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WORK PROGRESSING ON 100-BED HOSPITAL HERE



This scene shows footings being poured in the first phases of construction of the Wilkes General Hospital, 100-bed institution which is being erected on the site of the old Gordon home just west of Reddies River near highway 421. P. S. West Construction company, of Statesville, has general contract for the erection of the three-story building, which will cost approximately \$947,000 when completed and equipped (Photo by S. Lane Atkinson, Jr.)

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITIES TO BE INCLUDED IN MOVE FOR TELEPHONE EXPANSION

The way is open for additional communities to be included in the proceedings now before the North Carolina Utilities Commission in effort to get expanded telephone service, it was explained in a meeting of interested citizens called by the Utilities and Transportation committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce and held Thursday at the North Wilkesboro town hall.

Any additional requests other than those covered in the order of the commission following public hearing here must be filed with the Utilities Commission by March 25.

The Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, original petitioner which started the movement for improved and expanded service, has volunteered to act as a clearing house for petitions by citizens of all areas and will compile their data and include it in the organization's report to the commission, provided that such requests are filed with the Chamber of Commerce by March 18.

The several communities which were represented in the hearing here and which have been promised action by the commission may also file amended petitions provided they have more prospective customers than were set out in original petitions or testimony. The Chamber of Commerce would like to have a copy of all petitions in order to more closely follow developments in the project.

The meeting held here Thursday afternoon was well attended with one or more representatives present from the several communities which have previously asked for telephone lines and a new petition was filed by a group in the Mountain View community. Another new request was that the proposed Ferguson line be extended to the Caldwell county line and that the proposed Boomer line also go to the Caldwell county line and that a line be constructed through the Bear Creek community between Ferguson and highway 18. It was also decided that a supplementary statement be filed asking that the area highway 268 east of North Wilkesboro to Roaring River be better defined than was set out in the commission's order.

In addition to committee members, the following representatives of communities asking construction of telephone lines were present: Mrs. Archie Lee Osborne and Raymond Minton, Oakwoods; Mrs. Eugene Shepherd and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, of Ferguson; T. O. Minton and C. M. Brown, of Champion; A. G. Foster, Wayne Foster and Charles Shoemaker, Congo Road; Bob Yale, Mountain View; R. G. Mathis, highway 421 east of Wilkesboro; J. H. Greer and J. C. Walsh, of Boomer; Clifford Myers and Cox A. Blevins, of Mulberry; J. G. Huffman, North Wilkesboro route one; Reuben C. Blackburn and Florence Blackburn, Lincoln Heights and Cairo; Jack Reid, Charles Wiles, C. G. Johnson, L. D. Wiles and J. B. Alexander, of highway 268 east; Bob V. Bechters and C. V. Connell, of

Summit; J. Allie Hayes, of Brushy Mountain.

Committee members were Larry Moore, chairman, who presided, C. M. Brown, M. F. Bumgarner, I. L. Grogan, Paul Greene, M. C. Woodie, Maurice Walsh, J. B. Williams and Richard Johnston, who filed the original petition as president of the Chamber of Commerce last year.

The Utilities Commission has ordered the Central Telephone company serving this area to make a complete survey of the rural lines requested, including cost, number of patrons and anticipated revenue, and report by May 1 this year.

The chamber of commerce is emphasizing that communities wishing telephone service should file their petitions now, giving the number of people who will take and pay for telephone service, and have such requests included in the matter to be submitted to the commission by March 25.

Mountain View Student Winner Speaking Contest

Harold Bennett Takes First Place In Soil Conservation Orations

Harold Bennett, student of Mountain View high school, won first place in the Wilkes county soil conservation speaking contest held here Friday night and will represent Wilkes county in the district contest with 11 county winners participating at Lenoir Friday, March 17.

Second place went to Miss Dorothy Osborne, of Ronda, and third to Miss Billie Absher, of Traphill. Other school winners participating were George Franklin McNeil, of Millers Creek; Miss Bonnie Lee Prevette, of Roaring River; Miss Shirley Mikel, of Mt. Pleasant; and Fred Finley, Jr., of North Wilkesboro.

The contest is sponsored in the state by the Bankers Association and the local contest was sponsored by the Northwestern Bank and Bank of North Wilkesboro here, which furnished prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 for the first, second and third prize winners. Station McIver, head of the Soil Conservation district with headquarters here, presided over the county contest here. Judges were Mrs. Palmer Horton, Representative T. B. Story and Attorney J. H. Whicker, Sr.

First prize winner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bennett, of North Wilkesboro Route Two, and was coached by Mrs. E. H. Blevins. Principal R. O. Poplin, Jr., coached Miss Osborne, the second place winner, and John Absher coached Miss Billie Absher, who placed third.

