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## James Graham Is Speaker On Friday Kiwanis Meeting

### Experiment Station Operator Tells Kiwanians of Work at Sparta

Music and an interesting address featured the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club meeting Friday noon.

Paul Church was program chairman and he presented Miss Mary Ann Tomlinson, who sang "Summertime," "Pale Moon," and "Because." Mrs. A. F. Kilby was accompanist.

Mr. Church then introduced James Graham, who is in charge of the agricultural experiment station at Sparta.

Mr. Graham made a good and interesting talk, pointing out the work that his station is doing and what it has accomplished in the three years since it was established at Sparta. He said its purpose particularly is to serve the counties in this section in the better and more profitable production of cattle, sheep, hogs, tobacco, fruit, etc.

Mr. Graham also pointed out the work of the seven other experiment stations in the various parts of the state, indicating the particular kind of experiments being done at each station.

Guests Friday were: John E. Justice, III, with John E. Justice, Jr.; Forest Church with R. R. Church; Mr. Davis, agricultural teacher at Wilkesboro, with Paul Church; Rev. G. W. Bullard with Rev. W. N. Brookshire. William Hearn, of Middletown, N. J., was a visiting Kiwanian.

## Lions Endorsed Hospital Plans In Community

### Panel Discussion of Hospital Proposal Composes Program at Meeting

North Wilkesboro Lions Club in meeting Friday evening unanimously endorsed the proposal to erect a municipal hospital with federal and state funds comprising 77 per cent of the total cost.

A panel discussion of the proposal was conducted by Tom Jenrette, program chairman, and led by Dr. F. C. Hubbard and Attorney W. H. McElwee, who were guests of Mr. Jenrette.

The discussions showed the immediate need of greater hospital facilities here and the great opportunity that now exists for erecting a modern and adequate hospital for 22.7 per cent of the total cost.

There was much discussion relative to county and city plans.

The club voted by a wide margin to favor erection of a 100-bed hospital over an alternate plan for a 75-bed hospital, which many felt would not greatly improve the situation. The general opinion as expressed was that a 100-bed hospital will not be more than adequate in the immediate future.

## Wilkes Farm Center Wins Purina Award

Wilkes Farm Center recently won permanent possession of a bronze leadership trophy awarded by the Ralston Purina Company to honor the firm's outstanding sales achievement and service to agriculture. The bronze plaque was presented by H. B. Marsh, district salesman of the Ralston Purina Company.

The Purina Leadership Trophy is awarded quarterly to the winning Purina dealer in this district, with the winner's name appearing on the plaque. To keep the trophy permanently, a dealer must win it three times. Congratulations are due Wilkes Farm Center for being the only dealer in this district to win the trophy three times and thus gain permanent possession of it.

**EASTERN STAR MEETING**  
Wilkes Chapter No. 42, O.E.S., will meet Thursday night, August 12, 7:30, for a very important meeting and all members are urged to attend.

Winnie Duncan, W. M.  
Lorene Webber, Secretary.

Farm population in the United States has been declining gradually for the past 30 years. It may be as low as 24 million by 1975, compared with 37 1/2 million now.

## Hayes Again Pastor At Pleasant Grove

Rev. J. E. Hayes, well-known Baptist minister, was recently unanimously elected pastor of Pleasant Grove (Bucks Arbor) Baptist church after being away from the church for some time. Rev. Mr. Hayes was first elected pastor there in 1931, and served well for ten years. This week he is conducting a revival there and is being assisted by Rev. Mr. Crump, of Lenoir. Everybody is invited.

## AAA Deadline September 1st

It was announced today by Lawrence Miller, secretary to the Wilkes county AAA committee, that September first will be the deadline date for turning in tickets for lime, fertilizer and seed, for which credit is desired on the 1948 program.

September first is the deadline date for any farmer to use his allocation of funds that was set up for his farm.

September first is the date that all unused funds will be placed in a pool for the purpose of issuing conservation materials to farmers in the county who will use the material.

Mr. Miller stated further that after September 1, any farmer in the county will be eligible to receive seed or phosphate for a 15-day period and lime for delivery and use this fall. The funds for payment of this will be taken from the pool. The reason is explained for calling all the unused funds into the pool is to be able to spend all of the county allocation for 1948 and it is the intention of the county committee to use all of the funds in practices that will conserve the soil in Wilkes county.

## R. F. Church Dies In Statesville Today

R. F. Church, well-known citizen of the Purlear Route 1 community, died early today in a Statesville hospital. He had been ill for three weeks and critically ill during the past few days.

