield and turn in the estimated yield to the county agent's office.
5. There are no restrictions with reference to cultural practices in this contest.
6. To make the yield official and eligible for the prize money, the corn must be measured by a committee selected by the sponsor.
7. Results of yields must be in the county agent's office by November 15, 1948.
8. If for any reason the contestant should desire to gather his corn before official estimate is made, he should contact the county agent and request that a measurement be made. If this is not done he will forfeit his chance to participate in the prizes given.
9. The measuring standards recommended by the N. C. State College Extension Service will be used.

Awards: Prizes will be awarded on the following basis: 1st prize, \$35.00; 2nd prize, \$25.00; 3rd prize, \$20.00; 4th prize, \$15.00; 5th prize, \$10.00.

Information on adapted corn varieties, fertilization, cultivation and management will be given to the public by radio and newspaper articles.

Soil Speaking Contest Friday At Town Hall

(By Paul Choplin, County Agent, and Howard Colvard, Assistant County Agent).

School winners from each of the high schools of Wilkes county will meet at the city hall in North Wilkesboro on Friday, April 2, at 7:30 p. m., for the county Soil Conservation Speaking Contest. At this time the county winner will be selected to represent Wilkes county at the district contest at Lenoir on April 9th.

The county contest is being sponsored by the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce with prizes of \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00 for first, second, and third placing.

Judges for the county contest will be Paul E. Church, Kyle Hayes, and Tom S. Jenrette. Prizes will be awarded by W. K. Sturdivant.

The county winner will compete in the group elimination contest at Lenoir on April 9 at 1:30 in the agricultural building. The winner in this contest will attend the state finals at the State College Y.M.C.A. on April 16, at 1:30 p. m.

Flashers Will Begin Work 5th

Sports history will be made again in North Wilkesboro on Monday, April 5 when the North Wilkesboro Flashers begin spring training for the first professional team in history of this community.

Workouts will begin Monday on Wilkesboro high school field because Memorial Park field will not be ready until weather conditions permit more work on the infield. Players will report Monday morning, ten a. m., at the Wilkesboro field.

Henry (Flash) Loman, playing manager, will have on hand about 50 ball players, many of whom are already under contract. The team material appears to be at least three deep for all positions with additional rookies expected from Wilkes and other northwestern North Carolina counties.

Paul Pryor, 22, a class man pitcher from Woonsocket, R. I., was signed last week. He had successful seasons with Leaksville and Greensboro in the Carolina class B league. Robert Collins, 19, a 175-pound catcher, has been signed up and two pitchers will be sent here by the Greensboro Patriots. Collins is a brother of Steve Collins, manager of Kinston in the Coastal Plains league.

Vance Brewer, 87, Claimed By Death

Vance Brewer, 87-year-old resident of the Rock Creek community, died Wednesday.

Mr. Brewer, a member of a well known Wilkes family, is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sarah Ann Henderson, and the following sons and daughters: Thomas, Ollie, Beatrice and Gladys Brewer, of North Wilkesboro route two; Mrs. E. L. Crawford and Mrs. W. L. Page, of Winston-Salem.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete today.

Candidates May File Notice With Board Chairman

C. J. Jones, chairman of the Wilkes board of elections, today announced that any candidates for any county or township offices in Wilkes county may file notices of candidacy with him at this time.

Mr. Jones, magistrate who has his office at the North Wilkesboro town hall, is chairman of the board. M. B. McNeill, of North Wilkesboro, is the other Democratic member and the Republican member is expected to be E. R. Eller, of North Wilkesboro.

April 17, six p. m., is the deadline for filing notices of candidacy with the county board of elections.

churches and schools. Without better facilities, he continued, we cannot hope to progress and maintain better hospital and medical services. Larger and better hospitals and facilities, he explained, attract the most capable of the profession. We hope the day is at hand when a larger and better hospital will be provided, he said.

In this connection Dr. Hubbard specifically pointed to the proposal now gaining impetus for Wilkes county to take advantage of the opportunity provided by the Hill-Burton act and the Good Health Plan in North Carolina to obtain a modern and completely equipped hospital for 22.6 per cent of the total cost furnished by the county, with 77.4 per cent paid by the state and federal governments. Incidentally, Dr. Hubbard is chairman of the Health committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, which has unanimously advocated a proposal for a 100-bed hospital.

\$2,000 Is Quota Cancer Campaign In Wilkes County

Campaign to raise \$2,000 in Wilkes county for the American Cancer Society during the month of April was organized here this week.

Woman's clubs of the Wilkesboro are sponsors of the campaign. Mrs. E. E. Vaught is Wilkes county commander and T. E. Story will again be campaign manager. Blair Gwyn is county treasurer.

Organization meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Quincy Adams on Tuesday evening, March 30, with the county commander, the county chairman, the presidents and other officials of the two Woman's clubs present. Advertising and solicitation plans were worked out for the local communities and for the entire county.

The entire month of April will be considered Cancer Campaign month and contributions may be made at any time during the month. Actual solicitation of funds will begin on Thursday, April 15th.

A final meeting of all workers will be held at the home of Mrs. J. R. Hix at 7:30 Monday evening, April 12th, at which time final instructions will be given and materials distributed.

Dry Kiln Fire Monday Night

Fire departments of Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro Monday night at ten p. m. extinguished a blaze at George Parler's lumber dry kiln in Wilkesboro, where much damage was done by the fire.

Firemen were called to the same location Tuesday morning at five o'clock to put out the fire, which had broken out again. Total damage was estimated to exceed \$6,000.

Fewer livestock on farms and smaller feed grain supplies will mean less meat in 1948.

Education Meets Are Being Held In County Schools

Education committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce is furnishing speakers for a series of educational meetings in the schools throughout Wilkes county.

Schedule of these meetings, to which all patrons and others interested in educational progress are invited, was arranged by C. Arthur Venable, chairman of the Education committee, and C. B. Eller, superintendent of Wilkes county schools.

Eleven meetings have been scheduled for county schools and one for North Wilkesboro, where a city charter system is operated. Two speakers from the Chamber of Commerce will appear at each school, with the first discussing needs of the school system and the second talking about education from the viewpoint of a businessman.

Some of the meetings have been held and were well attended. The complete schedule follows:

March 18, C. C. Faw and W. D. Halfacre at Millers Creek.

March 25, J. B. Williams and C. Arthur Venable at Roaring River.

March 29, Joe Howard, David Parks and R. D. Pennell at Maple Springs.

March 30, John Prevette and Larry Moore at Mount Pleasant; C. C. Faw and Dr. H. B. Smith at Wilkesboro.

April 1, W. D. Halfacre and W. H. McElwee at Ronda.

April 2, C. O. McNeil and W. K. Sturdivant at Mountain View; Dwight Nichols and Kyle Hayes at Traphill.

April 3, Allie Hayes and Larry Moore at Ferguson.

April 9, J. H. Whicker and P. E. Brown at Mulberry.

April 22, speakers for North Wilkesboro to be announced.

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Preaching Services Oakwoods Baptist

Mr. Herman Johnson, of Moravian Falls, who has recently been licensed to preach, will conduct the evening services at Oakwoods Baptist church Sunday night, April 4.

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