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FIRE WIPES OUT ONE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR HERE



This picture shows the million-dollar fire getting well under way here Saturday afternoon. At the time of the above picture the blaze was in and near P. E. Brown's lumber plant, and later spread through the lumber yard, Wilkes Milling company, North Wilkesboro Ice and Fuel company and Billings Trucking company terminal. (Photo by Ben Stinson).

FLASHERS WIN 2 OF 3 ON ROAD; OPEN HERE TONIGHT AGAINST MOUNT AIRY TEAM

Victories in two of three games in the opening road trip, the North Wilkesboro Flashers are scheduled to have their home opening in Memorial Park against Mount Airy tonight, eight o'clock. Special opening night tickets at one dollar each have been on sale and fans are eagerly awaiting the first regular season appearance of Manager Bernie Loman's wrecking crew here.

The Flashers spoiled Elkin's opening Monday night by coming from behind to win 10-7 in an extra inning contest. They dropped a close one to Elkin Tuesday night and at Mount Airy last night they came from behind to blast out a 13 to 11 victory at Mt. Airy. With a 17-hit attack, the Flashers overcame a four-run deficit acquired when Joe Rudisill walked three to open the game and Holt hit a homer. Rudisill was followed by Harry Simpson, who was credited with the victory but who had relief from Mike Scheer, winner of the Elkin game Monday. Mount Airy used four pitchers but couldn't stop the barrage of base hits.

Bob Shields, Dave Davenport, Owen Childress and Bob Wright had three hits each. Holt and Roseberry got three hits each to account for six of Mt. Airy's base knocks. Wright, Childress and Shields had doubles.

Flashers Win Opener

Pounding the ball hard and taking advantage of Elkin miscues, the Flashers got off to a brilliant start in the pennant race by defeating their arch rivals, the Elkin Blanketeers, in Elkin Monday night.

Picking up one run each in the first and second frames, the Flashers were ahead when a streak of wildness struck Lee Bentley, Wilkes pitcher whom Loman chose for the opening chores. In the second he walked three and Blalock hit a triple for Elkin. He weathered that rally and continued until the fifth, when he was relieved by little Mike Scheer. Mike turned in a masterful performance, striking out eight Blanketeers and holding them scoreless from the sixth

Blue Ridge Games Here For The Week

May 4 — Mt. Airy.
May 5 — Galax.
May 8 — Radford.
May 10 — Wytheville.
North Wilkesboro will play at Galax Saturday night and at Radford Sunday.

through the fateful tenth. North Wilkesboro's tenth inning rally featured four hits and three earned runs. Manager Bernie Loman was the hitting star of the night with two singles and a double. Jack Biggerstaff slammed out two well timed hits to drive in two runs. The Flashers had 11 hits to nine for the Blanketeers.

Even With Elkin

On Tuesday night at Elkin the tables turned and Elkin won 3 to 1. Bob Hamlin out pitched Fletcher but miscues and two Elkin bunts which went for hits decided the game.

The Flashers pulled a triple play to nip Elkin's scoring rally. With the bases loaded pitcher Hamlin fielded a ground ball, threw to the catcher, who threw to Morton on third to catch another runner. Morton fired to Loman on second to catch the third runner for the final out.

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Subscribers Have Until May 12 To Renew May Subs.

Those whose Journal-Patriot subscriptions expired May 1 will have until May 12 to renew before their subscriptions are discontinued. Additional work this week on the Home Demonstration club edition made it impossible to revise the list this week.

Those whose subscriptions have expired have been sent notices, and prompt renewal will be greatly appreciated.

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Silver Tea May 10 By Junior Woman's Club Organization

Plans for the Junior Woman's club's first Silver Tea are underway this week. The benefit affair, under the chairmanship of Mrs. W. L. Bundy and featuring art and hobby exhibits, will be held Wednesday, May 10, from 3 to 10 p. m. at the Woman's Club house.

The winning entries of the art contest being sponsored by the Junior organization for local school children will be exhibited, and a variety of hobbies are to be shown. Persons wishing to have their hobbies exhibited are urged to contact Mrs. James Ford. The public is cordially invited.

Vacation Bible School Clinic On Saturday, May 6

Brushy Mountain Association Will Sponsor Clinic At Wilkesboro

A Vacation Bible school clinic, sponsored by the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association, will be held at Wilkesboro Baptist church Saturday morning, May 6, at 10 o'clock.

The volunteer workers who will be working in the Vacation Bible schools in the churches are asked to attend and participate in the program. Those who have been elected as principals should bring other potential teachers and helpers with them to this clinic for training. In the churches where no decision has been made about the Bible schools as yet, interested people should attend this clinic, and later lead the churches to sponsor the schools.

