

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 Has Blazed the Trail of Progress In the "State of Wilkes" For Over 41 Years

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

Vol. 43, No. 9

Published Mondays and Thursdays

NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C., Monday, May 17, 1948

Make North Wilkesboro Your Shopping Center

Students Glade Valley Sing For Kiwanians Here

Good Citizenship Program For High School Will Be Carried Out

The North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club held a most enjoyable meeting Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes.

Program Chairman John Cashlen introduced for his program Prof. Charlton M. Hutton, of the Glade Valley School of Alleghany county, who with the following students gave a delightful song program: Helen Redmond, Betty Jean Williams, Frances Godwin, Betty Edwards, Jois Hall, Ronald Wright and himself.

They sang: "Why," "Calm as the Night," "The Little Irish Girl," a duet, "From All That Dwell Below the Skies," "Thou art the Light the Life."

It was announced by the program chairman that the meeting this week will feature representative students from the high schools of the county for "Citizenship Day."

Frank Blair, Jerry Derr and Fred Hubbard, Jr. were initiated into the club by J. B. Williams.

Guests Friday were Mrs. L. M. Nelson with Mr. Nelson; Marshall W. Orr, of Asheville, with J. H. Whicker, Sr.; Glenn Jackson with C. O. McNeil; Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Hamon with Dr. J. H. McNeill; J. K. Herndon with R. R. Church; Joe Howard with Robert S. Gibbs.

Lincoln Heights Commencement

With the preaching of the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Charles Webb of Winston-Salem, on Sunday, May 23, three p. m. the Lincoln Heights High School commencement program will get under way. On Monday night at eight o'clock, the senior class will give their annual class night exercises. Tuesday night, May 25, will be the graduation, with the principal address being given by Prof. J. W. Paisley, Sr., of Winston-Salem.

The public is cordially invited to attend all these events, which will be held on the school auditorium.

Special Meeting Of Junior Order

A special meeting of the North Wilkesboro Junior Order council will be held Tuesday night. All members are asked to be present and get in their votes, the announcement said.

Plan Band Concert Here Friday Night

The North Wilkesboro high school band, under direction of Miss Eva Bingham, will render a concert Friday night, eight o'clock, in the school auditorium. There will be no admission charge and the public is cordially invited.

Wilkes Legion Nine To Play Exhibition Game Friday Night

First appearance of the Wilkes American Legion junior baseball team this season in an exhibition game will be in Memorial Park here Friday night, eight o'clock, when the Wilkes boys play the Legion team from Boone.

From 120 boys Coach Jim Sanges here has picked a large squad, which will be cut down when the regular junior season opens and the best players are picked. Some practice sessions have been held and hard work will start when school closes.

Baseball fans are invited to attend the exhibition game in large numbers. The team needs and deserves widespread support and the funds from sale of tickets will be very helpful in financing junior baseball, which is highly expensive, and provides outstanding benefits to boys of the community and county.

Mrs. Gordon Finley Class Recital 20th

The music pupils of Mrs. Gordon Finley will give a recital at the Mountain View high school on Thursday evening, May 20, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Heads Fraternity



O. K. Whittington, Jr., was elected president of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity May 10 at Wake Forest College, where he is a member of the junior class. O. K., who is making a splendid college record, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Whittington, of Wilkesboro.

Flashers Defeat League Leaders

North Wilkesboro Flashers of the Blue Ridge league defeated the league leading Radford Rockets 7 to 1 here Sunday with the five-hit pitching of Ray Blevins, cagey portsider from Lansing, Ashe county. It was a hurling masterpiece and with 12 hits by the Flashers provided delectable merriment for a large crowd of Flasher fans.

On Saturday night Negri and Dezerne combined in a five-hitter to defeat Mount Airy 9 to 4. The visitors' four runs were caused by an accident. Mt. Airy had three on base when a batter singled and Loman was bowled over and knocked out in a collision with a runner at third.

Runners scored at that time. Manager Loman was carried to the hospital and kept overnight. He sustained a severe bruise on the back of his neck but was able to be out Sunday.

