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Meeting Of Old Hickory Council Boy Scouts Held

Wilkes Well Represented At Annual Meeting In Winston-Salem

Wilkes district of Boy Scouts was well represented at the annual meeting of the Old Hickory Council held Tuesday at Home Moravian church in Winston-Salem.

At the meeting Robert S. Gibbs was named chairman of the Wilkes district; J. B. Carter representative on the National Boy Scout council; Gordon Finley commissioner and L. M. Nelson executive member at large.

There were 300, representing all districts in the council, present and from the Wilkes district were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Moore, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Duncan and Gilbert Foster.

500 Acres At Devotion Given To Boy Scouts

Mrs. Dillard Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, has given the Old Hickory Council, B. S. of America, 500 acres of land on her large estate, Long Creek Lodge, at Devotion in Surry County.

The land—which runs in a broad strip through Saddle Mountain Creek bottom up to a wooded knoll overlooking the mile-long lake on Mill Creek and up onto the highest of the Blue Ridge Mountains in that area—will be made into a year-round camp for the Boy Scouts of the seven counties covered by Old Hickory Council.

Announcement of the gift was made by John M. Brown, Winston-Salem insurance man who heads Old Hickory Council.

Mr. Brown said the council would begin immediately to raise approximately \$30,000 to establish a camp. He said the council expects to be operating a camp there next summer.

Not only has Mrs. Reynolds given the Scouts the 500 acres of land, but she has granted them swimming, boating, and fishing rights in the big lake on Mill Creek; fishing rights in all the streams on the 11,000-acre estate; use of barns near the camp property for stabling horses; use of the skeet field; and use of the barn theatre for movies and entertainment programs.

This gift of land and privileges was made by Mrs. Reynolds and her four young sons, Richard Joshua Reynolds, 3rd, John Dillard Reynolds, and William N. Reynolds, 2nd.

V. F. W., Auxiliary Plan Square Dance On Saturday Night

The Blue Ridge post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary will again give baskets of gifts to needy families of veterans in Wilkes county during the Christmas season.

To help finance this work the V. F. W. and Auxiliary will sponsor a square dance to be held Saturday night at the Legion clubhouse. A well known string band has been engaged for the dance and a most enjoyable occasion is anticipated.

Many of the families to receive gifts from the V. F. W. have children ranging in ages from two to sixteen years, and clothing is needed in many cases. Those who have articles of clothing to give are asked to take them to the dance Saturday night.

A special meeting of the V. F. W. and Auxiliary will be held Monday night to lay plans for delivering the baskets.

R. W. Gwyn Stricken; Condition Is Critical

R. W. Gwyn, for more than 50 years cashier of the Bank of North Wilkesboro, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage Friday night about 11 o'clock and has been unconscious at his home since that time. Latest reports today were to the effect that there is no improvement in his condition.

Mr. Gwyn for several decades has been one of northwestern North Carolina's best known business leaders.

"I SPEAK FOR DEMOCRACY" WINNER



Miss Doris Wiles, representing North Wilkesboro high school, was the winner of this lovely Philco Radio phonograph combination in the "I Speak For Democracy" contest held recently in Wilkes county. This contest was co-sponsored by the Wilkes Jaycees, the Radio Dealers, and Radio Station WKBC. In all ten of Wilkes county's high schools a preliminary contest was held to pick the school winner. All school winners appeared over WKBC during National Radio Week. The board of judges listening in picked the three top speeches from the ten school winners. Then at a banquet at the Wilkes Hotel the Jaycees board of judges picked the first place winner. Runner-up was Miss Essie Wallace, from

Mount Pleasant school. Third place winner was Miss Lily Dean Bryan, from Wilkesboro school. All three top winners received radios as prizes. One winner will be picked from the state, and a recording of their speech will be sent to Washington, D. C., for the finals. The dignitaries acting as judges there will pick four winners to go to the Nation's Capital for a week's stay. Several other prizes will be awarded the national winners, one of which is a college scholarship. This is the first year that Wilkes county has been entered in this contest, and the Jaycees feel that it was such a success that it should be larger next year. The ground work is now being done to have a bigger "I Speak For Democracy" contest next year.

Wilkes Farmers Re-Elect Roberts As Leader In Triple A Program

It was announced from the Wilkes County AAA Office today by Maude S. Miller, Secretary of the Wilkes County AAA, that the convention of delegates from the 21 communities in Wilkes county elected for their County Committee in 1949 H. C. Roberts, of Cycle, Chairman; Lawrence Miller, of Wilkesboro, Vice-Chairman; Charlie Miles, of Traphill, Regular Member. W. M. Absher, of Halls Mills, was elected first alternate and C. W. Profit, of Wilkesboro, was elected second alternate.

