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Make North Wilkesboro Your Shopping Center

3-Day Spring Festival Will Open Thursday

Students Working On Speech Contest Put On By K. of P.

Federal Aid And Control Of Education Program Topic For Addresses

High school students in Wilkes county are busily engaged in preparation of speeches for the Knights of Pythias speaking contest.

Topic for the addresses will be "Should a national government subsidize public education in its states or provinces, and if so, to what extent, if any, should the national government control the educational program?"

Wilkes county finals will be held Monday night, April 4, in the K. of P. lodge hall in North Wilkesboro. Prizes of \$26, \$15 and \$10 will be given the first, second and third winners, and five dollars each for all other school winners who participate in the county contest.

The county winner here will get a free trip to the state contest, which will be followed by the regional contest. Valuable prizes will be given winners in each contest and the regional winner will get a trip to the national contest in San Diego, California, in August. There the grand prize will be a \$1,000 scholarship, the second \$500 and the third \$250 scholarship in any college or university.

Students interested should contact their high school principals, who have all materials necessary for entrance into the contest.

Ed Cherry Tells Lions Education Highly Valuable

Illustrated Lecture Shows Economic Value Of Education Expenditure

Ed Cherry, assistant manager of the Southeastern area of the United States Chamber of Commerce, in an illustrated lecture Friday evening showed the North Wilkesboro Lions club the value of education from an economic standpoint.

With the aid of slides Mr. Cherry showed how each state stands in the matter of expenditures for education, and the corresponding rank in volume of retail sales and other economic factors. The principal points in his address proved that the states with the highest standards of education, and which rank highest in education expenditures, are also highest in business activity and have higher standards of living.

The chart showed that North Carolina is making improvements in several lines of educational endeavor, but is still near the bottom when the figures are given for all the states.

The program Friday evening was in charge of Hampton McNeill, Ralph Buchanan and G. G. Wood. Tom Jenrette, manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, presented the speaker.

T. C. Caudill Hurt When Hit By Auto

T. C. Caudill, well known local business man and manager of the Carolina Motor Club office here, was seriously hurt Friday afternoon when he was struck by a car.

Mr. Caudill was walking across B street when he was hit by a car driven by Howard Osborne, of Wilkesboro, who was traveling north on Ninth street and turned left into B street. Mr. Caudill and Troy Perry, who was walking with him, were knocked down. Mr. Caudill suffered a skull fracture in his forehead and a fracture of his right arm. He is a patient at the Wilkes hospital, where he is improving and may be able to be out in a few days.

Mr. Perry was not injured. Mr. Osborne, driver of the car, stopped his car immediately when the men were hit. No charges have been preferred.

A navy wind tunnel developed air speed of 4,000 mph at a temperature of minus 377 degrees.

P.-T. A. Study Course On Children's Reading

North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association study course on Children's Reading will be held Thursday, 2:30, in the high school library. Miss Kate Finley, of the Wilkes Public Library, will lead the discussion. Parents are asked to bring in all books they are using.

Speaker Warns Of Grave Threat To Free System

Unless citizens become more vigilant and more vitally interested in government, constitutional rights in America may be abdicated in favor of socialist or communistic form of government, Ed Cherry told the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club here Friday in one of the most challenging addresses ever delivered to that body.

Cherry, assistant manager of the southeastern division of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, was feature speaker at the meeting. The program was in charge of W. G. Gabriel, who asked Tom Jenrette, manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, to present the speaker.

The speaker pointed to many instances of government entering business as indicating very strongly a definite trend toward growth of socialism and away from free enterprise.

Cherry emphasized that constitutional rights now guaranteed American citizens may be abdicated by the lethargy of a citizenry who do not favor giving up individual freedom but who do nothing while their rights slip away, one by one.

Emphasizing the urgency of the current situation in national affairs, Mr. Cherry pointed out several measures now before congress, including socialized medicine, proposed labor laws, proposed minimum wage and other proposed laws which he said definitely lead toward a nationalized country.

