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## Dr. Dougherty Is Again President Of Northwestern Bank

### 1940 Was Good Year; Capital Structure Increased To Over 2 Million

Dr. B. B. Dougherty, of Boone, was re-elected president of the Northwestern Bank by directors here following the annual stockholders meeting, in which it was revealed that 1948 had been an excellent year for the institution, which has home office here and branches in 14 other northwestern North Carolina cities and towns. Dr. Dougherty is president of Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone.

Other officers of the bank, all re-elected for the year, are: Edwin Duncan, of Sparta, executive vice president; W. B. Greene, of Kingsport, Tenn., vice president; Wade H. Shuford, of Hickory, vice president; W. B. Austin, of Jefferson, vice president; D. V. Deal, of North Wilkesboro, secretary.

Stockholders elected the following directors: N. B. Smithy, Ralph Duncan, C. O. McNeil and Carl A. Lowe, of North Wilkesboro; D. C. Duncan, of Sparta; M. E. Reeves, of Laurel Springs; R. D. Doughton, of Sparta; W. D. Farthing, of Boone; W. W. Mast, of Valle Crucis; Gordon H. Winkler, of Boone; W. C. Berry, of Bakersville; John C. McBea, Sr., of Spruce Pine; B. R. Penland, of Burnsville; G. M. Kirkpatrick, of Taylorsville; J. D. Brinkley, of Valdese; C. A. Peterson, of Spruce Pine; Herbert M. Yount, of Newton; Henry C. Cline, Wade H. Shuford and C. L. Whisnant, of Hickory. Directors are the same as 1948, except Carl A. Lowe was added to the board.

Local board of the North Wilkesboro branch are Ralph Duncan, C. A. Lowe, F. D. Forester, C. O. McNeil, J. R. Prevette, J. H. Pearson and H. C. Buchan.

The Northwestern Bank, with home office here, operates branches at Sparta, Boone, Blowing Rock, Bakersville, Burnsville, Jefferson, Taylorsville, Valdese, Spruce Pine, Black Mountain, Old Fort, Newton, Maiden and Hickory. During the year permission was granted by the State Banking Department and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to open offices in Wilkesboro and Stony Point. New building for the Wilkesboro office is nearing completion and the bank will open the two additional offices in the immediate future.

Edwin Duncan, executive vice president, in his report to stockholders stated that the bank's capital account increased at a net amount of \$477,707.79 during the year, making the capital structure at the end of the year as follows: capital stock, \$500,000; surplus, \$1,000,000; undivided profits, \$520,496.77; total, \$2,020,496.77.

The bank paid regular dividends of \$60,000, and in addition set aside \$222,763.32 in reserve accounts in accordance with a ruling of the treasury department, internal revenue service, which amount is not shown in the statement.

The management was well pleased with the bank's operation during the year, which ended with resources totaling \$33,757,628.17 and deposits of \$31,315,078.80. On July 1, the bank increased interest rate on time deposits to one and one-half per cent and the bank pays the state intangible tax. Profits of the bank justified this increase in interest rate, Mr. Duncan stated.

## Announce Winners In Holiday Contest Home Decoration

Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce today announced winners in the Christmas outdoor home decorations contest.

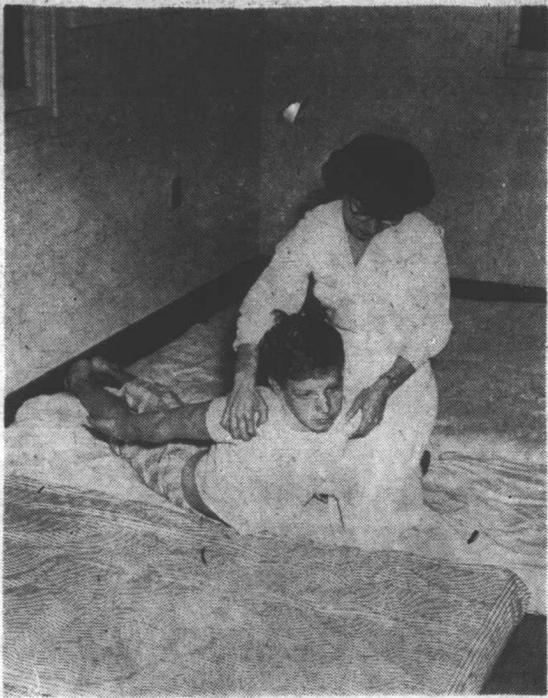
Mrs. A. C. Chamberlain won the ten dollars given for the best lighted doorway.

