

SMILEY MEETS OLD COMRADES HERE



"SMILEY" BURNETTE ARCHIE HEGE

Paul H. Shoaf, Director of Public Relations, and Archie Hege, Sales Manager of the Wilkesboro Division, both of Coble Dairy Products, Inc., met "Smiley" and Mrs. Burnette on their recent visit to this city. They were entertained at Hotel Wilkes for luncheon, discussing many things of the past. Smiley was here Monday for a personal appearance show at the Liberty theatre. "Smiley" is a regular fellow, as well as a famous actor. His love for children is an obsession and although they have no chil-

dren of their own, "Smiley" and Mrs. Burnette have three adopted children. They keep in touch with their children by telephone while traveling. "Smiley" has worn the same hat for the past twenty years—not superstitious, but feels better when he is wearing it. He has many hobbies besides eating and photography! "Smiley" and Mrs. Burnette greatly enjoyed their visit to the "State of Wilkes" and all their friends hope they will make a return visit, sometime in the future.

SOIL CONSERVATION SPEAKING CONTEST FOR COUNTY MARCH 12

The Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the 4-H Club Soil Conservation Speaking Contest in Wilkes County, according to an announcement by Robert M. Brame, Jr., president, and W. K. Sturdivant, chairman of the Agricultural committee. The Chamber of Commerce is offering \$25.00 for first prize; \$15.00 for second prize; and \$10.00 for third prize.

C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, announced that the school contests will be held March 5 and the county contest will be held at the North Wilkesboro Town Hall, Friday, March 12, at 7:30 p. m. The public is invited.

The winners for Wilkes county will attend the group contest and the winner in the group contest will go to Raleigh for the final contest March 26. The state contest is sponsored by the N. C. Bankers Association with first prize being \$400.00 in U. S. bonds; second prize \$100.00 in U. S. bonds; and third prize \$50.00 in U. S. bonds.

Last year the contest was open to white high school students in 45 counties. About 2500 students participated. This year every county in the state will be eligible, and sponsors are expecting more than 5000 contestants.

All high school students, grades 9-12 (boys and girls, rural and urban) are eligible to enter the contest. Each contestant must write his or her speech, but may receive help from anyone or any source. The subject will be, "Soil Conservation and Its Relation to the Economy of North Carolina." The maximum length of the speech is 12 minutes.

The judges will be three in number. Contestants will be judged on the following points:

- I. General organization and content of the speech, 50
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 - II. Elements of delivery:
 - 1. Correct English 15
 - 2. Ease and poise before audience 15
 - 3. Frequent, varied, meaningful body motion 10
 - 4. Varied and expressive voice 10

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Allen Is Speaker Jaycees; Projects Here Brought Up

Plan To Paint Name Of Towns On Top Of Large Buildings

The Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce met in regular session at 6:45 p. m. on February 12 in the ballroom of Hotel Wilkes with President Jerry Derr presiding. After the dinner, John T. Cashion, Projects Committee Chairman, mentioned two projects for discussion by the club. It was decided that in the very near future, the club have representatives call on the owners or tenants of several of the large buildings in the two towns and get permission to paint the name of the town in large letters on the roofs of these buildings, so that the towns may be easily recognized from the air. It was also decided to have to have an Easter dance on Saturday evening, March 27, with an orchestra.

An old-fashioned "Barber Shop Quartet," composed of Richard Johnston, Bob Morrow, Jay Anderson and Dewey Minton, rendered several songs which were enjoyed by the members present.

William G. Mitchell introduced the speaker for the evening, Attorney Marlon Allen, of Elkin, who spoke very interestingly to the assembly.

Guests for the evening were as follows: James K. Ford with Sam Vickery; Forrest Tugman and Glenn Winters with Jimmie Allen; Jay Anderson with Forrest Jones; Cecil Hauss with Richard Johnston; Luther Saylor and Dewey Minton with Robert Morrow.

Edward P. Bell, of the home office of The Northwestern Bank, was welcomed into the membership of the club.

