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North Wilkesboro has a trading radius of 50 miles, serving 100,000 people in Northwestern Carolina.

Making Progress On New Presbyterian Church Building



This picture shows work well under way on the new church auditorium for the First Presbyterian church in North Wilkesboro. The religious education building, which has been acclaimed as one of the best in the south, was erected several years ago. The auditorium structure is of native stone construction and a splendid type of structural work is being accomplished under direction of A. A. Cashion, building committee chairman. —(Photo by Lane's Studio).

HIGHWAY POSTOFFICE WILL BEGIN OPERATION FEBRUARY 4TH FROM GREENSBORO VIA HERE TO BOONE

Starting dates for the operation of two highway postoffices which will use Greensboro as a terminus were announced by J. B. McGee, district superintendent for the Railway Mail Service.

The Greensboro-Boone route will be started February 4, and the Greensboro-Warsaw route on February 5.

The highway postoffices are completely equipped mail trucks and are equipped in the same general way as a railway mail car.

Authorization for the new motorized post offices was received yesterday along with the dates for starting the service. However, plans for the new step had been announced previously.

The highway post office run from Greensboro to Boone will include stops at Guilford, Kernersville, Winston-Salem, Yadkinville, Booneville, Elkin, Ronda, Roaring River, North Wilkesboro, Halls Mills, McGrady, Laurel Springs, Transou, Wagoner, Jefferson, West Jefferson, and Todd.

The motorized post office will

Thieves Enter Stores and Take Pennies, Nickles

Thieves Monday night entered two wholesale establishments here which contained great amounts of valuable merchandise and took nickles and pennies, Police Chief J. E. Walker said here.

At Eller Brothers store on Forester Avenue the building was entered by breaking a door lock. A Coca-Cola vending machine was entered and the money box, containing a small quantity of nickles, was taken.

Carl A. Lowe and Sons store on Forester Avenue was entered by forcing a lock on a side door. There the top of a Coca-Cola vending machine was torn off but the money box containing a few nickles had not been reached. A small quantity of pennies elsewhere in the store was missing. At neither store was any merchandise missing, according to a preliminary check.

Chief Walker said the robberies were probably work of juveniles.

Stockholders Ball Club Meet Tonight

Stockholders of North Wilkesboro baseball club will meet tonight, seven o'clock, in the office of Attorney Larry S. Moore. Purpose of the meeting will be to elect a board of directors, who will name manager and business manager for the 1949 season in the Blue Ridge Baseball league.

Return That Book to the Library

begin its run at 3:30 a. m. each day except Sunday. The conveyance will arrive in Boone at 10:45 a. m. It will leave Boone at 1:45 p. m., and arrive in Greensboro at 9 p. m.

Meanwhile, the Greensboro-Warsaw highway post office will leave Greensboro at 6 a. m. and arrive in Warsaw at 12:20 p. m. It will begin its return trip at 1:40 p. m., arriving in Greensboro at 8 p. m.

Establishment of the route represents successful culmination of efforts of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, North Wilkesboro Postmaster Maurice E. Walsh and other groups and individuals along the route from Greensboro to Boone. When highway conditions are met, the route may be extended to Johnson City, Tenn., which would improve mail service from this area to the mid-west.

The highway postoffice will carry and work all types of mail, and will be in addition to present mail transportation facilities in this area.

Called Meeting Of V. F. W. Post Here

Blue Ridge Mountain post of Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet in a call meeting tonight, eight o'clock, in the office of Key City Wholesale company on the corner of Sixth and B streets. A large attendance is urged.

Optimist Club Met Tuesday

The Optimist Club of North Wilkesboro held its regular fourth Tuesday meeting this week at Hotel Wilkes. The president, Maurice E. Walsh, presided.

The meeting opened with invocation being spoken by Dr. John T. Wayland, and the members enjoyed singing several familiar songs.

As no program had been arranged for the after-Christmas meeting of the club, the program was used for round-table discussion by members.

Christmas Treat

The club gave the members of the Junior Optimist Club a splendid treat on Thursday evening before Christmas. This treat consisted of a generous amount of fruit, candy, and nuts, and was greatly appreciated by the Junior Optimists. Some of the treat was not needed for the Junior Optimists, and this was distributed among the children of needy families.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday, January 11th.

New Years Eve Service Friday By Young People

Watch night service will be held Friday night, 11 until 11:30 p. m. at the First Baptist church by young people of the First Methodist, First Presbyterian and First Baptist churches. The public is cordially invited.

