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Bar Association Ask County Court For Wilkes County

Robert Gambill Recommended For Judge And Allie Hayes Solicitor

Wilkes county Bar Association in recent meeting passed a resolution asking that a Wilkes County Recorder's court be established for trial of criminal and civil actions.

In the bar meeting there were no votes in opposition to the resolution and a majority of the lawyers voted for the proposal, which is now before the Wilkes county board of commissioners for consideration.

The bar association recommended appointment of Attorney Robert G. Gambill for judge of the county court and Attorney J. Allie Hayes for prosecuting attorney.

In asking that the court be established it was pointed out that criminal docket of superior court is crowded and that the court is far behind. At the close of the December term over 75 cases were continued, although many cases were tried and there were no major cases to consume time of the court.

J. Allie Hayes is president and Clyde Hayes is secretary of the Wilkes Bar Association.

A. M. Gregory Fatally Shot In Salisbury Monday

Was Husband of Former Miss Virginia Tomlinson, Of This City

Salisbury.—A. M. (Bus) Gregory, 41, businessman and former University of North Carolina football player, died at 2 a. m. Tuesday as result of a shotgun wound received early Monday morning.

Sheriff J. H. Krider announced that James M. Eury, 69, is being held in the Rowan county jail on a charge of murder. No date for the preliminary hearing has been set.

Deputy Sheriff David Graham, Jr., said Gregory was shot about 8:30 a. m. Monday. He said Gregory had Eury had been engaged in a heated argument about a road Gregory planned to build near his Oak Ridge Lumber company just outside Salisbury. The deputy said the Eury broke off the argument long enough to enter his house. When he returned he was carrying a shotgun, the deputy said, which he fired twice at Gregory.

Gregory was the son of Mrs. E. C. Gregory of Salisbury and the late State Senator Gregory, and a grandson of the late United States Senator Lee Slater Overman. He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Virginia Tomlinson, of North Wilkesboro, three children, his mother, and a brother, all of Salisbury.

The sheriff said that Eury, 69-year-old Rowan farmer, was being held in the county jail here on a charge of murder.

Funeral services were held at St. Luke's Episcopal church in Salisbury Wednesday at 3 p. m.

Revival Services Zion Hill Holiness

Rev. E. E. Church will begin a revival at Zion Hill Pentecostal Holiness church December 27. The public is cordially invited to the services, which will be held at seven p. m. each evening. There will be special singing in all services. Rev. Stanley Wheeling is pastor of the church.

Optimist Club To Meet Tuesday

The Optimist club will hold its regular fourth Tuesday meeting at Hotel Wilkes Tuesday, December 28th, at noon. All members are urged to attend the luncheon meeting.

The Journal-Patriot Will Not Be Issued On Monday, Dec. 27

Following a policy of long standing, of allowing a brief holiday vacation for employees, The Journal-Patriot will not be issued on Monday, December 27.

Next issue of The Journal-Patriot after today will be on Thursday, December 30, in which effort will be made to give full coverage to local news during the week.

Holiday Banquets Enjoyed By Groups Here During Week

Christmas banquets have been enjoyed by many groups in this community during the past week.

On Tuesday night Belk's Department store gave a banquet at Carolina Restaurant for employees and 41 enjoyed the dinner and festivities. Group singing was enjoyed and gifts were exchanged. W. G. Gabriel, manager of the store and host for the occasion, spoke briefly and presented to employees approximately \$5,000 to employes in the profit sharing plan used by the store here.

Dixie Home Banquet
Employees of Dixie Home store, with their wives and husbands, enjoyed a turkey dinner Monday night at Hotel Wilkes. Twenty-two were present for the festive occasion, which was a highly enjoyable event.

National Guard Party
Members of the North Wilkesboro battery of the National Guard, civic leaders of the community and honorary members, enjoyed a dinner party Tuesday night at Carolina Restaurant following regular drill of the battery. A ham steak dinner was served to the 79 in attendance and entertainment was furnished by the Sons of Harmony quartet. Special guests for the enjoyable occasion included Lt. Col. R. A. Thompson, of Lenoir, battalion commander, and Captain McLean, regular army instructor.

Tomlinson's Has Banquet
Annual Christmas party and banquet given by Tomlinson's Department store for employees was held Monday night at Carolina Restaurant with 27 attending. Following a delicious chicken dinner the group enjoyed a social hour.

