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\$40,000 DAMAGE CLAIM IS FILED AGAINST THIS CITY BY GRADY CAUDILL ADMINISTRATOR

North Wilkesboro city council in March meeting rejected a damage claim of \$40,000 filed by Claude E. Caudill, administrator for Grady Caudill, deceased.

Grady Caudill, a youth of the Hays community, was killed recently when his car plunged off the dead-end embankment of F. street in this city. It is presumed that the filing of the claim is the first step toward a suit against the town of North Wilkesboro.

The council passed an ordinance which will forbid taxi business being operated from parking spaces on the streets. The ordinance, to go into April 1, states that "All taxicab or vehicle-for-hire stands shall be located off the streets, alleys or portions thereof. Established stands located on property adjacent to the street are permissible provided that such stand does not obstruct pedestrian traffic."

The matter of extending city limits was taken before the board by J. B. Williams, who stated that additional area is needed for industrial expansion. At the council's request Clerk W. Kelly obtained a ruling from the Attorney General and material from the Institute of Government on procedure which can be followed.

Richard Johnston, J. B. Williams and W. C. Grier appeared in behalf of the Wilkes Red Cross chapter asking that the two offices formerly used by the Selective Service boards be provided for the Red Cross chapter, which is now paying \$600 yearly rent for offices. No action was taken on the request.

The council unanimously adopted the North Carolina Plumbing Code. An ordinance was passed outlawing the use of BX cable in electric wiring in the city. The fire department was granted permission to move one of two fire sirens from the town hall to the water tank near the intersection of Trogdon and J streets.

Contract was awarded Elliot Building company, of Salisbury, for purchase and installation of an auxiliary water pump at the tanks near the intersection of Trogdon and J streets. Citizens appeared asking that 7th street from F to H and from H to 6th street be surfaced. The interested citizens were asked to prepare and circulate a petition among property owners which would be affected.

Mayor T. S. Kenerly, Clerk W. P. Kelly and all board members, Gilbert Bare, Max Foster, C. J. Swofford, J. C. Reins and Frank Crow, were present for the meeting.

The Journal-Patriot For Monday, Mar. 21, To Be Printed 22nd

Issue of The Journal-Patriot for Monday, March 21, will be printed and distributed on Tuesday, March 22, in order to be more timely and to carry the latest news relative to the Spring Opening festival to be held here Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 24, 25 and 26.

Heart Campaign Very Successful In Community

\$407 Raised; Chapter American Heart Association Will Be Formed

Campaign here for the American Heart Association was carried out successfully, Dr. J. H. McNeill, chairman, reported today. A total of \$407 was contributed.

The campaign was carried out without solicitation and the money raised was by voluntary contributions, principally from business men.

Seventy per cent of the funds raised will be used in Wilkes. Plans are under way for the formation of a chapter of the American Heart Association here. One of the principal objectives will be for equipment of a heart clinic in connection of a new hospital, and there may be provisions for specialized training for physicians. A more extensive plan is in prospect for next year, when the local chapter begins to function.

Ferguson Funeral Conducted Tuesday

An impressive funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at the residence at Moravian Falls for B. A. Ferguson, well known and highly respected citizen of the Moravian Falls community who died Sunday. The service was attended by a large number of relatives and friends.

Rev. Joe Greene, pastor of Moravian Falls Methodist church, conducted the service, assisted by C. D. Scroggs, of St. Petersburg, Florida. Burial was in Moravian Falls cemetery. Pall bearers were Paul J. Vestal, R. A. Greer, Cyrus Brown, J. B. Brookshire, W. E. Smithey, and R. G. Call.

Hilarious Play To Be Presented

Dramatics club of North Wilkesboro high school will present "Gabriel Blow Your Horn" Friday, March 18, eight o'clock, in the school auditorium.

This play, directed by Mrs. R. N. Wooten, club sponsor, is filled with comedy and will be very enjoyable. The cast is as follows:

Gabriel Pennington, a mountaineer caretaker, Jim Winters; Zerusia Pennington, his wife, Sue Eller; Daisy Mae, their daughter, Peggy Harris; Herb Brown, a resourceful lover, Gordon Forester; Miss Thelma Smith, a wealthy society woman, Deanie Gaddy; Janet Smith, her niece and ward, Betty Lou Kenerly; Frank, Jimmy Day; Pete, Jim Moore; Mildred, Blair Coffey; Eleanor, Betty Gene McNeill; Harold, Herb's rival, Bill Bason; Mr. Herbert Brown, Herb's father, Julius Rousseau. 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. Ticket prices are 40 cents and adults 60 cents. You can get your tickets from members of the dramatic club or at Brame Drug Store.

