Merchants Decide **ToCloseSaturdays** At Seven O'Clock

Early Closing Hour Will Not VOL. XXXIII, No. 35 Published Mondays and Thursdays. Saturday, May 18

At an enthusiastic meeting of the merchants bureau of the North Wilkesboro Commerce Bureaus held Thursday night in the city hall it was voted almost unanimouris to close the stores of the city (not including drug stores and grocery stores) at p. m. o'clock on Saturdays. W G. Gabriel, 'director of the bureau, presided.

After discussion of the matter by the various merchants present, and after hearing a report of the survey made by W. P. Kelly, bureau secretary, which resulted in 48 merchants expressing the desire to close on Saturdays at 7 p. m., 11 willing to cooperate, and 8 against the closing hour, the motion to close at the hour mentioned and to abide by the majority vote, those present voted 15 to 3 for the closing hour which will take effect on the third Saturday night in May, May 18.

There was very little opposition to the movement to establish the closing hour for the merchants expressed at the meeting and a committee composed of J. R. Mc-Cartney, John K. Blackburn and Carl W. Steele was appointed to promote an advertising campaign to thoroughly acquaint the public of the approaching change for closing the stores on Saturday

To Begin Surface and, where the young king attends school. A council of regents rules Widening Projects

Work Slated To Get Under Way On Widening 421 East Of Wilkesboro

Two surfacing jobs on highway widening projects on highway 421 are scheduled to get under way within the next few days.

Workmen have been waiting on weather condition to become more revocate before emplying black top surface on widening stripe on highway 42! from this city west to Millers Creek.

By means of a WPA project the roadbed had been widened and crushed stone has been applied three feet on each side of the concrete pavement and up to six feet on inside of curves.

The concrete pavement on highway 421 east of Wilkesboro will also be widened and work is slated to get under way this week. It will also be carried out as a to his information Johnson is the WPA project with the state high-only county in the state to exceed way commission as sponsor.

wide will be added to the present the Windy Gap road

Load Limits On Roads Removed

Limits Placed On Black Top Roads In February Taken Off Today

Load limits were removed from all highways in this division except sections of three roads today, highway division engineers here said.

The load limits on black top surfaced highways went into effect on February 7 to prevent damage to the roads following unusually severe winter weather.

The three sections of roads on which the load limits will remain in effect for some time are highway 16 from Millers Creek northward to the intersection with number 88, highway 66 in Forsyth county and the Bunker Hill road in Forsyth county.

Load limits were placed on seventeen roads, engineers said.

Jasper Billings Is Taken By Death

Jasper Billings, age 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Billings. of Edwards township, died earry Friday at his home. Funeral service was held Saturday, 11 o'clock, at Pleasant Home church.

Surviving are his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Weaver Billings, North Wilkesboro; Tom, G. C., and Andrew Billings, Roaring River: Miss the topic of "Maintaining the Irene Billings, Winston-Salem; Georgia, Dicie Lou and Mary Anne Billings, of Roaring River.

WORKSTOCK

Since a high-grade jack was placed on the farm of N. H. Perry of Erwin, Harnett county farmers have exhibited greater interest in raising their own work- instead of the Moravians and oth-

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NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1940 \$1.50 IN THE STATE \$2.00 OUT OF THE STATE

Both Parties To Have Contests In Primary

Money Allocated For Highway 268

A King at Play



King Ananda Mahidol of Thailand (Siam) romps with his mother and a toy rabbit at Lausanne, Switzerschool. A council of regents rules Thailand during his minority.

Wilkes Second In Number Farms On Soil Program on highway 268.

Exceeded In Number Farms Signed Up Only By Johnson County

Wilker on the will be with in the state in number of farms participating in the soil program for 1940, Lawrence Miller, clerk and secretary of the Triple A organization in Wilkes, said

As the date for signing up for the farm program closed. Wilkes county was nearing the 5,000 mark in number of signatures and already had passed 4.900.

Mr. Miller said that according that figure. Wilkes was fourth in A strip of concrete four feet number participating last year.

Township committeemen have pavement. Rock for concrete work contacted practically all the farmbeing mined in a quarry on ers of the county within the last few weeks and promised cooperation with the program has been almost 100 per cent.

W. Thomas Nichols Is Claimed By Death

Wiley Thomas Nichols, 76vear-old citizen of the Pieasant lome community near Millers Creek, died Sunday morning at his home.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, 11 a. m., at Pleasant Home Baptist church. Ministers to take part in the service will be Rev. L. B. Murray, Rev. F. C. Watts and Rev. A. W. Eller.

Surviving Mr. Nichols are his widow, Mrs. Sarah Jane Nichols. and four children: Parks, Lizzie Mae and Walter Gwyn Nichols, of Wilkesboro route 1, and Mrs. W. C. Caudle, of Greensboro.

