

Wilkes Republican Convention Mar. 11

Meetings Will Be Held March 10th At Voting Places

Convention Call Issued By Chairman Eller And Secretary Story

Republicans of Wilkes county will hold their county convention at the Wilkes county courthouse at 2 p. m. on Saturday, March 11, E. R. Eller, chairman of the Wilkes Republican Executive Committee, said today.

Meetings for the organization of precincts will be held at the precinct polling places at 4 p. m., Friday, March 10.

At the county convention the county organization will be perfected and delegates will be named to the state convention to be held in Charlotte, Tuesday, March 14.

Following is the call of the convention as issued by Chairman E. R. Eller and Secretary T. M. Story:

"The Republican county convention for Wilkes county is hereby called to meet at the court house in Wilkesboro on Saturday, at 2 p. m., March 11, 1950.

"At this convention a county chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and members of the County Executive Committee will be elected. Delegates to the Republican State convention to be held Tuesday, March 14, also delegates to the Congressional and the Senatorial Conventions will all be elected at this meeting, and such other business as may properly come before the convention will be transacted.

"The Republican township meetings will be held at the various voting places at 4 p. m., on Friday, March 10, 1950, at which time a precinct organization shall be perfected and the following officers elected. A chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, a member of the township committee. At least one of the officers should be a woman and the extra member of the township committee should be a veteran of World War II.

"Also the precinct shall elect delegates and alternates to the County Convention to be held March 11, one delegate and one alternate for each 50 votes cast in the last election for Republican candidate for Governor.

"Please have a full and representative delegation at the convention from your township."

Mrs. Elzina Brown Funeral Thursday

Funeral service was Thursday 2 p. m., at Charity Methodist church between Elkin and Traphill for Mrs. Elzina Osborne Brown, 84-year-old resident of the Traphill community who died early Wednesday.

Mrs. Brown, widow of the late S. F. Brown, is survived by three sons: C. D. Brown, of Swannanoa; Burt C. and Paul S. Brown, of Traphill; and one half-sister, Margaret Osborne, of High Point.

Mrs. T. W. Parsons Funeral Thursday

Funeral service was Thursday at 3 p. m. at Little Rock Baptist church for Mrs. Rosa Ella Parsons, 72, resident of the Boomer community who died early Wednesday. Rev. A. W. Eller and Rev. Otto Johnson conducted the service.

Mrs. Parsons was born November 26, 1877, daughter of the late Jonah and Susie White Pennell. She was married to Tilford W. Parsons, of Boomer, who survives. Other survivors are five sons: Ben F. Parsons, of Lenoir; Turner Parsons, of Hickory; Carl Parsons, of Vale; Ray and Ralph Parsons, of Boomer.

Coon Hunters Club Will Meet Friday

Next meeting of the Wilkes Coon Hunters club will be held Friday, March 3, 8 p. m., at Ray Minton's garage one mile west of this city on highway 421. All members are asked to attend.

Program Given For Concert By Symphony Here

Under the direction of Benjamin Swalin, the North Carolina Little Symphony will come to North Wilkesboro for concerts Thursday, March 2.

An admission-free program will be played in the afternoon for the children of the city's grammar school by the orchestra. The adult concert is scheduled for North Wilkesboro school auditorium at 8 p. m. according to Miss Dorothy Jennings, local symphony chairman.

"Pops" concert, initiated last season, will be continued this season by the orchestra. A large repertoire has been selected by Dr. Swalin for this season's tour to insure varied and enjoyable programs for symphony society members who wish to hear several concerts by the Little and Full Symphony in their vicinity. A membership card in the symphony society will admit a member to all society sponsored concerts throughout the state in the season ahead.

Thursday night's program includes: Dvorak, Largo from Symphony No. 5 ("New World"). Haydn, Symphony No. 88 in C Major.

