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DISTRICT SCOUT COMMITTEE WILL MEET FEBRUARY 8

Robert S. Gibbs, chairman of the Wilkes District of the Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts of America, has issued the following announcement:
"The regular monthly meeting of the Wilkes District of the Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held at the Duke Power Company office, North Wilkesboro, at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, February 8.
"This will be an important meeting as we will plan our year's program this time. Please be present."

Scouts Observe Boy Scout Week In The District

Troop 34 Camping At Corner C and 4th Streets All This Week

Boy Scouts of the Wilkes district have a number of activities under way for Boy Scout Week, which began Sunday and will continue through Saturday.
One of the outstanding projects here to call attention of the public to Scouting is the encampment of troop 34 of the First Baptist church.
Troop 34 is camping all this week at the corner of 4th and C streets in North Wilkesboro.
The public is cordially invited to inspect the camp and equipment daily from four until seven p. m. The Scouts there have a fine display of camping equipment and will be glad to receive visitors interested in learning more about Scouting.
Of particular interest during Boy Scout Week is a Scout window at Bell's Department store. This window shows complete equipment of Boy Scouts, and the public is invited to give it close attention.
Free Show For Scouts
On Saturday morning, February 12, nine o'clock, the Allen Theatre will present a special show for Scouts. All Scouts in Wilkes and adjoining counties will be admitted free by showing their registration cards. A splendid movie of special interest to young people will be shown.

Caldwell Man Is Held For Theft Of Auto Tuesday

Paul Pennell Driver Car Which Struck Glenn Andrews' Automobile

Paul Pennell, 24, resident of the Kings Creek community of the eastern part of Caldwell county, has been arrested on charge of stealing a car here Tuesday night, and for crashing the stolen car into a car driven by Glenn Andrews, of this city, near Boomer an hour after the car was stolen.
Pennell was taken Friday by State Highway Patrolmen R. H. Dillon and J. A. Reeves. They found him hiding out near his home, and they quoted his as having admitted taking a car here because he wanted to get to Lenoir. The stolen car was the property of William T. Cheek, a North Wilkesboro jeweler who had parked his car on the street to go into a cafe for supper.
Near Boomer the stolen car hit Mr. Andrews' car, badly damaging both vehicles. Driver of the stolen car ran from the scene. Mr. Andrews sustained painful knee injuries.
Pennell is in jail at Wilkesboro.

Optimists To View School Film Feb. 8

Howard Strader In Charge Of Program And Will Present Mr. Woodward

Members of the North Wilkesboro Optimist club will meet tomorrow at noon at Hotel Wilkes, President Maurice E. Walsh announced today. The meeting will start promptly at 12 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.
Optimist Howard Strader will be in charge of the program, and he will present to the club members and guests, Prof. J. Floyd Woodward, superintendent of the city schools, who will show the educational motion picture that shows the great need for expansion of the school system in the state.

