

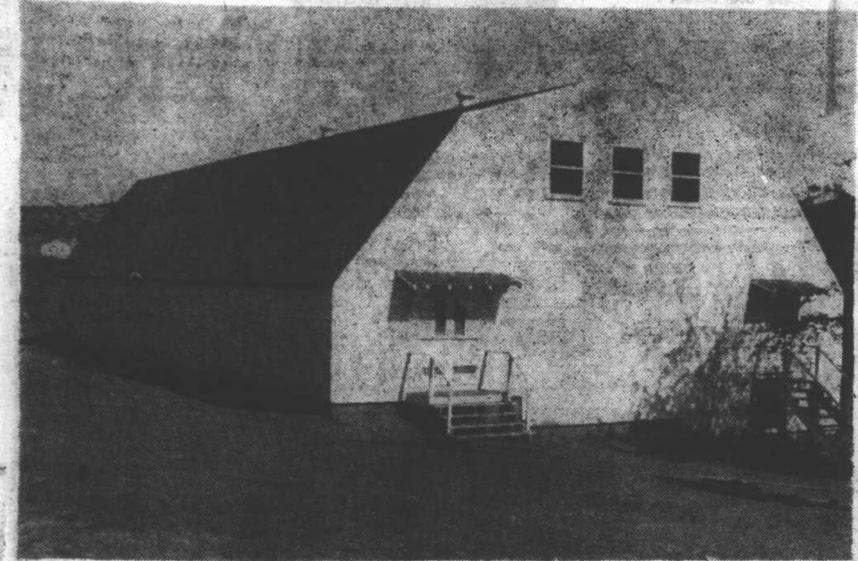
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ROARING RIVER SCHOOL USES NEW GYMNASIUM



Newest high school gymnasium in Wilkes County is located at Roaring River, where the school is using the structure this year for the first time. In addition to providing facilities for basketball, the gymnasium is used extensively for physical education for all students. The gymnasium is the result of cooperative work on the part of patrons of the school. (Photo by Link's Studio).

Many Cases Are Tried In First Week Of Term

Two Years For 3rd Offense Driving Drunk; Other Judgments Given

For the third offense of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated Arnold Wesley Eller was sentenced in Wilkes court to two years on the roads. Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., pronounced the judgment, which also calls for permanent revocation of driver license.

Bill Kilby, violation prohibition law, six months suspended on payment \$10 fine and costs. Earl G. C. Hayes, speeding, not guilty; Reece Carter, operating car while intoxicated, dismissed.

Claude Hall, operating car while intoxicated, six months on roads; driver license revoked two years.

A divorce was granted in the case of Marie Greene Osborne versus Johnnie A. Osborne.

Court will continue for two more weeks, during which time it is expected that practically all cases docketed will be tried.

Dramatic Club To Present Play Here

The Dramatic Club of the North Wilkesboro high school will present the hilarious comedy, "Gabriel, Blow Your Horn", in the high school auditorium on Friday evening, March 18, at 8 o'clock.

The net proceeds from the play will be applied upon the cost of the new cyclorama which has recently been installed on the stage. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Manless Wedding At Millers Creek

Junior class of Millers Creek high school will sponsor presentation of a "Manless Wedding" by Fairplains Home Demonstration club at Millers Creek school Friday, March 18, 7:30 p. m. Hilarious entertainment is assured all who will attend. Admission prices will be 50 and 25 cents.

Wilkesboro Branch Northwestern Bank Has Good Opening

The newest branch bank of the Northwestern Bank of this city—the Wilkesboro branch—has received a splendid patronage on the part of the business firms of the town and people of the surrounding community. The Wilkesboro branch bank is housed in a new, modern building opposite the county courthouse, and is being operated under the management of Russell Pearson, assistant cashier of The Northwestern Bank.

Headquarters for Bank's Auditor The new branch bank in Wilkesboro is also headquarters for the bank's auditor, Edward P. P. Bell, and is being utilized as the consolidated business office of the bank. The North Wilkesboro office remains as the main office of The Northwestern Bank, however.

