

PRIMARY CAMPAIGN IS REACHING CLIMAX

Graham-Smith Run-Off Will Be Held Saturday

Supporters Of Both Candidates Working Hard In Wilkes This Week

Democratic senatorial run-off for nomination for United States senator in North Carolina will be held Saturday, June 24, with Senator Frank Graham and Willis Smith the contenders.

Interest in the campaign is rapidly reaching a climax and indications now point to a much larger vote in the second primary than was predicted several days ago.

In the first primary Senator Frank Graham, seeking renomination, led in a field of four, with Willis Smith, Raleigh attorney, running second, and Mr. Smith called for a run-off primary.

Supporters of both candidates are working desperately on organization at the precinct level to get out a large vote Saturday.

The senatorial contest will be the only ticket in Wilkes, there being no run-off for county nominations. Since there will be no Republican contests, a Democratic judge will replace the Republican judge in each precinct for the second primary and Republicans will not participate.

C. J. Jones, chairman of the Wilkes board of elections, said that polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m.

In view of the fact that there will be only one contest, which can be counted in a short time, it is expected that returns will be available early. Mr. Jones is requesting election officials in each precinct to send in the vote to the North Wilkesboro town hall Saturday night just as soon as the vote is counted. There will be great interest throughout the state in the outcome of the primary and early returns from every precinct will mean that at an early hour the outcome of the primary will be determined.

Apple Growers To Meet On Friday

Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers Association, composed mainly of apple producers in Wilkes and Alexander counties, will hold an important meeting Friday, June 23, at Pores Knob community house on highway 16.

One of the program features will be a color movie of the Apple Harvest festival held last fall at Hendersonville, in which the Brushy Mountain Growers had a float in the parade. A group of Henderson county fruit growers will be guests and have part in the program.

Carl E. VanDeman, assistant county agent for apple growers in Wilkes and Alexander, said discussion of the 1950 crop and marketing problems will receive attention at the meeting. He said the latest survey shows a national crop of about 110 million bushels, which will be about 23 million less than last year's crop.

Many orchards of the Brushy Mountain area this year will have bumper crops, while prospects in other orchards are described as fair.

District Meeting Of Masons Friday

The second meeting of the 33rd Masonic District for the year 1950 will convene with North Wilkesboro Lodge No. 407, A. F. & A. M., Friday, June 23, 8 o'clock, P. M.

Dr. John T. Wayland, Pastor of the First Baptist Church will bring the message of the evening. All regular Masons are welcome.

Announcement of the district meeting was made by J. C. McNeill, district deputy grand master.

Mrs. Lonnie Johnson Rites To Be Friday

Last rites will be held Friday, 11 a. m., at Fishing Creek Arbor church for Mrs. Lottie Johnson, 55, who died Wednesday at her home in the Call community.

Mrs. Johnson was the wife of Lonnie Johnson, who survives.

North Wilkesboro Lions At Convention Held In Charlotte

North Wilkesboro Lions club was well represented at the North Carolina Lions convention held in Charlotte Sunday through Tuesday.

The delegation was headed by District Governor Paul L. Cashion, whose report to the convention showed a very successful year's work.

Those from North Wilkesboro who attended part or all of the convention sessions were Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Cashion, J. H. Whicker, Jr., district cabinet secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Buchan, Clyde Pearson, Henry Drum, Joe Zimmerman, S. B. Moore, W. D. Jester, Shoun Kerbaugh, Jack Swoford, Roland Potter, Dr. J. S. Deans and W. O. Absher.

The convention was well attended from throughout the state and was one of the most enthusiastic ever held.

Organization of the state was changed from three to six districts. Jack L. Stickly, of Charlotte, was elected governor of the district which includes Wilkes.

Ellers To Meet In Reunion 25th, Boiling Springs

Annual reunion of the Eller clan, one of the largest and most influential families in northwestern North Carolina, will be held Sunday, June 25, at Boiling Springs Baptist church, located 12 miles west of this city and one mile south of highway 421.

E. R. Eller, of North Wilkesboro, chairman of the Eller family association, said that the day's program will get under way at ten a. m. and that a basket dinner will be spread at noon. Large attendance of Ellers and their friends is expected for the occasion, Chairman Eller said.