Mr. Church, 71, was born April 21, 1877, a son of the late Eli and Selina Church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Allie Church and the following sons and daughters: Clifford Church, Wilbur; Vaughn Church, Purlear; Wayne Church, Boise, Idaho; Earl Church, Purlear; Mrs. Blanche Fisher, New York City; Mrs. Odell Church, Kings Creek; Mrs. Radford Eller, Purlear; Miss Vera Church, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Vecie Yasinasac, Nantucket, Mass.; Mrs. Merrill Wiles, North Wilkesboro.

Also surviving are one brother, Dock Church, of North Wilkesboro, and two sisters, Mrs. Mollie Adkins of Purlear, and Mrs. Minnie Gentry, of Graigsville, Idaho.

## Jarvis Rites Today

Funeral service was held today at Grassy Knob church for S. C. Jarvis, 80-year-old citizen of that community who died Saturday. Surviving are two sons, W. G. Jarvis of North Wilkesboro, Route 3, and Connie Jarvis, of Union Grove.

## Charity Methodist Has New Building

First service will be held Sunday, August 15, in the new Charity Methodist church building near Millers Creek, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Short.

Sunday school organization will be at ten a. m., followed by worship service and sermon by the pastor at 11 a. m.

## Pearson Owner Of Baseball Club

### Local Man Buys Interest of Jack I. Johnson And Is Now Sole Owner

Tal J. Pearson, president of the North Wilkesboro Baseball club in the Blue Ridge league, last week purchased the interest of Jack I. Johnson, of Greensboro, in the club.

Mr. Pearson is now sole owner of the club, which was formed this spring as a partnership of Mr. Pearson and Mr. Johnson, who heads the Johnson Land Auction company, of Greensboro and Lumberton.

## W. A. McNeil Taken By Death; Funeral Sunday

### Prominent Businessman Here Died of Heart Attack Early Saturday

Wm. Alonso McNeil, 59, prominent business and political leader here and for many years one of Northwest North Carolina's best known citizens, died shortly after midnight Saturday morning at the Wilkes Hospital.

Mr. McNeil, who had been in failing health for several years, suffered a heart attack Friday afternoon and gradually became weaker until he died at 12:10 a. m. Saturday.

A member of a widely known family, he was a son of the late Thornton and Eda McNeil, of the Purlear community. He was born here September 17, 1888. In early life Mr. McNeil traveled for a number of years for Reynolds Tobacco company and other firms.

When a young man Mr. McNeil entered the Coca-Cola Bottling business with his brothers in North Wilkesboro and was president of the firm at the time of his death. For many years he was president and general manager of the Great Northwestern Fair held annually in North Wilkesboro.

A leader in the Democratic party, Mr. McNeil served several years as chairman of the Democratic Executive committee in Wilkes county.

Surviving Mr. McNeil are three brothers and one sister: Claude A. McNeil, of Elkin; C. O. and R. T. McNeil and Mrs. Fred Emerson, of North Wilkesboro. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, one sister, Mrs. Roscoe Vannoy, and one brother, Osco McNeil.

Funeral service was held Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large audience at the First Baptist church here. Dr. John T. Wayland, pastor, was assisted in the service by Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., of Raleigh, a former pastor. Burial was in the family plot in New Hope Baptist church cemetery near Purlear.

There were many beautiful floral tributes as tokens of the esteem and friendship for Mr. McNeil.

Active pallbearers were: J. M. Anderson, W. H. McElwee, J. E. Walker, A. F. Kilby, J. R. Prevette, J. R. Rousseau, D. V. Deal and Frank C. Tomlinson.

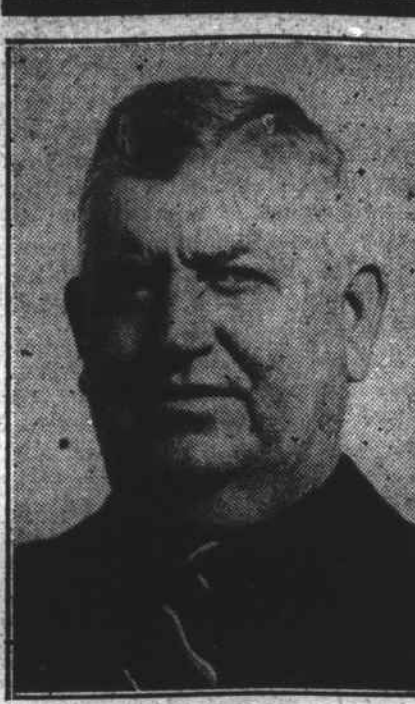
Honorary pallbearers were: Kyle Hayes, Harold Burke, Joe Pearson, C. T. Doughton, Buster Forester, Rufus Church, Eugene Trivette, J. H. Whicker, Jr., John R. Jones, L. A. Harris, Bill Absher, I. H. McNeill, W. J. Caroon, Watson Brame, E. T. Hackney, Dr. G. T. Mitchell, Edwin Duncan, Dr. C. S. Sink, W. A. Rousseau, George Forester, F. D. Forester, Dr. Robert McMillan, J. M. Crawford, W. A. Brame, J. B. Williams, Hoyle M. Hutchens, G. C. Pendry, J. S. Zimmerman, J. G. Gambill.