Today the Wilkesboro branch bank is installing 100 safety deposit boxes for the convenience of the public.

The Wilkesboro branch of the bank opened on Monday, March 7th, and since that time has enjoyed very generous support. It's opening is quite an addition to the business life of the town.

Bluejackets And All Stars Begin Series Tuesday

Millers Creek All Stars and Eller's Bluejackets will play a three-game series of basketball to decide championship of the Wilkes league. The series is planned for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights in Wilkesboro gymnasium, in a two best of three decision.

Game time will be 7:30 each night and these championship games should provide a fitting climax to the cage season in Wilkes county. In regular schedule this year the teams met twice, with each taking a victory.

Emily's Beauty Salon Opened For Business

Emily's Beauty Salon, which was forced to vacate former quarters because of a disastrous fire March 6, has re-opened for business and is now located over the bus station on the corner of B and Sixth streets.

Emily's Beauty Salon is now newly equipped throughout with the latest equipment and materials and all operators are well qualified by training and experience.

Emily's will be closed on Tuesday afternoons but will be open on Wednesday afternoons.

P.-T. A. To Meet

The North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association will meet Thursday, March 16, 7:30 p. m. All school patrons are invited to attend the meeting which will be held at the school.

Deer made up the bulk of the big game killed on national forests last year, according to the U. S. Forest Service.

Student Millers Creek Is Winner Speaking Contest

Carl Church Wins County Honor Second Time; District Finals Friday

Carl Church, student of Millers Creek school, is the Wilkes winner in the Soil Conservation Speaking Contest and will represent Wilkes in the district contest at the North Wilkesboro town hall Friday, March 18, two p. m.

The Millers Creek student, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Church, of Wilkesboro, route one, will be trying to repeat as district winner. Last year he won county and district honors and made an excellent showing in the state contest.

Winners in six schools participated in the county contest here, which was well carried out. Dorothy Parker, of Ronda, won second prize, and Betty Parker, of Wilkesboro, third. Other speakers were Joan Wheeling, of Ferguson, Billy Absher, of Traphill, and E. C. Elledge, of Mountain View.

The contest was sponsored by the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Extension Service, Soil Conservation Service and Farm Security Administration. Glenn Green, chairman of a joint committee, presented the prizes. Judges were Glenn Andrews, Robert Gambill and A. F. Kilby.

Foster Child Dies

Mary Jane Foster, age two months, daughter of Bill and Pauline Caudill Jackson, of North Wilkesboro route two, died Thursday. Funeral and burial service was held Friday at Liberty Grove Church east of this city.

B. A. Ferguson Is Taken By Death

Bartlett Alphonso Ferguson, 69, for many years a prominent citizen of the Moravian Falls community, died at 11:45 a. m. Sunday at the Wilkes hospital. He had been in ill health for the past two months, during which he spent some time in the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem. He had been critically ill for several days.

Mr. Ferguson was born in the Beaver Creek community, a son of the late Zachary and Elizabeth Thompson Ferguson. He was married to Miss Hattie Scroggs, of Moravian Falls, where he had lived since his marriage. He was engaged in farming over a period of several years.

Surviving Mr. Ferguson are his wife; one daughter, Mrs. W. F. Jordan, of Washington, D. C.; one son, Lacy A. Ferguson, and one grandson, Bobby Gene Perry, of Moravian Falls.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, two p. m., at the residence and burial will be in Moravian Falls cemetery. Rev. Joe Greene and Rev. J. E. Hipps will conduct the service. Complying with Mr. Ferguson's request, the family asks that no flowers be sent.

Spring Festival Plans Go Forward In The Community

Merchants Of Wilkesboro Plan Spring Promotion Event March 24-26

Trade Promotion Committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce is proceeding rapidly with plans for the Spring Opening Festival to be held throughout the two Wilkesboro Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, March 24, 25, and 26th.