Mrs. Prevette Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Nellie Benbow Prevette, member of one of northwest North Carolina's best known families, died early Friday at her home in Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Prevette was the wife of the late J. T. Prevette, who for several decades was one of this city's most prominent business leaders. She was born October 23, 1886, a daughter of the late L. S. and Lula Henderson Benbow, of Wilkesboro.

Surviving Mrs. Prevette are three sons and two daughters: John R., Henry Slater and William C. Prevette, and Mrs. Bob Huffman, of Wilkesboro, and Mrs. C. B. Hewitt, of Miami, Florida.

In addition to sons and daughters Mrs. Prevette is survived by two sisters and two brothers: Miss Clara Benbow, New York City; John Benbow, East Bend; Mrs. Herman Caviness, Dallas, Texas; Frank Benbow, Newland.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, two p. m., at the residence in Wilkesboro, and burial was in Mountain Park cemetery. Rev. W. N. Brookshire, pastor of the Wilkesboro Baptist church, and Dr. Gilbert R. Combs, First Methodist pastor here, conducted the service.

Pall bearers were N. O. Smoak, Walter Irwin, Frank Tomlinson, Judge Johnson J. Hayes, N. B. Smither, Dr. M. G. Edwards, Paul J. Vestal and J. B. Henderson.

Out-of-town relatives attending the funeral included: Miss Clara Benbow, New York City; John Benbow, East Bend; Dr. and Mrs. Tom Benbow, Mrs. Frank Benbow, Dr. Floyd Tomlinson and John T. Benbow, all of Winston-Salem; Misses Maggie and Myrtle Tomlinson, and Mrs. Annie Presnell, of East Bend.

Schools of County To Open Tuesday

Schools of Wilkes county which were closed during the past week because of weather and road conditions will re-open Tuesday morning, C. B. Eller, county superintendent, said today.

North Wilkesboro city school and Mulberry of the county system were the only schools which did not close. Three days of sunshine and mild temperatures have resulted in great improvement to rural roads.

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Chamber Of Commerce Committees Appointed

Complete list of committee members for the Wilkes chamber of commerce to serve during 1948 has been released by Robert M. Brame, Jr., president.

The committees were appointed by President Brame, Past President J. B. Williams, and Vice President Joe Barber.

The chamber officials explained that members of the chamber were assigned to committees in which they could best serve the community and themselves.

The committee appointments were made from members as of this date and other members will be assigned to committees as they are received by the chamber.

The complete list of committee appointments follows:

Agriculture: W. K. Sturdivant, chairman, B. B. Broome, Wiley Brooks, B. B. Banner, Paul Billings, Paul Choplin, Glenn Daney, Joe Darlington, Z. O. Eller, T. M. Foster, E. G. Finley, Glenn Greene, J. G. Gambill, Harry Hettiger, Tam Hutchinson, B. P. Hettiger, Hight Helms, Forrest Jones, W. D. Jester, Perry R. Lowe, H. H. Morehouse, J. N. Osborne, W. E. Pharr, W. H. H. Waugh, Sam Winters, Guy G. Wellborn, Staton McJr.

Aviation: E. F. Gardner, chairman, Russell Gray, Richard Johnston, Charles H. Day, R. T. McNiel, Link Spainhour, T. S. Kenery, J. B. Williams.

Civic Activities: Joe McCoy, chairman, W. J. Allen, J. C. Allen, Jr., Clay Church, Dr. E. S. Cooper, George Forester, Gilbert Foster, R. W. Gwyn, W. C. Grier, T. S. Kenery, Bob Morrow, Bob Montgomery, T. G. McLaughlin, R. T. McNiel, Sam Mitchell, Bob Minton, L. M. Nelson, Gills Yates.

Community Recreation: Glenn E. Andrews, chairman, W. K. Sturdivant, J. A. Brantley, Charles Carter, W. J. Caroon, J. B. Caudill, Bill Carrington, J. M. Derr, Jr., Gordon Forester, Paul Green, Allie Hayes, Bob Kite, Maurice Walsh, Dwight Nichols, W. R. Newton, O. K. Pope, Tam Shumaker, Frank Stafford, Jim Williams, Larry S. Moore.