Lloyd Griffin Is Club Speaker

Secretary School Commission Gives Many Facts **About Public Education**

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club held an interesting meeting Friday noon, featured by an address by Lloyd Griffin, secretary of the state school commission.

Program chairman C. O. Mc-Neil asked John Sikes to introduce the spaker, Lloyd Griffin, of Raleigh, and executive secretary of the State School Commission. He addressed the club on Schools of North Carolina." He pointed out certain history indicating that the strip of North Carolina from the Virginia line to the Lincoln county line the length of the state would have been the State of Granville had the court decision of long ago been in favor of Lord Granville

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Survey Of Route From Wilkesboro Westward Made

Wilkes' Share Of Highway Improvement Fund To Be Used On 268

Engineers are engaged in making a survey of highway 268 from Wilkesboro to the Caldwell county line and work on a portion of that highway is expected to get under way soon, it was learned today from the highway division office here.

Highway Commissioner J. G. Hackett said that Wilkes county's part of the money from the fund allocated by Governor Hoey for improvement of state highways will be spent on highway 268 west of Wilkesboro.

The fund allocated by Governor Hoey was \$5,000,000 for the state. Of this amount about \$1,-100,000 will be used for bridges and equipment and \$4,000,000 will be divided for improvement of state highways and county roads. Wilkes' share of the part for state highways will be used

Highway 268 follows a westward course from Wilkesboro along the Yadkin Valley, recognized as one of the best agricultural sections of the county. A hard-The state of the s

Caldwell line a few years ago. Highway 268 from Wilkesboro to the Caldwell line at present is an ordinary, graveled road and is very crooked. Residents of the communitie salong the route have Zion cemetery in Mulberry townpressed their claims for a hard ship. surfaced highway for several

Allocation of Wilkes' part of the funds for state highways to construction on highway 268 will not affect the road improvement program for county roads, which will continue throughout the

Two Roads Will Get Treatment

Parts Of Highway 421 and Highway 268 Are On Road Treatment Program

Two sections of highways in Wilkes county will be treated few years until he was elected this year before the end of the chairman, in which capacity he fiscal year June 30, it was learned today from the state highway division office here.

Highway 421 from Millers Creek to the Watauga county line and highway 268 from Elkin to Roaring River are on the year's program for treatment.

Other treatment work to be done in the county will be determined when the road work program for the fiscal year beginulng July 1 is mapped out, highway engineers said.

Erwin To Speak At High Finals Dr. Amos Abrams Will De-

Commencement Program At Wilkesboro Schools For Term Outlined

Clyde Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, will deliver the address at Wilkesboro high school finals on Tuesday night, April 30.

baccalaureate sermon on Sunday afternoon, three o'clock, April

Class night exercises will be held on April 29. There are about 50 seniors in the class this year.

COMMITTEE

nomically.



Attorney J. M. Brown, prominent member of the Wilkes bar, who died early this morn-

J. Mack Brown Succumbs Today;

Well Known Lawyer Dies Early This Morning After Attack Pneumonia

John McKinley (Mack) Brown, 8, prominent Wilkes attorney. died at one a. m. today in a Statesville hospital.

He had been ill for several eski and pneumonia davalos

Funeral service will be wold the convention equal Tuesday afternoon, three o'clock, at the home of his brother, Ex-Sheriff P. E. Brown, in Wilkesboro and Burial will be in Mt.

He was born on May 17, 1901. son of the late Millard Brown and Mrs. Brown, who survives.

He received his A. B. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1923 and in 1924 graduated from the Wake Forest College law school. After completing the course at Wake Forest he began practicing law here and was recognized in legal circles as past several years he was assolaw firm of Jones and Brown.

He had since youth taken most active part in political affairs, being a leader in the Republican party in the county and state. He served as secretary of the party in Wilkes county for a served six years. He was a member of the congressional Republican committee and in 1936 was the Eighth district's delegate to the national convention.

He was married to Miss Edith Foster, who with one daughter, Nancy Brown, survives. Other surviving members of his immediate family are his mother, one brother, Ex-Sheriff P. E. Brown, and one sister, Mrs. J. W. Neal.

Commencement

liver Commencement Address On April 25

Commencement season at Ronda high school will open on April 16 with the senior play and close on April 25 with graduation exercises and an address by Dr. Amos Abrams, of A. S. T. C.

On April 21 Rev. Eph Whisenhunt, pastor of the First Baptist Davidson college, will deliver the church of Elkin, will deliver the commencement sermon.

Class night will be held April 23 and seventh grade finals will be on April 25.

