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## WORK STARTED ON CLEAN-UP — PAINT-UP CAMPAIGN



Community leaders have already started work on the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce Clean-Up, Paint-Up campaign, April 27-May 3. Members of the North Wilkesboro garden club shown above are planting shrubs at the triangle intersection of highways 268 and 421 just west of the Yadkin river bridge. Left to right, they are: Mrs. Zollie Eller, Mrs. Ivey Moore, Mrs. A. C. Chamberlain, vice president, and Mrs. Edd Gardner, president of the Garden Club, Mrs. W. E. Jones and Mrs. F. C. Forester. The picture at left shows Edward S. Finley, foreground, president, and C. C. Faw, Jr., vice president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, which is expected to figure most prominently in actual work of the forthcoming campaign. The Wilkes Chamber of Commerce clean-up, paint-up campaign committee have adopted as their slogan for the campaign the famous saying of Abraham Lincoln, "I like to see a man proud of the place he lives in." The committee points out that every resident of Wilkes county can be a part of the campaign with no cost to himself. They suggest you look around your home and clean up, paint up.

## Head High Point Schools Speaker At Kiwanis Meet

Charles F. Carrol Tells Club About School System In North Carolina

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club Friday noon was told many interesting facts about the school system. Program chairman John Prevette asked C. B. Eller to present the speaker, Supt. Chas. F. Carrol, of the High Point city schools. Mr. Carrol made a very timely and interesting talk on the subject of "Public Education" with emphasis on the layman's interest in the same. He opened his talk by saying that "The greatest drawback to public education in North Carolina today, is that so many people have the understanding that the State has assumed full responsibility for operating the school system." He said further that the State has in the past assumed the role of promoting a public school system of minimum requirements but for the full support of an enriched school system. He pointed out glibly dates when the state had step by step improved its efforts in its support of public education. In 1825 public aid was given to the districts on the matching basis; in 1839 our first state wide school law was passed which provided certain minimum requirements; in 1868 the Constitution provided for the support of a four month school system; in 1933 the State took over the support of the eight months public school system; in 1935 and 37 further aid was given and in the year 1947 further extensions in the support of a nine months term and a twelve grade school system were made. The speaker stated that all of this had been done by the state as a minimum and never as meaning that the state intended to assume the full burden of supporting and paying for the full requirements of a complete education.

speech was thought provoking and was appreciated by the members of the club. Attendance prize was given by John Walker to Dr. W. K. Newton. D. S. Latham was a guest.

## Two Held For Safe Robberies

Two daring safe robberies from places of business of highway 421 west of this city apparently were solved by the arrest Wiley and Coolidge Greene, of Kings Creek, in Caldwell county by State Highway Patrolman Kennedy, of Lenoir, Wilkes Sheriff C. G. Poindexter said today.

Two weeks ago the Wilkes Oil company, located near Cricket and operated by Robert McLean, was entered and a 500-pound safe containing about \$1,200 in cash and bonds was taken.

A week later Church and Delp stores at Millers Creek was entered and a safe containing valuable papers, but no cash, was taken. The robbery occurred some time during the night by the side of the much traveled highway and with the interior lights on in the store, which was entered through the front door.

Highway Patrol Sergeant A. H. Clark and Sheriff Poindexter went to Lenoir to question the Greene brothers, who faced ten or more breaking and entering counts in Caldwell county. Officers stated that one of the Greene's made what appeared to be a full confession of the two robberies in Wilkes. He was quoted as saying that the safe from Church and Delp was thrown off highway 16 on the Brushy mountains, where the safe was found.

A confession was also given for the Wilkes Oil company robbery, stating that they got about \$600 in cash from the safe and threw it into the Yadkin river near Curtis bridge at Wilkesboro. He said they burned the bonds and papers, and if the confession is true, they also burned a few hundred dollars in currency which was contained in envelopes with some papers.

Caldwell county officers are holding both defendants on charge of committing a series of similar robberies in Caldwell county.

of C. S. Venable, C. S. Warren, of Lenoir, was a visiting Kiwanian.

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## Farm Womens' Day At Elkin On Tuesday

By MARGARET C. MORRISON (Assistant Home Agent)  
 Tomorrow, Tuesday, April 22, will be Farm Womens' Day for the women in Surry, Wilkes, and Yadkin counties. This program will be in Elkin.

A very interesting program is planned for this day with two very interesting speakers, Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, Assistant Director of Extension Work in North Carolina, and Miss Iris Davenport, Editor of Southern Agriculturist Magazine.