Education: Arthur Venable, chairman, Dr. J. S. Deans, C. B. Eller, C. C. Faw, Sr., Blair Gwyn, C. O. McNiel, W. T. Long, Dwight Nichols, Ira Payne, T. E. Story, Dr. H. B. Smith, J. F. Woodward.

Flood Control: John E. Justice, Jr., chairman, F. E. Brown, Watson Brame, P. P. Blair, Paul Church, E. F. Caudill, D. V. Deal, N. S. Forester, R. G. Finley, F. D. Forester, J. J. Hayes, J. R. Hix, A. B. Johnston, Richard Johnston, Pat Williams, J. B. Williams, J. H. Whicker, Sr., R. T. McNiel, C. E. Jenkins.

Governmental Affairs: W. O. Absher, chairman, P. O. Absher, M. F. Bumgarner, H. D. Burke, Julius C. Hubbard, Kyle Hayes, Larry Moore, J. C. Retne, T. E. Story, W. B. Somers, Maurice Walsh.

Housing: A. A. Cashion chairman, Sherman Anderson, V. M. Church, Hill Carlton, J. Edwin Caudill, Jake Church, Ralph Duncan, Walter Day, Gordon Finley, Ralph Frazier, Burl Hayes, Lewis A. Johnson, James Lowe, Darwin Smithy, Ray Stroud, D. T. Trivette, E. E. Vaught.

Industrial Development: J. B. Williams, chairman, Carl Buchan, R. M. Brame, R. E. Church, L. D. Cooke, C. D. Coffey, Jr., Gordon Finley, Edd F. Gardner, R. S. Gibbs, W. F. Gaddy, J. R. Hix, D. S. Hill, Fred Henderson, C. E. Jenkins, Forrest Jones, A. F. Kilby, John Leyshon, W. C. Marlow, Paul Osborne, John Prevette, N. O. Smoak, Arthur Venable.

Membership: D. V. Deal, chairman, Cecil Adamson, Joe Barber, W. A. Brame, Frank Crow, Paul Cashion, J. B. Carter, Charles Day, W. G. Gabriel, Fred Henderson, C. E. Jenkins, Edward McIntire, Dr. W. K. Newton, Dorman Payne, W. K. Sturdivant, J. B. Williams.

Meetings, Visitors, Tourists: Dr. Gilbert Combs, chairman, O. H. Bracey, J. E. Caudill, J. L. Garwood, R. S. Gibbs, W. H. Jones, Walter Myers, Joe McCoy, John Redman.

Public Health: Dr. Fred Hubbard, chairman, Phil Brame, Dr. R. P. Casey, Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, John Cashion, J. R. Hix, Julius C. Hubbard, J. E. Johnson, Dr. W. F. Jones, Jay H. Johnson, Dr. Mitchell, Dr. James Mills, Bill McElwee, Sam Ogilvie, Dr. E. N. Phillips, Dr. C. S. Sink,

Eugene Trivette.
Roads: Watson Brame, chairman, W. J. Bason, Hubert Billings, J. E. Culler, H. P. Eller, A. E. Hodges, Jim Henderson, T. O. Minton, Bill McElwee, J. R. Rousseau, J. H. Somers, N. B. Smithy, Forrest E. Tugman, D. E. Turner, M. C. Woodie, John Walker.

Solicitations and Review Board: Richard E. Gibbs, chairman, R. M. Brame, W. D. Halfacre, Richard Johnston, Dr. W. K. Newton, Jack Swofford, Eugene Trivette, J. H. Whicker.

Safety and Fire Prevention: Cecil F. Adamson, chairman, W. M. Alexander, J. M. Anderson, Sgt. A. H. Clark, J. B. Carter, Larry Emerson, C. C. Faw, Jr., L. L. Gaffrey, Edd F. Gardner, Fred Hubbard, Jr., M. P. Hunt, Paul Harvel, Cecil Kilby, A. G. Kenery, Thurnea Kenery, Hoyle Hutchens, Herbert Marshall, Howard Strader, Wm. A. Stroud, John Walker, Roy Wells.

