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## Bell Rites Held; Hearing Put Off Until July 29th

### Thurmond Sparks Under Nominal Bond For Fatal Shooting

Funeral service was held today at Antioch Baptist church for Claude Bell, 54-year-old resident of that community who was fatally shot Wednesday night.

Thurmond Sparks, son-in-law of Bell, surrendered to Wilkes officers and was quoted as saying that he fired on Bell with a 12-gauge shotgun as Bell was trying to enter his home after he had told him not to enter and to go away.

Bell, Sparks had reported to officers earlier in the day, was drunk and was causing trouble in the neighborhood. He was reported to have threatened the life of his wife and was searching for her at the home of Sparks.

A hearing was scheduled to be held before Wilkes Coroner I. M. Myers Thursday afternoon, but was continued until July 29, three p. m., at the Wilkes courthouse.

Meanwhile Sparks was placed under bond in the nominal sum of \$1,000 for appearance at the hearing.

Bell is survived by his wife, Mrs. Esther Bell, three sons and three daughters; Millard Bell, Sparta, Clyde Bell, Roaring River, Glenn Bell, Atlanta, Mrs. Mable Sparks and Mrs. Hazel Mathis, Wilkesboro, Route 2; Mrs. Ruby Parker, Roaring River.

## Tobacco Election Will Be July 23rd

Saturday, July 23, has been set as the date for the referendum to determine if marketing quotas are to be in effect on flue-cured tobacco, continuing with the 1950 crop.

This is the democratic way of deciding an issue. The people who will be affected will vote at the polls. Quotas will not be in effect unless approved by growers themselves. It requires a two-thirds majority to approve quotas.

Every person who has an interest in the 1949 crop of flue-cured tobacco is eligible to vote. The polling places for Wilkes county will be as follows:

AAA Office, Tharpe's Mill, Benham School, Austin School, Harry Greene's Store, Gus Myers' Old Store.

## Sidedressing Corn

By J. P. CHOPLIN, County Agent  
Nitrogen sidedressing of corn up to 80 pounds of nitrogen (or 500 pounds of nitrate of soda or 400 pounds of ANL or Calnitro) is economical on most farms with a good stand.

A farmer who has not used this much nitrogen before "lay-by" time could use 32 pounds of nitrogen per acre (or 200 pounds of nitrate of soda or 150 pounds of ANL or Calnitro) from "lay-by" time to tasseling time. A farmer who has a good stand of corn will find it pays to feed it well.

## Jim Somers Now In The Feed Business

Jim Somers, who for several years has been engaged in automobile business, has purchased an interest in Nu-Way Feed Service and is devoting his full time to that business.

Nu-Way Feed Service is located on Wilkesboro Avenue near the ball park here and is a complete feed store, specializing in poultry and livestock feeds and the sale of baby chicks.

## Robert T. Johnson Claimed By Death

Funeral service will be held Wednesday, 11 a. m. at Liberty church near Gilreath for Robert T. Johnson, who died Friday. Rev. Noah Hayes and Rev. Parks Robinson conducted the service.

## Chamber Directors Will Meet Tuesday

Board of directors of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday noon at Hotel Wilkes for luncheon and at the chamber office at one p. m. for business session.

Jenrette Returns  
Tom Jenrette, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, has returned to his duties after an extended absence following an accident. Mr. Jenrette lost his right eye in an accident while working at his home here.

## Mount Pleasant Baptist Church In Building Now

### 14 Sunday School Rooms In Addition; Auditorium Is Remodeled

Mount Pleasant Baptist church, located near Champion 15 miles west of this city, is engaged in an extensive building program. Construction is well under way on an addition to the church building, which is also being completely remodeled.

Fourteen Sunday school rooms will be contained in the addition at the back of the old church building. The rooms will be adequate for all departments of the large church school, which is one of the largest in rural Wilkes county.