For the best overall effect, Mrs. J. W. Leyshon was first, winning the ten dollars cash prize, and Mrs. Claude Gentry was second, winning five dollars.

Honorable mention was accorded Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Sr., Mrs. John T. Wayland, Mrs. W. K. Newton and Mrs. J. B. Williams.

The juries were pleased with the number of entries, but several homes which had beautiful decorations were not entered in the contest. Plans are already being made for a much bigger contest next Christmas.

## WILKES YOUTH WILL WALK AGAIN



Joseph Grasmehr, 17, of North Wilkesboro route one, is shown here receiving valuable physical therapist treatments at the infantile paralysis convalescent center at Camp Sutton. The therapist is Miss Helen Tolin, of Havensford, Kansas. Without the aid of contributed infantile paralysis funds, Joseph, whose family is in dire circumstances, could not have received the treatment which will make him well again. He is the oldest of three children and the father is ill and unable to work.

## GRASMEHR YOUTH ONE OF MANY WILKES CASES OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS AIDED DURING '48

Joseph Grasmehr would have been a robust tenth grade student at North Wilkesboro high school this year had he not been stricken with infantile paralysis in July last summer, and had it not been for infantile paralysis funds collected in annual campaigns he would not be started on the road to recovery from a serious case.

Joseph's case is all the more pathetic because of a series of family misfortunes, but there is not a more appreciative family in all the long list of homes where polio struck in 1948 or any previous years.

At the age of five Joseph was afflicted with t. b. of the bone. He was successfully treated at the orthopedic hospital at Gastonia and completely recovered. He was well and strong when polio struck him down in July.

Like many other cases, Joseph's family had no means to pay for polio treatment. His father, Fritz Grasmehr, had become ill and unable to work at his usual job at Carolina Mirror Corporation. Joseph had worked on their very small farm near Mulberry and for others to make some money for clothing and school expenses.

On July 17 Joseph was admitted to Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem with a severe case of infantile paralysis which rendered him almost completely paralyzed. After the acute stage he was transferred to the polio convalescent center at Camp Sutton. Now he is making some progress and can walk with braces. The doctors say he may be able to walk without braces some time in the future.

The Wilkes chapter of the National Foundation for infantile paralysis has spent nearly \$3,000 for hospital care and treatment of the Grasmehr youth, and much more will be spent before he is able to work for himself. Without the aid of March of Dimes funds, Joseph in all probability would be dead now or helplessly and permanently deformed, because the family simply could not have paid the bill by disposing of everything they had in the world.

Joseph's father was born in Germany, but he is an American citizen and no one is more proud of the fact than he. He loves America; he loves the big heart of her people, who could provide the best care and treatment that the world knows, for his stricken son.

But Joseph's case is only one of 42 in Wilkes county during the past year. Practically all of them received aid from the Infantile Paralysis Foundation. They could not have paid it themselves, and had there been no National Foundation, money could not have

been advanced the Wilkes chapter to help care for 1948 victims, and the end is not yet in sight because sixteen are in hospitals now and will require much more treatment. In addition to National Foundation funds advanced, the Wilkes chapter has spent all of its reserve from former campaigns. This year the need is great, and \$10,000, is the minimum asked from Wilkes because the National Foundation must be partially re-imbursed in order that it will have funds for future epidemics anywhere in the country.

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## Inspection Lane Motor Vehicles Operating Here

Inspection lane for motor vehicles began work here today and will remain through Tuesday, January 18.

Under the law all models up to and including 1936 must be inspected during January. Autos are inspected twice yearly and the inspection now will be good through June 30.

