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## Democratic Convention Called For May 15th

**Precinct Meets Will Be Held On Saturday, May 8**

**Meetings And Convention Called By Chairman and Secretary**

Wilkes county Democratic convention has been called to be held Saturday, May 15, one p. m., at the county courthouse in Wilkesboro. F. C. Johnson, chairman, and Paul J. Vestal, secretary of the Wilkes Democratic Executive committee, announced today.

Precinct meetings will be held throughout the county on Saturday, May 8, one p. m. In the various precincts committeemen and delegates to the county convention will be named by the Democratic voters.

The chairman and secretary of the county organization stated that the state convention will be held in Raleigh on May 20.

## Legion Junior Team Practice To Begin May 1

American Legion junior baseball practice will open Saturday, May 1, 8:30 a. m., on Memorial Park field in North Wilkesboro. Jim Sanges, who has been employed as coach, said today.

This will be the second year of junior baseball sponsored by the Wilkes post of the Legion. Last year the new team played a hard schedule with inexperienced players but won some games, including one victory over Charlotte.

To date 120 boys have been signed up for tryout for the team and Coach Sanges emphasized that all boys in the county who were born on or since January 1, 1931, are eligible.

Six exhibition games will be played in May in preparation for the 18-game schedule to be played when the junior season officially begins.

## Optimist Club Holds Meeting

Rev. H. A. Forester, in the county conducting a series of services at Union Methodist church, was a guest speaker at the meeting of the North Wilkesboro Optimist club held Tuesday noon at Hotel Wilkes. Rev. Mr. Forester was the guest of Optimist E. R. Eller, and his talk was thoroughly enjoyed by the fine attendance of club members.

President Maurice Walsh presided over the luncheon meeting, the first to be held in the banquet hall at Hotel Wilkes.

Among the business matters taken up and disposed of by the club were the election of Tom S. Jenrette to honorary membership and the election of Rev. H. M. Wellman, pastor of the Wilkesboro Methodist church, as chaplain.

The club outlined plans for organizing and developing its boys' activities, and Secretary Forest Tugman was authorized to write J. B. McCoy, proprietor of Hotel Wilkes commending him for the splendid manner he and his staff served the recent Charter Party dinner.

## Square Dance 30th At Moravian Falls

The last old time square dance of the season will be held Friday night, eight o'clock, at Moravian Falls community house for the community house improvement fund. These dances have been well attended and those who attend are assured of an enjoyable occasion.

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. B. M. Lackey, Rector. Vesper service will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon, May 2nd, at four o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## William Harrold Spelling Champ Wilkes County

At the Wilkes county spelling bee held Saturday, April 24, William Harrold, of Mountain View school, was winner. William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Harrold, of Hays. He is a member of the eighth grade of the Mountain View school and is taught by J. H. Wood.

William won over Ida Mae Bouchelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mastin Bouchelle, of Route 1, Wilkesboro. Ida Mae is an eighth grade student in the Wilkesboro school.

Third place winner in the contest was Joan Sprinkle, Mulberry school. Audene Church, Ronda school, was fourth and Nancy Gray Luffman, Pleasant Ridge school, was fifth.

Others competing in the contest were: Louise Dancy, Mt. Pleasant school; Bobbie Holloway, Roaring River school; Bonnie Minton, Cricket school; Peggy Cockerham, Traphill school; Iva Dean Church, Moravian Falls school; violet Church, Maple Springs school; Virginia Pardue, Pleasant Hill school; Betty Lou Taylor, Rock Springs school; Christine Glass, Millers Creek school; Nancy Alice Cockerham, Benham school; Alvin Johnson, Spurgeon school.

William Harrold will represent the Wilkes county spelling system in the State Spelling Bee in Winston-Salem, Saturday, May 1. The Spelling Bee is sponsored by the Journal and Sentinel of Winston-Salem.

Dr. Gilbert R. Combs pronounced the words and Mrs. Palmer Horton and Dr. John W. Wayland served as judges of the County Bee.

## Chamber Group Studies Phases Safety Subject

Attendance At State-Wide Conference In Raleigh Soon Is Urged

Safety and Fire Prevention committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in meeting this week urged attendance of local citizens at the state Safety Conference to be held May 7 and 8 at Sir Walter Raleigh Hotel in Raleigh.

The conference, which will cover many phases of the safety subject, will be under auspices of the North Carolina Industrial Commission.

Cecil F. Adamson, secretary of Wilkes Hosiery Mills company and president of the Piedmont Safety Council, is on the conference program for Friday, May 7. His subject will be "What our safety program has done for us." The Wilkes Hosiery Mills company has made an outstanding record in safety.

