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## The Northwestern Bank Is Building Wilkesboro Branch

The Northwestern Bank, which has home office in North Wilkesboro and branches in many northwestern North Carolina cities and towns, has let contract for construction of the bank's branch to be located in Wilkesboro.

Eisele Construction company, of North Wilkesboro, was awarded contract for the two-story building, which will be located on Main Street opposite the Wilkes county courthouse. Lot there was purchased by the bank several weeks ago. Actual construction is slated to get under way this week.

The building will be 30 by 90 feet and will be of brick and block construction. The street floor will be quarters for the bank branch and will be equipped with a modern vault and other bank fixtures. The second floor will contain offices.

Application to establish a branch in Wilkesboro was approved some time ago by the State Banking commissioner following a public hearing and the application was also approved by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Along with North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro has been growing rapidly in commercial and industrial activity and the branch bank will prove to be a great convenience for business interests and individuals in the town.

## Justice Speaks To Furniture Men

John E. Justice, president of the Oak Furniture company in North Wilkesboro and president of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers' Association, addressed that organization in a meeting Thursday in Roanoke, Va. In his address he forecast gradual increase in furniture sales, which he attributed to employment, high income and home building.

Feature speaker of the meeting was Clifton A. Woodrum, of Roanoke, head of the American Plant Food council, who scored President Truman's attack on congress.

Those from here attending the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. John E. Justice, J. E. Caudill, N. O. Smoak and Robert Smoak, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnston.

## Wilkesboro Plans Democratic Meet

Democrats of Wilkesboro township will meet at the Wilkesboro schoolhouse Friday night, October 29, 7:30 o'clock. County candidates and other speakers will discuss issues of the campaign and the public is cordially invited.

## Wilkes People Hear Wilkinson

Republican Candidate For Senate Challenges Opposition On Issues

A splendid audience representing all parts of Wilkes county, heard John Wilkinson, Republican candidate for the United States senate, speak on the issues of the day Wednesday at the courthouse. Mr. Wilkinson proved himself a fluent speaker to his mountain audience and displayed wide knowledge of the serious problems now confronting the people in both the state and the nation. He challenged his Democratic opponent and the Democratic party on issues now confronting the voters of this country.

He stated he favored the state ownership of the tidelands; leaving housing to private industry; the Taft-Hartley law; for greater cuts in income tax; that he is opposed to the civil rights program as proposed by President Truman as unsound, unworkable and unconstitutional. His indictment against the 16 years of Democratic national administration, fourteen of which he had run this government in the red ink of the tremendous taxes they had collected from the people, was a powerful plea for every one to go all out for the election of Governor Dewey as the next president of the United States.

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## Pores Knob Plans Hallowe'en Party

The public has a cordial invitation to attend the Hallowe'en party at the Pores Knob community house Saturday, October 30 at 7:30 p. m. The party will be sponsored by the Pores Knob Demonstration club.

## Hallowe'en Carnival Roaring River 29th

Roaring River school will sponsor a Hallowe'en carnival in the school's new gymnasium Friday, October 29, beginning at eight o'clock p. m. Parents of students are especially invited to attend. There will be games, entertainment, eats and drinks for all.

## Pope At Chevrolet Sales Institute

Mr. O. K. Pope, sales manager of the Gaddy Motor company, has gone to Savannah, Ga., to attend the Chevrolet sales managers' institute, an intensive nine-day course of training in the newest methods of merchandising automobiles and trucks. The institute is Chevrolet's first step in an aggressive selling campaign to prepare for the eventual return of the "buyers' market". At the institute, the local sales manager will be joined by sales managers from approximately 40 other Chevrolet dealerships in this region. The regional meeting is one of several being held currently in all parts of the country, whereby Chevrolet will train approximately 2,500 sales managers.

The "faculty" at the sales managers' school is composed of members of the Chevrolet wholesale organization who have been carefully selected for their practical knowledge and especially trained to present and discuss all phases of retail selling.

