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Recreation Center For Young People Established Here

Junior Order Council Here Sets Up Center in Former Location Moose Hall

North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics will establish a recreation center for youth in North Wilkesboro.

For the center the council has obtained use of the second floor of the Lowe building opposite the postoffice on C street. The room will be equipped with games and other recreation facilities for young people.

The recreation center will be open for the first time on Saturday night of this week and all young people are invited to make use of it. Plans are to have the center open each Saturday night from seven until 10:30 o'clock and members of the council will be on duty as chaperons. After the center is established arrangements may be made to have it open two nights each week.

Farmers Mutual Elects Directors, Officers For Year

Wilkes branch of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association in recent meeting elected officers and directors for the year.

Attorney J. F. Jordan, secretary-treasurer, listed the directors as follows: D. M. Brenda, Ernest Edwards, J. M. German, Clarence Hendren, A. S. Spears, R. F. Eller and Frank Hobson, in addition to the following officers: W. M. Absher, president; G. E. Bell, vice president; J. F. Jordan, secretary-treasurer.

The association experienced a successful year in 1944.

Dr. Browning Is Kiwanis Speaker

Interesting Meeting of Club Held Friday Noon; Inter-Club Meet Announced

With W. K. Sturdivant in charge of the program, North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club held an enjoyable meeting at Hotel Wilkes Friday noon.

Dr. Browning addressed the club on "The Christian Conscience and the Present Crisis". Speaking of the mess we are in, he said: "The power of an idea caused the war. Though there be four or forty freedoms they all are stupid. Our civilization is weak. We have lost the sense of direction. Democracy has not been fully developed. Our nation is everything but Christian, there is a lack of healthy morals, we are seeking profit and promotion instead of service and the way out is the religious way".

Prior to the program President Paul Osborne read an invitation for members of the local club to attend an inter-club meeting in Salisbury, January 31, at which time Ben Dean, president of Kiwanis International, will speak.

Guests Friday were as follows: J. G. Hackett with P. E. Forester; Harvel Howell with W. G. Gabriel; John A. Brown with Robert L. Morehouse; Oscar Phillips with Paul Vestal; Perry Lowe with Carl E. VanDeman. Billie Moore, who rendered a delightful solo early in the program, was a guest of the club.

SIXTH ARMY ENTERS RED WINTER DRIVE

Ripping through German Silesia and East Prussia at blitzkrieg pace, the Russians Tuesday captured Oppeln, Upper Silesian capital, and reached within 4 1-2 miles of Breslau amid reports that they already had crossed the Oder River line and had snapped the war's greatest trap on East Prussia.

In westernmost Poland, against apparently stiffening opposition, the Soviet forces nevertheless plunged ahead a dozen miles in the neighborhood of Poznan on the most direct path to Berlin, 137 miles west of Poznan.

Four orders of the day by Premier Stalin and a long midnight communique broadcast from Moscow disclosed the continued sweeping scope of the Russian midwinter offensive and announced that a sixth army had joined the great drive.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Serves In Germany



Pfc. Otis L. Chambers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Chambers, of Cycle, is now serving in Germany. Pfc. Chambers entered service January 28, 1944, and received training at Camp Barkley, Texas, and Camp Reynolds, Pa. He went overseas in September and has been serving in the medical corps. In recent letters home he stated he was getting along fine.

North Wilkesboro Basketball Team Is To Play Boone

First Home Game of the Season at School Gymnasium Friday Night At 7:30

First home game of the North Wilkesboro high school basketball team will be on Friday night, 7:30, in the North Wilkesboro high school gymnasium against the strong team from Boone high school. J. C. Williams, who is coaching the local boys, said today that they have shown much improvement after the first two games and have been working hard in preparation for the engagement with Boone. The local cagers played their first two games against Millers Creek and Cove Creek teams, which are widely recognized as two of the fastest high school teams in western North Carolina. In the game against Millers Creek some of the North Wilkesboro players were playing their first game. Against Cove Creek the North Wilkesboro team scored only six points but had the distinction of being the first team this season to hold the Cove Creek quintet to a score under 50 points, the score being 49 to 6.

Better team work has been evidenced in North Wilkesboro practice this week. Some of the substitutes have been looking good and are giving the regulars real competition for places in the starting lineup.

Gene Foster, lanky center, who had been out of the lineup because of injuries, has been out for practice and may see action against Boone.

The starting lineup may find Caudill and Hudson as forwards. Turner at center, Rousseau and Winters in the guard positions. Others likely to get into the game are Foster at center, Dick Sloope and Ballard.