Trade Promotion: W. G. Gabriel, chairman, W. F. Allen, Gilbert Bare, C. T. Burke, Harold Bumgarner, C. M. Brown, Jr., J. C. Church, Hubert Carter, Dick Cranor, D. E. Elledge, I. F. Foster, William Gray, Richard Gibbs, E. T. Hackney, L. E. Harris, J. P. Horton, Julius C. Hubbard, C. E. Jenkins, R. R. Landsberger, Presley Myers, W. C. Marlow, Warner Miller, Jr., Bob Morrow, C. L. Owens, Roland Potter, Clyde Pearson, Ira Payne, J. R. Prevette, Millard F. Rhodes, Roy Reins, Nat Sosenik, Carl Steele, Link Spainhour, Quincy Whittington, John Wallace, A. M. Wiles.

Astronomy Talk Enjoyed Friday By Kiwanis Club

Robert H. Morehouse had scheduled to have Olla Ray Boyd, candidate for governor, as his speaker to address the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon but Mr. Boyd was unable to come on account of road conditions and Mr. Morehouse made his own program with an interesting talk on the subject of "Astronomy."

His discourse was sufficient to remind his hearers of the magnitude of the universe, and yet how infinitesimal in this universe when compared to the numberless universes beyond ours. He cited many facts in astronomical figures relative to sizes and distances of heavenly bodies.

Announcement was made that the Agriculture committee will meet Tuesday night at the office of the chairman, W. K. Sturdivant.

Guests Friday were: Mrs. W. J. Caroon and Mrs. C. C. Faw, Jr., with W. J. Caroon; Miss Nellie Gabriel with W. G. Gabriel; Wayne V. Eller with C. B. Eller. Paul Cragan, of Sanford, was a club visitor.

Punchboards Are Violation Law

Police Chief J. E. Walker said today that punchboards have been operated in this city in violation of the state law.

In calling attention to the law, Chief Walker pointed out that persons who distribute or sell punchboards to retailers are violating the law, along with those who operate the boards or allow them in their places of business.

Naturally, the chief thinks it would be a good idea for all of the stores, service stations, and cafes, and everybody for that matter, to leave punchboards out of their business.

Home Demonstration Schedule For a Week

Wednesday, February 18—Moravian Falls Home Demonstration club; Community House; hostesses, Mesdames L. G. and J. C. Critcher, 2:30 p. m.

Thursday, February 19—Millers Creek Home Demonstration club; Mrs. Clate Bumgarner, 1:30.

Friday, February 20—Roaring River Home Demonstration club; Mrs. Jim Brewer, co-hostess Mrs. Jay Alexander, 1:30 p. m.

May List Taxes At Courthouse Til 29th

Those who failed to list for 1948 county taxes may list at the office of J. C. Grayson, county tax supervisor, in the Wilkes courthouse prior to March 1. Penalties are prescribed for failure to list in the tax listing period, which was extended to March 1.

Porter Honored At Mars Hill College



Cecil L. Porter, Route 2, North Wilkesboro, has been elected president of Euthalia, one of the most coveted positions at Mars Hill College. Euthalia is one of the two literary societies for men at the college. Also, he is president of Brown Dormitory, one of the two men's large dormitories on the campus. He is a member of the International Relations Club, a national college organization which requires outstanding scholastic achievements for membership. The highest scholastic achievement attainable at Mars Hill College is the "Dean's List," or first honor roll. Cecil is now on the first honor roll and has been for two continuous semesters. These laurels he has gained this school year.

As a freshman at Mars Hill College, prior to entering military service, he was associate editor of "The Hilltop," the school paper, president of the Baptist Training Union, vice-president of the Sunday School, and debate critic of Euthalia for two terms.

North Wilkesboro can justly be proud of such a creditable student and Ex G. I. Cecil is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Porter, Route 2, North Wilkesboro.

