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Make North Wilkesboro Your Shopping Center

WILKES GENERAL HOSPITAL LOW BIDS \$947,000

WILKES FARM GROWS \$40,000 WORTH TURKEYS



These views of the former Branson Benton farm near Purlear show part of the 5,500 turkeys produced there this year...

Powell, Benton Very Successful Turkey Growers

Excellent Returns From Sale of First Flock; Toms 30 Lbs. Each

In the short space of six months a farm in the foothills of the Blue Ridge in Wilkes county has been transformed into the turkey capital of North Carolina.

Near 6,000 of the finest holiday birds to grace the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner tables of America were produced this season on the former Branson Benton farm by Clarence Benton and Dobe Powell...

This highly successful venture, Wilkes agricultural authorities believe, will pave the way for a turkey industry in Wilkes comparable to the leadership now enjoyed by this county in production of chickens and eggs.

They purchased their first lot of 3,000 baby turkeys from a hatchery in Kentucky in March this year. That lot has been raised and marketed, with most excellent results.

Benton and Powell now have the second lot of turkeys on range, near 3,000 of the finest birds to go on the Christmas market this year.

One of the amazing things seen—TURKEYS—Pages 3, Sec. 2

Plans Go Forward For Field Day For Sawmill Operators

Annual field day for sawmill operators and timbermen interested in sawmilling will be held Friday, November 11, at Ralph Frazier's lumber plant on highway 268 in the northern part of this city.

Odell Whittington Attends Grange meet



Musical Program Features Kiwanis Ladies' Night

A musical program which everyone enjoyed featured the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club's ladies' night banquet held Friday evening at Hotel Wilkes.

Program was in charge of Cecil Adamson, who introduced Walter Vassar, of Greensboro, who in turn introduced Mrs. Vassar, Mr. Sam Allred, Miss Jeanne Eble and Miss Mary Nell Ward, all of Greensboro.

Invitations have been mailed to sawmill operators, but the list was not complete and all who should attend have not been invited.

Mr. Odell Whittington, Master of Reddies River Grange, returned last week from State Grange Convention held at Hendersonville. He said there was the largest delegation attended the convention, since it was organized in North Carolina.

Church Notice

Returns Coming In From Questionnaire On School Merger

Returns being received by the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce on a questionnaire sent to members to learn public opinion on the proposal to consolidate Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro high schools indicate most interest in the subject, Paul Osborne, chairman of the Education committee, said today.

The committee is asking all who have not returned their filled out questionnaires to get them in at once in order that the results may be used for further action and study by the committee.

Chicken House At Bumgarner's Burns

A large chicken house on the farm of Lin Bumgarner at Millers Creek was totally destroyed by fire last night.

Square Dance 5th At Moravian Falls

An old time square dance will be held Saturday night at the Community House in Moravian Falls for benefit of the community house fund.

Keys Offering \$200 Reward For Vandals

Rev. Charles A. Keys, evangelist conducting a tent meeting at Mountain View, is offering a reward of \$200 for information leading to arrest and conviction of person or persons who damaged his tent at Mountain View Tuesday night.

200 Boys And Men To Be In Forestry Field Days Soon

November 8, 9 and 10 Dates For Forestry Field Demonstrations

By H. C. COLVARD Assistant County Agent

One hundred and twenty-five 4-H Club boys are being invited to attend forestry field day programs scheduled for the week of November 8.

Roaring River, Ronda, Clingman, and Benham Schools will have their demonstration on November 8 at 9:00 a. m., on the farm of E. F. Edwards at Vernon Poplin's last years project near Ronda.

The boys from Mtn. View, Mulberry and Traphill schools will meet the same day and hour on the farm of Charlie Harrold, Bill Harrold's project, on the Traphill road, Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro, and Ferguson 4-Hers will meet on the B. S. Call farm near Wilkesboro on November 9 at 9:00 a. m.

On November 10 at 9:00 a. m., Millers Creek and Mt. Pleasant clubsters will meet at the W. O. Huffman Farm near Purlear for their program.

