

SOUTHERN BAPTIST LEAD
 A survey by the United Stew-
 ards' Council of 61 major de-
 nominations for the period since
 1925 shows that Southern Baptist
 churches in gains in both membership
 and gifts. During the period,
 Southern Baptists membership
 has gained 67 per cent and gifts
 have jumped 319 per cent. During

the same period, Methodists have
 gained 31 per cent in membership
 and 42 per cent in gifts; Disciples
 of Christ have gained 18 per cent
 in membership and 57 per cent in
 gifts; Presbyterian U.S.A. has
 gained 27 per cent in membership
 and 50 per cent in gifts; and
 Episcopalians 39 per cent in mem-
 bership, and 46 per cent in gifts.



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SPORTS

Dwight Nichols, Sports Editor



Appalachian, uses the regular T
 formation. Spring practice will be
 climaxed with a scrimmage with a
 team from another school if that
 can be arranged, Coach Osborne
 said.

The executive committee of the
 World Council of Churches has is-
 sued a statement calling upon the

nations to consider the responsi-
 bility involved in the hydrogen
 bomb. The statement concluded,
 "And this is the hour for earnest
 prayer to Him. For the fate of
 mankind is in his hands. Those
 who trust Him do not need to
 fear whatever comes. He is the
 God and Father of our Lord
 Jesus Christ."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Robert Gambill, business manager of the North Wilkesboro Flashers, reports that a number of Wilkes and northwest North Carolina players will be in spring training here beginning April 10 and will be given every opportunity to make the team.

North Wilkesboro high school boys have been showing a lot of hustle in spring practice for baseball. The boys are young and small but their's is the age where baseball players are started.

At Wilkesboro football prospects appear to be as good as ever and in spring practice last year's reserves have shown much knowhow, some of which they acquired by getting to play much during last season.

Baseball players generally report minor leagues are tightening purse strings with lower salaries. We don't blame any player for trying to get the most salary possible, but Class D baseball cannot continue and suffer financial losses such as most clubs had last year. Everybody might as well face the facts, however unfavorable the facts may be.

The club here last year suffered a terrible loss in baseball. More than twice the average number required for a season were used and lost. If fans want baseball they will have to be more tolerant in returning balls hit off the playing field. Last year here there was an organized band of young boys who made a racket of taking balls hit over the fence. The club will have to find ways of stopping that waste.

Johnny Mercak has been working out regularly with the Greensboro Patriots of the Carolina League at Bartow, Florida.

Manager Bernie Loman has been doing some scouting in mountain counties north and west of here. "That's gold (baseball talent) in them thar hills."

Bernie Loman Visits Florence, S. C., Camp

Bernie Loman, manager of the North Wilkesboro Flashers, is visiting the training camp of the Florence, S. C. team of the Tri-State league this week in search of talent for the North Wilkesboro club. Bernie played for the pennant winning Florence team last year and was the club's outstanding hitter.

Spring training will open here Monday, April 10, and the first exhibition game will be at Morganton, April 15. The Blue Ridge season will open May 1 with North Wilkesboro at Elkin, Robert Gambill, business manager of the North Wilkesboro club, has announced.

Snavelly Tells Of Carolina Hopes In Football This Fall

Wilkes county unit of the University of North Carolina Educational Foundation in banquet here Friday night at Hotel Wilkes heard Football Coach Carl Snavelly tell of football prospects for the coming year.

President Richard Johnston presided and 65 were in attendance. In the business session Mr. Johnston was re-elected president; W. F. Absher vice president and Tom Jenrette, secretary-treasurer.

Coach Snavelly said that of the players who formed the nucleus of the 1949 team only Holdash remains while the others, including passing combination of Justice and Welner, are graduating.

However, he stated that freshmen prospects are good and the running attack may be as good as last year. He said that the passing game may not be as effective. Coach Snavelly expressed appreciation for the fine support given the Wilkes branch to the Educational Foundation, saying that last year was the greatest from the standpoint of support from this area.

Accompanying Coach Snavelly were Assistant Coaches Bob Cox and Russ Murphy. Movies were shown from the Notre Dame, North Carolina State and Duke games.

Millers Creek In Spring Practice

38 Boys Show Plenty Of Spirit In Grid Drills 2nd Year Football

Thirty-eight hustling boys are turning on the heat in spring football practice at Millers Creek school under direction of Coach Sam Osborne.

Coach Osborne, who put Millers Creek's first football team on the field last fall, is being ably assisted during this spring practice by Star Halfback Ragan, Appalachian offensive ace, who is doing practice teaching at Millers Creek.

About half the squad are letter men from last year's team. The boys have plenty of weight and are expected to benefit greatly by last year's experience.

Coach Osborne listed the following as showing up well in spring practice: ends — Rex Kilby, Paul Porter and Hubert Englebert; tackles — J. P. Crysel, Billy Richardson and Jim Williams; guards — Bill Kanupp, Rex Eller and Jackie Westheimer; center — Jim Lael; quarterback — Clay Osborne; halfbacks — Rex Faw, Rayvon Ashley and Rex Kilby, who alternates at end and back; fullback — Willard Crane. Coach Osborne, a graduate of



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Millers Creek Old Men To Play Game

A major sports attraction for the Millers Creek community will be a basketball game Friday night, 7:30, between picked teams of older men of the community.

The former high school stars will try to call back 10 to 40 years when they go out on the hardwood Friday night. They have been working hard to get in shape and even though their hair lines and wrinkles don't show it they are really kids at heart when they get a basketball in their hands. Beginning at 7:30, the big show continues until the men have had enough.

Some of the players will be "Fat" Parsons, Ted Nichols, Paul Delp, Lin Bumgarner, Clate Bumgarner, Leslie Rhoades, Clyde McNeil, Roland Englebert, Tom Hayes, Bill Johnson, Jack Reeves, Ralph Shumaker and Carl Faw.

The Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Farm and Home Improvement Contest in both Nash and Edgecombe Counties this year. First prize of \$1,000 will be given to the community showing the most improvement during the year.

Real Estate FOR SALE

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