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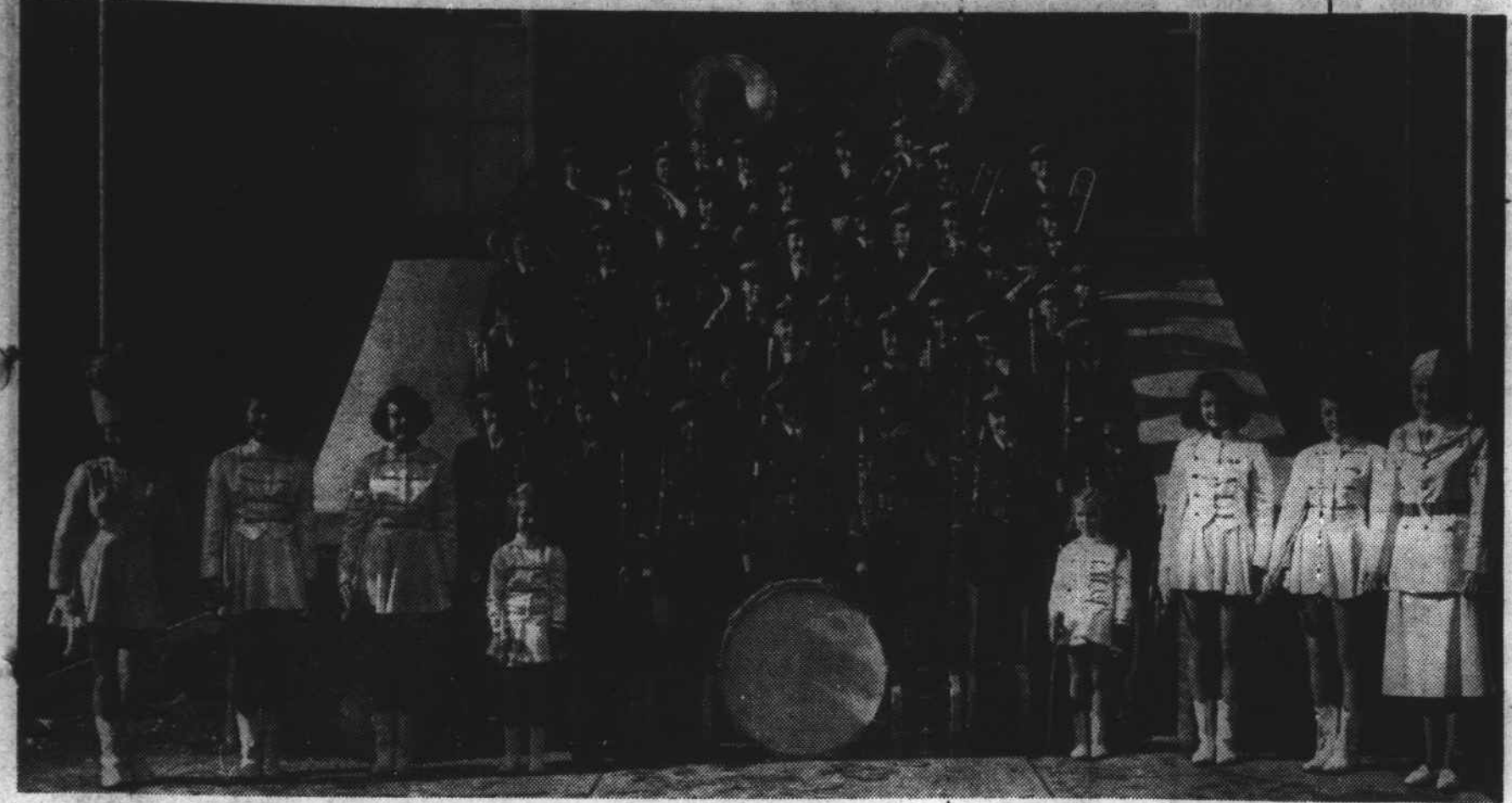
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## Throng Expected For Holiday Program Friday Night

FUNDS ASKED FOR CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Here is a new picture of the North Wilkesboro high school band, which has fifty members this year and continues to show rapid development and improvement. Left to right in the picture are: majorettes, Betty Elledge, Mary Hudson, Florence Gilreath, Terry Jones, Carol Marlow, Nell Brame, Billie Jackson, Miss Eva Bingham (director); first row, Ann Smith, Patricia Hutchinson, Doris Wiles, Betty Jo Reavis, Carolyn Deans, Doris Godbey, Doris Darlington; second row, Martha Justice, Eric Duncan, Patricia Caldwell, Jimmie Hayes, Frances Harris, Becky Reins, Bruce Wayland; third row, Charles Summers, Pattie Gabriel,

