Y. M. C. A. is raising a building fund for the erection of a modern Y. M C. A. plant. Support it.

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Gwyn Chairman Of **6** Furniture Firms Are to Be Closed **Polio Campaign** In

Wilkes In January R. W. Gwyn, Jr., Plans **Campaign For March of Dimes To Fight Polio**

Richard W. (Dick) Gwyn, Jr. d member of the North Wilkes-Lions Club, will head the Homes. nual Infantile Paralysis campaign in Wilkes county in Janwary, it was learned today from the Wilkes chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The drive is sponsored annually in Wilkes by the North Wilkesboro Lions Club and has been very successful during the past several years. Many Wilkes pa- Club Plans Presentation Of tients during the 1944 epidemic were treated under provisions of National Foundation financing and the county has shown its appreciation by splendid response to campaigns.

Plans are to carry out the leged families for whom they will campaign in Wilkes in January, furnish Christmas cheer proviswith the spearhead of the drive ions. being from January 15 to 31 with the March of Dimes throughout the nation.

skyrocketed," Mr. Gwyn said, in pointing out that rising prices and mounting polio incidence have placed a tremendous bur- club will present a minstrel show den on the resources of the Na- in the near future. Members of al Foundation for Infantile Mr. Jester's committee are Rich-

ard Johns rates the Tenth Anniversary of Whicker, Jr. its founding by Franklin D.

December 25, 26, 27 Six furniture stores in the Wilkesboros will be closed from he evening of Wednesday, December 24, until Monday morn-

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ing, December 29, for Christmas holidays. The furniture stores to be

losed Thursday, Friday and Saturday are Rhodes-Day, Gray Brominent young business man thers, Markdown, Wilkes Furniture Exchange, Ideal, and Better

> **Lions Working On** Christmas Cheer; **Cooper Is Speaker**

Minstrel Show In Near Future Here

Members of the North Wilkesboro Lions Club on Friday evening drew names of underprivi-

Names of families were furnished the club by the Wilkes county welfare department and "The cost of fighting polio has included the most needy in the county.

A committee with W. D. Jester as chairman reported that the on, J. D. Moore, J. E.

The program was in charge of Tam Shomaker. Dick Gwyn and Mr. Gwyn's March of Dimes Edward S. Finley, who presented Committee is setting up the ma- Rev. Watt M. Cooper, pastor of Rev. Mr. Cooper delivered a this area's active interest in brilliant address on the topic of Would Establish Branch In

in retirement.

needy blind in the county.

guest of Sam Ogilvie.

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Dr. John T. Wayland was

guest of W. O. Absher, J.



Number Of Wilkes Schools Make Excellent Records In Selling Seals

Receipts from sale of Christmas seals in Wilkes county have reached \$1,891.67, Mrs. Ivey Moore, chairman, reported today. This amount already exceeds by more than \$400 the sum rais-

ed in the tuberculosis seal sale last year. Mrs. Moore attributed some of the increase to the fine Champion Youth work accomplished by use of accumulated funds in helping to renovate the Wilkes Tuberculosis hospital for re-opening several weeks ago.

Several schools in which children sold seals have made excellent reports, Mrs. Moore said. Reports so far from schools listed the following, total sales:

Wilkesboro, \$60.38; Millers Creek, \$101.34; Mulberry, \$114 .-10; Cricket, \$6.00; Roaring Riv-\$25.00; Lincoln Heights, in Wilkes jail today on charge er, \$97.16; Ronda, \$32.51; Mountain View, \$56.94; Moravian arms on W. A. Triplett, owner Falls, \$11.87; sale of bangles in of a grocery store 15 miles west

sale of bangles on streets, day four a. m: \$169.21. Some to whom seals were mail ed have not remitted and Mrs.

Moore today asked that they send their checks as early as r

Seeking to upen

Fritz Acquitted In **30 Accepted In** Caldwell Court 20th

NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C., Monday, Dec. 22, 1947

The Journal-Patriot Has Blazed the Trail of Progress In the "State of Wilkes" For Over 41 Years

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your in Weshin

Robert Fritz, principal of Hudson school and president of the North Carolina Education Association, was exonerated of charges

of misappropriating funds when his sensational trial ended at Lenoir Saturday morning by directed verdict of not guilty by Judge Allen H. Gwyn. The case never reached the jury and the prosecution was unable during the week-long trial to present newly organized National Guard

Held On Charge

W. A. Triplett Slugged,

Tied and Robbed Of

\$350 Early Friday

Leon Arvin West, youth of the

Champion community, remained

of robbery and assault with fire-

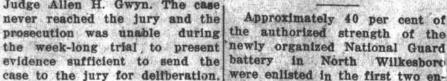
State Highway Patrol Sergeant

A., H. Clark, who, with Patrol-

man

West h

Of Daring Holdup



were enlisted in the first two enlistment meetings, Major Roy Forehand, battery commander, said today.

