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APPALACHIAN STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE BAND COMING FRIDAY FOR CONCERT



On Friday, April 9th, 1948, at 8 p. m. the Appalachian State Teachers College band will present a concert in the North Wilkesboro high school auditorium. Tickets are being sold by members of the North Wilkesboro high school band students at 35c and 60c.

The college band is composed of 44 pieces. Under the capable direction of Mr. George A. Nash, they have already won the name of being one of the most outstanding college bands in the state. They are now on a tour of which North Wilkesboro is to be their seventh stop.

They are expected to give an excellent program and a full house is anticipated. Everyone is invited.

DAVIDSON ALUMNI SPEAKER FRIDAY



Athletic Director Norman W. Shepard, left, and Professor Ernest A. Beaty, right, of Davidson College. These two men will be the featured speakers at the annual meeting of Davidson College alumni of the North Wilkesboro-Elkin area to be held in Hotel Wilkes at 7:00 o'clock Friday, April 9.

Seek Improvement Of Mail Service By Highway Postoffice

Chamber of Commerce Committee Studying Proposals For More Service

Governmental Affairs committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce here this week set in motion a movement to secure Highway Postoffice service for North Wilkesboro.

Possibility of additional mail service dispatch to and from North Wilkesboro was brought before the committee by Maurice Walsh, acting postmaster, and a committee was named to ascertain the greatest needs in more and faster mail service.

The committee also discussed securing a marker for historic Tory Oak in Wilkesboro and steps were taken to secure proper information on the possibility of obtaining it from the state.

The committee adopted an eight-point program of work: 1. Analyze state and national legislation and effects on this community; 2. Study "Legislative Daily" and "Business Action" proposals and publications by United States Chamber of Commerce; 3. Support helpful legislation and oppose detrimental legislation; 4. Evaluate governmental services as to effectiveness, improvement and unmet needs; 5. Recommend to board of directors action which the committee wishes the chamber to support; 6. Issue bulletins to membership relative to any urgent action needed by government groups and analyze controversial issues; 7. Encourage voting of citizens; 8. Invite elected representatives to Wilkes to get views of local people and to become acquainted with local problems.

P. W. Eshelman, committee chairman, presided and other members attending were W. O. Absher, M. F. Bumgarner, Larry Moore, T. E. Story and Maurice Walsh.

Car Crashes Into Marlow's Store

At four a. m. today a car belonging to Sherman Canter rolled off from where it was parked in front of Hotel Wilkes, proceeded across Ninth street intersection and crashed into the front of Marlow's Men's Shop. A plate glass show window was shattered and some damage was done to the framework of the store front.

173 Cases Seized Liquor Carried To Raleigh For Sale

J. C. Grayson, Wilkes county accountant, last week carried a truck load of 173 cases of liquor to Raleigh for sale by Wilkes county to the warehouse for ABC stores in North Carolina.

The liquor represented amounts from four seizures by law enforcement officers. The law provides that stamped liquor may be sold by the county in which it is seized, for legal sale.

The county has not received payment for the liquor, which will be from \$30 to \$35 per case, or more than \$5,000 for the load. Retail price on the liquor would be at least twice that amount.

Parkway to Open Travel Season For 1948 On April 15

On April 15, the Recreational Facilities of the Blue Ridge Parkway will be open for use and enjoyment of the public.

Areas available this season include Smart View and Rocky Knob Recreational Areas in Virginia, Crabtree Meadows, The Bluffs and Cumberland Knob Recreational Areas in North Carolina.

At Bluff and Rocky Knob Areas will be found trailer sites, campgrounds, large picnic areas, and many miles of foot trails. Crabtree Meadows, Smart View and Cumberland Knob Areas have large picnic grounds with tables, fire places, trail shelters, foot trails and outstanding scenic attractions.