This event will be for the purpose of showing new merchandise, styles, fashions and patterns in many lines of merchandising, and special values will be offered throughout the Wilkesboro on new and seasonable merchandise. It will not be a clearance event, but will feature the newest at better values than have been offered in years.

Style, quality, price and service will be the slogan for the event. Merchants are asked by the committee to have the most interesting window displays and advertisements possible to herald the event. Any merchant may participate, regardless of the line of merchandising in which his firm is engaged.

Further announcements about the Spring Festival will appear this week, and the issue of The Journal-Patriot for March 21 will be printed on March 22 in order to be more timely to promote the event beginning March 24.

Mrs. Susie Shepherd Funeral Is Today

Funeral service was held today, 11 a. m., at Royal cemetery near McGrady for Mrs. Susie Jane Shepherd, 46, resident of that community who died Saturday. Rev. J. W. Luke conducted the service.

Mrs. Shepherd is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Weldon Royal, of McGrady.

Mrs. Ellen Church Funeral On Saturday

Last rites were held Saturday at Patton's Ridge church for Mrs. Ellen Greene Church, 74-year-old resident of Jobs Cabin township who died Friday. Rev. Bine Church conducted the funeral service.

Surviving Mrs. Church are two daughters, Mrs. Ira Hamby, of Purlair; and Mrs. Dollie Church, of Stony Fork.

Show Plymouth At Dealers' March 18

The new line of Plymouth automobiles, with outstanding mechanical improvements and up-to-the-minute styling, make their appearance in dealer showrooms here and throughout the United States Friday, Barber-Somers Motor Co., Motor Service Sales Co., and Wilkes Auto Sales Co., announced today.

Completely redesigned and newly streamlined, the new Plymouth contains a 97-horse-power engine which is smoother, livelier, and more economical. Other changes make notable contributions to beauty, safety, and passenger comfort.

Wheelbase has been increased for a better ride and more road stability but at same time the over-all length has been reduced for ease of handling. Though lower-narrower, the new bodies provide greater interior room for passenger. The car's appearance reflects a complete change from last year's models. The Plymouths may be seen at either of the three local Plymouth dealers Friday, March 18.

Designers have achieved a "common sense" streamlining in which ease of handling, safety and comfort have received strong consideration. Fenders which blend perfectly into body lines are nevertheless separate and detachable, thus avoiding sheet metal masses so costly to repair or replace.

Increased visibility is provided in the windshield which is 37 percent larger and the rear window which is 35.4 percent larger. Windshield wipers clear 61.5 percent greater area.

Sedan seats are wider and deeper, both in front and rear. The width of both cushions has been increased (5" in front, 6" in rear—front seat width 56", rear seat width 57") with panels and arm rests so located as to take maximum advantage of the interior space. Rear seat room See—1949 Plymouth—Page 4

Pfc. Coyd Dillard Funeral On Sunday

Funeral service was held Sunday at Haymeadow Baptist church for Pfc. Coyd Dillard, former resident of that community who lost his life in World War II. Rev. Monroe Dillard and Rev. Clarence Miller officiated.

Surviving Pfc. Dillard are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Silas M. Dillard, and the following brothers and sisters: Cyrus and Phenos Dillard, of Union Grove; Avery Dillard, of North Wilkesboro route one; Mrs. M. D. Pevette, of North Wilkesboro route three; Mrs. M. T. Myers, of Hays; Mrs. John H. Harrold, of Columbus, Ga.; Mrs. A. R. Parks, of Lexington.

Grand Jury Asks State Appropriate Building Aid Fund

Urges Building For Schools; Comprehensive Report Submitted

Grand jury in the present term of superior court, at Wilkesboro in a statement attached to its report to Presiding Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., urged that the state legislature appropriate funds for state aid for school buildings, equipment and buses, and also urged that county authorities make every effort to provide adequate school facilities.