Vacation Bible School At First Presbyterian Ends

A very successful vacation Bible school at the First Presbyterian church here will close with a picnic Friday, 11:30 a. m., at Smoot Park.

Seventy-five have been enrolled in the school, which opened on June 12. Steering committee for the school was composed of Miss Ruth King Wood, director, Mrs. Gordon Forester, assistant director, and Sam Vickery, church school superintendent.

Mrs. Leonard Brooks was superintendent of the kindergarten department, with Mrs. John Buchan, Mrs. J. W. Steele, Mrs. Mary Ellen Griggs and Mrs. C. C. Faw, Jr., instructors. Heading the primary department was Miss Muriel Coykendall with Mrs. Cashion, Miss Jean Summers and Miss Corinna Finley teaching. Mrs. R. S. Wooten was junior department superintendent with Miss Mary Elmore Finley and Miss Isabella Gibbs assisting. Mrs. L. H. Snyder was head of the pioneer division, with Mrs. L. S. Spainhour and Mrs. Cecil Adamson assisting.

Valuable Property At Auction 28th

Twenty-five beautiful home sites, two new five-room houses and a herd of 22 dairy cattle will be sold at auction Wednesday, June 28, one p. m., by Ferris Auction company, of Greensboro, with T. J. Frazier Realty company, of North Wilkesboro, as selling agents.

This property is located on the Moravian Falls highway just outside the corporate limits of Wilkesboro. Cash prizes and a shetland pony will be given away at the sale, which will have music by the North Wilkesboro high school band.

Dr. Blakely Will Preach On Sunday At Presbyterian

Dr. Hunter B. Blakely, president of Queens college in Charlotte will preach Sunday in the morning service at the First Presbyterian church in this city.

Baptist Churches To Ask Hospital Gifts June 25th

Sunday Is Date Set To Raise \$700,000 For Additional Wing Baptist Hospital

An urgent message has been received from M. A. Huggins, treasurer and general secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, requesting that all Baptist churches affiliated with the convention observe the special day and receive generous offerings in behalf of the Baptist Hospital. This special offering to be received Sunday, June 25, is to be used entirely to build the new wing on the hospital. It is hoped that North Carolina Baptists will raise \$700,000.00 in this offering and the second one to be taken the last Sunday in September. Churches that find it inconvenient to receive this offering on this Sunday are asked to make their contributions on the first or second Sunday in July, and report immediately to Mr. Huggins.

It should be said that this is a request; and that it is made necessary by the fact that North Carolina Baptists, meeting in Charlotte in a special convention of more than 3,000 messengers, on April 27, voted to turn down the gift to the hospital of \$700,000.00 from federal funds through the Medical Care Commission, and asked that North Carolina Baptists churches raise the money in these two special offerings.

Court To Resume Work On Monday For Fourth Week

Judge A. R. Crisp, Of Lenoir, Will Be Presiding Jurist Last Week

Wilkes superior court will resume work in Wilkesboro Monday after being recessed since Monday of this week.

Judge George B. Patton, of Franklin, presided over the first two weeks of the four weeks of court. Judge J. C. Rudisill, of Newton, was slated to preside this week. He held court on Monday but became ill and court adjourned until next Monday, at which time Judge A. R. Crisp, of Lenoir, will take over for the final week.

The suit of Claude Caudill, administrator of the estate of Grady Caudill, of Hays, against the town of North Wilkesboro, was settled by a consent judgment of \$2,000 for the plaintiff. Grady Caudill was killed when his car ran off the embankment at the end of F street at the corner of F and eighth January 2, 1949.

A consent judgment of \$800 for the plaintiff, settled the case of Keller Eller versus Ed Cleary. Mr. Eller, a member of the North Wilkesboro police department received serious knife wounds when he was arresting Cleary on a drunkenness charge here.

Wilkes Auto Sales was granted a judgment of \$271.35 against R. D. Gentry.

Amount of the judgment awarded Mrs. A. A. Sturdivant against Jessie Triplett was \$411.14.

WILLIAMS DISPLAYS INGENUITY IN REBUILDING HUGE OIL TANK

E. V. Williams, a North Wilkesboro machinist, inventor and wizard in mechanics, has triumphed again.

Mr. Williams, who operates a shop here and delights in tackling jobs that are too big or too difficult for the ordinary machinist, recently purchased at junk price the 10,000 gallon deisel fuel oil tank which exploded in the North Wilkesboro Ice and Fuel company fire here April 29.