The responsibility, the speaker declared, rests with citizens who should express to congressmen and senators their views. It must naturally follow, the speaker said in effect, that we shall surrender our rights, our earnings and our property to government if we look to the government to supply our every need.

Bob Brooks was guest of Paul Choplin at Friday's meeting of the club.

Scout Troop 34 Enjoys Camping

Boy Scout Troop No. 34 enjoyed an early spring overnight encampment near Yellow Jacket Lake this week-end sleeping out, cooking Hunter's Stew, bacon and eggs, and frying chicken over campfires, eating with a healthy outdoor appetite, together with an inspirational Sunday Morning Service and the passing off of many requirements for rank filled the time. Movies were made of all the activities.

Plans are being made by this troop for an interesting and active Summer's program. New recruits will be welcomed and membership is offered to boys 11, 12, and 13.

Present on the camping trip were: Scoutmaster Isaac Duncan, Assistant Scoutmaster Buster Bush, Senior Patrol Leader Bobby Poteat, Committeemen Glenn Andrews, Clyde Pearson and Gilbert Foster, Lion Patrol members Kent Sturdivant, Carlisle Wellborn, Junior Winger, Jimmie, Frank Rhodes, and Bobby Church, and Pee Wee Patrol members leaders Charles Crook, James Wallace, Bill Pearson, Bill Hardister, Wade Foster, Dudley Meyers, John Hayes, and Ernest Barnette.

Pores Knob Plans Square Dance 24th

A square dance will be held Thursday night at Pores Knob community house for benefit of the community house fund. Stony Point band will furnish music and a most enjoyable occasion is assured all who will attend.

Hardware Store, Other Houses Burn At Roaring River

\$80,000 Estimated Damage; Fire Department Saves Several Buildings

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed an estimated \$80,000 worth of property at Roaring River 11:15 Sunday night and threatened to wipe out the entire village ten miles east of here on highway 288.

Prevette's Hardware store, a warehouse and small dwelling owned by Prevette and a barber shop owned by Millard Duncan were completely destroyed, along with all contents, including a large stock of merchandise.

North Wilkesboro fire department, with the aid of 1,000 gallons of water carried the ten miles to Roaring River in this city's street flusher, saved the entire business section of Roaring River and some residences from almost certain destruction, firemen said.

Fire was raging in the hardware store when it was discovered and the call went out to the fire department here while the citizenry of Roaring River formed a bucket brigade. The fire truck arrived with 500 gallons of water and kept the fire from spreading to other buildings until the water ran out. As fire began to appear on the nearby Blackburn store building the street flusher arrived and further spread was prevented. Meanwhile, to form a partial break for the fire, a three-room cottage adjacent to the burning property had been pushed by trucks nearer the fire.

Insurance carried on the property amounted to only a small portion of the total loss.

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This clinic is designed to train workers in the churches to promote and participate in the schools held in their own churches. In addition, the work of holding Mission Vacation Bible Schools for children in areas not served by the schools in the churches is to be considered.

Mr. Sibley Burnette, Associate in the Vacation Bible School Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, reported recently that, in spite of the serious handicap of the "Polio epidemics throughout the South, 17,543 schools were reported in 1948. These schools reported an enrollment of 1,485,360 pupils, with an average enrollment of 85 for each school. 11,421 of these schools reported a total of 36,502 professions of faith. It is also reported that there were 156,703 pupils in these Vacation Bible Schools who did not attend Sunday School.

Sunday School Group Meetings Sunday, Mar. 27

Group meetings of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association will be held at 2:30, Sunday afternoon March 27.

Group I will meet at Stony Hill Baptist Church; Group II at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church; Group III at Beaver Creek Baptist Church; Group IV at Goshen Baptist Church; Group V at Harmony Baptist Church; Group VI at Cub Creek Baptist Church; and Group VII at Second Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro.

The theme of these meetings is expressed in the slogan, "Keep On Going Out After The People". Ways of reaching the people through the Sunday School will be discussed.

