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Dr. Blackwell Is Speaker Friday At Kiwanis Meet

Mars Hill College President Says Teaching Should Be Full Time Job

Featured by an address by Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, president of Mars Hill College, the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club held its Christmas program Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes.

Friday was the time set some time ago for the exchange of Christmas presents. It was a delightful occasion. Every member had brought a nice present for some other member and President Gardner called on a number of the members to assist in giving out the presents, which were piled high at the front table.

At each person's plate was a lovely booklet of Christmas Carols given by President Gardner to his fellow members.

The program was in charge of Dr. G. T. Mitchell, who had as his speaker, Dr. Hoyt Blackwell, President of Mars Hill College. Dr. Blackwell made a very forceful talk on the subject, "Education and Public Service." He indicated that education without the spirit of service would likely not end up well. He said that the slogan sometimes heard, Education or Chaos, is a false conclusion; saying that sometimes that Education and Chaos get on the same side. He championed the cause of the teacher, but put his teaching above the salary check at the end of the month. He offered the suggestion that teachers be through their collegiate training when they begin the work of teaching and then be allowed to work on a full 12 months basis. That when they are not in the class rooms after the nine months term, that they be given other types of community work with the children and young people and thereby be employed full time. His talk was such as to challenge thought and consideration.

Dr. W. F. Jones, a former Kiwanian, was welcomed back into membership in the club. Watson Brame was taken into the club as a new member and was inducted by Rev. Watt M. Cooper. The attendance prize was given by W. G. Gabriel and won by J. C. Reins.

Guests were as follows: R. E. Gibbs had Martin Thomas, of Mt. Airy. C. V. Rogers, of Martinsville, Ben Adair, of Elkin, Mack Laughorn of Winston-Salem; R. G. Finley had C. A. Jackson; F. C. Hubbard had Bob Hubbard; H. P. Eller had Bobby Eller; D. E. Ellledge had John W. Nichols; J. H. McNeill had David W. Smith; E. F. Gardner had Bill Gardner; G. R. Combs had J. C. Allen, Jr.; G. T. Mitchell had Mrs. Mitchell, Ray Inscore. Mrs. Madge Sturdivant and Dr. Hoyt Blackwell.

Holiday Program Enjoyed Friday By Local Lions

Colored Minister and Quartet Heard; Lions Help Needy Families

North Wilkesboro Lions club held an enjoyable meeting Friday evening at Hotel Wilkes.

Blair Gwyn, Shoun Kerbaugh and Dorman Payne were program committee for the evening. Rev. C. H. Williams, pastor of the colored Presbyterian church, delivered an interesting address, in which he talked of a number of colored characters who have figured prominently in the fields of science, art, music and medicine.

The B. and W. quartet, composed of local colored men, sang a number of songs and were enthusiastically applauded. Prior to the program names of underprivileged families were distributed to Lions present and each will provide a Christmas basket for one or more families. Guests Friday were: James Mock and James Ford with Paul Cashion; Bob Day with Charles Day; Jimmie Allen with Blair Gwyn.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Mathis and Messrs. Don and R. G. Mathis, Jr., of Wilkesboro, Route 2, Mrs. Margaret Gray, of Hickory, returned Sunday from Hampton, Va., where they attended the wedding of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Addison Himes.



Stores and Banks Will Be Closed On December 25, 26

According to a previously adopted plan, stores in North Wilkesboro will be closed two days for Christmas, Wednesday and Thursday, December 25 and 26.

Both banks and a number of other business houses will also be closed two days, Wednesday and Thursday.

Grover C. Transou Funeral Saturday

Last rites were held Saturday at Edgewood Baptist church for Grover C. Transou, 53, well known citizen of Lovelace township who died Friday. Rev. Par's Robinson and Rev. Joe Parker conducted the service.

Mr. Transou is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lou Transou, and the following sons and daughters: Johnnie, Jennie and Ada Transou, Mrs. William Benge, Mrs. Della Call and Homer Transou.