- 1. Slow-Lively. 2. Broad. 3. Minuet. 4. Lively and spirited. Intermission. Giasounov, "Autumn and Winter" from the Seasons. Tachakowaky, "None But the Lonely Hearts." Anderson, "Sleigh Ride." Amerson, "Fiddle-Fiddle" Daniels, "Deep Forest." Guion, Turkey in the Straw. Straus, Waltz, "Thousand and One Nights." \*Arranger.

RED CROSS FUND CHAIRMAN GIVEN FACTS ABOUT QUOTA

In a meeting of chapter workers last Thursday afternoon, W. G. Gabriel, 1950 Red Cross Fund Chairman for Wilkes county, made this statement about the purposes for which your Red Cross dollars go. He said, "Because in this day of unrest and suspicion we are thankful for the existence of the great humanitarian organization, the American Red Cross, and because we are grateful for its work in our county and nation, we have undertaken the responsibility of leadership in raising the 1950 Red Cross fund quota of \$7,800 for Wilkes county. About two-thirds of this amount or about \$5,000 is necessary for the operation of the local chapter office, maintenance of chapter car, giving emergency message service, and the many other services rendered daily to active members of the armed forces and their families and to Wilkes veterans and their families, and for the small emergency grants which we have been making in cases of one-family

Camp Rally Will Be Held On March 4th

Wilkes County Girl Scout Association will conduct a camp rally to be held Saturday, March 4, at Smoot Park, if weather permits, and at the Legion clubhouse in the event of bad weather. The time will be 2 p. m.

All Scouts who attended the Mountain View camp, their parents and counselors are urged to attend. There will be songs, games and stunts. All who will attend are asked to notify Mrs. Walter Newton.

X-Ray Clinics At Wilkes Hospital

X-Ray clinics are now being held regularly at the Wilkes hospital on Thursday mornings by Dr. J. P. Rousseau and Dr. Aycock, of Winston-Salem. Those desiring appointment may phone the Wilkes hospital at any time.

MILLERS CREEK GIRLS AND WILKESBORO BOYS CHAMPIONS WILKES COUNTY BASKETBALL

The Wilkes county basketball tournament drew to an exciting finish Saturday night with Millers Creek girls and Wilkesboro boys emerging champions of Wilkes county.

More than a thousand fans, all who could get into the spacious Wilkesboro gymnasium, were stunned as fourth-seeded Millers Creek girls for the second night in a row knocked off seeded teams and took the championship, winning from Mountain View 38 to 37, in the waning minutes. On Friday night they beat North Wilkesboro, 28 to 26.

Wilkesboro boys' 37 to 34 victory over Traphill furnished a fitting climax to a tournament that was marked by spirited play and superb sportsmanship. The game quiet from Traphill was very much in the game all the way. The lead saw-sawed through most of the game and the beginning of the final period found Traphill ahead 24 to 23. At the end of the first it was 10-10, and at halftime Wilkesboro had a 15-14 lead.

In the girls' game Millers Creek for the second night in a row just wouldn't believe the form sheets and refused to be beaten. At half time the favored Mountain View team, which had beaten with ease most of the county teams in regular season play, had an impressive 10-point lead, 25-15. At the three-quarter mark it was 33-30. With less than three minutes to go the score was tied. Willa Jean Snider hit a free-throw and Rachel Harrold a field goal for Millers Creek. Carrie Anderson, tournament's high scorer, hit a field goal in final seconds to leave Millers Creek one point ahead.

The boys' game featured coordinate team play on both sides. Dean Edwards led scoring for Wilkesboro with 11 and Buddy Smith hit 16 for Traphill. In the male bracket the tournament more nearly followed the form sheet, with Wilkesboro seeded number 1 and Traphill one of three recognized contenders for second rating.

Lineups and summaries: Boys' Game M. Creek 37 34 Traphill Triplett 8 16 Smith Emerson 5 1 Bowers Edwards 11 7 Yale Joe Garwood 4 6 Bryan John Garwood 3 4 Warren Substitutes: Wilkesboro — Eller 1, B. Hubbard. Attractive trophies were presented the champion teams by Marvin Walsh, athletic committee chairman of the North Wilkesboro Optimist club, which very successfully sponsored the tournament. Runner-up trophies were also presented.