R. W. Gwyn, J. B. McCoy, H. L. Keller, Fred Lane, Wade Wallace, W. F. Gaddy, R. R. Church, E. P. Robinson, A. M. Church, C. B. Eller, John Culler, T. M. Foster, Joe Hayes, Bill Brame, Phillip Brame, J. C. Reins, Dewey Parker, D. E. Elledge, C. A. Buchanan, John Hall, Boyd Stout, E. E. Eller, H. P. Eller, Dudley S. Hill, E. M. Blackburn, W. E. Jones, Dr. W. F. Jones, George C. Snyder, J. G. Hackett, D. C. Duncan, J. M. Eller, W. C. Marlow, R. M. Brame, Jr., Jack Swofford, Rom Pearson, W. P. Kelly, J. R. Hix, J. M. Absher, R. B. Pharr, Judge Johnson J. Hayes, J. G. Greene, Dr. J. H. McNeill, R. G. Finley, Judge J. A. Rousseau, W. C. Prevette, J. E. Spainhour, Ralph Duncan, Homer Brookshire.

Glenn Jackson, E. T. Tonneson, Walker Tonneson, of Charlotte; Bryce Beard, Sr., Bryce Beard, Jr., and Frank Buck of Salisbury; S. C. Harper, Charles Buchanan and Roger Harper, of Winston-Salem; and employees of the Coca-Cola Bottling company as follows: Vernon Byrd, R. S. Greer, H. R. Cleary, Walter A. Holbrook, Ralph Jones, Carl Pierce, Thomas P. Scott, Bryce Wood, Britt Cleary, L. S. Haughton, Ralph Barnes, Victor F. Denney, Edward A. Neely, Paul Turner, James M. Turner, Truman S. Roop, Richard C. Foster.

A corn yield of 32 bushels per acre is estimated for North Carolina in 1948, compared with an average yield for only 21.8 bushels per acre during the period 1937-44.

## Claimed By Death



W. A. McNEIL

## North Wilkesboro Voting Precinct May Be Divided

### Election Board Chairman Calls Meeting Citizens to Be Held Friday Night

North Wilkesboro voting precinct, now one of the state's largest in number of votes cast, may be divided into two or three precincts, according to information gained today from Carl J. Jones, chairman of the Wilkes County Board of Elections.

This matter will be discussed at a meeting of citizens of North Wilkesboro township to be held Friday, August 13, 7:30 p. m., at the North Wilkesboro town hall.

Mr. Jones announced the meeting in the following call: "Notice: There will be a meeting of the Election Board Friday night, August 13, 7:30 o'clock, at the North Wilkesboro city hall to discuss plans for dividing North Wilkesboro township into two or more precincts for voters. All parties interested are invited to be present. C. J. Jones, Chairman Wilkes County Board of Elections."

## Ashe County Man Drowns In River

Verner Miller, 24, of Glendale Springs, drowned in North Fork New River near Obids Wednesday afternoon.

Miller and several companions were fishing at the time. His body was recovered between 7 and 8 p. m.

Miller was the third to lose his life in that section of the river. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Att Miller of Glendale Springs. Survivors include his wife, two children, eight brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday at Severt Cemetery at Glendale.

## Marked Brick Has History Interest

While tearing down the front of the Forester Furniture company building to erect a new front, workmen last week found a brick with this inscription, "W. B. Henry, maker, September 9, 1905."

The brick was presented to J. B. Williams. Incidentally, Bill was employed at Bill Henry's brickyard about the time the brick in question was made. He worked ten hours per day and his wages were 20 cents per day.

Mr. Henry, now a resident of Florida and who spends his summer at a cottage on the Brushies, operated the brickyard near where J. T. Irvin's livestock barn was located. After being engaged in brick manufacture Mr. Henry was in the grocery business here for some time.

## Mrs. Alex R. Jarvis Funeral Held Today

Last rites were held today at Pleasant Grove Church for Mrs. Minnie Bell Jarvis, 39, well-known resident of New Castle township who died Saturday. Rev. R. R. Carter conducted the funeral service.

