

BASEBALL CLUB, WITH FAITH IN FANS, PLANS FOR NEXT SEASON

North Wilkesboro baseball club, with the belief that baseball fans and supporters will come to the financial aid of the club, is making plans for the 1950 season in the Blue Ridge league.

About half of the required \$5,000 to meet the 1949 deficit has been raised, and the remainder must be had before the team can go into operation, but the club believes that baseball is worth so much to the community that the task can be accomplished.

During the past week there have been developments in baseball which may affect the Blue Ridge league. Martinsville, Va., is definitely out of the Carolina Class B league. The Athletics are giving up on Martinsville because of operating losses there in class B ball, which is far more expensive than class D, and Martinsville may enter a class D club in the Blue Ridge league. Possibilities for the eighth club are Leaksville, N. C., Abingdon and Marion, Va.

The Carolina league sought to obtain High Point-Thomasville for class B ball, but for various reasons that team could not withdraw from the North State league to get into the Carolina. Meanwhile, the Carolina league is looking to Fayetteville, if that club can withdraw from the Tobacco State circuit. A baseball club cannot withdraw from a league without approval of the baseball's minor league commissioner.

North Wilkesboro club is expecting to employ a player-manager if prospects are good for meeting the financial deficit. There are two applications for the job which look very promising at present. One is Bernie Loman, brother of Henry 'Flash' Loman and who was a league

Charlie Spivak Coming Dec. 20 Aids Young Folk



Charlie Spivak, who brings his orchestra to play for a dance December 20 at the V. F. W. hall here, believes a name band leader has a mission and a duty to perform for the youngsters of America beyond pleasing his ears and dancing feet.

Like Babe Ruth, whose genuine love for kids enhanced baseball, Charlie wants to do everything he can for the younger generation. Whenever Charlie plays a town, he does his best to meet his fans and encourage their interest in music, acting, painting and other personal activities that help to keep kids on the right path.

The thousands of youngsters who belong to his fan clubs receive sound advice and encouragement through his monthly newspaper called "The Trumpet Blows."

"Most of our kids are fine," says Charlie, "but juvenile delinquency can be considerably cut down if the men who are fortunate enough to be in the public eye show the youngsters how to handle their problems. The kids admire their talent and will follow their example perhaps more readily than that of the parent or the school teacher."

Leaf Loader Is Labor Saver For The Street Forces

The town of North Wilkesboro street department this fall has saved great amounts of labor with a home made leaf loader.

Falling leaves each fall have made necessary a huge labor bill to keep streets cleared of debris.

Leaf loaders which pick up leaves and load them on trucks are on the market, but the prices range from \$1,500 up.

C. S. Williams, city street department foreman, had seen these loaders in action and wanted one for use here but the price was prohibitive.

After studying one of the machines he decided he could make one just as good. The city had available funds of about \$400 with which to buy materials to make a loader. The principal item was a gasoline motor.

With the motor and other materials Mr. Williams built a very creditable machine, which works like a vacuum cleaner.

The leaf loader is mounted on an old truck which belongs to the town. It goes along the street and by suction pulls the leaves from the street into the truck.

Raking and forking labor are practically eliminated. The machine will pick up any leaves in reach, and works perfectly.

Already the labor savings are near the cost of building the machine. Two men with the street loader can do the work which had required a large crew, and can do it faster.

leading hitter in the Tri-State class B league last year. The other prospect was a class B pitcher last season, and who has a good baseball record.

Prices paid to Tar Heel broiler producers during September averaged about 28 cents per pound.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barrett, of Maryland, are the proud parents of a daughter.

Mr. Armit Goodnight, of Memphis, Tennessee, was called home last week due to serious illness of his father, Mr. G. M. Goodnight. While here he visited his uncle, and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Chatham, of North Wilkesboro, route 2, and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Barnette.

Mr. R. L. Millsaps, of Statesville, is a patient at a hospital in Winston-Salem.

Rev. D. T. Huss, of Olin, was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnette Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Minton and Mrs. R. F. Parker, of North Wilkesboro Route 3, went to Charlotte Sunday to visit Mrs. Owens' and Mrs. Minton's sister and Mrs. Parker's daughter, who is seriously ill in a hospital at Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. McHurge and daughter, Linda, of Statesville, Route 5, visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barnette Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Chatham visited Mr. G. M. Goodnight at a hospital in Salisbury Thursday of last week.

Mr. Ray Hubbard, of Wilson, and "The Two Pals," of Taylorsville, made music at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Barnette and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnette one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Johnson and children, of Statesville, visited Saturday afternoon of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barnette.

Mr. and Mrs. Ancil Ball, of

Statesville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ball's parents over the weekend.

Mrs. Walter Barnette, who has been very sick the past week, is improving.

Mr. Walter Chatham and little Jimmie Pendergrass were supper guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Barnette.

Mrs. Raymond Estep was a shopper in North Wilkesboro Thursday.

Mr. M. C. Roberson visited his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Roberson, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weaver, of Landis, visited Mr. and Mrs. Hebrun Marlow over the weekend.

Mr. Mack Hubbard and Miss Geraldine Childress, of Hiddenite, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Barnette one day last week.

Mr. Walter Chatham, of North Wilkesboro, Route 2, had the pleasure of entertaining some of his friends in this community Saturday night. Mr. Chatham showed his pictures, first at Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tevepaugh's, then at Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnette's. Everyone who has seen his nice pictures sure enjoy his camera work.

Mr. Marlin Ball, who holds a position at Elkin, spent the week-end with Mrs. Ball and children.

The renters on Mr. N. B. Smithy's place have moved to Taylorsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Anderson and family visited Mrs. Anderson's mother, Mrs. Blanch Johnson, of Hiddenite, Sunday of last week.

Mr. Ray Moore visited with his sister, Miss Dorothy Moore, Saturday afternoon.

Red Autos Make Others Get Jittery

New York.—Do you dislike having other motorists jockey past you while trying to drive at a safe and steady pace?

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drivers are more impatient when trailing a red car because red is the most stimulating color—more the greater urge to pass. Cream and yellow colors are also stimulating, while black, blue and greens without yellow undertones are the colors less inciting to the driver in the following car. Mr. Ketcham reports.

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