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## Dr. Merritt To Address Doctors Here On Tuesday

Chapel Hill.—Dr. H. Houston Merritt, native of Wilmington, who is professor of neurology in the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and Director of the Service of Neurology, Neurological Institute, Presbyterian Hospital, N. Y., will address North Carolina doctors in various sections of the state, including North Wilkesboro, this week.

Dr. Merritt will conduct the opening sessions of three new Post-graduate Courses in Medicine under the sponsorship of the University of North Carolina Medical School and Extension Division, which are opening in North Wilkesboro-Elkin, Salisbury and Raleigh, April 5, 6, 7, respectively.

The first session of the seven-week North Wilkesboro-Elkin course will be held at the Wilkes Hotel in North Wilkesboro Tuesday, April 5. Dr. Merritt will conduct a clinic on the diagnosis and treatment of neurological problems at 4 p. m., and continue his discussion of this subject at an evening meeting at 8 o'clock.

He will follow the same schedule at Salisbury and Raleigh, appearing at the King's Daughters Hut in Salisbury at 4 and at a dinner session beginning at 7 p. m. at the Yadin Hotel, and in Raleigh he will conduct his clinic at the Rex Hospital Nurses' Home at 4 and at the S. and W. Cafeteria at 7 p. m.

A graduate of Vanderbilt University in 1922, Dr. Merritt took his M. D. at Johns Hopkins. He was awarded an honorary degree by Harvard in 1942. In 1930-31 he was national research fellow at the Deutsche Forschungsanstalt, Munich, Germany.

He returned to the United States as instructor at Harvard and between 1931 and 1944 was visiting neurologist and consultant neurologist, Boston City Hospital, Boston. In 1944 he went to New York as professor of clinical neurology in Columbia University and chief of the Division of Neuropsychiatry of Montefiore Hospital, N. Y.

Dr. Merritt is associate editor of "Medicine," consultant in mental hygiene for the U. S. Public Health Service, consultant to the Chief of the Division of Neurology and Psychiatry of the Veterans Administration, director and vice president of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc., and secretary of the American Neurological Association, Inc.

## Wilkes Scout Round Table Tuesday Night

Second monthly meeting of the Wilkes Scout Leaders' Round Table will be held Tuesday night, April 5, seven o'clock, at Duke Power company office on Ninth street. Discussions, games, fun and refreshment, are on the program. District Chairman Robert S. Gibbs said today.

The district meeting will be held immediately after the round table.

## Mrs. Michael, 75, Claimed By Death

Last rites were held Sunday, 11 a. m., at Welcome Home Baptist church for Mrs. Sela Clementine Michael, 75, resident of the Cricket community who died Thursday night. Rev. A. W. Eller, Rev. W. S. Luck and Rev. Richard Day conducted the service.

Surviving Mrs. Michael are the following sons and daughters: T. M. Michael, Cherry Point; G. H. Michael, Oakland, California; F. F. Michael, Winston-Salem; W. W. Michael, Mrs. Dave McLean, Mrs. Ed Brookshire, Cricket; Mrs. Bill Moore, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Walter Pries, Los Angeles, California; Clyde Michael, Cricket.

## Flashers Pitchers To Begin Thursday

Spring training date has been moved up for battery men on the North Wilkesboro Flashers' squad for 1949, Tal J. Pearson, club president, announced today.

Instead of reporting April 11, pitchers and catchers will begin work Thursday, April 7, in order to get in better condition before the exhibition games start on April 13.

## To Address Doctors



Dr. H. Houston Merritt, native of Wilmington, now professor of neurology in the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and director of neurology for Presbyterian Hospital, New York, who will address North Carolina doctors in various sections of the state next week. He will speak to doctors of this area at Hotel Wilkes Tuesday.

## Survey Made For Clean-Up

Improvement and Beautification sub-committee of the Civic Affairs committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce has completed a comprehensive survey of conditions in the Wilkesboros and has recommended specific work to be done leading up to Clean-Up Week, April 24-30.

The full committee has reviewed the report and work has already commenced to correct some of the conditions found.

