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## FIRST FOOTBALL TEAM IN THE WILKESBOROS



Here is a picture made some time prior to 1920 of the first football team which played for local high schools. This North Wilkesboro team was a combination, with a number of players from Wilkesboro, and made a good record against some of the better teams in this part of North Carolina and southwest Virginia. Following are the names of the players pictured above, but no one who saw the picture this week could be certain of the identification of every player pictured: James Hix, Jr., now deceased, in center of back row; Coach Luke Stacy, third from left on back row, brother of Supreme Court Justice Stacy; Prof. Ralph Weaver, Wilkesboro principal, at right on back row; Albert Vannoy, on crutches, second from right on back row; Walter Myers, in white jersey, front row; Dr. J. S. Deans, center front row; others were Frank Hendren, Paul Swanson, Jim Deal, Jeter Blackburn, Tom Church, Bill Rhodes, Wm. A. Brame, Jim Hauser, Phipps Leckie, Floyd Taylor and Clate Meadows.

## Committee Set Up For Lighting Fund Two Towns

Holiday Lighting for Streets Will Be Greatly Extended This Season

Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in meeting this week worked out detailed plans for extension of holiday street lighting in North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro.

Last year 36 streamers and ten stars were used. This year there will be 63 streamers and 25 stars. Much of the wire used last year must be replaced.

The 1947 fund was \$2,000, which paid for lighting, Farmer's Day and other incidentals. This year the fund will be \$3,000, which provides for extension of the lighting and for purchase of wire to be replaced.

The committee plans to make the holiday lighting outstanding in Northwestern North Carolina. It was pointed out in the meeting that the materials to be purchased this year will reduce the cost about 50 per cent for the next several years.

In order to raise the merchants' fund, the committee designated the following solicitors: A. Street, Arthur Venable and Ray Shomaker; Cherry street, Paul Osborne; Main street, south, 6th to 5th, Harold Blankenship and Richard Cranor; B street, 6th to 5th, north, and 6th from Main street north, S. B. Moore, Harold Bumgarner and Gilreath's Shoe Shop; Main street 9th to Texaco station, north, Roy Forehand and Hyde Waller; Main street, 9th to Texaco station, south, Hubert Canter and Bob Kite; Main street, 9th to 10th, north, Ira Payne and Carl Steele; Main street, 9th to 10th, south, L. S. Spainhour and R. E. Gibbs; C street, 9th to 10th, Thurman Kenerly and Gilbert Bare; D street, Gaddy Motor Co. to 9th, O. K. Pope; 9th street, west, Charlie Day and H. T. Burke; 9th street, east, J. C. Allen and Blair Gwyn; 10th street, west, Walter Day and Clyde Pearson; 10th street, east, E. T. Hackney and Robert Morrow; Forester Avenue, Oliver Absher and James Lowe; Wilkes Hosiery Mills Co., P. W. Eshelman; Meadows Mill Co., R. G. Finley.

## Wilkes County Farm Bureau Is To Have Meeting

It was announced today by James M. Pardue, president of the Wilkes County Farm Bureau, that a meeting will be held Friday night, October 24, at the Ronda High School Building from 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. All members are requested to attend in order that new officers may be elected and all farmers are invited to attend as the meeting is open.

The speaker of the evening will be Flake Shaw, of Greensboro, a farmer most everybody knows.

## Support Y. M. C. A.

## Miss Templeton In New Position After 12 Years In Office Of Register Deeds

Miss Audrey Templeton, for more than 12 years employed in the office of Register of Deeds of Wilkes county, resigned there to accept a position in the office of Dr. J. S. Deans, Miss Templeton assumed her new position Monday.

Miss Templeton served as the very capable assistant to four who held the office of Register of Deeds. They were the late O. F. Eller, Old Wiles, C. C. Sidden and Troy C. Foster, present register of deeds. In that capacity Miss Templeton served the public well and made numerous friends throughout this part of the state.