Christine Godbey, Carl Swofford, Robert Wells, Edward Moore, Phillip Lomax; fourth row, Kent Sturdivant, Betty Whicker, Norma Gabriel, Betty Jean Wells, Jerry Day, Jimmie Caldwell, Frank Bentley; fifth row, T. C. Billings, Mary Anne Casey, Betty Blackburn, John Hubert Emerson, Jimmie Blair, Reggie Moore, Nancy Sturdivant; sixth row, Bobby Anderson, Barbara Johnston, Dottie Winters, Kenneth Phillips, Anne Carlotto, Jimmie Swofford; seventh row, Douglas Cleary, Tyre Sidden, Calvin Hayes, Patsy Hoover and Charles Starnes were absent when the above picture was made. (Photo By Lane's Studio)

### Teen Age Center To Open Saturday Night Wilkesboro

Will Be Operated Alternating Saturday Nights Two Gymnasiums

Directors of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce are planning to operate the Teen Age Center in the Wilkesboro, beginning December 11 in the Wilkesboro gymnasium. In a joint meeting of the directors and committee members it was decided to operate the center on Saturday nights, alternating between North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro gymnasiums. The second night for the center will be December 18 at the North Wilkesboro gymnasium. C. Arthur Venable, chairman of both groups, presided at the meeting. He and Tom Jenrette, chamber secretary-manager, were authorized to spend up to \$50 for equipment and supplies, and to choose leaders. It was suggested that civic groups again sponsor the Teen Age Center and that each group be responsible for the program of activities on certain dates. The board of directors and the groups they represent are as follows: C. Arthur Venable, Chamber of Commerce; J. B. Carter, Y. M. C. A.; L. M. Nelson, Kiwanis club; Mrs. Robert Gibbs, Girl Scouts; Gordon Finley, Boy Scouts; Paul Osborne, Dokies; Miss Rebecca Moseley, Red Cross; Claude Canter, Junior Order; Mrs. Wm. T. Long and Mrs. E. E. Vaught, Wilkesboro Woman's Club; Mrs. Ivey Moore, North Wilkesboro Woman's Club; Mrs. Sam Vickery, Junior Woman's Club; J. H. Whicker, Jr., Lions Club; Maurice Walsh, North Wilkesboro Masonic lodge; Johnson Sanders, Wilkesboro Masonic lodge; Mrs. J. A. Rousseau, Legion Auxiliary; Bill Thomas, American Legion; Frank Crow, Knights of Pythias; Ivey Moore, V. F. W.; J. F. Woodward, C. B. Eller and Charles C. McNeill, ex-officio members. Chamber of Commerce Education committee members are C. B. Eller, C. C. Faw, Blair Gwyn, Ira Payne, T. E. Story, J. F. Woodward, R. B. Church, Dr. J. S. Deans, Dr. H. B. Smith, Dwight Nichols, M. E. Winecoff. A committee composed of J. F. Woodward, C. B. Eller and T. E. Story was named to make a brief survey of educational needs in Wilkes county.

### Alumni Speaker



Dean Malcolm E. Campbell of the School of Textiles at N. C. State College will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Northwest State College Club in the Y.M.C.A. at Rukin on Monday, December 13, at 7:30 o'clock.

