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## Sewing Project Of WPA Helps Needy Families

### Garments Made Are Distributed To Destitute Families In County

Much has been said about WPA sewing rooms but little can be learned about the project without a visit to one of the rooms and observation of what really goes on.

In Wilkes county as in many others in the state, clothing from WPA sewing rooms finds its way through the welfare department and into the homes of many families on relief.

The project has a two-fold purpose, giving employment to women eligible for WPA jobs and providing clothing for needy families.

The sewing room is a state-wide project sponsored by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and co-sponsored by the county commissioners. The purpose of the project is to make clothing to be distributed to needy people, especially school children and county institutions and to give work to needy women, who are the wage earners of the family because they are widows or have disabled husbands (There is required a doctor's certificate saying the man is disabled).

The Sewing project in Wilkes is in one central unit located in the old prison camp in Wilkesboro. It employs around 53 women, of course this number varies.

The superintendent of public welfare makes an order to the sewing room as to the type and size of garment he needs for the county. Then twice a month these garments are picked up by the Federal Surplus Commodity Project and taken to the warehouse where they are distributed by the superintendent of public welfare and case workers where they are most needed.

The material these garments are cut from is furnished jointly by the county and WPA. All findings such as thread, buttons, snaps, trimmings are furnished by the county. Also rent, lights, water and heat are furnished by the county sponsors, the county commissioners. The machines are owned by WPA.

The line or commercial method of sewing is done in the sewing rooms. That is for instance when the cut dresses are received in bundles of 50 to 100 dresses, 10 are taken and started down a line of 10 or more machines. Each worker has just one step to do on each dress, doing this same step on all the dresses until the 100 are completed.

There is an inspector for each line of 10 or 12 workers. She gives the piece of the garment to the worker who does this particular step. She sees that they have thread, bindings, bias and so on that they need. She goes up and down the line and inspects each step as it is finished so if there is a mistake she can have them remedy it before it gets any further and more of the garment would have to be ripped out. When the finished garment comes off the line it is carried to a table where it is given a final inspection by the supervisor or foreman.

It is then turned over to the finisher if there is any finger work needed such as buttons, snaps and so on, there is a worker who does nothing but this. From there it is ready to be pressed. There is a presser to press these garments and pack them in bundles of 10 to be checked into the stock room where they are stored until turned over to the welfare department.

## Music Recital On Tuesday Night

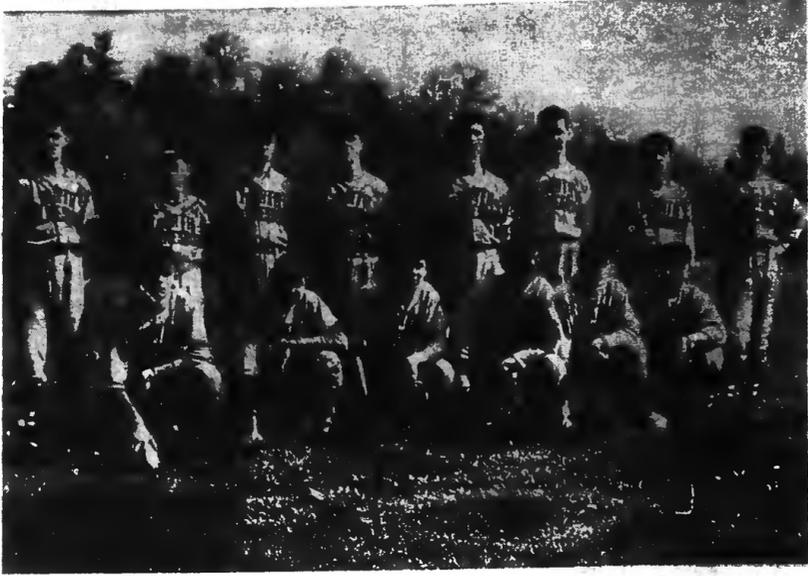
A recital will be given at the city high school auditorium Tuesday night, May 14, at 8:00 by piano pupils of Mrs. Ursula Blevins Proffit.

