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SCHOOL MERGER PLANS FAVORED

Slightly over 96 per cent of chamber of commerce members returning questionnaires on proposed merger of North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro high schools favor consolidation, Paul Osborne, Education committee chairman, reported to the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in November meeting. Answering "Yes" on the high school consolidation were 96.1 per cent of members whose replies have been received. The "No" vote was 3.9 per cent. Those who have not returned their questionnaires are asked to do so at once, Mr. Osborne said.

On questions asked about type of administration desired should the consolidation be accomplished 83.54 per cent favored a new special charter district to include both towns, 10.13 per cent favored administration by the North Wilkesboro board of education, and 6.33 per cent favored administration by the Wilkes county board of education.

Suggestions for a possible location included a number of proposed sites. A total of 72 per cent favored the State Board of

Education determining the site, while 28 per cent voted "No" on that question.

The chamber directors authorized the education committee to name a sub-committee to discuss the subject with the Wilkes county board of commissioners, the Wilkes board of education and C. B. Eller, Wilkes superintendent of schools.

President Richard Johnston presided at the meeting. A nominating committee composed of retiring members of the board of directors was named to nominate 12 candidates for directors, from which six will be chosen from ballots to be mailed to members. The nominating committee is composed of J. B. Williams, Dr. F. C. Hubbard, J. B. Carter, D. V. Deal, W. O. Absher and Richard Johnston. The board of directors will elect officers for 1950 and the annual membership meeting will be held in January.

Splendid report was given by W. J. Bason, Highway and Roads chairman, relative to progress in efforts for road construction; and E. G. Finley, Forestry chairman, relative to successful field days held last week.

Opera Singers Are Enjoyed Here On Friday Night

The North Carolina Opera Group, directed by Mr. Robert C. Bird, more than achieved its purpose of winning new friends for opera when it sang before an appreciative audience at the Woman's Club House last Friday night. These talented singers have such an endearing way of communicating their enthusiasm for music that they are impossible to resist.

Every number was sung with assurance and style, yet never once did one feel that it was grand opera, or perhaps we should say, "Grandiose" Opera in the grand manner. There was spirit, warmth, authority, and wit—and that comforting air of intimacy that links the artists with their audience when there is complete accord.

The Mozart duets, as well as the opening trio of the composer's "School for Lovers," poured out in a flood of blissful melody of such bewitching grace and innocence of heart, and yet of such incalculable wisdom and infinite understanding. There is nothing to do but marvel. The two selections from Rizel's "Carmen" provided an interesting contrast, but how can you help being sympathetic toward any composer caught on the same program with Mozart?

English lyrics were employed exclusively which proved a boon for the non-linguists present. Certainly, Mr. H. T. Fletcher has chosen the most direct approach for presenting opera at a level intelligible to all without sacrificing its inherent nobility. The Musical Arts Club, sponsors of the group's appearance here, is now hopefully making plans to bring them back next Spring in the full-length version of "School for Lovers." It is an ambitious project and one which would do much for the cause of music in the Wilkesboros. We wish them every success in the venture.

Student Mountain View Winner Of Speaking Contest

At Thursday's dinner meeting of the Wilkes Jaycees, the club heard the three finalists in the "I Speak For Democracy" contest. This contest is sponsored in the Wilkes county high schools each year by the Wilkes Jaycees, the radio manufacturers, and radio station WKBC.

The winner this year was Harold Bennett, of Mountain View school. The two runner ups were Essie Wallace, of Mountain Park high school, and Warren White, of Ronda high school. Raffles were given the three winners by the Rhodes-Day Furniture company, Wilkes Furniture Exchange, and the Wilkes Tire Store. A recording of the winner's speech will be sent to Raleigh for the state contest. The state winner will be sent to the nation's capitol for the national "I Speak For Democracy" contest.

Reserved Seats Tickets Being Sold At Request Fans

Reserved seat tickets are being sold for the Wilkesboro-North Wilkesboro game Friday night because of a demand by many fans for tickets they could purchase in advance which would assure them of getting good seats at the game. The seats reserved are in midfield and are \$1.50 each. These tickets may be purchased at either school or at Brame's Drug store. General admission tickets at \$1 each are also on sale. Student admission will be 50 cents.

Funds Needed For Purchase Cemetery Land At Moravian

Moravian Falls cemetery association has negotiated for the purchase of additional land for the cemetery.

The association has called attention to the fact that many members have neglected to pay their annual dues. These members are reminded to make their payments as early as possible in order that funds may be available to buy the needed land. Payments may be sent to Miss Thelma Laws, secretary-treasurer of the cemetery association.