The new community committee for 1949 according to the rates are as follows:

Antioch Township—T. M. Inscore, Berlie Welborn, A. F. Sale.
Beaver Creek Township—L. F. Walsh, J. C. West, G. C. Hayes.
Boomer Township—Ralph Swanson, M. F. Laws, Charlie Ferguson.
Brushy Mountain Township—J. D. Costner, J. C. Tedder, Hubert Hawn.
Edwards No. 1 Township—Irvin Key, J. K. Tharpe, W. Bland Martin.
Edwards No. 2 Township—Alton B. Carter, J. C. Luffman, O. P. Holbrook.
Elk Township—E. C. Hodges, B. C. Johnson, D. M. Triplett.
Jobs Cabin-Lewis Fork Townships

—H. H. Beshears, A. H. Beshears, F. C. Tomlinson.
Lewis Fork Township—A. M. McGee, L. G. Triplett, C. H. Ellis.
Loveale Township—Mrs. Julia Wright, Turner Anderson, J. A. Marlow.
Moravian Falls Township—W. R. Hubbard, P. J. Vestal, V. E. Jennings.
Mulberry Township—H. H. Jennings, Will Watson, G. C. Owens.
New Castle Township—C. M. Welborn, G. C. Green, D. J. Melton.
North Wilkesboro Township—J. E. Williams, W. B. Beamon, A. X. Wyatt.
Reddies River Township—Q. O. Kilby, Hugh Kilby, W. P. Bumgarner.
Rock Creek Township—Roscoe Wood, G. M. Alexander, J. C. Felts.
Somers Township—B. P. Roberts, A. T. Myers, E. A. Coleman.
Traphill Township—Watson Durham, M. P. Parks, W. Joines.
Union Township—A. R. Miller, W. H. Whittington, A. H. Taylor.
Walnut Grove Township—L. G. Billings, W. W. Gambill, C. A. Absher.
Wilkesboro Township—Charles C. Staley, B. S. Cull, Jr., Ben Busic.

Jaycees To Hold Second Annual Christmas Home Decoration Contest

Sam Vickery, president of the Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce, announced today that Forrest E. Jones again had been selected to head up the Jaycees Christmas home decoration contest in Wilkes county. Vickery expressed the hope that a large number of home owners would enter the contest this year.

Chairman Jones stated that rules this year were to be changed to give prizes for the most elaborate decoration; best decorated Christmas tree on lawn; and for the best decorated doorway. Prizes for these three divisions will be announced later.

Members of the Garden Club are being contacted in order to stimulate a greater interest in this home decoration. Not only are these organizations asked to participate in this Christmas beautification project, but it is especially hoped that many people out in the county will decorate their homes, lawns and trees.

The judges for the Christmas home decoration will view all of

the entries, the week before Christmas, and as soon as possible after Christmas the winners will be announced. The committee of judges will be announced at a later date. In order to be considered for this contest, you are invited to call Forrest Jones at telephone No. 721 or call the Chamber of Commerce office at 672.

Mr. Jones, in commenting on this project for Christmas-time "dressed up", had this to say: "We are all proud of our homes, and this is the chance to show to travelers and visitors our pride. If everyone would go to just a bit of trouble to decorate his home this year, we would soon have a state-wide reputation for having the most beautiful homes in the state.

"Fortunately, or unfortunately, we are usually judged by what one sees of us, and those who pride themselves on a beautiful home with thought given to the spirit of this season make for more happiness for all".

Record Crowd Attends Holiday Program

Radio Programs For Vocational Guidance Given

Vocational Guidance committee of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club is carrying out a vocational program for seniors of high schools in Wilkes county.

Dr. John T. Wayland is chairman of the committee. At a regular hour on Wednesday afternoon a successful member of a profession speaks over radio station WKBC in North Wilkesboro, and all seniors in the county schools listen by radio. At the end of his discourse he is quizzed by a team of seniors from the North Wilkesboro or Wilkesboro high school.

Rev. Watt M. Cooper, representing the ministry, and W. H. McElwee, representing the law profession, have been speakers in the programs already held. On December 15, Dr. A. C. Chamberlain will discuss dentistry, with the North Wilkesboro quiz team furnishing the questions. On January 5 C. B. Eller will discuss education and the Wilkesboro group will shoot the questions.

Kiwanians Meet With Elkin Club

North Wilkesboro Kiwanians met with the Elkin club in an inter-club meeting Thursday and on Friday held a brief meeting at Hotel Wilkes.