## Infant Endangered By Cinder In Lungs

Hendersonville, April 28.—Ten-month-old Alicia Odum was reported in serious condition today at a local hospital with a cinder in her lungs.

Her father is recovering from an operation to remove World War II shrapnel particles from his lungs.

## Candidate Scott Is Coming Saturday

Kerr Scott, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, will be in North Wilkesboro Saturday morning and will have headquarters at Hotel Wilkes. It was announced here by the Scott for Governor committee, Mr. Scott, for many years commissioner of agriculture, wishes to meet as many of his friends as possible while here Saturday.

## Zipper weatherproof bags are now used to protect Navy aircraft during relatively short periods when they are not in use.

Despite the fact that the United States harvested an all-time record wheat crop last year, world production of breadgrains (wheat and rye) was below the 1935-39 average. The 1947 wheat crop was 3 per cent less than the 1935-39 average and the rye crop was 14 per cent less.

## CROWNING THE BEAUTY QUEEN OF BREVARD COLLEGE



Brevard, April 27.—Miss Inez Elledge, of North Wilkesboro, is pictured above being crowned Miss Brevard College in the beauty contest conducted on the campus here by the faculty social committee. Vance Derby, of Charlotte, placed the silver crown upon Miss Elledge's head at a recent dance here in the college gym and presented the winner with a gold loving cup. Sponsored by the Home Economic club, Miss Elledge was escorted by Archie Angel, of Franklin, who is shown at the right.—(Photo by John Anderson).

## Annual Training School Methodist Churches to Start

Will Open At First Methodist Here Sunday and Continue Through 6th

The annual training school for the Methodist church of Wilkes county will begin at the First Methodist church, North Wilkesboro, Sunday night, May 2, at 7:30 p. m. and will continue at the same hour each evening through Thursday. The following courses and instructors are scheduled:

"The Use of the Bible With Children", Mrs. J. C. Goode, Richmond, Va. This course is for workers and those who would like to become workers with nursery, beginner, primary and junior children, and for parents. Parents of children of these age groups should welcome this opportunity, as well as the workers with these children in the church school.

"The Methodist Youth Fellowship"—Mrs. E. H. Saville, Roanoke, Va. This is a course on the organization, activities and general program of the Youth Fellowship. It is for both the workers with young people and the young people themselves. It should be particularly welcome and valuable.

"The Teachings of Jesus"—Dr. Richard L. Ownbey, Charlotte, N. C. This is a general course that will be valuable to teachers and workers with adult groups and for those who want to become better acquainted with the Bible. It will be open to all adults.

The following Sunday schools and churches will participate: Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro, Union, Beulah, Dunkirk, Ferguson, Arbor Grove, Charity, Millers Creek, Friendship, Roaring River and Ronda.

This school is sponsored by the Western North Carolina Conference Board of Education, Box 328, Salisbury, N. C.

It is confidently hoped and expected that all of the Methodist churches in Wilkes county will support this school and profit by the training that will be offered by this excellent staff of instructors.

## O. K. Whittington, Jr., On Student Council

O. K. Whittington, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Whittington, of Wilkesboro, was elected a member of the student council of Wake Forest College as a representative of the junior class. The group of candidates with which O. K. was affiliated won by a large majority vote of the approximately seventeen hundred student body.

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## Flashers' Schedule On Page 5 Today; Clip Out and Save

Complete schedule of the Blue Ridge baseball league is being reproduced in this issue today on page five because of request of baseball fans who forgot to save a copy of the schedule formerly published in this newspaper. Fans are asked to clip out and save the schedule on page 5 today.

## Farmers' Meet At Mountain View Tomorrow Night

The North Wilkesboro Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a farmers' meeting at the Mountain View schoolhouse tomorrow night, starting at 7:30 o'clock, and all farmers of that community are urged to be present. Timber men are also urged to attend.

The program will consist of a movie, and information will be given centered around the topic: "Soil Erosion and Flood Control." An interesting part of the program will be a discussion led by Richard B. Johnston, furniture manufacturer of this city. The program is especially planned to give valuable information to farmers and lumbermen, but it will prove to be of much interest to any who wish to attend, and all the people of the Mountain View community are invited by the Junior Chamber of Commerce members.

## AUCTION SALES ON SATURDAY

The Johnson Land Auction Company has two sales scheduled for Saturday, May 1st. The first sale will be held in Wilkesboro when a part of the Dr. Mitchell property on College and Highland streets will be sold. The property has been subdivided into 40 beautiful home sites. This sale will start at 2 p. m.