Fishing in Basin and Cove Creeks in the Bluffs and Gully Creek in the Cumberland Knob Area will also open on April 15. Attention of those desiring to fish these streams is called to the following regulations governing fishing in these waters:

1. State Fishing Licenses are required in accordance with State laws. The Parkway as such does not charge for fishing, but persons desiring to fish in the streams within the boundaries of the Parkway must first obtain a proper license as required by the laws of the State wherein the stream in which they desire to fish is located.
2. The catch or creel limit of all fish allowed per person per day as well as the legal length of such fish, shall be in conformance with the laws of the State within which the fish are caught.
3. No bait fish, chubs or minnows, live or dead, may be used in these waters.

Members of the Ranger Force whom one will meet along the Parkway, from the Virginia-North Carolina line to Blowing Rock, N. C. are District Ranger Anthony E. Stark and Park Ranger Roscoe Reeves, these men have their headquarters at Laurel Springs, N. C. During visits to the Recreational Areas on this Section of the Parkway, Park Warden, Lonnie E. Carico at Cumberland Knob, and Park Warden Clay F. Caudill at Bluffs will assist in making your stay pleasant.

Inquiries concerning the Parkway should be addressed to: The Superintendent, Blue Ridge Parkway, P. O. Box 1710, Roanoke, Virginia.

Mrs. Alexander Is Claimed By Death

Mrs. Amy-Mae Alexander, wife of R. M. Alexander, well known citizen of the Ronda community, died Monday and funeral was held today at Pleasant Hill Baptist church with Rev. David Day and Rev. Marvin Burcham conducting the last rites.

Mrs. Alexander died following an operation for tumor of the brain Friday. A life-long resident of the Pleasant Hill community, she was the daughter of Micajah and Callie Phillips.

Her first husband, Hugh Day, died a number of years ago. Surviving are the husband; the following children: Grady Day, Mrs. Dick Hayes, Howard Alexander, and Misses Frances, Mary, and Billie Jo Alexander, all of Elkin; and Sergeant Homer Alexander, in Germany; three grandchildren; her mother; and three brothers, Eugene, Willie, and Dwight E. Phillips, all of Elkin.

Square Dance 9th At Moravian Falls

An old time square dance will be held Friday night, eight o'clock, at Moravian Falls community house for the community house improvement fund. These dances have been well attended and those who attend are assured of an enjoyable occasion.

Season Tickets For Baseball On Sale

Season tickets for all home games of the North Wilkesboro Flashers in the Blue Ridge league for the regular season beginning May 1 are now on sale at the office of Attorney Larry Moore, business manager, or Tal J. Pearson, club president. Price of the tickets are \$25.00 each, including tax, and are good for all 65 games on the home schedule, representing a saving of \$14 under regular price.

KNOTHOLE GANG BEING ORGANIZED BY OPTIMISTS AND BASEBALL CLUB

North Wilkesboro will have a Knothole Gang this summer with units all over the county.

Through generosity of Tal J. Pearson, president of the North Wilkesboro baseball club in the Blue Ridge league, and with joint sponsorship of the newly organized Optimist Club, children under 12 years of age who join the Knothole gang will be admitted free to all home games of the North Wilkesboro Flashers.

The idea of Knothole Gangs was originated for the benefit of underprivileged boys to give them an opportunity to attend baseball games and have worthwhile recreation and use of leisure time.

But for North Wilkesboro the Knothole gang will be all inclusive and all may join who are under 12 and who will sign and live up to the membership pledges. And the North Wilkesboro baseball club has gone a step farther and has opened the Knothole Gangs to boys and girls.

The membership card pledges the member to attend no games against wishes of parents, to uphold the principles of clean speech, clean sports and clean habits, to conduct themselves as fair sportsmen toward players and umpires, to refrain from use of profane language and from smoking at the games.

A special section of seating facilities will be set aside for the Knothole Gang and a member of the Optimist club will be on hand to look after the members.

Membership applications are now being distributed by the Boys Work committee of the Optimist Club. Members of the committee are: R. Ivey Moore, chairman, Carlyle Ingle, Archie Hege, J. C. Williams, Jr., Frank Walker, Lewis Hill Jenkins, Tal J. Pearson, James W. Harvel and William S. Thomas, Jr. Applications may also be obtained from Attorney Larry Moore, business manager of the North Wilkesboro baseball club.