Nineteen members of the club went to Elkin on Thursday evening. Rev. Sylvester Green, editor of the Durham Herald, was the speaker, bringing to the meeting a very stirring talk on the complexity of problems now confronting the peoples of the earth in the local communities, the states, the nation and in international relationships. In the local communities the problems of traffic, public health, education and recreation; in the state the problems of health, roads and education; in the nation the problems of education and health; and in the world the problem of international relationship. All these are so interrelated that no one can hardly be singled out and thought of as being a single problem. He urged his audience to be in accord with the idea of being physically prepared and also that we be morally and spiritually prepared for any emergency that may arise.

In the meeting held Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes Dr. J. H. McNeill reported on the Vocational Guidance programs being put on over radio each Wednesday.

G. Sam Winters was program chairman and he presented L. M. Nelson, who gave a reading. Miss Lois Scroggs entertained the club with piano numbers.

At the meeting Friday J. Floyd Woodward was guest of L. M. Nelson.

Deadline For New Tobacco Allotments

Maude S. Miller, secretary of the Wilkes County AAA, announced today that information has been received from G. T. Scott, state director of the Production and Marketing Administration to the effect that all producers of flue-cured and burley tobacco who did not have an allotment for their farm in 1948 and who expect to produce burley or flue-cured tobacco in 1949 must file their applications, in the AAA office, for "new grower" allotment by February 1, 1949.

All applications for new-grower allotments will be transmitted to the State Committee who will decide the amount of acreage that can be set up for each particular farm according to the cropland, labor, and equipment, that is reported by the producer on his application.

Bazaar To Be Held Friday, December 17

A bazaar will be held Friday, December 17, beginning at ten a. m. at Horton's Appliance store on Main street, under auspices of the Ladies Relief Society of L. D. S. church located on North Wilkesboro route three. Many beautiful hand made articles which will be very suitable for gifts will be sold. Everyone is invited.

Christmas Program For P.-T. A. Meeting Here Thursday Night

The North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association will meet on Thursday, 7:30 p. m., at the school. A special feature of the meeting will be a Christmas program by Miss Stella Cain's third grade. Parents are invited to take their families to the meeting.

Investigation Of Winger Death Is Being Continued

Funeral Service For C. C. Winger Held Sunday Near This City

An autopsy was performed on Saturday afternoon on the body of Chester C. Winger, 34-year-old merchant, to ascertain the cause of his death Thursday.

Coroner I. M. Myers is being assisted in the investigation by Sheriff C. G. Poindexter and by Guy Scott, of the state bureau of investigation.

Winger was found, partially undressed, with a bullet wound in his forehead, in the bedroom back of his store on highway 268 Thursday morning, 11 o'clock, by his brother and a customer who had found the door to the store locked. Winger died five hours later at The Wilkes Hospital.

The autopsy revealed that the bullet which killed Winger was a .32-calibre, same as the gun which was lying beside him in his bedroom.

Officers offered no comment on findings, if any, which may determine cause of death.

Funeral service was held Sunday at 11 a. m., at the home of a brother, Numa Winger, near this city, and burial was in the Mount Lawn Memorial Park.

The service, which was largely attended, was conducted by Rev. S. L. Blevins and Rev. Charlie Richardson. Ladies of the community carried the many beautiful flowers.

Mr. Winger is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Winger, three brothers, Numa, Gilbert and Fidel Winger, all of North Wilkesboro route one; and his wife, Mrs. Grace Lovette Winger, of North Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Era Smithey Claimed By Death

Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, two p. m., at Shady Grove church west of Wilkesboro for Mrs. Era Smithey, who died Sunday evening at her home near Moravian Falls. Rev. W. N. Brookshire, Wilkesboro Baptist pastor, will conduct the service.

Mrs. Smithey leaves two sons and two daughters: Wiley and Shafter Smithey, and Mrs. Sewell Eller, of Moravian Falls, and Mrs. Mary Joines, of Wilkesboro.

Basketball League Meeting On Tuesday

Representatives of all community, all-star and industrial basketball teams in Wilkes county are asked to meet Tuesday afternoon, 4:30, at the office of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of organizing the Wilkes basketball league.

LOCALS

Mr. C. H. Byrd, of Hays, was in this city today looking after business matters.

Mr. L. G. Triplett, who resides in the Champion community, was a business visitor in the Wilkesboro today.

Mrs. Kenneth Moore returned home Saturday from Davis Hospital in Statesville, where she was a patient for three weeks, friends are glad to know she is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Riddle, Jr., and little son, Stevie, visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Riddle, Sr., at Banner Elk during the week-end.

Mr. Numa Winger, of the Fairplains community, was taken critically ill Saturday night. Very little improvement in his condition was reported today.

Messrs. J. H. Somers and G. Sam Winters are patients of The Wilkes Hospital. They were reported today as getting along all right.

Serves In Navy



Seaman Virgil Key, son of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Key, of Mertie, entered the navy 8 months ago and is now stationed at San Diego, California. Recent letters home indicate that he is enjoying his naval career.