The tank was sold for junk for \$40 and later purchased by Mr. Williams for \$90.

First thing on his agenda was rigging up a hydraulic lift for getting the huge five-ton tank to his shop. When this was accomplished he set to work on jacks to create pressure for straightening the warps and bends from the tank. These jacks made by Mr. Williams exerted 150 tons pressure and on part of the tank far greater pressure in getting it back into its original shape. End of the the tank, which was pushed off in the explosion that sent 3,000 gallons of flaming oil down the street, was then welded back into place.

Mr. Williams has pronounced the tank, which is 20 feet long and ten feet in diameter, as good as new and worth \$600. Selling price of a new tank, he said, is about \$1,000. Insurance underwriters have inspected the tank and have given it their unqualified approval.

Major and Mrs. Mortimer B. Morehouse and son, Wayne, arrived June 15 for a week's visit with relatives on the Brushies.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry E. Morehouse, who have been spending the week with his mother, have left for a short trip in Florida.

Mr. Tom Jenerette, manager of the Wilkes chamber of commerce, is attending the Southeastern Institute of chamber of commerce executives at Chapel Hill this week.

Lomax Kilby Gets Complete Course In Ford Merchandising

Lomax Kilby, secretary treasurer of the Yadkin Valley Motor company, has returned from Dearborn, Michigan, where from May 21 to June 16 he was engaged in a comprehensive course in Ford merchandising.

The course included all phases of Ford dealership business, and much attention was given to merchandising of new and used cars and trucks and service, as well as business management.

Officials of Ford Motor company participated as instructors and those attending his schools were carried on tours of Ford steel mills and assembly plants.

Scout Court Of Honor On Sunday

Eagle, life, star, first and second class awards will be presented in the Wilkes district Boy Scout court of honor to be held Sunday night, June 25, eight o'clock, at the First Presbyterian church here.

Congregations of the First Baptist, First Presbyterian and First Methodist churches will attend the union service for the court of honor, which will feature presentation of many Scout awards. Large attendance of Scouts, Scouters and others interested in the expanding Scout program in Wilkes is expected. W. K. Sturdivant, district chairman, said here today.

Opening devotional Sunday evening will be conducted by Rev. Russell L. Young, followed by opening ceremony by troop 36.

Paul Osborne will present second class awards to Elwin Payne, Thomas Finley, Sammy Zimmerman and Bill Burke, of troop 36; R. S. Gilbert, T. A. Wellborn, Reggie Moore, Bernie Farthing and Bruce Wayland, of troop 34; Harold Shepherd, of troop 35; and Billy Dunn, of troop 32.

Robert Gibbs will present first class awards to J. W. Hayes of troop 35, Pete Caudill of troop 36 and Reggie Moore of troop 34. Gordon Finley will give star awards to Bob Foster of troop 34, Emmett Elledge of troop 35 and Wilbur Greer of troop 35. Life award will be presented to Bobby Poteat of troop 34 by W. K. Sturdivant.

Merit badges will be presented by T. E. Story to Emmett Elledge, Bill Bumgarner, Gordon Forester, John Winkler, Charles Crook, Harold Shepherd, Charles Ruffin, Jr., Reggie Moore, Bob Foster, J. W. Hayes and Wade Foster.

Two Scouts will reach Eagle rank and will receive their Eagle scout medals from Dr. John T. Wayland.

Another feature of the program will be showing of a film entitled "Declaration of Independence."

Food Sale Saturday

Cakes, pies, candies and tarts will be included in the food sale to be held Saturday morning 9:30 to 12:30 at Spainhour's store. This sale will be sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Senior Woman's club.

Mr. Ray Carson, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Moore and family, and Jimmy Whicker spent the weekend at the Carson cabin on the Catawba River near Taylorsville.

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Mrs. Moore was born March 26, 1876, a daughter of the late Shade and Ollie Michael Baker, of Wilkes county. She was the wife of the late E. C. Moore, who resided in the Brushy mountain community.

Surviving Mrs. Moore are three brothers, Asy and Mack Baker, of Patterson, Greenwood Baker, of Wilkesboro, and two sisters, Mrs. Zora Davidson, of Kannapolis, and Mrs. Cella Church, of Boonville.