Lincoln Heights Class Plans Survey

The senior class of Lincoln Heights, beginning this week, is making a survey of the occupations followed by the Negroes of this effort is being made to find out just how many are working and all the various kinds of jobs they are doing. The survey is being made as part of the class work in economics. The members of the class will appreciate the cooperation of all in this matter.

Wilkes Speaking Winner Receives Prize



Carl Church, right, Millers Creek student, is shown here receiving a \$25 check from Glenn Greene, left, for first prize in the Soil Conservation speaking contest held here Friday night. Mr. Greene was chairman of a committee from the sponsors of the county contest, which included Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, Soil Conservation Service, the Extension Service and Farm Security Administration. (Photo by Link's Studio).

DISTRICT SOIL CONSERVATION SPEAKING CONTEST TO BE HELD FRIDAY AFTERNOON, TOWN HALL

County winners from several northwestern North Carolina counties will compete Friday afternoon, two o'clock, at the North Wilkesboro town hall for the right to compete in the state Soil Conservation speaking contest sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association. Carl Church, Millers Creek student who won first place in the Wilkes county contest last week, will be trying for a repeat performance. Last year he won county and district contests and ranked high in the state finals. Second place in the county contest held here last Friday went to Dorothy Osborne, of Ronda school, and third to Betty Parker, of Wilkesboro. Judges were Lawrence Miller, Robert Gambill and Paul J. Vestal. The public is most cordially invited to the district contest here Friday afternoon.

Bluejackets Win Title In County Basketball Loop

Eller's Bluejackets won championship of the Wilkes Industrial League in an exciting finish of the second game of the play-off series in Wilkesboro gymnasium last night. The play-off advanced to the critical stage Tuesday night when the Bluejackets came from behind to win 69 to 55. Last night both teams were on edge and going all out, the Bluejackets to win and end the series and the Miller's Creek all stars trying desperately for a victory and another chance in the third scheduled game.

Last night the Bluejackets forged far ahead in the opening period with McLean leading the way in scoring. By half time the lead was whittled down to 2-26. Early in the final period it was all tied up and anybody's game. From there on out, the lead changed a number of times, usually with a one point margin and the crowd was going wild. With the score tied and seconds to go, both teams missed free throws and the game went into an extra period with the score 50-50. In the final minute a field goal gave the Bluejackets a three point lead, and a field goal by the all stars cut the lead to one point at the final whistle. McLean with 20 and Wey with 16 lead the Bluejackets in scoring while M. Eller racked up 19 for the all stars. Championship and runner-up trophies will be presented by the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, which acted as sponsor of the league. Other teams which participated were Mount Pleasant, Mountain View and Clevelenger Business college. The Bluejackets won the first half and the all stars the second half of the schedule, making necessary a play-off for the championship.

Jaycees To Give Minstrel Show

At their regular meeting last Thursday evening at Hotel Wilkes, the Wilkes Jaycees revealed plans for a big Minstrel and Vaudeville Show which will be presented Friday, April 1st at the North Wilkesboro School Auditorium. The Minstrel is being produced by Forrest Jones under the direction of Eddie Spruill, who has had much experience in minstrels. The musical portion of the show will be under the direction of Jay Anderson. The cast will be as follows: interlocutor: Bob Morrow; end men: Jim Williams and Ivey Moore; Members of Circle: Jim Allen, C. C. Faw, Jr., Wayne Foster and Shoun Kerbaugh. The second portion of the show will be a vaudeville take off of John Cashon's 8:10 Club. Further details of this portion of the program will be announced later, as will the other members of the cast. Tickets will be on sale within the next few days under the direction of R. E. Stewart with all proceeds going to the civic projects sponsored by the Jr. Chamber.

Young Adult Rally At First Methodist

Young Adult rally will be held Friday, March 18, 7:30 p. m., in the religious education building of the First Methodist church. All members are asked to attend and to take a number of friends with them.