Food Sale-Bazaar In Wilkesboro 23rd

A food sale and bazaar will be held by the ladies of the Wilkesboro Methodist church in the Winkler building now occupied by the Blue Ridge Tractor Company, opposite the county courthouse on Wednesday, November 23rd. The sale will begin at eleven o'clock and many articles suitable for Christmas gifts will be sold, and also a variety of foods such as cakes, pies, candies, and chicken salad will be on sale. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Ideal Furniture Is Selling Out

Ideal Furniture company, located on Main street in the Blair block and owned by Morgan Roope and Millard Rhodes, is liquidating the entire furniture stock in a closing out sale.

Morgan Roope, a partner in the business, stated today that the entire stock will be sold in this going-out-of-business sale, and that the thousands of items of furniture have been priced for quick sale. However, those who have purchased furniture on terms will have the opportunity of completing their sales contracts.

Some of the closing out prices which represent substantial savings, are quoted in the Ideal Furniture store's advertisement on page 7, section 1 of this newspaper.

No Cause For Alarm In Not Receiving An Early X-Ray Report

The Wilkes Tuberculosis Committee is calling attention to the fact that a number of industrial employees X-Rayed here during the screening have not received report.

The 46 with suspicious findings have been notified and are being X-Rayed at the Wilkes Tuberculosis Hospital.

Those who have received no notices have no cause for alarm.

First Concert Of The Season Great Success

By MRS. ROBERT GIBBS

Mildred Dilling, world famed harpist, gave a beautiful and inspiring program on November 15 at the Liberty Theatre. We are proud to have the Community Concert Association here when they give us artists of Miss Dilling's ability. Her charming, gracious manner gave personality to her playing that held the audience throughout the program.

Miss Dilling opened her program with a Bach Bourree that is very familiar to all piano students. The harp is suited to this number because the melody uses detached notes. "Arioso," by Bach, arranged by Miss Dilling for harp is very lovely on the harp because of the religious feeling of the piece. Since "Little David" played for King Solomon, we connect the harp with religion. In Mozart's Sonata in C the harp gives you the Harpsichord effect, which is so suited to Mozart. Impromptu Caprice, a more modern composition, written in 1881 for harp, brought out the full qualities of the harp as a solo instrument.

Miss Dilling gave a short, interesting and informative talk on harps from cave man to the present day; using different harps to illustrate the development of the harp through the centuries, ending with her magnificent seven pedal harp.

Beethoven's "Moonlight" Sonata began the second part of the program. The flowing accompaniment to the lofty melody makes it suited to the harp. Chopin intended his Etude in A Flat to sound like a harp. It seems this Etude sounds better on the harp than the piano, for which it was written.

The atmosphere of "a cool spring breeze and fireflies all about you" is the way Miss Dilling opened the third part of her program. Our younger musicians, as well as the more seasoned music lovers were delighted with the descriptive "Grey Donkeys on the Road to El-Azib." Forest Pool gave a very charming interesting effect by the use of double stringed unisons.

Prokofieff's "Prelude in C for Harp" opened the last part of the program with a bit of humor. "Clair de lune" was a charming contrast. In Legende by Renee you can follow the poem "Les Elfes" through Miss Dilling's fingers as they gracefully run over the strings.

Four encores were received enthusiastically by an audience asking for more. Many were interested in looking at the harp at the close of the program. Miss Dilling was most gracious and patient with all questions asked.

Support The Scouts

A 26-year-old Wilkes county man, helpless and paralyzed, has a ray of hope to get back on his feet and earn a living for his wife, little daughter and himself.

But obscuring that ray of hope at present is the lack of finances for hospital treatment.

Three years ago James Walter Childress, resident of the State Road community northwest of Elkin, was working under a car when the car fell. His back was broken and spinal column severed, resulting in complete paralysis of his legs and body from his waist down.

The North Carolina Rehabilitation Division spent all available hospital money for his case during his long stay in Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem following the accident. Other

Coming Two Days



Representative To Talk With People Here Nov. 21-22

Representative C. B. Deane will be in the Wilkesboros November 21 and 22 to talk with constituents about pending legislation, veterans problems and other matters pertaining to the federal government.

During the afternoon Monday he will be in the commissioners' room in the Wilkes county courthouse. On Tuesday morning he will be in the deputy collector's office on the second floor of the North Wilkesboro town hall.

National Guard Seeks Recruits

The peacetime strength of the National Guard has been raised to 376,496 during the first five weeks of a nationwide recruiting campaign, Major General Kenneth F. Cramer, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, announced today.

A total of 24,117 new enlistments and appointments were reported for the five-week period. During the week ending October 22 new enlistments reached 5,271 as compared to 4,950 for the preceding week.

Net gain in the strength of the National Guard since the campaign began September 19 has been 12,736. Net gain during the week was 2,951. Army units now have a total of 333,175; Air Guard units, 43,321.

The State of North Carolina gained 644 new enlistments and appointments, raising its strength to 603 officers, 25 warrant officers, and 6873 enlisted men.