Tonight and Tuesday night the Flashers play Radford here and will go on a five-day road trip, returning here May 24.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Table with 3 columns: Name, AB, R, H. Includes Mount Airy, Carrick, Solters, Cashier, Marshall, Hall, Holt, Hass, Verucy, Williams, and TOTALES.

Score by innings: N. Wilkesboro 000 330 21x-9 Mt. Airy 000 040 000-4. E. Cashier, Holt; RBI, Solters 3, Shores 4, Primozic, Mercak 2, Negri; 3BH, Shores; 2BH, Holt; SB, Agnett; BB off Williams 4, off Negri 6, off Dezerne 1; SO by Negri 2, by Dezerne 7; by Williams 7; H off Negri 2 in 4 1-3, off Dezerne 3 in 4 2-3; Winning pitcher, Dezerne.

Table with 3 columns: Name, AB, R, H. Includes DeSalvo, Hayward, Schulze, Rudisill, Via, Thompson, Glenn, Marsalis, McDonough, Bakaitis, aLewis, Wilson, and TOTALES.

Score by innings: Radford 000 000 001-1 N. Wilkesboro 010 002 40x-7. E-Schulze, Marsalis, McDonough.

County Agent Tells Of Clean-Up Aids On Wilkes Farms

By PAUL CHOPLIN (County Agent) In addition to the pleasure and satisfaction of living among clean, neat surroundings there are real economic reasons why the farm and farm home should be kept clean and free from piles of accumulated junk. In order to have a healthy family, healthy livestock and healthy crops a farm home must be arranged according to a convenient plan so that cleaning and other work may be done efficiently.

Unless this is done many sheltering places to harbor rats will be on the farm. Rats never take vacations, neither can the farmer if he expects to control them and prevent needless loss of grain, chickens, food and feed.

Rat control is year round. There are about as many rats in the United States as there are people. On farms there are more rats than people. Best estimates are that one rat will eat or destroy at least two bushels of corn and 150 pounds of feed per year. It costs as much to keep a rat as it does to keep a laying hen. The basic idea in rat control is don't feed them and don't shelter them. Rats can not be eliminated if they have a place to hide nor can you get a well fed rat to take your poison bait. Red Squill is a safe poison to use for rats, so is Antu. However, Antu is poisonous to dogs and other domestic animals.

Flies and mosquitoes can not be controlled where garbage, tin cans and other refuse are permitted to accumulate. Poultry and stable manure should be screened from flies or spread in the fields immediately. Many poultry and animal diseases are spread by flies and mosquitoes—for instance, the common house fly is the intermediate host for tape worms that infest chickens. Mosquitoes are a means of spreading poultry pox and other diseases. A clean farm and home is a healthy place to live and work.

Lincoln Heights May Day Be Held May 19

On Wednesday, May 19, at one thirty in the afternoon, the annual May Day program and crowning of the May Queen will be held on the campus of Lincoln Heights. The exercises will consist of the procession by the queen's court, dances, drills and winding of the May Pole. All patrons and friends are invited to be present at these colorful exercises, sponsored by all the classes in the school.

Legion to Meet

Wilkes post of the American Legion will meet Thursday, May 20, eight p. m. at the Legion clubhouse. All members are urged to attend.

Elementary School Pictures Displayed

Wilkes Public library located in the North Wilkesboro town hall is displaying some splendid drawings by elementary pupils of North Wilkesboro school and the public is invited to view their work. The artists include C. U. Kemp, Donnie Pruitt, Shirley Osborne, Bobby Lee Anderson and Robert Fincannon.

BLUE RIDGE LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results Galax 7, Leaksville 6. Mount Airy 7, Wytheville 5. North Wilkesboro 7, Radford 1.

Table with 3 columns: Club, W, L, Pct. Includes Radford, Leaksville, Wytheville, Galax, N. Wilkesboro, Mt. Airy.

Today's Games

Radford at North Wilkesboro Wytheville at Mount Airy Leaksville at Galax. Donough, Bakaitis, Tagliarino, Blevins. RBI—Promozic 3, Negri 2, Blevins 2, Marsalis. SB—Leonard, S—Daddino, Davis 2. DP—Glenn to Marsalis; Schulze to Glenn to Marsalis; Glenn to Schulze to Marsalis; Tagliarino to Daddino; Negri to Tagliarino to Daddino; BB—off Blevins 3; Bakaitis 5. SO—By Blevins 5; Bakaitis 3. H—off Bakaitis 10 in 7. LOB—Radford 6, North Wilkesboro 10. HBP—Promozic by Bakaitis. LP—Bakaitis. U—Swan and Manship. T—1:48.