Those attending are asked to bring sandwich lunches. Drinks will be provided.

The program will consist of a demonstration of the worship service, with practice of the music to be used this year; and of conferences for the study of the textbooks and work in each of the departments for the various age groups. Vacation Bible school texts for this year are Beginner Book A, Primary Book A, Junior Book A, and Intermediate Book A. These books, if on hand from other years, should be brought to this clinic.

Miss Minnie Haire will lead the beginner department conference; Mrs. Robert Foster, the primary department; Miss Peggy Nichols, the junior department; Mrs. Tam Hutchinson, the intermediate department and Miss Patsy Hawkins will be pianist. The clinic will be directed by Rev. J. E. Pearson.

Visitors will be welcome to attend this clinic.

Convention Of Democrats May 6

Wilkes county Democratic convention will be held Saturday, May 6, two p. m., at the Wilkes courthouse.

Precincts meeting were held last Saturday and it is expected that the county convention will be well attended. The county organization will be perfected and delegates to the state convention will be chosen.

May Term Court Now In Session

May term of Wilkes Superior court convened Monday morning with Judge J. C. Rudisill, of Newton, presiding.

The term is scheduled for two weeks and for trial of civil cases. Few cases have been heard this week.

Foggy Mountain Boys Show On Monday, 8

The Foggy Mountain Boys, widely known recording and radio artists, will appear in person at the Wilkes county courthouse Monday, May 8, at eight p. m.

The Foggy Mountain Boys records will be on sale at the courthouse at that time, through courtesy of Stafford's Music store here.

The American Legion Auxiliary will not meet until the third Monday evening. Place of meeting will be announced later.

Dr. Hubbard Will Head State Medical Society Next Year

Bob Edwards Has Withdrawn From Race For Sheriff

R. W. (Bob) Edwards, chief deputy sheriff of Wilkes county and one of four candidates for the Republican nomination for sheriff, of Wilkes county, in the primary to be held May 27, today issued a statement of withdrawal of his candidacy.

Withdrawal of Mr. Edwards as a candidate leaves Claude Billings, Jr., Fred Myers and Walter W. Gambill in the race for the nomination. Sheriff C. G. Poindecker is not a candidate for re-nomination.

Following is Mr. Edwards' statement of withdrawal from the primary:

"To the Republican Voters of Wilkes county:

"After serious consideration toward the end of promoting party harmony in Wilkes county and with the deepest appreciation to my many friends who have so loyally promised me their support in the coming primary; I have decided that it is best that I withdraw as a candidate for the office of sheriff. In making this decision I do so with the best of feeling toward everyone and promise to support the republican nominee in the General Election to the very best of my ability.

"R. W. EDWARDS"

Concert Campaign Will Be Launched Monday, May 8th

Community Concerts Association Has Goal of 800 Members For Year

Final details for the annual membership week of the Wilkes Community Concert Association to be held beginning Monday are being completed, according to C. F. Adamson, president of the group.

A meeting of workers was held last Monday night at which time plans were formulated to insure that the drive will be as successful as it has been in the past.

The opening day of the campaign will be marked by the annual dinner meeting on the evening of May 8th at The Woman's Club House for all the workers, the executive committee, and the board of directors.

Mrs. Andrew Kilby and Mrs. C. T. Doughton, co-chairmen, invite the help and co-operation of all interested persons to put across a membership sell out. The goal is 800 members and a bigger and better season for 1950-51. During each of the past two seasons three outstanding concerts have been presented. Increased membership will guarantee increased quality and number of attractions from season to season.

Rummage Sale Here

Wilkes chapter No. 42 Order of Eastern Star will hold a rummage sale Saturday, May 6th, in the building formerly occupied by the Wilkes Hatchery, corner of 10th and C streets. Members are asked to bring their articles to place of sale after 4:00 o'clock Friday afternoon or call Mrs. Tam Shumaker, who will pick up any articles that cannot be delivered.

Seniors Going To Chapel Hill 6th

Wilkesboro high school senior will be guests of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Saturday for annual "Senior Day." Many events of interest are scheduled for the seniors at the university and a full day's program has been planned.

Preaching Service

Rev. J. Earl Pearson, associational missionary, will preach at Goshen Baptist church Saturday night, May 6, Rev. Clate Brown, the pastor, has announced. The public is cordially invited to the service.

Glade Valley Choir Will Sing Sunday

The Glade Valley high school choir will present a program of worship at the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning, May 7, at 11:00 o'clock. W. A. Olson, of Glade Valley, will bring a message. The choir is under the direction of the Rev. Charlton D. Hutten, also of Glade Valley, and Mrs. L. M. Nelson, organist at the Presbyterian church, will accompany.

