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## Democrats Will Hold Convention On April 27th

**Precinct Meetings Will Be Held On April 20; Chairman Issues Call**

Democrats of Wilkes county will meet in county convention Saturday, April 27, 2:00 p. m., at the county courthouse, W. A. McNeil, chairman of the Wilkes County Democratic Executive committee, said today.

In the convention call Chairman McNeil stated that precinct meetings will be held on Saturday, April 20, two p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention.

At the county convention the county organization will be perfected and delegates will be named to the state convention.

All Democrats are urged to attend the precinct meetings and the county convention.

Hybrid corn is expected to provide a \$3,000,000-a-year seed business in North Carolina by 1950.

## Taken By Death



Here is a recent picture of the late W. E. Colvard, prominent business leader who died recently at his home in Wilkesboro. Mr. Colvard for several decades was one of the best known citizens in northwestern North Carolina, having been prominently affiliated with a number of business enterprises.

# Contests Slated For 3 County Nominations

## W. O. Burgin, Representative Died Thursday

**Eighth District Congressman Dies in Capital Following Heart Attack**

Washington, April 11.—The death early today of Rep. W. O. Burgin, Democrat, North Carolina, brought quick adjournment of the house after fellow members eulogized him as "an outstanding, conscientious and useful man."

Burgin died in Doctors hospital where he was taken after a heart attack at his home Sunday.

The dean of the North Carolina delegation, Representatives Doughton, and Representatives Kerr, Democrat, North Carolina, and Lecompte, Republican, Iowa, were appointed by Speaker Rayburn, Democrat, Texas, to accompany the body to North Carolina aboard a train leaving here at 11:45 p. m. Funeral service will be held at the family home in Lexington, N. C., at 4 p. m. Friday.

Burgin, a member of the house foreign affairs committee, had announced recently he would retire after completing his fourth term in the house in January. He had intended to return to his law practice and business interests in Lexington. He was 67 years old.

Speaking to the house, Doughton called Burgin "an outstanding and useful man" who performed "fine service" to his district and his country.

## Wilkes Hosiery Mills Record For Mishaps Perfect

The Wilkes Hosiery Mills Company completed one year's operation on April 13, 1946, without a lost time accident, P. W. Eshelman, President, announced today.

The employees of the Company are justly proud of this record, as they are vitally interested in the Safety Program of the Company. This record is particularly gratifying at this time as the mill is entered in the Statewide Hosiery Safety Contest which is now in progress.

This contest is sponsored by the North Carolina Industrial Commission, and the Wilkes Hosiery Mills won first place in a similar Statewide Safety Contest in 1943.

## Both Parties Have Sheriffs' Contest; G. O. P. For Clerk

**Filing Time Closed Saturday Afternoon; Complete List is Published**

Primary contests for nominations for two county offices developed as the filing time for candidates ended Saturday.

C. J. Jones, chairman of the Wilkes county board of elections, said there will be primary contests for the Republican and Democratic nominations for sheriff and the Republican nomination for clerk of court, provided the candidates who file remain in the races.

For nomination for sheriff there are three candidates on the Republican side. Sheriff C. G. Poindexter filed for another term and the new candidates are Bill Phillips and Githern L. Eller. There are two candidates for the Democratic nomination — Rufus B. Church and Joel Johnson Bentley.

The other contest for nomination to county office is between C. C. Hayes, who has filed for another term as clerk of court, and Winfield S. Fletcher, who has filed for the Republican nomination for clerk.

The complete list of candidates who filed, as released by Mr. Jones, follows:

For sheriff: C. G. Poindexter, Bill Phillips and Githern L. Eller, Republicans; Rufus B. Church and Joel Johnson Bentley, Democrats.

For clerk of court: Winfield S. Fletcher and C. C. Hayes, Republicans; Thornton Staley, Democrat.

For Representative: T. E. Story, Republican; Larry S. Moore, Democrat.

For county commissioner: M. F. Absher, C. C. Sidden and I. J. Broyhill, Republicans; Grady Miller, Paul J. Vestal and Gilbert T. Bare, Democrats.

For Coroner: I. M. Myers, Republican; Dr. Seth W. Beale, Democrat.

For surveyor: T. G. Casey, Republican; S. P. Mitchell, Democrat.

For state senate: Paul I. Cashion, Democrat; Republican candidate, whose name was not learned here today, filed in another county of the district, composed of Davie, Yadkin and Wilkes.

