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Many Delegations At Road Meeting

Citizens Of Four Counties Tell Of Needs For Roads

Commissioner Goforth And Division Engineer Will Review Requests

Hundreds of farmers, school men, merchants and professional men converged on Wilkesboro Wednesday to tell Mark Goforth, of Lenoir, 10th highway division commissioner, and Division Engineer C. G. Ashby what they want from Governor Scott's \$200,000,000 road improvement program.

From the time Commissioner Goforth arrived at the Wilkes courthouse at 9:30, thirty minutes ahead of time until late in the afternoon he was beset with requests for paving and improving secondary roads.

The meeting opened at ten with J. Gordon Hackett, of North Wilkesboro, presenting commissioner Goforth to the crowd which filled the courtroom.

The second Wednesday in each month has been designated by Commissioner Goforth to hear road delegations from Alleghany, Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes counties, and response at the initial meeting Wednesday indicated that the people like the opportunity to express their needs. The next hearing for these counties will be in Wilkesboro August 10.

The commissioner explained that the large road program is in its infancy, with many policies and procedures yet to be worked out. After delegations are heard at the hearings, the highway authorities will review the requests, giving every consideration practical, and will view the requested projects during field work in planning the program.

First county heard yesterday was Alleghany, and the several delegations lost no time in stating their road needs. Delegations asked for improvement of six specific projects.

Surry county delegations, several in number, appeared for six projects.

The several Yadkin county delegations presented needs for 14 road projects.

Wilkes had the largest delegations, asking improvements, and in some instances paving, for many sections of the 1,000 miles of roads in Wilkes. The improvement projects requested included: Benham school to highway 21; Somers township road from 421 to 115; Pads road; from Roaring River south to 421 and to Windy Gap; Ronda to Lomax; Atkins shop to Watauga county line and to 421; from Hays by Dehart to Springfield, also Gambill Creek road; Hays via Dockery and Traphill to Doughton; 268 from pavement west of Wilkesboro to Caldwell county line; from 421 at Lewis Fork south across highway 268 and 18 to Russell's Gap at Alexander line; Gilreath to Alexander line, and from Gilreath via Eugene Reavis' to Alexander line; Wilkesboro postoffice to locker plant on Oakwoods road; Clingman to Swan Creek; Congo road from 421 to Mt. Zion; three miles extension pavement on old highway 18; Parsonville to Parkway; Curtis Bridge road; 421 to Purlear to 16 and by Pleasant Home to 18 at Mulberry; Dr. Eller road to Goshen bridge on highway 268; old 60 Millers Creek to Purlear; Millers Creek to Congo road, also Pads road; bridge on road between 16 and 18; Rock Creek road; Atkins Shop to Ferguson to 18 via Beaver Creek.

Blazing Truck Is Cause Excitement In Downtown Area

Eugent S. Church Claimed By Death

Eugene Shelton Church, 31, resident of this city, died in the hospital here Tuesday following a brief illness. Funeral was held Wednesday, two p. m., at Davis Memorial Baptist church.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Ida Lou Bumgarner, one sister and one brother, Mrs. Chloe Boseman, of North Wilkesboro, and Beryl Church, of Chester, S. C.

Pie And Box Supper Maple Grove 16th

Maple Grove Baptist church, located one mile from Hays on the Traphill road, will give a pie, box and ice cream supper Saturday, July 16, 7:30 p. m. Everyone is invited.

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Reunion Miller Family Enjoyable Event On Sunday

Brothers, sisters and many other relatives of W. W. Miller, Sr., gathered at his home in Wilkesboro Sunday for a family reunion, which was a highly enjoyable occasion for all those attending.

One of the enjoyable features of the day was dinner spread on the lawn at noon.

Out-of-town people attending included the following: Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Earl Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Atkins, all of Gastonia; Mr. and Mrs. J. Coy Parker and daughter, Carol, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, all of Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Galimore, of Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. Kerr Clement, Lonnie Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Milton, all of Mocksville; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Shields and son, Rousseau, of Scotland Neck; Miss Dorothy Shields, of Chapel Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller, of Detroit, Mich.