### Chorus Of 650 Voices Will Sing Christmas Carols

Santa Claus Will Arrive In Four-Horse Sleigh At Memorial Park

A chorus of about 650 from churches and schools in Wilkes will blend their voices in singing Christmas carols around a lighted tree, to welcome the arrival of Santa Claus during the Christmas holiday opening program in Memorial Park Friday evening, December 3, seven o'clock. Arranged by the Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, this program is expected to draw a record crowd for Christmas events in North Wilkesboro. The choral groups, about 20 in number, will assemble in Memorial Park promptly at six o'clock, and from there will be carried by buses to four outlying points: Tenth street between D and E; Sixth street at the churches; Midway between the Wilkesboro; and the colored group at Smoot Park. Wilkes Transportation company will furnish bus transportation without cost. At 6:50 o'clock all groups, with each singer carrying a lighted candle, will begin marching to Memorial Park, singing enroute. Meanwhile, the North Wilkesboro high school band will be playing Christmas music at the park for entertainment of spectators who have already arrived. At seven o'clock the groups are scheduled to arrive at the gates of the park and will march in together, taking their places in a semi-circle about the lighted Christmas tree placed in the middle of the football field. Spectators are asked to be seated in bleachers on both sides of the field. John Cashion, of radio station WKBC, will be commentator for the program. The entire groups will sing carols in unison, led by Jay Anderson. Dr. John T. Wayland, First Baptist pastor, will lead the Christmas prayer, which will be followed by more singing. To climax the program Dr. Gilbert R. Combs, First Methodist pastor, will read "A Visit From St. Nicholas" ("Twas the Night Before Christmas), with sound effects furnished by the high school band. There will be a pause midway of this poem when the chorus will sing "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town," and Santa will arrive in traditional style in a gigantic sleigh drawn by four big horses. Santa himself will dramatize the remainder of the Christmas program read by Dr. Combs and will pick up boxes in which letters to Santa have been placed by children present. Santa's final activities on the program will be going along in front of the stands distributing candy to children. To the closing words of the poem, "Happy Christmas To All and to All a Good Night," Santa will be whisked away in the sleigh to his quarters at the North Pole, there to await the date of his universal, nocturnal visit on Christmas eve. The Trade Promotion committee acknowledges with thanks the transportation of singing groups, to be furnished by H. P. Eller, owner of Wilkes Transportation company; Wallace Radio Service for the public address system; Dave Hall for the sleigh and four horses; Spainhour's, Belk's and Penney's for decorating the sleigh; the choral groups leaders, Jay Anderson, Mrs. A. F. Kilby, Lee Edward Harris, Miss Sara Jane Judy, Mrs. C. T. Doughton and Zeb Dickson.

### 6-Year-Old Boy Killed By Truck On Highway 421

Bobby Clark Struck By Truck Five Miles East Of Wilkesboro

Robert Franklin (Bobby) Clark, six-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Clark, of North Wilkesboro route three, was instantly killed Wednesday afternoon when he ran into the side of a moving truck on highway 421 five miles east of Wilkesboro. The truck, belonging to Holly Mountain Farms Co., was driven by Flake Webber, of Wilkesboro. Following investigation by Coroner I. M. Myers and highway patrolmen the accident was termed unavoidable and no charges were preferred against Mr. Webber. According to the account of the accident given by Mr. Webber and other witnesses, the truck was traveling east on highway 421 when the boy suddenly ran across the road. Mr. Webber applied his brakes and pulled to the right shoulder of the road but the front of the truck bed near the cab struck the boy and knocked him to the pavement, resulting in instant death. Bobby was a first year student at Wilkesboro school. He is survived by his father and mother and the following brothers and sisters: John Henry Clark, of Dallas, Texas; Flossie, Frances, Julius, Jr., and Betty Lou Clark, of the home. Funeral will be held Saturday, two p. m., at Fishing Creek Arbor church.

### Bazaar To Be Held Saturday Morning

A bazaar and food sale will be held Saturday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock in the Winkler building in Wilkesboro under the auspices of the Pearl White Circle of the Wilkesboro Methodist church. Cakes, candy, pies, chicken salad, and many other food items will be sold; also many hand-made articles which will make useful and attractive presents.

### School For Fruit Growers Planned December 7 and 8

Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers association will be sponsor of a two-day fruit growers school to be held Tuesday and Wednesday, December 7 and 8, at Pores Knob community house on highway 16 near Pores Knob. Sessions will begin each day at nine a. m. and continue throughout the day, with lunch to be served at 12:30 by the Pores Knob Home Demonstration club. Those who can attend should notify Carl E. Vandeman in order that dinner preparations may be made. Specialists who will conduct the course include C. F. Williams, of State College; Dr. I. D. Jones, of State College; A. N. Pratt, of American Fruit Growers; E. R. Collins, of State College; Carroll R. Miller, of Appalachian Apple Service, Martinsburg, Va.; J. G. Francis, of State College; C. P. Harley, of United States Department of Agriculture; and Carl E. Vandeman, assistant county agent. Some of the topics to be used will be control of poison oak, utilization of off-grade fruit, strawberry growing, marketing problems, discussion of varieties, fertilizer, soil management, promotion of apples, stick-on sprays, blossom thinning. Tuesday afternoon will be a demonstration at ABC orchards and on Wednesday afternoon will be a demonstration at the Janfu orchard in Alexander county.