C. O. McNeil, Democrat, filed for member of board of education.

For township constables: Republicans—G. W. Triplett, Elk; J. F. Bennett, Rock Creek; Roby Elledge, North Wilkesboro; W. C. Beshears, Jobs Cabin; Democrats—Howard H. Transou, Edwards; J. E. Walker, North Wilkesboro.

For justices of the peace: Republicans—W. H. Sebastian, Mulberry; P. E. Dancy, Union; J. W. Robbins, Antioch; Democrats—C. A. Forester, North Wilkesboro; W. E. Horton, Elk.

## American Legion Is Giving Veterans A Buffet Supper

All Veterans Invited to Dinner Meeting to Be Held at Mt. Pleasant

Wilkes post of the American Legion will be host to all service veterans who will attend a buffet supper and entertainment to be held Friday evening, April 19, seven o'clock, at Mount Pleasant school.

Commander H. C. Landon, of the Wilkes post, said today that a buffet supper will be served free to all veterans and urged

## C. C. Hayes Seeks G.O.P. Nomination For Clerk of Court

C. C. Hayes, clerk of superior court of Wilkes county, has filed for the Republican nomination to succeed himself.

Mr. Hayes will have completed his third term as clerk of superior court in December this year, being elected for the first time in 1934.

The other candidate for the nomination is Winfield S. Fletcher of Purllear, who announced his candidacy several days ago.

## Churches Softball League Will Open Play April 30th

Six Teams Compose League; North Wilkesboro in Mountain League

In recent meetings of softball players a six-team league has been formed in the Wilkesboros with play scheduled to open on April 30.

The teams in the Churches league will be composed of two from the First Baptist church, one each from the First Methodist and First Presbyterian in this city, and one each from the Baptist and Methodist churches in Wilkesboro.

Games will be played on each Tuesday and Thursday evening, 6:30 p. m., on the Smoot Park, Fairgrounds and Wilkesboro fields.

Each sponsor is asked to register their lists of players and turn in entrance fees to Bill Lee, secretary of the league, not later than April 23.

Charlie Manship is president of the Softball league, Gordon Forester is vice president, and Bill Lee is secretary-treasurer.

In addition to the churches league, North Wilkesboro will have a team in the Mountain Softball league composed of teams from North Wilkesboro, Elkin, Sparta and Independence, Va.

In the Mountain League games will be played each Wednesday afternoon. The first games will be on May 24 with North Wilkesboro playing Elkin and Sparta playing Independence.

## Former Methodist Pastor Here Delivers Inspiring Address Before Club

Featured by an interesting address, the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club on Friday held an interesting meeting.

Prior to the program Carl Vandeman discussed the Family Garden Contest for this community with rules and regulations to be set up later and asked the Club to be the sponsor. The Club voted to sponsor the project.

W. D. Halfacre called attention to the Easter seal campaign and asked the members to support it liberally.

Attendance prize was given by Carl Vandeman: one pound of frozen green peas and a month's rent paid on locker in new plant. It was won by A. F. Kilby.

Program Chairman W. G. Gabriel with appropriate remarks presented Rev. A. C. Waggoner, of Reidsville, who made an appealing talk on the subject, "Being Loyal to the Royal." He quoted from the Beatitudes for a background for his thought, and then stated there are two attitudes among men about what constitutes success. The first is the means of achievement, or worth, or what one has done or his social standing. The other is the measure placed on the individual of being something rather than having something.

It is definite that man is to be something or somebody. A three fold means for measuring man follows: First, what man has; He may have and yet be most poor; or, he may have not and yet be most rich. Neither poverty nor the having of great abundance is necessarily a virtue, but the use to which either is put may make all the difference.

Second, What man does; He may do much and it avail but little. How he does counts much.

Third, What man is; The master of men did not concern himself so much with what men have or what they do, but he did go to great lengths to impress the importance of what men are.

This was a good talk and enjoyed by the club members.

Guests Friday were as follows: Tommie Phillips with R. E. Gibbs, T. J. Frazier with P. E. Forester, Richard Johnston with W. J. Caroon, Harold Riley, of St. Louis, Mo., was a visiting Kiwanian.

## Support the Y.M.C.A.

SGT. WM. ARTHUR NICHOLS SPENDING FURLOUGH HERE

Sgt. Wm. Arthur Nichols, who is stationed at the marine corps base at Parris Island, S. C., is spending a 14-day furlough with relatives and friends here and in the Purllear community.