Mrs. R. G. Hodges' Father Succumbs

J. W. DeLaney, father of Mrs. R. G. Hodges, of North Wilkesboro died Saturday night at his home in Charlotte. Mr. DeLaney, age 88, was recovering from an operation when he suffered a heart attack, from which he died a short time later. Mrs. Hodges was called to Charlotte Saturday afternoon to be with her father and Mr. Hodges joined her there Sunday. Funeral and burial services were held in Charlotte Monday, 11 a. m.

Recreation Group Maps Program Of Work For Year

Recreation committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in meeting here this week mapped a suggested program of work for the year, and specifically discussed the need of recreational program and facilities in the Woodlawn community of North Wilkesboro. W. O. Absher, chairman, presided, and other members present were M. E. Winecoff, W. J. Caroon, W. C. Marlow, Pat Williams, Glenn Andrews, William J. Brame and Maurice Walsh. Mrs. Annie Winkler was a guest at the meeting and aided in discussion of the Woodlawn problem. Included in the suggestions for activities of the committee during the year: work for continued expansion of recreation areas, facilities and program; serve in advisory capacity for summer playground program; help Scouts, Presbyterian church and Optimist club in work in Woodlawn community; aid in promotion of professional baseball; investigate status of Y. M. C. A. plans in community; look into possibilities for swimming pool, public tennis courts and golf course; give assistance by providing plans and specifications to individuals wishing to construct courts for any game; sponsor Wilkes basketball league; encourage full use of school gymnasiums for recreational purposes; study recreational needs for negro children. Plans to aid in promotion of professional baseball were deferred until a later meeting because the club management could not be represented at the meeting.

Community Singing

All gospel singers are invited to participate in a community singing to be held at Rock Creek Baptist church Sunday, March 20, 7:30 p. m.

Caudill Child Dies

Funeral service was held Friday at Liberty Baptist church east of this city for Mary Jane Caudill, infant daughter of Pauline Caudill, of North Wilkesboro route two. The child dies Thursday.

Date Changed

The meeting of the Musical Arts Club has been changed from March 18 to Friday, March 25, at 8:00.

Rev. Jesse Adams Was Not In Court

Rev. Jesse Adams, North Wilkesboro route one, wishes it explained that the Jesse Adams whose name appeared in the court calendar and news of court proceedings was not Rev. Jesse Adams, but was another person of the same name and who is not a minister.

Cemetery Working

There will be a cemetery cleaning at Arbor Grove church Saturday morning, March 19. Everyone who is interested is asked to be present to help work.

Directors Wilkes Chamber Discuss Number Subjects

Oppose Pending Labor Bill; Extension Highway Post Office Route Sought

Directors of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in meeting here took a stand in opposition to the administration's proposed labor bill now before congress, and the chamber has notified representatives and senators that it favors the Taty-Hartley act, with some revision, as being more applicable to present day needs.

Richard Johnston, president, presided over the meeting of the board, which had a number of matters for discussion. The president presented briefly the programs of work mapped for the year by Trade Promotion, Civic Activities, Public Health, Recreation and Agricultural committees.

It was announced that Tom Jenrette, chamber manager, and Maurice Walsh, North Wilkesboro postmaster, would confer with highway postoffice officials and postal authorities and civic leaders in Mountain City, Hampton, Elizabethton and Johnson City, Tenn., urging that the highway postoffice route from Greensboro to Boone be extended to Johnson City, Tenn.

Membership reports were given and the board was pleased with returns. However, it was urged that any members who have not paid their 1949 dues send their checks in early in order that it will not be necessary for the contact committee to make calls.

The board approved a plan to offer \$4, \$2 and \$1 in prizes for the best clean-up posters by children in North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro schools.

Court Continues Work With Docket For March Session

March term of Wilkes Superior court this week continued work on a long list of cases and will be in session throughout next week.

No cases of great interest are pending trial and the docket contains few charges of felonies. Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marion, is presiding.

Following are accounts of cases tried during the first part of this week:

Thurmond Steelman and Grothie Wagoner, fornication and adultery, verdict of guilt, sentence not passed.

Alexander Bowie, abandonment, two years suspended on payment of cost and payment of \$25 monthly for support of family.

Divorces were granted in the cases of Grace Byrd versus James Byrd, and Sarah Margaret Choplin versus William Ransom Choplin.