Highway Postoffice Service Is Started

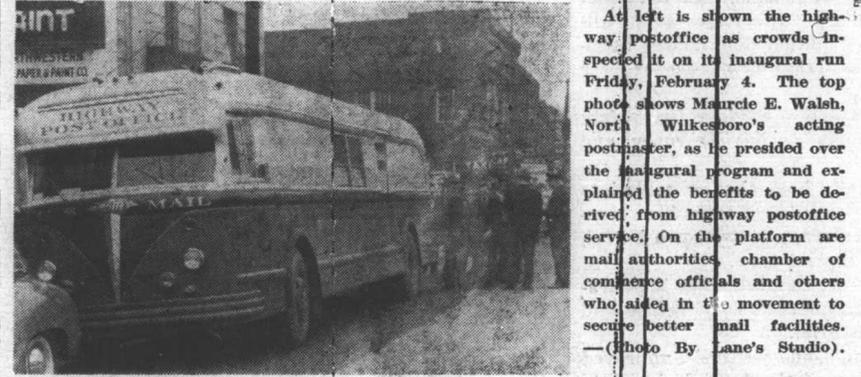
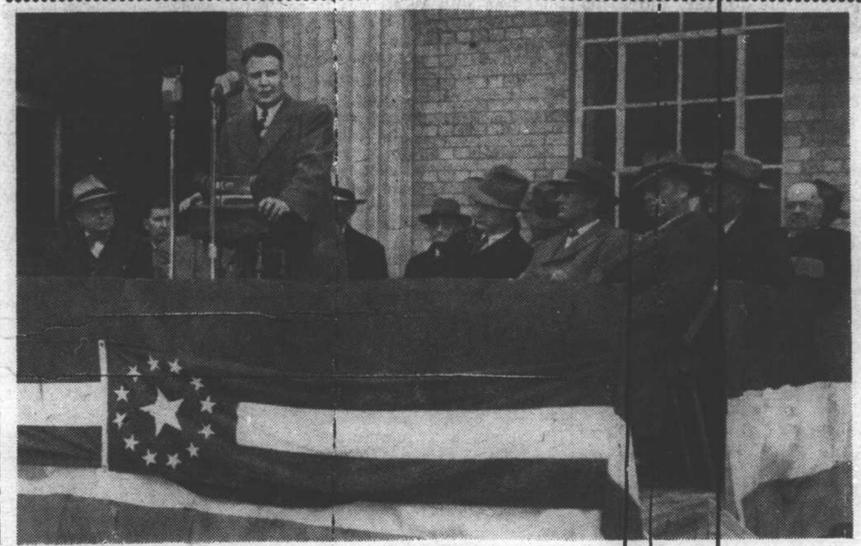
Public Program Is Carried Out Here On Friday

Appropriate ceremonies were held here Friday morning welcoming the inauguration of highway postoffice mail service from Greensboro to Boone.
From a patriotically decorated platform in front of the North Wilkesboro town hall a brief program was carried out before a crowd who had gathered to inspect the highway postoffice and welcome district mail officials on the first trip of the postoffice on wheels.
The North Wilkesboro high school band played three numbers to open the program. Maurice E. Walsh, North Wilkesboro's acting postmaster and who helped lead the movement for this improved service, presided in the absence of P. W. Eshelman, who was ill. Mr. Eshelman as chairman of the Governmental Affairs committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce was slated to be in charge of the program.
Postmaster Walsh stated that the movement for this improved mail service in northwestern North Carolina was started May 1, 1948, in a meeting of Wilkes Chamber of Commerce officials and postal authorities, asking a highway postoffice route from Greensboro to Johnson City, Tenn. Because of road conditions, the Tennessee end of the route has not been approved. He recognized the valuable efforts of Representatives C. B. Deane, John Folger, R. L. Doughton, Thurmond Chatham and Senators Clyde Hoey, William B. Umstead and J. Melville Droughton.
A. C. Bopst, assistant general superintendent of mails, spoke briefly, stating this was the 30th highway postoffice route established. J. B. McGee, of Greensboro, district superintendent, also made brief remarks and expressed appreciation for cooperation in efforts to establish the route. He said that schedule adjustments may be made after the service has become established.
Others on the platform and who were recognized were Dewey Martin, who was reared in the Millers Creek community and is now assistant district superintendent of mails; Harold Powell and Pat Kelly, reporters from the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel; Dwight Nichols, editor of The Journal-Patriot; T. S. Kennerly, mayor of North Wilkesboro; M. F. Bumgarner, Wilkesboro postmaster; R. M. Brame, Jr., president of Wilkes Chamber of Commerce; Tom Jenrette, manager of Wilkes Chamber of Commerce; J. B. Williams, past president of Chamber of Commerce; J. G. Hackett, a former North Wilkesboro postmaster; Ralph Martin, Ronda postmaster.
The program here was broadcast over radio station WKBC.
Tom Jenrette, in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, expressed thanks to the following groups and individuals for their aid in making the program possible: School Supt. J. Floyd Woodward, and Miss Eva Bingham, director, for the North Wilkesboro high school band; Wilkes Transportation company, for free transportation of the band to and from the school; Cecil Hayes, street superintendent, and his force for erecting platform; highway patrol and city police for escort of highway postoffice and traffic direction; Hotel Wilkes, for flags; Tomlinson's department store, for decorations; Reins - Sturdivant Funeral home for public address system; The Journal-Patriot and radio station WKBC for publicity.
While the highway postoffice paused for the program, many people went through the 27-ton vehicle and had a look at the mail facilities, which are practically the same as in a railway mail car. The large vehicle is equipped with automatic sander for use on snow and ice.
On regular schedule the highway postoffice will arrive in North Wilkesboro from Greensboro at 7:34 a. m. It will arrive from Boone on the return trip at 4:46 p. m., and arrive back in Greensboro about nine p. m. to connect with mail line railway schedules there.