The boys from the different schools are as follows: Clingman school—Bobby Day, R. G. Mathis and Thomas Jennings; Benham school—Harvey Hodge, Billie Byrd, Bobby Thomas; Traphill school—George Ingoel, Dockery, Donald Settle, Billy Sidden, Gilmer Pardue, Louis Lyon, Frank Smith, S. G. Lyon, Ralph Spencer, Billy Holcomb, Johnnie Myers and R. L. Spencer; Mt. Pleasant school—Lane Walsh, Joe Cooke, Wayne Huffman, Jim McGee, Tony Eller, Ray Huffman, Chalmer Waters, Bryce Greene, Howard Triplett, Claude Church, Gwyn Walker, Jessie Ellis, Pat Hurley, Kenneth Dyer, Arthur Alic Messick, Bobby Church, C. J. Greene; Millers Creek school—Rex Hurley, Cody Church, James Greer, Edward Lambert, Robert Osborne, Lance Reeves, Rush Elledge, Marvin Brown, Billy Woodie, Tracy Eller; Roaring River school—James Alexander, Phil Mahaffey, Bobby Shew, Bobby Howard; Mulberry school—Hyde Brown, Billy Cleary, Ray McNeil, Carl M. Sprinkle, Roy Higgins, Jimmy Hall, Earl Dean Eller, Leon Privett, Paul Wyatt; Wilkesboro school—Buddy Mathis, Billy Mathis, Toby Welborn, Walter Broyhill, Royce Mathis, See FORESTRY—Page 3

Cardwell Youth Is Accidentally Killed Tuesday

Clyde Cardwell Accidentally Killed By Gun In Hands of Brother

Tragedy struck with grim suddenness Tuesday afternoon at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. Garfield Cardwell two miles west of this city near highway 421.

Their son, Clyde Cardwell, age 15, was instantly killed when he was shot in the head by a rifle in the hands of his brother, James Cardwell, II.

Sheriff C. G. Poindexter and Coroner I. M. Myers investigated the death and pronounced it an accident.

According to information given by Coroner Myers, the two Cardwell boys with other children were doing practice shooting with a 22-calibre rifle. They were taking turns at shooting at bottles thrown into the air. When James was aiming at a bottle in the air another boy jostled against his arm. The gun was deflected toward Clyde Cardwell's head and discharged. The bullet struck him just above the right ear in the side of his head. Death was instantaneous.

Clyde was a junior in Millers Creek high school and was popular among his friends and acquaintances.

Surviving are his father and mother, three brothers and two sisters, James, Richard, Steve, Geraldine Cardwell, all of the home.

A brief service was held today, one p. m., at Gordon Baptist church here and last rites were held at Blue Ridge Baptist church at two p. m. Rev. Clate Brown and Rev. Gilbert Osborne conducted the services.

Legion Meets Tonight

Wilkes post of the American Legion will meet tonight, eight o'clock, at the Legion clubhouse. A program of special interest has been planned and all veterans are invited.

Roast Beef Supper At Mount Pleasant

A roast beef supper will be served Friday, November 4, six to nine p. m., at Mount Pleasant school lunchroom for benefit of the Mount Pleasant church building fund. Price will be \$1 per plate for adults and 50 cents per plate for children under 12. The public is cordially invited to enjoy a good supper.

Offer Reward For Persons Opening 3 Fire Hydrants

The town of North Wilkesboro is offering a reward of \$50 for information leading to arrest and conviction of the persons who opened three fire hydrants here late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning.

A hydrant at the end of F street, one on the Toll Road and another on top of Town Hill were opened and ran great quantities of water before they were found to be open.

So much water ran out that water pressure in the higher areas of the city was dangerously lowered. If a fire had occurred it could easily have been disastrous.

The law may deal firmly with persons who have such screwy ideas of what constitutes Halloween fun.

Opera Concert Here Friday, November 11

The Musical Arts Club is sponsoring concert here November 11th at 8:00. Women's Club house. Music will be provided by group of 8 opera singers, directed by Robert C. Byrd and brought together by A. J. Fletcher, of Raleigh. Admission is free.

46 Employees Of Local Plants May Have Tuberculosis

Forty-six of 1,500 industrial employes X-Rayed here were found to have symptoms of tuberculosis, a report from the Tuberculosis control division of the State Board of Health received here today by Dr. J. H. McNeill, chairman of the Wilkes Tuberculosis committee, disclosed.

In addition to the 46 with suspicious symptoms, 19 were found to have had some tuberculosis which had healed. The 46 will be photographed with chest size X-Rays at the county tuberculosis hospital for further study and diagnosis.

District Meeting Episcopal Women In Wilkesboro 2

Bishop George M. Henry, of the Western Diocese of the Episcopal church, was the principal speaker at the district meeting of the Women's Auxilliary of the Episcopal church held at St. Paul's church in Wilkesboro today.

Following the session at the church a luncheon was served at the Woman's Clubhouse by members of the St. Paul's Auxilliary. At the luncheon meeting speakers included Bishop Henry, Mrs. Donnel Van Noppen, of Morganton district chairman, and Mrs. E. L. Kemper, of Shelby, diocesan chairman.

Sixty members were present from churches in Marion, Morganton, Hickory, Lenoir, Boone, Shelby and Wilkesboro.