The survey included private and public property in both towns.

Citizens of the Wilkesboros during the coming week are urged to correct any unsightly conditions about their homes, places of business, or on vacant lots.

After a week has elapsed, members of the Woman's Clubs in both towns will contact property owners who have not corrected any conditions cited in the survey. A committee spokesman stated that it is the desire of the committee that all do their clean-up work during the coming week in order that contacts may not be necessary.

Those engaged in clean-up work are requested to call the town authorities when they have substantial quantities of trash or rubbish to be removed. Every cooperation will be extended citizens, with the hope that the campaign will be by far the most successful ever held in the community.

## Wilkes Over Top In Quota Jackson Dinner Saturday

Four From Wilkes At Most Larely Attended Jackson Day Dinner

Wilkes county Democrats raised in full their quota of \$300 in connection with the annual Jackson Day dinner held Saturday night in Raleigh. Watson Brame, chairman of the Wilkes Democratic executive committee, reported today.

Chairman Brame, C. C. Faw, Sr., W. J. Bason, and N. S. Forrester, Jr., were the Wilkes Democrats who attended the Jackson Day dinner.

The dinner meeting was the most successful ever staged in the state and was attended by a record crowd, representing all the 100 counties in the state.

Feature address of the dinner was delivered by Representative Sam Rayburn, of Texas, speaker of the House of Representatives in Congress and widely recognized as one of the nation's outstanding leaders in the Democratic party. Another feature of the dinner banquet was a brief address by Governor W. Kerr Scott, who called on Carolinians to dedicate themselves to another half century of progress.

The strawberry crop in the State this spring is expected to total 2,400 acres, about 4 per cent above the acreage harvested in 1948.

# New Construction Now Under Way In Bluff Park

## BILL INTRODUCED WOULD USE BEER TAX TO WILKES COUNTY AND THIS CITY FOR HOSPITAL

A measure introduced in the state legislature last week by Senator Dearman, of Iredell county, designated Senate Bill 381, would apply beer taxes to Wilkes county and the Town of North Wilkesboro to construction and maintenance of the Wilkes General Hospital.

Under the state law now in effect, counties and towns in which beer is sold share in the taxes collected by the state. Last year, Wilkes received \$31,296.12, and the Town of North Wilkesboro \$3,804.44, for the year ended on September 30th, 1948.

Following is the complete text of the bill introduced by Senator Dearman: The General Assembly of North do Enact:

Section 1. All taxes from the sale of beer in Wilkes county and in the Town of North Wilkesboro collected and allocated to the County of Wilkes and to the Town of North Wilkesboro by authority of G. S. 18-81 or any other act shall be payable to the Town of North Wilkesboro to be used exclusively to defray the cost of the construction, maintenance and operation of the hospital now being constructed by the municipality of North Wilkesboro.

Section 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

## American Legion Plans Fish Fry

Wilkes post of the American Legion will stage a fish fry at the regular meeting Thursday, April 7, seven p. m., at the Legion clubhouse.

Every member is asked to attend, and bring along another veteran.

All Legionnaires are asked to inform T. G. Foster, adjutant of intention to be present. They are asked to write him a card, or call to see him at his shop, located just back of the Army store on tenth street.

A minimum charge will be made for the fish fry.

## Jenrette Renders Institute Report At Kiwanis Meet

Given Highlights Of Convention Held In Winston-Salem Last Week

Tom Jenrette, manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, in an address before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club Friday gave a comprehensive and interesting report of the annual convention of Chamber of Commerce executives of the southeast held in Winston-Salem Sunday thru Tuesday last week.

The program was in charge of Fred Hubbard, Jr. who presented the speaker.

Mr. Jenrette gave a synopsis of some of the most interesting addresses in the convention. He stated that the 16 states in the south has one-third of the nation's area and has made tremendous gains in industrial and agricultural production. Since 1939 manufacturing volume has increased 90 per cent and 277 per cent in dollar volume. Sales have gone up at a corresponding rate. In agricultural production, volume has increased over 400 per cent since 1940.