\$50,348 Liquor Tax Judgment Is Filed In Court

Ray Chambers, of North Wilkesboro, Assessed With Liquor Tax

Raleigh, July 11.—One of the largest in its series of claims in a current drive to collect the revenue from alleged illegal liquor sales in North Carolina's dry counties was filed today in Wilkes County, the office of Commissioner of Revenue Eugene Shaw announced today.

The department filed a certificate of tax liability against Roy Chambers of North Wilkesboro, setting out that Chambers owes the state \$50,348.66 for liquor sales during the period from June, 1948, through August, 1948, and January, 1949, through April, 1949.

Of this \$44,457 was the amount allegedly due from the state's 8.5 per cent retail liquor tax. The remainder was interest and penalty said to be due on the tax.

The \$44,457 represents the tax on liquor with a retail sales value of \$533,484. Several other claims for taxes on liquor valued at about \$500,000 are included in the 40 certificates the department has filed.

A second certificate filed today was against E. W. Cline of Hickory, alleging taxes, interest and penalties totaling \$3,900 are owed by Cline for sales during the period January 1, 1949, through April 30, 1949.

The claim against Cline was in addition to another filed earlier against him, and covering a later period than the first.

Blazing Truck Is Cause Excitement In Downtown Area

A burning truck in the heart of North Wilkesboro's business district Tuesday afternoon attracted a large crowd and gave firemen a tough job.

A truck belonging to Duane Church stopped in front of Uptown Service Station for gas and while there caught on fire. Firemen dashed across the street from the fire station but found the fire hard to put out. The gas line from the tank on the truck came apart and burning gas spread on the pavement, constantly adding so much fuel to the fire that large quantities of chemicals were used over a period of several minutes. The large load of lumber on the truck was not damaged but the front part of the truck was damaged extensively.

Rev. Dean Minton Oakwoods Pastor

Rev. Dean Minton, of North Wilkesboro, has been called pastor of Oakwoods Baptist church. Services will be held on the first and third Sunday mornings. The church and pastor extend a cordial invitation to all to attend the worship services.

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Work Completed In Renovating Old St. Paul's Church

Many Improvements Made; Services To Be Resumed There Sunday P. M.

Services will be resumed in the historic St. Paul's Episcopal church in Wilkesboro with the four p. m. worship service Sunday, July 17, following extensive repair and improvements to the venerable church building.

The old brick church building is now more than 100 years old. It was erected in 1848 and consecrated July 8, 1849.

During the past several weeks much work on the structure has been accomplished. Old plaster on the walls was removed and the interior was newly plastered. Floors were sanded and painted. The interior, including rafters and inside of the roof, has been repainted. Carpets were cleaned and a new carpet was put down in the chancel. Sound box of the new Hammond organ is located in the thick brick wall between the chancel and vestry room.

The rector, Rev. B. M. Lackey, will conduct the service Sunday afternoon, July 17, and also the communion service at 11 a. m. on Sunday, July 31. The church extends a cordial invitation to all to worship there on those dates.

The Vestry is made up of the Rev. B. M. Lackey, Rector; Paul Osborne, Senior Warden; Joe Barber, Junior Warden; H. H. Morehouse, Treasurer; W. W. Barber, Jr., L. B. Dula, D. S. Hill, Tom Hubbard, J. B. McCoy, Roy Reins, B. R. Underwood; Robert L. Morehouse, Clerk.

The work of renovation was done under supervision of a committee from the Vestry and Woman's Auxiliary; Joe Barber, chairman; L. B. Dula, Tom Hubbard, Mrs. Joe Barber, Mrs. L. B. Dula, Mrs. George Forester, with the invaluable aid of Miss Elizabeth Barber.

Galax Tonight, Elkin On Sunday

North Wilkesboro Flashers are scheduled to play Galax here tonight. Friday night they go to Galax and to Mt. Airy Saturday night.

Elkin Blanketeers will play here Sunday afternoon, 2:30, and the Flashers will play in Elkin Monday night.

All Star Game Postponed

Rain washed out the all star game at Mt. Airy Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The game is cancelled unless another date is scheduled for the game by the league directors, who will meet at an early date to consider the all star game and other matters.