A large crowd of local basketball fans are expected to witness the first home game.

Mrs. George Moore Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Mary Moore, 97-year-old resident of North Wilkesboro, died Wednesday at her home.

Funeral service was held today, two p. m., at Hinshaw Street Baptist church in this city and burial was in the Baptist cemetery. Rev. George Curry conducted the service.

Mrs. Moore is survived by her husband, George S. Moore, and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Ida Johnson, North Wilkesboro; Lloyd E. Moore, Utah; Wilson Moore, Andrew Moore and Mrs. John Porter, North Wilkesboro.

Joe Harold Rites Will Be On Friday

Funeral service for Joe Harold, age 62, who died Wednesday at his home near Hays, will be held Friday, one p. m., at the home and burial will be in the Harold cemetery. Rev. L. S. Blevins will conduct the service.

Mr. Harold leaves the following sons and daughters: Boaz Harold, Hays; Marshall Harold, Buysville, Del.; Carlie Harold, Fallston, Md.; Spencer Harold and Mrs. Sina Sturgill, North Wilkesboro.

Delegates Attend Red Cross Meet In Statesville Jan. 20

Rev. Howard Ford, Red Cross War Fund chairman, attended the War Fund Conference January 20 in Statesville. With Rev. Mr. Ford at the meeting were Dr. David E. Browning, member of the speakers bureau, and Miss Kathrin Sanford, executive secretary.

The purpose of the conference was to acquaint the representatives with all available war drive information and to help each chapter make its own plans for the fund raising campaign which will begin in March. Mr. A. B. Murphy, assistant manager of the Southeastern area, discussed the organization for a speedy campaign and urged all chapters to complete their drive within a week's period.

A Nazi flag, German gun, youth knife and other souvenirs were displayed by Field Director Charlie Skarron as an introduction to his remarks about Red Cross overseas work. Mr. Skarron landed with his unit in France on D-plus-6 and served as Red Cross representative with the front line troops until his recent return to the United States. He pointed out the four major Red Cross overseas services that he had seen successfully operating in the theatre to which he had been assigned. First he mentioned the general field director work which serves the men in every overseas station—this unit distributes comfort articles, secures welfare reports concerning families at home and makes necessary loans. The second service is the overseas clubs and rest centers where the men on furlough may get American food and sleep in regular beds. The third service is the Clubmobile which is manned by Red Cross girls. These units go almost to the front lines serving coffee and doughnuts, showing outdoor movies and playing recordings of American music. The last service is the Red Cross recreation and social work in the hospitals. This group of women conducts recreational programs for the men who are convalescing and secures medical and social history reports from the families of the servicemen for the doctor.

Polio Dance At Hi School Gym

Location Changed To Accommodate Larger Crowd; Articles To Be Given

In order to accommodate a larger crowd, location of President's Ball for the benefit of the polio dance has been changed from the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse to the North Wilkesboro high school gymnasium, C. E. Jenkins, Jr., in charge of arrangements, has announced.

An orchestra has been secured to furnish music for both round and square dancing. The dance will begin at nine o'clock. Mr. Jenkins announced that gifts of cigarettes, shotgun shells, chewing gum and other "scarce" merchandise will be given away instead of auctioned as formerly announced. Mr. Jenkins said this change in plans was in accordance with OPA ceiling price regulations.

A contingent of 15 soldiers from the training center at Greensboro will attend the ball as guests of the city and community and the Wilkes chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

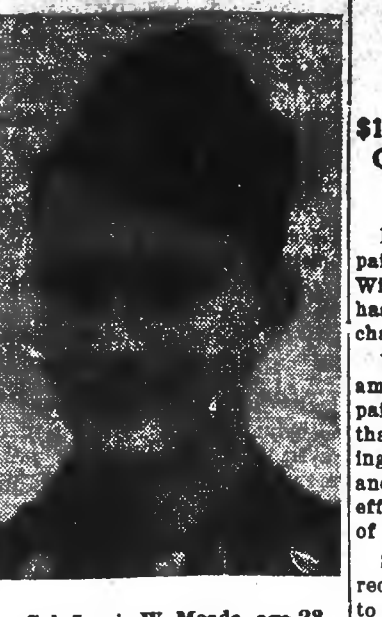
The ball is one of several means being used to raise Wilkes' quota of \$6,250 in the polio campaign. During the past year the National Foundation spent more than \$30,000 in care and treatment of the 37 polio patients in Wilkes during the 1944 epidemic.