## Sponsors' Night To Be Held At Game

Friday night, October 30, at Memorial Park a new event will be introduced. This event is Sponsors' Night, and it is carried out by the North Wilkesboro high school Monogram Club. At half-time the big lights will be turned out and thirty-two girls, in evening dresses, each sponsoring a member of the football team, will parade singly to the center of the field where a spotlight will be focused.

The name of each girl and the player sponsoring her will be announced over the public address system.

## Mrs. W. A. Brown Claimed By Death

Mrs. Martha Almedia Brown, wife of W. A. Brown, of Cricket, died Wednesday.

Mrs. Brown, who was 80 years of age, is survived by her husband and four daughters: Mrs. H. C. Miller and Mrs. D. A. Miller, of Cricket; Mrs. M. J. Aronshire, of Baltimore; and Mrs. Eldridge Minton, of Stanley.

Funeral service will be conducted Friday, two p. m., at Piney Ridge church by Rev. Otis Cook and Rev. Ed. O. Miller.

## Both Banks Will Be Closed Tuesday

The Bank of North Wilkesboro and the Northwestern Bank will be closed on Tuesday, November 2, which will be election day and which will be observed everywhere in this country as a bank holiday.

## Wilkesboro Men's Club In Meeting

Wilkesboro Business and Professional Men's Club held a very successful dinner meeting Tuesday night at the Woman's clubhouse in Wilkesboro with 47 members present. The Woman's club members served a bountiful and delicious chicken dinner.

J. B. Williams, vice president, opened the meeting, which was presided over later by President G. T. Mitchell. Many important matters were discussed, which will be covered by an article in this newspaper, along with committee appointments for the year.

## Mrs. Sebastian, 81, Funeral Held Today

Funeral service was held today at Haymeadow church for Mrs. Wadie Anne Sebastian, 81, wife of W. H. Sebastian, of Hays. She died Tuesday.

Mrs. Sebastian is survived by her husband and two sons, C. L. Sebastian, of Winston-Salem, and Barney Sebastian, of Hays. Rev. J. M. Dillard, Rev. Clarence Miller and Rev. Rust Harold conducted the funeral service.

## Ramblers Jayvees Beat Granite Falls

Wilkesboro B team ran over Granite Falls easily at Granite Falls Tuesday afternoon by the score of 38 to 0. The Granite Falls boys were completely outclassed throughout the game.

Miss Ruth McNeill, student of Mary Washington College at Fredericksburg, Va., arrived today to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sneed and son, Rufus Allen Sneed, of Elkin, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guss Sunday. Mrs. Baugus is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sneed.

## NATIONAL D. A. R. BOARD PAYS VISIT WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina, and this section of the state, were signally honored on October 22, when around 85 members of the National D. A. R. board, and state officers of the North Carolina organization, visited the mountain area, coming especially to attend the dedication of two D. A. R. buildings at Crossnore. Members of the Rendezvous Mountain Chapter, two park rangers, and members of the state highway patrol met the party at the North Carolina-Virginia line, and accompanied them along the Blue Ridge Parkway to Blowing Rock, and pointed out the special scenic attractions along the route.

Other members of Rendezvous Mountain Chapter welcomed the distinguished guests at the Watauga Inn in Blowing Rock, which was attractively decorated for the occasion. Lunch was served there to around 125, with Mrs. Gordon Finley, regent, of Rendezvous Mountain Chapter, acting as hostesses, assisted by members of the chapter, who also had charge of arrangements, reservations, etc.

After lunch, the party went on to Crossnore, where the dedication took place. Mrs. Roscoe C. O'Byrne, president general, made the principal address, and Miss Gertrude S. Carraway, state regent, presided. Others taking part on the program were Dr. Emma Sloop Fink, who welcomed the guests to Crossnore, Miss Katherine Matthies, third vice president general, and former national chairman of approved schools, who responded.