The statement followed a report made by the grand jury on recommendations for Lincoln Heights colored school near Wilkesboro, where the grand jury made an investigation asked by citizens. The report, submitted for the grand jury by T. S. Wellborn, foreman, and H. T. Burke, secretary, stated that Lincoln Heights school should have toilets, uniform auditorium seats, a central heating plant or new coal stoves, also an electric range, refrigerator and sewing machine for the home economics department, a laboratory with running water, and a telephone for the school.

A comprehensive report was given on findings after inspection of county institutions and property. At the prison camp the report said 84 prisoners were well cared for in clean quarters and that Sunday school and preaching services are held regularly. At the tuberculosis hospital the grand jury committee found 19 patients well cared for and the hospital in good condition. At the county home were 19 inmates, described as well cared for.

The grand jury recommended two additional garages to care for the 75 school buses, which were described as in fair condition and having passed inspection. The county jail was declared to be in fair shape with no repairs needed now.

Several recommendations were made for the courthouse, including new floor and a new desk for the sheriff's office, paint job and plaster repairs for the offices of county agent and Triple A, new floor for the board of education office, and a paint job for the courtroom.

In routine report the grand jury stated that 117 bills of indictment had been received, of which 106 were returned as true bills, nine not true, and two continued for lack of evidence.

Dokies Set Date For Ladies Night

North Wilkesboro Dokies club held an enjoyable meeting Friday evening at the Princess Cafe.

In a short business session the club set Friday, May 13, as date for the annual Ladies' Night banquet of Pythians and Dokies. Place of the banquet and program feature will be announced later.

The club adjourned early in order that members could attend the concert by the North Wilkesboro high school band.

Sgt. Hanks Funeral At Benham Sunday

Final rites for Staff Sergeant Charles W. Hanks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Hanks of Benham, were held at Benham Baptist Church at 2 p. m. Sunday. Rev. Marvin Burcham was in charge. Burial was in church cemetery with full military honors by the William J. Jones Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Sergeant Hanks was killed in action in Italy September 16, 1944.

CLEAN-UP, BEAUTIFICATION CAMPAIGN PLANNED TO REACH CLIMAX WEEK OF APRIL 24-30

Will Speak Here



DR. ELLEN WINSTON

Commissioner Public Welfare Will Speak Here

Dr. Ellen Winston To Speak Before Women's Clubs March 21

Dr. Ellen Winston, of Raleigh, commissioner of the North Carolina Department of Public Welfare, will address the North Wilkesboro Women's Club in meeting Monday, March 21, 3:15 p. m. and the Junior Woman's Club at 8:30 p. m. here on the same date. The afternoon address will be broadcast.

Dr. Winston's address will be on the subject of "Public Welfare." Both organizations of the Women's clubs here feel fortunate in being able to obtain this noted authority as speaker and large attendance is urged at meetings of both organizations.

Performances By Little Theatre Well Received

The recently formed Community Little Theatre put on its first productions Tuesday night in the North Wilkesboro school auditorium before a capacity audience enthusiastically receptive of each and every performance.

Three one-act plays were given under the very efficient direction of Mrs. R. G. Finley and her assistant, Miss Grace Frank Kilby.

In the first play, "The Silent System," Miss Nellie Gabriel in the role of in-her-own-mind neglected wife literally talked circles around the involuntarily silent husband, played by Ivey Moore. Miss Gabriel is well known to local audiences for her talent and she very well lived up to her reputation in this performance.

Mrs. John Baity played the part of Grandma Ritcher in a drama entitled "Judge Not" and she showed much skill and artistry in this leading role. In supporting roles Miss Harriet Cruthfield, Mrs. Albert Vannoy and Mrs. Bob Day gave excellent performances. Miss Dot Powell, Miss Grace Frank Kilby, Jay Anderson and Shoun Kerbaugh provided many laughs with "18 Washington Square, South," a comedy which provoked much merriment.

Mrs. Finley has announced that the Little Theatre is considering the next production, which may be "You Can't Take It With You." This play enjoyed a long and highly successful run on Broadway and has been made into a movie.

