

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

THE JOURNAL-PATRIOT

OUR CITY
 North Wilkesboro has a trading radius of 50 miles, serving 100,000 people in Northwestern Carolina.

Vol. 42, No. 98 Published Mondays and Thursdays NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C., Monday, April 5, 1948 Make North Wilkesboro Your Shopping Center

Optimist Club Will Hold Its Charter Night On April 13

Many High Club Officers Expected To Attend Fair at Hotel Wilkes

The Optimist Club, North Wilkesboro's newest civic organization, will accept its charter officially from Optimist International at a Charter Night Banquet which is scheduled to be held at Hotel Wilkes on Tuesday evening, April 13th, at 7 o'clock.

A number of Optimist International and District officers are expected to attend the banquet, and L. E. Dimmette, president of the Lenoir Optimist club of that year, is slated for toastmaster. The Lenoir club is sponsor of the North Wilkesboro Optimist club.

In addition to club members of the local Optimist club and clubs in other nearby cities, wives and lady friends of the Optimists will attend the banquet.

Committees Appointed
 President Maurice Walsh, who heads the local Optimist club, has appointed the following committees to serve during the year:
Boys' Work—K. I. Moore, chairman, Carlyle Ingle, J. C. Williams, Archie Hege, C. F. Walker, Lewis H. Jenkins, Tal J. Pearson, J. W. Harvel, Bill Thomas.
Program—Herbert Marshall, chairman, C. M. Brown, Jr., Jay Anderson.
Membership—D. T. Trivette, chairman, C. T. Burke, Lloyd Pardue.
Attendance—Hubert McLendon, chairman, Howard Strader, Richard Cregor, Otto K. Whittington, Russell Pearson.
Publicity—Julius C. Hubbard, chairman, Jay Anderson, A. M. Wiles.
Inter-Club—William G. Mitchell, chairman, Bill Thomas, Forrest E. Tugman.
Auditing—Albert Garwood, chairman, J. W. Steele, Jack Alexander.
Extension—J. D. Hall, chairman, Rich Eller, A. L. Fincanon.

H. D. & 4-H Schedule For the Coming Week

Tuesday, April 6: Fairplains Home Demonstration club, Mrs. W. E. Colvard's; 1:30 p. m. Clingman 4-H; 9:15 a. m. Ronda 4-H; 10:30 a. m.
 Wednesday, April 7: Orlicket Home Demonstration club, Mrs. Clinton Eller's; 2 p. m. Mulberry 4-H; 9:30 a. m. North Wilkesboro 4-H; 10:45 a. m.
 Thursday, April 8: Ferguson Home Demonstration club, Ferguson school; 2 p. m. Moravian Falls 4-H; 9:15 a. m. Wilkesboro 4-H; 10:30 a. m. Friday, April 9: Pores Knob Home Demonstration club. Monday, April 12: Clingman Home Demonstration club, Mrs. T. C. Calloway's; 2 p. m. Mountain View 4-H; 9:15 a. m. Roaring River 4-H; 10:30 a. m.
 Tuesday, April 13: Ronda Home Demonstration club, Mrs. J. B. Bell's; 2 p. m. Ferguson 4-H; 10:30 a. m.

Choir From Wake Forest College Is Heard Here

Three Concerts Given In North Wilkesboro Friday; Well Received

Wake Forest A Capella choir gave three concerts in North Wilkesboro Friday and each time was greeted enthusiastically by the audiences.

At noon the choir sang before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club, in the afternoon before North Wilkesboro high school and at 7:30 in the evening before a capacity congregation in the First Baptist church.

Throughout the day and night the members of the choir were entertained in homes in this city.

Miss Billie Barnes, of North Wilkesboro, is a member of the choir.

Blackburn Child Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held Saturday at Flint Hill church for Willard Flay Blackburn, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Blackburn, of North Wilkesboro.

Surviving are the father and mother and six brothers and sisters: Hazel, Opal, Billie, Marvin, Shelby Jean and Alene Blackburn.

Mrs. Waddell Rites Held at Piney Grove

Funeral service was held today at Piney Grove church for Mrs. Bertha Bowers Waddell, wife of Homer Waddell, of Moxley. She died Saturday in Davis hospital in Statesville.