Program will be in four parts: In Fairyland, Folk Songs, Descriptive pieces, and celebrated compositions of famous composers.

Appearing on program will be: Norma Thompson, Dorothy Gabriel, Doris Ann Godhey, Betty Dancy, Janet Davis, Ella Mae Gambill, Elizabeth McNeil, Carolyn Linney, Geraldine Godby, Mary Lee Gardner, Gladys Templeton, Gordon Finley, Betty Linney, Vera Prevette, Elizabeth Louise McNeil, Richard Reins, Mary E. Crook, Clarice Snelson, Annie Eller, Marie Eller, Lila Ann Belsch, Kathleen Hayes, Mary Elmore Finley, Katherine Finley, Agnes Kenerly.

Serving as marshalls: Misses Louise Day, Beth Jones, Ruby Jones, Dorothy Jennings.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM



Here are shown the members of North Wilkesboro high school baseball team, which has made an excellent record so far this season and will play its last game of the year here on Friday afternoon against Mooresville. Left to right, front row, are M. Coy Rhodes, 1b.; Zane Foster, outfielder; Walter Call, outfielder; George Robinett, shortstop; Don Craven, catcher; Jack Brookshire, pitcher; back-row: Coran Rhodes, infield; Lynn Kerbaugh, infield; J. G. Elledge, outfield; Paul Haigwood, 3b.; Charlie Shatley, outfield; George Campbell, catcher; Ralph Brown, 2b.; Billie Moore, outfield. Jack Massey, Coach who has done exceptionally well with inexperienced material, is not shown in the picture.

## Two-Year-Old Child Found After 25 Hours Search In Brushy Mountains; Officers Help

### Barnett Child Is Found Friday Two Miles From Home

#### Sheriff and Deputies Lead In Successful Search For Lost Child

After wandering for more than 24 hours through the forests and fields of the Brushy Mountains, Gwendolyn Barnett, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Barnett, was found by a searching party two miles from her home near Gilreath Friday afternoon.

The mysterious disappearance of the child from the home of its mother Thursday afternoon caused much excitement in the community and scores of neighbors joined Sheriff C. T. Doughton and his deputies in a search which was carried out Thursday afternoon, all night and until the child was found on a mountain road about 2:15 Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Barnett, who had been living apart from her estranged husband for some time, came to Wilkesboro Thursday about noon and left the child with an aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Dotson. About one hour after the mother left the child was gone and Mrs. Dotson was unable to locate it anywhere about the house or grounds of the home.

The alarm was given and many people hurriedly joined in the search. Two rainstorms Thursday afternoon and intermittent showers Thursday night hampered their efforts but the search was continued nevertheless.

Various theories about the child's disappearance were propounded by neighbors but officers could find no logical reason for kidnapping or foul play and continued the search in the belief that the child would be found.

Coy Love and Jack Anderson were two of a party who found the child standing on a mountain road. One shoe was gone. Its clothing was very dirty after the rain and from numerous falls but the child was in excellent condition considering the fact that it had been lost in the mountains and subject to exposure for about 25 hours.

The father and mother, grief-stricken but hopeful, were among the most active searchers for the child and it was a happy occasion when the two-year-old daughter was found alive.

One interesting phase about the search was the absence of a yellow hound dog throughout the afternoon and night on Thursday. It is believed that the dog stayed with the child throughout the night.

The dog returned to the

home Friday morning from the direction in which the child was found later in the day.

## Population Here 4,501

The population of North Wilkesboro is 4,501, according to the latest preliminary census figures released today by A. S. Cassel, supervisor of the census in Wilkes county.

The first preliminary figures released last week showed a count of 4,462 within the city limits but a recheck and count of a few who had been missed boosted the total by 39 to 4,501. Mr. Cassel said that the figures released today are unofficial and subject to correction but no major change is expected.