Pfc. Jack L. Badgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Badgett, of North Wilkesboro, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal. He is now stationed at San Bernardino, Calif.

OPTIMIST CLUB MEETS TUESDAY

The Optimist Club of North Wilkesboro will meet tomorrow at noon at Hotel Wilkes. All members of the club are urged to be present.

T.P.A. Banquet Thursday Night

Banquet of Post L of the Travelers Protective Association will be held Thursday, March 16, seven p. m., at Hotel Wilkes.

Post leaders are urging that every member attend. The post is bearing the cost of the dinner with no extra expense to members.

One of the principal items of business will be reorganization. In addition to business there will be a program of interest to all who attend.

Bill McElwee Files For Office Solicitor

Will Be Democratic Candidate; Hayes And Hall File For Solicitor

W. H. McElwee, a prominent North Wilkesboro attorney, last week filed with the State Board of Elections as Democratic candidate for office of solicitor in the 17th judicial district. To date he is the only Democratic candidate for that office.

Two Republicans have filed for the nomination for solicitor: Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, who has filed for re-election, and Attorney J. Allie Hayes, a prominent North Wilkesboro attorney.

Exhibit Of Fine Pictures Coming

A splendid opportunity for art education is afforded in the exhibit of Fine Art Prints which will be on display, March 21-24 in the North Wilkesboro High School. The traveling art gallery contains 150 subjects, including latest works as well as the old masters. There will be a small admission charge, which will be used for the purchase of pictures for our schools. Among the most famous artists represented are Gainsborough, Terborch, Murillo, Van Dyck, Raphael, Titian, Da Vinci, and many others of the old masters. Among the more modern are representative subjects from the brush of Ben Foster, George Innes, Ernest Albert, Harry Vincent and Gastone Wilgand.

Union Township Road Meeting

Every resident of Union township is invited to a Union township road meeting to be held Wednesday night, March 15, 7:30 o'clock, at Union Church.

Mark Goforth, of Lenoir, highway commissioner for the eighth division, will address the people and discuss with them their needs for road improvement.

ELLER, STORY TO HEAD G.O.P.

Convention Recommends Board of Education Membership Be Increased To 5 And Include Two Republicans

Wilkes county Republicans in convention Saturday afternoon unanimously passed a resolution asking that the Wilkes county board of education be enlarged from three to five members and that two of the members be Republicans. The convention endorsed for appointment to the board Russell G. Hodges, of North Wilkesboro, and Dr. G. T. Mitchell, of Wilkesboro.

Allie Hayes Endorsed
The board of education resolution, which was offered by T. E. Story, was one of several matters of importance to the party before the convention, which gave its endorsement to Attorney J. Allie Hayes, of North Wilkesboro as candidate for Republican nomination for solicitor of the 17th judicial district. His opposition is Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, present solicitor seeking a fourth term.

Officials Re-Elected
Chairman E. R. Eller and Secretary T. E. Story, of the Wilkes Republican Executive committee, were unanimously re-elected. Isaac Eller, Jr., of North Wilkesboro, president of the Young Republican Club in Wilkes, was elected vice chairman, taking the place of Max Foster who is moving to Hickory.

Chairman Eller opened the convention with remarks urging greater activity among young people and the formation of Republican Women Clubs. He designated Paul Osborne as convention chairman, with T. E. Story secretary and Dwight Nichols assistant secretary.

Chairman Osborne named W. B. Somers, J. F. Jordan and Clyde Hayes to nominate delegates to the state convention meeting Tuesday, ten a. m., in Charlotte; Perry Lowe, T. H. Settle and H. P. Eller to nominate delegates for the congressional convention in Lexington Monday; Troy Foster, Joe Hayes and Fred Myers to name delegates to the state senatorial convention yet to be called; and a credentials committee composed of T. B. Bryan, C. C. Sidden and J. C. Grayson.

Roll call of precincts showed all represented with credentials except one. There were no contests from precincts.

Members of the county executive committee were elected as recommended in precinct meetings. P. E. Brown and W. B. Somers were unanimously re-elected members of the state executive committee.

Jones Praised Record
Keynote speech of the convention was by John R. Jones, former solicitor, who highly commended the record of Wilkes county government by the Republicans and pointed out many achievements accomplished while not raising the county tax rate.

Clyde Eggers, of Boone, spoke briefly and asked Wilkes Republicans to support Clyde Green, of Boone, for state chairman. The convention passed a motion recommending Mr. Green as eminently capable of being state chairman but did not instruct delegates.

Other talks were made by J. H. Whicker, Sr., Joe Hayes, J. Allie Hayes, Mrs. John R. Jones, Clerk of Court Candidate Miss Cora Caudill, Clerk of Court Candidate M. W. Greene, Sheriff Candidate Claude Billings, Jr., P. E. Brown, Mrs. Arthur McCann and W. E. Reynolds.

