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Merchants Planning Christmas Events

Lights On Nov. 26; Program On Streets Dec. 3

Santa To Arrive In Sleigh While Choral Groups Sing Yuletide Songs

Friday, November 26, the day after Thanksgiving, was set by the Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce as the date for turning on Christmas lighting in the Wilkesboro.

The committee in meeting on Wednesday set Friday, December 3, as the date for a public Christmas program on the streets of the Wilkesboro and laid preliminary plans for the event, which is expected to draw record crowds.

More Christmas Lighting

The Christmas lighting plan this year will be by far the most effective ever put on here, W. G. Gabriel, committee chairman, stated. In North Wilkesboro the street lighting will be on B street from Fifth to Tenth; on Tenth from A to D; on Ninth from A to D; and on A from Eighth to Tenth, which is a new addition this year.

In Wilkesboro the lighting will be from Midway to the Wilkesboro postoffice.

Robert S. Gibbs, manager of Duke Power company, is serving in an advisory capacity with Roy and George Wells, who have contract for the Christmas lighting work.

In addition to street lighting, the Junior Chamber of Commerce is expected to again sponsor the home lighting contest, which always adds much to the holiday season. It was also suggested to stores that they have special Christmas displays in their show windows by November 26.

Different Christmas Program

This year, the committee plans a departure from the usual parade plan of Christmas program for the public.

Choral groups from all schools and churches in Wilkes county will be invited to participate in

the program to be held about six p. m. on December 3. With lighted candles these groups will sing about a Christmas tree and Santa Claus will arrive in a sleigh drawn by four horses. Santa will then distribute gifts to children.

Town councils of the Wilkesboro will be asked to erect lighted Christmas trees, one on the courthouse lawn in Wilkesboro and another at the North Wilkesboro city hall.

Proclamations will be issued by mayors of the Wilkesboro inviting everybody to attend the Christmas program, which is expected to be one of the most impressive holiday programs ever attempted here.

In other matters pertaining to the holiday season, the committee planned for the playing of Christmas carols at regular intervals from December 10 through December 24.

Stores will remain open until eight p. m. December 22, 23, and 24. Stores will be closed on Christmas day, Saturday, December 25, and will reopen on Monday, December 26.

Reports Are Given

Tom Jenrette reported to the committee on Farmers' Day, which all agreed was a highly successful event, and plans were made for some improvements next year. Reports were also given on collection of funds for financing Farmers' Day and the Christmas lighting program.

Carnival Here Nets Near \$1250

Halloween carnival held Saturday night at North Wilkesboro school under sponsorship of the Parent-Teacher association netted approximately \$1,250.

The event was one of the most successful in the history of the school and was enjoyed by a throng of adults and children who found ample entertainment in the many features of the carnival. Mrs. J. T. Baity, P.-T. A. president, today expressed appreciation for the splendid support given by the public, and stated that a detailed statement of receipts and expenses will be published later.

Proceeds will be used to improve school lighting.

RAMBLERS NOTCH 19TH VICTORY BY DEFEATING JONESVILLE 27-6

Wilkesboro Ramblers notched up their 19th consecutive victory here Saturday night by defeating a hard-fighting and surprisingly spirited Jonesville eleven 27 to 6.

Wilkesboro received and Linney ran the kick back to the Jonesville 42, where on the first play from scrimmage Dancy shot a pass to Triplett who went all the way to score, but the play was called back because of off-side. From that point both teams started fumbling and recovering each other's fumbles and it was not until late in the period that the Ramblers showed their usual form and got a drive under way. Linney made 20, Triplett 35. Linney another first and Triplett ran around end to score. Groce kicked the point.

Early in the second quarter, Vestal ran 60 yards for Jonesville to the one-yard line and Bowles carried over on the second play. Pass try for point failed. Coach Hoffman pulled the first team to give instructions and the second team went over half the length of the field in three plays to score. Harold Dancy streaked off 20 yards and on the next play ran through Jonesville for 40 yards to the one. On the next play he went over and Groce kicked the point to make the score 14 to 6.

In the third quarter Wilkesboro drove to the three-yard line and fumbled. Jonesville ran a play and fumbled on the ten. Byrd reserve halfback, ran around end ten yards to score. Dancy and Groce's kick was blocked. Wilkesboro drove to the ten-yard line again in the third quarter and lost the ball on a fumble.

