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OVERSEAS RELIEF CANVASS TO BE MADE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Professional Baseball Club Here Is Assured

Franchise Blue Ridge League Is Obtained Here

Henry (Flash) Loman, Baseball Veteran, Will Pilot N. Wilkesboro Team

For the first time in history, North Wilkesboro will have a professional baseball team this year.

Arrangements were completed today for placing a team in the Blue Ridge Class D league. Culmination of the project provided happy news to baseball hungry fans here who have worked untiringly for professional baseball for this community.

Franchise in the Blue Ridge league, which is expanding from four to six teams, was obtained this week by Jack Johnson, of Greensboro, and Tal J. Pearson, of North Wilkesboro, who will be club owners. They immediately hired Henry (Flash) Loman, of Greensboro, 33-year-old baseball veteran, as team manager and task of gathering talent for the new entry in organized baseball has already begun.

Messrs. Pearson and Johnson on Tuesday contacted Tom S. Jenrette, manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, who called in members of the Recreation and Civic Affairs Committees, and the special baseball committee composed of Glenn Andrews, Maurice Walsh and Dwight Nichols, for discussion on the proposal.

After a plan of proceedings was adopted members of the city council were called and a special meeting of the city council was held Tuesday evening, at which time terms of a lease on Memorial Park field were agreed upon.

The baseball club owners agreed to build a grandstand and baseball bleachers in return for a three-year lease on the field. The city agreed to provide restroom facilities in the grandstand, and to complete grading and conditioning of the field for play.

Teams in the Blue Ridge league now are Mount Airy, Leaksville, and North Wilkesboro, N. C., Galax and Radford, Va. About four towns, including Elkin, Mayodan, Pulaski and Wytheville, are under consideration for franchise.

Manager Loman
 Manager Flash Loman will be a playing manager from the keystone or third base position. He was born in a baseball family in Greensboro and his brother, Bernard Loman, will manage Leaksville in the Blue Ridge League. Flash is 33 years of age. He played semi-pro ball with the White Oak team in Greensboro and once in his boyhood years played on the old fairgrounds field here.

In 1936 he broke into pro ball with the Asheville team of the Piedmont league. He played with Canton in the Middle Atlantic League, Lynchburg in the Piedmont, Martinsville in the Bistate, and Harrisonburg in the Virginia league, where he led in batting with 333 and runs batted in with 100. For the benefit of lady fans, he has curly hair and is handsome in or out of uniform. His weight is 160.

Flash said here that he would start spring training here about April 10 and would give all baseball talent in northwestern North Carolina an opportunity to try out, in addition to players they receive from a number of good baseball connections. Exhibition games will be played prior to the regular schedule, which is expected to open about May 1 and close about August 31.

The lease granted the baseball club here will not hamper high school and American Legion baseball, and those teams may use the field when not in use on regularly scheduled games by the professional club.

Members of the chamber of commerce committees who have been active in behalf of professional baseball are: Recreation

Sgt. Valentine Now On the Police Force

Sgt. I. E. Valentine, for many years a citizen of North Wilkesboro and who retired from army duty in 1943, has returned to North Wilkesboro and is now a member of the city police force. Since 1943 Sgt. and Mrs. Valentine have been making their home at Black Mountain and he held a position at the army hospital at Swananoo. They will make their home here as soon as he can locate living quarters. Sgt. Valentine is well known here, having been with the National Guard company here for many years prior to the war. Two years he served on the police force.

Gymnasium Fund In N. Wilkesboro Is Now \$1,910.60

The North Wilkesboro school gymnasium improvement fund today had reached \$1,910.60, according to report of J. Floyd Woodward, school superintendent, this morning.

Goal for the fund to place heat in the gymnasium and to construct two dressing rooms is \$3,000. Plans are to close out the drive during the coming week and every patron and friend of the school who has not contributed is asked to send in a donation before the campaign ends.

Those who contributed since the last published report were: C. R. Johnson, John Hall, Gilbert Pardue, Quincy Whittington, Carl VanDeman, E. R. Eller, Mrs. W. G. Gabriel, Dr. J. S. Deans, T. J. Higwood, Meadows Mill Co., Harold Hartley, Max Foster, Frank Roe, Ray Hoover, R. M. Brame, Jr., Paul Cashion, Bank of North Wilkesboro, Rev. Watt M. Cooper, Spainhour's, Oak Furniture Co., Miss Lucy Finley, Miss Grace Finley.

Liberty Theatre Host to Members Football Teams

Mr. Ivan D. Anderson, owner, and Mr. Roy Forehand, manager, of the Liberty Theatre, had as their guests last Friday night about seventy-five members of the football teams of North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro, and their respective coaches, Howard Bowers and Eddie Adelman.

