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Ask Bond Election For New Hospital

Chamber Group Passes Resolution To Commissioners

Health committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in meeting here passed a resolution asking the commissioners of Wilkes county to call a special election to vote county bonds sufficient in amount for construction and equipment of a 100-bed hospital.

Dr. John A. Ferrell, of Raleigh, executive secretary of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission, explained that a 100-bed hospital fully equipped will cost approximately \$1,200,000, and that of that amount Wilkes would have to furnish only \$271,000. The remainder, more than three-fourths of the total cost, would be furnished by the state and federal governments.

The Wilkes county board of commissioners, composed of M. F. Absher, chairman, C. C. Sidden and I. J. Broyhill, with other interested citizens, met with the Health Committee, Dr. Fred C. Hubbard, committee chairman, opened the meeting and J. R. Hix, chairman of the board of the Wilkes hospital, presided.

Dr. Ferrell explained the proposal fully and stated that federal and state funds for Wilkes would be available during the year beginning July 1. He said that operation of hospitals under the plan is usually carried out by a board with staggering terms and appointed by the county commissioners. He stated that the present Wilkes hospital, which has become too small for needs of the county, is not eligible for expansion, but that an available site has been located and approved.

Present for the meeting were R. M. Brame, Jr., chamber president, the commissioners, Dr. Hubbard, Mayor T. S. Kenerly, John Cashion, J. R. Hix, Julius C. Hubbard, A. A. Triplett, Dr. W. F. Jones, Dr. G. T. Mitchell, Dr. James C. Mills, W. H. McElwee, J. B. Williams, Dudley S. Hill, J. B. McCoy, J. B. Carter, W. B. Somers, Dr. E. N. Phillips, R. G. Finley, Paul Osborne, P. W. Eshelman, P. E. Brown, Sam Winters, Charles Slate, P. E. Forester, C. B. Eller, Tom Jenrette.

Flashers Start Exhibition Games

First Home Game Will Be Here Monday Night Against Forest City

North Wilkesboro Flashers will play Forest City of the Western Carolina League Monday night, eight o'clock, in the first home exhibition game for the professional team here. Tonight the Flashers go to Marion and on Friday night to Lincolnton and Saturday night to Morganton.

The Morganton game scheduled here Saturday night was moved to Morganton to allow time to condition the field here.

Last night Manager Flash Loman looked at three of his rookie hurlers in their first try at professional baseball as Forest City of the Western Carolina league threw their three best hurlers at the Flashers and won 6-0 at Forest City. Lee Bentley, Pores Knob rookie southpaw, opened on the mound for the Flashers, and struck out six batters in four innings, his bad pitch being a home run ball with two on. Pete Melvin, another rookie, worked two innings and allowed four hits. Wayne Frasier, local rookie, finished the game and four hits were scored.

Jack Leonard, third sacker, led Flashers hitting with two. Cooper, Lambert and Floro garnered one each. Emphasis in the game was practice for rookies and the Flashers used 23 players in the game.

Next week the Flashers will play Forest City here Monday night, Marion here Tuesday night, Morganton here Wednesday night, Lincolnton here Thursday night, Newton here Friday night, Statesville there Saturday night.

Deacons' Speaker



M. A. Huggins, general secretary of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, will be the speaker for the Deacons' meeting of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association, Friday, April 16, at the New Hope Church, near Purlear. First session will begin at 6 p. m.

Huggins Speaker Deacons' Meet At New Hope Friday

M. A. Huggins, general secretary of the North Carolina Baptist convention, will speak at a deacons' and laymen's meeting of the Brushy Mountain Baptist association to be held with New Hope Baptist church near Purlear Friday, April 16.

First session of the meeting will begin at six p. m. and supper will be served at 6:45. The second session will begin at 7:30. "Honoring the Deaconship" will be the theme of the meeting. Mr. Huggins will discuss relationship of the pastor, deacon and church. All pastors, deacons and others interested are asked to attend.