Here Mr. Jenrette inserted Wilkes figures, which showed agricultural production last year to be \$17,506,000, manufacturing \$31,988,000, and construction to be 1,082,000.

Under suggestions for improvements were improved soil, fertilization, crop rotation, development of fruit, truck farming, poultry and livestock. He quoted a speaker as advocating less dependence on cash crops, and production of more consumer goods in industry. Dynamic leadership is needed, he said.

Mr. Jenrette told much of an address by William H. Neal, vice president of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company, of Winston-Salem, whose topic was "Business Outlook for 1949". Substance of his address was that the present decline in business activity is a healthy sign which business had been hoping for and is nothing to be alarmed about, being merely a transition period to a state of normalcy.

Business men, Mr. Neal said, are measuring business volume by the previous year, which is an abnormal yardstick and not a fair comparison. "Business will be good," he said, "when managing well and with aggressive and courageous leadership". He discouraged looking for outside stimulus, including government subsidy.

Mr. Jenrette interspersed his address with humorous stories, which were very enjoyable.

## Eshelman Returns From Western Trip

P. W. Eshelman, president of the Wilkes Hosiery Mills company, returned last week from an extended visit to the west coast, which he made in company with J. D. Mavor and George Carlson, of the New York office of the firm.

They spent a week in San Francisco and a week in Los Angeles, during which time they consulted with many customers of the Wilkes Hosiery Mills and viewed numerous points of interest in California. Mr. Eshelman paid a visit to Carpinteria, California, with Archie Horton, a former resident here.

Commenting on conditions, Mr. Eshelman said that business has not slowed down so much in the west and that business conditions and prospects are good in that part of the nation.

From Chicago west Mr. Eshelman traveled on a Union Pacific train through the territory which suffered by the disastrous blizzards and low temperatures during the past winter. Much snow yet remains, Mr. Eshelman said, and many dead cattle were visible from the train.

## Cripple Clinic To Be Held April 14

Due to a conflict with other dates which made it impossible for the orthopedic specialist to come here April 7, date of the cripple clinic at the Wilkes hospital for the month of April has been changed to Thursday, April 14. Free examination will be given all crippled and deformed persons at the clinic, which is sponsored jointly by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club and the Wilkes county health department.

## Jaycees Minstrel Is Great Success

The minstrel show put on by the Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce Friday night in the North Wilkesboro school gymnasium was such an outstanding success that a repeat performance was given Saturday night.

A capacity house Friday night enjoyed the show, which consisted of a first part on the line of an old-time minstrel. John Cashion with Rex Bumgarner gave an act representing his 810 club on the radio.

## R. A. Rally At Wilkesboro 6th

Royal Ambassador rally of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association will be held Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 p. m., at the Wilkesboro Baptist church.

V. W. Jackson, state R. A. secretary, will speak and conduct a conference. All members of Royal Ambassador groups and others interested are asked to attend.

## Special Meeting V. F. W. On Friday

There will be a special meeting of the Blue Ridge Mountain post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Friday night, April 8.

Officers for the year will be installed by State Vice Commander Russell Burcham, of Elkin. All members of the post are urged to attend.

## Many Will Attend NCEA Convention

Wilkes county school system and the North Wilkesboro city schools will be represented in the annual convention of the North Carolina Education Association which meets in Asheville Thursday through Saturday.

Representatives from North Wilkesboro will be Supt. and Mrs. J. F. Woodward and Miss Muriel Coykendall. Supt. C. B. Eller and several teachers from the county schools plan to attend.

## Judge Rousseau Opposes Section City Court Bill

Jurist Objects To Section Calling For Approval By Resident Judge

Judge J. A. Rousseau, resident judge of the 17th judicial district, stated here Saturday that he is opposed to one section of the city court bill introduced in the legislature last week by Wilkes Representative T. E. Story.

Judge Rousseau said that he was opposed to the part of the bill which gives the resident superior court judge the authority to approve or reject a judge of the city court appointed by the city board of commissioners, as the bill proposes. He stated that he as resident judge of superior court was elected by the people to serve as superior court judge and not to pass on an appointment for city court judge. The city commissioners, he explained, are elected to make city appointments.