Merchants Asked To Have Ballots In By Wednesday

Ballots have been mailed by the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce to merchants in the Wilkesboros in order to ascertain their wishes relative to closing December 25 through 27 for Christmas and the holiday schedule for 1949.

It is asked that these ballots be returned to the Chamber of Commerce office not later than Wednesday, December 15, in order that results may be published Thursday. Any merchant who did not receive a ballot is asked to call the Chamber of Commerce office at once.

Movement Begun For Liquor Vote Wilkesboro Town

A meeting of a group of citizens held Friday night a movement was begun seeking a vote in Wilkesboro on the question of establishing an A.B.C. liquor store in the town.

Following the meeting several copies of a petition were circulated. The petition asks passage of an act of the legislature which would permit the calling of a liquor store election for the town.

It was also learned here that the same question has been discussed informally by the North Wilkesboro board of commissioners.

Frozen Food Demonstration

G. Sam Winters, manager of the Wilkes Implement Company of North Wilkesboro, has announced that he has secured the services of Mrs. Myron C. Luttrell, specialist in frozen foods for International Harvester company, who will hold a demonstration on frozen foods in the show rooms of Wilkes Implement Company located 1/2 mile east of the river bridge on highway 115, on the night of December 14th at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Luttrell will give demonstrations on preparing, packing, freezing, defrosting, and cooking frozen foods. This demonstration will last approximately one hour. All ladies who are interested in this information are encouraged to attend, and bring their husbands. Mr. Winters announces that door prizes will be given to the ladies, and refreshments will be served.

OPTIMIST CLUB MEETS TOMORROW

The Optimist club will meet tomorrow at noon at Hotel Wilkes, Maurice E. Walsh, president, announced today. All members are urged to be present.

Mr. Q. A. McNeill and family, who have been occupying an apartment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gray in Wilkesboro, moved recently to the Bill Hart residence on E street in this city.

Many North Carolina counties are reporting record cotton crops this year.

Thousands Greet Pre-Holiday Visit Santa Claus Here

Hundreds Of Voices Join In Singing Carols In Memorial Park

One of the largest crowds ever assembled in North Wilkesboro on Thursday night enjoyed the holiday program put on under auspices of the Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce and greeted the pre-holiday arrival of Santa Claus.

A chorus of more than 600 voices joined in singing Christmas carols around a lighted tree in Memorial Park, while thousands sat in the bleachers and stood about the athletic field waiting for the arrival of Santa.

The crowd was even larger than anticipated and larger than could be accommodated. Memorial Park was jammed with people and before time for the program to open traffic in the vicinity of Memorial Park was stalemated. All parking space was taken about the park and cars lined the highways and streets for several blocks, extending all the way to up-town streets and to the Yaddin bridge.

Police estimated the crowd, including those in Memorial Park and those who couldn't reach the park, at 8,000 people.

At six p. m. the carolers from many schools and churches in Wilkes county gathered at the park and went in three groups to Midway, Tenth street and Sixth street. Walking with lighted candles, the groups sang carols en route to Memorial Park.

When the singers arrived at the park the place was filled with people, who had been entertained during the waiting period by the North Wilkesboro high school band.

J. Jay Anderson led the combined group in singing. Dr. John T. Wayland led the assembly in Christmas prayer. John Cashion was commentator for the program and the crowd was welcomed by W. G. Gabriel, chairman of the Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce.

When Santa arrived through the gate, traveling in a sleigh drawn by four horses, he was the center of attraction and much of the crowd poured onto the field, making it difficult to carry out the program according to the detailed plan arranged in advance.

Mayor T. S. Kenerly showed his farming ability in driving the four big horses pulling the sleigh, which proceeded to midfield. There he paused and after the crowd's first excitement at arrival of Santa had subsided, Dr. Gilbert R. Combs began reading "A Visit From St. Nicholas," with accompaniment and sound effects by the high school band and with Santa Claus helping in the pantomime.

Following this poem Santa began circling the field in the sleigh and throwing out candy to children. Naturally, Santa's pre-holiday samples of candy were not enough to get around to the many thousands there, but he assured them that he will be back the night before Christmas with plenty for everybody.

Boxes of letters were picked up by Santa Claus at the close of the program.

December Term Of Court Opens

December term of Wilkes superior court convened today with Judge John H. Clement, of Walkertown, presiding.

Claude Billings, Sr., of Hays, was appointed foreman of the grand jury, which received an instructive charge today from Judge Clement, and court began work on a docket of about 200 cases. Solicitor Avalon E. Hall is prosecuting the docket.

Legion To Meet

Wilkes post of the American Legion will have its last meeting in 1948 Thursday night, eight o'clock, at the Legion clubhouse. A large attendance of members is especially desired for this meeting.