District Winner



CARL CHURCH

Student Millers Creek Winner In District Contest

Carl Church Wins Over 12 Counties In Soil Conservation Speaking

Carl Church, a student of Millers Creek high school, won first place in the district soil conservation speaking contest held in Lenoir Friday afternoon.

He won over twelve other county victors with his talk on "Soil Conservation and Its Relation To The Economy of North Carolina."

First prize brought him \$50 and he will go to Raleigh Friday, April 16 to compete with seven other semi-final winners from other districts for the State title. The State winner will receive \$500.

Walter Stenson, of Yadkin county, won second place and Mary Bone, of Caldwell, third. Counties in the district include Avery, Alexander, Forsyth, Wilkes, Burke, Alleghany, Yad-

Home Is Destroyed By Fire Last Night

Fire destroyed a home in the Woodlawn section of North Wilkesboro shortly after midnight last night.

A large residence owned by Palmer Horton was completely destroyed, along with practically all furnishings of three colored families, Red Denny, Charite Watts, and Jack Ferguson.

The fire was well under way when the alarm was given and firemen were handicapped by lack of water in the vicinity. Adjoining property was saved.

Occupants of the building barely had time to escape when the fire was discovered and they were unable to get their clothes from the house.

Membership Drive Of Music Concerts Association Soon

All Will Be Given Opportunity During Week Of May 3 To Enroll

The membership campaign of the recently organized Wilkes Community Concert Association will be held during the week of May 3rd, it was announced Tuesday by the president, Mr. Forrest Jones.

In this one week, Mr. Jones explained, everyone in Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro and the surrounding area who wishes to attend the series of at least three concerts by outstanding artists to be presented by the association next fall and winter must enroll as a member.

He emphasized that after the close of the campaign no one may obtain a membership until the following year, and that only members will be admitted to the concerts.

This is in accordance with the "organized audience" plan that assures an ample artist budget before the performers are engaged. Mr. Jones pointed out. In approximately 500 cities and towns in the United States and Canada, he said, such audiences are already hearing the world's leading musicians every year with no local financial risk. These communities range in population from a few thousand to metropolitan centers of several hundred thousand.

In following the plan further, he added, no single tickets will be available for any of the individual concerts.

Mrs. A. F. Kilby, chairman of campaign, and Mrs. C. T. Doughton, co-chairman, are organizing teams of volunteer workers who will enroll the association members during the week of the campaign.

Launching the campaign will be a social on the opening evening at the Woman's Club when the workers will meet Mr. Dick Suter, organization director of Community Concert Service of New York. He will remain in North Wilkesboro throughout the week to assist the officials in details of the campaign.

Arrangements for the social are in the hands of Mrs. Ivey Moore and Mrs. Paul Harrel, Jr., who are planning an attractive setting for the inauguration of Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro's latest civic enterprise.

At the social, the workers will receive materials for enrolling applicants for the association and will hear short talks by several speakers who will discuss the value of the prospective concerts to the community.

Baptist Pastors To Meet Monday

The Wilkes Baptist Pastors Conference will meet at 10:00 a. m. Monday at Reins-Sturdivant chapel. Rev. A. B. Hayes will bring the devotional message at 10:00 a. m. Jay Anderson will speak on "Building Through Church Music" at 10:40. Rev. Howard J. Ford will discuss "The Use of Illustrations In Preaching" at 11:30. Rev. L. T. Younger will bring the inspirational message. All members of the conference will want to be present. Visitors are always welcome.

kin, Watauga, Ashe, Catawba, Surry and Caldwell. Carl, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah C. Church, of Wilkesboro Route one, is a member of the Junior class at Millers Creek.

Urges Support For Cancer Campaign



T. E. Story, attorney, former educator and civic leader, is chairman of the American Cancer Society's campaign to raise \$2,000 in Wilkes county for cancer research, education and control. Chairman Story urges support of all the people in this annual undertaking. Solicitations begin today and are to be completed before the end of April, which has been designated "Cancer Month" by proclamation of Governor Cherry. Mrs. E. E. Vaught is county commander of the campaign and Blair Gwyn is treasurer.

