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## WILKES MAN, ONLY SURVIVOR PLANE DISASTER, TELLS OF CRASH

### NEW BUILDING OF MORAVIAN FALLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Here is pictured the new building of Moravian Falls Baptist church, which is now nearing completion and will be one of the best rural church buildings in this part of the state. The church edifice contains an auditorium large enough to seat 350 people, and ten Sunday school rooms. The building has a modern oil heating plant. Construction of the new church has progressed well and to date has cost approximately \$17,000 in cash and \$2,000 in donated labor. The church is now in use and is complete except for laying of a hardwood floor and installation of pews. This work is expected to cost \$5,000 and contributions are now being received to complete the job. Building committee in charge of erection of the church is composed of L. G. Critcher, chairman, W. C. Hendren, secretary, P. G. Smithey, construction foreman, R. A. Greer, Cyrus Brown, Irving Eller, and J. Earl Nichols. Rev. Dean Minton, of North Wilkesboro, is pastor of the church. (Photo by S. Lane Atkinson, Jr.)

### FARM TOUR, CORN CONTEST, FARM HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ARE DISCUSSED

Farm tour, corn yield contest and farm improvement project are three of the big projects on the 1950 agenda of the General Agriculture and Soil Conservation division of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce Agricultural committee. Members of this division committee were guests of Chairman Sam Winters at a dinner meeting at the Parkway Cafe when preliminary plans were laid. Other members attending were W. K. Sturdivant, general chairman, Jake Church, Paul Choplin, Paul Church, Fred Davis, Burl Hayes, W. C. Kuneman, R. E. Dunn, G. G. Wellborn, W. A. McClendon, Irvin Key and Tom Jenrette. Opening the meeting Chairman Winters reviewed objectives of the division, including development of markets, cooperation with agricultural teachers, farm tours, corn yield contest, farm home improvement project, encouraging production of Turkish tobacco, promotion of good farm practices, inform business men of the importance of balanced farm program. Plans were made for a farm tour in Wilkes in late spring or early summer. Purpose of the tour, which will have framers and business men together, will be to view good practices in various phases of farming, including pastures, hay production, small grains, dairy production, barns, beef cattle, poultry, forestry, wildlife, calves from artificial breeding, hogs and hog pastures. Cash prizes will again be given the first five farmers in the contest for greatest corn yields per acre. The division committee discussed at length a farm home improvement project. A committee was named to formulate definite plans and to select three farms, from which the entire committee will select the one to be used in the project. September 8 or 15 was suggested for the date and many farm implement and supply dealers are expected to participate.

### Wilkesboro Church Now Has Nursery

A church nursery will be opened at the Wilkesboro Baptist church Sunday, April 2. Parents who would like to attend the morning worship service at the church are invited to leave their children at the nursery if the children are too small to carry to the worship service.

### North Wilkesboro Township Will Be Three Precincts

#### Board Of Elections Divides Township And Orders New Registration

North Wilkesboro township, which had been one of the largest voting precincts in the state, will be divided into three precincts. Order of the Wilkes county board of elections was published today to divide the large township into three precincts, which will be designated as North Wilkesboro 1, 2, and 3. North Wilkesboro number 1 will be comprised of the corporate limits of the town of North Wilkesboro and the voting place will be the North Wilkesboro town hall. North Wilkesboro number 2 will contain that part of North Wilkesboro township west of Reddies River and the polling place will be at or near Moore's Grocery on highway 421 two miles west of this city. North Wilkesboro number 3 will contain all of North Wilkesboro township which is not included in number 1 and number 2 and the voting place will be at or near J. W. Jones' store on highway 13 north of North Wilkesboro. The board of elections also ordered a new registration in all three North Wilkesboro precincts. The registration books will be open on April 29 and for three consecutive Saturdays. In another order the newly organized board set the polling places for Somers township near Wash Lunford's old home place. The board of elections is now composed of C. J. Jones, chairman; Kyle Hayes, Republican member, is secretary; and Robert M. Gambill is the third member.

### Police Department Asking Chickens Be Confined In City

Police Chief J. E. Walker warned that chickens kept in North Wilkesboro must be confined. Complaints that neighbors chickens are playing havoc with newly planted gardens is a sure sign that spring is just around the corner and the police department has received such complaints this week. Chicken owners will save themselves much grief by keeping their chickens off neighbors' gardens, Chief Walker said.