The inspection lane will return to North Wilkesboro for a five-day stand March 10-15.

## Lions And Ramblers Play Here Tonight

Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro basketball teams, boys and girls, will play tonight in the North Wilkesboro gymnasium. There will be three games, with jayvees starting at 6:30.

On Friday night Roaring River will play Wilkesboro at Wilkesboro, the first game starting at 7:30.

## Tax Listing Is Well Under Way

J. C. Grayson, Wilkes county accountant; and tax supervisor, said today that tax listing began on Monday in all townships in Wilkes county.

All who are required to list for property or poll taxes are urged to see their list takers in their respective townships during the period allotted for listing. The law provides penalties for those who fail to list with the list takers during the time set aside for list taking.

## Two Ministers and Wives Are Injured In Auto Accident

Two prominent Western North Carolina ministers and their wives were seriously injured about 6:30 a. m. Tuesday in an automobile accident on Highway 18, six miles west of Sparta in Alleghany county.

The injured, now patients at Wilkes Hospital here, are: Rev. W. G. Cobb of Cherryville, fractured skull; Mrs. W. G. Cobb, broken back; Rev. James Cobb of Taylorsville, son of Rev. W. G. Cobb, probable skull fracture and other injuries; Mrs. James Cobb, broken pelvis; the small son of Rev. and Mrs. James Cobb, minor injuries.

Sheriff Called  
Alleghany Sheriff Glenn Richardson of Alleghany county, was called to the scene of the accident about 6:30 a. m. Tuesday. He said the injured had been taken to the hospital when he arrived.

Alleghany Sheriff Richardson said his investigation showed Rev. W. G. Cobb was driving the car when it skidded on wet pavement while negotiating a sharp curve. The sheriff said the automobile struck a culvert. He said no charges would be brought.

En Route to Meeting  
Rev. W. G. Cobb and his wife spent Monday night with their son at Taylorsville. The ministers and their wives were en route to a meeting of the board of the Lutheran orphanage at Salem, Va., of which Rev. W. G. Cobb is a member.

Rev. W. G. Cobb is a native of Guilford County and was reared in the McLeansville community. He has been pastor of the Lutheran Church at Cherryville for more than 15 years. Rev. James Cobb is pastor of the Lutheran Church at Taylorsville.

Rev. W. G. Cobb is a cousin of Mrs. C. L. Sockwell, of North Wilkesboro.

## Brother Of Wm. T. Long Is Stricken

Dr. Hollis M. Long, 49, brother of Wm. T. Long, Wilkesboro schools district principal, died unexpectedly Wednesday afternoon at his home at Lafayette, La. He had been in apparently normal health and was stricken with a heart attack while in the yard of his home.

For the past 19 years, Dr. Long had been professor of secondary education and director of teacher training in Southeastern Institute at Lafayette, La. He was born and reared at Cornelius, N. C.

Dr. Long is survived by his wife, Mrs. Joyce Rudisell Long, formerly of Crouse, N. C., and two sons, Jerome and Gregory Long; his mother, Mrs. W. E. Long, of Cornelius, and one brother, Wm. T. Long, of Wilkesboro.

The body will be brought to Cornelius for funeral and burial.

## Mountain Lions To Play Friday Night At Millers Creek

North Wilkesboro high school boys and girls will play Millers Creek high school teams in Millers Creek Gymnasium Friday night, the first game beginning at 7:30.

The game was originally scheduled for North Wilkesboro gymnasium, but was later changed to Millers Creek, and a later game scheduled for Millers Creek will be played here.

## Juniors To Install Officers Tuesday

North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order will install officers Tuesday night and a large attendance is earnestly desired. All officers elected for the next term are especially requested to be present.

## Square Dance Friday At Moravian Falls

Another old-time square dance will be held Friday night, eight o'clock, at Moravian Falls community house, for benefit of the community house fund. An enjoyable occasion is assured all who will attend.

