

Future Of Baseball Here Is In Balance

\$5,000.00 Needed To Assure Baseball Will Continue Here

A group of baseball fans and supporters in meeting Thursday night at the North Wilkesboro town hall were told in uncertain terms that the club here must raise approximately \$5,000 if baseball is to continue in North Wilkesboro.

Total revenue of the club here during the past season was about \$33,000, which was about \$5,000 short of expenses. One of the rules of professional baseball is that a club must pay its bills or lose its franchise.

It was pointed out in the meeting Thursday night that the club suffered a number of abnormal financial reverses during the past season. The month of August, when the club was drawing top crowds when games were possible, had seven rained out games, which meant a loss of more than \$4,000 at the gate while expenses continued just the same. Under normal weather

conditions, the club would not have suffered more than two or three rained out dates in August. For the entire season rained out games totaled twice as many as normally expected, Larry Moore, business manager, said.

The club has offered two plans to fans and all others who want baseball to continue as a community asset. Some stock is available for sale at \$60 per share, with proceeds from sale thereof applying on the deficit, or direct contributions will be accepted. Already \$1,300 has been pledged and baseball supporters are hard at work to raise the remaining \$3,700 necessary so that plans can be made for next year. The matter must be settled within the next few days, in order that a full time business manager can be employed and in order that the club may close the deal for a playing manager. One prospect, who led a class B league in batting, can be secured but he must be hired immediately or he will go elsewhere.

Inasmuch as baseball benefits the entire county, and no one will make any money from operation of the club, opportunity is being given all who consider baseball an asset to help the club through the present financial crisis and assure its future. From past experiences, it is believed that with full time management and a reasonable break in weather conditions that the club will be able to pay its way without financial deficit.

Because of serious conflicts Thursday night, attendance at the meeting was limited to about 30 people and the meeting was continued until Thursday night of this week at the city hall, 7:30 o'clock. For those who cannot attend the meeting a coupon is included here, which fans everywhere may fill out and send with their contribution or pledge to Larry S. Moore, business manager, North Wilkesboro Baseball club.

Mr. Larry S. Moore
Business Manager
N. W. Baseball Club

Believing that baseball is a big asset to this community and county, I agree to help assure its future with contribution or pledge of \$

Signed
Story Hour For Children On Air

Here's an item of special interest to the kiddies! Every Tuesday morning at 10:30 the Junior Woman's Club conducts a story hour for children over Radio Station WKBC. Primary grades at the schools tune in for the program and all mothers are invited to tune in so the children can enjoy these stories which are presented by different members of the Junior Woman's Club. That's every Tuesday morning at 10:30 over WKBC! "Patterns in Poetry"—a fifteen-minute program of your favorite poems and music—with Charlie Wilfong—follows this kiddies program each Tuesday at 10:45. This program will be one especially designed for the ladies.

Several different species of wireworms are found in North Carolina. The "tobacco" wireworm is one of the most destructive.

Total Wages Of \$1,523,148 Paid In County 3 Mos.

Raleigh, Oct. 19.—Average non-farm employment in North Carolina, covered by the Employment Security Program, was 606,623 in the first quarter of 1949, a drop of 5.1 per cent from the fourth quarter of 1948 and a drop of 6.2 per cent from the first quarter of 1948.

This decline of 32,600 workers from the last quarter of 1948 to the first quarter of 1949 is more than the usual seasonal decline, it is pointed out by Hugh M. Raper, director of the Bureau of Research and Statistics of the Employment Security Commission, who made the report to Chairman Henry E. Kendall.

Average weekly wage of covered workers in North Carolina

during the first quarter of 1949 was \$41.92, which was a drop of \$3.86 from the fourth quarter of 1948, but an increase of 78 cents over the average for the first quarter of 1948. Total wages paid in the State in the first quarter of 1949 amounted to \$330,822,428.

The report shows that 21 of the 100 counties in the State had gains in average number of workers employed in the first quarter of 1949 over the last quarter of 1948, while 79 counties showed declines in employment. The figures for individual counties show the trend of the employment in the 100 units of the State.

Wilkes County, the report shows, had average employment in the first quarter of 1949 of 3,719, a loss of 4.86 per cent when compared with the last quarter of 1948. Total wages paid in the county in the first quarter of 1949 amounted to \$1,523,148, or an average weekly wage of \$31.54.

In construction work, this

county had average employment of 83 in the first quarter of 1949, with total wages of \$30,775 an average weekly wage of \$28.54.

In manufacturing, the average employment was 2,479, with total wages of \$1,006,734 and

average weekly wage of \$31.23.

In transportation and communication, the average employment was 160, with total wages of \$70,581; in trade, average employment was 790 and total wages \$327,176; in finance, insurance and real estate, the average

employment was 43 and total wages \$24,744; in service and other activities the average employment was 164 and total wages \$63,138.

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