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Clean-Up Event To Open With Parade

Many Units Will Depict Clean-Up In Both Towns

Prominent Citizens To Lead Clean-Up Movement By Actual Work

Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up event will open in the Wilkesboros Monday afternoon, April 24, with a parade and will continue through May 6. Sponsoring the event will be the Civic Activities committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Woman's clubs of the Wilkesboros and the Garden club.

The parade, which will endeavor to carry the clean-up message to the people, will form in Wilkesboro on Main street opposite the Baptist church at one o'clock and will begin march at 1:30.

In the parade will be police escort and patrol, officials cars displaying posters made in the schools and carrying leaders of the campaign, all dressed for spring cleaning. Town officials and school leaders will also be in the parade.

The next three units will be trucks, the first depicting the clean-up phase, the second paint-up and the third fix-up. These trucks will carry workmen, tools and materials for their respective trades.

In Wilkesboro, school students will march in the parade to Midway and return to school. The students will be in groups with garden and yard tools, wheelbarrows, wagons, brooms and mops.

The parade will continue from Midway by way of Memorial Park to Fifth and B, where it will be joined by the North Wilkesboro high school band and North Wilkesboro students. Resuming there at 2:15; the parade will go over B to Tenth, over Tenth to D and over D to the North Wilkesboro school.

Following the parade will be a show that should entertain everybody. In Wilkesboro Mayor W. E. Smithey will head a group of prominent citizens who will do a demonstration clean-up job at some public place, probably the courthouse square.

In North Wilkesboro Jack Swofford, member of the town council, will head a group of prominent citizens, dressed in work clothing, who will actually work on a block of B and a block of Tenth street. To make the project more realistic, a group of ladies dressed in their Sunday best will act as supervisors to see that the men do a good job.

The results of the survey of clean-up improvements needed in both towns has been compiled and teams have been named to contact owners of property and respectfully solicit their cooperation in bringing about the desired improvements.

Annual Banquet Of Junior Order Will Be Held Tuesday At Lodge Hall Over Reins-Sturdivant

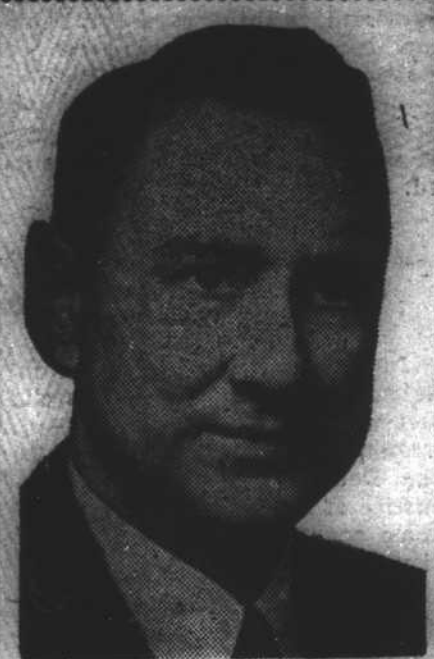
Annual banquet of the North Wilkesboro Junior Order council, which is always an enjoyable event, will be held Tuesday night, April 25, 7:30 p. m., in the lodge hall in the Reins-Sturdivant building.

The plate will consist of choice fried chicken with plenty of vegetables, salad and dessert. Fair-plains Home Demonstration club will prepare the dinner.

The entertainment committee has a very interesting program for the occasion. Juniors, their wives and invited guests will enjoy the occasion.

Square Dance At Ferguson School. All are invited to a square dance to be held Saturday night, eight o'clock, at Ferguson school. The event will be sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association and music will be provided by Bruce Walsh and his band. Door prizes will be given and a quilt provided by Mrs. Gene Walsh will be given away.

Candidate To Speak



Willis Smith, of Raleigh, candidate for the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate, will speak Friday night, 7:30, at the Wilkes courthouse.

Willis Smith To Speak On Friday Night In Wilkes

Large Crowd Expected To Hear Candidate For United States Senate

Willis Smith, prominent Raleigh attorney who is waging a most intensive campaign for the Democratic nomination for the U. S. senate seat now held by Senator Frank Graham, will address voters of Wilkes county and northwestern North Carolina Friday night, April 21, 7:30 o'clock at the Wilkes county courthouse.

Those in charge of Candidate Smith's campaign in Wilkes said here today that Smith has a large following in Wilkes and that a large crowd is expected to hear him in his first political speaking engagement in this immediate section. They cordially invite all to hear Smith discuss issues of the current campaign, which promises to be one of the most interesting in many years.

Cancer Center Has Eleven Patients

On Tuesday, April 18th the Wilkes-Alleghany County Cancer Center held its weekly clinic. 11 appeared for examination.

Mrs. Silas Poplin served as chairman of receptionists, and assisting her were Mrs. W. F. Tharpe, Mrs. Avery Whittington, Mrs. Clyde Walker, and Mrs. Grady Dimmette.

