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## Thousands Greet Santa Claus In Pre-Holiday Visit Here



Here is a picture of Old St. Nick snapped during his pre-holiday visit to this community at the Christmas program held Friday night in Memorial Park, which was witnessed by a record crowd for a holiday event in the Wilkesboros. Santa arrived in a four-horse sleigh following a program of Christmas carols by a chorus of about 600 from many parts of Wilkes county. Mayor T. S. Kenerly is the driver. (Photo by Lane's Studio).

## Christmas Music Program Sunday First Methodist

The senior choir of the First Methodist church of North Wilkesboro will present a candle-light program of Christmas music on Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

The program will consist of outstanding Christmas music by the choir and the church soloists. Beginning with the organ prelude, "Noel in G" by Daquin and "Silent Night" by Gruber, the music will be as follows: Processional: "O Come, All Ye Faithful", sung by congregation and choir; the Christmas Story from the Gospel of Luke, read by Dr. Gilbert R. Combs; "And the Glory of the Lord", from "The Messiah" by Handel; "Bethlehem", Williams; "Lo, How a Rose E'er Bloomin'", Praetorius; "While Shepherds Watched", music by Petrie, Miss Jo Lassiter, soloist; "There Were Shepherds", from "The Messiah" by Handel, Margaret Anderson, soloist; "There Were Shepherds", from "The Messiah"; "He Smiles Within His Cradle", a Viennese Carol, Dot Powell, soloist; "Brightest and Best", an anthem by Dudley Buck; "Gesù Bambino", Yon; "Arise Shine", music by Maker, Norman Darlington, soloist; "Come Unto Him", from "The Messiah", Mrs. Wake Clark, soloist; "Silent and Holy", from "The Light Eternal" by Petrie, Margaret Anderson, soloist; "The Virgin's Slumber Song" by Regier; the hymn "Joy to the World", sung by the congregation and choir; the benediction by Dr. Combs, and the "Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel.

## Wilkes Farmer Is Winner Corn Prize International Show

Mr. T. P. Elledge, well known farmer of the Purlair community, won second place with an exhibit of ten ears of prolific corn at the Grain and Hay Show division of the International Livestock Exposition held recently at Chicago.

This is the world's largest exposition of farm products and to be listed among the winners is considered a high honor.

## Entries Needed For Decorations Contest In Wilkes County

Officials of the Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce today asked for more entries in their Christmas home decorations contest from the people of Wilkes county. Forrest E. Jones, chairman of the contest, said "In order to make this county-wide annual contest a success, we would like to have more entries from outside the Wilkesboros. If everybody works together we can develop a greater pride in our homes and our county."

Prizes will be awarded for the most elaborate decoration, the best decorated doorway, and the best decorated tree on a lawn. The prizes are presented by the Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Judging will be done during the evenings of next week. Anyone wishing to enter this contest and have their work judged, may do so by calling the Chamber of Commerce, phone 672, or Forrest E. Jones at 721.

## Wilkesboro Cagers Split Early Games

Wilkesboro high school girls and boys have two home games before adjourning for the holidays. On Friday night Wilkesboro and Mountain View will play at Wilkesboro and on Tuesday night Taylorsville will play at Wilkesboro in a Highlands conference game. First game of each will begin at 7:30.

Wilkesboro's first games were with Roaring River last week, when Roaring River won the boys' game 23 to 26 and the girls' game 30 to 27. Both were well played contests.

At Wilkesboro Tuesday night, Wilkesboro boys defeated Ronda and the Ronda lassies took their game 21 to 14. Following are lineups and individual scores:

**Girls' Game**  
Wilkesboro — Bumgarner 4 Long 7; Bryan 2; Vaughn, Lowe, Stone, Ronda—Lankford 9; Myers 3; Cook 7; Pardue, Parks, Hamm. Substitutions — Wilkesboro: Anderson, Johnson 1, Morrison, Pennell, Somers, Hayes, Ronda; Dimmette, Howell 2, Byrd, Tharpe.

Wilkesboro boys defeated Ronda boys 7 to 26. Individual scores were as follows: Wilkesboro—B. Hubbard 4, Nichols 4, Edwards 14, Groce 11, Carwood 2, Ritchie 2, Eller, J. Hubbard, Linney, Vaughn, Miller, Ronda—Burchette, Greene, Durham 13, White 5, Hoots 4, B. Durham 4, Felts, Calloway, Dimmette.

## V. F. W. Square Dance Here Saturday Night

Everybody is invited to the square dance to be held Saturday night at the American Legion clubhouse to raise funds for providing Christmas baskets to needy families of veterans. A string band will furnish music for the dance.