Mrs. Waddell leaves her husband; one son, Burdie Casey, four brothers, three sisters and three step-children.

Flashers Begin Training Today

25 Players Among Early Arrivals On Wilkesboro High School Field

Today marked the beginning of spring training for the North Wilkesboro Flashers of the Blue Ridge league and 25 players were on the field for early workouts. By this afternoon the number had increased to 30 and five more are expected Wednesday.

Manager Flash Loman began preliminary workouts on Wilkesboro high school field, where daily practice will proceed until the Memorial Park field is conditioned for play later this week.

Among the early arrivals today were Mike Brelich, veteran catcher; Henry Duncan, catcher from Pulaski, Va.; Clayton Goad, of Mayodan, pitcher; Tom Cumby, Greensboro, shortstop; Jack Leonard, shortstop; Ray Blevins, of Lansing, pitcher; Lewis Florio, second baseman; Bill Robertson, first base; Richard Gordon and Pete Melvin, pitchers; James Ledbetter, Douglas Shore and Jack Cooper, outfielders; Jack Hall, second base.

Local players in today's practice included Claude and Lee Bentley, Gwyn Nichols, Wayne Frazier, Richard Jones, T. H. Deal, Pless Carson, Bill Ernest.

Thirteen exhibition games will be played after April 14 and before the season opens May 1.

Contract Let For Sunday School Rooms

The building committee of the Wilkesboro Methodist church has let contract to Sidden & Canter, local contracting firm, for the erection of an educational building at the rear of the present church.

The educational building will consist of fourteen Sunday school rooms, and when finally completed will be modern in every way. The plans were made by C. G. Benton & Sons, architects, of Wilson.

The contract let by the building committee calls for the erection of a two-story building 25 x 72 feet, cinder block walls with face brick veneer, built-up roof with guttering complete, all windows complete, two towers on each end of the building, concrete floor for first story, framing of all rooms, second story subfloored; erection of a larger furnace flue, two stairs roughed in at each end of the building; and entrance cut from the present Sunday school room to the new building.

The contract for the above-mentioned work on the educational building calls for an expenditure of \$10,800, to be paid in instalments as the work progresses.

Congress Slashes Taxes On Incomes

Washington, April 2.—Congress today enacted a \$4,800,000,000 income tax cut. It brushed aside a veto message in which President Truman branded it a "reckless" measure that would sap America's strength at a time of world danger.

The vote was 311 to 88 in the House and 77 to 10 in the Senate.

The House margin was 45 votes larger than the necessary two-thirds. The Senate majority had 19 votes to spare.

Mr. Truman vainly argued that such a tax slash would fan the fires of inflation and weaken the country in its campaign to preserve "peace with justice against the forces of dissension and chaos." Opponents countered that the measure would spur production, strengthen the economy, and grant much-needed relief to a burdened public.

The bill, now a law without the President's signature, cuts taxes on 1948 income for all the 52 million taxpayers. It removes entirely the Federal income tax on 7,400,000 with smaller incomes.

Reductions for the others range from 12.6 per cent on the first \$2,000 of taxable income (after deductions and exemptions). There is a 7.4 per cent cut on that part of the income above \$2,000 and up to \$136,700. For income above \$136,700 the cut is 5 per cent.

Lee Roy Bauguss Funeral Saturday

Last rites were held Saturday at Round Hill church for Lee Roy Bauguss, 37, citizen of Edwards township who died Thursday. Rev. L. E. Sparks conducted the service.

Mr. Bauguss is survived by his father, Robert M. Bauguss, and the following brothers and sisters: Hubert, Lytle and Glenn Bauguss, Mrs. Lizzie Cheek, Mrs. Della Rhoades and Mrs. Dessie Waddell.

Clinic On Thursday

April clinic for crippled children will be held Thursday morning, April 8, at the Wilkes hospital. Free examination will be made of all crippled and deformed persons present.

Marriage Course Begins Wednesday

Young people are invited to attend the first class of "Preparation for Marriage" on Wednesday, April 7, at 7:30 p. m. in the educational building of the First Presbyterian church.

General topics to be included in the 5-session course are courtship, preparation for marriage, marriage vows, some problems of marriage, and making a Christian home.