J. Allie Hayes Files For Office State Solicitor

J. Allie Hayes, prominent local attorney, in Raleigh Wednesday officially filed as a candidate for solicitor on the Republican ticket in the 17th judicial district and paid his filing fee of \$65.

Mr. Hayes announced as a candidate several weeks ago and has been waging an active campaign in the five counties in the district — Wilkes, Yadkin, Davie, Avery and Mitchell counties. Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, who is completing his 12th year as solicitor, is an announced candidate for the office.

Mr. Hayes was the first candidate to file for a state office.

Miss Chambers Will Speak March 2 At Wilkesboro Church

Miss Irene Chambers, of Memphis, Tenn., field representative of the Home Mission Board, will speak at Wilkesboro Baptist church on Thursday, March 2, at 7:30 o'clock. This will be a special service during the Week of Prayer for home missions for all the churches in this section of the State.

Frank Smithey Is Shot and Killed by Wife Sunday A.M.

Frank Smithey, 55-year-old Oakwoods community resident, was shot and killed at 10:30 a. m. Sunday at the home of his estranged wife, Mrs. Hessie Brown Smithey, on the Moravian Falls road, 1-2 miles south of Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Smithey, whom officers said confessed to the shooting, is in jail at Wilkesboro on charge of murder. Deputy Sheriff A. H. Holbrook at the Wilkes jail received a call to go to the home of Mrs. Smithey just after 10:30. When he, with Deputy R. W. Edwards, arrived at the home they found Frank Smithey lying wounded in the yard of the home, about 18 feet from the front door.

"It's Frank, I shot him," Mrs. Smithey was quoted as telling the deputies. He had a wound in the right side of his abdomen near his hip bone. An ambulance was called and he was carried to the hospital here, but died in a very few minutes. Officers said he lived about 45 minutes after he was shot and that he bled to death internally. The bullet from a .22 calibre target pistol, severed an artery in his left side.

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W. Virginia Men Are Caught Here

Police have arrested two West Virginia men and recovered \$648 worth of copper stolen from three coal mines in West Virginia. Arrested were Archie Densel, 36, of Amanta, W. Va., and Clarence Kennedy, 20, of Yukon, W. Va. They were returned to West Virginia to face theft charges.

Police Sergeant Carlisle Staley made the arrest. He noticed that the panel truck driven by Densel had a West Virginia license plate, over which was taped a Virginia license plate. The men had tried to sell the copper here. The loot consisted of three spools of copper trolley wire.

Open House For Agriculture Dept. Wednesday P. M.

Open house will be observed Wednesday afternoon, 12 noon until 5 p. m., at the Wilkesboro high school vocational agriculture department. On display will be exhibits showing some of the accomplishments of the department, and the public is cordially invited to the open house.

State and county officials will meet the people during the open house hours.

Complete Plans For Visit Of Governor

North Wilkesboro And Millers Creek Will Play Tuesday

North Wilkesboro and Millers Creek high school teams will close regular season basketball play Tuesday night at Millers Creek, with the girls' game beginning at 7:30.

In an early season game North Wilkesboro boys and girls won and competition is expected to be keen in the second meeting of the teams.

Many From Wilkes At Lincoln Dinner Held In Charlotte

National Chairman Gabrielson and Kansas Senator Schoepel Speak

Wilkes county Republicans were much in evidence at the North Carolina Lincoln Day dinner held Saturday at Hotel Charlotte in Charlotte.

State convention of Young Republican clubs was held in the afternoon, with the feature address by Senator A. F. Schoepel, of Kansas. William Cobb, of Morganton, was elected president; Gerald Chandler, of Wake Forest, and Carolyn Richardson, were elected vice presidents. Dick Williams and Anne Hickman were named national committeemen.