## Musical Program First Methodist

Under direction of Jay J. Anderson, organist and choir director, the junior and senior choirs of the First Methodist church in this city will present a musical program at the church Sunday, October 26, five p. m. the program will be broadcast over radio station WILX.

Following is the complete program:

Prelude: Prelude and Fuge in B-minor, Bach; Call to Worship, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence," Old French Carol; Processional, "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (No. 128), Teschner, Choirs and Congregation; Invocation, Dr. Gilbert R. Combs; Anthems—"Still, Still With Thee," Speaks, Agnes Kenerly, Robert Morrow, soloists; "Souls of the Righteous," Noble; "Fear Not, O Israel," Spicker, Margaret Anderson, Richard Johnston, Robert Morrow, Dewey Minton, soloists, Senior Choir; "Jesus, Tender Saviour," Peery, Junior Choir; Scripture Reading; Hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King" (No. 2), Gardini, Choirs and Congregation; Offertory; Offertory Response. "We Give Thee But Thine Own, What'er the Gift May Be; All that We Have is Thine Alone, A Trust, O Lord, From Thee"; Anthems—"Fierce Was the Wild Billow," Noble, Senior Choir; "Prayer," Humperdinck, Junior Choir; "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," Geistliche Kirchengesang, Junior and Senior Choirs; "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," O'Hara; "Hark, Hark, My Soul," Shelley; Senior Choir, Mrs. C. T. Doughton, Jo Lassiter, soloists; Benediction; Response, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," Lutkin; Postlude, "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor," Bach.

## Wake Forest Alumni Dinner Be Tuesday

Judge Johnson J. Hayes will be host to alumni of Wake Forest college at a dinner meeting to be held Tuesday evening, seven o'clock, at John Brown's White Pine Farm.

Future development of Wake Forest College at Winston-Salem will be explained and a field director from the college will be at the meeting. All Wake Forest Alumni have a cordial invitation to attend.

## Dickson Heads Wilkes County Unit N. C. E. A.

Wilkes Teachers Hold Successful Meeting In Wilkesboro Saturday

Zeb Dickson, member of the Wilkesboro high school faculty, was elected president of the Wilkes county unit of the North Carolina Education Association at the first meeting of teachers of the Wilkes county school system held Saturday in Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Mable Smithey, of the Mountain View faculty, was elected vice president and Miss Lucille Seroggs, of the Wilkesboro faculty, was named secretary.

The program for the meeting, which was attended by most of the 259 teachers in the county system, was on the topic of "Public School Music" and was led by Miss Virginia Wary, head of the music department of Appalachian Teachers College, Boone. Miss Wary was assisted by another member of the college faculty, who gave a demonstration in teaching public school music.

## Blood Bank Needs To Be Made Large

By LUCY L. FINLEY (Chairman of Committee from D. A. R.)

Many of us can not repay our Wilkes Hospital and its fine staff of doctors and nurses for the things done for us there, that are never put on our bills. All of us would like to. Some of us can—here's how. The hospital "Blood Bank" has become very much depleted because the use of Plasma in modern medicine is a must, and at least 75 per cent of the plasma used in our hospital goes to charity patients who can not afford to buy it. During times of war, flood, or other great disasters we offer our blood for the relief of the stricken, but in normal times we too often put it off, or forget it altogether. Can we afford to be less of a patriot in times of peace, than we were in war times, when our own hospital, our own citizens need just what we can give them? The Rendezvous Mountain Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution urges all of you who can, and will, to make an appointment with Miss Stevenson at the Wilkes Hospital, to give some of your blood to increase the small supply they now have. It is not necessary to be typed, and your contribution may save a life.

## LAUREL SPRINGS YOUTH KILLED IN WAR RITES TODAY

Military funeral service was held today at Laurel Fork Presbyterian church at Laurel Springs for Opl. Johnny Rex Cox, who was killed July 16, 1945, while in service in the marine corps in the Pacific.

Opl. Cox was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Cox, of Laurel Springs. He is survived by his parents, four brothers and two sisters.