## Bluejackets To Play Union Grove Jan. 15

Eller's Bluejackets will play the strong basketball team from Union Grove Saturday night, January 15, in Millers Creek gymnasium. An exciting contest is anticipated.

## REV. J. EARL PEARSON BECOMES BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONAL WORKER

On January 1 of this year the Rev. J. Earl Pearson began his work as missionary of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association. He was born in Buncombe county and comes of Wilkes county from Dobson, where he served as pastor of the Baptist church there. He was licensed to preach in 1934, and ordained in 1939. He served as pastor of the Baptist church at Bat Cave, N. C., before going to Maryland, where he served two congregations in and near Baltimore. He came to Dobson in October, 1946.

Mr. Pearson is a graduate of Brevard College, has studied for one year at Wake Forest, attended a session of the Fruitland Bible Institute, studied by correspondence with the University Foundation and is now engaged in correspondence courses registered with the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson have two little girls in the elementary grades of the North Wilkesboro school, Elizabeth Anne and Rachel. They live on Highway 18 behind Chief John Walker's home in a new house built by I. M. Keller, Jr.

Mr. Pearson takes up the work laid down last year by Miss Madge Lewis, who left to continue her education in California. The work of the missionary has been greatly expanded, however, with the adoption of a larger budget on the part of the executive committee of the association under the leadership of T. E. Story, moderator. It will be Mr. Pearson's privilege and responsibility to strengthen the churches through preaching, by leadership in Sunday school and Training Union work, in the establishment of Vacation Bible Schools, participation and leadership in Pastors' schools, etc. For example, he is teaching a training course for church leaders each night this week at the Hinshaw Street, Baptist church.

Mr. Pearson comes to the Association highly recommended by leaders of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina. He is known personally by several pastors of Wilkes county and they and the churches have rallied to his support with enthusiasm in the expectation that his ministry will be of great service to the churches and of real benefit to the citizens of Wilkes County.



REV. J. EARL PEARSON

## Wilkes Chamber Of Commerce To Elect Directors

### Nominating Committee Has Named 12, From Which Six Will Be Elected

Twelve members have been nominated for directors of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce and the membership by ballot will elect six of the twelve for a three-year term.

The board is composed of 18 members, with three elected each year for a three-year term. J. R. Hix, chairman of the nominating committee, said that the 12 nominees were selected from a total of about 40 who were considered for nomination. Those nominated were Carl Buchan, Frank H. Crow, Edward G. Finley, Blair Gwyn, Fred Henderson, A. F. Kilby, Perry Lowe, J. B. McCoy, Edward McIntire, Paul Osborne, L. S. Spainhour, and Arthur Venable.

Ballots will be mailed early next week to all 1948 members, and to new members who have paid their membership dues for 1949. The ballots must be returned not later than January 25th.

Directors whose terms are expiring are R. G. Finley, C. J. Swofford, E. F. Gardner, W. K. Sturdivant, J. R. Hix, and Russell Gray, Jr. Those whose terms will expire in 1949 are J. B. Williams, Richard Johnston, Dr. F. C. Hubbard, J. B. Carter, D. V. Deal, and W. O. Absher. Those elected last year and who have two more years to serve are Joe Barber, Gilbert Bare, R. M. Brame, Jr., W. C. Marlow, Presley Myers, and W. H. McElwee.

After the election the board will meet to name a president, vice president, and treasurer, who, with the manager, will form the executive committee.

Those serving with Mr. Hix on the nominating committee were C. J. Swofford, W. K. Sturdivant, A. A. Triplett, William Gray, Dr. G. T. Mitchell, and Ira Payne.

## CROP Donations Total \$732.71 In Wilkes County

Total value of food and cash received in the Christian Rural Overseas Relief canvass in Wilkes county in December was \$732.71, according to report issued today by Grady F. Miller, chairman, W. K. Sturdivant, vice chairman, and Mrs. Earle German, secretary of the campaign in Wilkes.

Food collected during the canvass joined a Friendship Train in Greensboro and was sent to Norfolk, Va., for shipping.