Inspection Lane Here Through 1st

The Auto inspection lane is now operating in North Wilkesboro and will remain here through January first to give all an opportunity to have their cars inspected before the January first deadline.

Two Wilkes Men Badly Injured In Highway Mishap

John And Grant Dillard In Car And Truck Crash Near Winston-Crash

Winston-Salem. — John and Grant Dillard, both of North Wilkesboro, Route 1, the Hays community, were injured yesterday when their automobile collided with a Charlotte tractor-trailer on U. S. Highway 421 about two and one-half miles west of the Winston-Salem city limits.

Both men were taken to Baptist Hospital by ambulance. John Dillard was reported last night as being in "very critical" condition, having suffered severe head injuries. He was still unconscious at 9:30 p. m. Grant Dillard had regained consciousness last night but was being held for observation as to possible internal injuries.

State Highway Patrolmen said the Dillard car was traveling east on 421 and was rounding a curve just east of the intersection of 421 and Highway 67 when it met a tractor-trailer driven by James Lloyd Finley of Marion. The truck was owned by the Bruce Johnson Trucking Company of Charlotte.

Patrolmen quoted eyewitnesses as saying the tractor-trailer skidded and jack-knifed on the curve and that the automobile collided with the left side of the trailer. The automobile was damaged beyond repair, and damage to the trailer was estimated at between \$700 and \$800. Both rear wheels of the trailer were knocked loose, patrolmen said.

Finley was charged with reckless driving and placed under \$1,000 bond for appearance in Winston-Salem Municipal Court February 15.

Broadcast Sunday From First Baptist

Church service radio broadcast Sunday morning by radio station WKBC will be from the First Baptist church, with Dr. John T. Wayland, pastor, delivering the message.

Rites Held Sunday For R. W. Gwyn Who Died Dec. 24

Was Cashier Of Bank Of North Wilkesboro For Over Half Century

Richard Walter Gwyn, for more than half a century cashier of the Bank of North Wilkesboro, died Friday night, December 24, 8:45 o'clock, at his home in this city.

Stricken with cerebral hemorrhage December 10, Mr. Gwyn remained critically ill until his death and did not regain consciousness.

Mr. Gwyn was born in Elkin. His father was Richard Ransom Gwyn, who was in mercantile business and was engaged in manufacturing at Elkin, and his mother was Mrs. Mollie Dickerson Gwyn. In his youth Mr. Gwyn attended Davis Military Academy, which was located in Winston-Salem. From that school he came to North Wilkesboro in 1892 to be with his sister, Mrs. J. E. Finley. Mr. Finley at that time was president of the newly organized Bank of North Wilkesboro, and the young Mr. Gwyn was given a job in the bank. He was 19 years old at that time.

The young man rapidly advanced in work of the bank and was made cashier of the bank, a position which he held throughout the remainder of his long and useful life.

At the time Mr. Gwyn came to North Wilkesboro the town was a trading village at the end of a railroad, and his life and work contributed greatly to the growth of the town and community.

In the bank Mr. Gwyn became known as one of the most able bank executives in the state, and in that capacity he made the acquaintance and secured the friendship of thousands of people in northwestern North Carolina. Mr. Gwyn was known as a keen judge of character and he placed great value on character in business dealings.

In addition to his bank connection, Mr. Gwyn figured prominently in business life of this community in other lines of endeavor for many years. With Mr. J. R. Hix Mr. Gwyn purchased the Vaughn-Hemphill wholesale firm here in 1905, which operated successfully for many years. He was vice president of Turner-White Caske, company for many years.

With associates Mr. Gwyn was a stockholder in American Furniture company at the time it was established and held the office of treasurer of that manufacturing company until his death.

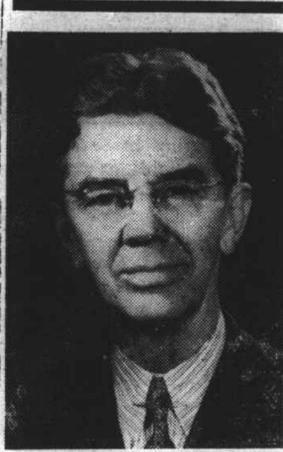
Throughout a greater part of his life Mr. Gwyn was connected with insurance business. He was a partner in the Gwyn-Colvard Insurance agency which was in business here over a long period of time and in more recent years was vice president of Sentinel Insurance Agency here. He was also engaged to some extent in brokerage business in North Wilkesboro.