The bill, as introduced, and sent to the committee of Counties, Cities and Towns in the house of representatives, would give the city commissioners power to appoint a judge, clerk and solicitor of the city court and to set salary for each. No court official would receive any fees or emoluments from the court and costs collected would go into the city treasury. One section of the bill as introduced would require that the appointment for judge of the city court be approved by the resident superior court judge.

Following is the text of a letter from Judge Rousseau to Representative Story:

"Dear Mr. Story:

"On my return from holding court at Shelby Thursday night, I saw in the local paper that you had introduced a bill in the House of Representatives to amend the Charter of the Town of North Wilkesboro so that the Town Board of Commissioners would have the authority to name the Judge of the City Court, Solicitor, and the Town Clerk and the Town Board of Commissioners set the salary for these offices, giving to the Resident Judge of the 17th Judicial District the right to approve or disapprove the appointment made by the Town Board of Commissioners.

"I am not advocating or protesting the passing of this bill other than that portion of said bill that gives to the Resident Judge of the 17th Judicial District the right to approve or disapprove. I think that portion of it is bad. The citizens of North Wilkesboro have the opportunity to vote upon the members of the Town Board of Commissioners but they do not have the opportunity to vote the power to the Resident Judge of the 17th Judicial District to approve or disapprove the appointments that are made by the Board of Commissioners and for this reason I am vigorously opposed to that portion of the bill and I respectfully ask that that part be stricken out or amended and if it is not stricken out, will you please give me an opportunity to be heard before a Committee of your Legislative Body.

"The first knowledge I had of this bill of any kind was when I saw it in a local paper Thursday night and I called you Friday morning expressing my views and asked that this portion of the bill be stricken.

"With best wishes and high personal regards"

## Catches Big Fish

Turner Adams probably holds the championship for catching the biggest fish of the season here. He landed a 12-pound carp just below the lower part of Blair's island in the Yadin several days ago.

## Yadkinville Added To Exhibition Slate

Yadkinville has been added to the exhibition schedule of the North Wilkesboro Flashers during the spring training season, making the total nine exhibition contests.

The addition necessitated a slight change in the schedule which was published last week. The corrected exhibition schedule is now as follows: April 19, Lincolnton here; April 20, Lincolnton there; April 21, Morganton there; April 22, Rutherfordton there; April 23, Rutherfordton here; April 24, Yadkinville there; April 25, Chatham there; April 26, House of David here; April 27, Chatham here.

The Blue Ridge season will open April 30 with the Flashers in Galax.

## Captain Harper Speaker Friday At Lions Club

Director Of Famous Lenoir High School Band Gives History Organization

Captain James C. Harper, since 1924 director of the nationally famous high school band at Lenoir, gave the North Wilkesboro Lions club Friday evening a history of the Lenoir band.

Dr. H. B. Smith was in charge of the program and he presented Miss Eva Bingham, director of the North Wilkesboro high school band, who introduced the speaker.

Captain Harper stated that in 1924 he was director of the band of the American Legion post in Lenoir. At that time Winston-Salem and Greensboro had the only high school bands in the state. At Lenoir the Legion gave to the school band equipment and music and the services of the director, Captain Harper.

From that beginning with 30 students the band has grown into a nationally recognized unit, which excels in every state contest, and has a wonderful record of achievements. Captain Harper told of the support received by the band in Lenoir through the Band Loyalty club, the Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs. The band now has a building with a value of about \$100,000, two buses, a truck and is well equipped with uniforms and instruments.

The Lenoir high school band has played at the last six inaugurations of governors of North Carolina, played a week at the World's Fair in New York in 1939, has given concerts at numerous places, has been on radio and in the movies. Incidentally, he stated that the first public appearance of the Lenoir band away from home was at the Wilkes Fair here a few years after it was organized and that the trip made the children in the band very enthusiastic and determined.