Rev. Atwell Watts and Rev. L. T. Younger conducted the funeral service.

Fred Sloan Tells Kiwanis Club Of Farm Income Aid

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon held an interesting meeting, which included several matters of interest as well as an excellent program.

Secretary T. E. Story read a letter from the St. James Kiwanis club of Manitoba Canada, portraying the terrible conditions left in that city on account of the recent floods. The letter was referred to the Finance committee for further consideration and recommendation.

The secretary read the report of the Easter Seal Sale Committee by John Cashion, chairman which showed collections amounting to \$1105.64 and that \$623.04 had been retained to be used by the Crippled Child committee of the club.

Program Chairman Paul Vestal asked Paul Choplin to introduce his speaker, Fred Sloan, program analyst of the State College extension organization.

Mr. Sloan made a very timely talk on the theme: "How Does The Income Of The Farm Reflect Itself In The Other Interests Of The Community?"

He illustrated his talk by showing that an industry with a 300 person pay roll in any community made possible dozens of other businesses which would not be possible without the payroll of the industry. On the farm there is a gross income and a net income.

The difference between the gross and the net is spent for seed, fertilizers, tools, machinery, etc. most of which must be provided by other businesses established in the community. The net income is spent for the benefit and happiness of the farm family.

These goods also are provided by other businesses that of the farm; the clothing store, the palaces of recreation, the doctor, the school, come under this heading. He concluded by saying that Wilkes county is a great county capable of marvelous development with the proper direction and encouragement from business and industry.

Guests Friday were: John and Hyatt Gibbs with Robert Gibbs; Dr. E. D. Richards with Paul Choplin; Frank Dresser with W. E. Jones; Dr. and Mrs. Joe McCoy, Jr. and Dr. George Verdone with J. B. McCoy.

Winners Short Story Contest Are Announced

Betty Jo Deavis, 11th grade student of North Wilkesboro high school, won first prize of ten dollars in a short story contest sponsored by the literature committee of the Junior Woman's club for the junior-senior group of students in Wilkes county. Title of Miss Reavis' story was "The Accident."

Taking first prize of ten dollars for the best short story written by the freshmen-sophomore students was Othelia Nichols, ninth grade student of Millers Creek school. Her topic was "Story Without A Name." Second prize of five dollars in this group went to Ruth Reeves, ninth grade student of Millers Creek, for her story entitled "The Man That Changed."

Second prize of \$5 in the junior-senior group was awarded Peggy Harris, North Wilkesboro junior, for her story entitled "The Perfect Ending."

Judges were highly complimentary in their comment on the many excellent short stories entered in the contest.

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NEGRO MAN HELD ON RAPE CHARGE

Dickie Ferguson, local colored man, is being held in jail without bond on charge of raping Sylvia Alice Barber Gilreath, 17, local colored resident.

Police Chief J. E. Walker said that the girl had charged that Ferguson was walking with her in the eastern part of town when he attacked and criminally assaulted her, Thursday. Examination by a physician disclosed some injury to the girl, Chief Walker said.

Ferguson's hearing is set for next Monday morning in city court here.

Commie Pendergrass Is Claimed By Death

Funeral services will be held Friday, two p. m., at Mountain View church in the Windy Gap community for Commie Pendergrass, 41-year-old citizen of Lovelace township who died Wednesday. Rev. W. N. Hayes will conduct the service.

Mr. Pendergrass, a veteran of World War II, was born May 7, 1909, a son of the late John and Sarah Coleman Pendergrass. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Blanche M. Pendergrass, two children, Jimmie Lee and Rebecca Ann, of the home.

Brookshire Is Speaker Friday At Lions Meet

Club Also Hears Report Of District Governor Made For Convention

Rev. Woodrow Brookshire, pastor of Wilkesboro Baptist church, delivered an inspiring message before the North Wilkesboro Lions club in meeting Friday evening. The club also heard from District Governor Paul Cashion the splendid report which he will deliver to the state convention in Charlotte.

President W. D. Jester presided for the final meeting of the club year and invocation was spoken by Edward S. Finley, President Jester urged attendance of a large number from the North Wilkesboro club at the convention which opened yesterday in Charlotte and will continue through Tuesday.