The last Wilkesboro score in the game was in the fourth quarter when Triplett made another dazzling run to score and Groce's kick was good.

pered by injuries and were not "up" for the game. Whittington was out with a bad ankle and Groce was not at top form because of a leg injury. Harold Dancy made splendid runs as a replacement until he was injured late in the game. Three front teeth were knocked out and he received facial cuts about his mouth.

Starting for Wilkesboro were Edwards and Emerson, ends; Brewer and Prevet, tackles; Parks and Story, guards; Parker, center; Triplett and Groce, halfbacks; Dan Linney, fullback; Dancy, quarterback, although Garwood played regularly at quarterback most of the game. Substitutes were Garwood, Byrd, Terrell, Staley, Joines, Lowe, Banner, Pearson, Nichols, Barber, Kennedy and Whittington.

Score by periods:
Wilkesboro 7 7 6 7—27
Jonesville 0 6 0 0—6
Scoring touchdowns — Wilkesboro, Triplett 2, Dancy, Byrd; points, Groce 3, from placement; Jonesville, Bowles.

Wes Hayden in Sunday's Winston-Salem Journal made the following comment about the Ramblers team:

"Followers of Wilkesboro's razzle-dazzle Ramblers are with considerable justification beating the drums for their favorites to land in somebody's prep bowl this fall. . . . The jads who are making the sliding T click are Ray Triplett and Jack Groce, a pair of speedsters who have learned to handle the leather like Houdini from Quarterback Bill Whittington. The Ramblers' regular season winning streak went up to 19, incidentally, last night. The last three tiffs in '46, 10 straight last year and six under Coach Marvin Hoffman this time out.

"Pickers wouldn't go wrong in tabbing them, especially if they go all the way from here."

Statesville Here Friday, 8 P. M.; Ramblers At Boone

North Wilkesboro Mountain Lions will be host to Statesville in football here Friday night at eight o'clock. Statesville is currently leading the South Piedmont conference, undefeated and untied, and the Mountain Lions will strive to upset the favored eleven.

Wilkesboro's Ramblers will go to Boone to play Friday at eight p. m. They will be gunning for their 20th straight victory. On November 12, Wilkesboro will play Children's Home in Winston-Salem in the orphanage's homecoming, the game to start at 3:30 p. m.

Junior Red Cross Campaign Begins In Wilkes County

The 1948 Junior Red Cross enrollment campaign is beginning this week in city, county, and parochial schools all over the United States. Miss Kate Ogilvie, Wilkes county Junior Red Cross chairman, said that a goal of 100 percent enrollment has been set for the two weeks period—November 1-15.

Last year most of the schools in Wilkes county voluntarily enrolled and many of them took part in the Junior Red Cross production program, a total of 1986 articles being made in art or sewing classes for the armed forces, veterans' hospitals, and overseas relief. This fall requests have already been received for articles to be sent to polio convalescent hospitals and to Oteen Veterans' hospital in our state.

In order that the public may know how Junior Red Cross funds have been expended, the following financial statement is being submitted:

Balance on hand July 1, 1947, \$284.01. Receipts (contributions) 1947 Junior Red Cross enrollment, \$397.34. Total service fund, \$681.35.

Expenditures for the year: Enrollment; fees sent to national, \$132.00; contribution National Children's Fund, \$35.00; articles for veterans' hospitals, \$52.28; community service, disaster relief, \$91.00; overseas gift box program, \$210.00; comfort articles Wilkes T. B. hospital, \$25.00; allotted chapter 1948 fund campaign, \$75.00. Total, \$620.28. Balance on hand July 1, 1948, \$61.07.

Wilkes Teachers At N.C.E.A. Meet

A number of Wilkes county teachers attended the meetings of the northwestern district of the North Carolina Education Association which was held in High Point Friday, October 22. Miss Thelma Laws represented the Wilkes unit at a conference at 10:00 a. m. Mr. William T. Long, chairman of the district principals' group, presided over a meeting of the principals at 3:30. Others attended the general meetings at 2:00 and 8:00 p. m., and departmental meetings at 3:30. Matters of importance and interest were brought before the assembly as well as several inspirational talks by professional and lay leaders in education. Mr. Ralph Brinkley, superintendent of Forsyth county schools, was elected president of the district for the ensuing year.