First Frost Nov. 2nd

First killing frost in this area occurred Wednesday morning, and some ice was reported from a number of neighborhoods. It was one of the latest dates since 1900 for the first killing frost. Cool weather is predicted for tonight and tomorrow.

FOUR STATES WORK TO HAVE HIGHWAY 421 EXTENDED INTO GREAT LAKES TO COAST DRIVE

U. S. Highway 421 Association, an organization interested in the promotion of highway 421 as a "Great Lakes to Coast" highway, will be formed in a meeting of interested citizens from several states at Bristol, Tenn., Va., Thursday, November 10.

Objectives of the Association will be to complete the marling of U. S. 421 from Madison, Indiana, to Chicago, Ill., establishment of 421 as a Lakes-to-Coast Highway; urge renovation of all parts of the highway not now in good condition; promote and publicize tourist travel over the highway.

Highway 421 now has its eastern end at Fort Fisher, N. C., on the Atlantic coast and extends westward through North Carolina, the eastern tip of Tennessee, southwest Virginia, Kentucky and to Madison, Indiana.

Invitations have gone out from the Bristol Chamber of Commerce to towns in Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia and Kentucky to attend the meeting at General Shelby Hotel in Bristol Thursday, which will begin with registration at 11 a. m., luncheon at 12:15 and organization meeting at 2:30. A board of directors will be elected with a vice president from each state.

Among those who will attend and help in this organization are Governor Gordon Browning, of Tenn., and Governor William Tuck, of Virginia, and highway commission chairmen of the affected states.

W. J. Bason, chairman of the Highways and Roads committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, will head the Wilkes delegation to the meeting. Those attending from points other than Bristol will be guests of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce for the luncheon.

Bids Lowest In State On 100-Bed Plan For Hospital

West Construction Company of Statesville Lowest For Construction

The New Wilkes General Hospital, which will contain 100 beds and be modern and up-to-date throughout, will cost approximately \$947,000.

Bids for construction of the new institution to be located in the western part of this city were opened here Tuesday by the trustees of the new hospital and members of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission, J. T. Hix, chairman of the board of trustees, said.

The new hospital was made possible here by a North Wilkesboro bond issue approved by the people of the town of North Wilkesboro in a special election last year.

The bond issue was voted for a maximum of \$275,000. However, state and federal funds will pay slightly more than 77 per cent of the total cost.

Dr. John A. Ferrell, secretary of the State Medical Care Commission, said that the bids received for the Wilkes General Hospital were the lowest the commission has received in the state for construction of a 100-bed hospital.

He said the bids would provide a cost to \$15.18 per square foot and \$9,470 per bed.

Low bidders were: General construction, P. S. West Construction Company of Statesville, \$551,200; heating, Dick and Kirkman of Greensboro, \$55,489; plumbing, Estes Plumbing and Heating Company of Morganton, \$49,000; electric, Electric Service Company of Hickory, \$41,517; elevator, Otis Elevator company of Greensboro, \$32,712; air conditioning, Air Conditioning Corporation of Greensboro, \$28,897.

These bids totaled \$758,815, and with \$120,000 allowed for equipment, \$45,528.90 as architect's fee and \$22,556.10 for contingencies, the total comes to \$947,000.

The hospital will be located on the hill just west of Gaddy Motor company here, where the historic General Gordon Home is now being torn down in preparation for hospital construction.

The site was donated to the new hospital by Dr. Fred C. Hubbard, who pioneered the movement for a new hospital here because of the inadequacy of the present Wilkes Hospital to serve all the needs of the people.

At the time the bond issue was voted here, it was estimated by the Medical Care Commission that a 100-bed hospital, fully equipped, would cost \$1,200,000, or \$12,000 per bed.

The bids received on construction indicate that costs have decreased since that time, the lowest bid being about 21 per cent below the estimated \$1,200,000.

In view of the fact that the bids have been the lowest received in the state for a 100-bed hospital, it is expected that approval by the Medical Care Commission, which administers state and federal funds for hospital construction, will be a mere formality and the contracts may be issued as soon as possible.

Mrs. John Wacaster At Liberty Grove

Mrs. John Wacaster, field representative of the North Carolina Baptist Women's Missionary Union, of Raleigh, will teach the "Guide to Community Missions" at Liberty Grove Baptist church Friday night, November 4, 7:30 o'clock. All are invited to attend.

Football Games

Friday, November 4, 8:00 p. m.—North Wilkesboro vs. Barium Springs at Memorial Park in North Wilkesboro.

Monday, November 7, 7:30 p. m.—Wilkesboro vs. Children's Home at Memorial Park in North Wilkesboro.

Support The Scouts