Those who presided in the examining rooms were Mrs. F. C. Anthony, Mrs. Irvin Key, and Mrs. Wesley Poplin.

Eleven examinations were completed, and 8 patients were referred to their personal physicians for medical attention.

The Center is staffed by members of the Wilkes-Alleghany County Medical Society. 3 priorities were given to those who arrived too late for examination.

Examinations are free to all women 35 or over, all men 40 or over, and to anyone with symptom or a "danger signal," regardless of age.

The Clinics are held every Tuesday in the Wilkes County Court House. Registration is from 9:00 to 10:00 a. m.

Frequently there are more applicants for examination than can be accommodated. Therefore, in order that those who live at a distance may be sure of an examination and thus not make a trip in vain; priorities will be sent, on request, to all who live twenty miles or more from Wilkesboro.

Flashers Lose 6-5 To Shelby Farmers

North Wilkesboro Flashers last night played a good game at Shelby but were beaten in the ninth. With a one-run lead, Shelby loaded the bases on walks and a single scored the winning run. A number of new players added fielding and batting strength to the North Wilkesboro lineup. Score: 6-5.

By sending in your membership dues to the Community Concert Association now you will be doing a favor for yourself, and some voluntary worker.

DOUGHTON PROPERTY RECOMMENDED FOR SITE OF PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

CLEAN-UP, PAINT-UP, FIX-UP EVENT IS PROCLAIMED HERE

Whereas, the general health and welfare of our citizens depend upon wholesome surroundings arising from good, clean living conditions, and

Whereas, the lives and property of our people are endangered by fire caused by the cluttered conditions in homes, factories, alleys and streets, and

Whereas, unity of effort is required for the future development of our community.

Therefore, we, R. T. McNeil, mayor of North Wilkesboro, and W. E. Smithey, mayor of Wilkesboro, do hereby designate April 24 as official opening day of the CLEAN-UP, PAINT-UP, FIX-UP campaign, sponsored by the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Woman's Clubs and the Garden club, and call upon all departments of the two towns, its commercial organizations, civic clubs, schools, churches and all other associations, and our people in general, to take an active part in this constructive program for community improvement.

This the 20th of April, 1950. R. T. MCNEIL, Mayor of North Wilkesboro. W. E. SMITHEY, Mayor of Wilkesboro.

WILKES DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT MEETINGS TO BE ON APRIL 29

Ned Nichols Hurt In Motorcycle Crash, Wife In Car Smashup

Ned Nichols, resident of the Millers Creek Community, was seriously injured one day last week when his motorcycle wrecked on highway 18 near Horsehoe Bend on the Blue Ridge. His wife, who was riding with him, escaped serious injury.

Mr. Nichols for days was unconscious in the hospital here and Mrs. Nichols on one occasion received word that his condition had become worse. While rushing to her husband at the hospital the pickup in which she was riding wrecked but she again escaped serious injury.

Mr. Nichols, who sustained severe skull fractures, is now improving.

Rural Telephone Survey Planned In This County

Gwyn Price, chairman of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority, met with leaders from the Wilkes Pomona Grange, Wilkes Farm Bureau and Wilkes Home Demonstration Clubs at the courthouse in Wilkesboro, April 12. Mr. Price gave the group information on how to conduct a survey of the rural telephone needs in Wilkes county.

I. L. Grogan, local manager of the Central Telephone Company and J. C. Pardue, representing the district office of the Central Telephone company, were present. Mr. Pardue stated the willingness and desire of the telephone company in helping the people obtain adequate telephone service and asked for their help and cooperation in conducting the survey.

Homer Brookshire of the N. C. Utilities Commission, expressed the cooperation of the commission in aiding the people in obtaining a complete survey of telephone needs. Paul Choplin, county farm agent, acted as chairman and other extension agents present were: Annie H. Geene, Miss Ruth Thompson, H. C. Colvard and Carl E. Vandeman.

The committee representing the various farm organizations will have another meeting in the near future to complete plans for conducting the survey.

Stone Mountain Singing April 30

Stone Mountain Singing Association will convene on the fifth Sunday, April 30, one p. m., at Bethany Baptist church.

All singers are invited to attend and take part.

Residence Here Is Destroyed By Fire

A five room residence near Trogdon street was completely destroyed by fire just after midnight this morning.

The building was the property of Miss Ina Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Old Hawkins occupied the house but were away from home last night. All their furnishings, on which they had little insurance, were destroyed. Loss of the house was partially covered by insurance.

When discovered the fire, origin of which was unknown, was burning rapidly.

Highway No. 421 Association In Meeting At Boone

Goforth Points To Need Of By-Pass At North Wilkesboro On 421

Boone, April 17—Assurances of full co-operation and help in improving and beautifying Highway 421 from the Atlantic Coast to the Great Lakes was the keynote of the meeting held today in Boone by a group of representatives from North Carolina and Tennessee.