YANKS REACH THE EDGE OF CLARK FIELD

Yank motorized patrols burst to the edge of big Clark Field Wednesday, sparking a swift-moving drive which overran one of the prized airdromes on Sattelite fields.

Right behind them in strength the 4th Division cracked the Bamberg River line, where the Japanese had been expected to make a stand, to roll within three miles of the field with its 13 airstrips, only a little over 40 miles from Manila.

Dies In Luxembourg



Cpl. Lewis W. Meade, age 28, died in Luxembourg on December 20, according to a War Department telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Irene Meade, of this city. Cpl. Meade lost his life when a tank in which he was a crewman plunged through the rail of a bridge into a stream. Cpl. Meade entered the army November 21, 1942, was in training at Fort Benning, Ga., and Camp Gordon, Ga., before going overseas in September, 1944. He served with an armored division in the Third Army. Cpl. Meade, at the time he entered service, was employed by Forest Furniture company in North Wilkesboro. He was a member of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church and was well and favorably known here. He is survived by his mother and the following brothers and sisters: Matthew E. Meade, North Wilkesboro; Edward Meade, Chase City, Va.; W. E. Meade, North Wilkesboro; Sgt. Howard B. Meade, in England; Robert A. Meade, shipfitter in the navy and now serving on the Caribbean; Mrs. Bertha Johnson, Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Theodore Holder and Mrs. Wayne Myers, North Wilkesboro. His father was A. H. Meade, who died in 1930.

Methodists Begin Crusade For Christ

Sunday morning marks the beginning of Solicitation Week for "The Crusade for Christ" at the First Methodist church of North Wilkesboro.

At the morning worship hour each member of the church will be invited to make a pledge—payable within 12 months, to the Crusade for Christ which is a program for the next quadrennium in cultivation of a new spirit of stewardship, education, evangelism, missions and to relieve some of the acute physical needs of Europe and Asia.

The program will cover the raising of \$25,000,000 among eight million Methodists. The quota for First Methodist church is \$4,800, which is expected to be pledged by February 4.

The church membership is divided into geographical zones with two members from the board of stewards and two ladies from the Woman's Society who will canvass every member of the church during the week January 28-February 4, who does not make a pledge at the church next Sunday.

The membership of First Methodist church is expected to rally to this great need and wonderful opportunities to alleviate some of the suffering of the world today.

Check-Up Meeting Y.M.C.A. Workers Monday Afternoon

Workers who have been engaged in the Y. M. C. A. canvass in the Wilkesboro are asked to meet at the home of Mrs. E. G. Finley Monday afternoon, four o'clock, at which time results of the work will be reviewed.

Mrs. Huffman, 83, Funeral Tuesday

Last rites were held Tuesday at the home in Stanton township for Mrs. Hannah Caroline Phillips Huffman, age 83, who died Monday. Rev. A. W. Eller and Rev. Glenn Huffman conducted the service. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Huffman is survived by two sons, Wallace and Albert Huffman, of Purlear.

Mr. Cyrus Wiles, who holds a position with Yadkin Valley Motor company, attended a Ford Tractor course of instruction in Charlotte Monday and Tuesday.

Good Start Made Toward Raising Quota For Polio

\$1,200 Raised To Date; The Quota for County \$6,250; Much Work Is Ahead

Infantile Paralysis Fund campaign is off to a good start in Wilkes and approximately \$1,200 has been received, Sam Ogilvie, chairman, said today.

While that is a substantial amount at this stage of the campaign, Mr. Ogilvie pointed out that it is only a start toward raising the county's quota of \$6,250, and urged all workers to greater efforts during the remaining days of the campaign.

Some contributions have been received from the letters mailed to local firms and individuals in the higher income brackets, and many reports are expected next week from community chairmen in rural areas.

In addition to canvass of the people a March of Dimes is under way on Main street, a President's Ball which will be held Friday night in the high school gymnasium and contributions are being received by mail by Mr. Ogilvie from those who are not contacted.

Saturday will be "Tag Day" in the Wilkesboro. In this city troop 8 of the Girl Scouts under direction of Mrs. R. G. Finley will sell the tags and in Wilkesboro the Intermediate Girl Scouts under direction of Mrs. Graydon Watts will conduct the sale. The funds derived will go into the polio fund.

Both theatres here are showing a special polio film during the remainder of this week.