Revival Sunday At Wilkesboro Methodist Church

Rev. C. Jay Winslow, pastor, announces that a series of services will begin Sunday night, July 17th, at 8 p. m., at the Wilkesboro Methodist church. Rev. D. Moody Nifong, pastor of the Rutherfordton Methodist church, will be guest minister. Rev. Mr. Winslow extends a cordial invitation to members of other denominations to attend the series of meetings, and especially urges the membership of the church to participate in every way to make the evangelistic series a spiritual success. Services will be held each evening during the week of July 17th at 8 p. m.

Singing Friday At Fairplains Baptist

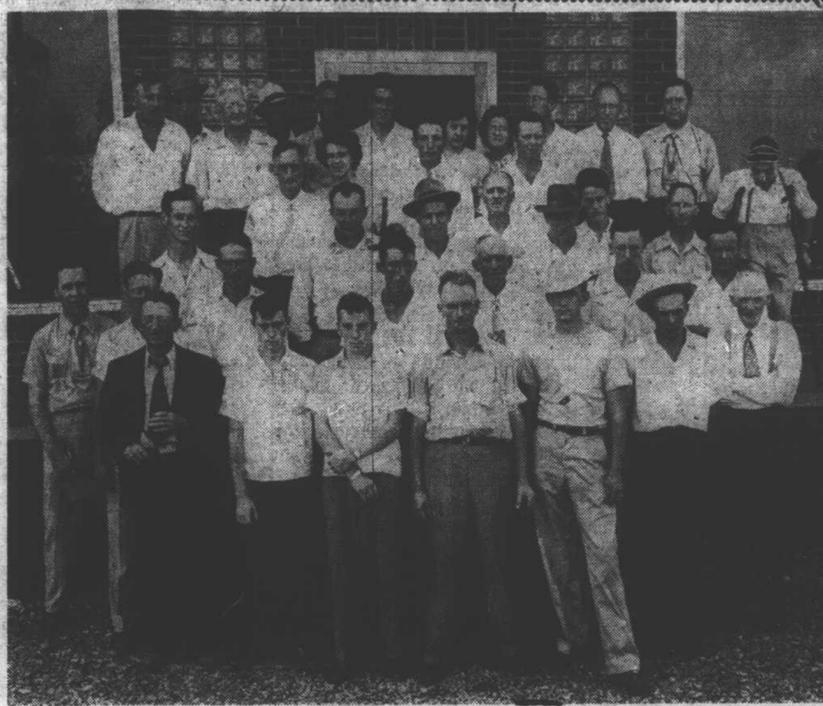
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Claude Bell Fatally Shot

Western Carolina Chick Producers Inspect Poultry Industry Here



A group of approximately thirty broiler raisers from Buncombe, Haywood, Madison, and McDowell counties visited the Wilkesboro area on July 7th. This group, assembled in Asheville and traveled to North Wilkesboro by special charter bus. The trip was arranged by Simpson Bros. Poultry Feed Co., of Asheville, who are sponsoring the promotion of broiler growing in their area.

This group is comparatively new in the broiler industry and came to North Wilkesboro to observe just how the industry operates here in the Wilkes area and to gain as much information as possible to benefit them in their broiler production. The total broilers now in production by this group is approximately one hundred thousand.

It will be of interest to the people of Wilkes county to know that the chicks for this group are all obtained from one of the large Wilkes county hatcheries. The growers were all very well pleased with the type and quality of chicks they were getting from this area. They stated that the ruggedness and general liveability of the chicks was exceptional and meant so much in the making of a profitable broiler operation. Some of the growers reported that they had on several runs marketed more chicks than they had paid for as they had not lost even all of the extra chicks furnished by the hatchery. This speaks well for the splendid work being done by the hatcheries of this community.

While in North Wilkesboro the group was taken through one of the most up-to-date hatcheries here and they were very high in their praise of the manner in which the hatchery was operated. They were very much interested in the overall cleanliness of the hatchery and the efficient and careful manner in which every operation was carried through from the time the eggs were received until the live chicks were graded and ready for delivery. They were also pleased with the fact that the hatchery delivered their chicks right from the hatchery to the brooder house by special ventilated delivery truck, thereby eliminating the danger of contamination or damage to the chicks by rail shipment. The Wilkes Hatchery of North Wilkesboro was host to the group at a luncheon given for them.