Eastern Star Meet

Wilkes chapter of the Eastern Star will meet Thursday, 7:30 p. m., according to announcement by Mrs. Winnie Duncan, W. M., and Mrs. Lorene Webber, secretary.

HIGHWAY POSTOFFICE SERVICE INAUGURATED IN THIS CITY



At left is shown the highway postoffice as crowds inspected it on its inaugural run Friday, February 4. The top photo shows Maurice E. Walsh, North Wilkesboro's acting postmaster, as he presided over the inaugural program and explained the benefits to be derived from highway postoffice service. On the platform are mail authorities, chamber of commerce officials and others who aided in the movement to secure better mail facilities. —(Photo By Lane's Studio).

Conference Tournament Is Slated For Wilkesboro

North Wilkesboro Safety Patrol Is Aid To Children

The North Wilkesboro high school under the sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce now has a Safety Patrol of twelve boys patrolling the danger spots in the vicinity of the school. The Safety Patrol is composed of the following boys from grades six, seven, and eight:
Carley Welborne, Captain; Jerry Absher, Lieutenant; Bill Reavis, Lieutenant; Jimmy Swofford, Arthur Venable, J. C. Watkins, Charles Lloyd, Bobby Wooten, Willard Minton, Thomas Finley, Terry Wayland, Lee Absher, T. A. Welborne.
The Junior Chamber of Commerce promoted this organization and furnished the boys with the standard American Automobile Association Safety Patrol belts and badges. The Jaycee Safety Committee is as follows: Jim McAllister, chairman, Richard Johnston and William Gray. These boys were given a preparatory training course by the North Wilkesboro high school safety committee and the North Wilkesboro police force. The patrol was invested on December 7 in the presence of the entire student body.
The purpose of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in doing this is to make the streets of the city a safer place for the school children in going to and from school. It is the duty of these boys to direct pedestrian traffic, take the license numbers of speeding cars, and to help smaller children in crossing the street. The North Wilkesboro high school and the Junior Chamber of Commerce urge all motorists to assist in this Safety program by reducing speed in the vicinity of the school.
This example of cooperation between a civic organization and the school illustrates the new principle underlying modern educational philosophy, that of integrating the school with the needs and resources of the community.

Little Theatre Meet Scheduled Tonight

A meeting of the Community Little Theatre is called for Monday evening 7:30, February 7th, at the Dance Studio in the Crow Building on C street.
A short business session will precede the reading and try out for parts in the three one-act plays to be given the last of February.
Everyone who is interested is invited to come and join the Little Theatre at this meeting.

Mrs. Chatham, 92, Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Nancy Jane Chatham, 92, one of Wilkes' oldest residents, died early Saturday at her home in the Gilreath community. She had been in normal health until about a year ago and for the past several weeks has been very ill.
Funeral service was held Sunday, 2:30 p. m., at Mt. Pisgah church. Revs. Noah Hayes, J. P. Robinson and L. T. Younger conducted the service.
Surviving Mrs. Chatham are one son and four daughters: T. W. Chatham, North Wilkesboro route three; Miss Lonie Chatham, Damascus, Va.; Mrs. Pearl Goodnight, Gilreath; Mrs. Blanche Johnson, Hiddenite; Mrs. Era Barnett, Gilreath.
Also surviving Mrs. Chatham are 39 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.
Mrs. Chatham was the wife of the late Thomas Chatham, widely known farmer and for many years a member of the Masonic lodge. Mrs. Chatham was a member of the Eastern Star, and over a long period was a faithful member of New Hope Baptist church in the Gilreath community.