The present church building will be retained for an auditorium, having a large seating capacity, but the building will be brick veneered, will have a new front, elevated floor and will be plastered on the inside. A new roof will also be constructed.

T. O. Minton is chairman of the building committee and J. C. McNeill is secretary-treasurer. Other members are Angus Ellis, Taft Foster and Gerald McGee. Harry Bumgarner is building foreman.

Work is well under way, with walls of the addition going up rapidly. Plans are to complete the entire project this summer.

## D. Franklin Coffey Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held Friday at Round Mountain church for D. Franklin Coffey, 82-year-old citizen of the Rock Creek community who died Thursday. Rev. Charles Hall conducted the last rites.

Mr. Coffey is survived by his wife, Mrs. Belva Coffey, and two sons, J. F., and T. M. Coffey, of Hays.

## Carl G. Maxwell Last Rites Today

Funeral service was held Monday at Cranberry church near Todd for Carl G. Maxwell, 51, of Purlear, who died Saturday.

He is survived by four brothers and five sisters: Percy, Horton, Pervis and Ralph Maxwell and Mrs. Florence Vannoy, of Purlear; Mrs. Alice Calloway, Mrs. Janie Calloway, of Todd; Mrs. Annie Greer, in Pennsylvania; Mrs. Laura Ellen Phillips, of Baltimore.

## James Luke Eller Funeral Tuesday

James Luke Eller, 79, resident of Edwards township, died Sunday. Funeral service will be held Tuesday, 11 a. m., at Pleasant Home church.

Mr. Eller was a native of Ashe county, a son of the late A. P. and Nancy Dickson Eller. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bertha Eller, of Ronda; one son and two daughters: Frank Eller, of Charlotte, Mrs. Willis Washington, of Dalton, S. C., and Mrs. R. L. Burns, of Charlotte.

## To Choose Cooks At Ferguson 20th

Ferguson Parent-Teacher Association will meet in the school auditorium Wednesday night, July 20, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of selecting cooks. Anyone wishing to file an application must do so in writing by that date. Every member of the P.-T. A. is urged to be present and cast his vote for the person of his choice. Any new members will be welcome. Ben S. Johnson, publicity chairman, stated in the announcement.

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## Roads And Soils Subject Of Talks At Kiwanis Club

### Highway Commissioner Goforth and Earl B. Garret Are Club Speakers

Brief addresses by Highway Commissioner Mark Goforth and Earl B. Garret, of the Soil Conservation Service featured Friday's meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club.

Before the program opened two encouraging reports were made by W. D. Halfacre. He stated that the cancer campaign under direction of Dr. John T. Wayland had reached a successful conclusion with \$2,121.32 raised. The goal was \$2,000.

Mr. Halfacre also reported that the recent bond drive for sale of government bonds reached \$72,412.50, far in excess of the quota of \$45,000.

Fifty members indicated they would attend the inter-club meeting with the Elkin club at Bluff Park Thursday evening.

Program chairman J. E. Justice presented Mark Goforth, Highway Commissioner for this district, who made brief remarks saying that he expects to be working right along with the Wilkes people on their various road projects.

Kiwanian Justice then introduced Earl B. Garret, of the Soil Conservation Department, of Raleigh, who made a very timely talk on the great importance of mankind and discussed a number of procedures for retaining the soils now accessible and for the rebuilding of the depleted soils. He pointed out the great importance of having quantities of water for the growing of nearly every crop, but the application of the water to the soils of varying levels and elevations becomes a matter of all importance to the growers of the crops.

Guests Friday were: Tom McLaughlin with P. W. Eshelman; Bill Paul and Charles Gabriel with W. G. Gabriel; Jack Stillwell with C. Arthur Venable; Zeb Stewart, Mr. Warren, Mark Goforth and Earl Garret with J. E. Justice.