These meetings will be helpful and inspirational, and the Sunday Schools are invited to bring large groups to profit by the fellowship and thought in the programs.

The public is cordially invited to attend the meetings.

Stimson Winner In Photo Contest For All Southeast

Ben Stimson proprietor of Stimson Studio in North Wilkesboro, recently won second place in a photo contest for the entire southeast area of the country, held in connection with the convention of the Southeastern Photographers Association held in Macon, Ga.

Mr. Stimson's second place award was a walnut and bronze plaque, for the second best group of three portraits of men. First place in this class went to Bob Shoaf, of Lexington, N. C. Mr. Stimson's winning portraits are now on display at his studio in this city.

The award is significant when competition is considered. In the association are about 500 studios, and a total of more than 3,000 photographs were exhibited. Included in the competition were exhibits from the leading studios in large cities of the south, at Miami, Daytona Beach, Memphis, Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham and other great centers.

Baseball Practice For High Schools To Begin Monday

First crack of the bat and ball will be heard Monday when North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro high school boys begin baseball practice.

Both schools have experienced players and are expected to have well balanced teams later in the season.

Schedules are not completed. Wilkesboro will open at Taylorsville April 12, three p. m.

Vacation Bible School Clinic At Wilkesboro 26th

Vacation Bible School workers, pastors and superintendents of Sunday Schools in the churches of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association will meet for a clinic on Vacation Bible School work at 10:00 a. m., Saturday, March 26, at Wilkesboro Baptist Church. Those attending are requested to bring lunches. The W. M. U. of the host church will serve additional refreshments.

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Churches of the North Carolina Baptist Convention reported last year that 1,453 schools were held with a total enrollment of 124,377 pupils, and this in spite of the fact that the season was cut almost in half by the serious "polio" epidemic. There were 2,653 conversions reported by these schools. Using the average, it is estimated that there were 9,880 pupils enrolled in these Vacation Bible Schools who do not attend Sunday School.

Variety Show At Millers Creek 25th

There will be a Variety Show presented in the Millers Creek Auditorium by the Seniors Friday evening, March 25, at 8:00 p. m.

Two one act plays will be presented: "Who Gets the Car Tonight" and "Senior Prom".

There will be entertainment by the Melody Boys Quartet, The Smiling Four Quartet and others. "Come and you will have one of the most hilarious evenings of the year. Admission will be children 20 cents and adults 35 cents."

Twin-City Quartet At Pores Knob 26th

The Twin-City Quartet of Winston-Salem will give a program at the Pores Knob Community House Saturday, March 26th, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Admissions will be 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults. There will be pies and other things sold. The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the evening.

The "ditty bag" used by Navy personnel has been in use since the first days of sailing.

Officers Named Wilkes Concerts Association '49

Forrest Jones President; Highly Successful Membership Campaign

With a highly successful membership drive completed, the Wilkes Community Concerts Association has organized for another year.

Forrest Jones was re-elected president and the other officers are: Mrs. Ivy Moore, first vice president; Mrs. A. F. Kilby, second vice president; Mrs. C. T. Doughton, third vice president; Miss Lois Scroggs, secretary; Mrs. Frank Stafford, treasurer. In addition to the officers the following are members of the board of directors: C. B. Eller, Cecil F. Adamson, Mrs. R. T. McNeil, Mrs. Jerry Derr, Mrs. Paul Harvel, Jr., Roland Potter, Mrs. Doris Brown, Paul Osborne, Robert Morrow, Miss Margaret Anderson, Jay Anderson.

Committee chairmen are as follows: Mrs. Andrew Kilby and Mrs. Claude Doughton, general chairman; Roy Forehand, concert chairman; Mrs. Jerry Derr and Mrs. Doris Brown, publicity chairman; Mrs. T. G. McLaughlin, transportation chairman; Robert Morrow, Cecil F. Adamson, Mrs. Frank Stafford and Miss Lois Scroggs, finance committee; C. B. Eller, Mrs. R. T. McNeil, Mrs. Mrs. Paul Harvel, Jr., Paul Osborne and Mrs. Jerry Derr, nominating committee.