Battery C 112th FABn, NCNG, North Wilkesboro, gained 2 new enlistments and appointments, raising its strength to 4 officers and 71 enlisted men—Vacancies remaining, 2 officers and 17 enlisted men. Telephone 814 for further information.

J. L. Hemphill Taken By Death

J. L. Hemphill, for several decades prominent in the business and public life of Wilkes county, died shortly after noon today at the Wilkes hospital.

Mr. Hemphill had been in failing health for the past several years and this week became critically ill.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete early this afternoon.

CRIPPLED MAN COULD WALK, WORK AGAIN IF HOSPITAL COSTS ARE MET

groups helped some, along with the hospital.

Now an opportunity has come for the crippled man to go to the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center at Fishersville, Va. It is estimated that in one year's time there he can become able to walk with aid of braces and can learn a trade. His prospects there would be good for walking again, and for becoming able to earn a livelihood for his family.

But an obstacle to that program has developed, in the form of skin ulcers caused by lying in bed so long. Doctors say this trouble can be cured by extensive hospital treatment and skin grafting, which costs much money. With 90 days treatment in a hospital he would be ready for the rehabilitation center, and

the State Rehabilitation Division could take over there and pay for that training. But no funds are available for the hospital care and treatment needed to get him ready for rehabilitation.

James T. Price, of Winston-Salem, rehabilitation counselor, stated in reporting on this case that Mr. Childress has a very responsive attitude and would like nothing better than to become able to make his own way and provide for his wife and little daughter. They are now at the home of her parents.

Any individuals or groups who would like to help in providing this rehabilitation opportunity may get in touch with Charles C. McNeill, Wilkes welfare officer at Wilkesboro, Mr. Price said.

More Streets to Be Improved

Federal Court Term Will Open Monday, Nov. 21

Jurors Drawn For Regular November Session United States Court

November term of Federal court for trial of cases in the Wilkesboro circuit will convene in Wilkesboro Monday, November 21.

The docket of criminal cases is composed mainly of indictments for violation of liquor tax laws.

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkesboro, will preside. The following jurors will serve during the term of court:

Alleghany County
Grover Reeves, Sparta; Nathan Royal, Cherry Lane; Clinton Crouse, Sparta.

Ashe County
Mrs. Jim Hensley, West Jefferson; S. V. Alexander, Crumpler; Fred Miller, colored, Fleetwood; Jess Dillard, Jefferson; E. E. Trivette, West Jefferson; Robert Barr, Whitetop, Va.; Larkin Powers, Lansing; Ben Shepherd, Laurel Springs; J. E. Tucker, Tuckerdale; W. H. Wayman, West Jefferson; J. E. Fender, Crumpler; Victor Goss, Lansing; Bryan Kirby, Helton; I. M. Cook, Oval; T. R. Miller, Whitetop, Route 1, Va.

Watauga County
Mrs. Joe L. Coffey, Deep Gap; Edward Folk, colored, Boone; Loyd Wilcox, Deep Gap; Howard W. Grang, Boone; Willie Proffitt, Zionville; Arthur Triplett, Blowing Rock; Gordon Day, Blowing Rock; J. W. Beach, Boone; A. G. Miller, Deep Gap; Brownlow Reece, Mabel; M. O. Coffey, Route 1, Blowing Rock.

Wilkes County
O. K. Whittington, Wilkesboro; I. F. Elledge, North Wilkesboro; Ed Dancy, North Wilkesboro; N. C. Michael, Summit; W. E. Bryant, Roaring River; J. A. Key, Ronda; W. V. Shumate, North Wilkesboro; Paul Vestal, Moravian Falls; Richard Lankford, Cricket; Sam Anderson, North Wilkesboro; Hubert Pardue, Wilkesboro, Route 2; B. J. Kennedy, Wilkesboro; Charlie Morrison, Wilkesboro; Frank Hartley, Wilkesboro, Route 2; Clarence Hall, Halls Mills; Jarvis Walsh, Boomer; W. A. Proffitt, Denny; J. E. Culber, Wilkesboro; Treely Kilby, Reddies River; D. C. Castevens, Traphill, Route; Coy Eller, Purlear; A. R. Myers, Hays; Julius Hollar, North Wilkesboro; Joe Barber, Wilkesboro.

Optimist Governor Coming On Tuesday

P. E. Rogers, of Hickory, governor of the eighteenth Optimist district, will pay his first visit as governor to the Optimist Club of North Wilkesboro on Tuesday, November 22. President E. R. Eller announced today.

All club members are urged by Mr. Eller to be present at the luncheon next Tuesday at noon at Hotel Wilkes to give Governor Rogers a hearty welcome.