## John E. Parsons Killed When Hit By Car Tuesday

Stepped Into Moving Car On Highway 16 Near Wilbar; Unavoidable

John E. Parsons, 58-year-old resident of the Wilbar community, died at the Wilkes hospital Wednesday morning from injuries received when he stepped into the side of a moving automobile on highway 16 near his home Tuesday evening.

Coroner I. M. Myers investigated the accident and termed the death accidental. No charges were preferred against Odell Dollar, of Smethport, Ashe county, who was driving the car. Coroner Myers said that Parsons alighted from a bus and stepped into the highway into the side of Dollar's car. The car driver tried to dodge the man but he was hit by the side of the car.

Funeral service was held today, 11 a. m., at White Oak church with Rev. Allen Staley in charge of the service.

Mr. Parsons was a son of the late Alexander and Elizabeth Holloway Parsons. He was not married and the only surviving member of his family is one brother, Cleve Parsons, of Sparta.

## Hospital Births

The following births were reported at the Wilkes hospital during the week: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Auburn A. Parsons, of Millers Creek, a daughter, Christine Yvonne, October 18; Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo W. Davis, of Pores Knob, daughter, October 18; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ford Call, of Wilkesboro route 2, daughter, Brenda Carol, October 18; Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Wood, of North Wilkesboro route one, daughter, Dianne Lynette, October 18; Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Stamper, of Reddies River, son, John Curtis, October 18; Mr. and Mrs. Tam Winger, of North Wilkesboro route one, a son, Jerry Thomas, October 19; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hoover White, of North Wilkesboro, daughter, October 20; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Ray Handy, of Hays, son; October 21; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Benge, of Wilkesboro route two, son, Robert Lee, October 21; Mr. and Mrs. William Leonard Walsh, of Boomer, daughter, October 22; Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Golden, of Millers Creek, son, Bill Monroe, October 23.

## Two Badly Hurt In Crash May Recover

Roy Mathis, of Roaring River, and Fred Johnson, of Hamptonville, who were badly injured when Johnson's car ran off highway 421 and struck a tree ten miles east of here Tuesday of last week, are improving at the Wilkes hospital and may recover.

## Benefit Card Party At Moravian Falls

A benefit card party will be held at Moravian Falls Community House Saturday night, October 25, 7:30, for the benefit of the Community House improvement fund. Prizes will be donated in bridge, rook and set-back. Everybody is invited.

## VACCINATION FOR DIPHTHERIA IS REQUIRED OF CHILDREN IN STATE

By DR. A. J. ELLER (Wilkes Health Officer)

To our friends, the general public, The Wilkes County Health Department and Board of Health desires to state that: Despite the existence of a law which, if it had been adequately enforced had observed since its passage in 1939, could have eradicated diphtheria in North Carolina by this time; and despite repeated warnings by public health officials, both State and local, a situation exists at the present time which is anything but encouraging. We have a case of diphtheria in the county at this time.

The situation in North Carolina now has become so acute, that the state epidemiologist has launched a series of intensive appeals to parents to have their young children immunized without delay, in cases where they have not been immunized, and booster shots in cases where children were first immunized as far back as two years ago. In many counties, local health officers have set up the machinery for intensive immunization programs, but unless there is cooperation on the part of parents and—guardians, these appeals and these immunization programs will not accomplish the desired results. Hence we earnestly beg you to cooperate with us. By doing so we can drive this horrible crippler and killer of children from our good and beautiful county.

The law passed in 1939 states that any parent who fails to have his child immunized against diphtheria between the ages of 6 and 12 months has committed a misdemeanor and is liable of punishment of \$50 fine or 30 days in jail. We know that the vaccination against diphtheria will prevent the disease—now if the parent or guardian of any child fails to have his child vaccinated or immunized and that child should contract diphtheria someone is responsible for such sickness and violation of the State Law.

## FOOTBALL!

Wilkesboro Ramblers versus Mills Home—Memorial Park tonight, eight o'clock; broadcast over station WILX, beginning 7:55.