The Wilkes delegation of nine was headed by Isaac Eller, president of the Wilkes Young Republican club. National Chairman Gabrielson made a forceful speech at the dinner meeting Saturday evening, in which he attacked the Truman administration for what he termed socialist practices.

More than 650 attended the dinner, which was one of the most enthusiastic ever held in the State. Those attending from Wilkes county included E. R. Eller, T. E. Story, A. B. Somers, Dewey Parker, Claude Kennedy, T. R. Bryant, I. J. Broyles, Vernon Broyles, Jack Hoots, Mrs. Jack Hoots, Jacob Hoots, W. S. Fletcher, W. M. Green, Isaac Eller, Claude Billings, Jr., Stacy Pardue, J. Allie Hayes, H. P. Eller, Paul Osborne, Troy Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Boss Blackburn, Clifton Prevette, Kyle Hayes, Kenneth Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jennings, Carl McCarter, Dewey Turner, Perry Lowe, Garnice Blackburn, Lake Messick, Ed Crysel, Everett Huffman, Charli Hanes, Earl Lowe, Turner Lenderman, Paul Blackburn, John Tharpe, Shemar Blackburn, Mr. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Anderson, Claude Billings, Grady Holbrook, Kermit Pruitt, Thomas Sherman Bryan.

If any names were omitted from this list, please notify T. E. Story, secretary of the Republican Executive committee of Wilkes county, and their names will be published later.

At the courthouse at 2 p. m., Watson Brame will open the meeting and C. C. Faw, Sr., will preside. Members of the steering committee, officials of Wilkes county and visiting officials from other counties in the eighth division will be recognized. W. J. Bason will present Governor Scott, who will present the plaque honoring Wilkes county.

Governor Scott, Senator Graham Will Speak Here

Governor To Present Plaque To Wilkes County Thursday, 2 p. m.

Arrangements have been completed for the visit of Gov. W. Kerr Scott here Thursday, March 2, to present a plaque to Wilkes county for having voted the largest majority in the State for the State road and school bond proposals in the special election last year.

The plaque will be presented in a public program, beginning at 2 p. m., at the Wilkes county courthouse, at which time Governor Scott will address the people.

Another highlight of the day will be a joint luncheon of Kiwanis, Lions and Optimists Thursday noon at Hotel Wilkes, at which time Senator Frank Graham will deliver the feature address and Governor Scott will speak briefly.

Dr. E. N. Phillips, Kiwanis president, will preside. Chairman Watson Brame will present members of the county steering committee which led the fight for road and school bonds and have been in charge of arrangements for the programs here Thursday. Members of this committee are as follows: Chairman Watson Brame, W. J. Bason, C. C. Faw, Sr., C. B. Eller, C. C. Sidden, Max Foster, Paul Osborne, P. E. Brown.

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First Baptist In Week Of Prayer

The women of the First Baptist church this week are observing the Week of Prayer for home missions, with a number of interesting programs planned this week.

On Monday at 7:30 in the evening a meeting will be held at Reins-Sturdivant chapel with Circle No. 5 to be in charge of the program; on Tuesday evening at 7:30, a program will be given by Circle No. 1 at the home of Mrs. Jay Brookshire on Ninth street. For Wednesday evening, 7:30, at the church, Circle No. 2 will be assisted by a number of the men in conducting the service; and on Thursday evening, 7:45 the members will join the Wilkesboro Baptist church in their series of Fellowship services. The concluding program will be given Friday morning, 10 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. John T. Wayland.

Sweet whey, a dairy by-product rich in food value which is often wasted or otherwise utilized inefficiently, can be used successfully in the commercial manufacture of bakery foods, says the U.S.D.A.

Wilkesboro School Meet Tuesday Nite

Wilkesboro Mayor W. R. Smithey has called a meeting of citizens of the Wilkesboro school district to be held Tuesday night, 7:30, at the school auditorium to discuss school building needs in Wilkesboro.

Mayor Smithey in his call for the meeting stated that all citizens and school patrons in the entire Wilkesboro district are invited and urged to attend the meeting.

Support The Red Cross