Mtn. View Speaker



Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will deliver the Commencement address at Mountain View high school Tuesday night, May 5, at 8:00 o'clock. Dr. Erwin will also speak over station WILX at 6:00 p. m. May 25.

U. D. C. Entertains District Meeting

The Wilkes Valley Guards chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was hostess to a meeting of District No. Two held in the Educational Building of the Presbyterian church on Tuesday with Mrs. Herbert Wall, Lenoir, district director presiding. The meeting opened with piano music by Mrs. L. M. Nelson followed by the advancement of the colors carried by Mrs. Jack Brame and Miss Clara Ogilvie. Rev. Watt M. Cooper, pastor of church, offered the opening prayer, the group gave the pledge of allegiance to the U. S. flag and the salute to the Confederate flag, after which they sang, "God Bless America."

Mrs. W. C. Grier spoke words of welcome to which Mrs. R. P. Reese, Winston-Salem, responded. The minutes of last year's meeting were read by Mrs. Ross Bunch, Statesville, and Mrs. Wall appointed a number of committees including nominating, courtesy, and place of next meeting. Mrs. Robert Bunch, Statesville, was elected as the new district director, and Mrs. Ross Bunch will serve again as secretary.

Among the state officers introduced by Mrs. Albert Thompson, Greensboro, North Carolina division president, were Mrs. R. P. Reese, Winston-Salem, second vice president; Mrs. Preston Thomas, Asheville, State division treasurer; Mrs. A. T. St. Amand, Wilmington, historian; and Mrs. John Rowe, Hickory, past division president.

There are seven chapters in the district and their reports were given along with roll call, which showed delegates attending from Hickory, Statesville, Morganton and Lenoir. Mrs. Erwin, of Morganton, who has attended thirty district meetings, was presented with an orchid, the presentation being made by Mrs. Thompson.

In a memorial service conducted by Mrs. St. Amand, John Cashion sang "There is No Death" (O'Hara), accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Nelson. Candles were lighted for the six members, who had died during the year, with the prayer being offered by Mrs. Joe E. Johnson. Luncheon was served at the Wilkes Hotel being attended by thirty-nine U. D. C. members.

Local automobile dealers who attended the convention of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers association Monday through Wednesday in Pinehurst included: Mr. A. F. Kilby, of Yadin Valley Motor company; Mr. O. K. Pope, of Gaddy Motor company; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barber, of Barber-Somers Motor company; Mr. M. B. McNeill and Mr. Arrin Foster, of Midway Pontiac company.

Private Robert W. Hayes, son of Mrs. R. M. Hayes, of Gilreath, has recently been placed on detached service with the Eighth Army Signal Corps School, Yokohama, Japan, to study a telephone and telegraph course. Pvt. Hayes is now serving with the 58th Signal Battalion at Kyoto. Personnel of this battalion are engaged in the installation, operation, and maintenance of signal communications in the First Corps zone of responsibility.

Support the Y. M. C. A.

Rhododendron Now In Bloom On Blue Ridge Parkway Road

Purple rhododendron, one of the prettiest of mountain shrubs, is now in full bloom about two weeks ahead of schedule on the Blue Ridge Parkway in northwestern North Carolina. The bloom is particularly beautiful between highway 18 and 21 and in the Bluff Park area. Numerous visitors were on that section of parkway during the week-end.

Wilkes Youth Is Composer, Singer Mountain Songs

George Whitten, a former resident of the Buck community, is engaged in a successful career as composer and singer of folk and mountain music with Carolina Troubadours over WBIG, Greensboro, and as a recording artist.

Whitten is composer of such juke box favorites at present as "Carolina Sunshine," "Blue Days" and "My Rentro Valley Girl." A new one coming out is "Will I Be In That Last Round-up."

The young composer and artist was a visitor here Thursday, at which time he conferred with Stafford Record Shop and Church Music Company, local distributors of his records.