The picture, which the footballers and their coaches enjoyed to the fullest extent, was "Lured", featuring George Sanders, Lucille Ball, Charles Coburn, and Boris Karloff.

Both the Mountain Lions of the North Wilkesboro school and the Ramblers of the Wilkesboro school had most successful seasons. The local team made a splendid showing in the Piedmont conference, and the Ramblers had the distinction of playing a ten-game schedule with no defeats or ties.

It was a splendid tribute to two fine teams that Mr. Anderson and Mr. Forehand extended the members of the local teams and their coaches, and their gracious hospitality was greatly appreciated by them.

Square Dance Friday At Moravian Falls
 All are invited to the old time square dance to be held Friday night, eight o'clock, at Moravian Falls community house with proceeds for the community house fund. Excellent music will be provided and a most enjoyable occasion is assured.
 Glenn Andrews, W. O. Absher, F. M. Brame, Jr., Richard Williams, Jr., W. B. Somers, Boyd Stout; Civic Activities—J. B. McCoy, W. F. Absher, W. J. Bason, W. R. Newton, Dr. H. B. Smith, Jack Swafford and Arthur Venable.

Postal Receipts Local Postoffice Increase In 1947

\$2,000 Increase Here And Substantial Gain Reported In Wilkesboro

Postal receipts at North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro showed substantial increase in 1947 over 1946 figures, it was learned here today.

While many cities and towns of similar size had a falling off in postal receipts during 1947, the North Wilkesboro postoffice had an increase of approximately \$2,000 over 1946. Maurice E. Walsh, acting postmaster, said 1947 receipts totaled \$46,852.11, which kept the office far above the minimum for first class post-offices.

Of the increase of about \$2,000, the office in December experienced an increase of \$1,100 when the greatest volume of holiday mail in the city's history was handled.

In Wilkesboro Postmaster M. F. Bumgarner reported a substantial increase over 1946 figures, which enabled the office to maintain its second class rating.

Big Square Dance For Polio Fund To Be Saturday Eve

New Wilkesboro Gymnasium Will Be Scene Of Square Dance

Instead of a ball, the Wilkes chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will hold a square dance for the March of Dimes in Wilkes and the square dance will be held Saturday night, 8:30, in the spacious new gymnasium in Wilkesboro.

Sam Ogilvie, chapter chairman, said today that plans for the dance have been completed and that Carolina Merry-makers, a popular string band, will furnish the music. Tickets will be one dollar each for adults and 50 cents each for students.

Meanwhile, other phases of the campaign are progressing and schools are taking a very active part in the drive. Campaign Chairman R. W. Gwyn, Jr., reported today. Some returns have been received from the appeals sent out by letter but early action is requested in order that the goal of \$5,200 may be reached and the campaign closed as early as possible.

Weather conditions here have hampered work, but it is expected that solicitors will reach their respective areas within the next few days.

The drive throughout the state has been extended through next week. Wilkes people have responded liberally in the March of Dimes, especially since 1944 when an epidemic caused 37 cases in the county. The greater part of the cases were cared for through Foundation funds.

The Wilkes chapter has used all accumulated funds to aid polio victims, and during the past year spent over \$4,000 to aid the crippled toward recovery. This amount went for corrective operations, braces, special shoes and other costs incident to their rehabilitation.

One half of the funds raised in the annual campaigns is retained for use by local chapters.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 Rev. B. M. Lackey, Rector
 Vesper service will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon, February 1st, at four o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.
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Jones On Committee Of Small Business Dept. of Agriculture



Forrest E. Jones, president of the newly organized Wilkes Mountain Poultry Products company for processing and marketing of poultry, has been named a member of the small business advisory committee for the United States Department of Agriculture.

This committee was authorized by act of congress last July and is expected to become one of the most important business-United States government relations committees ever created. Committee members are selected from leaders, not only in their line of business but also in their communities. Prior to entering business Mr. Jones was secretary-manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Jones will attend conference of the small business committees in Washington, D. C., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. His guest at the dinner meeting of the committees will be C. B. Deane, congressional representative from this district.

Building & Loan Association Has Successful Year

Directors And Officers Re-elected In Meeting Held Here Monday Night

The year 1947 was a very successful period for the North Wilkesboro Building and Loan Association, report of J. B. Williams, secretary-treasurer, to the stockholders in annual meeting here showed.

R. G. Finley was chairman for the stockholders meeting and Mr. Williams served as secretary. The stockholders received the excellent report of the year's operations with much interest, and re-elected all directors as follows: J. C. Reins, C. P. Walter, J. H. Whicker, Jr., J. B. Williams, John E. Walker, R. G. Finley, John B. Snyder, H. M. Hutchens, W. H. H. Waugh, C. E. Jenkins, Jr., E. F. Gardner and Frank Tomlinson.

