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## Many Delegates Will Come Here For Convention

State Evangelistic Club Convention Here Saturday and Sunday

### HARGRAVES TO SPEAK

National President To Address Convention On Sunday Afternoon

Delegates from all parts of North Carolina are expected here for the State Convention of Business Men's Evangelistic Clubs to be held Saturday and Sunday in the churches of this city.

The first session will be registration at the Methodist church Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. In this program will be reports of the year's work and an address by R. E. Price, of Rutherfordton, state vice president.

### Dutch Supper

At six o'clock Saturday evening delegates will be served a dutch supper at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse. This supper will be prepared at a minimum cost by the ladies of the Auxiliary.

### Saturday Evening

The Saturday evening session will be held at the Presbyterian church, beginning at 7:30. This session will be devoted to business of the convention and an address by W. G. Haymaker, of the Lenoir club.

### Sunday Morning

Featuring the Sunday morning program of the convention will be a sunrise service at seven o'clock. W. T. Davis, of Winston-Salem, will be in charge. Delegates will be free to attend regular Sunday morning church services at the churches here. Some of the state's leaders in evangelistic work have been asked to occupy pulpits of the churches for the eleven o'clock service.

### Hargraves To Speak

Hon. Boyd W. Hargraves, of Chattanooga, Tenn., will deliver an address at the First Baptist church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. He is one of the outstanding lay speakers of the country and the convention feels fortunate in getting him to the city for the meeting.

The public is cordially invited to attend all sessions of the convention.

## Square Dance Tuesday Night

Will Be Held At American Legion and Auxiliary Clubhouse

The square dance at the Legion building Friday night proved so popular that another one has been planned for tomorrow night.

The square dances are sponsored by the Legion and Auxiliary and proceeds from the fifty-cent admission are used by the organization in its many worthy activities. Ladies are admitted free.

The square dance on Friday night was held following the meeting of the Wilkes Post of the Legion.

## A. H. Andrews' Leg Is Broken

Left Leg Injured In Accident at Baseball Game Friday Afternoon

A. H. Andrews, prominent citizen of this city, sustained a broken leg in the Baptists-Methodists baseball game at the fairgrounds Friday.

His left leg was broken below the knee as he was sliding into third base.

Only the smaller bone was broken, however, and it is expected that he may be able to resume his duties as superintendent of the Wilkes Hosiery Mills within two weeks.

## Store Is Robbed On Friday Night

R. E. Faw's Store Entered By Unknown Parties; Merchandise Taken

R. E. Faw's store in the northern end of town was entered Friday night by thieves of unknown identity. Entrance was gained by forcing the lock on the back door.

An exact check on the loss was impossible, although it was learned that a quantity of cigarettes and other small merchandise was taken.

### Mrs. Wallace Active



Washington... Mrs. Henry A. Wallace (above), wife of the Secretary of Agriculture, was hostess with Mrs. Otto Veehoff, president of the National Farm and Garden Association at the annual convention held here. Mrs. Wallace is quite active in the Association program for the coming year.

## Extra Penalties To Go On Taxes

People Urged To Pay City and County Taxes Before June 1st

After June first an extra penalty of one half of one per cent will be added to unpaid city and county taxes, states W. P. Kelly for the town of North Wilkesboro and Sheriff W. B. Somers for the county.

Both governmental units say they are in need of the money and urge payment of the taxes before additional penalty is added.

## Mrs. W. E. Harris Died On Thursday

Funeral Service Held Friday Afternoon At Wilkesboro Baptist Church

Mrs. Sarah Freeman Harris, age 64, wife of Mayor W. E. Harris, of Wilkesboro, died at eight o'clock Thursday morning, following a long illness. She was a member of a widely known family, being a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James H. Freeman, of Anderson, S. C. She was very active in church and civic work in Wilkesboro.

Of the immediate family there are surviving her husband and the following step-children: Mrs. Carl Isabell, Lenoir; Miss Jennie Harris, Wilkesboro; Spencer Harris, Wilkesboro; Mrs. Cowan McNeely, Statesville; Misses Madeline, Ruby and Lollie Harris, Wilkesboro; Charles Bristol Harris, Fort Monroe, Va.

Funeral services were conducted from the Wilkesboro Baptist church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the pastor, Rev. Avery Church, in charge. Interment was made in Mountain Park cemetery.