Board Education Asks School Bond Election

Wilkes District Scout Committee In Meet Tuesday

Reports Received From Chairmen; Father and Weiner Roast Planned

The Wilkes District Committee of the Old Hickory Council held its regular meeting at the Yaddin Valley Motor Company Tuesday evening.

G. R. Andrews, chairman of Organization and Extension, reported plans for new units at Mulberry, Oakwoods and Pores Knob are moving along fine. He stated these troops should be registered in the near future. There are 16 units, 288 boys and 114 Scouters now registered in the county.

J. B. Carter, Advancement chairman, stated a Court of Honor for all Scouts in the county would be held at the First Presbyterian church, April 25th, at 7:30 p. m. All Churches are co-operating in this union service.

The annual Father and Son weiner roast for all Cubs, Scouts and Scouters will be held Saturday, April 24th, at Smoot Park. A good program, including a movie, is being planned for this event.

The District Camporee will be held during the month of May and the committee would like to urge all troops to begin their preparation for this District activity. All patrols participating will be awarded a pennant based on the score they receive and all boys will be given a pocket emblem for their participation.

The chairman announced the Council Executive Board will meet at the Wilkes Hotel, April 14th, at 7:00 p. m. All Council Operating Committees will meet at 6:00 p. m. prior to the board meeting.

The following committee members were present: S. M. Nelson, J. B. Carter, G. R. Andrews, Gordon Finley, R. I. Moore, Gilbert Foster, Floyd Woodward, George Wells, W. A. Brame and Ralph Harbinson.

Red Cross Chapter Asks For Reports

Wilkes chapter of the American Red Cross is asking an early report from all workers in the 1948 fund campaign. To date the fund is over \$1,000 short of the \$8,151 quota and all workers who have not completed their canvass are earnestly requested to put forth extra effort this week and make their reports.

Student Millers Creek School Is Winner Speaking

Carl Church, a student of Millers Creek high school, won first prize in the Wilkes county Soil Conservation Speaking contest held Friday night at the North Wilkesboro town hall.

Other contestants in the order they placed in the contest were: Miss Maxine Brookshire, Wilkesboro, second; Miss Ella Mae Stroud, Ronda, third; Edwin McGee, Mount Pleasant, fourth.

Prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 were awarded the first three winners by W. K. Sturdivant, chairman of the Agricultural committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce.

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Pass Resolution Asking Board To Call An Election

Ask For Election On Proposal To Issue \$700,000 School Building Bonds

Wilkes county board of education in April meeting this week passed a resolution requesting the Wilkes county board of commissioners to call a bond election to get the will of the people on a bond issue for schools.

The resolution asked that the county commissioners submit to the people proposal to issue the maximum amount of bonds possible for erection of school buildings. Under the law the county by vote of the people could issue slightly in excess of \$700,000.

In discussion of the resolution C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools and clerk to the board of education, pointed out that in the event the proposal is voted by the people that the funds would be earmarked for the various districts in the county according to their need for school building facilities.

A recent survey of school building needs indicated that a total amount of about \$2,000,000 is needed to adequately house the school children and provide needed facilities, and the estimated need for the minimum number of classrooms now would cost over \$700,000.

Discussing the expected passage of a measure granting federal aid to schools, Supt. Eller pointed out that aid to North Carolina would in all probability be used mainly for increased teacher salaries and employment of more teachers to decrease the teacher load. This would mean, he said, that the need for additional classrooms would be more desperate than ever. In this connection he said that two or more schools now are entitled to additional teachers, which cannot be employed because there are no more classrooms.

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No Clues Found On Robberies of Offices

Police Chief J. E. Walker said today that no arrests have been made in connection with the daring robbery of offices of Attorney W. H. McElwee and Dr. A. C. Chamberlain on the night of March 27.

Locks on the doors of the offices were jimmied and from the office of Attorney McElwee about \$275 in cash was taken. From the office of Dr. Chamberlain a quantity of gold used for dental work was taken. The gold has an estimated value of between \$400 and \$500.