J. C. Reins was again elected president and all other officers were re-elected as follows: C. P. Walter, vice president; J. B. Williams, secretary-treasurer; J. T. Brame, assistant secretary-treasurer; J. H. Whicker, Jr., attorney.

Following is the report of Mr. Williams:
Secretary Williams' Report
 Your building and loan association gained \$71,838.55 in assets during the year of 1947. We made a large number of loans to new home-owners in this community, distributed dividends out of the earnings to our full-paid shareholders in the amount of \$12,858.52; to our installment shareholders on shares matured, \$18,465.00, and on shares withdrawn, \$6,111.25, making total profits paid to shareholders of \$37,234.77; and released the mortgage on properties which the owners now hold debt-free in the sum of \$269,990.00. Thus, See BUILDING & LOAN Page 5

Wright Is Stricken

Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 27.—Orville Wright, 76-year-old co-inventor of the airplane, suffered another heart attack at his laboratory office today, and was taken to Miami Valley Hospital. His physician, Dr. A. B. Brower, said it was "a little too early to determine exactly how serious today's attack was."

Remodeling Now At Brame's Drug Store

Remodeling is now under way at Brame's Drug store in this city. The interior is being thoroughly remodeled and renovated, including new and modern fixtures and equipment, and will be very attractive when completed.

Attention of the public is called to the fact that the store is remaining open for business during the process of remodeling.

N. Wilkesboro And Mills Home Tonight

North Wilkesboro high school basketball teams will play Mills Home boys and girls here tonight, the first game starting at seven o'clock, instead of Friday night as formerly announced. Mills Home girls are leading the conference race with five victories and no defeats and the boys also have a good team. Excellent contests are expected here.

WILKES PEOPLE WILL ATTEND FLOOD CONTROL DISCUSSION IN WINSTON-SALEM ON SATURDAY

It is expected that many people from this community will attend the Yadkin Valley Flood control meeting to be held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem Saturday afternoon, two o'clock.

The meeting was arranged by the Winston-Salem chamber of commerce for the Yadkin Valley Flood Control committee, of which John B. Justice, of North Wilkesboro, is chairman. Purpose of the meeting is to spread interest in a complete program of flood control for the Yadkin valley throughout its watershed in North Carolina, which includes 15 counties.

Saturday's open forum discussion of flood control in the Yadkin Valley will embrace a program that includes three methods of harnessing the rebellious Yadkin, each as important as any other, officials in charge of the meeting said.

Those three are (1) the construction of four detention dams; (2) the institution of good soil conservation practices; and (3) reforestation, the proper cutting of timber and careful fire prevention.

Among the panel members will be Representatives John H. Folger of the Fifth District and C. B. Deane of the Eighth District and authorities in the field of flood control and soil conservation.

Termed Equally Important
 Tom S. Jenrette, manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, said in North Wilkesboro that the advocates of the flood control program believed that no

part of the three-phase program should be considered above any other part.

"Dams are not complete in themselves in any flood control program," he said. "They are only a portion of the complete program, but they will give us the most relief in the next few years, especially when flash floods occur."

Government surveys are already underway at four proposed sites for detention dams, two on the Reddies and two on the Yadkin. Surveyors are making core drillings at the first Reddies site now, and will move next to the second one on this stream before going to the Yadkin.

To Seek Funds in 1949
 It is expected that the 1949 Congress will be asked for an appropriation to build the four detention dams.

Members of the panel for Saturday's meeting in addition to the two representatives, will be Homer M. Wells, chief of water conservation in the Soil Conservation Service; W. R. Hine, representative of the National Forest Service; T. C. Shuler, assistant chief engineer in the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, New Philadelphia, Ohio; and a representative of the U. S. Army Engineers' office.

Governor R. Gregg Cherry has been invited to be present. Mr. Jenrette said the committee hoped for a good representation from among county farm agents, soil conservation officials, city and county officials, chambers of commerce, civic clubs, and farmers and business men in the area.

Army Men Visit New Battery Here

Captain McLean and Sgt. Cantrell, of the United States army and stationed at Lenoir, visited North Wilkesboro Tuesday night to inspect progress being made in the organization of a National Guard field artillery battery here.

The officers conferred with Major Roy Forehand, commanding officer of the battery here, and made a preliminary inspection of facilities and records at the Legion clubhouse, which is being used as temporary quarters. They reported that excellent progress is being made in preparation for the inspection and federal recognition on February 3.

Major Forehand stated today that there is opening in the company for an officer who had service in field artillery and for a number of men.

Brushy Mountain Baptist Planning Meeting Feb. 3rd

Pastors, Superintendents and Teachers Asked to Attend Meeting Tuesday

Baptists of the Brushy Mountain Baptist association will meet in Reins-Sturdivant chapel in this city Tuesday night, February 3, 7:30, to plan Sunday school work in the association during the year.