### Wilkesboro Club Hears L. L. Ray On Tuesday Evening

Wilkesboro Business and Professional Men's club held a very interesting meeting Tuesday evening at the Wilkesboro community house. Robert M. Gambill, president, presided over the meeting, which was attended by a large number of members. Tom Jenrette, manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, discussed the application of Central Telephone company for increase in telephone rates. Various members of the club joined in this discussion and the matter was referred to the civic committee of the club with request for further study and information.

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### Revival Planned At Mountain View

Revival services will begin Sunday night, May 14, at Mountain View Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. Glenn Huffman, has announced that Rev. James M. Hayes, pastor of Ardmore Baptist church in Winston-Salem, will do the preaching in the services to be held each evening at 7:30. A sunrise service will be held at Mountain View Baptist church Easter Sunday morning.

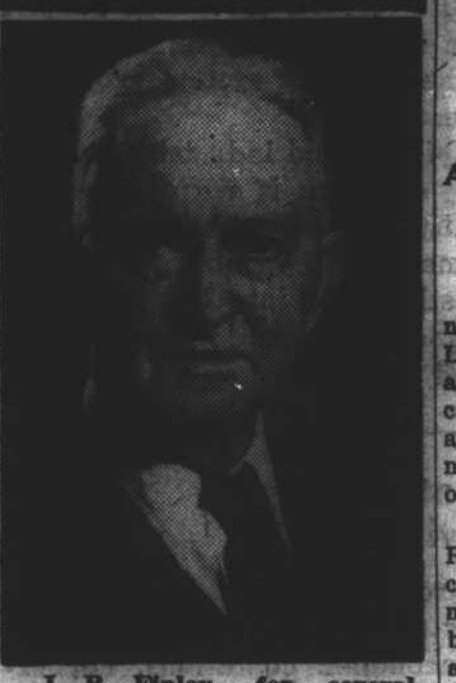
### Chicken House Burns

A large, three-story chicken house on the farm of Odell Whittington in the Reddies River community was totally destroyed by fire last week. The large building contained no chickens but was being made ready to house chickens within the next few days.

### Coroner Myers Files For Office

Iredell M. Myers, who is completing his 16th year as coroner of Wilkes county, is a candidate for re-election. Mr. Myers has filed his notice of candidacy and filing fee with the Wilkes county board of elections as candidate for the Republican nomination for coroner in the primary to be held on May 17th. During his long career as coroner, Mr. Myers has served in many cases and has gained much experience in the office.

### Leader Passes



J. R. Finley, for several decades an outstanding industrialist, church and civic leader, died at his home here Friday morning. Mr. Finley was North Wilkesboro's first merchant and first postmaster. He was secretary-treasurer of Forest Furniture company since that industry was organized and was past president of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association. He was also a past president of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club and was one of the leaders in the good roads movement in northwestern North Carolina.

### Wilkes Election Board Organizes

#### Jones Chairman, Hayes Secretary; Filing Time Closes April 15

Wilkes county board of elections met Saturday morning at the office of Wilkes clerk of court C. C. Hayes and organized. C. J. Jones was named chairman; Kyle Hayes, the Republican member, was named secretary and Robert Gambill is the third member. The Wilkes election board members were recently appointed by the state board of elections. C. J. Jones, chairman, is the incumbent member of the board, he has been chairman for several years. Chairman Jones said the filing time for county and township candidates will end at six p. m. on Saturday, April 15.

### Albert Garwood President Of The Optimist Club Here

#### Revival Planned At Luncheon Meeting Held Tuesday Noon

Albert Garwood, prominent young business man of the city, was elected president of the Optimist Club of North Wilkesboro for the coming year at the club's luncheon meeting held Tuesday noon at Hotel Wilkes. Other officers elected to serve the club during 1950-51 were as follows: Vice president, D. T. Trivette; A. L. Fincannon, secretary-treasurer; J. D. Hall, sergeant-at-arms, Mr. John T. Wayland, chaplain. No regular program had been planned for the meeting of the club Tuesday and the program period was utilized as a business session. The club heard reports from Optimist M. E. Walsh, who was general chairman of the county basketball tournament sponsored recently by the club, and also the financial report of Optimist Russell Pearson, treasurer of the tournament funds. Optimist Pearson reported the project a financial success, with the club and eight high schools participating in net profits. Optimist Tom Jenrette reported on the movement to create a recreational program for the Wilkesboros with all civic groups having membership on the committee. The request for increased telephone rates was also discussed by club members. Optimist Strader had as his guest his son, Jack, and Rev. Dean Minton, student at Wake Forest College, was guest of the club. The next meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday, April 11th.