## Optimist Club Met Tuesday

### Members Vote To Contribute \$25.00 To High School Band

A very interesting and impressive meeting of the Optimist Club of North Wilkesboro was held Tuesday noon at Hotel Wilkes. In the absence of the president, Maurice E. Walsh, the vice president, Julius C. Hubbard, presided over the meeting.

The luncheon opened with two stanzas of "America", followed by invocation spoken by Rev. C. J. Winslow. During the business session, the club secretary, Forrest Tugman, who is also treasurer of the fund-raising campaign on behalf of the North Wilkesboro high school band, presented this matter to the attention of the club, and following his remarks the members voted to contribute the sum of \$25.00 from the club treasury for the benefit of the band. Secretary Tugman also passed out Optimist literature for the members to read.

The club was happy to have Coach Jack Sparks as special guest of Optimist Millard Wine-coff. Coach Sparks thanked the club for its aid in getting two North Wilkesboro football players in the Optimist Bowl games at High Point and Asheville. Brad Davis played at High Point and Jack Badgett at Asheville.

Dr. John T. Wayland, honorary member of the club, in a most impressive manner presented to W. R. Harmon, new member of the club, the Optimist button. The club was highly pleased to add Mr. Harmon to its membership.

For the program, Dr. Wayland made a short talk, using as his theme "Christmas". His remarks were well received. Rev. C. J. Winslow also made a few remarks in regard to the coming Christmas season, stating that it was a fine time to remember the old folk and the shut-ins. The brief messages of Dr. Wayland and Rev. Mr. Winslow brought to the attention of club members the real meaning of Christmas and the Yuletide season.

## Holiday Program Wilkesboro 20th

Christmas program at Wilkesboro school, in which over 250 children will participate, will be presented Monday night, 7:30, in the school auditorium.

The program will open with numbers by the primary chorus, followed by elementary chorus and the third grade rhythm band. The eighth grade glee club, the high school glee club and the Dramatics club will also participate. The program will be under the direction of Mrs. C. T. Doughton, music teacher in the school.

The public is cordially invited to attend. There will be no admission charges, but a collection will be received for funds to purchase needed supplies for the music department of the school.

## Broadcast Sunday Wilkesboro Church

Sunday morning broadcast of church service by radio station WKBC will be from the Wilkesboro Baptist church with Rev. W. N. Brookshire, pastor, delivering the message.

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# Holiday Schedule Voted Here

## Books For Germany Will Be Collected In Wilkes County

### Campaign To Be Conducted Through Schools Early In January, 1949

Wilkes county will participate in the "Books For Germany" collection to be carried out in January, Tom S. Jenrette, secretary-manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, said here today.

In a meeting of a committee held here C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, was named county chairman. Others in the meeting were J. Floyd Woodward, head of the North Wilkesboro schools; Mrs. J. C. Reins, of the Wilkes Public Library board; C. Arthur Venable, chairman of the Chamber's Education committee; and Mr. Jenrette. John C. Baskerville, of Lenoir, is district chairman.

Schools will aid in collection of books, and a central receiving station will be established for the Wilkesboros. Groups asked to help include schools, Parent-Teacher Associations, civic and women's clubs, church groups, library board and Scouts.

It was explained that books will be collected and sent to Germany to be read by the three million students in Germany who are studying English. In this manner, the committee said, German youth will learn much of America and democracy and the books will go much to offset Hitler's poisonous policy during his reign over Germany.

## Elledge Named Councilor For Juniors Council

### Officers Elected Tuesday Night; Next Meeting on December 28th

Rosecoe Elledge, proprietor of Modern Trim Shop, was elected councilor of the North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order in meeting here Tuesday night, succeeding Barney Harrold, Junior past councilor.

Other officers elected to serve through the first six months of 1949 were elected as follows: Tom Wellborn, vice councilor; C. A. Canter, assistant recording secretary; B. F. Bentley, assistant recording secretary; Northwestern Bank, treasurer; Steve Taylor, conductor; A. G. Anderson, warden; Allen Phillips, inside sentinel; Woodruff Wallace, outside sentinel; Barney Harrold, Junior past councilor; Chas. Leckie, B. F. Bentley, Clay Pardue, trustees; R. C. Goodwin and R. B. Church, representatives on state council; Charles Leckie and Clay Pardue, alternate representatives on state council; H. L. Mechem, chaplain; Richard Byrd, assistant chaplain.

The council will not meet on Tuesday, December 21, but will meet on Tuesday, December 28, 7:30 p. m., at which time all members are requested to be present.