Pall bearers were Dr. G. T. Mitchell, T. E. Story, C. H. Cowles, R. E. Prevette, C. E. Lenderman, J. W. Dula, N. O. Smoak and Julius Hubbard.

A beautiful floral offering was carried by Mrs. Lee Hemphill, Mrs. D. E. Smoak, Sr., Miss Kitter Bower, members of the Wilkesboro Woman's club, members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Wilkesboro Baptist church, and members of the Junior Woman's club.

## Get Traveling Library Here

Will Be Open Two Mornings of Each Week In Balcony At Spainhour's

Sometime ago the Wilkes county unit of the Legion Auxiliary started a movement to secure a traveling library here for the summer months and the auxiliary is glad to announce that their plans for this library have been completed. They have secured the books from the State Library Commission at Raleigh and hope to be able to open the library by the first of June in the balcony of Spainhour's store.

Miss Catherine McDiarmid will be in charge of the library, which will be open two mornings of each week. The library will be open to the public and no charge will be made for the use of books, except in case of loss or damage the borrower of book will be expected to pay for same.

## Flag and Bible Presentation At Ferguson Sunday

Address By State Counselor Featured Service At New School Building

LARGE CROWD PRESENT Several Councils of Fraternity Represented in the Gathering

In the presence of a large crowd of Juniors and visitors the North Wilkesboro chapter of Jr. O. U. A. M. conducted a Bible presentation and flag raising service at the new Ferguson school building Sunday.

The service began at 11:45 with scripture reading and prayer, led by the pastor of Elk Baptist church, and the singing of "America."

C. B. Eller, superintendent of schools, presented C. O. McNeill, chairman of the county board of education, who acted as toastmaster for the occasion.

The address of welcome was from James Barlow, member of the Ferguson school board, and response by J. B. Williams, of North Wilkesboro.

Mr. McNeill introduced C. W. Snyder, of Winston-Salem, field secretary for the fraternity in North Carolina, who delivered an address on subjects appropriate to the occasion.

B. C. Siske, of Greensboro, state counselor of the Juniors, was the principal speaker of the day. The subject of his address was "Service." His address was very appropriate for the gathering, stressing service as the ideal aim of the fraternity and upholding the principles of Americanism.

K. M. Allen, of North Wilkesboro, presented the Bible to the trustees of the school. The flag was presented by Attorney A. H. Casey, of North Wilkesboro, after which the flag raising ceremonies took place.

In addition to the North Wilkesboro council other councils in Wilkes and visiting Juniors from adjoining counties participated in the service. There were several hundreds in attendance and all available seats in the new building were occupied.

Following the service a bounteous picnic dinner was spread on the grounds. Those in charge of the service and picnic wish to express their appreciation for the hospitality shown by the Ferguson community as well as by the visiting Juniors who aided in making the picnic such a success.

### To Preach Funeral

Rev. L. B. Murray, well known Baptist minister of State Road, will preach the funeral service for John R. Triplett on Sunday, June 3, at Goshen Baptist church. The service will be held at 11 o'clock.

### Threatens Wirt Suit



Washington... Miss Rose Schneiderman (above), member of the N.R.A. Labor Advisory Board, threatens a slander suit against Dr. W. A. Wirt, who was reported to have referred to her as "Rose of Anarchy" in a Chicago speech.

## ELKIN BOY IS SUICIDE

Son of Dr. M. A. Royal Took His Own Life On Friday Morning

Funeral services for Joseph Dixon Royal, 20, son of Dr. and Mrs. Miles A. Royal, were held from the home in Elkin Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Royal ended his life early Friday morning by firing a shotgun load into his head. His body was found on the floor of his bedroom by his mother about 2 o'clock when she went to investigate a light burning in the room.

The deceased had been in ill health for many months and had consulted specialists at Duke and Charlotte hospitals, determined to continue his college studies. He had reentered Wake Forest for his second semester and had returned to his home very recently, feeling need of a further rest. He was a member of the First Baptist church.

Surviving are the parents, one sister, Miss Flora Royal, senior at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, three half brothers and one half-sister, Miles, George, and Hugh Royal, of Elkin, and Mrs. Blanche Dunnagan, of Yadkinville.

## Tent Revival To Begin On Sunday

Sunday afternoon at 2:30, a tent revival meeting will begin on Sixth street in this city. The meeting was erroneously announced to begin yesterday.