With Whitten are Bill Purcell and Charlie Harrold, both of whom are well known to radio audiences in the Carolinas and Virginia.

P.-T. A. Here Will Install Its Officers

The Parent-Teacher Association will meet Thursday night at 8 o'clock, in the school auditorium. The new officers will be installed. Everyone is invited to attend this last meeting before the summer recess.

The music committee, with Mrs. Gwyn Gambill as chairman, would like to report that the Musical Playlet, recently sponsored by the P.-T. A. was successful. The playlet was directed by Mrs. Andrew Kilby. The proceeds totaled \$57.50.

Wallace Radio Buys P. & B. Music Shop

Wallace Radio Sales and Service company, located on Ninth street next door to Southern Cleaners, has purchased the P. & B. Music company, which was formerly located over Ralph Duncan's on Ninth street, and has moved the large stock of records to Wallace Radio Sales and Service company. A full stock of popular, hill billly, classical and religious records will be carried and in addition to regular retail business the firm will sell records by mail.

H. D. Schedule For Wilkes This Week

Wednesday, May 19th, Electrical meetings: 2:00 p. m. Pores Knob Community House; 7:30 p. m. Mt. Pleasant school.

Thursday, May 20th, Electrical Meeting: 2:00 p. m., Traphill school.

Friday, May 21, Roaring River Home Demonstration Club; Mrs. A. C. Staley's, 1:30 p. m.

Monday, May 24th, Moravian Falls Home Demonstration club; Community House, hostesses, Mrs. Rufus Pennell and Miss Zelma Pennell, 2:30 p. m.

Horace W. Hayes Funeral Tuesday

Horace Wilson Hayes, 48, member of a widely known Wilkes family, died suddenly Saturday evening while sitting on the porch at his home at Elklin. He had been in normal health and death was attributed to a heart attack.

He was a son of the late R. D. and Alice Church Hayes. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Alice Fowler, of Drake's Branch, Va.; his wife, Mrs. Jennie Hayes, and ten children: Dick and Rex Hayes, Mrs. Ruth Pardue, Mrs. Charlene Transon, Mrs. Betty Segraves, Howard, Clyde, Julia, Gene and Annette Hayes.

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, two p. m., at Purlear Baptist church.

Democrats Endorse Hospital and School Building Programs

Watson Brame Is Elected Chairman County Executive Committee

Unanimous endorsement of the proposed county-wide hospital project and the improvement of the school building situation in the county were the highlights of the convention of Wilkes Democrats held Saturday afternoon at the courthouse in Wilkesboro.

The convention was represented by a majority of precincts in the county and there were no contests. Attorney William H. McElwee was permanent chairman of the convention and W. E. Pharr and Julius C. Hubbard served as secretaries.

The first business to come before the convention was a resolution offered by J. R. Rousseau relative to the appointment of Paul J. Vestal to the position of local game and fish protector and which condemned state wild-life officials for ignoring the recommendation of the county chairman and other party officials.

Hospital Project Endorsed

The next resolution offered before the convention was that in relation to the proposed county-wide hospital project, whereby Wilkes county may receive approximately \$900,000 from the state and federal governments by putting up approximately \$300,000, the sum of \$1,200,000 paying for the construction and the equipping of a one-hundred bed hospital. This resolution was offered by Julius C. Hubbard, who made the motion for its passage. The motion was seconded by Watson Brame. After discussion and 100 per cent backing from rural Democrats present, the convention adopted the resolution unanimously.

Convention Backs Better School Facilities

Attorney Eugene Trivette next offered a strong resolution advocating the erection of more school buildings and more adequate school facilities for the county. Motion to pass the resolution was made by J. R. Rousseau. Speaking on behalf of this resolution were County Superintendent C. B. Eller and J. G. Hackett who pointed out the need for more school buildings and equipment to keep pace with the ever-increasing enrollment of Wilkes boys and girls. The convention gave unanimous endorsement to this resolution.

Governor Cherry's Administration Endorsed

The next resolution was offered by Paul L. Cashion in regard to the endorsement of the state administration under the leadership of Governor R. Gregg Cherry. This resolution was also unanimously passed by the convention.