Hallowe'en Event Nets Over \$700

The Halloween carnival Friday night at the Wilkesboro school was a highly successful event, and resulted in raising more than \$700 for the fund to complete the gymnasium.

Miss Peggy Jarvis was voted queen of the carnival with Bill Byrd winning as king. The contests were spirited and provided much entertainment, along with games and various booths.

Sheriff Johnson Taken By Death; Funeral Sunday

Prominent Business, Industrial And Political Leader Died Saturday

John H. Johnson, age 84, who was widely and popularly known as "Sheriff," because of the position he once held, died Saturday morning at his farm-home, in the suburb of Wilkesboro, after three months illness, which involved a major operation.

Sheriff Johnson was prominent in the affairs of Wilkes county and this section of the state, both in industry and politics, for more than half a century. After a period of school teaching, he was appointed, in the early nineties, to the position of storekeeper and gauger, a place which supplemented his already established mercantile and farming operations. In 1898 he was elected Sheriff and Treasurer of Wilkes county, which was followed by three re-elections. On the retirement from the sheriff's office, he was elected to the board of county commissioners and served as chairman of that body through several terms.

In the meantime, he was associated with others in the formation of the Oak Furniture company, a manufacturing establishment, to which he was elected secretary-treasurer, on his retirement from the sheriff's office. The active and successful management of this plant was his for the next quarter of a century. He was president of the Horton Telephone company, which held important properties in the northwest section of the state. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens Loan and Trust company, which was later merged into another local financial institution. Over a long period of years, he was a director of the Bank of North Wilkesboro and a member of its loan committee. He was one of the organizers and, at the time of his death, the president of the Wilkesboro Building and Loan Association. Over a good portion of his latter years he was extensively engaged in farming and stock raising in this and Ashe counties.

Sheriff Johnson was a native of Wilkes county, and was born near Doughton, October 22, 1864. He was the son of the late William and Sarah Crouse Johnson. He was twice married, first to Mrs. Ada Greenwood, of Surry county, and to them was born a daughter, now Mrs. R. C. Shields of Winston-Salem. After the early death of his first wife, he was later married to Mrs. Mollie McEwen Tulbert, widow of the late Mansfield Tulbert, and daughter of the late John E. McEwen, who was also a former sheriff of Wilkes county. To them were born three children, Mrs. George Kennedy, of Wilkesboro, Miss Sam Johnson, of the home, and the late John Henry Johnson, Jr., who was a captain in the armed forces of the United States during World War II. Mrs. Henry Reynolds, of Greensboro, is a step-daughter. There are eight grandchildren.

Sheriff Johnson, during his entire manhood, was a consistent member of the Baptist church. He was a deacon of the Wilkesboro Baptist church and took an active, and enthusiastic interest and part in all its activities. Those from a distance attending the funeral service included: R. C. Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bumgarner, Felix Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy, Miss Martha Anne Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Wolfe, Mrs. C. C. Clineard and James Hayes, Jr., of Winston-Salem; Dr. James W. Davis, Dr. J. Sam Holbrook, T. J. Weber and Frank King, of Statesville; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Donaldson and Miss Hilda Donaldson, of Troutman; Miss Lillian Harkrader, Mrs. Earl Cobb, Miss Elizabeth Haworth, of Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Cockerham and W. W. Cockerham, of Elkin; Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jones and Vance McBride, of Harmony; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Payne, of High Point.

Funeral service was held on Sunday afternoon at the residence and burial was in the family plot in Mount Lawn Memorial Park.

Rev. W. N. Brookshire, Wilkesboro, Baptist pastor, held the service, assisted by Rev. James M. Hayes, pastor of North Winston Baptist church, and Judge Johnson J. Hayes, who paid tribute to the life of Sheriff Johnson. Pall bearers were grandsons and nephews; J. D. Shields, Ralph Shields, Hal Shields and Vernon Highfill, of Winston-Salem; Henry Reynolds, Jr., of Greensboro; Wm. O. Johnson, of North Wilkesboro; and Walter Presley Johnson, of Sparta; also Herman Guire, of Elkin.