North Wilkesboro Will Play Boone

North Wilkesboro high school baseball team will play its first A special Pitt county farmer home game of the season here posed of Yadkin, Davie and committee has been appointed to Tuesday afternoon, 3:30, with make a careful study of practices Boone furnishing the opposition. and methods that farmers might A good game is anticipated and use to produce cotton more eco- local fans are invited to see the contest.

Saturday Closing Date For Filing Of Notice Candidacy

Convention Held At Courthouse In Wilkesboro Today

Delegates Named To Conventions; Robert H. Mc-Neill Is Speaker

Wilkes county Republicans in convention today unanimously re-elected N. B. Smithey, widely prominent merchant and business man, as chairman of the party in the county and expressed confidence that "1940 is a Republican year."

Precinct meetings were held throughout the county Saturday for election of executive committee members and delegates to the county convention today. All precincts were represented by delegates in the convention. Following the business of the

convention, which included perfecting the county organization and election of delegates to the Funeral Tuesday and election of delegates to the convention in Charlotte Wednesday and the congressional convention in Lexington Tuesday, Robert H. McNeill. a candidate for the Republican nomination Meeting Is Held composed of Wilkes, Yadkin and Davie will be from Yadkin this Robert H. McNeill, a candidate for governor, delivered a forceful address, in which he stoutly condemned the fiscal policies of national and state administra-

N. B. Smithey, chairman, opened the convention today and call-

Laws, secretary, TE. Story, Paul in this city Friday and Saturday Brewer and Dwight Nichols were named secretaries for the convention and the temporary organization was made permanent. Chairman Casey delivered a brief keynote address, in which

he forecast sweeping victories for the Republicans in November. The convention stood in silent tribute to the memory of J. Mack Brown, a former party chairman in the county who died a few

hours before the convention open-

Chairman Casey appointed J. carried out as previously an-H. Whicker, Kyle Hayes and T. nounced. a brilliant attorney. During the R. Bryan as a resolutions committee and the committee appointed ciated with John R. Jones in the to prepared lists of delegates and Thompson, of Stony Point, direcalternates to the conventions was composed of J. B. Norris, F. J. McDuffie and J. W. Robbins.

Following the re-election of N. B. Smithey as chairman for another two years, H. C. Kilby Miss Valeria Robinson, of Lenoir, and Miss Frances Somers elected members of the state Republican executive committee.

The convention elected the nembers of the county executive committee as reported by the advisor. ielegations from all the preeincts. The executive committee members as elected are: Antioch, L. M. Jarvis; Beaver Creek, G. H. Walker; Brushy Mountain, Alonzo Anderson; Boomer, R. F. Eller; Elk number 1, S. F. Miller; Elk number 2, J. D. Triplett; Edwards number 1, M. C. Jones; Edwards number 2, C. C. Alexander; Edwards number 3, M. L. Pettyjohn; Jobs Cabin number 1, W. At Ronda School A. Payne, Jobs Cabin number 2, Lou Beshears; Lovelace, R. V. Wright; Lewis Fork, Dr. W. R. Triplett; Moravian Falls, Perry Lowe; Mulberry number 1, R. E. Sebastian; Mulberry number 2, C. M. Elledge; New Castle, C. M. Wellborn; North Wilkesboro, Max Foster; Reddies River, W. H. Nichols; Rock Creek, L. W. Wood; Stanton; J. C. Church; Somers, J. W. Robbins; Traphill number 1, D. B. Swaringen; Traphill number 2, G. W. Brown; Union, A. R. Miller; Walnut Grave number 1, W. W. Gambill; Walnut Grove number 2, W. -C. Huie; Wilkesboro number 1, C. G. Bumgarner; Wilkesboro number 2. Dave Mink.

The convention endorsed the action of the senatorial convention held in Yadkinville in nominating Miles Shore, prominent Yadkin county dairyman, as the Hayes conducted the service, as-Republican candidate for state senate in the 24th district com-Wilkes counties. According to custom, Yadkin county furnishes the nominee this year.

T. R. Bryan very appropriately (Continued on page eight)

'Miss Print'

graphed model, is crowned "Miss

Barclay at a New York banquet.

Miss Shaw's regal robe is a paste-

Friday, Saturday

Inspiring Program Carried

Out In Two-Day Gather-

ing Of Bantista Here

to attend the Seventh Region

Baptist Training Union conven-

tion held at the first Baptist

The convention opened Friday

Mount Airy, presiding. Miss Jose-

secretary of B. T. U. for the

Baptist state convention, direct-

ed many of the activities of the

About 100 delegates attended

the sessions and the program was

Officers elected for the region

were as follows: Miss Lucy

tor; Rev. Zeb Caudill. of Lenoir.

associate director; Miss Elsie

secretary; Miss Hazel Brannock,

of Mount Airy, junior leader;

intermediatae leader; Mrs. Eph

Whisenhunt, of Elkin, young peo-

ple's leader; Rev. J. D. Whisnant,

of Stony Point, adult leader; Dr.