Mr. Ogilvie asks that people make their contributions as liberal as possible in view of the fact that approximately \$30,000 was spent by the National Foundation for care and treatment of the 37 patients in Wilkes during the 1944 epidemic.

All workers are urged to complete their canvass and get in reports by January 31, official closing date of the campaign, if possible.

Apple Growers To Meet On Tuesday

"Apple Growers Ball" is being organized for Tuesday, January 30, by the fruit growers of the county and the county extension agent's office at the courthouse.

The music for the ball will be furnished by pruning shears and pruning saws in the expert hands of the famous H. R. Niswonger. Of course, all apple and fruit growers, large and small in the county, are not only invited to attend but they are reminded if they do not attend they will miss a rare opportunity in meeting their apple and fruit grower neighbors and in getting additional thoughts of the better care and management of their apple orchards.

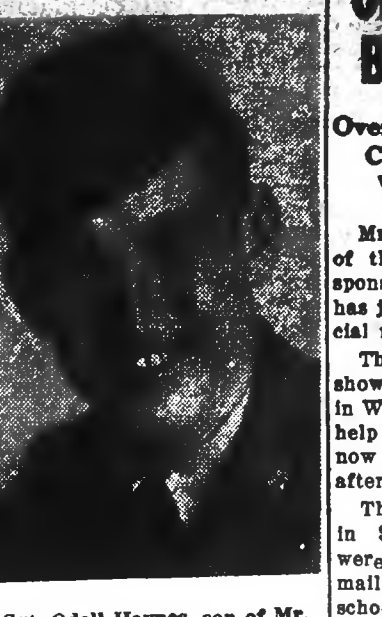
Mr. Niswonger comes from the famous horticulture extension staff from the Greater University of North Carolina, and directly from State College at Raleigh. He will have with him the latest orchard management methods being handed down through the various colleges and experiment stations of the nation and the U. S. Fruit Growers laboratories, etc., from Washington and throughout the states.

County agent at large, Oscar H. Phillips, stated that it was impossible to arrange one of these fruit growers and orchard management balls in every community in the county. These meetings are arranged to accommodate the convenience of the majority of the apple growers in the county. He stated that any apple grower from other sections who happened not to have a way and will meet at the courthouse Tuesday morning at 9:00 o'clock on January 30, he will be glad to have them go with him or Carl VanDeman, the U. S. laboratory expert.

The first fruit growers and orchard management ball will be held in the apple orchard over on J. J. Broynhill's orchard near Boomer at 10:00 in the morning on January 30. The second meeting will be held in the apple orchard of James Ritchie at Pores Knob at 1:30 p. m. on the same day, January 30. The third will be held in the apple orchard of Clarence Hendren in the Gilreath community at 3:30 p. m. on the same day.

Mr. B. G. Barnes, who is engaged in war work at Wilmington, spent several days here this week as guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Q. Blankenship.

Serves In Pacific



Sgt. Odell Haynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mertie Haynes, of Reddies River, entered the army November 7, 1941, received training at Fort Bragg and went overseas in June, 1942. He has spent 31 months in the Southwest Pacific. In a recent letter home he stated that he hoped to come home in the near future.

Building and Loan Association Has Annual Meeting

North Wilkesboro Association Has Good Year Despite War Time Handicaps

The North Wilkesboro Building & Loan Association held its annual shareholders' meeting at the city hall in North Wilkesboro on Monday evening, January 22, at 7:00 o'clock. J. H. Whicker, Jr., was chairman and J. B. Williams, secretary of the shareholders' meeting, at which time a report was received from the secretary for the 1944 operation. J. C. Reins, president of the association, also made a verbal report which was very interesting. Other shareholders made fine booster talks on the building and loan work, in which they congratulated the management on its success for the year of 1944, which they thought was splendid due to world conditions existing which affect very vitally financial institutions.

The old board of directors was unanimously re-elected, namely: J. C. Reins, S. V. Tomlinson, J. H. Whicker, Jr., J. B. Williams, C. P. Walter, J. H. Rector, H. M. Hutchens, D. J. Carter, R. G. Finley, W. H. H. Waugh, J. B. Snyder and C. E. Jenkins, Jr.

It has been ascertained that the North Wilkesboro Association paid to its shareholders last year in withdrawal and maturity, \$114,129.00, and in earnings to shareholders a total of \$25,336.37 was paid.

After the shareholders' meeting the directors met and re-elected the old board of officers, namely: J. C. Reins, president; S. V. Tomlinson, vice-president; J. H. Whicker, Jr., attorney, and J. B. Williams, secretary-treasurer.