Faithful to his church, Mr. Gwyn during a greater part of his life was a member of the board of stewards of the First Methodist church in North Wilkesboro. He was also deeply interested in civic life and every movement which he deemed in the interest of welfare and progress of his community. He was a charter member of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge in North Wilkesboro.

Mr. Gwyn on Nov. 25, 1896 married Miss Tate Blair, of North Wilkesboro. She and two sons and two daughters survive. They are Mrs. Margaret Coffey, Mrs. E. M. Brame, Jr., Richard W. Gwyn, Jr., and W. Blair Gwyn, all of North Wilkesboro. There are seven grandchildren, Carl Gwyn Coffey, Miss Blair Coffey, Nell Gwyn Brame, Bobby and Richard G. Brame, Carolyn Gwyn and Richard W. Gwyn, III. Also surviving Mr. Gwyn is one sister, Mrs. T. J. Lillard, of Charlotte.

An impressive funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at the First Methodist church. Dr. Gilbert R. Combs, pastor, conducted the service and burial was in Mount Lawn Memorial Park. Pall bearers were grandnephews: Pat and Charles Williams and Frank Blair, of this city, Alexander Smith, Alec Chatham, Jr., and Tommy Chatham, of

Died December 24



R. W. GWYN

V. F. W. Purchases WILX Building For a Clubhouse

Addition Will Be Constructed; New Year's Eve Party Friday Planned

Blue Ridge Mountain Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars has purchased the building and land of radio station WILX just outside of this city near highway 115.

Property included in the deal is the block building formerly used for broadcasting and four acres of land.

S. L. Whitaker, commander of the post, stated that the property will provide an excellent place for post meetings, and that the post has plans for an addition to the building in the form of an assembly hall. The property was purchased from Edney Ridge, of Greensboro, who owned and operated the station here until it suspended operations a few months ago.

Post Plans Party

Blue Ridge Mountain post of Veterans of Foreign Wars will stage a new year's eve dinner and dance Friday night at Carolina Restaurant, Commander Whitaker said. The Carolina Harvesters, of Stony Point, will play for the dance, which will follow the dinner at eight o'clock. V. F. W. and Auxiliary members and their friends are invited, but reservations must be made with Carolina Restaurant or any member of the V. F. W.

Tax Listing Will Get Under Way In Wilkes Jan. 10

Listing Will Begin In All Townships On Same Date This Year

J. C. Grayson, Wilkes county accountant and tax supervisor, has announced that tax listing will get under way in all townships in Wilkes county on Monday, January 10.

All property owners are required to list their property both real and personal, which they possess on January 1, 1949.

A list of list takers and their appointments will be published later and all are asked to watch this newspaper in order to be prepared to list on the most convenient date.

Tax listing for Wilkes county in North Wilkesboro township and for the town of North Wilkesboro will be done at the same time at the North Wilkesboro town hall, beginning January 10. W. P. Kelly will be list taker for the town of North Wilkesboro.

Banks Here Will Be Closed On Saturday

Bank of North Wilkesboro and the Northwestern Bank here will be closed on New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1, which has been proclaimed a bank holiday.

Honorary pall bearers were stewards of the First Methodist church.

At Mr. Gwyn's expressed request, flowers were not used in the funeral.

William Gray Heads Club In Wilkesboro '49

New Officers And Directors Elected At Meeting Tuesday Night

William Gray will head the Wilkesboro Business and Professional Men's Club for 1949. The young furniture merchant was elected to the position of president, succeeding Dr. G. T. Mitchell, at the club meeting held Tuesday evening at the Wilkesboro Woman's clubhouse.

Other officers elected were: Kyle Hayes, vice president; R. R. Church, secretary-treasurer; E. R. Spruill, assistant secretary-treasurer. Directors elected were as follows: Fred Henderson and E. R. Wright, for a term of one year; Bill Phillips and Warner Miller, Jr., for a term of two years; W. B. Somers and Carl Bullis, for a term of three years.

Dr. G. T. Mitchell presided at the meeting, and E. R. Wright served as secretary. The meeting opened with invocation being spoken by Charles C. McNeill.

A fine dinner, featured by delicious ham, was served the club members by ladies of the Woman's Club, and attendance was fine, taking into consideration the holiday activity.