National Guard

At The Clubhouse

Thirty men have now been examined and accepted, Major Forehand said, and additional applications have been received. The authorized strength of the field artillery battery will be 77 enlisted men and four officers.

The next-meeting will be on Friday night, January 2, at the American Legion clubhouse, which will be temporary quarters. Carpenters have been working on alterations and additions to the building in order that it may pass

federal inspection next month. The battery here will be federally recognized and officially North Wilkesboro school, \$23.51; of this city on highway 421 Fri- re-activated in January, Major Forehand said. A fund has been collected to meet necessary ex-Disclosure of his arrest and penses, including construction at charges were made today by

the clubhouse, and members of the guard are expected to con-Sidney Carter, arrested tact merchants for a few donations of nails, locks and other

Courthouse Offices To Close For 3 Days By authority of an order of the superior court, Wilkes coun-

Organization ty offices in the Wilkes courthouse will be closed from Wednesday afternoon, December 24, Next Meeting Will Be Held until Monday morning, December Musical Programs Given; On Night of January 2 29.

All persons having business at any of the county offices , are Approximately 40 per cent of asked to remember the holiday the authorized strength of the closing dates in order that no

inconvenience may result.



North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club enjoyed a good program in meet- organ was dedicated. The organ ing Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes. At 12:05 p. m. the Christmas message recently given by J. B. Williams over radio was reproduced for the members while they ate.

Robert D. Smith, who has been he is going to his new work in "The Mission Of Music."

the next few days. He thanked the club for its fine support of his work in the county. He then presented Mr. Paul Choplin, who has been elected to take his place as the Farm Agent of the

Make North Wilkesbore Your Shopping Cen **Special Services Local Churches** Well Attended

Wilkesboro has

trading radius of 50 miles.

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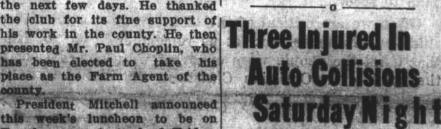
Organ At Wilkesboro **Baptist Dedicated**

Special services in keeping with the Christmas season were held at the churches in the Wilkesboros Sunday evening and were well attended.

The Sunday evening services at the First Baptist, First Methodist, First Presbyterian, Wilkesboro Methodist and Baptist featured Christmas music and were enjoyed by large congregations.

At Wilkesboro Baptist church Sunday morning a new Wurlitzer was a gift to the church by Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Foster in memory of their daughter, Mrs. Edith Foster Brown, Mrs. Robert S. Gibbs was guest organist for the impressive dedication service and

for the program of Christmas for a number of years county music Sunday night. Rev. W. .N. farm agent for Wilkes, arose Brookshire, pastor, at the Sunday and stated that Friday was his morning service delivered an inlast day to attend the club since spiring message on the topic of



chinery' that will make the 1948 the First Presbyterian church. appeal a record demonstration of helping the stricken children of "After Retirement, Then What?" America along the road to health. The speaker related that it is "Every phase of community very difficult for a person who

life will participate in sending a has had only one major interest ringing message of hope to the to retire and that all should culunfortunate victims of this crip- tivate interests which will enpling disease, which has stricken tertain and form diversions for five years," Mr. Gwyn said.

Mr. Gwyn revealed that every reading and religious faith as community in the nation was be- three things which must be culing geared to make this the tivated in the noon time of life greatest March of Dimes drive in order to be used to advantage in history.

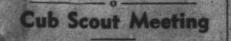
"When the 1948 March of Dimes goes into action on January 15, more than 500,000 volunteers from every walk of life rif² be translating American ideals into terms of active assistance. This is the democratic way of fighting a humanitarian war against disease. Every man, woman and child must enlist in the fight by joining the 1948 March of Dimes."

Firecrackers Are **Outlawed Thruout** North Carolina

Pleading for a safe and sane observance of the holidays, Wilkes Sheriff C. G. Poindexter today called attention to the new Stores Here Will law which prohibits the possession, use or transportation of firecrackers in North Carolina. It is not only against the law to sell firecrackers, but it is a violation to have or use them in any form. Sheriff Poindexter quoted from the state law as Practically All Busine follows: Firms Will Be Closed

"That it shall be unlawful for any individual, firm, partnership or corporation to manufacture, purchase, sell, deal in, transport, possess, receive, advertise, use or cause to be discharged any pyroechnics (firecrackers or fireworks) of any description whatscever within the state of North Carolina.

"That any person violating any of the provisions of this act. shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fin-ed or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the court.