CHARTER PRESENTED OPTIMIST CLUB HERE ON TUESDAY NIGHT

District Governor George J. Fella Installs New Officers

The Optimist Club of North Wilkesboro, Wilkes county's newest civic organization, was formally presented its charter Tuesday night at a Charter Party held in the banquet hall of Hotel Wilkes. The charter was presented to the local club by District Governor George J. Fella, of Charlotte.

L. E. Dimmette, a native of Wilkes county but who has made his home in Lenoir for a number of years, served as toastmaster. Optimist Dimmette was the first president of the Lenoir Optimist club and is its immediate past president.

The Charter Party opened with invocation being spoken by Rev. H. M. Wellman, pastor of the Wilkesboro Methodist church who is an honorary member of the club, after which two stanzas of America were sung by the assemblage.

Hon. T. S. Kenerly, mayor of the city, delivered the address of welcome to the visitors in the city for the Charter Party, and expressed himself as being highly elated over the organization of the local Optimist club which has as its major objective work with the boys. Mayor Kenerly stated that he saw a great need in this community for a club like the Optimist, and he pledged his wholehearted support to the club in carrying out its worthy objectives.

A large number of guests were present from clubs located in North and South Carolina, as follows: Winston-Salem, High Point, Charlotte, Lenoir, Morganton, Hickory, and Greenville and Columbia, S. C.

Governor Fella Speaks - The outstanding address of the evening was given by George J. Fella, of Charlotte, governor of the eighteenth district, who gave in full the Optimist Creed, and told of the growth of Optimist International (now fourth largest civic organization), and also about its many aims and objectives in carrying out the club's work with the youth of the land.

Following his address, Governor Fella formally presented the local Optimist club with its beautiful charter from Optimist International. This was accepted graciously by the club's president, Maurice E. Walsh, who pledged the club to carry out the great work of Optimist International to the very best of its ability.

Officers Installed - District Governor Fella, after presenting the charter to the local civic body, proceeded with the installation of officers for the ensuing year. These are as follows: President, Maurice E. Walsh; vice president, Julius C. Hubbard; secretary - treasurer, Forest C. Tugman; sergeant-at-arms, E. Richard Eller; board of local governors - Howard Strad-

Wilkes Mountain Poultry Processing Plant Opened

Auto Inspection Lane Operating In This City Now

The automobile inspection lane set up today on a part of the old Wilkesboro, avenue pavement near the swimming pool.

The inspection lane will operate here for the next few weeks and it is expected that many motorists will take advantage of the opportunity now to have their cars and trucks inspected as required by law.

W. Albert Vannoy, of Cricket, is in charge of the lane here.

Mission Play At The Church of God

There will be a mission play at Church of God on Hinshaw Street Saturday night, April 17, 7:15. The play will be given by boys and girls and proceeds will go to mission funds. Everybody is invited.

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SAM VICKERY

Sam Vickery Is New President Junior Chamber

William Gray and C. C. Faw, Jr., Vice Presidents; Morrow Secretary

Samuel Vickery, member of the North Wilkesboro postoffice personnel, was elected president of the Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce in meeting here last week.

In that capacity Mr. Vickery will succeed Jerry Derr, who successfully headed the Junior Chamber during organization period and first year of civic service by the organization to the community.

William Gray was elected first vice president; C. C. Faw, Jr., second vice president; and Robert Morrow, secretary-treasurer. Edward Bell is chairman of the board of directors. Other members are the officers and Roy Forehand, John Cashion, J. C. Allen and Forrest Jones.

Mr. Vickery is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Vickery, of North Wilkesboro. He is a graduate of North Wilkesboro high school, he attended Lees-McRae college and graduated from Davidson College. He is active in the Presbyterian church here, now serving in capacity of advisor to young people. During World War II Mr. Vickery served three and one-half years in the air corps in the European and South Atlantic theatres.