Gaddy's Banquet Tuesday
Personnel of Gaddy Motor Company enjoyed a holiday banquet Tuesday night in the ballroom of Hotel Wilkes. Following a sumptuous turkey dinner, gifts were exchanged and bonus checks were given out by W. F. Gaddy, proprietor of the firm. Fifty-eight employees enjoyed the occasion. In order to avoid parking congestion in the downtown area, those attending the banquet parked their cars at Gaddy Motor company and were carried by a chartered bus to the hotel.

I. J. Lovette Is Taken By Death

Iverson Jerome Lovette, 72, well known citizen of the Moravian Falls community, died late Monday at his home.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, two p. m., at Mt. Carmel Baptist church. Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, Rev. Ed O. Miller and Rev. Iredell Osborne conducted the service.

Mr. Lovette is survived by his wife and six sons and daughters: Mrs. Ethel Gates, Kings Mountain; Ivey Movette, Moravian Falls; Andrew Lovette, Martinsville, Va.; Mrs. J. P. Galliger, Thornwood, N. Y.; Don Lovette, Hudson; Ed Lovette, Durham.

Mr. Lovette was a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist church and was also active in the Masonic lodge. Masons conducted burial rites at the grave.

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Brothers Have Sunday School Record



Paul Brown, left, and Harlin Brown, right, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Brown, of Reddies River, have each attended Sunday school 5 years in succession without being absent a Sunday. They take an active part in all church activities. Paul sings tenor and Harlin is director of the Junior Singing Choir. They attend Pine View Baptist church.

Christmas Service At The Prison Camp

Colored ministers will conduct a service at the prison camp Saturday, ten a. m., instead of Sunday, according to an announcement by Rev. T. M. Walker, president, and Rev. W. Thomas Martin, Jr., director of research.

Announce Holidays City Clerk's Office

The office of Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector of the Town of North Wilkesboro will be closed from twelve o'clock noon on December 24th through Monday, December 27th, 1948.

Planning Selection Of The Outstanding Young Man In '48

Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce is going ahead with plans for selecting and honoring the "Outstanding Young Man of This Community" during 1948.

Entry blanks are now available at the office of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce and an open invitation has gone out to the public for nominations, which are made by filling out the entry blank with the desired information. The person nominated must not have reached his 36th birthday.

A committee of judges over 36 years of age will judge the nominees according to the following scale: 25 points for contribution to community or state welfare; 25 points for participation in all-around community or state activities; 20 points for evidence of lasting contribution to community or state activities; 10 points for exhibition of leadership ability; 10 points for evidence of personal or business progress; 10 points for cooperation with individuals and civic organizations.

Mother Of W. J. Bason Succumbs

Mebane.—Mrs. Flora M. Bason, 82, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. W. McPherson, Route 1, Mebane, Monday. She had been seriously ill for 10 days. A native of Alamance County, she was the daughter of the late Stanford and Julia Ann Fox Murphy and the wife of the late W. H. Bason.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. D. W. McPherson, Route 1, Mebane; five sons, W. E. Bason and J. W. Bason of Graham, S. M. Bason, Yaneyville, W. J. Bason, North Wilkesboro, and G. S. M. Bason, Yanceyville, W. J. Bason, Charlie Murphy, High Point; two sisters, Miss Annie Murphy, Miss Cornelia Murphy, both of Route 2, Graham; and 12 grandchildren. Funeral was conducted Tuesday at 2 p. m. at Hawfield's Presbyterian Church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Asks Extension Specialists For Forestry Work

Chamber Commerce Joins State Group In Petition For Development

Wilkes Chamber of Commerce has joined in a movement sponsored by a group of citizens from different parts of the state to urge the state of North Carolina to have the extension service assume responsibility in developing the timber resources of the state.

Sponsors of the movement are six citizens, one of whom is R. G. Finley, president of Meadows Mill company in North Wilkesboro. The other are Burke E. Wilson, of Rural Hall; Thomas J. Pearsall, of Rocky Mount; P. M. Barger, of Statesville; H. M. Hardy, of Warrenton; and R. Flake Shaw, of Greensboro.

They are asking that an assistant county agent, or farm forester, whose duties will be solely in forestry development, be named for each county or group of counties where there are 100,000 or more acres in woodlands. They would ask a state appropriation of \$50,000 for the first year and \$100,000 the second year to support this program, supplemented by county appropriations on the usual basis.

The proposed plan was followed the same degree for a number of years until last year. John E. Ford was the forester in Wilkes county, but under the present plan a farm forester has as many as 19 counties and cannot do any appreciable work with individual timber producers.