George Holland Taken By Death

Funeral service was held Sunday afternoon, 2:30, at Fishing Creek Baptist church for George Holland, 66, prominent citizen of the Wilkesboro route two community who died Friday in a Statesville hospital. Rev. C. J. Poole and Rev. Mr. Thompson conducted the last rites.

Mr. Holland is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dora Holland, and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Carl Miller and E. N. Holland, Wilkesboro route two; Mrs. L. G. Harrold, Granite Falls; Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. Julius Johnson, Mrs. E. L. Beehears, Joe and Archie E. Holland, of the Wilkesboro. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren, one brother, C. H. Holland, and one sister, Mrs. Ema Johnson.

The Journal-Patriot Will Not Be Issued Thursday This Week

Following an established practice which gives the newspaper force a brief holiday period, The Journal-Patriot will not be issued on Thursday, December 23.

The next issue of this newspaper will appear on Monday, December 30. Readers are asked to call or send by mail news notes of their visitors and other news happenings.

Russell Hodges' Mother Succumbs

Funeral service was held today at the Advent Christian church at Boone for Mrs. H. C. Hodges, 82, who died Saturday evening at her home near Boone.

Mrs. Hodges, wife of the late H. C. Hodges, was the mother of Russell G. Hodges, of this city. He and two daughters, Mrs. J. C. Norris and Mrs. J. A. Hodges, of near Boone, are the surviving members of the immediate family.

Those from here attending the funeral included Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hodges, Mrs. J. D. Moore, Sr., Mrs. Mary Moore Hix and Henry L. Moore.

Nancy C. Collins Claimed By Death

Funeral service will be held Tuesday at Roaring Gap church for Mrs. Nancy C. Collins, 64, who died Sunday. Rev. Grant Cothren, Rev. Ed Hayes and Rev. Levi McCann will conduct the service.

Surviving Mrs. Collins are three daughters and one son: Mrs. W. C. Brown and Mrs. Sam Osborne, of Thurmond; Charlie Collins and Mrs. Connie Shumate, North Wilkesboro.

Wilkes Transportation Buses Take Two Days

Wilkes Transportation company buses will not operate on Wednesday and Thursday, December 25 and 26, in order to allow the drivers a well-earned holiday rest. H. P. Eller, owner, said today.

Young Man Killed In Auto Accident

Logan R. Church Victim Of Crash On Highway 421

Was In Car Saturday Night Driven By Verlin Blankenship, Charges Filed

Logan R. Church, 22, was crushed and instantly killed Saturday night, 9:30, 20 miles west of this city on highway 421 when a car driven by Verlin Blankenship, of North Wilkesboro, crashed.

According to information learned by Highway Patrolman Sidney Carter, the 1940 Ford coach driven by Blankenship left the pavement on the right side traveled in the ditch line 100 feet, struck a concrete culvert head, overturned on the pavement and skid on its side 87 feet before turning upright and coming to a stop.

Blankenship and Miss Ruth Mast, of near Boone, other occupants of the car, sustained only minor injuries. Church's skull was crushed, his neck was broken and there were numerous bruises about his body. Patrolman Carter said that Blankenship is charged with driving while drunk, reckless driving, speeding and manslaughter.

Logan Church was a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Church, of Stony Fork. In addition to his parents he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. I. A. Church and Mrs. G. N. Green, North Wilkesboro; Lonnie Church, Lenoir; Joseph Church, Phillip Church and Ailes Church, North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Turner Church, Congo; Nema and J. D. Church, Stony Fork. Funeral service was held today, 2:30, at the home and burial was in the family cemetery. Rev. Levi Greene conducted the last rites.

Col. Ray Landsberger Received Promotion

Col. Raymond Robert Landsberger, manager of the Jewel Box in this city, has received his promotion in the army air corps reserve from the rank of Lt. Colonel to rank of Colonel.

Col. Landsberger served for a long period during the war as an army air corps officer in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

Local Lodge Gives \$350 to Orphans

Masonic Lodge Number 407 Makes Generous Gift To Institution

Through the generosity of the members of North Wilkesboro Lodge No. 407 A. F. and A. M. a donation of \$350.00 was made to the Oxford Orphanage on December 15th. The Orphanage Committee of the Lodge is composed of; Frank H. Crow, chairman. Ira D. Payne, W. W. Starr, Paul Greene, and Walter R. Newton.