2 Calls Answered By Fire Department

Fire of undetermined origin in the basement of the building occupied by the Southern Cleaners on Ninth street was extinguished Thursday night by the North Wilkesboro fire department.

When the fire was discovered it had made considerable headway and had burned through the floor.

On Friday afternoon the fire department answered a call to Jim Allen's home on K street, where a grass fire was endangering residences.

Hoey Speaks Here To Large Crowd Thursday Night

Senator Clyde R. Hoey in an address before an overflow crowd Thursday night at the North Wilkesboro city hall upheld the Democratic as the proper agency for county, city and national government and urged his hearers to vote the Democratic ticket all the way through Tuesday.

Senator Hoey's address was the highlight of the Wilkes Democratic rally, which climaxed a vigorous campaign in Wilkes county.

Watson Brame, chairman of the Democratic executive committee, opened the meeting and called on W. J. Bason to preside. He welcomed the crowd, which more than filled the auditorium and overflowed onto the street, where loud speakers were provided.

H. P. (Pat) Taylor, candidate for lieutenant governor, spoke briefly and presented C. B. Deane, eighth district congressman. Representative Deane predicted victory for the Democratic ticket, and introduced Senator Hoey.

In his usual entertaining manner Senator Hoey proceeded with a smooth flow of oratory which held the crowd with rapt attention.

Candidates for county offices were presented at the meeting, which was attended by party members from all sections of the county.

Trophy For Winner On Gridiron Here! Also For Blockers

Beginning this season, the Liberty Theatre will give a silver trophy to the winner of the North Wilkesboro - Wilkesboro football game, and a trophy to the player selected on each team as the best blocker.

The attractive trophy for winner of the annual Wilkes classic will become the permanent property of either school winning it three years in succession. The blocking trophy will be the permanent property of any player winning it one year, and there is one for each team. The player selected for the blocking trophy will be chosen by team mates.

The trophies are now on display in the show windows of The Jewel Box and will be presented on the stage of the Liberty theatre at a date to be selected by the schools following their football game on November 19.

Mrs. Bishop Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Minnie McEwen Bishop, 65, wife of Charlie Bishop, of near Wilkesboro, died Thursday.

Mrs. Bishop was a member of one of Wilkes' best known families, being a daughter of the late J. E. and Nannie Bledsoe McEwen.

The surviving members of her family are her husband, one daughter and one son, Mrs. Morgan Roope, of North Wilkesboro, and Paul Bishop, of Wilkesboro; also two sisters and one brother; Mrs. J. H. Johnson, of Wilkesboro, Miss Maude McEwen and A. M. McEwen, of Ferguson.

Funeral service was held Saturday at the home with Rev. W. N. Brookshire, Wilkesboro Baptist pastor, officiating, and burial was in Mount Lawn Memorial Park.

Agricultural Group Will Meet Thursday

Agricultural committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, of which W. K. Sturdivant is chairman, will meet Thursday night, 7:30, in the Chamber of Commerce office.

All members are asked to be present, along with representatives of the Extension Service, Triple A, Soil Conservation Service, Farm Home Administration and National Farm Loan Association.

Plans will be laid for high school and sawmill field days in forestry work, county and district soil conservation essay contest, and a farm planning meeting to be held here to establish agricultural progress goals for the county.

P. W. Eshelman's Step-Mother Dies

Statesville.—Mrs. A. F. Eshelman died Tuesday night at Davis Hospital, where she had been a patient for five weeks. Mrs. Eshelman lived in High Point for about 35 years. She has been spending her winters in Statesville with her sister, Mrs. C. E. Keiger. Besides Mrs. Keiger, she leaves one other sister, Mrs. N. J. Muse of Carthage. Funeral was held Thursday at 11 a. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Keiger on West End Avenue. Interment was in the High Point Cemetery at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. A. F. Eshelman was the step-mother of P. W. Eshelman of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Eshelman attended the funeral at Statesville and High Point Thursday.

Eller's To Open Against Mitchell

Eller's Bluejackets basketball team, Millers Creek, backed by Eller's Lumber, Supply, will open the season Tuesday night against the Mitchell College team in Statesville.

On Saturday night Mitchell will return the game at Millers Creek.

Tickets for the Mitchell college game will go on sale Wednesday at Brame's Drug store.