## ELKIN, WYTHEVILLE TO PLAY HERE; GIVE PRIZES TO FANS

North Wilkesboro Flashers, in better condition with injured players recovering, will take on the Elkin Blanketeers in Memorial Park here Tuesday night and Wytheville's sluggers will be here Thursday night. The next home game here will be against Elkin Sunday afternoon.

Last week rain played havoc with the Blue Ridge schedule and many games were rained out, leaving the clubs in practically the same standing as before but suffering from loss of revenue at the gate.

The North Wilkesboro club is going to special efforts to encourage large attendance at the games to be played here during the coming week and fans are urged to attend and support the team. Attendance prizes will be given at each game. On Thursday night \$50 in cash was given away, five dollars each to ten lucky fans who purchased tickets at the gate. Several prizes were given yesterday and more were scheduled to be given but rained out the game short. There will be a number of valuable prizes at the games Tuesday and Thursday nights.

### Mount Airy Winner

The game scheduled at Mt. Airy Saturday night was rained out in the first inning. Bob Peters went to bat for North Wilkesboro, hit safely and went to second on an error when the game was washed out.

Here Sunday Mt. Airy's Pete Treece and the Flashers' Bob Thompson locked in a pitching duel with Mt. Airy winning 2-0 in seven frames. Mt. Airy scored one in the first on a walk, stolen base and a single. In the second they scored on a walk, stolen base and an error. Thompson allowed only two hits and the Flashers got only three off Treece, a single by Peters, a single and double by Manager Tom Daddino.

Shortstop Bob Winklespect is working out again after several weeks absence from the lineup because of injury. Catcher Johnny Mercak, who has been out since early in the season because of torn ligaments and a fracture will begin working out this

## Stone Mountain Singing July 31st

Stone Mountain Union singing will convene Sunday, July 31, at Stony Ridge church near Lomax. The program will open at one p. m. and all singers are invited to take part, announcement by J. A. Gilliam, chairman, stated.

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## Southern Railway Withdraws North Wilkesboro Request

Raleigh.—The Southern Railway changed its mind about dropping passenger service between Winston-Salem and North Wilkesboro.

On June 21, the railroad filed a petition with the State Utilities Commission to discontinue passenger trains 13 and 14 between the two points. Yesterday, the company filed another petition. It wants the first withdrawn.

Southern runs one round trip daily between the two points. The commission's assistant traffic director, Frank A. Downing, said the company gave no reason for withdrawing the petition, although there have been many protests from residents along the route.

In its original application, Southern said it took in \$29,636 from the schedule last year and had \$70,000 in expenses.

From another rail firm, Norfolk and Western, came an application to halt passenger service between Durham and Lynchburg, Va., on grounds of lack of business. One round trip daily is operated between the two points.

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## First Television Set Is Installed In Home This City

The first television set in a home in this community was installed Thursday in the home of Tal J. Pearson in North Wilkesboro.

The set was purchased by Charles Pearson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, who will especially benefit by television because he is deaf and unable to hear radio.

In tests following installation Thursday afternoon excellent reception was received of a test broadcast from the Charlotte television station. Patterns were unusually clear on the screen and indicated that television will be highly practical in this community.

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## Local Auto Men To See New Buick

W. F. Gaddy, O. K. Pope, Ivan Absher and Bob Crawford, left today for Atlanta to attend a preview of the new Buick Special model which will be introduced to the public next month.

Some 325 dealers from the Atlanta zone will be present at the all-day session to be held at the Biltmore Hotel with the meeting being described as Buick's most important full-fledged dealer convention since before the war.

The Special is Buick's lowest-priced model and is reported to be completely redesigned. It has been eagerly awaited by the industry since the former model went out of production last December.

J. B. Crouch, zone manager, will preside and, with his staff, will relay to dealers technical and descriptive data on the Special which they obtained during a field sales organization convention in Flint, Michigan, July 11-13. Talks on films will be presented by Buick's top management covering all phases of manufacturing, engineering, sales and merchandising.