The Junior D. A. R. music building was presented by Mrs. E. A. Branch, former state D. A. R. treasurer, and accepted by Mrs. John S. Welborn, Crossnore school trustee, and president of North Carolina State D. A. R. Officers' Club. The new administration building was presented by Mrs. James E. Lambeth, state D. A. R. treasurer, and accepted by Dr. E. H. Sloop, chairman of the board of trustees of Crossnore school. The dedication prayers

## Pvt. Wayne Martin Rites On Saturday



Funeral service for Pvt. Wayne Martin, who was killed in action while serving with the marine corps on Iwo Jima, will be held Saturday, three p. m., at Pleasant Home Baptist church. Rev. Atwell Watts will conduct the service.

Pvt. Martin is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin, of the Wilkesboro route one community near Millers Creek, six sisters and one brother: Mrs. D. S. Ingram, of Jonesville; Mrs. M. R. Kincaid, of Lenoir; Ruth Martin and Mrs. J. C. Bumgarner, Wilkesboro route one; Mrs. J. R. Cox, St. Louis; Mrs. C. B. Higgins, of Widemouth, W. Va.; and Mrs. Lee Sherrill, of Charlotte.

## 4-H Window Display In Penney Window

4-H window display is being prepared by the assistant farm and home agents and club members for the J. C. Penney store from November 1st through 8th. This display will consist of a number of dresses and other sewing, canning, garden projects, corn, pictures, record books and other items to show just what the 4-H boys and girls have done during the summer.

Any 4-H member who has not brought his outstanding work to the home or farm agents' office is asked to do so immediately so that it may be included in the display.

The public is invited to see the 4-H window during the first week in November.

were offered by Mrs. Joel G. Layton, state D. A. R. chaplain, and Mrs. William H. Belk, past vice president general, and past chaplain general.

Talks were also made by Miss Edis S. Gibson, national chairman of approved schools, and Mrs. Mary Martin Sloop, M. D., business manager of Crossnore school, who with her husband, Dr. E. H. Sloop, founded Crossnore School. The principal speakers were introduced by Mrs. Joseph S. Silversteen, past vice president general, and Miss Virginia Horne, state vice regent.

A tour of the school, followed the dedication exercises, and dinner and breakfast were served in the school dining-room. The national officers spent the night at Linville and Crossnore, and left in the chartered busses next morning for Lake Lure, Chimney Rock, Bat Cave, and Hendersonville, where lunch was served before going on to South Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia.

At Blowing Rock the visitors were presented nylon hose, and a most attractive issue of the North Carolina D. A. R. News, edited by Miss Carraway, and made possible by the friends of the chapters in North Carolina who subscribed to the advertisements used in the booklets, portraying North Carolina in a charming manner. These very distinguished visitors to our state were lavish in their praises of our hospitality, our beautiful mountain scenery and autumn colors, and the efficient and delightful manner in which our state D. A. R. officers and chapter members conducted the tour. The other chapters assisting in entertaining along the route were Jonathan Hunt, Elkin; John Hoyle, Hickory; Colonial Ninian Beall, Lenoir; Mary Slocumb, Mooresville; Fort Dobbs, Statesville; and the Crossnore chapter, Crossnore. All of these chapters are in the second district, with Mrs. Lina H. Robinson, of Granite Falls, district director.

# Big Vote Predicted

## Annual Girl Scout Week To Begin Sunday

Observance of annual Girl Scout Week will begin Sunday, October 31st, with service at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church at eleven o'clock when Dr. Gilbert Combs will give the sermon.

All Girl Scouts, leaders and co-leaders, troop committee members, council members and all adult Scouts are requested to gather at the church at 10:45 and march into the church in a group. As many as possible should appear in the Scout uniform.

## Native Of Wilkes Killed In Iowa

John Felix Whittington, 68, native of Wilkes county, died on September 30 at Ottumwa hospital, Iowa, from injuries received the previous day when his car suddenly left the highway and crashed. Just before the car left the highway he had slumped over the wheel and it was believed he suffered a heart attack.