Rev. Watt Cooper will be the instructor for the study, which is being sponsored by members of the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y clubs.

22 Wilkes Boys Thinning Timber In Big Contest

By JOHN B. FORD (Farm Forester)

In connection with the second annual Wilkes Chamber of Commerce thinning contest twenty-two Wilkes county boys are improving an acre of the timber crop on their home farms. These boys are working their timber crop by thinning or by timber stand improvement measures.

Besides increasing the growth rate of their better timber and improving the quality of their stand of timber they are also competing for one hundred and seventy-five dollars in prize money put up by the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce.

The boys participating in this program and the schools they are from are: Ronda School, C. A. Burchette, Jr., Russell Edwards, Charles A. Gilliam, Ray W. Johnson, Duell Jones, Kenneth Jordan, Hassel Key, Gwyn Redding and H. Roberts; Millers Creek School, George S. Bumgarner, Ray Bumgarner, Edwin Kilby, and Paul Snider; Wilkesboro school, P. M. Curry, Dean Edwards, Shelton Edwards, and Fred Welborn; Mount Pleasant school, Clyde Foster, and Dennis Greene; Mountain View school, E. C. Elledge, Jr.; Traphill school, John Hutchinson.

A. S. T. C. Concert Coming On April 9

On Friday, April 9, The Appalachian State Teachers College Band will present a concert in the North Wilkesboro high school auditorium.

Tickets are being sold by members of the North Wilkesboro high school band. Student tickets will be sold at 35c and adult tickets at 60c. The proceeds will go into the North Wilkesboro high school band fund. Everyone is invited.

Samuel M. Reavis Funeral Saturday

Samuel Murphy Reavis, 76, well known citizen of Reddies River township, died Friday and funeral was held Saturday at Pleasant Home Baptist church with Rev. A. W. Eller and Rev. W. S. Luck conducting the service.

Mr. Reavis is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Reavis, and the following sons and daughters: Horace Reavis and Mrs. Mart Adams, North Wilkesboro; Atta, Clyde, Carl, Quince, Henry, Will Reavis and Mrs. Joe Lankford, all of Wilkesboro.

Rural Fire Protection Plan Inaugurated Near This City

County Superintendent Tells Of Desperate Need For School Facilities

C. B. Eller, superintendent of Wilkes county schools, told the North Wilkesboro Lions club Friday evening about the need for school facilities in Wilkes county.

Supt. Eller estimated that to fill the needs completely in school buildings and equipment would require an expenditure of about two million dollars.

However, he said that the immediate needs for classrooms could be filled for an expenditure of about \$750,000.

Supt. Eller advocated that the county vote a bond issue of \$700,000, which is near the maximum amount; that can be borrowed, for the erection of school buildings and additions to present buildings.

Three new members were accepted into the club, Paul Dupree, Walter Call and Harold Pardue. Membership of Charlie Slate was transferred from Leaksville to North Wilkesboro.

Eller Speaker At Meeting of Lions Friday, April 2

Directors Fruit Growers to Meet

J. B. Williams will be host to directors of the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers Association at a dinner at the Princess Cafe Tuesday, six p. m. Following the dinner a business meeting will be held in the office of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. J. W. Blevins Rites On Saturday

Funeral service was held Saturday at Swan Creek church for Mrs. Hester Crews Blevins, 69, wife of the late J. W. Blevins.

Surviving are the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Pansy Bullard, Hamptonville; Mrs. Nonnie Day, Cycle; Mrs. Ruby Desern, Jonesville; William Hardin Blevins, Jonesville.

Mrs. Carrie Wiles Last Rites Today

Funeral service was held today at Round Mountain church for Mrs. Carrie Poe Wiles, 37, wife of Bura Wiles, of North Wilkesboro route two. She died Saturday at the Wilkes hospital.

Mrs. Wiles is survived by her husband; three children, Frances, Frank and Florence Wiles; mother, Mrs. Philmore Pierce, of Millers Creek; and one sister, Mrs. Polly Eller.

Mrs. Fred Finley's Father Succumbs

Norfolk, Va., March 30.—Joseph McBride Whitney, 72, general contractor, died today at his home here after a long illness.