## LENTE SERVICES BEING HELD IN CHURCHES OF THE WILKESBOROS

**Foster Brothers Open Shop Here**

John, Jim and T. G. Foster, experienced machinists, have opened the Foster Machine Shop on the basement floor of the Wilkes Hatchery building on the corner of C and Tenth streets.

The new shop specializes in machinist and repair work of all kinds and is well equipped.

**One Change Made In Schedule of Pre-Easter Services Under Way**

The series of Lenten services under sponsorship of the Ministerial Alliance of the Wilkesboros opened Sunday night with a union service at Wilkesboro Methodist church. Rev. Watt M. Cooper, Presbyterian minister, delivered an inspiring sermon.

The series continues tonight with Rev. H. M. Wellman, Wilkesboro Methodist pastor, speaking at the First Presbyterian church. On Tuesday night Rev. Howard J. Wolf, of Elkin, will preach at the Wilkesboro Baptist church.

On Wednesday night Dr. David E. Browning, First Baptist pastor, will preach at the First Methodist and on Thursday night Dr. Gilbert R. Combs, First Methodist pastor, will deliver the message at the First Baptist.

The series will close on Friday night when Rev. B. M. Lackey, rector, will conduct a Good Friday service at the St. Paul's Episcopal church in Wilkesboro. The service Friday will begin at 7:30 and all other services during the series at 7:45.

The Lenten services are for all congregations and all are invited to worship together.

## Mrs. Alice Watts Taken By Death

Mrs. Alice Yates Watts, member of a well known Wilkes family, died Sunday night, 11 o'clock, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. E. E. Hayes, near Purllear.

Mrs. Watts, widow of the late Manley Watts, is survived by two sons and two daughters: J. L. and R. G. Watts, of Taylorsville, Mrs. J. T. Vannoy and Mrs. E. E. Hayes, of Purllear. She was the mother of the late Rev. Finley C. Watts, well known Baptist minister who died a few years ago. Also surviving are three brothers, W. L. Yates, of Wilkesboro, John Morgan and Tom Yates, of Purllear.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, two p. m., at New Hope Baptist church. Rev. Isaac Watts, pastor, will conduct the service and burial will be in New Hope cemetery.

## Schools Entering Speaking Contest; Soil Care Subject

Seven Wilkes county high schools have so far entered the soil conservation public speaking contest sponsored in Wilkes County by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club, to be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro at 10:00 a. m., Thursday, April 18, according to R. E. Dunn, Chairman of the USDA Council of Wilkes County.

Mr. Dunn said that during this week and next week, Homer T. Boling is carrying out a full schedule of field trips for entrants in the contest so that they may spend an hour or more on a farm having a complete soil conservation plan established. These trips were planned so that the student may gain first-hand knowledge of soil conservation work actually established on the ground.

The seven schools so far entering the contest are North Wilkesboro, Ronda, Roaring River, Mountain View, Ferguson, Millers Creek, and Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Dunn said that most of the schools were entering a maximum of two speakers in the county contest. He also said that he, Bob Smith, county agent, and Homer T. Boling would be available in the next two weeks to assist any school contestant with his speech or in checking over the technical phases of the speech, so that each entrant would have a fair chance in the contest.

Spring prospects for most all North Carolina crops are good.

## Excellent Program For Band Concert On Tuesday Night

**Spring Concert of North Wilkesboro High School Band Anticipated**

A most interesting program has been arranged for the Spring Concert of the North Wilkesboro High School Band. No admission charge will be made for the concert which takes place at 8 p. m. Tuesday, April 16 in the school auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Under the direction of Miss Eva Bingham, the band will present a program which follows:

Full Band Numbers: Flying Cadets March, Southern Cross Overture, Till We Meet Again, Wings of the Army March.

Clarinet quartet, Lewis Nelson, Jane Cragan, Bill Bason, Frances Harris.

Bass Solo, Tommy Johnson.

Trumpet Solo, Paul McGinnis.

Flute Solo, John Gibbs.

Baritone Solo, Gordon Finley.

Saxophone Trio, Clate Duncan, Betty J. Wells, Patsy Hawkins.

Clarinet Solo, Lewis Nelson.

Trumpet Solo, Carl Swofford.

Full Band Numbers: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Sleepers Awake! Torch of Liberty March, and Tremontier Overture.

Ushers for the program will be Dean Minton, Alvin Rhodes, Ann Wells, Kent Sturdivant, Ray Bowman, Betty Jo Reavis, Norma Gabriel, and Ann Lott. Robert Wells and John Hubert Emerson will handle curtains and stage lighting.

There will be a reception and party for band members and their parents following the concert.