Homer Brookshire Will Head K. of P. Lodge Here In '48

North Wilkesboro Knights of Pythias lodge number 67 will install officers in the meeting to be held Monday night, January 3, in the lodge hall.

Homer Brookshire will lead the lodge as chancellor commander in 1949 and the other officers to be installed were elected recently as follows: G. R. Andrews, vice chancellor; Sam Winters, prelate; Isaac Duncanson, master of works; William A. Miller, secretary; Cecil Hauss, master of finance; W. E. Jones, master of exchequer; Archie Lee Osborne, master at arms; William O. Johnson, inner guard; George Wells, outer guard.

Attention is called to the fact that the lodge will not meet on December 27. A large attendance is desired for the installation meeting January 3.

Christmas Program At Moravian Falls

"Christmas Eve and All Is Well" is the title of the Christmas Program to be presented at Moravian Falls Baptist church Saturday evening, seven o'clock. The program will be presented by boys and girls of the Sunday school and the church choir. The public is cordially invited.

Brownies Decorate Tree In Library

The Brownie Scout troop, of which Mrs. Ira D. Payne is leader, did a splendid job in decorating a Christmas tree in the Wilkes Public Library in the North Wilkesboro town hall. The public is invited to see this accomplishment by a group of small girls.

Holiday Club Plans Dance Saturday Night

The Holiday club, made up of boys and girls attending college and now home for the holidays, will sponsor a dance Saturday night, nine o'clock, at the Legion clubhouse. The public, and especially all club members, are invited.

Annual Meeting Chamber Planned

Board of directors of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in the last regular meeting for 1948 laid plans for the annual membership meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, which will be a banquet at Hotel Wilkes some time late in January or early in February.

R. M. Brame, Jr., president, presided at the meeting and other directors present were W. O. Absher, Joe Barber, Gilbert Bare, J. B. Carter, D. V. Deal, R. G. Finley, J. R. Hix, Dr. F. C. Hubbard, Richard Johnston, W. H. McElwee, C. J. Swofford and J. B. Williams.

The chamber directors enthusiastically agreed to join with the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce in helping to arrange a tour of Northwestern North Carolina, and a dinner for delegates of the Southern Association of Chambers of Commerce in its annual convention at Winston-Salem March 27-29.

J. B. Williams, membership chairman, reported 39 new members and 29 increased memberships in the recent campaign. Present members are not contacted and it is assumed that all will renew their memberships for the coming year.

The board changed the by-laws of the chamber to make it possible to elect a member to the board after one year lapse following a term on the board, instead of a three-year lapse as formerly.

The board changed the title of secretary-manager to "manager," in accordance with chamber of commerce policy throughout the country.

President Brame named a nominating committee of seven to nominate 12 members, six of whom will be elected to the board of directors. The nominating committee is composed of three retiring directors and four other members, as follows: J. R. Hix, chairman, C. J. Swofford, W. K. Sturdivant, Arlon Triplett, William Gray, Dr. G. T. Mitchell and Ira D. Payne.

The board was given information concerning the North Carolina Ports Authority for improvement of North Carolina ports.

Business Club Meets On Tuesday

The Wilkesboro Business and Professional Men's Club will hold its regular meeting Tuesday evening at seven o'clock at the Woman's club building. Important business will be transacted at this meeting, including election of officers. All members are urged to be present.

Christmas Program Little Rock Church

There will be a Christmas program at Little Rock Baptist church Friday, December 24, at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is cordially invited.

Christmas Program Arbor Grove Church

There will be a Christmas program at Arbor Grove Methodist church near Millers Creek on Christmas night, December 25th, at 7:30. The title is "Christmas Comes from Everywhere". Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Meanest Thief Takes Christmas Lights

There is another nomination for the world's meanest. On Tuesday night a thief of unknown identity stole Christmas tree lights from a tree in front of the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Chamberlain.

Mrs. Chamberlain offers a reward for information leading to arrest of the guilty party.

Dairy Breeding Program Starts December 28th

By PAUL CHOPLIN (County Agent)

The Wilkes Cooperative Artificial Breeding Association Incorporated announces that the association will be ready to breed dairy cattle beginning Tuesday, December 28th, 1948. The headquarters for this Wilkes County Farmers Cooperative will be located at Coble Dairy's warehouse in Wilkesboro. Farmers desiring breeding service for pure bred or grade dairy cattle may obtain service from Holstein, Guernsey, and Jersey bulls by calling telephone, 192. There will be someone to answer this telephone night or day, holidays and Sundays. Breeding service will be available every day in the week including Sundays.