Wilkesboro And At

Stony Point The Northwestern Bank, with

home office in North Wilkesboro ern North Carolina cities and a black mask rushed in the door and branches in many northwest-80,000 Americans in the past older years. He especially men- towns, has made application to and slugged him on the head. tioned appreciation for music, open two new branches and to move the branch in Ashe county flicted serious scalp wound. from Jefferson to West Jefferson.

> The institution seeks to open a branch in Wilkesboro, county Dr. J. S. Deans, chairman of seat of Wilkes, and in Stony the committee to aid the blind, Point, an Alexander county town. reported that the club had pre-Gurney P. Hood, State Compared and sent out 37 packages missioner of banks, has announcof foods, fruits, nuts, candies and other Ohristmas cheer items to kesboro branch application will

8 December 29. The Stony Point Ψ. hearing will be at Stony Point cloth. Bowers was a guest of Larry school on the same date at 2:30 p. m. Hearing on the request to taking a bag of change, the as-Moore and George Ogilvie was a move the branch of the North- sailant then left the place, Mr. President W. C. Marlow anwestern Bank from Jefferson to nounced that any club member West Jefferson will be held at who misses a meeting may make two p. m. on December 30 at up the meeting by attending West Jefferson.

committee meetings Monday. The Northwestern Bank now 5:30 p. m., at the office of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce. lorsville, Black Mountain, Old



At Wake Forest Miss Beth Jones, daughter of

Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Jones, of Thursday and Friday North Wilkesboro, is one of 21 coeds at Wake Forest College Stores in the Wilkesboros will be open until eight p. m. through nominated for the beauty section Wednesday, December 24th, for of the 1948 Howler, college yearthe benefit of late holiday shop- book.

After the holidays students will vote again and select seven Late shoppers are fortunate in that local merchants were well of the 21 for the beauty section. that local merchants were well of the 21 for the beauty section. stocked for the holiday trade and that many selections yet re-main in various lines of merch-ugen for the year. He is survived by six sons, Ju-The Wilkeaboro School offici-tius, Fletcher and Sam Pardue of Roaring River, Martin and Luth-er Pardue of Ronda and Jim

According to a pre-arranged schedule of holidays, stores and **Christmas** Program At Oakwoods Baptist "Christmas Cheer" is the title business houses will be closed on Thursday and Friday.

With exception of beauty of a splendid program to be pre-Next meeting of Den number 1 of Cub Scouts will be held Thursday, January 1, 3:15 p. m., at the home of Mrs. L. D. Cooke.

in living quarters back of hi country grocery. He told Sgt Clark that

count of the robbery as given

t. Clark today

2 New Branches four a. m. on Friday morning he was awakened by a man calling that he wanted him to open up and sell him a bottle of castor oil for his sick (baby. Mr. Triplett told the Patrolman that he

unlocked the door and that a man with a pistol and wearing The blow stunned him and in-

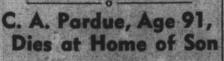
The assailant then tied his hands, Mr. Triplett told Sgt. Clark, and took from his pocket his pocketbook containing \$850.

After taking his money the assailant carried the storekeeper outside of the building and told him that he was going to kill ed that the hearing on the Wil- him. Mr. Triplett said he begged for his life and the robber then be held at the courthouse in Wil- carried him into the back room At the meeting Friday evening kesboro at ten a. m. on Monday, of the building and proceeded to tie his legs with some strips of

> After searching the store and Triplett told the officers. Mr. Triplett, although weakened by loss of blood, managed to

free himself from his bonds and went about one-half mile to the operates branches at Sparta, Jef- home of Dr. W. R. Triplett. teams. It is also needed immeferson, Boone, Blowing Rock, where his wounds were dressed. Bakersville, Burnsville, Sprace Dr. Triplett informed officers Pine, Hickory, Valdese and Tay- here of the account of the robbery given by Mr. Triplett and the search began.

Sgt. Clark stated that West when arrested had a considerable sum of money on his person. Officers did not disclose events in the investigation which led to his arrest.

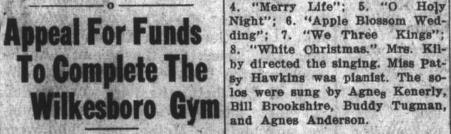


C. A. (Chap) Pardue, 91, died

at 3 a. m. Sunday at the home of a daughter. Mrs. Polly Poster. North Wilkesboro, Route 2. Symnasium building fund.

the pattery here already has presiden work more members than some units this week which have been organized for Tuesday n several months. Major Forehand is a combat

veteran of the army infantry in an airforce, lieutenant, and C. C. raw, Jr., also a veteran of World War II, have been recommended for two of the three lieutenants for the battery.