We are hoping that the allotted number of Wilkes Farm Women have made their plans to go to Elkin tomorrow.

## Wilkesboro Baby Show Nets \$1554 Gymnasium Fund

McEntire and Prevette Babies Take Top Places In Successful Event

The Wilkesboro School Baby Show, sponsored by the high school freshman class, was a big success in boosting the gymnasium building fund. The total receipts, all of which goes to the building fund, was \$1,554.30.

Kay McEntire, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McEntire was winner of first place with a total of 43,899 votes. Billie Prevette, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Prevette was winner of second place with 35,285 votes. A gold loving cup and ribbon was awarded the winner and a silver cup and ribbon was awarded the runner up. A total of sixty-two babies were entered in the show and the audience agreed that every one was mighty fine.

The program opened with an original radio skit by students of the ninth grade. Mr. W. T. Long principal of Wilkesboro school, was master of ceremonies and in introducing the individual babies explained the purpose of the show was to raise money to build a gymnasium and that the babies would be boss for the night and he would attempt to get every nickel possible from the audience for the gymnasium fund. Other numbers on the program included quartet by Messrs. Dickson, Minton, Church and Henderson. Songs by third grade pupils, a vocal solo by Mrs. Yale Miller, and a vocal solo by Miss Frances Miller.

The students, patrons, and friends of Wilkesboro school continue to show great interest in the gymnasium building fund and the students are hopeful that the goal of \$12,000.00 will be reached by the close of the present school year. A total of \$8,000.00 has been raised to date.

## Mrs. Zora Foster Taken By Death

Mrs. Zora Foster, resident of Purlar, died today and funeral will be held Wednesday, two p. m., at New Hope Baptist church.

## A. L. Sidden, 83, Taken By Death

A. L. Sidden, age 83, member of one of Wilkes county's best known families, died Friday night, ten o'clock, at his home in the Joynes community. Mr. Sidden had been in normal health until he was stricken ill three weeks ago.

Funeral service was held Sunday, two p. m., at old Roaring River Baptist church near Traphill, where Mr. Sidden for many decades had worshipped as a consecrated member and a leader in church work. Rev. A. F. Walker was in charge of the service, assisted by Rev. Charlie Miles.

Mr. Sidden was born in the Joynes community February 2, 1864, a son of the late Richard and Katie Casey Sidden. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nancy Yale Sidden, and eleven sons and daughters: Mrs. G. C. Pendry, Hays; Mrs. B. H. Candill, Traphill; A. C. Sidden, Joynes; C. C. Sidden, North Wilkesboro; J. T. Sidden, Winston-Salem; J. W. Sidden, Abshers; Richard and Earl Sidden, Joynes; Mrs. McKimley Hanks, Newlife; Mrs. B. C. Venable, Hillsville, Va.; Charlie Sidden, North Wilkesboro; also 55 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

## Wilkesboro High To Play Boone Tuesday

Wilkesboro high school baseball team will play Boone Tuesday, three p. m., on Wilkesboro athletic field if weather permits. A good game is anticipated and all baseball fans are invited.

## Consumer Survey Being Conducted By C. of C. Here

All Asked To Fill In Questionnaire and Mail To Chamber

In an effort to make this community a better place in which to do business, the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce is presenting a questionnaire for the public in this issue of The Journal-Patriot.

Readers of The Journal-Patriot are respectfully asked to fill out the questionnaire, clip the address with postage permit and mail to the Chamber of Commerce. No postage is required, and the people who do business in the Wilkesboros are kindly asked to take the few minutes time necessary to fill out the form and mail it, all of which will be in the interest of progress.

Each person who fills out the questionnaire and mails it according to instructions will be doing a public service which will be beneficial to the general public and to all mercantile establishments in this community.

## Wilkesboro Town Candidates File

Only one ticket has filed for election to town of Wilkesboro offices on May 6, J. F. Jordan, town clerk, said today.

W. E. Smith has filed for mayor and the commissioner candidates are Johnson Sanders, Joe H. Pearson, Arlon Triplett and Russell, Gray, Jr.

Mr. Gray is the only incumbent up for election. Mayor H. A. Cranor and Commissioners Paul Osborne, Tom Story, Jr., and C. E. Lenderman did not choose to run.

## W. F. Rash Rites At Union Church

Funeral services for William Fred Rash, 72, farmer and schoolteacher of the Cycle community, who died at a Statesville hospital Saturday night of pneumonia, will be held at Union Baptist church at 11 a. m. today. Rev. Mr. Brinkley will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The body will lie in state at the church from 10 until 11 a. m.