The newly elected officers will be installed at the next meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce here.

Two Republicans Seek Legislative Seat For Wilkes

Representative T. E. Story And F. J. McDuffie File For Nomination

Two candidates have filed for the Republican nomination as General Assembly representative from Wilkes county, it was learned today from Carl J. Jones, chairman of the Wilkes board of elections.

Representative Story, who has served in the legislature continuously for the past eight years, has filed for re-nomination. F. J. McDuffie, Wilkesboro attorney who served one term several years ago in the legislature, is the other Republican candidate. William G. Mitchell, a North Wilkesboro attorney, has filed for representative on the Democratic ticket.

Troy C. Foster, who this year is completing a four-year term as register of deeds of Wilkes county, has filed for re-nomination on the Republican ticket.

Five candidates have filed for county commissioner on the Republican ticket. The incumbents are M. F. Absher, I. J. Broyhill and C. C. Sidden. The new candidates are H. P. Eller and W. E. (Bud) Reynolds.

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Frozen Packaged Fowl Ready For Pan Is Featured

Forrest Jones president; Vernon Deal Vice President; Hettiger Secy.

Wilkes Mountain Poultry Products company, latest addition to the industrial and commercial life of the Wilkesboros, is now open for business and has begun production in the company's plant located in the western part of Wilkesboro.

This new industry is engaged in buying, dressing and packaging poultry and will feature a quick-frozen, fully dressed fowl ready for the frying pan.

Wilkes being a leading county in the south in poultry production, the need for a processing plant as a market stabilizer has been felt for some time and a few months ago a corporation was formed with stock sold to local people. President of the corporation is Forrest Jones, former secretary-manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, and who will be sales manager. Vernon Deal, cashier of the Northwestern Bank, is vice president, and Harry Hettiger is secretary-treasurer. Mr. Hettiger is thoroughly experienced in poultry production, having been connected with the Holly Mountain Farms at Wilkesboro before entering the processing business. He will be in charge of buying. In addition to the officers John Leyshon and Richard Gibbs are directors.

General manager and production superintendent is L. E. Boggs, who for many years was with Swift & Company in processing and packing plants and who more recently was cost accountant for Coble Dairy Products.

The plant is located opposite Coble Dairy Products plant in Wilkesboro in a large brick building which was formerly used as a feed warehouse by Holly Mountain Farms. This building has been enlarged and equipped modernly throughout for dressing and packing poultry, including broilers, fryers, hens and turkeys.

When in full production the Wilkes Mountain Poultry Products company will have a capacity of 8,000 to 10,000 fowls daily, and 45 people will be employed.

Sales plans are to supply the market in northwestern North Carolina first and to expand into the leading consumer areas, particularly piedmont cities.

Featured product of the new industry will be an attractively packaged fowl, fully dressed, cut, wrapped and frozen. The carton will be under the brand name of Mountain Poultry and will have a beautiful scene from the nearby Blue Ridge Mountains.

There are 59 holders of preferred stock, who are guaranteed four per cent accumulated dividends.

Operetta at Boomer Friday Night at 7:30

An operetta, "The Children of Buttercup Commons," will be presented at Boomer school Friday, April 16, at 7:30 p. m. The cast, made up from the children of the school, includes a Hurdy Gurdy Man, Seven Old Ladies of Crabapple Lane, a group of children, and a group of wax figures. The music will be enjoyed by those who attend. Admission will be 35 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. The proceeds are to be used for the benefit of the school.

To Organize Scout Troop at Oakwoods

Citizens and boys of the Oakwoods community are cordially invited to attend a meeting to be held at the Oakwoods School House Friday night, April 16, at 7:30. This meeting will be for the purpose of organizing a troop of Scouts for the Oakwoods community, and will be conducted by Scouters from North Wilkesboro, along with the local school committee. Every citizen who is interested in boys is urged to attend.