The report of the Wilkesboro School Gymnasium Building fund submitted by Miss Joyce Hayes, Soldier's Funeral Treasurer of Wilkesboro School, shows an urgent need for additional funds to enable the building committee to authorize the continuance of the work on the Last Rites For Curtis Linbuilding. The committee is very anxious to see sufficient money contributed to make possible the completion of the building for immediate use. The building is very much needed each day for physical education classes which include all students in the school. It is also needed immediately for the high school basketball teams and for the Wilkesboro all star

diately as a community recreation center where all the people will enjoy use of the building. The treasurer's report made on Dec. 17 shows a balance of

\$952.60 but this amount will not meet the outstanding obligations. The committee estimates a need of \$4,694.40 to meet the outstanding obligations and to make the building usable for the pres-

ent basketball season. Athletic Balance Transferred To Gymnasium Fund

The treasurer's report of the chool athletic funds shows a balance of \$1,004.92. The school

The Wilkesboro School offici-

Pardue of Wilkesboro; and four are very proud of the work ac-daughters, Mrs. Polly Foster of complished thus far on the gym-North Wilkesboro, Route 2, Mrs. nasium. They urge the continued Betty Childress of Benham, Mrs. cooperation and help of every Gertie Wells of Jonesville and one in completing the program. Mrs. Emma Ferguson of Pores The treasurer's detailed report will be published next week.

> On October 1, U. S. Wheat tocks were 1,142 million bushels, down 849 million bushels rom July 1.

Program chairman J. B. Carter presented Mrs. A. F. Kilby glee club consisting of 30 young Wilkes hospital.

President Mitchell announc

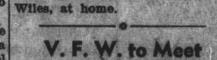
people, who sang the following numbers: 1. "O Come, O Come, Emanuel"; 2. "Silent Night"; by directed the singing. Miss Pat- ly hurt. sy Hawkins was planist. The solos were sung by Agnes Kenerly,

and Agnes Anderson. To Be On Sunday

ville Wiles At Christian Home Church 28th

Funeral service for Curtis Linville Wiles, who was killed in action in Germany March 25, 1945, will be held Sunday, 11 a. m., at Christian Home church near Traphill. Rev. Roy Frank- Jaycees Planning lin and Rev. Charles Richardson will conduct the service and a detachment will carry out military rites at the grave.

Pfc. Wiles was inducted at Fort Bragg, September 26, 1944 and trained at Camp Croft, S. C. He went overseas in February and was killed a month later. Surviving are his father and mother, L. J. and Mattie C. Wiles, two brothers and two sisters: Desley J. Wiles, Mrs. Ldl-



Blue Ridge Mountain post of Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet Tuesday night, 7:30, to ar-range for delivery of Christmas ckages to needy families of yet rans. All members are asked to



Thursday's issue of The Jour al-Patriot will be omitted in or der to allow time for a brief hold day rest by the newspaper staff The next issue Monday, December 29, will endeavor to give ful coverage of holiday news in Wilkes.

Two of three injured in auto collisions on East Main street in and Wayne Church, of the local this city late Saturday night rethe war in the Pacific. Don Story, high school, with the high school main in critical condition at the

Police Chief J. E. Walker said that a car driven by Hubert Curtis Taylor, of Wilbar, collided 3. "Come Good Christians All"; with a car driven by William An-4. "Merry Life"; 5. "O - Holy derson, colored hospital employe, Night"; 6. "Apple Blossom Wed- and that Anderson and Vaught ding"; 7. "We Three Kings"; Jennings, white resident of the 8. "White Christmas." Mrs. Kil- Wilbar community, were critical-Taylor, who was charged with reckless driving and speeding,

was also hurt and remains a patient at the hospital. Chief Walker stated that earlier in the evening Saturday that Taylor had been arrested by police for reckless driving and that the charge growing out of the collision was his second for the day.

Paul G. Dawson was driver of a car which picked up two of the injured to carry them to the hospital. At the intersection of Sixth and Main streets his car collided with one driven by Boyce L. Moore. Both cars were badly

damaged but none were added to the list of injured.



"Blondie" Show Wednesday, 9:30 a. m., At The Allen Theatre

At nine-thirty on the morning of December 24th the Junior Chamber of Commerce will give a free movie at the Allen Theatre to all the kiddles between the lian Thomas and Callie Wiles, of ages of nine and fourteen. Winston-Salem; Miss Iris Donella.

The picutre to be shown is a new "Blondie" picture with a comedy and cartoon. Christmas packages will be given out to all the kiddles after the picture by nembers of the Junior Chambe

of Commerce. Members of the fire depart ment will be on hand to help with the children, so the par-

ents will know that the children are being looked after properly. This is not limited to the cities of Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro, but is county-wide. The Jaycees would like to have a good turn-out from the county s well as the cities. If the pro ject is a success this year, might be adopted as a yearly a air by the Junior Chamber