Boy Scout Troop 34 Enjoys Camp

Boy Scout troop 34 enjoyed a week-end camping trip to Taylorsville Beach on Oxford lake Saturday and Sunday.

Fishing, boat riding, outdoor cooking and other Scout activities were thoroughly enjoyed.

Scouters accompanying the 18 boys were G. R. Andrews, Isaac Duncan, Clyde Pearson, Gilbert Foster and Buster Bush.

Scouts making the trip included Ernest Barnett, Charlie Crook, Wade Foster, William Hardister, Jr., Bobby Fotsat, Frank Rhodes, Kent Sturdivant, Harry Steele, Jimmy Sales, James Wallace, Quincy Winger, William Pearson, Bruce Wayland, Bobby Church, Johnnie Wyatt.

Board Equalization To Meet April 12th

The Wilkes county board of commissioners will meet as board of equalization on Monday, April 12, ten a. m., to hear complaints in regard to tax assessments for 1948.

Dokies to Meet

North Wilkesboro Dokies club will meet Friday, 8:30 p. m., at the Princess Cafe in North Wilkesboro. An interesting program has been arranged.

Hospital Births

The following births were reported at the Wilkes hospital during the past week: son, David Gray, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sparks, of Roaring River, April 1; son, Thomas Hayes, to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Johnson, of North Wilkesboro route, three, April 1; son, J. B., to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blevins, of Hays, April 1; twin sons, Jerry William and Terry Wilmer, to Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson, of Hays, April 1; daughter, Marcella, Helen, to Mr. and Mrs. McConley Pilkington, of Millers Creek, April 2; son, David Joseph, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Myers, of North Wilkesboro, April 2; son, Roy Roger, to Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Chambers, of Ronda, April 2; son, Atwell Jerome, to Mr. and Mrs. Atwell Brookshire, of Trap Hill, April 2; son, James Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gilbert, of North Wilkesboro, April 5; daughter, Janice Lucille, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Call, of North Wilkesboro, April 5; son, Larry George, to Mr. and Mrs. George Sale, of North Wilkesboro, April 5; son to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Elmore, of North Wilkesboro, April 6; daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dancy, of Cricket, April 6; daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bowlin, of Purlcar, April 6; son to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Pruitt, of North Wilkesboro, April 6.

Cpl. Burley Church Body Is Returned

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church, of Catawba, Va., formerly of Ashe county, have received a telegram from headquarters in Charlotte, N. C. that the remains of their son, Cpl. Burley G. Church is enroute to U. S. A. for burial. Funeral arrangements will be made from Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home in North Wilkesboro. Funeral will be held at Blue Ridge Baptist church at Benga, after arrival of the body in North Carolina. Cpl. Church was brother of Vonley W. Church, of North Wilkesboro, Route 1. Cpl. Church was killed in action in France, Aug. 1, 1944.

Five Candidates For Commissioner Filed For Office

William G. Mitchell Files As Democratic Candidate For Legislature

With the deadline for filing notices of candidacy for county offices more than a week away, political developments have already started in Wilkes county politics.

Carl J. Jones, chairman of the Wilkes board of elections, said today that five Republicans have already filed for nominations as county commissioners. This assures a primary contest because the board is composed of only three members.

M. F. Absher, C. C. Sidden and I. J. Broyhill, all Republicans and present members of the board, have filed for re-nomination. The two new candidates are H. P. Eller, of North Wilkesboro, and W. E. (Bud) Reynolds, of Hays.

Only Democratic candidate filed for county office is Attorney William G. Mitchell, who has filed as a candidate for legislature.

T. G. Casey, Republican county surveyor, has filed for re-nomination.

Mr. Jones said that the last filing date will be Saturday, April 17, at six p. m.

Forester Minister At Union Revival

Rev. H. A. Forester, native of this community now residing at Lexington, will preach in a revival at Union Methodist church, beginning Sunday night and continuing with services at 7:30 each night.

In announcing the revival Rev. Mr. Forester said he would appreciate the presence and prayers of his friends during the revival.