## 'Teen Age Center Here On Saturday

The Wilkes Teen Age Center will operate Saturday night, until 11 o'clock, at the North Wilkesboro high school gymnasium.

The program committee has arranged highly interesting activities and all teen age persons in Wilkes county are cordially invited to enjoy the occasion.

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## Funeral Sunday For Pvt. Lloyd Painter

Funeral service for Pvt. Lloyd J. Painter, who lost his life in World War II, will be held Sunday, two p. m., at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Painter, north of this city.

Father Peter Sheridan, of Lenoir, will conduct the last rites and burial will be in Mount Lawn Memorial Park.

Surviving are the father and mother; one brother, George Painter, now in the navy; and two sisters, Mrs. D. J. Mills and Mrs. Norma Ellis, of Halls Mills.

## Minor Cases Are Tried Rapidly In Wilkes Court Term

For the fifth time the trial of Hugh West, former drug store clerk here, on charge of abortion manslaughter of Miss Pearl Jenkins, of Winston-Salem, has been postponed.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall said in Wilkes court today that the examining physician in the case is now engaged in special study in the state of Pennsylvania and cannot be here during the present term of court to testify.

Twice the case was postponed for the defendant, who lost a leg in a motorcycle-truck collision soon after the manslaughter-abortion charge was preferred, and this makes three postponements for the state.

Judge John H. Clement, of Walkertown, is presiding over the Wilkes court, which opened Monday. Many cases involving misdemeanors have been tried, but no prison sentences have been meted out.

Divorces were granted in the following cases Monday: Fannie Mae Watkins versus Charlie Watkins; Ramona Davis versus Fred H. Davis; Faye M. Hayes versus Fred V. Hayes; Ezra Davis versus Maxine Alice Davis; W. P. Smith versus Elizabeth Parsons Smith; Carrie Haneline versus Jake Haneline; Leota Billings versus Marvin Billings.

Judgments have been rendered in the following cases on the criminal docket:

R. V. Billings, carrying concealed weapon, three months suspended on payment \$50 and costs; James F. Vickers, reckless driving and speeding, four months suspended on payment \$50 and costs; Rex L. Lovette, speeding, \$25 and costs; Don Lasley, gambling, 30 days suspended on payment \$10 fine and costs; Henry Marvin Davis and John B. Williams, speeding, 30 days suspended on payment of costs; Freeman Herman Wonger, speeding, judgment suspended on payment costs; Caswell Watkins, speeding, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

The following defendants were before the court for operating motor vehicles while under influence intoxicants and they drew sentences of four months on the rods, suspended on payment of \$100 fine each, with driver's license revoked 12 months: Woodrow Bain, Paul Henrie, Thomas Arnold, James Wesley Salmons, William Neil White, and James Ring.

## Dr. Weaver Will Address Kiwanis

Dr. Richard L. Weaver, program director of the Resource-Use Education Commission, of Chapel Hill, will speak Friday at the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club, and special recognition will be given a member of the North Wilkesboro school faculty for outstanding work.

W. K. Sturdivant, program chairman for the day, has assigned the program to C. Arthur Venable, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Education committee, and committee members who are not Kiwanians will be guests.

## Mr. Gwyn Very Ill

Condition of Mr. E. W. Gwyn, who suffered a stroke Friday night, today remained critical, although it was believed that his condition was no worse, and that there may be slight improvement. He has not regained consciousness.

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## Funeral Sunday

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Surviving Sgt. Roope are his father and 12 brothers and sisters: Mrs. Rell Parsons, Mrs. Clarence Jones, Mrs. W. H. Watkins and Morgan Roope, all of North Wilkesboro; Mr. L. B. Eller, Lenoir; J. H. Roope, Marvin in Roope and Mrs. Clyde Bumgarner, all of Wilkesboro; Mrs. Harvey Bullis, Clifton and Garley Roope, all of Burlington, Mrs. James Dyer, Moravian Falls.

## Christmas Music First Baptist Sunday, 5 P. M.

The choir of the First Baptist church will present a cantata, "The Story of Christmas" by Matthews, at five o'clock on this Sunday afternoon, December 19, Mrs. Andrew F. Kilby directing. Guest soloists include: Miss Martha Lue Frazier, soprano, and John Cashion, bass. Although Miss Frazier is a member of the Baptist church here, she is now a student of the Julliard School of Music in New York City and made her debut in her home town in a concert last summer, being very well received. Mr. Cashion is a member of the Presbyterian church choir of this city and the popular program director of radio station WKBC. Other soloists are Miss Peggy Nichols, contralto, of the church staff, and Rev. Dean Minton, student at Mars Hill College.