Kiwanians Have Three Meetings Friday, Nov. 11

Charter Is Presented Key Club; Members At Forestry Meeting

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club had a busy day for the luncheon date Friday, November 11.

The club met in relays.

The first session was when a splendid number of the members met at the Wilkesboro high school auditorium at 11:15 a. m. and at the chapel session of the high school presented the charter to the recently organized Key Club. President W. H. McElwee made the presentation of the charter and Robert (Bob) Story, president of the Key Club, accepted it for his club. Excellent talks were made by both the presidents. Following the presentation, Supt. C. B. Eller and Prof. Wm. T. Long took the Kiwanians through the buildings.

Another session of several members was held with the Forestry meeting at the Frazier lumber yard, where a number of demonstrations were made and much instruction given in this endeavor.

The luncheon was held at the regular hour at Hotel Wilkes. The meeting was called to order by President McElwee and Pat Williams lead the invocation.

Joe McCoy was in charge of the program. His first feature was a ten minute sound picture depicting the growing and marketing of tobacco. The picture was in charge of Mr. Hillman.

J. R. Hix discussed the plans that are now shaping up for work on the new Wilkes General Hospital. He stated that an over all bid of \$947,200.00 had been made which is lower than bids on similar buildings elsewhere. Under the Hill-Burton Bill the state and federal governments will pay 77.4 per cent of this and the town of North Wilkesboro 22.6 per cent. A picture submitted by the architects was shown to the members.

A third talk was made by Dr. J. H. McNeill on the history and work of the Wilkes County Tuberculosis Hospital. Among the first people to become interested in the project were Mrs. Alsbrough, Col. H. C. Landon, and Rev. Joe Armbrust, whose efforts were substantially supported by the county board of commissioners. There are now 19 patients in the hospital and it is able to take a few more. Dr. McNeill stated that there is continued and increasing need for liberal support of the institution by all Wilkes people.

Street Projects Slated By Board In Regular Meet

State Engineer To Make Survey of Water System In North Wilkesboro

North Wilkesboro city council in November meeting received petitions and started procedure for improving and surfacing a number of additional streets.

The street projects to get the go-ahead signal include J street from Hinshaw to Fifth, and Vance street from Maple south 211 feet toward Laurel Street. An alley project will carry from Gordon Avenue east a distance of 112 feet.

There were a number of applications for poolroom license, which the board ordered would be granted to Clay and Bruce Church, B. J. Robinson, Edd Hodges and Eugene Chappel, provided no pool room be located on B street from 6th to 10th; on 10th from A to D; on 9th from A to D; and on C from 9th to 10th.

An order was passed requesting the state to send an engineer to make a complete survey of the water lines in North Wilkesboro, with respect to need for larger mains and the correct size of mains to be used in water works extension in order to provide proper water supply and pressure for fire protection.

Salary of C. S. Williams and E. A. Shook were raised to \$210 each per month and salary of Mrs. W. P. Kelly to \$160 per month.

Mayor R. T. McNeil, Clerk W. P. Kelly and all commissioners—Max Foster, G. R. Andrews, Jack Swofford, C. E. Jenkins and I. H. McNeill, Jr.—were present for the meeting.

Another meeting of the town council was called for Tuesday, November 22, 7:30 p. m.

Baptist Pastors Will Meet Monday

November meeting of the Wilkes county Baptist Pastors Conference will be held Monday, November 21, at Reins-Sturdivant Chapel, beginning at ten a. m.

One feature of the program will be showing of pictures of the Fort Caswell property near Wilmington, which has been purchased by Baptists of the state to be used as an assembly ground.

Sermon outline and inspirational message will be in the program Monday and all pastors are invited to attend.

Thanksgiving Food Sale Wednesday

Thanksgiving goodies made by members of the Junior Woman's club will go on sale at Spainhour's Store on Wednesday, November 23. The sale, to begin at one p. m., will continue until closing time. According to Miss Dorothy Jennings, chairman of the sale, all kinds of baked foods and confections will be displayed for sale.

Rabbit and Quail Season Opens 24th

Joel Bentley, district game protector, stated today that the season opens Nov. 24 on rabbits, with a daily bag limit of 7 and 14 in possession with no season limit. Quail season also opens Nov. 24th with a daily bag limit of 8 per day, 16 in possession and 100 per season. Ruffed grouse opens Nov. 24th through Jan. 2. Exception: In and west of Henderson, McDowell, Buncombe, and Madison counties the season is from Oct. 1st through Jan. 2, with a daily bag limit of 2 per day, 4 in possession and 20 per season.

The Journal-Patriot For November 24 To Be Printed Nov. 23

The Journal-Patriot issue for Thursday, November 24, which will be Thanksgiving Day, will be printed Wednesday, November 23. Advertisers are asked to have their copy for that issue ready by Tuesday, November 22.

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