## Forester Sells Ice Cream Firm To Coble Plant

**Coble Dairy Products Company to Serve Customers Forester Ice Cream**

Forester Ice Cream company, established here in 1930 by N. S. Forester and operated very successfully by him since that time, has been sold by Mr. Forester to Coble Dairy Products company, of Lexington and Wilkesboro.

Included in the sale, which will become effective Friday, are all ice cream manufacturing equipment, cabinets, trucks and other machinery and equipment. However, no real estate was involved.

Coble Dairy Products company will serve the territory now served by Forester Ice Cream company in Wilkes, Alexander, Caldwell, Ashe, Watauga and Alleghany counties and service will be provided from the company's plant in Wilkesboro.

Mr. Forester will continue to operate the Forester Beverage company and the North Wilkesboro Candy company. Commenting on the sale of the Forester Ice Cream company, Mr. Forester said that he deeply appreciated the loyalty and cooperation of the people in northwestern North Carolina who made the business possible and enabled it to grow and expand during the past 16 years.

## Githern Eller Is New Candidate In Sheriff Race

Githern L. Eller, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. (Grant) Eller, has filed for the Republican nomination for sheriff of Wilkes county.

Mr. Eller served two and one-half years service with General Hodges' First army in Europe, and received his discharge December 21. He completed his high school course at Mount Pleasant before entering the army in January, 1943.

## Luther Saunders Victim of Hit-Run Driver On Sunday

Luther Saunders, age 44, was instantly killed by a hit and run driver six miles south of this city on highway 115 Sunday night.

Sgt. A. H. Clark, of the highway patrol, and I. M. Myers, Wilkes coroner, investigated the accident, which occurred at 8:15 p. m. They learned that Saunders was walking south on the highway when he was struck by a motor vehicle traveling north. A boy at a home nearby heard the sound of the vehicle striking the man and saw it continue up the highway. Saunders' dead body was found by the side of the highway.

Sgt. Clark said today that the identity of the hit and run driver had not been learned.

Saunders was a son of Mrs. Minnie Saunders, of North Wilkesboro route three. He is survived by his mother and one brother, Earl Saunders.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, 11 a. m., at Fishing Creek church.

## Miss Alexander In Junior Recital At Limestone College

Gaffney, S. C., April 12.—The Music Department of Limestone College will present Miss Elizabeth Alexander in her Junior Recital in Plano on Friday evening, April 19, at eight o'clock in Curtis Auditorium. She will be assisted by Misses Anne and Betty McNeely, duo-pianists.

Miss Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Alexander, of Wilkesboro, N. C., is a student of Wilgus Eberly, Director of the Music Department of Limestone College.

Her Junior Recital program is as follows:

Arioso, Bach-Barth; Sonata in a minor, Opus 143, Allegro giusto, Schubert; Etude in G Flat Major, Chopin; Eglogue, Liszt; Stude in c minor, Chopin.

Puck, Grieg-Gest; Aria, Arensky; Gracia (from Andolusian Dances), Infante, Betty and Anne McNeely.

Three Preludes, Gershwin: Allegro ben ritmato e deciso; Andante con moto e poco rubato; Allegro ben ritmato e deciso.

## Dwight Nichols Is Commissioner Of Amateur Softball

Dwight Nichols, editor of The Journal-Patriot, has been appointed as softball commissioner for the North Wilkesboro district of the North Carolina Amateur Softball Association.

Commissioners for various districts in the state were appointed by the state executive committee of the association, of which Bill Alligood, of Mount Holly, is commissioner.

The state tournament to be conducted by the association will be held at Greensboro August 14-18 for men and at High Point August 21-25 for women softball teams. North Wilkesboro will be invited to enter teams in the tournament. District commissioners of amateur softball will be concerned only with teams entered for state competition.

## Home Clubs Plan Federation Meet Here On May 7th

Wilkes county council of Home Demonstration clubs in called meeting Friday made plans for the spring federation of Wilkes county home clubs to be held Tuesday, May 7, at the First Baptist church in this city.

Mrs. Annie H. Greene, home agent in Wilkes county, stated that Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, assistant director of extension work in North Carolina, will be present for the federation, which will convene at 1:30 p. m.

At the meeting Friday plans were also made for the National Achievement Week, which will be observed by home clubs May 6-11.

## Chicken Dinner At Union Friday Night

Woman's Society of Christian Service of Union Methodist church will serve a chicken supper at the church on Friday evening, April 19, six to nine o'clock. The public is cordially invited.