Associational leaders who announced the meeting stressed the importance of attendance of all pastors, Sunday school superintendents and teachers from all churches in the association and invited any others interested in Sunday school work to attend.

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Y. M. C. A. FUND GROWS; OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ARE RE-ELECTED

Wilkes Y. M. C. A. in meeting here re-elected officers and directors and received financial reports which indicated that the building fund is making substantial progress.

The Y. M. C. A. fund for erection of a Y. M. C. A. plant has reached \$155,123.62, of which \$119,332.62 has been paid and the remainder is in unpaid pledges. The treasurer would like to receive the unpaid pledges now due as early as possible.

Original goal of the building fund before and during the early years of the war was \$160,000, but construction costs have soared and a much greater amount would be necessary to erect the adequate type of plant originally planned. During the months of Novem-

ber and December the Y. M. C. A. received approximately \$8,500 in pledge payments and new donations.

Officers of the Y. M. C. A. who were re-elected by the directors are: Dr. F. C. Hubbard, president; James M. Anderson, secretary; and J. B. Carter, treasurer. The board of directors is composed of the following: W. F. Absher, J. B. Williams, J. B. Carter, Mrs. Margaret Coffey, Vernon Deal, F. W. Eshelman, R. G. Finley, E. F. Gardner, W. D. Halfacre, J. R. Hix, A. F. Kilby, J. B. McCoy, Paul Osborne, Boyd Stout, W. K. Sturdivant, Jack Swafford, Richard Johnston, Dr. G. T. Mitchell, Frank Crow, Dr. F. C. Hubbard, Blair Gwyn, Mrs. C. T. Doughton, R. B. Gibbs, James M. Anderson.

Trucks Will Tour Both Wilkesboros After 2 o'clock

All Urged To Have Boxes Of Clothing Or Other Materials Ready

By DR. GILBERT R. COMBS

Once more the people of Wilkes county are urged to get their collection of clothing and other needed supplies ready and on time. People living in the Wilkesboros are to have their bundles ready on their front porches by two o'clock Sunday, February 1st. They will be collected by a fleet of delivery trucks. The people in the county outside the Wilkesboros are to make their collection through their schools. The children will take the bundles to the schools and the school authorities will see that they are delivered to the C. and S. Motor Express warehouse where all supplies will be assembled and shipped. And we are assured that within a very few days after they are shipped to New Windsor, Md., they will be aboard a North Carolina Ship of Friendship and on their way to the people who need them so desperately.

Surely no one needs to be told any further of this desperate need. A young woman who spent six weeks in Poland last summer in Youth Camps, speaking recently in one of the churches of our community, said, "From all that I had heard, I thought that I was prepared for the devastation that I would witness, but I was shocked and depressed by what I saw." In many cities of Europe as many as five people sleep under one blanket. Shoes are fifty dollars per pair. A bar of soap, when it can be found, costs several dollars. And the people are so undernourished that they are ill prepared for these hardships. In food, the average American has 3300 calories per day; millions abroad eat 1200 daily or less. Can any one of us hesitate to share and share generously with these desperate neighbors of ours overseas?

This collection of supplies in our community and in North Carolina is made under the auspices of the North Carolina Council of Churches, a cooperative organization made up of all the major denominations of the state. They will be assembled, shipped overseas and distributed by the Church World Service, an efficient, trustworthy and world-wide relief agency in which all the major denominations cooperate. This writer has before him letters from practically every country of Europe and Asia, paying high tribute to the fairness and efficiency of the relief work that is being done by the Church World Service. You may rest assured that the supplies you contribute will be promptly and fairly distributed to those who need them most; of all churches and no church.

Dr. John T. Wayland is the director of this collection for several counties in northwestern North Carolina. The Rev. Watt M. Cooper is the director for Wilkes County, working with the ministers of the community. The Junior Chamber of Commerce is supplying the pick-up trucks and drivers for the collection in the Wilkesboros. The Boy Scouts will have a group of boys with each truck to help in the actual collection. Mr. Ed Caudill, of the C. and S. Motor Express, has put at our disposal his warehouse for the assembly and loading of the supplies and the C. and S. Motor Express will transport all supplies as far as Winston-Salem without cost. To all of these we express our sincere thanks for their fine cooperation.

Clevenger Team Is Winner of Contest

Clevenger College of Business administration basketball team here went to Hickory Wednesday night and defeated the Clevenger business college team there 35 to 31. Boyce Chestwood led the victors with 18 points and the others in the lineup were Johnson 8, Chapman 4, Turner 4, Chamberlain, Culler 1, and Miller. Support the Y. M. C. A.