Band Movement Gains Momentum

William T. Long, superintendent of the Wilkesboro district schools, gave an interesting report on the progress being made by the high school band. He stated that regular practice sessions are being held, and that much progress is being made. Mr. Long spoke of the need of larger instruments for the band, and it was suggested that a committee be appointed to investigate the needs of the band, and to devise ways and means of giving financial assistance. This committee, appointed by President Mitchell, is as follows: A. R. Gray, Jr., chairman, Edward McIntyre, Fred Henderson, W. B. Somers, and Hadley Hayes.

Open Discussion

No program had been planned for the meeting and it was planned that the half-hour program period be consumed by a business session, and open forum discussion by members. Following the transaction of business, President Mitchell called on members to give their views on any matter which pertained to the welfare and interest of the town. Those taking part in this open forum discussion and speaking on matters of public interest were: J. B. Williams, Kyle Hayes, E. R. Spruill, Robert Smoak, Claude Kennedy, A. B. Somers, Hadley Hayes, Edward McIntyre, W. T. Long and Robert M. Gambill.

Dr. Mitchell, the retiring president, thanked the club members for the fine co-operation extended him during the period he had served the club in that capacity.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday, January 25th, at seven o'clock.

Furniture Makers Getting Ready For Chicago Exposition

Representatives of furniture manufacturing plants in this vicinity will leave this week for Chicago, where they will show their 1949 furniture models in the furniture exposition beginning Monday.

Those going from here and the companies they represent are: N. O. Smoak and Robert Smoak, of Forest Furniture company; J. R. Hix, Richard Johnston and R. W. Gwyn, Jr., of American Furniture company; Edd F. Gardner, of Carolina Mirror Corporation; Henry Moore, Ivey Moore and Ray Hoover, of Home Chair company; John E. Justice, of Oak Furniture company, who is also president of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association.

Plan Square Dance New Year's Eve At Moravian Falls

All are invited to the New Year's Eve square dance to be held Friday night, beginning at eight o'clock, at Moravian Falls community house for benefit of the community house fund.

Support the Y.M.C.A.

Club President



WILLIAM GRAY

Holiday Wedding Trip Has Tragic Ending For Girl

Bettie Sue Hall, Of Halls Mills, Victim Highway Accident In Virginia

Holiday wedding trip of Miss Bettie Sue Hall, of Halls Mills, Wilkes county, ended in death Saturday night at Staunton, Va., from injuries received in an auto accident near there Saturday morning.

Her fiancée, Burton Edwards, of Whitehead, Allegheny county, was critically hurt and was hospitalized at Staunton, Va.

Ernest Edwards, of Sparta, driver of the car which carried the wedding party, was only slightly injured. According to information received here, the car he was driving skidded on icy pavement, hit another car and overturned. Others in the car were his wife and her twin sister, Miss Elsie Edwards, of Whitehead, who was also critically hurt and is in a Staunton hospital.

J. W. Hall, father of the accident victim, said that they had with them a marriage license for the state of Maryland. According to his information, they intended to be married in Maryland and visit relatives in Washington, D. C.

Miss Hall is survived by her father, J. W. Hall, of Halls Mills, three brothers and three sisters: Glenn Hall, High Point; Mrs. Glenn Wyatt, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Hardin Owens, Halls Mills; Wayne Hall, Winston-Salem; Miss Imogene Hall and Jimmy Hall, of Halls Mills.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, one p. m., at Rock Springs church. Rev. Monroe Dillard and Rev. Jimmy Bryant conducted the service.

Holidays Quiet In This County; No Bad Accidents

The Christmas holiday season passed very quietly in Wilkes county.

Although traffic was heavy throughout the holiday period, no bad accidents were reported. The highway patrol had few calls to investigate accidents and the few reported involved only minor property damage and no serious injuries.

Offices of chief of police and sheriff reported a quiet weekend, with no more than usual number of arrests. No major crimes were reported in the county.

Last Rites Today For J. W. Crysel, Killed In Pacific

Funeral service for Pfc. John Walter Crysel, who lost his life in action while serving with the marine corps on Iwo Jima, was held today, two p. m., at Union Methodist church.

Pfc. Crysel was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crysel, of the Cricket community of Wilkes county.

Rev. C. J. Winslow, pastor, was assisted in the service by Rev. Watt Cooper, First Presbyterian pastor here and former naval chaplain.