Food consumption by Americans this year will probably be about the same as in 1948.

Rural electrification specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture point out that one kilowatt-hour of electricity—costing only a few cents—will do about the same amount of work as a strong man working hard for 24 hours, or three eight-hour days.
The availability of potash has been improved through the expansion of plants in recent years.

Highlands Schools Team Will Play In Wilkesboro

First annual basketball tournament of the Highlands Athletic conference will be held in Wilkesboro February 16, 17, 18 and 19.
Date of the tournament was set in a meeting of the conference executive committee held in Wilkesboro.
It is expected that nine schools will enter boys and girls in the tournament. The schools which are slated to participate are Sparta, Elkin, Jonesville, Wilkesboro, Boone, Taylorsville, Granite Falls, Maiden and Valdese. Jonesville and Glen Alpine are new members of the conference, which was formed in the latter part of 1947, but Glen Alpine will not enter athletic competition until the 1949 football season.
On the conference executive committee are Supt. Carpenter, of Elkin, conference president; R. W. Starnes, of Granite Falls, secretary; Principal Wm. T. Long, of Wilkesboro; Coach Watts, of Elkin; and Honeycutt, of Valdese.
Another meeting will be held this week to arrange pairings and schedule for the tournament.
Wilkesboro was selected as site of the conference tournament because of its central location and spacious gymnasium, which can seat over 1,000 spectators.
The North Wilkesboro Lions Club will be sponsor of the tournament and will be responsible for ticket sales and myriads of arrangements for the event. W. D. Jester is tournament director.
The Highlands Conference cage meet will be the first conference tournament for any type of high school athletics to be held in this community and is expected to attract wide interest among sports fans in Northwestern North Carolina.

North Wilkesboro Lions Club Will Sponsor Outstanding Sports Event

The 309 QM Service Company will meet at the City Hall in North Wilkesboro on Wednesday evening, Feb. 9th at 7 p. m. All members are urged to attend.
L. MILLER, Capt. Km.C. Commanding.

Geodetic Survey Subject Address At Kiwanis Meet

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The club passed a resolution urging the General Assembly to make provision at this session to aid the counties in the building of school buildings. At the last meeting on motion of Paul Osborne and duly carried, the club passed a resolution to contact all Kiwanis Clubs in North Carolina and urge them to pass resolutions urging their representatives to support the Umstead Bill in the Legislature to appropriate \$50,000,000 from the General Fund Surplus for aid in erecting and equipping school buildings.
Mr. L. H. Snyder, manager J. C. Penney company store here, was accepted as a new member of the club.
Guests of the club were Mr. A. G. Broomfield, of Bristol, Tenn., with Joe Barber, Sgt. A. H. Clark with John Walker, John E. Justice III, Frank W. Quinn, West Hartford, Conn. and R. E. Demmon, Burnsville, N. J. students at Yale University with John E. Justice, Jr.

Call Hotel Donates Receipts For Day To The Polio Fund

Call Hotel, operated by Mr. Walter Myers, donated all receipts on Wednesday, "Polio Day" here, to the infantile paralysis fund. The total was \$37.50.
Attached to the register for the day was a notation that all receipts of the hotel for that day would go to the March of Dimes and a number of patrons made additional contributions.

Wilkes Chamber Approves Measure Share Power Tax

Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in a recent letter by R. M. Brame, Jr., president, to the joint appropriations committee of the legislature in Raleigh expressed approval for a proposal now in the legislature for cities and towns to share in the six per cent franchise tax now being collected by the state from power companies.