### M. Sgt. Gwyn Long Bails Out From Burning Plane

#### American Ambassador Killed When Plane Explodes Near Ottawa Tuesday

Surviving air crashes is nothing new to Master Sergeant Gwyn A. Long, who on Tuesday walked away from a crashed plane which carried Ambassador Steinhardt and four others to sudden death near Ottawa, Canada. (See story on page 2, section 1.) The tall sergeant from the Blue Ridge mountains of the Vannoy community of Wilkes county 20 miles northwest of North Wilkesboro, survived the crash of any army plane in England during World War II, his brother said after hearing of the Ottawa crash. Born and reared high on the eastern slopes of the Blue Ridge, Sgt. Long was fatherless after the age of five. His mother died five years ago while he was away in air force combat duty in Europe. His army career started when he enlisted in the late thirties before the war broke out. He advanced rapidly in the air force and during the war did much flying as a flight mechanic in Europe. A brother, Herman Long, lives near the old Long homestead in the Wilkes mountains and it was with him that he made his home before enlisting. His visits back to his old home have been few and far between in recent years. Herman said that he had never learned the exact details of his brother's first escape from a plane disaster but Gwyn had told him that the plane crashed and he got out without being hurt much. Two brothers and sister, Bronard and Robert Long and Mrs. Bryce Higgins, reside in North Wilkesboro. When told by a Journal-Patriot staff writer that his brother escaped serious injury in the Canadian crash Herman Long said he was very thankful that his brother was alive and had escaped serious injury. Sgt. Long told newspapermen in Canada that the plane caught fire soon after a take off. On orders from the pilot he asked others aboard to put on parachutes and bail out but they chose to stay in the plane and he was unable to get them out. Sgt. Long jumped at an altitude of about 700 feet and landed in a snowdrift with only a minor injury to one leg.

### Red Cross Campaign Extended

#### Only \$4,434 Given To Date; Drive Continued Through Next Week

Red Cross fund campaign in Wilkes county has been extended beyond April 1 into next week. W. G. Gabriel, campaign chairman, announced today. Contributions to date total \$4,434.59, which is far short of the goal of \$7,900. The campaign is being extended because many workers for various reasons have been unable to cover their territories and because the remainder of the quota is badly needed to carry on Red Cross work for the coming year here in Wilkes county. Unless much work is done the services of the chapter will have to be drastically curtailed. Each day the Red Cross office has many calls from families of service men, from veterans and their families and from many others who need the services of the chapter here at home. Workers are urged to complete their tasks as early as possible but to make every effort to contact all the people in their communities with the appeal for funds to carry on Red Cross work. The chapter here today received a check of \$235.56, representing contributions by Wilkes county residents employed at Chatham manufacturing company in Elkin.

### R. W. Edwards Is Candidate For Office Of Sheriff

#### Chief Deputy Of Sheriff Poindexter Announces For Nomination

R. W. (Bob) Edwards, Wilkes deputy sheriff over a period of eight years and chief deputy since 1945, today announced that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for sheriff of Wilkes county. Mr. Edwards, throughout his life active in the Republican party in Wilkes, was born and reared in Edwards township, a son of the late Rev. W. S. Edwards, Baptist minister and teacher, and Mrs. Sarah Stone Edwards. After attending Ronda high school Mr. Edwards was associated with his brother, Banner Edwards, for several years "in the operation of Edwards Manufacturing company at Ronda. When Sheriff C. G. Poindexter took office Mr. Edwards was appointed a deputy and served until he entered the navy during World War II. In the navy he was in the Pacific theatre and was in the naval battles of Luzon, Leyte Gulf and China Sea. Returning from service four years ago, Mr. Edwards was made chief deputy sheriff of Wilkes, which position he now holds and in which he has gained much experience in law enforcement work. Announcement of Mr. Edwards brings to two the number of Republican candidates for sheriff. Claude Billings, Jr., announced his candidacy several days ago and filed with the county board of elections. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McNeil and son, Hayes, went to Wake Forest for the week-end to visit with relatives of Mrs. McNeil.