Following are the lists of delegates and alternates elected to the three conventions:

State Convention
DELEGATES — E. R. Eller, P. E. Brown, T. E. Story, W. B. Somers, John R. Jones, Isaac Eller, N. B. Smithy, Lomax Kilby, C. C. Hayes, C. G. Poindexter, Troy Foster, J. C. Grayson, M. F. Absher, C. C. Sidden, I. J. Broyhill, L. B. Dula, Kyle Hayes, J. F. Jordan, F. J. McDuffie, J. H. Whicker, J. Allie Hayes, Paul Myers, F. W. Eshelman, W. B. Fletcher, T. R. Bryan, Claude Billings, Jr., Paul Osborne, H. P. Eller, John Jones, R. Staley, T. H. Settle, Perry Lowe, M. W. Green, W. M. Holder, W. E. Holder, W. E. Reynolds, Cora Caudill, Blaine Sparks, W. M. Blackburn, Richard Johnston, W. W. Gambill.

ALTERNATES — Ross Blackburn, A. A. Triplett, W. A. Caudill, Alonzo Anderson, Clifton Prevette, Max Foster, J. K.

Tharpe, Charlie Darnell, McKinley Burcham, Coy Marley, Danard Triplett, Lake Messick, Regie Waters, C. L. Kennedy, Theodore Fairchild, J. R. McNeill, Noah Chambers, C. M. Pardue, Boyd Cook, Bill Phillips, Old Wiles, W. T. Royster, C. W. Haynes, Walter Martin, Mrs. John Jones, Tal Pearson, T. J. Frazier, Joe Godby, S. M. Shumate, Ed Crysel, Green Bumgarner, J. W. Robbins, Henry Johnson, D. B. Swearingen, Marvin Jones, Jack Hoots, Dewey Parker, A. L. Prevette, Ed Ashley, Larry Brookshire, Claude Petty.

Congressional Convention
DELEGATES — P. E. Brown, Ed Crysel, A. R. Miller, Walter Anderson, P. V. Turner, R. J.

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100 Fruit Growers At Association's Meeting On Friday

Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers Plan More Active Organization

More than 100 fruit growers of Wilkes and Alexander counties gathered at Pores Knob community house Friday night for a meeting of the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers Association.

Founded 25 years ago, the Association plans a program of organization and expansion designed to render greater service to the fruit growing area.

There was much discussion of organization plans, and definite action was taken with the appointment of a committee of four to write constitution and by-laws to be submitted at the next meeting of the association.

This committee are John Andrews, chairman, and J. B. Williams, of Wilkes, Carl Fortner and Graydon Harrington, of Alexander.

According to plans discussed Friday night, the association will meet quarterly. A membership committee will solicit every fruit grower in Wilkes and Alexander counties for memberships in the association. Present officers of the association will serve through this reorganization period. The officers are: Boyd Campbell, president; C. J. Hendren, vice president; Carl E. Vandeman, secretary; I. J. Broyhill, treasurer.

This year the association will plan a special event in celebration of its 25th anniversary, and in the fall will stage an apple show with prizes for the best bushel of apples submitted. Prize winning apples will be auctioned and proceeds will go into the association treasury.

Several talks were made in Friday night's meeting. J. B. Williams, of A. B. C. Orchards, pleaded for greater cooperation and effort in behalf of the association, saying that the organization represents the entire fruit growing area in this part of the state and that growers in both counties should consider the association as theirs.

Entertainment was provided by two movies shown by G. Sam Winters.

Rubinoff Tickets Are Now On Sale

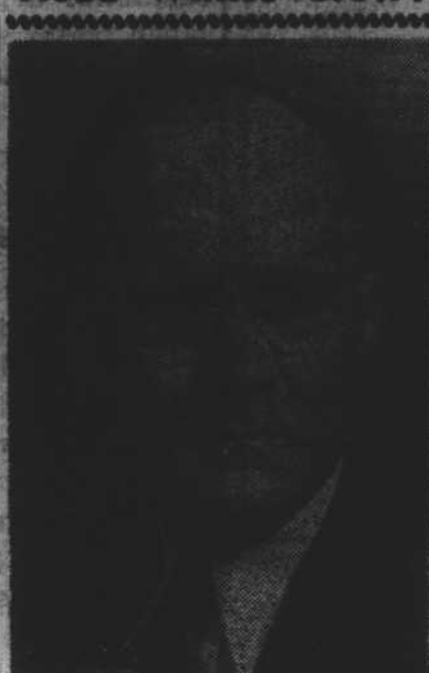
North Wilkesboro Lions Club has placed tickets on sale for the Rubinoff and his violin concert to be given Wednesday, March 22, 8:30, at the V. F. W. clubhouse.