### Pfc. Henry C. Hayes Funeral Sunday, 11

Funeral service for Pfc. Henry C. Hayes, who was killed in action in Italy in March, 1944, will be held Sunday at 11 a. m., at Beaver Creek Baptist church. Pfc. Hayes was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Hayes, of the Beaver Creek community.

### Pfc. Harold Chambers Funeral On Sunday

Funeral service will be held Sunday, two p. m., at Temple Hill Church for Pfc. Harold M. Chambers, who died of wounds in France September 19, 1944. Pfc. Chambers was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman R. Chambers, of the Ronda route two community.

### NORTH WILKESBORO BAND SEEKS \$2,500 FOR IMPROVEMENTS NOW

The North Wilkesboro high school band is building an enviable reputation in the state and on Saturday will play at the Shrine Bowl football game in Charlotte. Recent appearances have included playing for a Davidson football game and leading the parade at the tobacco market opening at West Jefferson last week. Band sponsors have been organized to make sure that the band has necessary funds for continued improvement. G. Sam Winters is chairman of the sponsors, who are Jack Swofford, J. B. Carter, Dr. H. B. Smith, Mrs. W. G. Gabriel, Mrs. Paul Harvel, Jr., Forrest Tugman and Forrest Jones. In a public letter issued here this week Mr. Winters explained the need for \$2,500 now asked in the form of contributions. Excerpts from his letter follow: "New instruments, additional uniforms for new members of the band and for all members who are rapidly outgrowing their present uniforms, innovations in equipment to add zest to displays on the field—all are necessary to keep up the fine improvements in our band which was organized such a short time ago. They have the talent, they have a fine instructor, and adequate material in the schools for new members. "But all of this takes money. This is definitely not a charity cause. Your money will be spent for your pleasure and entertainment. And perhaps best of all, for advertisement of our town and community. Business people realize more and more that entertainment has a tangible value that can be expected to return dollars where only cents are invested. "Your band committee, recently organized, is very enthusiastic about the prospects for our band in both the immediate and distant future. We feel that everyone will want to contribute to this progress. This letter launches a drive for immediate contributions for immediate needs and asks that everyone will make provision in hearts and pocketbooks for a yearly fund for the band. "The immediate need is for two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500); and we expect that approximately fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) will be required each year to keep up the normal expenses of healthy growth and improvement. Please use the attached coupon and enclose your check. This will save you the time and bother of having members of the committee call on you. If you make your contribution as you think you will in return receive pleasure and profit, we will be sure to meet the required quota. This donation can be deducted for income tax purposes." North Wilkesboro High School Band, North Wilkesboro, N. C. Please find enclosed: \$500.00, \$400.00, \$300.00, \$250.00, \$200.00, \$100.00, \$75.00, \$50.00, \$25.00, \$15.00, \$10.00, \$5.00, \$..... (Circle or fill in amount) as my gift to The North Wilkesboro High School Band, as an expression of my (our) desire to support this organization in its progress for the school, students, Town of North Wilkesboro, and the community at large. Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Business or Profession \_\_\_\_\_

### Will Show 1949 Cadillac Friday

B. & L. Motors, local dealers for Cadillac and Oldsmobile automobiles, will show the 1949 model Cadillac Friday in the company's show rooms on D street. An outstanding feature of the new Cadillac is the wholly new V-type engine, and the car has many other advancements, including new beauty in the front ensemble and interior improvements. The public has a most cordial invitation to view the new Cadillac tomorrow at B. & L. Motors.

### John Vickers Is Suicide Victim

John Vickers, Wilkesboro colored resident, ended his own life early today with a shotgun charge into his brain, Coroner I. M. Myers stated following investigation of his death. According to information gained by Coroner Myers, Vickers stepped from his house with a double-barrel 12-gauge shotgun about 6:30 a. m. while his wife had gone to milk the cow. About 30 yards from the house his body was found with a shotgun wound in the right side of his head. One barrel of the gun was still loaded and cocked. Vickers is survived by his wife and several children. Funeral arrangements were incomplete today.