Mr. Rash had taught for several years in the public schools of this section. He had also served as a deputy sheriff in Wilkes county. For the past six years he had devoted his time to his farming interests.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Margaret Myers Rash; one daughter, Mrs. Burris Day of Ronda; three sons, Chy J. Rash of Jonesville, Journal and Sentinel circulation supervisor for Elkin and Jonesville, W. F. A. and Clyde M. Rash of Statesville and nine grandchildren.

## Benham Residents Hurt In Car Wreck

Elkin.—Walter Lee Wood, 20, and Estellene Garris, 15, both of the Benham community, were injured early yesterday when cars operated by Charlie Tucker, of Benham community, and Rufus James Fox, 25, of East Bend, collided on the Winston-Salem highway, three miles east of here.

Wood and Miss Garris were dismissed from Hugh Otham Memorial Hospital here yesterday after treatment for cuts. Both were riding in the Tucker car.

Fox, accompanied by his wife, was returning home from work at Chatham Manufacturing Company. Patrolmen Troy Gwaltney cited Fox to appear before Magistrate Evan Martin of Jonesville at 2 p. m. Saturday on a charge of reckless driving.

## Wilkes Post Of Legion To Have Junior Baseball

Boys In Wilkes Born On Or After January 1, 1930, Will Be Eligible

Wilkes County Post of the American Legion will sponsor a Legion junior baseball team this season.

Frank Allen, athletic officer of the Legion, said today that some boys are already practicing and that Roy Forehand, W. J. Bason, Bill Lee and Joe Johnson have been designated as coaches for the team.

Boys born on or after January 1, 1930, will be eligible to play, and any boy in Wilkes county of eligible age may try to make the team.

Regular practice will be held on the fairgrounds field here after the high school completes its baseball schedule on May 20. Meanwhile, the junior players may use the field at any time it is not being used by the high school team.

## Fall From Truck Kills R. C. Cass

Somers Township Citizen Died at The Wilkes Hospital Here

Funeral service for Richard Charles Cass, 58, citizen of Somers township who died Sunday at the Wilkes hospital from injuries received several days ago in a fall from a moving truck, will be held Tuesday, two p. m., at Sweet Home church.

Surviving Mr. Cass are his wife, Mrs. Geneva Mahaffey Cass, two sons and five daughters: Julius Cass, R. C. Cass, Jr., Miss Nettie Cass, Mrs. Wilson Brown and Miss Dinah Cass, all of Union Grove; Mrs. O. L. Gregory, Stony Point; Mrs. S. W. Mahaffey, Greensboro.

## Marlow Elected President Lions Club Here Friday

Numbers By Band Members And War Film Showing Make Good Program

W. C. (Bill) Marlow, prominent local merchant, was elected president of the North Wilkesboro Lions Club in meeting Friday evening.

On July 1 Mr. Marlow will succeed W. O. Absher as president of the club. Mr. Absher has been very successfully leading the club during the past year. Election of officers of the club was early this year in order that the officers-elect might attend the state convention as delegates.

Elected with Mr. Marlow were the following other officers: J. H. Whicker, Jr., C. J. Swofford and W. D. Jester, first, second and third vice presidents; Jim Somers, tall twister; E. D. Daney, Lion tamer; Dr. J. W. Willis and Larry Moore, directors. Terms of Paul Cashion and Edward S. Finley, directors, do not expire this year.

The program Friday evening was in charge of C. J. Swofford, Frank Allen and B. B. Broome. Sgt. Earl Triplett, of the army recruiting service, showed some very interesting Pacific war films.

Miss Eva Bingham, director of the North Wilkesboro high school band, presented Carl Swofford, Betty Whicker, Peggy Harris and Gordon Finley, Jr., members of the school band who gave group and solo numbers. The program was well received by the club and received much favorable comment.