This splendid financial institution has now completed its 42nd year in continuous operations in serving North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county. No other institution has been more instrumental in building homes in this county than this building and loan association, and it will in the future, as it has in the past, continue to assist all worthy applicants by lending them money to build or purchase homes.

The report of the secretary-treasurer follows: The third year of total war has made its influence felt on your Building & Loan Association (Continued on page six)

Purlear Community Is Working Hard In Polio Campaign

The people of Purlear community are working hard for the polio drive. There are three churches in this section, Purlear, New Hope, and Stony Hill. A contribution will be taken from each church and personal contacts are being made.

The workers in this drive are Mrs. W. S. Fletcher, chairman, Misses Doris Davidson, Ruby Yates, Ardenna Vannoy, Valera Fletcher, Dara Watts, Delta Y. Yates, Annie Laura Carter, Mesdames Alda Eller, Dorothy Vannoy, Laura Church, Winnie M. Church, Johnson Crane, Jessie Rhyne, Edna McNeil, and Messrs Dixon Cooper, Don Nichols and Rev. Lee Beshears.

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Splendid Report On Seals Is Given By Mrs. Swofford

Over \$1,000 Received in the Campaign; Year Ends With Funds On Hand

Mrs. Jack Swofford, chairman of the Christmas seal campaign sponsored by the Woman's Club, has just released a splendid financial report.

The report, as of January 22, shows that the fund, which is used in Wilkes to fight tuberculosis and help treat victims of the disease, now has \$1,654.24 in the bank after expenses were paid.

The seal sale this year brought in \$1,012.42, and the receipts were from the following sources: mailing of seals, \$630.26; colored schools, \$41.00; white schools, \$332.72, and Bangle day, \$8.45. The last report, as of April 7, 1944, showed \$1,080.48 in the bank, which, with current receipts of the last campaign, made a total of \$2,092.90 for the fund.

Expenditures since April 17 were listed by Mrs. Stafford as follows: X-rays and early case findings, \$95.00; juices for tubercular hut, \$7.98; expenses for getting out seals, \$18.75; Christmas boxes for Wilkes tubercular patients, \$49.17; sent to state office for 25 per cent of gross receipts in campaign, \$253.10; sent to state office for one-half of supplies used, \$16.84. The expenditures totaled \$438.66.

Kiwanians Plan Special Program

Members of the Kiwanis Club of North Wilkesboro will observe the 30th anniversary of Kiwanis International Friday with a program based on the service organization's 1945 administrative theme, "Win the War—Build for Peace".

Paul Osborne, recently elected president of the North Wilkesboro club, said today that plans for the anniversary meeting, to be held at noon Friday, January 26, at Hotel Wilkes, have been virtually completed. Outstanding features will include the reading of a message from Ben Dean, Grand Rapids, president of Kiwanis International, and announcement of this year's objectives.

Recalling that Kiwanis was born in Detroit on the eve of World War I, Mr. Osborne said the organization since Pearl Harbor has supplemented its community service activities with projects which contribute directly to the conduct of the United Nations' war program.

He revealed that last year 139,000 Kiwanians in some 2,250 clubs throughout the United States and Canada bought and sold war bonds valued at more than \$1,000,000. They also donated 55,000 pints of blood, purchased millions of cigarettes for soldiers overseas, established canteens and entertainment centers, and kept in direct touch with upwards of 2,000,000 servicemen and women either by letter, or by sending them hometown newspapers.

Eleven men attended the meeting which created Kiwanis during the winter of 1915. Its membership since that time has increased by leaps and bounds, especially in the past year. More than 13,000 Kiwanians are in the armed forces.

President Osborne said that plans for the anniversary meeting were being directed by the committee on Kiwanis Education.

U. S. TROOPS HACK OUT SMALL GAINS

British Second Army tanks, reaching 10 miles inside the Reich, stormed into the Seifried fortress of Heinsberg today against thinning enemy resistance, and it was disclosed that for three days German railroads have been jammed with men and weapons shifting from the west to the eastern front.

At Heinsberg, Field Marshal Sir B. L. Montgomery's tomies were within 15 miles of the twin Rhineland industrial centers of Hunchen-Gladbach and Rheydt—extreme artillery range—and were just 29 miles from the metropolis of Dusseldorf on the Rhine.

Miss Ardenna Vannoy, of Purlear, spent Monday morning with Mrs. J. T. Edmiston, of Wilkesboro.