Sherman Elledge Property Auction Wednesday, July 20

The Sherman Elledge property on the corner of Wilkesboro and Traphill streets in Mountain View will be sold at auction on Wednesday, July 20, at 1:30 p. m. The property has been subdivided into small units and includes a grocery and stock of merchandise. Sale of this splendid business location will be conducted by Williams and Clark Land Auction company, of which M. C. Woodie and P. E. Dancy are local selling agents. A \$50 bill will be given at the sale.

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JUDGE JOHNSON J. HAYES SPOKE TO OPTIMIST CLUB ON TUESDAY

LOCALS Jurist Pays Fine Tribute To Gov. Aycock And Dr. Dougherty

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller have returned to Detroit, Michigan, after spending a few days in Wilkesboro with Mr. Miller's brother, Mr. W. W. Miller, Sr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wiles, of Raleigh, are spending this week with Mr. Wiles' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Old Wiles, of Wilkesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Old Wiles, Mr. Ray Wiles, Miss Mae Wiles and Miss Helen McLain visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wiles in Hickory Sunday.

Mr. Wayne Rutherford and family have moved from Richmond, Va., to a residence three miles west of this city on highway 421.

Cpl. James Donald Higgins, who is stationed in the air corps at Rapid City, S. D., is spending a 30-day furlough with his family here.

Mrs. Nell Hensley and daughter, Mrs. Stacie Call, of North Wilkesboro route three, were visitors in Virginia and West Virginia last week.

Mrs. A. L. Hutchinson and daughter, Willa, and Miss Patricia Hutchinson have returned to their home in Flint, Mich., after spending several weeks with Mrs. Hutchinson's daughter, Mrs. Paul Billings, of North Wilkesboro, Mrs. L. M. Eller, of Hendrix, and other relatives and friends in Wilkes.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smoot and three children, of Baltimore, Md., visited in the home of Mrs. Smoot's mother, Mrs. W. L. Joines, in Wilkesboro several days ago.

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Yesterday about noon Sparks reported to the sheriff's office in Wilkesboro that his father-in-law, Claude Bell, was drunk and was causing trouble about their homes, which are located a short distance apart on the Antioch church road. Sparks reported that Bell had threatened to kill his own wife and that he had run her away from home. He went to the Sparks home looking for her and there issued threats to his daughter, Mrs. Sparks.

Deputy Sheriff A. H. Holbrook and State Highway Patrolman Dillard made an extensive search during the afternoon for Bell but failed to locate him. They also received reports that he had fired shots at automobiles passing on the road.

Next development was Sparks' surrendering himself at Wilkesboro and his account of the shooting. He was quoted by officers as saying that Bell came to his home in a car about dark, that he rushed from the car toward the house. Sparks said he told him to go away and he proceeded toward the house. Sparks shot Bell in the face with a 12-gauge shotgun and he died instantly.

Sparks was placed in custody pending a hearing before Coroner Myers at the Wilkes courthouse at three o'clock this afternoon.

Bell is survived by his wife and a number of children. He was the father of Marvin Claude Bell, who was executed with Ralph Vernon Litteral about a year ago for rape of Miss Peggy Ruth Shores.

Typhoid Clinics Scheduled Soon

The Wilkes county health department has announced a list of appointments where typhoid vaccinations will be given free to those desiring them.

The list of appointments is as follows: Moravian Falls school, July 18, 9:30 a. m. Pores Knob school, July 18, at 10:30 a. m. Boomer school, July 18, at 1:00 p. m. Little Rock church, July 18, at 2:00 p. m. Clingman school, July 19, at 10:00 a. m. Ronda school, July 19, at 11:00 a. m. Roaring River school, July 19, at 1:30 p. m. Cricket school, July 21, at 9:30 a. m. Millers Creek school, July 21, at 11:00 a. m. Whittington school, July 21, at 1:00 p. m. Isaac Vannoy's store, July 21, at 2:30 p. m.

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