Rev. P. B. Lindley, evangelist of Huron, Ohio, will do the preaching. The meeting is sponsored by Friends' Mission here, of which Rev. Gurney B. Laws is pastor.

# Bids For Construction Of Postoffice Building Here Will Be Received In Washington On Thursday, June 7th

## Crop Reduction Contracts Filed

Corn-Hog Contracts To Be Forwarded To Washington; Many Farmers Sign

Approximately 450 farmers in Wilkes, Ashe and Watauga counties have signed corn-hog reduction contracts states A. G. Hendren, who has charge of the campaign in the three counties.

Ashe county has 225 farmers who will reduce their crops this year in order to get the benefits from the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Ashe leads the other counties in this part of the state because of the fact that hog raising is one of the principal agricultural industries.

In Wilkes county there are 129 who have signed contracts, the largest of which calls for benefits of around \$550. Watauga county has 100 who have signed for crop reduction.

The applications are now being finished and will be forwarded to Washington for final approval. Benefit checks will be paid in installments, the first coming in July or August and final payment in November.

## 'Clean-up Week' Is Here Again

Woman's Club and City Officials Ask Citizens To Co-operate

This is "Clean-up Week" in North Wilkesboro, according to a proclamation issued last Thursday by Mayor Julius A. Rousseau and a statement by leaders of the Woman's club, who are co-operating with the city officials in promoting a genuine clean-up in the city this spring.

All citizens and residents of the city are urged to make a special effort this week to improve their premises and vacant lots by clearing away unsightly rubbish. The co-operation of the general public is asked in making "Clean-up Week" more of a success than it has been in former years.

Mrs. J. C. Smoot, Miss Lizzie Hise and Mrs. W. W. Barber, Sr., were guests Wednesday of Mrs. Gurney Boren in Greensboro and attended the flower show sponsored by the Greensboro Council of Garden clubs at the Morrison-Neese building. It was estimated that the attendance during the two days of show exceeded 3000 visitors.

## PLANS FOR FAIR ARE NEARING COMPLETION

Plans for the Great Wilkes Fair to be held here the week beginning September 17 are nearing completion. W. A. McNeill, president and general manager, stated this morning.

The premium list, which is now being prepared for the printer, will soon be ready for distribution. Liberal cash premiums that will compare favorably with awards offered by the North Carolina State Fair will be given this year instead of the merchandise prizes that were so

lacked last year.

Offering cash premiums is expected to be a great boost for the fair this year. In addition to the regular premiums for the various classes there will be sweepstakes added in each department.

Mr. McNeill states that on the midway will be Marks Shows with 10 riding devices and 20 shows, which will be the largest carnival ever to visit this city.

Bill Senior and Company, featuring the "human fish," will be one of the outstanding features of the free-act program. On the

high trapeze will be Miss Vera Spriggs and associates while a new langed "Krazy Ford" has been added to the tentative list of free attractions.

The fair association hopes to secure the regimental band from the U. S. Army at Fort Bragg for the fair. The 105th Engineers band from Charlotte has also been engaged.

In discussing the coming fair Mr. McNeill remarked that the fair association is clear of debt and is therefore enabled to provide for a bigger fair than in previous years.

## MIKE STEFANOFF DIED IN CHAIR FRIDAY

Mike Stefanoff, 45-year-old Bulgarian who lived in the Flint Hill vicinity near this city, Friday morning was put to death in the electric chair at the state prison for the murder of Cashier T. C. Barnes in an attempted bank holdup at Taylorsville last July.

Stefanoff went to the death chair in a calm manner and had nothing to say. Prior to the time he left his cell he wrote a confession, in which he told of his part in various robberies with B. G. and Lester Green and implicated members of the High Point police force as being bribed for protection.

Ray Nance, George Wimberly, Ben Lowe and Earle Dowd were the officers named by Stefanoff as having knowledge of various crimes and did nothing toward apprehending the guilty parties. The police chief and patrolmen denied the charges and branded

the confession of the doomed man as false. An investigation of the allegations contained in the confession has been started.

The confession frequently mentioned the names of B. G. and Lester Green as being members of the parties who robbed the bank at Denton and "other jobs" but did not mention the name of R. E. Black, who was to die Friday on the same charge as Stefanoff but who was granted a thirty-day reprieve. The Greens' electrocutions are stayed by an appeal to the supreme court.