During the current season three concerts were well received by appreciative audiences here, the Don Cossacks chorus, the Bary Ensemble and John Tyers, baritone. The association has expressed appreciation to the Liberty Theatre in making available the theatre for concert presentations.

Mrs. Presley Myers was awarded a silver bowl for having obtained the largest number of memberships during the current campaign. Any new comer or any person who because of circumstance beyond their control could not be contacted during the campaign may yet secure a membership for the coming year.

Red Cross Drive Is Extended Here Until April 5th

Roby R. Church, Chairman of the 1949 Red Cross Fund Drive, announced today that at the suggestion of several business leaders, it had been decided to extend the time limit on the Red Cross Fund Drive to April 5th. Due to the recent overlapping of several very worthy drives and to the fact that March is also income tax month, many employees have stated that they would be glad to contribute to the Red Cross, if they could only wait until after the next pay check were received.

For this reason solicitors for Red Cross Funds have not yet contacted the employees of many business establishments. All firms not yet contacted in the North Wilkesboro business area will be given supplies this week with the request that reports on contributions from their employees be made as far as possible by April 5th.

Every day many people call upon the Red Cross. Once a year the Red Cross comes to the people for funds to carry on its important work. Support your Wilkes County Red Cross.

Faculty Game To End Cage Season

North Wilkesboro schools will end the basketball season Friday night with a big attraction when the faculty will play grade winners in public exhibitions in the high school gymnasium.

Tournaments are under way to select grade winners. The faculty ladies will play the winning team among high school girls, and faculty men will play the winning team among the boys of the student body.

These games will afford much merriment and everybody is invited. The usual admission charges of 20 and 40 cents will be made.

Proposed Bill To Set Wilkes Sheriff's Fees

Raleigh. — Representative T. E. Story of North Wilkesboro introduced a bill in the legislature Friday to set specific fees for the Wilkes County Sheriff and deputies in connection with certain duties.

The officers are to get \$2 for making an arrest, 75 cents for serving a subpoena and \$2 for serving a capias.

Catawba Youth Is District Winner In Speech Contest

Eleven County Winners Competed Here Friday; Prizes Are Awarded

Martin L. Travis, a Catawba county youth who said he had spent all his life on a farm and knows the meaning of soil conservation, won first place in the 8th district soil conservation contest here Friday afternoon and the right to participate in the state contest in Raleigh March 25.

Travis, a high school senior, edged out Francis Pressly, Iredell county boy who took second honors. Eula Bentley, of Caldwell, was third, and Jack Billings of Watauga county, fourth.

\$50 and \$25 government bonds were presented the first and second place winners, respectively, by W. D. Halfacre, executive vice president of the Bank of North Wilkesboro, representative of the North Carolina Bankers Association, sponsor of the state-wide contest.

Paul Choplin, Wilkes farm agent, opened the meeting and Stator McIver, of North Wilkesboro, head of the soil conservation district, presided during the contest, which had 11 county winners participating. Judges were Mrs. Robert Morehouse, Lawrence Miller and Paul J. Vestal. Timers were Howard Colvard and R. E. Dunn.

Wilkes Chamber of Commerce was host for the contest and provided refreshments for all attending. Committee in charge was headed by Glenn Greene, chairman, Paul Church, Howard Colvard, R. E. Dunn, W. K. Sturdivant and Tom Jenrette.

In addition to the four speakers placed by the judges the other contestants were: Carl Church, Wilkes; Betty Blevins, Ashe; Welda Louise Coffey, Avery; Ralph Weddington, Rowan; Eleanor Schull, Burke; Gilbert Mitchell, Alexander; Virginia Van Phipps, Alleghany.

Officers Elected For Eastern Star

Wilkes chapter number 42, Order of the Eastern Star, will install new officers in a meeting to be held April 21.