Mr. Whittington was born in Wilkes county on May 8, 1880, a son of the late James and America Whittington. When a young man he went to Wafelo county, Iowa, to make his home. He is survived by two daughters and one son: Mrs. Raymond Turnald, Tucson, Arizona; Mrs. Henry J. Schmitt, Denver, Colorado; Elbert John Whittington, Silver Springs, Md.

Also surviving are the following brothers and sisters: H. A. Whittington, Hayfield, Minn.; Ambrose Whittington, Mrs. W. H. Hayes and Mrs. John A. Miller, Hells Mills; Mrs. Vickery Adams, Wilkesboro route one. He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister, Noah Whittington, of Halls Mills, and Mrs. Creed Adams, of Wilkesboro route one.

Mr. Whittington had been prominent in business in Iowa and had held public office in Wafelo county. During World War II he was connected with the atomic project at Hanford, Washington.

Funeral service was held in Ottumwa October 5th.

## Broadcast Sunday Wilkesboro Church

Sunday morning church service broadcast by radio WKBC will be from the Wilkesboro Methodist church Sunday, October 31. Rev. C. J. Winslow, who recently became pastor of the church, will bring the morning sermon.

## Local Jayvees Lose To Lenoir 20 to 14

North Wilkesboro Junior varsity football team lost a close and hard-fought game to Lenoir jayvees at Lenoir Monday night 20 to 14. North Wilkesboro scored in the first period on a long run and plunge by Ward and again in the third on a 50-yard pass play of Sloop to McNeill to knot the score at 14-14. Lenoir scored in the final period for the victory.

## Halloween Party At City School

North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor a big Halloween carnival at the school Saturday night, October 30, beginning at seven o'clock.

Families, spook gangs and everybody are invited. Hot dogs, hamburgers, pies, cakes and drinks will be served from the food booth and there will be ample entertainment for all.

Bingo, fortune telling, guessing games, costume parade, all with prizes, will culminate with contest for the king and queen of the elementary school, and a free floor show by the little folk. The square dance will follow in the gymnasium, along with cake walks and crowning of the king and queen of the high school. A small entrance fee will be charged and all proceeds will be used to improve lighting in the school.

## Speaking Contest Will Be Explained Over Radio Monday

On Monday morning John T. Cashion will speak at 11 o'clock over radio station WKBC directly to high school students in Wilkes county, explaining the "I Speak For Democracy" contest being sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students of high schools in the county will assemble in their auditoriums to hear the radio address.

## Nathan A. Wyatt Died Early Today

Nathan Alfred Wyatt, 75-year-old citizen of Mulberry township, died at his home early this morning.

Funeral service will be held on Friday at 2:30 p. m., at Center church with Rev. S. L. Ely and Rev. Ed Hayes in charge.

Surviving Mr. Wyatt are one daughter and one son, Mrs. Emily Miller and Ralph Wyatt, of North Wilkesboro route one.

Mr. Wyatt is also survived by his widow, Mrs. Maro Wyatt.

## Mrs. W. C. Grier Passes Suddenly; Last Rites Today

Prominent Local Lady Was A Leader In Church And Civic Life Of City

Mrs. Bees Gordon Finley Grier, wife of William C. Grier, of this city, died suddenly Tuesday night at nine o'clock at Moravian Falls schoolhouse.

A heart attack was presumed to have caused the sudden death of Mrs. Grier, who had just completed a brief talk before the assembled crowd and had returned to her seat when she was stricken. A physician was called and she was carried by ambulance to the Wilkes hospital, but she was dead on arrival.

Mrs. Grier had gone with her husband to the Moravian Falls meeting, where county candidates and other speakers were appearing in the interest of the Democratic election campaign. Mr. Grier is a candidate for county commissioner.

A member of one of western North Carolina's most prominent families, Mrs. Grier was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, where she was born and reared. She received her education in private schools here, at Flora MacDonald college at Red Springs and Washington Seminary in Atlanta, Ga. Following graduation she was employed for some time in a bank in Greenville, S. C., and later in the Bank of North Wilkesboro here.