Mrs. Jarvis leaves her husband, Alex R. Jarvis, and three children: Richard Jarvis, Thurmond; Miss Mildred Jarvis, Ronda; and Jackie Jarvis, Concord.

## Members Draft Board In Wilkes Recommended

### Names of L. B. Dula, Grover Pendry and Edmund Robinson Submitted

Recommendations have been submitted for membership on the draft board to serve Wilkes county under the new Selective Service act.

L. B. Dula, of Wilkesboro, Edmund P. Robinson, of North Wilkesboro, and Grover Pendry, of Hays, have been recommended to compose the board. Dr. James C. Mills was suggested for medical officer and F. J. McDuffie as attorney.

The group set up by law to make recommendations was composed of C. C. Hayes, clerk of superior court; C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, and Carl J. Jones, chairman of the county board of elections.

Data for registration will be announced after the board members are officially appointed.

## Flashers Defeat Radford In Two

### Now Firmly In 2nd Place; Games Here Wednesday Through Saturday

North Wilkesboro defeated the Radford Rockets here Saturday night 4 to 2 and Sunday afternoon 2 to 1 in two of the best games of the season.

On Saturday night Big Sam Gibson held Radford to six hits as he bested Israel Ten, diminutive Puerto Rican, in a beautiful mound duel. The Flashers collected nine hits of the small man's wide curves while the longest blow off Gibson was a short double. Stanley led the Flashers in hitting with three singles while Daddino knocked in two runs, one with a smashing triple in the sixth.

Gibson had no trouble until the seventh inning and had a no-hitter in sight. In the second a walk to Howard and singles by Cooper and Gibson accounted for two runs. Cooper singled in the fourth and scored during a double play. Shores walked in the sixth and scored on Daddino's triple. Gibson got into bad trouble in the eighth with the bases loaded and none out but a double play enabled him to escape with only one Radford run. The Rockets scored first in the seventh on a single, passed ball and outfield fly.

On Sunday Tom Young bested Lefty Wilson in a mound duel that kept the crowd in suspense through 12 action-filled innings. The youthful hurler was master of the Rocket batters when it counted and Radford's only run in the third inning was the result on an error and an accident. Sack, first man up, went out to Tagliarino. Haywood singled. Santanago was on by error. Haywood was trapped between third and home for the second out and a ball thrown to catch Santanago at third glanced off a player in the base path and the runner raced home.

The Flashers' first run was also unearned in the fifth. Shores was on by error, advanced on Daddino's single and scored on Mercak's grounder which forced out Daddino at second. Radford threatened on the 6th through the 12th inning and had three on when Wilson grounded out for the third out in the 12th. Radford had 17 runners stranded and had 15 hits with no earned runs, which is probably a record in professional baseball.

Daddino opened the 12th with a single. Mercak was on by fielder's choice when he sacrificed Daddino to second. Young went out on a sacrifice and both runners advanced. Cooper singled sharply between first and second to drive in Daddino with the winning run.

Tonight and tomorrow night the Flashers play in Wytheville. On Wednesday night they open a four-day stand here with two against Abingdon and two against Wytheville. Radford and Galax play a four-game series this week and the Flashers hope to creep up on the leading Galax nine before they come here for three games, beginning August 17.

Egg consumption decreases during the summer more, because of improper egg handling than because of rising prices, says T. T. Brown, Extension poultry specialist at State College.

## 2 Wilkes Men Are Licensed Doctors

Two Wilkes men who graduated this year from Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem last week were licensed to practice medicine in the state after passing the state board of examiners examination. The newly licensed physicians are Dr. William C. Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hayes, and Dr. Thomas Lee McNeill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. McNeill, of Purlear.

Dr. Hayes is now an interne at Watts hospital in Durham, and Dr. McNeill is taking his internship at a hospital in Oregon. Neither have announced location or plans for practice when they complete their intern year.

## Revival Services At Bethel Baptist

Revival services are now in progress at Bethel Baptist church near Hays with services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor, Rev. Ernest Blevins, is being assisted by Rev. Ernest Miller. Everybody has an invitation to all services.

## Cemetery Zion Hill Is To Be Grassed

Decision has been reached to sow the cemetery at Zion Hill Baptist church in grass and those who have curbing or shrubbery in the cemetery are asked to make arrangements to remove same at once. Committee making this announcement is composed of G. B. Carlton, W. D. Watts, C. H. German, Mrs. Earle German and C. H. Hendrix.