On motion of J. C. Reins, seconded by R. L. Walsh, the convention named any Democrat from Wilkes county as a delegate to the state convention to be held in Raleigh.

The convention went on record as endorsing R. R. Church, of Wilkesboro, as a member of the county board of education. Mr. Church's term of office expires next spring.

Candidates Recognized

County candidates present were recognized as follows: William G. Mitchell, state representative; W. C. Grier and C. C. Faw, Jr., board of commissioners; Luther Duncan, register of deeds.

Chairman McElwee recognized a number of Democrats attending the convention and among those making talks were: J. G. Hackett, Attorney H. A. Cranor, Attorney Robert M. Gambill, Attorney Larry S. Moore, Attorney Chas. G. Gilreath, Watson Brame, Attorney Eugene Trivette, C. C. Faw, P. E. Dancy, J. D. Hall, B. F. Staley, J. C. Reins, and J. A. Gilliam.

Brame Chairman Of Executive Committee

During the convention, members of the county executive committee retired and elected the executive committee officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Watson Brame, chairman; Mrs. Odell Whittington, vice chairman; Paul J. Vestal, secretary.

Reddies River Grange In Monthly Meeting

The Reddies River Grange No. 1083, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Whittington at Reddies River, for the monthly meeting.

Preparation is being made to move the Grange Hall to the Whittington school by June 1st. The school house has been wired and the school term will have expired by that date.

Mr. Odell Whittington is conducting an experiment with six types of hybrid corn on an acre of his farm.

Albert Vestal Dies Suddenly

Albert C. Vestal, 47, for a number of years a well known citizen of Wilkesboro, died suddenly Saturday night at his home in Wilkesboro. He was on the lawn of his home when he was stricken with a heart attack.

Mr. Vestal was born in Davie county, a son of the late Rev. Miles H. Vestal and Mrs. Victoria Haynes Vestal. His father was a Methodist minister and a former district superintendent serving this district of the Methodist church.

For some time Mr. Vestal was engaged in the automobile business and during World War II held a responsible position with the Office of Price Administration. He was a member of the Wilkesboro Methodist church and was well known in the community.

Surviving Mr. Vestal are his widow, Mrs. Minnie Smoak Vestal, one son, Albert J. Vestal, and one daughter, Miss Dianne Vestal, of the home. Also surviving are one brother, Paul J. Vestal, of Moravian Falls, and two sisters, Mrs. Estelle V. Johnson, of Yadkinville, and Mrs. V. Page Clark, of Southern Pines.

Funeral service was held at the home today at two p. m., with Rev. H. M. Wellman, Wilkesboro Methodist pastor, in charge, and burial was in Mountain Park cemetery.

Wilkesboro High Evens Series 9-8 By Beating Lions

Wilkesboro high school evened the baseball series with North Wilkesboro Friday afternoon with a 9 to 8 victory in 11 innings at Memorial Park. The first game was a 12-inning marathon with North Wilkesboro winning 7 to 6.

Both teams scored one in the first and in the third Wilkesboro scored six runs. The Mountain Lions kept chewing off this lead and tied it up in the eighth with three runs. An error on a strike-out, a hit batter and a dropped fly in left field accounted for Wilkesboro's winning tally in the 11th.

Following are lineups for the game: North Wilkesboro—Badgett, pitcher and catcher; McGinnis, shortstop; Rousseau, first base; Woods, shortstop and pitcher; Hudson, third base; Church, right field; Swafford, second base; Rhodes, left field; Ward, right field.

Wilkesboro—Dancy, left field; Triplett, second base; Groce, pitcher; Craig, shortstop; Whittington, third base; Bentley, right field; Garwood, center field; Lowe, catcher; Byrd, first base and pitcher.

Summary: errors, Swafford 2, Woods, Groce 2, Craig; 2BH, Woods, Hudson; 3BH, Craig, Swafford, Lowe, McGinnis; SB, Rousseau, Triplett 2, Church, Byrd, Bentley 2, Garwood, Whittington; DP, McGinnis to Swafford to Rousseau; SO, Badgett 3, Groce 5, Woods 11, Byrd 4; HBP, Triplett by Badgett, Garwood by Woods.

Resolutions passed at the convention will be carried in full in Thursday's issue of The Journal-Patriot.