On June 14, 1923, she was married to William C. Grier and they made their home here, where Mr. Grier is connected with the Forest Furniture company. Mrs. Grier was an active member of the First Presbyterian church, a charter member of Wilkes Valley Guards chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, a member of Rendezvous Mountain chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, and a member of the Legion Auxiliary. In all of these organizations, she had held various offices, was active in their work and held many positions of leadership. She was especially interested in work among young people and her personality won for her numerous friends.

Surviving Mrs. Grier are her husband, father and mother; two sisters, Mrs. S. P. Mitchell and Miss Kate Finley; and one nephew, Phil Mitchell, all of North Wilkesboro.

Funeral service was held this afternoon, three o'clock, at the First Presbyterian church here with the pastor, Rev. Watt M. Cooper, in charge. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Pall bearers were R. G. Finley, T. A. Finley, Gordon Finley, L. M. Nelson, Ralph Grier, Jr., Alexander Grier, J. P. Burke, J. B. McCoy and E. P. Robinson. Cousins carried the many and beautiful floral tributes, which were appropriate token of esteem and friendship by many of Mrs. Grier's numerous friends.

## Polls Will Open Tuesday At 6:30; To Close At 6:30

Four Parties Have Candidates For President In Election November 2

Political observers are predicting a record-breaking vote in the election to be held on Tuesday, November 2.

Four candidates are in the race for presidency, with the real contest slated between President Harry Truman, Democrat, and Tom Dewey, Republican. J. Strom Thurmond, South Carolina governor, is the States Rights party candidate for president and Henry Wallace heads the Progressive party ticket.

In North Carolina voters will find all the candidates on the ballots.

The state Democratic ticket is headed by Kerr Scott for governor and H. P. Taylor for lieutenant governor. Republicans in the state are putting up a spirited campaign for their state ticket, headed by George M. Pritchard for governor and Kyle Hayes, of this county, for lieutenant governor.

In the U. S. Senate contest, Former Governor J. M. Broughton, Democrat, has as his opponent, John Wilkinson, Republican.

In the eighth congressional district Representative C. B. Deane, Democrat, is opposed by Lafayette Williams, Yadkin county Republican.

Much interest has been aroused in the election of Wilkes county officers. The Republican incumbents are candidates for re-election. They are: Troy C. Foster for register of deeds; Representative T. E. Story, Surveyor T. G. Cassey, and Commissioners M. F. Absher, I. J. Broyhill, and C. C. Sidden.

The Democratic ticket has Luther Duncan for register of deeds; William G. Mitchell for representative; S. P. Mitchell for surveyor; William Gray, C. C. Faw, Jr., and William C. Grier for county commissioners.

Polls will open at all voting places at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m.

## 2 Football Games Here This Week

Mountain Lions Play Monroe Here Friday; Wilkesboro-Jonesville 30th

Wilkes football fans will have two games here this week in a double menu of football thrills.

On Friday night, eight o'clock, the North Wilkesboro Mountain Lions will play Monroe in Memorial Park here. The North Wilkesboro team played well in holding the powerful Thomasville eleven to two touchdowns here Friday night and should be ready to get back into the victory column against Monroe, because the Monroe team is not nearly so strong as Thomasville. Barium Springs and some of the other conference teams on the Mountain Lions' schedule. Coach Sparks has been working the team hard this week to get in condition for the Monroe contest.

Here Saturday night, eight o'clock in Memorial Park, the Wilkesboro Ramblers will be trying for their 19th straight win when they play Jonesville in a Highlands conference game. Elated with their crushing victory over the strong Elkin team Friday night, the Ramblers will be determined to notch up another victory. A number of injuries occurred in the Elkin game, but the Wilkesboro eleven will be near top strength for the Jonesville contest.

Football fans are urged to attend the games here this week. Both teams could use larger attendance at games for moral and financial support, because football is a very expensive sport for the schools and must be largely supported by attendance at all games.

Almost one-fourth of North Carolina's corn crop this year consists of hybrid varieties.