Reserved seat tickets will be \$2.40 each, including taxes, and Rubinoff will give a personally autographed paper violin with each of the first 300 tickets sold.

Tickets are now on sale at Brame's Drug store and the Jewel Box in North Wilkesboro and at Henderson's Flower Shop in Wilkesboro.

Each member of the North Wilkesboro Lions club is being given five tickets to sell and tickets may be obtained from any Lion.

Head Wilkes G.O.P.



Chairman
E. R. ELLER



Vice Chairman
ISAAC ELLER, JR.



Secretary-Treasurer
T. E. STORY

Fatal Accident Scenes On Roads Will Be Marked

Beginning March 13, the highway safety division of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles will try to make the motorist public conscious of the fact that death lurks on the highways.

The place of each fatal accident on the highways of North Carolina will be marked with a readily visible road sign.

The sign will have three-foot letters, signifying the number killed at each location.

Several years ago a plan was adopted by which crosses were erected at fatal accident locations, but pressure of public opinion from people who didn't like to think about death caused authorities to quit the plan.

Stocks of all types of leaf tobacco owned by dealers and manufacturers in the United States and Puerto Rico totaled 3,879 million pounds on January 1, 1950.

"THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER" PRESENTED BY LITTLE THEATRE

On Friday and Saturday nights or last week the Community Little Theatre presented "The Man Who Came To Dinner," a comedy in three acts by Moss Hart and George Kaufman.

The cast was led by Mr. Robin Wooten in the role of Sheridan Whiteside, critic, lecturer, wit, radio operator, an intimate friend of the great and near-great, and THE MAN who came to dinner. The success of the play, however, did not depend upon any one character.

Each member of the cast, in his own way, was responsible. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, who entertained Mr. Whiteside, were ably portrayed by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Adamson; Geraldine Caldwell and Gordon Forester, Jr., as their daughter and son; Nellie Gabriel as Mr. Whiteside's secretary, Maggie; Bill Gabriel as the very British Beverly Carlton; Mrs. Pat Williams, Jr. as Lorraine Sheldon; John Cashion as the inimitable "Banjo"; and others too numerous to mention. The characters, collectively and individually, gave the audience an evening of fun, laughter, and entertainment with their splendid performance.

This latest production lived up to all expectations of those who had seen previous plays by this Group, and assured them that future productions would, also, be entertainment as fine as the Community Little Theatre has given in the past.

RED CROSS FUND DRIVE TOO SLOW

Red Cross fund campaign in Wilkes county is lagging and much work remains to be done before the goal of \$7,800 is reached, it was learned today from the office of the Wilkes chapter.

Inclement weather, much sickness and other unfavorable conditions have made it difficult to make much headway, and only \$1,400 has been turned in to date.

W. G. Gabriel, fund chairman, said today that reports have not been received from industrial plants and only a few of the business district canvassers have reported. The amounts to date included only a part of the Special Gifts committee contacts and very little from rural areas.

Special effort is urged during the remainder of this week in order to make greater headway in the campaign. Workers are particularly urged to complete their assignments this week if possible.

Workers in rural areas have been greatly handicapped by weather and in several instances by sickness, but it is expected that they will make good headway as soon as they can make contact with residents living in their respective communities.

The Red Cross chapter here during the past several years has proved to be an indispensable institution which has rendered great service to hundreds of families. The goal of \$7,800 represents funds to carry on the work of the Red Cross and failure to raise any part of that amount will greatly cripple the chapter's usefulness and service in the county.

Workers are especially requested to cover as much territory as possible and to reach all the people with an appeal to give liberally in order to carry on the Red Cross work.

Lighting Subject For P.-T.A. Meet

By MISS LEWIS VICKERY

Did you ever stop to realize how much time you spend under artificial light? And how the kind of light which surrounds you affects your health, your disposition — Yes — Your life? As we are coming to spend more and more time under artificial light, so the subject becomes more and more important. Did you know that one kind of light makes you look young and healthy while another makes one look older; one kind can kill germs in the air give one a sunburn, while another can radiate a penetrating heat that will warm you to the bones or dry the paint on a new car in minutes; one kind will make your dress and draperies stand out in all that brilliance of their true color while another makes them look dull?

Come to P.-T. A. Thursday night at 7:30 and see these lights and their effects demonstrated by Mr. Paul Tysinger, lighting supervisor of the Duke Power Co. Mr. Tysinger has been gathering materials, oddities, and gadgets for years to make an interesting, and at the same time, a scientific talk with demonstrations. He has had over twenty years of experience in writing the specifications for proper lighting of churches, schools, homes, and commercial and industrial establishments. He knows light and lighting. The program should be interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Moore were recent business visitors in Charlotte.