The first performance of The Little Theatre was an indication that it is here to become an integral part of this community and that it has a bright and promising future.

Stanley Party At Moravian Falls

A Stanley Products party will be held Thursday evening, 7:30 o'clock, at the Moravian Falls community house for benefit of the Moravian Falls Baptist church building fund. Mrs. Glate Smithy will be in charge, and the public is most cordially invited to attend.

Extensive Organization Developed By Civic Activities Committee

A county-wide clean-up, paint-up, fix up, and beautification campaign is being launched here and will reach a climax during the week of April 24-30. Cecil F. Adamson, chairman of the Civic Activities committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the event, said today.

In an organization meeting held here during the week the Civic Activities committee outlined a number of projects for the year, the current campaign being the first on the list.

Committees were appointed to begin work on the beautification project and are as follows:

Publicity.—Mrs. Dan Carter, chairman, John Cashien, W. J. Allen and Shoun Kerbaugh. This group will handle radio and newspaper publicity, theatre spots and direct mail appeal.

Advertising and display.—Joe Barber, Nat Sosnik, and Harold Snyder. Advertising and display and sale promotions of appropriate materials for use in the campaign will be stressed.

Speakers.—Blair Gwyn, chairman, John Leshon and Mrs. C. Arthur Venable. This group will try to arrange appropriate program before every civic organization.

Improvement and Beautification.—Mrs. Ivey Moore and Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, co-chairmen, Mrs. Joe Barber and Mrs. Joe Pearson. This committee with others to be named will make inspections and list specific recommendations for work during the week of April 24-30. The inspections will include homes, streets, alleys, sidewalks, vacant lots, unsightly areas, approaches to towns, planting for beautification, business and industrial sections.

Fire Prevention.—John Walker and Thurmond Kenerly, co-chairmen, with members of fire departments of the Wilkesboros. Duties will be inspection and steps to remove fire hazards.

School committee.—Dr. J. S. Deans, chairman, Mrs. C. B. Lomax, Mrs. C. Arthur Venable, C. B. Eller, J. Floyd Woodward, and Wm. T. Long. Use schools to distribute information and appeal for county-wide cooperation, and to provide posters for schools, stores and other public points, included in duties of this committee.

Church committee.—Russell Hodges, chairman, Dr. Gilbert R. Combs, Dr. John T. Wayland, Rev. Watt M. Cooper, Rev. W. N. Brookshire, Rev. C. J. Winslow. Duties will include preparation of appropriate material to be presented in church bulletins and services, and to enlist cooperation of all churches in the county in the campaign.

Beginning now, a "suggestion box" will be placed at the Chamber of Commerce office, The Journal-Patriot office, and radio station WKBC. In these boxes citizens are asked to place suggestions for specific work which needs to be done in the beautification campaign.

Groups asked to participate include Women's Clubs of the Wilkesboros, Garden club, Junior Woman's club, Jaycees, public officials, schools, churches, newspapers, radio station, theatres, housekeepers, fire departments of the Wilkesboros, street department, sanitation officers, residents, manufacturers, stores.

Members of the Civic Activities committee of the Chamber of Commerce for 1949 are Cecil F. Adamson, chairman, Blair Gwyn, Hampton McNeill, W. J. Allen, Dr. J. S. Deans, Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, Mrs. Dan Carter, Sam Ogilvie, Dr. E. N. Phillips, Nat Sosnik, Perry Love, Mrs. Carl Coffey, John Walker, J. W. Ley-Hodges, Ivan D. Anderson, Dr. H. B. Smith, Joe Barber and High Helms.

Other work in the Civic Activities committee's plans for the year will include improved parking and traffic conditions, improved garbage collection, removing silt from city water reservoir, street repairs and extension, promotion of cultural projects, clear obstructions of railway crossings and intersections, encouragement of good urban-rural relations.

It is expected that the committee will add various projects to the program of work from time to time during the year as the need arises.

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