Commenting on the value of a band, Captain Harper said that band participation builds leadership, discipline and character. Of all the hundreds who have been in his band since 1924, only one ever got into trouble with the law, he said.

The Lenoir band now has four full time instructors, a senior high, junior high and elementary bands.

In the business session before the meeting two new members were received into the club. C. Monroe Williams and Hubert McLenon were inducted by Bill Marlow.

Richard Johnston introduced a resolution, which was unanimously passed and directed to Governor Scott, asking that Sgt. A. H. Clark of the highway patrol remain here and that he not be transferred to another location. The resolution commended the work of Sgt. Clark and his patrolmen here.

President J. H. Whicker, Jr., announced that Ladies Night will be held May 6. The program committee will be Richard Johnston, W. O. Absher and Tom Jenrette. The arrangements committee will be Paul Cashion, Fred Henderson, Roland Potter and Boyd Stout.

Guests at the meeting Friday evening were as follows: Mrs. Richard Johnston with Mr. Johnston; Forrest Tugman, J. B. Carter and G. Sam Winters, members of the band committee, with Blair Gwyn.

Support Community Recreation

## Lodge, Coffee Shop, Service Station In Development Work

Opening Date Of Bluff Park On Parkway Will A-gain Be April 15

Post-war development of Bluff Park recreation area on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Wilkes and Alleghany counties is getting well under way this year with erection of a restaurant, service station and construction of a lodge.

The new facilities will make Bluff Park one of the most popular places on the scenic road between Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountains national parks.

Bluff Park is the largest recreation area on the Parkway, and contains 7,000 acres. The area includes the summit and slopes of the Blue Ridge and some of the finest paratomic scenery in northwestern North Carolina. The elevation is near 4,000 feet.

The coffee shop, which is nearing completion, is a spacious building constructed of native stone and wood, and will accommodate 70 customers. Sandwiches, light lunches and soft drinks will be sold and it is expected that the coffee shop will be ready for the coming summer season.

The service station near the coffee shop is of the same type of construction and blends well into the rustic pattern of the entire park. The service station building has been completed and will be ready by the date set for opening of the Park April 15.

Foundation has been completed for the first wing of what will eventually be a large lodge. The first unit, which will be rushed to completion, will accommodate 60 or more travelers per night. Meals will not be served in the near future, but the complete structure will include terrace and dining room. The lodge will be near Wildcat Rocks, which is one of the highest points in the park area, and will afford a wonderful panoramic view in every direction.

Picnic and camping facilities in the Bluff Park area are being placed in good condition for what is expected to be a record season for the parkway, which last year led all national parks in number of visitors.

In Bluff Park are two large picnic areas with tables, water fountains, furnaces, rest rooms and other facilities. In addition to picnic area are a trailer camp and camping grounds. Both have water facilities, rest rooms and the camping area has well defined and graded or paved paths.

Numerous miles of bridle trails were constructed throughout the large park area during the days of the CCC and WPA.

Basin Creek, an excellent trout stream, originates in the park at the base of Wildcat Rocks and much of the stream is in the park area.

Bluff Park is located on the parkway seven miles north of Laurel Springs, where the parkway crosses highway 18 between North Wilkesboro and Sparta.

## Annual Report Of Clerk Is Published

Annual report of Wilkes Clerk of Court C. C. Hayes is published in today's issue of The Journal-Patriot.

The report states the amount of funds on hand in the clerk's office for parties in various types of court proceedings.

Those who call for the funds as reported should note the judgment number and the case number in every instance in order that the record involved can be located promptly.

## Earl Shepherd Rites Conducted Sunday

Earl Shepherd, 34-year-old resident of the Reddies River community, died early Saturday in Charlotte Memorial hospital.

Funeral service was held Sunday, two p. m., at Bethel Presbyterian church with Rev. J. W. Luke in charge.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Artie Dell Shepherd; four children, Marie, Virgil, Clinton and Jackie Shepherd; his father, Nathan Shepherd; five brothers, Clarence, Everett, Ervin, Conrad and Claude Shepherd.