Approximately 65 persons from Mountain City, Tenn., and Sanford, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, North Wilkesboro, Liberty, Carolina Beach, Boone, Wilmington and Ft. Fisher were present.

S. C. Eggers, Boone, executive vice-president of the 421 Highway Association, presided at the meeting.

Mark Goforth, North Carolina highway commissioner, spoke briefly of the need for improving Highway 421, stating that it needed straightening, widening and improvement of several bridges and a by-pass at North Wilkesboro. He said that at the present time the highway is constructed to carry only half of the traffic load it is carrying.

Abshers Purchase Interests Sentinel Insurance Agency

W. F. Absher and son, W. F. Absher, Jr., have purchased interests in Sentinel Insurance agency, which will continue to be operated under the same name at the present location.

Mr. Absher and son are moving their real estate business into the Sentinel Insurance agency office and W. F. Absher, Jr., will be in charge of the real estate operations.

Shoun Kerbaugh will continue to be manager of Sentinel Insurance agency in charge of insurance.

J. B. Sheets, 84, Taken By Death

Jesse B. Sheets, 84, former Wilkes deputy sheriff and jailor and for many years a prominent citizen of Union township, died early Wednesday in Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem. He had been in declining health for several months but seriously ill for only a short time.

Born November 20, 1865, Mr. Sheets was a son of the late Alfred and Mary Osborne Sheets, of Ashe county, although he spent the greater part of his life in Wilkes. For several years he was a Wilkes deputy sheriff, retiring from that position about 15 years ago.

Surviving Mr. Sheets are two sons, Elijah and Fred Sheets, of Yonny; six daughters, Mrs. Taft Osborne of Everett, Washington, Mrs. Lee Pendry, of Republic, Washington, Mrs. Bill Beahars of Yonny, Mrs. Charles Woodie of Nathan's Creek, Mrs. James Wyatt of Wagoner, Mrs. Newland Miller of Cricket.

Funeral service will be held Friday, 11 a. m., at Blue Ridge Brethren church with Rev. John W. Luke and Rev. Kermit Farrington in charge.

State Committee Makes Report To School Boards

Proposal To Be Subject Discussion At P-T. A. Meeting Tonight

Survey committee appointed by the State Board of education to make a study of the proposed consolidation of Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro high schools has recommended consolidation, it was learned here today following a meeting of Wilkes county and North Wilkesboro boards of education, Monday night, at which the report of the state panel was received.

The survey committee, which was composed of educational authorities from outside this part of the state, recommended that the central consolidated school be located on the Doughton property, which lies in the eastern part of Wilkesboro just across the Yadkin from North Wilkesboro.

The report also recommended that the school be operated as a special charter unit. The recommendation for a beginning was that the Doughton property, which consists of 14 acres and is the present site of the C. T. Doughton home, be purchased and annexed into the North Wilkesboro city charter district, and that any adjacent areas may be included in the district by vote of the people to be included in the entire district.

To Discuss Report. Report of the state survey committee will be presented in meeting of the North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher association to be held tonight, 7:30 in the school auditorium.

At this meeting, which all school patrons are urged to attend, citizens will be given opportunity to express their views on the proposal, and effort will be made to determine sentiment of the people relative to the state committee's recommendation.

1st Baptist Youth Week Opens 23rd

The members of the First Baptist Church will observe Youth Week again this year, with younger members holding positions of church leadership. On this Sunday morning, April 23, the key to the church will be presented by Dr. John T. Wayland, pastor, and Mr. W. O. Absher, Chairman, Board of Deacons, to Mr. Bob Foster, Youth Week Pastor, and Mr. J. E. Spicer, Youth Week Chairman, Board of Deacons. At the evening service Miss Hilda Hendren, Youth Week Training Union Director, and Mrs. Howard Clark, Training Union Director, will be in charge, carrying out the theme "Youth for Christ."

On Monday evening at 7:30 the Youth Week Board of Deacons will meet at the church, after which there will be a meeting of the Building Committee, Mr. Tommy Caudill, Chairman. There will also be a planning meeting of the Training Union.

Tuesday evening at 7:00 the Youth Week Officers, including Pastor, Deacons, and all members of Committees, and Young People will meet at the church to visit shut-ins, prospects, and evangelistic opportunities. At 8:00 all Young People are invited to a social which is being planned by the social committee, Miss Harriet Crutchfield, Chairman.

Wednesday evening at the 7:30 prayer service Mr. Bob Foster will bring the message, assisted during the service by Miss Irene Richardson, Youth Week Educational Director.

Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning the members of the Baptist Training Union will be attending their Regional Convention at the First Baptist Church in Elkin.

Sunday morning Mr. C. A. Shaw will serve as Sunday School Superintendent. Mr. Bob Foster will be in charge of the morning worship and Mr. J. Floyd Woodward will bring the message "The Challenge of the Christ." The key to the church will be returned to the pastor and Chairman of the Board of Deacons at the conclusion of the service.

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