Mr. Roby Rhodes and Mr. Russell Edwards have been trained at N. C. State College to do this work. In order that they may serve the farmers efficiently, certain information must be sent in or telephoned to them at the proper time. They will need to know the name, mailing address, farm location, breed of cow, and the time the cow was ready for breeding including the day and hour. Every effort will be made to breed cows reported before 11 a. m. the same day that they are reported. Any citizen of Wilkes county owning one or more cows may obtain this service for \$6.00. This will include up to three services with no additional cost. Membership in the association is \$2.00 plus 50c for each cow owned by the member. Non-members may call for service and sign up membership with the service man when he visits the farm.

Notifying tags will be mailed to patrons of Coble Dairy. These tags may be filled out and tied to the milk can. These tags will be turned over to the service man when they arrive at the dairy plant. Farmers that are not selling milk to Coble Dairy may obtain these tags from the milk hauler or a Coble patron and fill them out and send them into headquarters on a neighbor's milk can or with the milk hauler. Any other convenient means of notifying the service man will be satisfactory.

The county officials realize the value of this superior breeding service and are supporting the association. They have bought the equipment necessary to start the work. This breeding service is the best means to increase the butterfat and milk production of a dairy cow. It makes available the best blood of superior bulls to more dairymen, especially the small herd owner. Anyone interested in obtaining more information concerning this work may contact the Farm Agents or the service men.

Christmas Program Little Rock Church

Report calls for service to telephone 192 and not to the Farm Agents office.

Christmas Program Arbor Grove Church

There will be a Christmas program at Little Rock Baptist church Friday, December 24, at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is cordially invited.

Christmas Trade Is In High Gear After Slow Start

Stores Open Until Eight P. M. Through Friday Night In Wilkesboros

Off to a slow start a week ago, Christmas buying in the Wilkesboros increased rapidly in the Wilkesboros, beginning Friday and continuing daily, it was learned today from a spokesman for the Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce.

Merchants were prepared for the Christmas rush and even at this late hour, shoppers have a wide variety of merchandise in all lines to choose from.

For convenience of late shoppers, merchants in the Wilkesboros began last night staying open until eight p. m. and will continue the late closing hour through Friday night, December 24.

Stores to Close 25-27
Stores and a majority of other business houses in the Wilkesboros will be closed December 25 through Monday, December 27, and re-open Tuesday morning.

Garages will be closed Friday and Saturday this week and re-open Monday morning. There is one exception to the schedule for garages. Wilkes Auto Sales company will be closed on Monday for inventory purposes.

Office of clerk of court, register of deeds, sheriff and tax accountant in the Wilkes courthouse will close Friday noon and re-open Tuesday morning. Other offices in the courthouse will be closed Friday through Monday and re-open Tuesday.

Governor R. Gregg Cherry has proclaimed Monday a holiday and banks will be closed December 25 through December 27.

McGee Tells 4-H Club About Trip To Chicago Meet

Friday, December 17, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. the 4-H County Council met in Reins-Sturdivant chapel where eight 4-H clubs were represented.

After the 4-H club pledge and motto had been repeated, the president, Buddy Mathis, introduced Edwin McGee of the Mount Pleasant 4-H club, who related his experiences of the past week in Chicago. Edwin was the Wilkes County winner in the forestry contest and had just returned from a week's trip at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

Mr. Choplin then led in the discussion of the 4-H camp which is being planned for the coming summer. Miss Margaret Morrison mentioned the 4-H Achievement Day, which is now planned for January 14, 1949.

As a conclusion of the program the group sang a number of songs and played games.

Funeral Services For Returned Vets

Bodies of three Wilkes men who were killed in World War II have arrived for re-burial.

Last rites will be held Sunday, two p. m., at Pleasant Grove Baptist church for Pvt. Glenn W. Brooks, who was killed in action in Germany August 12, 1944.

Funeral will be held Monday, two p. m., at Boomer Advent Christian church for Pvt. Lester J. Keaton.

On Sunday, January 2, at 2:30 p. m., funeral will be held at Mount Pleasant Baptist church for Pvt. Raymond Vaughn Eller, who lost his life in action with the marine corps in the Pacific. Pvt. Eller was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Eller, of Purlear.

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