## Mrs. Doughton's Funeral Is Held

Sparta.—Funeral services for Mrs. Mollie Custis Doughton, 78, who died Tuesday night at her home here after an illness of two months, was held at 3 p. m. Thursday at Shiloh Methodist church.

Rev. W. H. Yokeley officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are four sons, City Councilman Sam B. Doughton of Columbia, S. C., Joe Bain and Walter L. Doughton, both of Washington, D. C., and James E. Doughton of North Wilkesboro; one daughter, Mrs. Bessie Reeves of Sparta; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and three brothers, Cable and Talmadge Cox, both of Baywood, Va., and Cleve Cox of Roanoke, Va.

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## 17 Examined At Cancer Center On Tuesday morning

### People Urged To Make Full Use of Facilities for Discovering Cancer

Cancer detection center recently set up in Wilkesboro to give cancer examinations every Tuesday morning is functioning very satisfactorily but a greater number of people can be examined each week, it was learned here from Dr. Mildred Schram, director of the division of Cancer Control for the North Carolina State Board of Health.

Dr. Schram emphasized that the center is available to all in northwestern North Carolina, white and colored, and is by no means confined to Wilkes county. Those living more than 25 miles from Wilkesboro may write Mrs. C. M. Williams, Wilkesboro, secretary of the center and make appointment for examination, thus making sure that their trip will not be in vain.

No charge is made for the examinations, which are made by volunteer members of the Wilkes Allegheny Medical Society. Equipment is furnished by the State Health Department and volunteer help as nurse aides and receptionists is furnished through the Junior Woman's Club here.

At the center on last Tuesday morning 17 were examined, which was considered very satisfactory for a rainy day. The number included an 11-year-old boy. All people over 40 years of age, and any under 40 who have cancer symptoms, are urged by health authorities to have an examination at the center. No charge is made for examinations and no treatments are given. Those with cancer are referred to their family physicians or to a cancer treatment center.

## Much Expansion In The Telephone System Recently

### Manager Redman Goes To Leaksville; I. L. Grogan Manager Here

This week John Redman, who has been manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of Central Telephone company for the past several years, will go to Leaksville to manage the company's branch there.

I. L. Grogan, who has been manager of the Leaksville branch, will be the new manager here.

Since 1945 there has been great expansion of the telephone system here. An account of this expansion and improved service is best told in the company's report to the North Carolina Utilities Commission. The report relative to North Wilkesboro follows:

This is a common battery exchange, now being served by a Kellogg eight-position multiple switchboard, equipped with 1120 lines. Since December 31, 1945 four positions have been added—an increase of 100.0 per cent in switchboard positions. The number of subscriber lines has been increased to 1120—an increase of 69.7 per cent.

Toll circuits have been increased to 22—an increase of 266.7 per cent.

The addition of 855 stations, for a total of 2240 increased the number of stations 61.7 per cent for the period December 31, 1945 to May 31, 1949.

In connection with the addition of the four switchboard positions mentioned above the central office equipment was rearranged, charging equipment was replaced, office entrance cable was increased to 1919 pairs and magneto rural lines were changed to lamp ending multiple lines.

Some three miles of new cable and pole line was constructed on Ninth Street and the Sparta road into the Fairplains section. Many side leads were built and additional service made available in a wide area.

New cable has been placed on the Millers Creek road extending some four miles, making additional service available on the West Jefferson-Boone road and the community of Millers Creek.

The Finley Street cable was replaced and enlarged making additional service available to many residences.

Many miles of Army Field wire was used as temporary measures until permanent construction could be provided.

## J. W. Irvin, Age 71, Dies Unexpectedly Near Winston-Salem

James Wilbur Irvin, 71, of Winston-Salem, Route 7, Germantown Road, died Friday at the home of a son, Cecil Irvin, with whom he had been living for the past three weeks. He had been in declining health for three weeks, but death was unexpected.