Square Dance Is Very Successful

Pythians And Dokies Raise Over \$150 For Wilkes Youth Center

The square dance held Saturday night at the Wilkes Implement company building netted more than \$150 for the Wilkes Youth Center, which is operated in North Wilkesboro for all 'teen agers in the county.

Sam Winters and Paul Church were in charge of arrangements, Paul Osborne was chairman of ticket distribution and Dr. A. C. Chamberlain led in ticket sales with 55.

The dance was highly successful and was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Two From Wilkes At Lincoln Dinner

Representative T. E. Story and J. C. Grayson, Wilkes accountant and tax supervisor, attended the Lincoln Day dinner held Saturday night at Banner Elk.

It was the first Republican dinner held as a Lincoln Day event in the history of Avery county and was attended by 250 Republicans.

Morton Candidacy Is Gaining Support

Wilkes Republicans backing Hobert Morton, of Albemarle, for national committeemen, said today they had at least 12 northwestern North Carolina counties pledged to support the former assistant U. S. district attorney.

Morton is one of several Republicans seeking the committee-man post vacated by Charles A. Jonas, of Lincoln, who resigned.

Wilkes members of the state Republican executive committee, Mrs. W. B. Somers and P. E. Brown, were among the first to back the Morton candidacy. The post will be filled at the state convention.

\$200.00 Taken In Safe Robbery At Midway Pontiac

Building Entered Through Basement Window; Safe Chiseled Open

Safe crackers made away with about \$200 in cash Thursday night at Midway Pontiac company, located between the Wilkesboros.

Wilkes Sheriff C. G. Poindexter said that one or more thieves entered the building by breaking through a basement window. The medium sized safe was burst open with hammers and chisels, he said.

Agent of the State Bureau of Investigation were called in to continue the investigation.

Sheriff Poindexter described the robbery as being very similar to a safe cracking robbery at Gaddy Motor company here several weeks ago, when an office safe was chiseled open and more than \$500 in cash was taken.

Clyde Fortner, 23, of Hiddenite, Alexander county, was arrested Friday night at Taylorsville and is being held in Wilkes jail in connection with the safe robbery.

Police Chief J. E. Walker said that an attempt was made Thursday night to crack the safe at the bus terminal in North Wilkesboro.

The bus station was entered by forcing the lock on a side door some time after the station closed about 10 p. m. Ornamental knobs were screwed from the safe, which had been hammered to some extent, but it had not been opened and a considerable amount of cash on the inside was not disturbed.

Business School Dedication Held Saturday Night

Splendid Program And Dance at Clevenger College of Business Adm.

Clevenger College of Business Administration, which was set up several weeks ago and is operating very successfully in the Hayes building at Midway between the Wilkesboros, carried out a dedication program Saturday night.

C. E. Clevenger, president of the school here and at Hickory, was master of ceremonies. He presented the students from the Hickory branch and those here, and introduced the staff of the two institutions.

Dr. Carver, for many years superintendent of Hickory schools and now dean of Clevenger College of Business, administration in Hickory, and Dr. A. P. Wilson, Dale Carnegie course instructor, delivered inspiring talks.

The dance was held from nine until 12 for Clevenger and Dale Carnegie students and music was by Maurice Purtil and his orchestra. The occasion was much enjoyed by the students and guests.

Modern business courses are being taught with latest type of equipment and the school is furnishing splendid training for its students.

P.-T. A. Meeting Thursday Night

Feature of the North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association meeting to be held Thursday, 7:30 p. m., in the North Wilkesboro school auditorium will be an address by Mrs. R. S. Ferguson, state senator, of Taylorsville.

"Work of the Education Commission" will be the topic of Mrs. Ferguson's address. Mrs. Ferguson is an excellent speaker and it is expected that a large crowd will attend the meeting.

Legion Will Meet

Wilkes post of the American Legion will meet Thursday night, eight o'clock, at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse. All members of the post are urged to attend.

TO PLAY BARNUM

North Wilkesboro high school cage teams will play Barnum Springs here Tuesday night, 7 o'clock.