Mrs. Emma Hinshaw will be worthy matron and W. R. Harmon will be worthy patron. Other officers whose election has been announced will be as follows: Miss Breta Poe Scroggs, associate matron; Ed Crysel, associate patron; Mrs. Leona Pardue, conductress; Mrs. Inez Bowles, associate conductress; Mrs. Blanche Gaiter, chaplain; Mrs. Sue Sanders, marshal; Mrs. Bernice Greer, organist; Mrs. Lorene Webber, secretary; Mrs. Annie Harmon treasurer; Mrs. Eda Mae Forester, warden; Mrs. Margaret Higgins, sentinel; Mrs. Ruby Choate, ruth; Mrs. Mamie Church, esther; Mrs. Betty Stephens, Martha; Mrs. Georgia DeBerry, electa; Mrs. Estelle Shumate, flag bearer; Mrs. Alverta Nichols, flag bearer.

V. F. W. Meeting

The V. F. W. Post 1142 will meet Thursday night, March 24, at the V. F. W. clubhouse. All members are urged to attend as it will be election night.

SPECIAL I. O. O. F. MEET
Odd fellows district meeting will be held Saturday night, March 26, in Concord. A special meeting of Union Lodge I. O. O. F. has been called to be held at the lodge hall Friday night, March 25, 7:30, to make plans to attend the district meeting. A large attendance of lodge members is requested.

Transportation Thursday Morning Free To Shoppers

Free Transportation Thursday Nine To 12 To North Wilkesboro

COMMUNITY EVENT

Windows Cards Designate Participating Firms In The Wilkesboros

Spring Opening Festival will be the big event for the Wilkesboros Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 24, 25 and 26.

This special trade event is sponsored by the Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce to convince all that merchants in the Wilkesboros can meet any competition in style, quality, price and service in the merchandising business.

Free Transportation
On opening day, Thursday, March 24, shoppers will be given free transportation to North Wilkesboro on Wilkes Transportation buses between the hours of nine a. m. and 12 noon. Those who board Wilkes Transportation company buses to North Wilkesboro between nine a. m. and 12 noon Thursday, March 24, will be given a free trip, but the free offer does not apply to outgoing buses at any time.

This arrangement was worked out with H. P. Eller, owner of Wilkes Transportation company, and he is sharing the cost with the Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce.

Window Cards Displayed
Merchants participating in the Spring Festival are displaying window cards stating their participation, and each will offer special values during the event. This newspaper carries the advertisements of many of the merchants, to which the readers' attention is called for news of the special offerings in the newest and most up-to-date merchandise at prices which will mean substantial savings.

Merchants in all lines of business are requested by the Trade Promotion committee to make attractive displays of newest merchandise of the spring season. This event applies to all lines of merchandising and will give all a fine opportunity to show the latest and most up-to-date in their lines.

Visitors to the Wilkesboro during Spring Opening Festival are cordially invited to visit all the participating stores and to view the spring merchandise and values at each firm.

Special Purchases
Many of the participating merchants have made special purchases for the Spring Festival event, and these specials will be shown for the first time Thursday morning. Recent trips to merchandise markets have resulted in purchases of better values and of much greater selection than at any time since before the war. The net result will be better values for the customers in style, quality, price and service.

Ramblers To Play Grid Game Friday

Wilkesboro high school Ramblers will end spring football practice Friday afternoon with a regulation game between the "Greens" and the "Whites".

Bill Whittington, senior quarterback will coach the "Greens", and Jack Groce, senior halfback, will pilot the "Whites". The game will begin at one p. m. Coach Red Hoffman will view the contest with an eye for material to replace graduates from the squad which won 21 straight games before losing to Children's Home last fall. Wilkesboro won championship of the Highlands conference with a perfect conference record.

V. F. W. Square Dance On Saturday Night

There will be a square dance Saturday Night, March 26 at the American Legion Clubhouse sponsored by the V. F. W. of North Wilkesboro. The public is invited to attend. Come and bring your friends. Music will be furnished by the Stony Point String Band.