The Oxford Orphanage is owned, governed and operated by the Grand Lodge of Masons in North Carolina, having been established in 1872. Six thousand North Carolina children have received its benefits and you will find former pupils in all walks of life. Many are in the learned professions.

While the Orphanage is owned and operated by the Masons of North Carolina its services is not restricted to Children of Masons. Support is given by many kindhearted North Carolinians who feel that an investment in homeless children pays dividends.

Singing Sunday At Little Rock Church

Fifth Sunday singing of the Southside Singing association will be held Sunday, December 29, at Little Rock Baptist church near Boomer. F. J. McDuffie, chairman, said the singing will begin immediately after Sunday school and continue through the day. Dinner will be spread picnic style at noon. All singers are cordially invited to take part.

Masonic Lodge Elects Officers For Coming Year

Liberty lodge number 45, North Wilkesboro lodge number 407, and North Wilkesboro chapter number 78, R. A. M., have named officers for the coming year as follows:

Liberty Lodge: Johnson Sanders, Master; Arlie R. Foster, Senior Warden; S. T. Anderson, Junior Warden; Carl Bullis, Treasurer; Charlie Lenderman, Secretary; Presley Joines, Senior Deacon; Page Choate, Junior Deacon; R. S. Godfrey, Senior Steward; Paul E. Soots, Junior Steward; F. F. Frazier, Tyler; Ed Crysel, Coach; W. N. Hayes, Chaplain.

Officers of the North Wilkesboro Lodge No. 407 A. F. and A. M. for the year 1947: Maurice E. Walsh, Master; Quincy B. Huffman, Senior Warden; Tam L. Shumaker, Junior Warden; E. M. Blackburn, Treasurer; Frank H. Crow, Secretary; Haggie W. Faw, Senior Deacon; Oox Blevins, Junior Deacon; Eddie Forester, Stewart; Claude K. Key, Stewart; J. F. Shores, Tyler.

North Wilkesboro Chapter No. 78, Royal Arch Masons (election and installation): Johns Sanders, High Priest; Maurice Walsh, King; Troy Perry, Scribe; C. P. Walter, Treasurer; J. C. Grayson, Secretary; Tam Shoemaker, Captain of Host; Frank H. Crow, Principal Sojourner; Ed Crysel, Royal Arch Captain; Bruce Phillips, Master of 3rd Vall; John L. Wells, Master of 2nd Vall; Page Choate, Master of 1st Vall; J. H. Rector, Chaplain; Quincy Huffman, Sentinel.

Timber Thinning Contest Planned In Wilkes County

Chamber of Commerce And Extension Service Join In Forestry Work

"We are fortunate here in Wilkes County to have considerable areas of our woodlands in young trees. However, timber like any other crop needs a certain amount of cultural operations to obtain maximum returns. Many of our stands of young timber are full of inferior kinds of trees hindering the growth and often crowding out the more valuable trees. Then often our young stands of timber, especially young pine timber, are growing too thick and are thus becoming stunted and considerable valuable growth and time is thus being lost." R. D. Smith, county agent, said here today.

To encourage the boys of the county to work their timber, the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce and the Agricultural Extension service are sponsoring a contest in timber thinning or Timber Stand Improvement for Wilkes County from boys between the ages of 14 to 18 years, inclusive.

Between January 1, 1947 and April 1, 1947 the boys entering the contest will be required to thin or otherwise improve a stand of young timber on one acre. The Wilkes Chamber of Commerce is offering substantial prizes for the best work done provided at least twenty boys in the county participate in the contest.

To enter the contest application should be made to R. D. Smith, County Agent, of Wilkesboro. Before any thinning is done the County Agent or the Farm Forester will assist the contestant in selecting and measuring his demonstration acre and give him instructions for doing the job. At the close of the contest the Extension Forester from the Agricultural Extension Service and the Farm Forester will inspect the thinning and determine the winners.