Polio Fund Lacks \$3,892.67 Of Goal \$8,107.33 Is Total

Square Dance Planned Saturday Night At Wilkesboro; Drive Is On

Polio fund in Wilkes county climbed to \$8,107.33 at the end of the week but lacks almost \$4,000 reaching the quota of \$12,000, Sam Ogilvie, campaign chairman, stated today.
In view of the fact that some reports have not been received, probably due to bad weather during the week, the campaign is being extended through this week, Mr. Ogilvie said.
One of the outstanding events for raising money this week will be a square dance to be held Saturday night in Wilkesboro gymnasium. Sponsors are planning plenty of entertainment for the event.
During the week Skyland Textile company reported a total of \$218.50 with 100 per cent of employes contributing.
Bills continue to pour in at a rapid rate for treatment of many of the 42 cases in Wilkes during the past year who are still in hospitals. "Unless this campaign is successful, there is a probability that there will not be sufficient money to provide the unfortunate victims of polio the treatment they must have to recover," Mr. Ogilvie said.

Manufacturers To Make Souvenirs For Executives

Three manufacturers in North Wilkesboro will make souvenirs to be given delegates at the 41st annual convention of the Southern Association of Chamber of Commerce executives to be held in Winston-Salem March 27-29.
The three here who will make and give souvenirs publicizing this community are Oak Furniture company, Wilkes Hosiery Mills company and Carolina Mirror Corporation.

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Lions Club Favors State Funds To Aid In School

Ask Less Auto Inspections Or More Facilities; Woodward Shows Film

Following a showing of a film by J. Floyd Woodward, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, which depicted the deplorable plight of schools in North Carolina, the North Wilkesboro Lions Club here Friday evening passed a resolution endorsing the recommendations of the commission appointed to make a study of the schools, and strongly endorsed the Umstead bill to provide \$50,000,000 in state funds to aid counties in erecting school buildings.
The club also went on record favoring only one auto inspection per year with present facilities, or two inspections if sufficient facilities are provided to accommodate the people without long delays or inconvenience.
The Lions Club will sponsor the Highlands Conference basketball tournament to be held in Wilkesboro February 16 through 19. W. D. Jester was appointed tournament chairman for arrangements.
The program was in charge of Shoun Kerbaugh, Roy Crouse and Frank Stafford. J. Floyd Woodward, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro schools, showed slide films prepared by the commission appointed to make a study of North Carolina's school system.
Using the films as a basis, Supt. Woodward elaborated on the commission's findings and recommendations. Some of the facts pointed out were as follows: Only 15 of 60 children entering school in North Carolina graduate on time; only 54 per cent of students entering high school graduate on time, the percentage of graduates on time being greater in larger schools; only 98 of 950 high schools have 300 or more pupils; grade A teachers decreased by 2,000 in five years; 33-pupil teacher load in North Carolina is largest in nation; North Carolina ranks 38th in 48 states in average teacher salary; teachers with four years college begin with salary of \$1,620 and earn only \$2,169 after 11 years experience; commission recommends \$2,400 beginning salary for college graduates, up to \$3,600 for 12 years experience; high school bus drivers do better job than adult drivers; many buses make two and three trips with children leaving home before daylight and returning after dark; all members of all boards of education should be elected by the people of their respective districts; \$150,000,000 needed for school buildings in the state.
The commission found by questionnaires to school patrons that 69 per cent of the people want the best schools in the nation, 24 per cent want schools up to national average, and 300 per cent want schools up to southern average; 98 per cent of the people believe expenditures for education good economic investment; 69 per cent are willing to pay whatever taxes are necessary to bring schools up to national average; 23 per cent would favor paying somewhat higher taxes.
With the club Friday evening were representatives from other Lions clubs in this zone. These included: W. H. Duhling and Bob Wood, of Hickory; Hinkle Mills and V. T. Gladden, of Taylorsville; Bob Agle, R. D. Hodges, Jr., and Milt Grier, of Boone.
Sam Ogilvie, member of the club who was honored at a civic banquet recently as the "Outstanding Young Man of 1948 in Wilkes County", was presented and received a splendid ovation. Mr. Ogilvie also reported on progress of the infantile paralysis campaign, of which he is chairman, and which is being sponsored principally by the Lions club.
At the meeting Friday evening Everett Kendrick was guest of Boyd Stout and Bob Miskelley guest of Larry Moore.

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