Eller's team stock was boosted today when word arrived that Tom Daddino, of Delanco, N. J., polished first basemen of the North Wilkesboro Flashers, will come here to play basketball with Eller's this season.

Minstrel Show At Traphill School 6

Traphill high school students will present "Coon Holler" minstrel at Traphill school Saturday, November 6, 7:30 p. m. Proceeds from admission charges will go to the basketball team for needed equipment. The public is cordially invited and is assured of good entertainment.

Scientists and engineers have been working for 20 years on the problems of growing and processing sweet potatoes for starch.

MOUNTAIN LIONS DEFEAT MONROE HERE FRIDAY NIGHT SCORE 14-7

North Wilkesboro Mountain Lions defeated the strong Monroe team here Friday night 14 to 7. With scoring breaks the score could have been higher for the North Wilkesboro eleven, who were not to be denied their first conference victory.

Paying a splendid team game with teamwork all the way, the Mountain Lions lost little time getting ahead in the game. After recovering a fumble on the 45 Davis and Badgett made it a first down, Swofford gained 7 and Stoker ran a reverse 20 yards to the 4. Davis scored on the second try and Hudson split the uprights with placement.

A second period threat by the Lions was set up when Hudson's pass to Hadley was ruled complete because of interference. Badgett and Swofford drove to the one-yard line but the ball went over to Monroe on a penalty. Monroe put on a short drive as the half ended.

Early in the second quarter North Wilkesboro struck quickly for the second score of the game when Hudson faded back and shot a beautiful pass over the Monroe team for 15 yards to Badgett, who raced the remaining 35 yards to score. Hudson's placement was good and North Wilkesboro was out in front 14 to 0.

Monroe drove right back when Ayscue ran 25 yards to the 32. Hadley picked up several yards, and Ayscue carried to the one yard line, where Hadley took the ball and plunged into the end zone. Hadley's placement for Monroe was good to

Parties Wind Up Hot Campaign For Tuesday's Election

Major political parties today were winding up intensive campaigns for votes in the election Tuesday, with a record vote forecast across the nation.

Addresses Saturday closed the campaigns for President Truman and Tom Dewey, Democrat and Republican, who will fight it out for the presidency, while Strom Thurmond, States Rights candidate, and Henry Wallace, Progressive, also try to garner big blocks of votes.

Polls favor Dewey to win and predict a close contest for control of the senate, with 2 senators to be elected. The Republicans now have a majority of three.

In the state, Democratic candidates are confident of election while Republicans put up their best effort since 1928.

In Wilkes county the Republican officials are again candidates and Democrats are waging a spirited campaign.

Polls will open at 6:30 a. m., and close at 6:30 p. m.

Optimist Club Has A Good Meeting

With President Maurice E. Walsh presiding, the Optimist Club of North Wilkesboro held its regular luncheon meeting on Tuesday of last week at Hotel Wilkes with a splendid attendance of members. This meeting of the club was also devoted to a business session and round table discussion.

The club was pleased to welcome into honorary membership Rev. C. J. Winslow, pastor of the Wilkesboro Methodist church.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday, November 9th, at 12 o'clock noon. All members are urged to be present.

President Maurice Walsh and Secretary Forrest Tugman, of the local Optimist club attended the district meeting held in Charlotte Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter A. White, of Atlanta, Ga., are spending a few days in the city with Dr. White's brother, Mr. Joe White, and family. Dr. and Mrs. White witnessed the Duke-Georgia Tech football game at Durham Saturday afternoon which Tech won 19 to 7.

Mrs. Ray Carson and daughter, Polly, have returned from a ten days' trip to Lexington and Mt. Sterling, Ky., where they visited friends. They made the trip there and back by plane.

Mr. James Edward Day, of this city, and Miss Becky Saunders, of Bedford, Va., who were married on Saturday, October 16, are moving into their apartment at Hill Haven Court on Sixth street.

Score by periods:
N. Wilkesboro 7 0 7 0 14
Monroe 0 0 7 0 7
Scoring touchdowns for North Wilkesboro: Davis, Badgett; extra points, Hudson 2 from placement. Scoring touchdown and point for Monroe, Hadley.
At half time high school girls beautifully dressed in evening dresses appeared on the field as sponsors of the members of the football team. The North Wilkesboro band also added to entertainment for the