At 4:30 p. m., a four-room house and several valuable residential lots on Highway 18 in the Fairplains community will be put up to the high bidders.

Prizes will be given away at the sales, and there will be snappy music by a live-wire band.

## Passenger Service On Railroad Here Will Be Resumed

The daily passenger train temporarily suspended on the North Wilkesboro - Winston-Salem run will be resumed in a few days, according to information gained from B. L. Stanfield, district superintendent of Southern Railway.

Mr. Cranfield told Tom Jenrette, secretary-manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, that continued coal shortage was the reason the passenger, mail and express train had not been resumed and as soon as coal stocks of the railroad were replenished that the train would be put back on.

## Schools Did Fine Job During Polio Campaign In '48

Schools Accounted For \$1,817.61 of \$4,728.69 During The Campaign

Final report of the infantile paralysis campaign conducted in Wilkes county early this year showed that a total of \$4,728.69 was raised.

Of the total amount received, \$1,817.61 was raised by the schools, the report of the drive showed. R. W. Gwyn, Jr., campaign chairman, and members of the Wilkes chapter of the National Foundation for infantile paralysis, praised the schools highly for their successful work which helped so much to make the campaign a success.

Amounts raised by the various schools were as follows:

Clingman, \$26.81; Mountain View, \$141.00; Cricket, \$72.20; Roaring River, \$77.78; Pleasant Hill, \$18.87; Ferguson, \$23.51; Mulberry, \$266.53; Maple Springs, \$32.40; Lincoln Heights, \$65.55; Wilkesboro, \$281.07; Mountain Crest, \$17.77; Piney Ridge, \$1.10; Buck, \$2.00; Moravian Falls, \$41.25; Millers Creek, \$358.24; Ronda, \$103.40; Mt. Pleasant, \$124.00; Boomer, \$6.75; Oakwoods, \$6.30; Rock Springs, \$5.00; North Wilkesboro Grammar School, \$21.58; Traphill, \$118.32; Benham, \$12.68.

## Mrs. Roth Dies At Elkin Hospital

Mrs. Elizabeth Hickerson Roth, 44, of Ronda died Tuesday night at an Elkin hospital following a long illness. She had been critically ill for several days.

She was a daughter of Robert L. Hickerson of Ronda and Mrs. Sarah Lenoir Hickerson, who died six weeks ago, and was a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lenoir, prominent Haywood County family. She was a member of the Episcopal church.

Twenty years ago she was married to William T. Roth of Elkin, who survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, Miss Louisa Roth; one son, Robert T. Roth of Elkin; two brothers, Charles and Thomas Hickerson of Charleston, W. Va.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p. m. today at Bethel Episcopal Church, near Canton in Haywood county, by Rev. B. M. Lackey of Lenoir. Burial will be in the family plot in the church cemetery.

## Rev. Richard Day To Preach At Oakwoods

Rev. Richard Day of Elkin will conduct the evening services at Oakwoods, Baptist church, Sunday night, May 2, at 7:30. Rev. Mr. Day will have one of his quartets with him and the public is cordially invited to hear some good preaching and singing.

## Professional Baseball To Open Saturday, 1st

## Mrs. Nichols, 79 Taken By Death

Funeral Service For Mrs. Julia Nichols At New Hope Friday, 2:30

Mrs. Sarah Julia Nichols, 79, wife of the late D. V. Nichols, died Wednesday night, 9:30, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. R. D. Hayes, at Millers Creek. She had been in failing health for several months and critically ill for two weeks.

Funeral service will be held Friday afternoon, 2:30, at New Hope Baptist church. Rev. J. M. Hayes, pastor of North Winston Baptist church in Winston-Salem, and Rev. A. W. Eller will assist the pastor, Rev. C. J. Poole, in the service. The body will lie in state at the church from 1:30 until 2:30. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

A member of one of Wilkes county's best known families, Mrs. Nichols was born February 7, 1869, a daughter of the late Adam L. Bumgarner and Mrs. Mary Louise Brown Bumgarner. On December 27, 1885, she was married to David Vance Nichols, who for many years was a merchant and farmer of the Purlear community and was a member of the Wilkes county board of commissioners for six years. He died in 1932. In early life Mrs. Nichols united with New Hope Baptist church and faithfully lived an exemplar Christian life.