He was a native of Pasquotank county, North Carolina, but had been a resident of Norfolk 46 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Neppie Beaman Whitney, one daughter, Mrs. Fred T. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, N. C.; two sons, Linwood F. Whitney, Sr., and Marion L. Whitney, Sr., of Norfolk; two sisters, Mrs. N. I. Williams, Pasquotank County and Mrs. T. W. Whitehurst, South Mills, N. C., and a brother, John F. Whitney, of Norfolk.

Fire Department In North Wilkesboro Sells Protection

Home Seven and One-Half Miles Out Saved From Destruction Saturday

Fire protection plan being sold by the North Wilkesboro fire department to rural property owners on highways near North Wilkesboro passed a rigid test Saturday morning when the beautiful home of Ed. Pierce one mile beyond Millers Creek was saved from destruction.

Fire originated near the chimney in the attic of the stone-veneered home about nine a. m. Although a mile from the nearest telephone, the fire department was called and the truck made the trip of seven and one-half miles in seven minutes flat.

With 400 gallons of water in the truck the fire was extinguished and the home saved. Damage was mainly from fire in the attic, which had broken through the roof at one point. By carrying water people present were able to keep the fire progress slowed down until firemen arrived and the residence and contents were saved.

Incidentally, the home of Mr. Pierce was signed for fire protection only last week and was the most distant from the fire station of any home in that direction enrolled for fire protection service.

Addition of a new truck with 400 gallon tank enabled the North Wilkesboro fire department to offer fire protection service outside of North Wilkesboro with full approval of the insurance department. The old fire truck will be available in the event of two fires at one time in the area to be served.

This fire protection service is being offered by the North Wilkesboro fire department for only \$3.00 per year each for homes and \$5.00 for commercial establishments. Members of the fire department have been contacting the people and those missed should get in touch with members of the fire department and be enrolled for this protective service.

Because the truck is extremely heavy, the service must be confined to all-weather roads within a given radius of North Wilkesboro.

Millers Creek, Mulberry, Moravian Falls and along other highways leading out of North Wilkesboro are communities included for membership.

The fire department plans other improvements, including the mounting of a floodlight on a small truck. This will be especially beneficial on out-of-town calls, for night fires here, for rescue and disaster work and for any type of emergency which may arise.

Chamber Commerce Committee Meeting

Governmental Affairs committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, of which P. W. Eshelman is chairman, will meet Tuesday afternoon, four o'clock, in the Chamber of Commerce office.

SUPPORT THE Y. M. C. A.