North Wilkesboro Mountain Lions versus Elkin Elks—at Elkin Friday night, eight o'clock; broadcast over station WILX, beginning 7:55.

## Directors Wilkes Chamber Body Plan Progress

Good Reports From Committees Discussed by Directors On Tuesday

Directors of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in October meeting with Tom Jenrette, secretary-manager, planned a number of progressive activities.

The directors voted to sponsor projects as recommended by the Agricultural committee on forestry development, including forestry field day, tree planting, timber thinning contest and field day for sawmill operators.

The Civic Affairs and Recreation committee made an excellent report relative to the development of Memorial Park for athletic purposes.

The Fire Prevention report was given by Mr. Jenrette. The report showed that the chamber had been very active during Fire Prevention Week.

It was recommended that a committee be named to work with President J. B. Williams on efforts to have the highway from Hays to Traphill improved and paved.

The Trade Promotion committee report disclosed plans for the holiday season, including extended area of Christmas lighting for the streets.

The chamber purchased an airport directory for the benefit of those who travel by air. This directory lists all airports, airline distances, weather bureau statistics and gives location of CAA districts and offices. All are welcome to refer to the directory, which will be kept at the chamber office on Ninth street. The directors also agreed that the chamber would furnish local news items for the "Air Age News."

## 'Teen Age Music Club Is Organized

The Teen-age Music Club met and organized Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the home of Dot Shell on C Street. Present at the meeting were thirty-five teen-age boys and girls. Officers were elected as follows: Dot Shell, president; Paul McGinnis, vice president; Mary Anne Casey, secretary-treasurer; program chairman is Agnes Kenerly; and the program committee is made up of Corinna Finley, Margaret Anderson, Francis Harris and Deanie Gaddy. Plans were made to hold meetings every other Monday night, and programs will be on all types of music from Boogie to Bach.

## Valuable Property At Auction Oct. 25

One hundred homesites near Mulberry school and Baptist Home church north of this city will be sold at auction Saturday, October 25, 1:30 p. m., by Williams-Clark Land Auction company. This property, well located, is a part of the C. M. Elledge farm and is currently owned by M. C. Woodie. P. E. Dancy is selling agent for the sale and he or Mr. Woodie will gladly give any information desired.

This sale represents a splendid opportunity to purchase excellent home sites at the purchaser's own price. Free prizes, including a \$50 bill, will be given away at the sale.

## Revival Services At Gospel Tabernacle

Revival services are in progress at the gospel tabernacle near Coble's Dairy on highway 248 in Wilkesboro. Services are held each evening, 7:15, with Evangelist Rufus Mitchell, of Anderson, S. C., in charge. Everybody is invited to attend.

## Body Returned



PFC. HUGH M. GAMBILL

## Pfc. Gambill Is First Of War Dead To Arrive

Funeral Service Will Be Held At Mt. Pisgah Church at Dockery

Remains of Pfc. Hugh M. Gambill, first of Wilkes war dead to arrive home, will be interred at Mount Pisgah church cemetery at Dockery Sunday afternoon following a funeral service to be held at the church at two p. m.

Pfc. Gambill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Gambill, of Dockery, was one among the first who left from Wilkes to fight in World War II. He was assigned to the army infantry and was fatally wounded on February 3, 1944, at Kwajalein, Marshall Islands. Two days later he died.

The members of Pfc. Gambill's immediate family are his father and mother and the following brothers and sisters: Cleve Gambill, Traphill; W. S., Earl J., Ruffin D., Herbert and Squire N. Gambill, all of Dockery; Mrs. R. L. Garwood, Winston-Salem; Mary Nell, Martha Sue, Betty Lou and Doris Gambill, all of Dockery.

Rev. Watt M. Cooper, First Presbyterian pastor here who served during the war as a naval chaplain in the Pacific, will conduct the funeral rites. A military detachment will carry out military rites at the cemetery.