Surviving Mrs. Nichols are five sons and four daughters: Mrs. J. L. Sikes, Broadway; E. O. Nichols, Sanford; W. H. and R. D. Nichols, Purlear; Mrs. R. D. Hayes and Mrs. Esther Elledge, Millers Creek; Mrs. Dewey Minton, North Wilkesboro; Ted R. Nichol, Wilkesboro, route one; Dwight Nichols, North Wilkesboro. Also surviving are 37 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, four children, Della, Tyndall, Rudy and Mary Comilla Nichols, and one sister, Mrs. Cornelia Vannoy.

## Beat Taylorsville, To Play Elkin Here

North Wilkesboro's Mountain Lions won a thrilling baseball game 5 to 2 from Taylorsville at Taylorsville Tuesday afternoon and will take on Elkin high school in Memorial Park here Friday night, eight o'clock.

In the game Tuesday Jack Badgett, a former catcher who always wanted to pitch, got the call to the mound and pitched a three-hitter. Taylorsville's runs were scored on outfield flys after the sacks were filled on a walk and error. The Mountain Lions executed one double killing.

North Wilkesboro's first run was batted in by Joe Church's booming triple and four were added in the fifth. Jones Wood batted in two runs with a double and before the rally was stopped the game was in the bag. Coach Howard Bowers commented favorably on improvement of play of the boys, especially in comparison with the poor showing made last year when practically all of the squad were playing their first baseball.

## Revival To Close On Sunday Night

The series of services which have been in progress this week at Union Methodist church near this city will come to an end Sunday night, according to present plans. The pastor, Rev. H. M. Wellman, is being assisted in holding the revival meeting by Rev. H. A. Forester, pastor of the Seagrove Methodist church, and a native of Wilkes county.

Much interest has been manifested in the meeting and attendance has been splendid.

Services will be held Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Forester accompanied Rev. Mr. Forester to Wilkes and she is adding much to the effectiveness of the series of services with her special musical numbers.

Small grains in the State are going nicely and stands are better than average.

## Leaksville to Play North Wilkesboro Flashers Saturday

Public Officials To Stage Mock Game In Opening Ceremonies at 7:30

North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county will reach another milestone in progress Saturday night when the first professional baseball team in the history of this community will take the field in the opening game of the Blue Ridge season in Memorial Park here at eight p. m.

Appropriate pre-game ceremonies will begin at 7:30 and baseball fans are asked to be in the park by that time. Bleachers are slated to arrive Saturday and the expected large throng of people can be comfortably seated for the opening game.

The pre-game ceremonies will consist of a mock baseball game by the officials of North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro and the Wilkes County Commissioners, who will take the names and positions of such baseball immortals as Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Walter Johnson, Bill Dickey, Honus Wagner, Connie Mack, Lou Gehrig and others. Mayor Scott Kenerly is slated to play the part of Walter Johnson; Gilbert Bare will be Leo Durocher, manager for the team at bat; and Johnson Sanders will play the part of Connie Mack, manager of the team afield. J. C. Reins will be in a hot spot as umpire; Frank Crow will be Lou Gehrig. Batter will be Babe Ruth, Max Foster, while Russell Gray will be Catcher Bill Dickey. Wilkesboro Mayor W. B. Smithey, other town council members and the county commissioners will also have parts of baseball's greats.

The North Wilkesboro high school band will render the National Anthem and other music for the opening festivities.

Leaksville, the new Blue Ridge team managed by Bernie Loman, younger brother of North Wilkesboro's Manager Henry The Flash Loman, will be the opposing team in Saturday night's opener. Coley Loman, father of the Loman brothers, whose home is in Greensboro, will be an honored guest for this unusual occasion of brother managers opposing each other in the same league, a situation which promises to draw national interest in baseball circles.

Work has been in progress at a feverish pace to get Memorial Park ready for the opening. The grandstand, dressing rooms, concession stand, fence and other facilities have been provided by the baseball club, of which Tal J. Pearson is president and Jack I. Johnson, vice president, in cooperation with the town of North Wilkesboro. Fans are assured that there will be a seating capacity of 2,500 around the infield, in addition to 1,500 centerfield bleachers, making a total stadium capacity of 4,000. An electric scoreboard will be in operation for the opening game. North Wilkesboro will play Leaksville at Leaksville Sunday afternoon and Leaksville here again Monday night, May 3, eight o'clock.

## Doctors' Offices Entered, Robbed

North Wilkesboro police are continuing work on two robberies in North Wilkesboro late Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

The office of Dr. Wm. K. Newton in the Wilkes hospital was entered and about \$300 in cash was taken from an office desk. Other than the desk where the money was located, nothing was molested.

On the same night the office of Dr. G. T. Mitchell in the Poinceter building was entered and a quantity of narcotics was taken. The door lock had been jammed. Except for the narcotic drugs, nothing else had been taken.