O. R. Mangum, of Lenoir, pastor

Highlights in the eprogram of

the convention were addresses

by Miss Turner, Dr. Mangum, of

Lengir, Dr. J. C. Canipe, of

Boone, and I. G. Greer, superin-

tendent of Mills Home, Thomas-

7th Grade Finals

graduation at Mount Pleasant

high school will be held on Satur-

day, April 20, according to an-

nouncement by A. V. Nolan, dis-

The day's program will begin

at nine a. m. and continue until

three p. m. Students of all the

schools in the district are expect-

The full program for the day

Funeral On Sunday

Funeral service was held Sun-

day at Liberty Grove church for

Miss Cleo P. Haynes, age 56, resi-

dent of North Wilkesboro route

2 who died Thursday, Rev. A. B.

Surviving brothers and sisters

route 2; Mrs. L. D. Campbell,

boro route 2.

sisted by Rev. Lloyd Pardue.

will be published in Thursday's

issue of this newspaper.

Miss C. P. Haynes

ed to participate in the events.

trict principal.

Mount Pleasant

ville.

Wilkesboro

Nichols, of North

church.

convention.

up of advertising illustrations.

Print" by illustrator McClelland

Republicans and Democrats Have Contests For Legislature Nomination

for mutual advances do your buying in North Wilkesboro, the trading senter of Northwestern

forth Carolina.

List of candidates who had filed with the Wilkes county board of elections prior to six o'clock Saturday evening showed that there will be primary contests for the Democratic nomination for the legislature and state senate while the Republicans will have contests for nomination to the legislature and for register of deeds.

For legislature the Republican candidates are T. E. Story, former Wilkesboro school principal and now an attorney, and A. Caudill, of Hays, who was a candidate for the nomination two years ago.

The Democratic candidates for legislature are H. A. Cranor, of Wilkesboro, who a few years ago was the first Democrat elected to the legislature from Wilkes in 56 years, and A. A. Cashion, prominent oil dealer in this city.

For state senate the Democratic candidates are J. B. McCoy, of this city, who filed Saturday, and F. C. (Tom) Forester, who B. T. U. Regional and F. C. (Tom) Forester, who filed a week ago. The Republican nomination for the 24th district

For register of deeds there are two Republican candidates, C. C. Sidden, of Joynes, a member of the present board of commissioners, and Carl Church, of

No contests developed for new ination for commissioners and either party. The candidates by districts are: district 1-C. Lenderman, Democrat, and Dave Mink, Republican; district 2--V. T. Walsh, Democrat, and G. C. afternoon with Albert S. Hale, of Hamby, Republican; district 3-W. W. Harris. Democrat, and M. F. Absher, Republican and presphine Turner, of Raleigh, field ent chairman of the board.

Earl Caudill, Republican incumbent surveyor, is unopposed for the Lepublican nomination and no Democratic candidate fil-

C. O. McNiel, incumpent chairman of the county board of edueation, filed for another term as member of the board and H. G. Duncan filed as his Republican opponent.

Democratic candidates filing for justice of peace were: Elk, W. M. Minton; Moravian Falls, R. C. Jennings; North Wilkesboro, J. C. McDiarmid; Beaver Creek, T. W. Ferguson.

Republican candidates for justice of peace are: Wilkesboro, Ed yCrsel; Rock Creek, Harrison Felts: Mulberry, W. H. Sebastian; Somers, J. W. Robbins: Union, L. L. Little. Democratic candidates for

constable are: North Wilkesboro, M. E. Miller: Moravian Falls. Buhman Jarvis: Lewis Fork, E. W. Elledge; Stanton, Weaver Byers; Edwards, R .L. Spencer: Elk, Wade Gilbert. Republican candidates for con-

stable: Lewis Fork, Theodore Fairchilds; Mulberry, J. P. Roberts; Reddies River, Moody Pardue: Edwards, Boss Blackburn, H. M. Wiles and Earl S. Edwards.

Mulberry School To Close Friday

Program Will Be Carried Out Thursday and Friday Nights This Week

Commencement exercises at Mulberry school will be held on: Thursday and Friday nights of this week, Grady Miller, principal, announced today.

The Thursday night program will consist of two parts, operetta by the first, second and third grades, and another by the fourth, fifth and sixth.

On Friday night the grade graduation exercises will be held. Diplomas will be preare J. H. Haynes, Knottville; I. sented by C. B. Eller, county N. Haynes, North Wilkesboro superintendent of schools, and an address by Judge- Johnson J Clements; Mrs. R. L. Church and Hayes. The programs each night Mrs. W. L. Foster, North Wilkes- will begin at eight o'clock and the public is invited.