## Book Stations Of Public Library In Many Sections

Four Added Last Week; People Grateful For Library Services

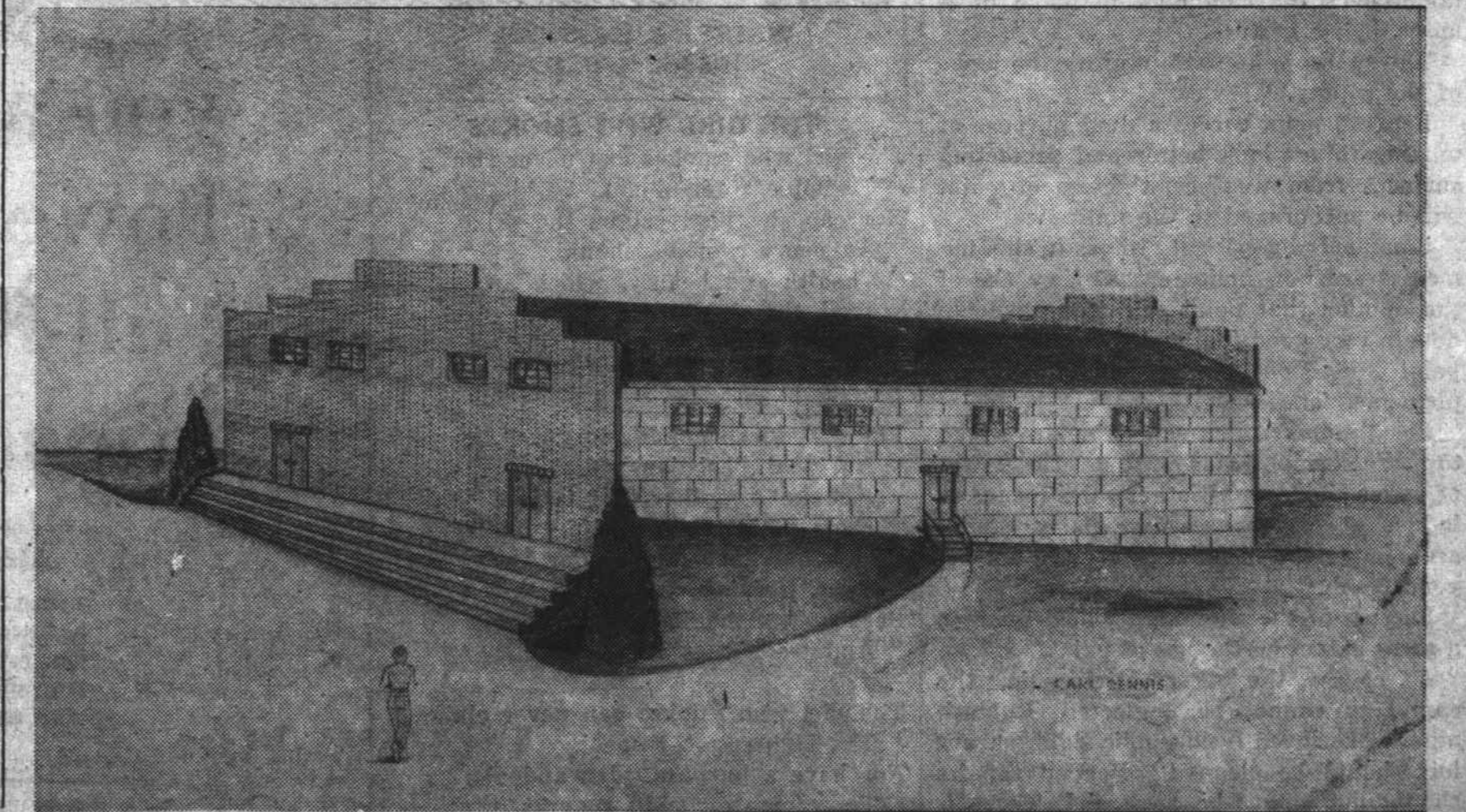
Wilkes county public library last week added four new books stations in rural communities.

With more than a thousand books in more than a score of stations, the library is reaching and serving a vastly increased number of patrons, many of whom are expressing their gratitude for the expansion of public library facilities.

Efforts are being made by the library to keep all stations well supplied with a varied line of books, which are circulated among the stations to keep a new supply in each community.

The latest book stations added were: Red, White and Blue Service Station, A. H. Roberts, proprietor; home of Miss Lucille Davis near Mt. Pisgah church on highway 115; home of Mrs. Cora Parker near Gilreath; Orville Smith's Service station at Beaver Creek.

## DRAWING OF WILKESBORO'S PROPOSED GYMNASIUM; FUND NOW \$8,000



Shown here is a splendid drawing of the proposed gymnasium for Wilkesboro high school, for which the entire school district now has a campaign on for raising \$12,000 building fund. Today the fund had reached the \$8,000 mark. Continued solicitation of funds from school patrons and others interested, and a number of public programs are planned to complete the campaign. The entire student body is participating and a determined effort is being made to rid the school of the handicap of the lack of gymnasium and complete physical education facilities.—The above drawing was by Carl Dennis, of Wilkesboro.