### Selling Mints For Streptomycin Fund

The welfare committee of the North Wilkesboro Woman's club is selling home-made mints for

### Mrs. Bullis Dies; Rites At Sanford

Mrs. Mary Lou Wright Bullis, 76, died Wednesday morning at five a. m., at her home near Sanford. She had been in apparently normal health and death was attributed to a heart attack. Mrs. Bullis was a native of Wilkes county and spent the greater part of her life in Wilkes, where she was well and favorably known. She was born at Millers Creek July 7, 1872, a daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Wright. She was married in 1895 to Roby J. Bullis and they lived at Millers Creek until 1919, when they moved to Lee county, near Sanford. Mr. Bullis, who was extensively engaged in farming near Sanford, died several years ago. While she lived in Wilkes, Mrs. Bullis was a member of Friendship Methodist church near Millers Creek and was known for her Christian character. Surviving Mrs. Bullis are the following son, and daughters: Carl W. Bullis, Wilkesboro; Mrs. E. O. Nichols, Mrs. W. H. McDuffie, Mrs. C. J. Jackson and Conrad Bullis, all of Sanford. Also surviving are one brother and one sister, Mr. Will Wright, and Mrs. W. T. Webster, both of Statesville. She was preceded in death by two sons and two daughters, three in infancy, and Ray Bullis, who died six years ago; also by one brother, John W. Wright, of Wilkesboro. Funeral service will be held Friday, two p. m., at Buffalo church near Sanford.

### Music Club Is Organized Here

On Friday night, November 26, at the home of Mrs. A. F. Kilby, members of the Mozart Music club of Lenoir met with a group of local music lovers for the purpose of assisting in the organization of a music club in North Wilkesboro. Mrs. W. I. Pitts, president of the Lenoir club, was assisted by Mrs. B. M. Lackey and Mrs. Todd in presenting information concerning the work and value of a federated music club. A special feature of the meeting was a musical program consisting of vocal selections by Mr. and Mrs. William Stevens and piano selections by Mrs. Whisnant. During the social hour refreshments were served by Mrs. R. S. Gibbs, Mrs. A. F. Kilby and Miss Ellen Robinson, hostesses of the evening. At the business meeting the following were elected to serve as officers of the newly organized club. President, Miss Ellen Robinson; vice president, Mrs. A. F. Kilby; treasurer, Miss Lois Scroggs; secretary, Mrs. C. T. Doughton.

### Birthday Supper

Rev. Clate Brown was given a surprise birthday supper Tuesday night, November 30, on his 34th birthday. The supper was provided by the members of the Fairplains Baptist church, of which he is pastor. About fifty people met at Rev. Brown's home in Oakwoods about 7:00. There was plenty of delicious food for everyone, including a large birthday cake with candles to represent each year that Rev. Brown has spent serving the Lord. Everyone ate, sang spiritual hymns and had a wonderful time at the supper. Miss Ruby Brown, pianist of Fairplains Baptist church, furnished the music for the singing.

### J. C. Parsons Taken By Death

J. Cicero Parsons, 77, for many years a prominent farmer of the Purlear community, died Wednesday, 1:10 p. m., at the Wilkes hospital following an illness of three weeks. Funeral service will be held Friday, two p. m., at New Hope Baptist church, where for several decades Mr. Parsons had been active in church work. Rev. C. J. Poole, pastor, will be assisted by Rev. Vernon Eller, Rev. A. W. Eller and Rev. Glenn Huffman. Surviving Mr. Parsons are his wife, Mrs. Sallie Parsons; two daughters, Mrs. Conrad Forester, of Wilkesboro route one, Mrs. C. C. Ryan, of Purlear; one grandchild and one brother, H. O. Parsons, of Cricket. In addition to church activities Mr. Parsons was actively interested in community and fraternal affairs. He was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Masonic lodge.

### Hearing Friday For Man Charged Attempted Rape

Hearing will be held Friday, two p. m., at the courthouse in Wilkesboro for Vern Ester, Roaring River resident charged with assault to commit rape. The warrant with date of November 20 charged that Ester, a married man, went to the house of Everett Cleary near Hays when Mr. Cleary was away from the house, that he entered the house and attempted to rape Mrs. Cleary. Ester has been in jail at Wilkesboro since the warrant was served soon after the date of the alleged offense.

### Millers Creek High West Yadkin To Play

Millers Creek basketball teams, boys and girls, will play the strong teams from West Yadkin high school at Millers Creek Friday night at 7:30. In recent games Millers Creek teams won from Roaring River and lost to Yadkinville.