## Mrs. Carrie Higgins Funeral On Tuesday

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, 2 p. m. at Rock Creek church for Mrs. Carrie Higgins, wife of John Higgins, who died Sunday at their home in Rock Creek township. Rev. A. B. Hayes will conduct the last rites. Mrs. Higgins is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. Eula Shew, Wilkesboro; Houston Higgins, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Hazel Higgins, Okron, Ohio; Mrs. Clinton Adams, Wilkesboro; Woodrow and J. Q. Higgins, North Wilkesboro.

## Charles F. Pardue Last Rites Today

Funeral service was held today at Liberty Grove church for Charles F. Pardue, who died Sunday at his home here. Mr. Pardue was a well-known local citizen and many friends regret to learn of his death.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Katie Pardue, two sons and two daughters: Mrs. John Gilreath, Mrs. Ted Hollar, John and Robert Pardue, all of North Wilkesboro. Rev. C. S. Wellborn conducted the funeral service.

## Sales Heavy As Leaf Hits Markets

Raleigh, Aug. 4. — Tobacco prices for the majority of cutters and better quality lugs strengthened on the second day of sales on the Carolina flue-cured border belt.

However, the United States and North Carolina Departments of agriculture reported today, most lower quality lugs and practically all primings showed declines. The crop reporting service said a record high opening day general average was established yesterday when 3,639,768 pounds were marketed at an average of \$56.09 a hundred.

This was \$7.21 a hundred higher than on opening sales last year and \$3.81 above the previous high opening day average set in 1946. Individual markets ranged from a low of \$50.12 to \$53.46.

## Chamber Groups Plan Meetings

Agriculture committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday, 7:30, in the chamber office to discuss plans for an agricultural tour and artificial breeding.

On Thursday, ten a. m., the Trade Promotion committee will meet to lay final plans for the Sales Institute, Farmers' Day and Christmas opening.

## 3-Weeks Session Superior Court Convened Today

### Heavy Docket Laid Out For Three Weeks; Judge Clement Presiding

Wilkes superior court opened today for a three-weeks' term. Judge John H. Clement, of Walkertown, is presiding and Solicitor Aralon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, is prosecuting the lengthy criminal docket.

The court has an unusually heavy docket, including a number of major cases as well as the usual run of misdemeanors. The case of outstanding interest will be the trial of Leonard Miller, Millers Creek resident, charged with murder of his wife.

The state will allege in the trial that Miller on February 22 this year administered to his wife a lethal dose of strychnine, which he is alleged to have given her when she complained of having a headache.

After a lengthy investigation, Mrs. Miller's body was taken from the grave June 3 and a belated autopsy performed. The prosecution will present evidence tending to show that her body contained more than enough strychnine to cause instant death.

Another case of major interest will be the trial of Hugh West, a former employe of a drug firm here, who is charged with the abortion death of Miss Pearl Jenkins of Winston-Salem, near here over a year ago. This case has been continued four times.

Judge Clement today delivered an instructive charge to the grand jury and court immediately plunged into work on the long docket.

Calendar for the term of court appears on page two of this newspaper.

## Waynick Is Scott's Choice For Chairman

W. Kerr Scott, Democratic nominee for Governor, has issued the following statement:

"I am happy to announce as my choice for Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, Mr. Capus Waynick of Raleigh and High Point, and as vice-chairman, Mrs. D. A. McCormick of McDonald, Robeson County.

"Mr. Waynick is a native of Rockingham County, but moved to Guilford County, which he represented in both the State Senate and House of Representatives. He is a former Chairman of the State Highway Commission, and was editor of the High Point Enterprise and Greensboro Record.

"Mrs. McCormick is a former member of the State Democratic Executive Committee (1938-40), and served as vice-chairman of the Robeson County Democratic Executive Committee for ten years (1928-38). She was president of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs in 1931. She is a 6th degree member of the Grange and is a trustee of Flora McDonald College. Mrs. McCormick is the active manager of an 11-horse, 500-acre farm in Robeson County."

Statement by J. M. Broughton, Democratic Nominee for U. S. Senate: "I wholeheartedly concur in these recommendations and express the hope that they will be unanimously confirmed by the committee in its coming meeting."

## Purlear, Fairplains Winners Ball Games

Purlear defeated Clingman Thursday night 6 to 1 in a well played Wilkes county league baseball game in Memorial Park.

There were few errors in the game and hitting was the difference. Brown held the Clingman batters in check while Roberts and Journey on the mound for Clingman had more difficulty. The game left Purlear undefeated in the league.

On Friday night Fairplains won 13 to 11 over Boemer in a long and hard hitting game that went into extra frames.

Games in the Wilkes league this week find Boemer and Mulberry playing tonight with Fairplains and Pores Knob set to battle it out Tuesday night.

Baseball fans in the communities which have teams are urged to attend the games and support their home teams. The league is sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.