School Trustees In Favor Of Plan On School Merger

Go On Record Here As Favoring Report Of State Survey Committee

Board of trustees of North Wilkesboro schools has gone on record favoring the report of the State Survey committee concerning the proposed central high school for North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro, R. B. Church, chairman of the board of trustees, said today.

Mr. Church further added that it was the opinion of the trustees "That if and when the central high school is constructed that sufficient funds should be available to construct a building large enough to house the entire high schools of North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro. The board appreciates the interest shown by North Wilkesboro citizens in this proposed project."

Purlear Church To Serve Ham Supper

A ham supper will be served Saturday night, six to eight o'clock, at Millers Creek school lunchroom for benefit of Purlear Baptist church. A sumptuous supper will be served for the price of \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. Everybody is invited.

Square Dance

There will be an old time square dance at Ferguson school Saturday night, May 6, beginning at eight o'clock. A string band will play and an enjoyable occasion is assured those who attend. The event is sponsored by the Ferguson Parent-Teacher Association.

Chicken Supper At Boomer On Saturday

Boomer Home Demonstration club will serve a chicken and dumping supper Saturday night, beginning at six o'clock, at Boomer school lunch room. The dinner price of one dollar is also admission to a square dance.

To Begin Revival On Sunday Night

Revival scheduled for this week at the Gospel Tabernacle in Wilkesboro was postponed because of other revivals in progress this week and will begin on Sunday night, May 7. The services are to be conducted by Rev. W. S. Smith and Thomas Holder and will begin each night at 7:45. Ministers and singers have a cordial invitation to participate in the services.

Wednesday, May 10, Is Banking Holiday

Southern Memorial Day on Wednesday, May 10, will be a state holiday and both banks here will be closed all day on that date. Customers are asked to remember the date in order that no inconvenience will result.

North Wilkesboro To Play Jonesville Here Friday, 3:30

North Wilkesboro high school baseball team will take on Jonesville in Memorial Park here Friday afternoon, 3:30. The Mountain Lions will strive to avenge a 9-4 defeat at the hands of the Jonesville boys at Jonesville last week.

Wilkes Doctor Is Elected At State Meet At Pinehurst

President-elect To Take Office At Next Annual Session Society

Dr. Fred C. Hubbard, of North Wilkesboro, yesterday was elected president-elect of the Medical Society of North Carolina in annual convention at Pinehurst.

This means that Dr. Hubbard will be the next state president of the society. Dr. Roscoe D. McMillan, of Red Springs, president-elect during the past year, was elevated to the presidency.

Dr. Hubbard was graduated at Jefferson Medical college in 1918, and interned at Bryn Mawr from 1918 to 1920. He was graduated in surgery at the University of Pennsylvania in 1922, and established the Wilkes hospital in 1923. He became a fellow in the American college of surgery in 1927 and was a major in the Army Medical corps 1942-1943.

In recent years Dr. Hubbard through work in many groups rapidly ascended to a place of leadership in the medical profession in North Carolina. He is a past president of the Carolina Hospital Association and has been a director of the Hospital Savings Association. He has served as state chairman of the hospital committee and more recently as Rural Health chairman, in which he was instrumental in success of the movement for the Medical Care Commission. One of his principal achievements has been the organization of Rural Health councils.

Registration Will Close On May 13

Registration of voters for the May 27 primary is now in progress and will continue through Saturday, May 13th, which will be the last day to register.

In North Wilkesboro township a new registration is in progress in the three precincts. Residents of the town of North Wilkesboro, which is North Wilkesboro number 1, may register any day this week at the town hall. Precinct number 2 is composed of all of North Wilkesboro township west of Reddies River and registration is at or near Moore's grocery. In addition to Saturdays the registrar will be there daily from four to eight p. m. In North Wilkesboro precinct number 3 registration is in progress at any time at Tyre Billings' store.

Attention is called to the fact that in the three North Wilkesboro precincts all must register, regardless of previous registration, if they are to vote in the primary May 27, and that the last date of registration will be Saturday, May 13.

In North Wilkesboro number 1 precinct the registrar is at the town hall daily through Saturday of this week, but only registration day next week will be Saturday, May 13, according to present plans.

Mrs. Tillett To Speak Saturday At Courthouse

Mrs. Charles W. Tillett, of Charlotte, will speak at the Wilkes court house in behalf of Senator Frank P. Graham, Saturday, May 6th, at 3:30 p. m., or immediately after the Democratic county convention adjourns.

Mrs. Tillett has been until recently vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee and is a speaker of note.

Everybody interested is cordially invited to hear Mrs. Tillett. C. C. Faw, chairman of the Wilkes Graham campaign committee said in an announcement of the speaking engagement.

Total number of farm workers in Britain has increased by 12,000 in the past 12 months.