BLUE RIDGE LEAGUE—OFFICIAL PLAYING SCHEDULE 1948							
	At Radford	At Wytheville	At N. Wilkesboro	At Leaksville	At Mt. Airy	At Galax	
Radford	Follow	May 2 May 19-20-21 June 4-5-6 July 1-2 Aug. 1-2 Aug. 22-23	May 16-17-18 June 7-8 July 6-7 July 16-17 Aug. 7-8 Sept. 2-3	May 4-5 May 26-27 June 19-20 July 8-9 July 29-30-31 Aug. 20-21	May 12-13 June 14-15-16 June 27-28 July 23-24 Aug. 5-6 Aug. 26-27	May 10-11 May 30-31-31 June 21-22 July 10-11 Aug. 13-14 Sept. 6-6	
Wytheville	May 1-3 May 24-25 June 29-30 July 25-26 Aug. 11-12 Aug. 28-29-30	The	May 10-11 May 30-31-31 June 21-22 July 10-11 Aug. 13-14 Sept. 6-6	May 12-13 June 14-15-16 June 27-28 July 23-24 Aug. 5-6 Aug. 26-27	May 16-17-18 June 7-8 June 6-7 July 16-17 Aug. 7-8 Sept. 2-3	May 4-5 May 26-27 June 19-20 July 8-9 July 29-30-31 Aug. 20-21	
N. Wilkesboro	May 8-9 June 1-2-3 June 23-24 July 14-15 Aug. 15-16 Aug. 31 Sept. 1	May 22-23 June 9-10-11 July 5-5 July 15-19 Aug. 9-10 Sept. 4-5	Flashers	May 2 May 19-20-21 June 4-5-6 July 1-2 Aug. 1-2 Aug. 22-23	May 4-5 May 26-27 June 19-20 July 8-9 July 29-30-31 Aug. 20-21	May 12-13 June 14-15-16 June 27-28 July 23-24 Aug. 5-6 Aug. 26-27	
Leaksville	May 14-15 June 12-13 June 25-26 July 20-21-22 Aug. 3-4 Aug. 24-25	May 6-7 May 28-29 June 17-18 July 3-4 July 27-28 Aug. 17-18-19	May 1-3 May 24-25 June 29-30 July 25-26 Aug. 11-12 Aug. 28-29-30	In The	May 10-11 May 30-31-31 June 21-22 July 10-11 Aug. 13-14 Sept. 6-6	May 16-17-18 June 7-8 June 6-7 July 16-17 Aug. 7-8 Sept. 2-3	May 4-5 May 26-27 June 19-20 July 8-9 July 29-30-31 Aug. 20-21
Mt. Airy	May 6-7 May 28-29 June 17-18 July 3-4 July 27-28 Aug. 17-18-19	May 8-9 June 1-2-3 June 23-24 July 14-15 Aug. 15-16 Aug. 31 Sept. 1	May 1-3 May 24-25 June 29-30 July 25-26 Aug. 11-12 Aug. 28-29-30	Journal-	May 10-11 May 30-31-31 June 21-22 July 10-11 Aug. 13-14 Sept. 6-6	May 16-17-18 June 7-8 June 6-7 July 16-17 Aug. 7-8 Sept. 2-3	May 4-5 May 26-27 June 19-20 July 8-9 July 29-30-31 Aug. 20-21
Galax	May 22-23 June 9-10-11 July 5-5-10 July 18-19 Aug. 10 Sept. 4-5	May 14-15 June 12-13 July 8-9 July 20-21-22 Aug. 3-4 Aug. 24-25	May 1-3 May 24-25 June 29-30 July 25-26 Aug. 11-12 Aug. 28-29-30	Patriot	May 10-11 May 30-31-31 June 21-22 July 10-11 Aug. 13-14 Sept. 6-6	May 16-17-18 June 7-8 June 6-7 July 16-17 Aug. 7-8 Sept. 2-3	May 4-5 May 26-27 June 19-20 July 8-9 July 29-30-31 Aug. 20-21

Davidson Alumni Will Meet Here On Friday, April 9th

Davidson College alumni of the North Wilkesboro area which includes Boone, Blowing Rock, Elkton and Wilkesboro, will hold their annual meeting in the Hotel Wilkes at 7:00 o'clock Friday, April 9, Blair Gwyn, president of the group, announced.

Athletic Director Norman Shepard and Latin Professor Ernest A. Beaty, both from Davidson, will be the speakers of the evening.

All alumni and fathers of Davidson students in the area have been invited to attend and should reserve places by contacting President Gwyn.

Shepard will show football movies of one of Davidson's games and also a short color film on campus life.

Election of officers for the coming year is the only item of business scheduled to be brought before the group.

Gwyn will preside and act as toastmaster. A social hour and discussion of problems which face the college today will close the meeting.

Other officers of the North Wilkesboro Area Chapter are R. C. Smith, Jr., Elkton, vice president, Fred Dickerson, Banner Elk, secretary-treasurer.

Support Y. M. C. A.

Pre-School Clinic Dates Announced

The Wilkes county health department today announced the following dates for pre-school clinics in the county:

Wilkesboro, April 6, 9:30 a. m.; North Wilkesboro, April 7, 9:30 a. m.; Millers Creek, April 13, 9:30 a. m.; Ronda, April 15, 9:30 a. m.; Mt. Pleasant, April 20, 9:30 a. m.; Roaring River, April 22, 9:30 a. m.; Pleasant Hill, April 27, 9:30 a. m.; Cool Springs, April 27, 1:00 p. m.

A North Wilkesboro on Wednesday special entertainment and refreshments will be provided pre-school children at the clinic. The first grade of the school will have Wednesday as a holiday and the teachers will devote their time to the pre-school children.

Eli Blevins Rites Held Saturday

Funeral service was held Saturday at Rachel church for Eli Blevins, 86-year-old citizen of Mulberry township, who died Wednesday. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Cora Blevins, four daughters and one son.