## Girl Scout Week Observance Will Begin October 26

All Girl Scouts Asked to Attend Wilkesboro Methodist Service

Girl Scout Week begins Sunday, October 26th, with church service at the Wilkesboro Methodist church.

All scouts are asked to be at the church in uniform at 10:45. Scout week is in observance of the birthday on October 31st, of the organization's founder, Juliette Low. All the Girl Scouts are requested to wear as much as possible their scout uniforms during the week and in other ways show their awareness of what their organization stands for.

## Harvest Festival Wilkesboro High

Sophomore Class Plans Big Hallow'en Party on Friday Night, Oct. 31

Sophomore class of Wilkesboro high school will sponsor a harvest festival at the school on Friday night, October 31, 6:30 to 11 p. m., with all proceeds going to the gymnasium fund.

A good time for everybody attending is assured with the list of events as follows: men's beauty pageant, ugly man contest, cake walks, dancing, auction sale, house of horrors, fortune telling, games, Hallow'en specialties, costume parade, and refreshments.

Crowning of the king and queen of the harvest festival will be a climaxing event.

## Scout Fund Drive Is Well Under Way In County

\$4,000 Budget To Finance Boy and Girl Scout Programs To Be Raised

Campaign to raise \$4,000 in Wilkes county to finance the Boy and Girl Scout programs during the coming year is now well under way.

Boy Scout budget for the Old Hickory council composed of several districts total \$30,500, of which the Forsyth district will raise \$20,000. The remainder is apportioned among the districts as follows: Surry, \$3,000; Elkin, \$2,500; Wilkes, \$2,000; Watauga, \$1,000; Ashe, \$1,000; Stokes, \$1,000.

The Wilkes district receives the services of the paid field worker ten full days each month, the time being devoted to developing and promoting Scouting in Wilkes county.

The Girl Scout organization has a definite program of expansion of troops and activities during the coming year and will use their \$2,000 of the \$4,000 fund in Wilkes most advantageously. It is expected that the campaign will receive splendid response and that the quota will be ready in a short time. Various workers have been assigned different territories for the solicitation campaign.

Solicitors are urged to complete their task as early as possible and to make their reports to R. E. Gibbs, chairman of the campaign.

## Marriage License

License to wed were issued since the last published report by Troy C. Foster, Wilkes register of deeds, to the following: Roy C. Taylor and Louise L. Payne, both of West Jefferson; J. T. Mathis and Louise Love, both of Roaring River; Harold Snow, Thurmond, and Josephine Thompson, Elkin; Charles Lentz, North Wilkesboro route two, and Bessie Cole, Roaring River; Robert E. Lee Wellborn and Beatrice Weatherman, both of Elkin; Everette Jones, North Wilkesboro route one, and Pauline Smith, Lenoir; Earl Miller and Marion Craven, both of North Wilkesboro; Norris Huffman and Virginia Eller, both of Purlear; Theodore Hall Rainey and Vergie Lyda Brookshire, both of Lenoir; Joe Edworth Day and Marie Pardue, both of Elkin; Earl Bumgarner, Millers Creek, and Mozella Faw, Wilkesboro route two; Clyde Miller and Ruby Jean Cox, both of Wilkesboro; both of Wilkesboro; Harrison Faw and Dare Miller, both of Wilkesboro.

## Troop 36 On Air

Boy Scout troop number 36 presented a radio program over station WKBC Wednesday afternoon. The Scouts gave a skit entitled "Our Troop and Your Town."

Gordon Forester is Scoutmaster for the troop and members participating were Bill Bason, Jimmy Carter, Gordon Finley, Jr., J. C. Hayes, Lewis Nelson, Jr., Wayne Pardue, Jimmie Shook, Carl Swafford, Pete Reins, Johnny Winkler, Jerry Day, Smith Hudson and Bobby Brame. The broadcast received many favorable comments.

## Union Lodge Meeting

Union Lodge number 331, I. O. O. F., will meet Saturday, 7:30 p. m., for work in the initiatory degree. All members are requested to attend.