"The Story of Christmas" is one of the most popular and best known of the Christmas cantatas, and begins with a Men's Chorus singing the words of prophecy concerning the coming of the Messiah to bless the earth. A quartette of voices composed of Mr. Cashion, Mrs. Tal Barnes, George Wilson, and Miss Billie Barnes will sing the angels' song, "Glory to God in the Highest!" One of the beautiful and most difficult parts, "O Lovely Voices of the Sky", will be given by Miss Frazier. In picturing the quest of the Magi, Mr. Cashion and Mr. Minton will sing the narrative with responses by the choir. After the "departure of the wise men", Miss Nichols will sing the lullaby "Sleep, Holy Babe!"

Miss Lois Scroggs will serve as guest organist, and Miss Marie Eller will be at the piano. Other members of the choir include: Sopranos—Miss Billie Barnes, Miss Lucille Casey, Miss Hejen Eller, Miss Betty Lou Foster, Miss Martha Lue Frazier, Mrs. J. Gwyn Gambill, Miss Joyce Kilby, Miss Betty Jean McNeil. Altos—Mrs. Tal Barnes, Miss Mary Ann Casey, Mrs. Bob Day, Mrs. James Harvel, Mrs. R. T. McNeil, Mrs. E. C. Morrison, Miss Peggy Nichols, Mrs. A. G. Yates. Tenors—Messrs. Dean Minton, Dewey Minton, George Wilson. Basses—Messrs. John T. Cashion, Edwin Chipman, D. E. Elledge, and W. R. Harmon.

The public is cordially invited to come to the church at five o'clock to hear the service of Christmas music.

## Stores Are To Be Closed Dec. 25-27; Holidays Arranged

### Wednesday Afternoon Closing Will Begin January 5; Ehd Sept 28

Returns from approximately 200 ballots mailed to merchants and other business firms by the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce have determined business holidays in the Wilkesboros for the coming year, Tom Jenrette, the Chamber secretary-manager, said today.

By a ratio of four to one the merchants decided to close December 25 through Monday, December 27 for Christmas this year. This will not apply to garages, which will be closed December 24 and 25 and re-open on Monday, December 27.

A large majority voted against observing New Year's Day as a holiday and stores will be open on January 1.

Easter Monday and July 4 were voted as holidays by a large majority vote. Closing on Labor Day was rejected by a ratio of three to one, and stores will be open on Labor Day.

Christmas, 1949, will be on Sunday and stores will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27, in 1949.

Close Wednesday Afternoons  
By a vote of about five to one the plan to start Wednesday afternoon closing January 5 and continue through September 28 was approved.

An exception to this Wednesday afternoon closing schedule will be garages, which will close on Saturday afternoon instead of Wednesday afternoon, and it was also indicated that wholesalers will be open on Wednesday afternoon and closed on Saturday afternoon, which was the plan followed during the past year.

## Christmas Party

The Fidelis class of the Hinchshaw Street Baptist church will meet Friday evening, seven o'clock, at the Woman's Clubhouse for its annual Christmas party. A buffet supper will be served, heart sisters' identity will be revealed and gifts will be exchanged. Husbands and children of class members are invited.

## Form Basketball League In Wilkes

### Five Teams Entered, Sixth Is Sought; Schedule To Begin In January

Wilkes Industrial Basketball League was formed here today by representatives of teams in the county, in a project under auspices of the Recreation committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce.

Five teams entered and the league is seeking the sixth. Possibilities mentioned were Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro, and Roaring River and Ronda, or a combination of two.

Teams in the organization meeting, and their managers were: Eller's Bluejackets, defending champions, Hensley Eller; Millers Creek all-stars, Russell Parsons; Mt. Pleasant all-stars, Hurley Elledge; Mountain View all stars, Barney Blackburn; Clevelager Business College, Lee Boss.

It was agreed that the season begin the week of January 3, playing one game each week through March 11. The season would be divided, with the first half winner playing the second half winner for the championship March 15, 16, and 17 in the Wilkesboro gymnasium, if those dates are available.

No player list will be filed during the first half, but no player may make more than one change. Player list for the remainder of the season must be filed by February 5 at the Chamber of Commerce office. The home team in each game must furnish two officials from the approved list, if they are available. Games will start at 7:30 and admissions will be 20 cents for students and 40 cents for adults. Each team is paying a five dollar entry fee for purchase of trophies for the winner and runner-up teams.