Chairman Miller itemized the Wilkes contributions as follows: 67 cases of canned foods valued at \$335; 150 pounds of flour valued at \$12; 95 pounds of sugar valued at \$8; 1,250 pounds of wheat valued at \$50; 5,000 pounds of corn valued at \$150; cash contributions, \$177.71.

Chairman Miller issued the following statement to all who contributed:

We would like to express our thanks to each of you for your splendid cooperation in the Christian Rural Overseas Program, CROP.

As we express our personal thanks, we wish that we could extend to you the gratitude that we know will be voiced by those who will be saved from suffering and starvation and possibly from death by your generosity.

Rev. Wayne McLain, state director of the CROP program, has extended his congratulations through Mr. Grady Miller, Wilkes County chairman, as follows:

"Dear Mr. Miller: Congratulations on the completion of your collection for the Friendship Train. Your report together with the check arrived this week. I am very pleased to know that you were able to gather so much food.

On the whole the drive throughout the state is going very well. There are at least 42 carloads of food already in Norfolk and more on the way.

For you as for all of us, the real thanks for your efforts in this work is, I am sure, in the knowledge that you have saved human beings from suffering this winter. I want to express my personal thanks to you, however, for your interest and for the hard work that went into making the Wilkes county collection successful.

Cordially yours,  
WAYNE McLAIN"

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## Baptist Pastors To Meet Monday

The Wilkes County Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet at the Reins-Sturdivant chapel Monday night, January 17th, at 7 o'clock, with Rev. Glenn Huffman, newly elected president, presiding.

The program will consist of devotions by Rev. C. S. Welborn; a talk on Associational work by the new missionary, Rev. J. Earl Pearson. W. K. Sturdivant will speak to the ministers on the topic of "The Funeral Service."

Rev. W. N. Brookshire is the retiring president, and the new secretary of the conference.

## Story Is Member Of Ten Committees In The Legislature

T. E. Story, Wilkes' veteran representative in the legislature, is a member of ten house committees during the current term.

The committees of which he is member are Appropriations, Constitutional Amendments, Counties Cities and Towns, Education, Election Laws, Judiciary No. 1, Rules, Veterans Legislation, Wildlife Resources, Trustees of University.

## Foster At Showing Of New Studebaker

Gilbert G. Foster, of Motor Market, Inc., local Studebaker dealer, was in Atlanta this week attending a dealers' showing of 1949 model Studebakers.

The new Studebaker, which is expected to attract much interest in the automobile field, will be shown by Motor Market here in the very near future.

## SAM OGILVIE TELLS OPTIMISTS OF NEED FOR MONEY FOR POLIO WORK

The Optimist club of North Wilkesboro held a splendid meeting Tuesday noon at Hotel Wilkes with a good attendance of members.

The luncheon opened with the members singing "America," followed with the membership repeating the club's creed in unison. Rev. C. J. Winslow then offered the invocation.

During the business session, Forrest Tugman, secretary of the club, told of his recent visit with the Greensboro Optimist club, and President Maurice Walsh told of the forthcoming district meeting to be held in High Point.

Sam Ogilvie Stresses Need Polio Money

The club was pleased to have as guest speaker, Sam Ogilvie, chairman of the county polio organization, who is leading the 1949 drive for funds to continue the great work being done for polio victims. "If it had not been for advances from the national

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## Dr. Combs Speaker For Girl Scout Meeting Jan. 17

There will be a meeting of the County Girl Scout Association at the North Wilkesboro Little House on Monday evening, January 17th, at 7:45. Dr. Gilbert Combs will speak at this meeting, which will be an interesting and important occasion.

The January meeting of the board of directors will be held on the same evening at 7:00 in the North Wilkesboro Little House.

It is hoped these first meetings of the New Year will be well attended.

## Bank Stockholders To Meet January 20

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of North Wilkesboro will be held at the bank on Thursday, January 20, ten a. m.

The directors will meet immediately following the stockholders. Business to be transacted by the board will include the election of a cashier to succeed the late R. W. Gwyn, who was cashier of the bank for more than fifty years.