Mr. Irvin was born Oct. 9, 1877, in Alexander county, the son of Lewis and Cinda Payne Irvin. He spent most of his life in Alexander county, where he was a prominent farmer in his early life. Later he was associated with R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He was married in 1904 to Miss Louetta Thomas, who died in 1914.

Surviving are four sons, Stanley and Wade Irvin of Toledo, Ohio, Cecil Irvin of Winston-Salem, Route 7, and James Irvin of Winston-Salem; five brothers, J. T. Irvin of North Wilkesboro, M. F. Irvin of Cornelius, Jake Irvin of Yadkinville, Fred Irvin of Rockingham, and C. E. Irvin of Newport News, Va.; one sister, Mrs. B. T. Cook of Cornelius; and four grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at Vogler's chapel in Winston-Salem. Those from this community attending included Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Irvin, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moore and Paul Vestal.

## Miss Stacie Doss, Injured July 10, Died Here Sunday

### Coroner Myers Dismisses Hearing For Driver Of Truck In Accident

In the presence of families of the two killed and several injured when a truck load of youthful picnickers overturned near Moravian Falls Sunday, July 10, Wilkes Coroner I. M. Myers Saturday dismissed hearing into the accident and stated that no charges will be preferred by officers against Wilbur Doss, driver of the truck.

J. E. Stanley, father of Mary Stanley, who was instantly killed in the accident, told Coroner Myers that he was satisfied that the accident was unavoidable and wanted no charges preferred. Parents of the boys and girls most seriously injured concurred in the decision by Mr. Stanley and no evidence was taken. The families and other witnesses met at ten a. m. at Reins-Sturdivant chapel for the hearing.

Four of the injured remain at the Wilkes hospital, where three remain critical in a desperate fight for life.

Howard Doss, son of Jesse Doss, improves slowly. Thursday he underwent an operation to relieve brain pressure from concussion which had kept him totally unconscious. His sister, Miss Stacie Doss, died at the hospital here Sunday.

Mary Jo Doss, daughter of Hardin Doss and sister of the driver, is improving slowly. Odessa and Sadie Childress, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Childress, continue to improve.

## Mrs. McIver Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Ethel Chadwick McIver, of this city, died Sunday night, nine o'clock, at the Wilkes hospital. She had been critically ill during the past week.

Mrs. McIver was born and reared in Kingston and educated at East Carolina Teachers College at Greenville, after which she taught in High Point schools.

Before coming to North Wilkesboro, Mr. and Mrs. McIver resided at West Jefferson. Here Mr. McIver is head of the Soil Conservation district office. Mrs. McIver here had been very active in Parent-Teacher Association work and in civic activities. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church.

Surviving Mrs. McIver are her husband, two daughters, Betty Nash and Janet Chadwick McIver, of this city; one brother and two sisters, Edward Chadwick, of New York City, Mrs. Hugh Ross, of Gastonia, and Miss Elizabeth Chadwick, of Kingston.

The body will remain at Reins-Sturdivant funeral home until the funeral service, which will be held at the First Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon, three o'clock. The service will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. Watt M. Cooper. Burial will be in Mount Lawn Memorial Park north of this city.

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## Wilkes League Has Good Games

Wilkes county baseball league, which is sponsored by the Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce, has some good games coming up this week.

Millers Creek will be looking for their first victory against Pores Knob at Memorial Park tonight. On Wednesday night Boomer and Walsh Lumber company will play what should be an excellent contest and on Friday night it will be Moravian Falls versus Pores Knob.

Complete standings and batting averages will be published Thursday.

## D.A.V. To Meet

North Wilkesboro chapter Disabled American Veterans will meet Tuesday, 8 p. m. at the home of Newton Bumgarner near Millers Creek Drive in Refreshments will be served.

\$24,300.00 for station apparatus, etc.; \$1,500.00 for P. B. X. and boots; \$48,200.00 for pole, cable and wire lines; along with other expenditures brought the total net additions for the three year period to \$93,997.66.