In his report to the convention Governor Cashion stated that during the year in district 31A that membership had increased from 3,001 to 3,450 and that number of clubs increased from 52 to 59. Attendance in the district averaged 85.3 and the clubs carried out 2,800 activities. The district governor said he visited every club from one to three times during the year, traveled 20,000 miles and wrote 2,350 personal letters in addition to sending out news letters regularly to Lions of the district.

Program for Friday evening was in charge of Presley Myers and Dwight Nichols and Mr. Myers presented the speaker. Rev. Mr. Brookshire's subject was "What Are You Going To Do With My World?" He said this question is asked by new born babies, by youth as they become adults, by brides and grooms and by God.

He said there are three things which every individual can do to save the world and make it better: 1. Everyone can be hopeful. 2. Everyone can live one good life. 3. Everyone can help others to live a good life.

The address was well received by the club.

At the meeting James Rollins was guest of Shoun Kerbaugh, J. Q. Adams was guest of Presley Myers and Dr. Richards was guest of Roland Potter.

Quarterly Conference

The fourth quarterly conference for the Millers Creek Charge will be held at Arbor Grove Methodist Church next Sunday night, June 25, beginning at 7:30.

Rev. J. H. Armbrust, Superintendent of the Statesville District, will preach and preside over the business session.

Charge officials will be elected for the ensuing conference year.

Wilkesboros And Adjacent Areas Have Over 20,000

North Wilkesboro Loses In Ten Years But Community Gains Rapidly

Population of Wilkes county increased 2,199 from 1940 to 1950, according to preliminary census figures released today by W. Lamont Brown, eighth district census supervisor, and Mack Reavis, a crew leader for the census in Wilkes.

The census figures show that the population of the Wilkesboros with immediately adjacent areas in a radius of eight miles totals approximately 20,000 people.

The town of North Wilkesboro, which has not had an expansion of town limits in its history, showed a decrease of 108 in the ten-year period. In 1940 the population of North Wilkesboro was listed at 4,478 and in 1950 the preliminary figures showed 4,370.

Population of Wilkes county for 1950 is listed at 45,202 in the preliminary report, as compared to 43,003 in 1940.

While North Wilkesboro's population in the corporate limits did not increase, there were large gains in the immediate vicinity. North Wilkesboro township showed a gain of 698, Reddies River township jumped 630, Wilkesboro township was up 571, Rock Creek gained 502 and Mulberry 435.

The town of Wilkesboro has an increase of 52 in the ten-year period, from 3,309 in 1940 to 3,361 in 1950.

The number of dwelling units in Wilkes county during the ten-year period increased from 9,283 in 1940 to 11,491 in 1950, a net increase of 2,208. This brings to light the remarkable comparison that the number of dwelling units in Wilkes county in ten years increased more than the population.

The number of farms in Wilkes county increased from 5,350 in 1940 to 5,954 in 1950.

The town of Ronda experienced substantial growth in ten years, climbing from 379 in 1940 to 542 in 1950. Edwards township had the largest increase of any township in Wilkes, growing from 4,722 to 5,742.

Following are listed the population totals for all townships in Wilkes county in 1940 and in 1950:

Township	1950 Pop.	1940 Pop.
Antioch	844	875
Beaver Creek	483	544
Boomer	1,299	1,172
Brushy Mountain	542	700
Edwards	5,742	4,722
Elk	1,235	1,379
Jobs Cabin	722	1,013
Lewis Fork	1,077	1,130
Lovelace	689	799
Moravian Falls	1,613	1,457
Mulberry	3,205	2,770
New Castle	1,444	1,466
N. Wilkesboro	7,743	7,045
Reddies River	3,842	3,212
Rock Creek	2,839	2,337
Somers	1,000	1,225
Stanton	567	626
Trap Hill	2,574	2,539
Union	1,746	2,207
Walnut Grove	1,258	1,618
Wilkesboro	4,738	4,167
Wilkes County	45,202	43,003

Towns Engaged In Spraying Activity

North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro town forces today began some spraying for flies and other insects.

Street garbage cans and other likely places for fly breeding and feeding are receiving the spray. E. R. Spruill, Wilkes sanitarian, is asking that every home owner extend the spraying program to their own premises in the interest of public health and sanitation.

Food Sale

Women of the Oak Grove Baptist church will sponsor a food sale Saturday, June 24, at Bell's Department store in North Wilkesboro. Proceeds will go to the church building fund and all patronage will be appreciated.