The housing census shows that there are 994 occupied dwellings in the city and five farms.

A total of 600 hours were spent in the population count in North Wilkesboro. The enumerators were Mrs. T. G. Perry, Mrs. Ralph Bowman and Miss Janie McDiarmid.

North Wilkesboro's population in 1930 was 3,668. The increase since that time, according to the preliminary figures for 1940, was 832.

Mr. Cassel said that figures for the county may be available late this week and that the population of the county is expected to show a large percentage of increase over the 36,620 counted in 1930.

## Fishing Sport To Be Promoted

Lovers of the sport of fishing have been invited to attend a meeting to be held in the city hall on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at which time plans will be discussed for furthering the sport of fishing in this section, according to C. G. Plexico, of this city.

Numerous plans are being discussed, and the meeting is being called to take definite action upon them. One feature of the meeting will be to discuss the importance of methods to be employed in protecting fish from being dynamited, seined or otherwise trapped in unsportsmanlike fashion.

At the meeting Thursday a club will be formulated, consisting of fishermen from this section. Cards have been mailed to many, requesting attendance, but there may have been some who were overlooked. Local promoters are anxious to include any who desire to join in the project, and help build up an ample future supply of fish and the resulting fishing sport.

Glaring headlights caused 180 fatal accidents in the United States last year.

## Registration In Wilkes County Is Reported Heavy

### Large Percentage Of Voters Get Names On Books For Vote In Primary

Reports from several Wilkes county precincts today indicated that Wilkes has a comparatively large registration of voters for the May 25 primary.

Registrars were busily engaged all day Saturday in every precinct, with the result that in some precincts the new registration is larger than the old.

A new registration was called in Wilkes this year and persons who failed to register between April 27 and May 11 cannot vote in the primary.

In North Wilkesboro township the registration at closing time Saturday evening stood at approximately 2,775, which is about 90 per cent of the old registration.

## Journal-Patriot Is To Issue Fiftieth Anniversary Paper

### Edition Late In June Is To Commemorate City's 50th Birthday

The Journal-Patriot announces today that it will issue a special edition on Monday, June 24th, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of North Wilkesboro.

Plans for the edition, which have been under way for some time, are virtually complete.

In order that the city may derive as much publicity as possible through the edition, a large amount of extra circulation throughout the nation as well as in nearby counties is planned.

The special edition will be filled with interesting articles which will portray in words and pictures the history and progress of North Wilkesboro and much other matter related to the subject.

Persons who desire to secure space in the edition, either news-feature articles or advertising, are asked to contact the editorial and advertising departments as early as possible in order that space may be reserved. With the wide circulation the issue is to receive, it is expected that many firms will desire to use the columns of the issue to carry their message to a maximum number of interested readers.

The anniversary edition will carry complete announcements and programs for the Birthday Celebration June 30 to July 4.

## Miss Robinson's Classes Recital On Friday Night

Pupils of Miss Ellen Robinson's music classes in North Wilkesboro high school will appear in a recital in the school auditorium on Friday night, May 17, eight o'clock. The public has a cordial invitation to attend.

## Meeting Postponed

Meeting of the Wilkesboro Grange has been postponed from Tuesday night, May 14, to Tuesday night, May 21, because of the inability of several members to attend on May 14. A full attendance is urged for the meeting May 21.

## Rousseau And McNeil Again Elected To Head Democrats

### To Speak Here



PERCY W. FOOTE

## Admiral Foote To Speak Wednesday At Kiwanis Meet

### Distinguished Wilkes Native To Be Heard By Club Wednesday Noon

Rear Admiral Percy W. Foote, one of Wilkes county's most distinguished native citizens, will address the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Wednesday noon, May 15.

The date of meeting of the club was moved up from Friday to Wednesday in order that Admiral Foote could be present and speak to the club. The program will be in charge of J. R. Finley.