Reece Carter, operating car while intoxicated, verdict of not guilty rendered by jury, instead of dismissed as formerly reported.

Avery Pilkington, third offense of operating car while intoxicated, 12 months suspended on payment \$300 fine and costs, driver license revoked three years.

1949 Plymouths To Be Shown Friday

Three local Plymouth dealers will show the eagerly awaited 1949 Plymouths cars Friday. The dealers are Barber-Somers Motor company, Motor Services Sales company and Wilkes Auto Sales company.

The Plymouth this year offers a completely redesigned car which has numerous new features which are expected to be very popular with the motoring public. The three dealers here cordially invite all to visit their showrooms and see the new Plymouths Friday or any day thereafter.

Snively Tells Of Grid Prospects At The University

Coach Carl Snively told an enthusiastic meeting of the Wilkes Chapter of the University Educational Foundation here Monday night that success of the 1949 university football team will depend largely on performance of several men from last year's freshman squad who are to fill the places of 16 graduating lettermen.

Attendance at the dinner meeting held at Hotel Wilkes totaled 80, and the crowd was well entertained for three hours by talks by Snively and showing of movies from the Texas, Georgia, Wake Forest and Sugar Bowl games of last season. Walt Pupa, a former fullback and now assistant coach, assisted Coach Snively with the program.

Richard Johnston was re-elected president of the Wilkes chapter and Tom Jenrette was again named secretary-treasurer. The foundation is receiving substantial support from alumni and friends of the university in this community.

Your Red Cross Donation Needed

Red Cross Chapter officials stated that to date only about \$2000.00 has been reported on the 1949 quota. Workers are urged to complete their canvases and turn in their reports or to call the Red Cross Office phone No. 307 to report amounts on hand to date.

If a volunteer solicitor has failed to call upon you, mail your contribution to the American Red Cross, North Wilkesboro, N. C., or call and request that someone pick up your contribution. Over 70 per cent of your membership fee or contribution remains in Wilkes County. \$8,184.00 is needed for the 1949 quota.

Demonstration Friday

A demonstration of the G-tractor, manufactured by the Allis-Chalmers company, will be held in the field just south of Forester's Nu-Way Service in this city on Friday, March 18th, at 2 p. m. G. G. Wellborn is local distributor for the Allis-Chalmers farm machinery and parts, and he invites all farmers throughout this section to attend the demonstration so that they may see for themselves the economical operation of the tractor, and how easy it is to handle.

Tournament In Table Tennis To Be Held In Wilkes

Preliminary plans are being made for a table tennis tournament for all Wilkes county, with the winner to participate in the state tournament.

Bill Carrigan is asking that all who will enter leave their name, address and telephone number at the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce office phone 353 not later than Wednesday, March 23, at which time pairings will be made for a county tournament.

Hospital Births

The following births occurred during the past week at the Wilkes hospital: son, Dennis Wayne, March 10 to Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Clonch, of North Wilkesboro; daughter, Carol Sue, March 11 to Mr. and Mrs. James Millard Wiles, of North Wilkesboro route one; son, Lee Edward, March 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Parks Tedder, of Pores Knob.

BILL CARRIGAN, MIKE WILLIAMS TO PLAY TENNIS

Bill Carrigan, of Wilkesboro, one of the state's outstanding tennis players, and Mike Williams, of North Wilkesboro, now an outstanding athlete at Davidson college, will play an exhibition tennis match at Wilkesboro Saturday afternoon, 2:30, to which the public is invited.

Incidentally, Mr. Carrigan is now devoting spare time to tennis instruction and those interested may contact him and arrange for classes and demonstrations.

Baptist Pastors To Meet Monday

Wilkes Baptist Pastors Conference will meet Monday night, March 21, at Reins-Sturdivant chapel. The meeting will begin at 7:30.

Following a short business session, Rev. Clate Brown, Rev. Gilbert Osborne and Rev. Clate Simmons will discuss interesting subjects. Also on the program will be Rev. J. Earl Pearson, associational missionary.

All ministers, deacons and others interested will be welcome at the meeting.

Hand Made Articles To Be Sold Here

Woman's Club of Oak Grove Baptist church will sell hand made articles, including quilts, aprons, rugs, pillow cases, dish towels and other items at the City Barber Shop here Saturday, March 19th. Proceeds will be for the church building funds. All patronage for this worthy cause will be appreciated.