It is expected that the full membership of the club, with many guests, will attend the meeting to hear the address of Admiral Foote, whose illustrious career has attracted national and international recognition. His subject will be "Our Navy and its Mission in National Defense," after which he will endeavor to answer any questions relative to the subject and propounded by those present.

He was born in the Roaring River community of Wilkes county and was appointed to the United States Naval Academy by the late Representative Romulus Z. Linney and graduated in 1901.

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## Southern Harmonizers Popular On The Air



Here is a new picture of the Southern Harmonizers, four young men of Wilkes county who are earning a reputation on radio as the "South's best four-part harmony." Left to right are Clarence Sebastian, first tenor; Earl Wiles, second tenor; Eugene Sebastian, baritone; Paul Luffman, bass. Four North Wilkesboro business firms are sponsoring the quartet's program each Saturday, 1:30 p. m., over radio station WBIG, Greensboro. They are Red Cross Pharmacy, Markdown Furniture company, Thompson Retreading company and Gaddy Motor company. They join with the Harmonizers in inviting all the people in this section of the state to hear them ever Saturday. They are also heard over radio station WAIR, Winston-Salem, each Saturday morning.

## Convention Held Saturday Is Very Harmonious Event

### Many Resolutions Passed; 3rd Term Endorsed; Re-appointment Asked

By JULIUS C. HUBBARD

One of the largest and most harmonious conventions ever held by the Democratic party of Wilkes county took place Saturday afternoon in the county courthouse. A few minutes past two o'clock the convention was called to order by J. R. Rousseau, chairman of the county executive committee, and C. O. McNeil served as secretary pending the election of a permanent chairman and secretary of the convention.

Mr. Rousseau called to the chair as temporary chairman, Attorney W. H. McElwee, and R. B. Pharr, Julius C. Hubbard, and John Sikes, local newspapermen, were named temporary secretaries. On motion, duly seconded, the temporary organization was made permanent, and the convention was ready for business.

On roll call of precincts, every one of the twenty-nine in the county was represented.

The convention was fortunate in having John C. Bower, former solicitor and practicing attorney of Lexington, present to make the main address of the day. Mr. Bower, in his usual able and interesting manner, lauded the Democratic principles, and gave a brief sketch of the period through which the country went during the administration of Mr. Hoover.

He told in detail about the coming of the election in 1932 when that great statesman, Franklin D. Roosevelt, was elected to the presidency. "He helped everybody and saved everybody," Mr. Bower stated. Then came another election and again the people of this country went to the polls and Mr. Roosevelt carried every state in the union with the exception of Maine and Vermont. There has been progress in the nation under the guidance of Franklin D. Roosevelt, and progress in North Carolina under the guidance of our governor, Clyde R. Hoey. Mr. Bower, in closing stated that he was proud to be a North Carolinian, and pointed with pride to the fact that western counties of the state have turned Democratic in whole or in part during the past few years.

Following Mr. Bower's able address, Postmaster J. C. Reins announced to the convention that his name had been inadvertently placed on the North Wilkesboro delegation, and that due to the Hatch act forbidding federal employees to attend conventions as delegates, he asked that the convention release his name from the delegation. This was done.

Chairman McElwee then asked for motions and resolutions, and Floyd C. Forester presented to (Continued on page eight)

## Roaring River Company Winner

### Roaring River Casket Company Awarded \$2,500 Insurance Verdict

The case of major interest tried during the May term of Wilkes superior court was that of Roaring River Casket company against six insurance companies.

For property damage in a fire several years ago the company was awarded a verdict of \$2,500 pro-rated against the six companies.

A divorce on the grounds of two years separation was granted in the case of Iva Mae Collins Versus James Collins.

Meadows Mill company was awarded a \$50 judgment against R. S. and J. C. Armstrong.

In the case of Adam Johnson versus I. M. Eller, Sr., and I. M. Eller, Jr., a verdict of \$450 was awarded the defendant against the plaintiff.

Another term of Wilkes superior court for trial of civil cases will begin on June 2. Judge W. H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, will again be the presiding judge.