Stefanoff said he was a peanut vender when the Greens and others came to him and told him that he could make "big money" if he would go in with them. He went in with them, he said, and they always took or borrowed his share of the spoils and burned his home on one occasion when he threatened to disclose them.

Stefanoff and his wife, Sara Tony, and an adopted daughter lived near North Wilkesboro for some time prior to the Taylorsville killing. He died in the chair at 10:32, two shocks being necessary to kill.

At 10:45 James Sheffield, Haywood county man convicted of the ambush slaying of James Miller, died in the chair.

Sheffield protested to the very last that he was innocent and wrote a note to his brother, proclaiming his innocence.

Stefanoff's body was claimed by a North Wilkesboro undertaker for his wife and adopted daughter.

In the presence of a great throng of people the last rites were held at the Stefanoff residence Sunday afternoon with Rev. Noah Hayes in charge. Interment was made in the cemetery at Flint Hill church.

## Summer School At Wilkesboro

Students May Make Up Back Work This Summer; Small Tuition Charge

Summer school for delinquent students who need to make up back work began in Wilkesboro today.

This summer school is open to any students in the county. However, since there are no provisions in the state school budget for this work a small tuition charge is made. Members of the Wilkesboro school faculty are in charge of the work.

## May Term Federal Court Is Started

Both Criminal and Civil Actions To Be Tried In Present Term

May term of federal court for the trial of both criminal and civil cases in Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties, convened in Wilkesboro this morning with Judge Johnson J. Hayes on the bench.

Among the cases on the comparatively light docket for the term are several for alleged violations of the old revenue laws, it still being a violation of federal law to manufacture, possess or sell intoxicating liquors on which the federal tax has not been paid. District Attorney J. R. McCrary has stated his intention to prosecute such cases vigorously.

Also on the docket are two or more cases for violation of national motor theft laws and a large number of civil cases, which will be taken up as soon as the criminal docket is disposed of.

Cases from Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties will be taken up during the first days of the term.

## Miss Fan Cranor Taken By Death

Former Resident of Wilkesboro Died Friday; Funeral Held Sunday

Miss Fan Cranor, former resident of Wilkesboro, died Friday morning, 2:30, in a hospital in Davis, W. Va. She underwent a major operation Thursday and never rallied.

She was a member of one of the best known families in Wilkes county, being a daughter of the late John Samuel and Sarah Taylor Cranor, of Wilkesboro. During the past few months she made her home in Lanoconing, Md., with her brother, John Cranor.

She was a sister of Frank T. Cranor, of this city; Attorney H. A. Cranor, of Wilkesboro; John Cranor, of Lanoconing, Md.; Mrs. W. H. McElwee, of Statesville; Miss Katherine Cranor, of Ames, Iowa; Miss Edith Cranor, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Charlie Cranor, of West Jefferson.

The funeral service was conducted in the presence of a large (Continued on page five)

## Home Chair Co. Winner Again

Defeated Team From Caldwell Furniture Company 5 to 3, Saturday

Home Chair Company's baseball team came through with another victory here Saturday to keep its undefeated record by winning from the team from Caldwell Furniture Corporation by a score of five to 3.

Crook went the entire route for the local team, tightening down in the pinches and striking out the last batter in the ninth with two on.

Beard hurled a splendid game for the visitors with the exception of one bad inning and crashed out a long homer to right field.

Hits scored by the home team were Howell 3, Crook 2, Billings 2, Harold 2, Troutman 1, and Reavis 1.

The Lenoir team hits totaled nine as follows: Beard 2, Hall 2, Haas 1, Hickerson 1, Goodson 1, Richardson 1, and Rhodes 1.

## To Be Erected At Early Date

Unemployed Will Be Put To Work On Public Works Project Here

Public Works Branch of the treasury department in Washington will receive sealed bids for construction of the North Wilkesboro postoffice building on Thursday, June 7, three p. m., according to a statement issued by W. E. Reynolds, assistant director of procurement, Public Works Branch, Thursday.

Work of construction of the postoffice building will begin as soon as the contract is let as is possible in order to alleviate the unemployment situation, it is learned here.

According to specifications on all Public Works contracts, labor will be furnished from the files in the office of R. L. Wooten, director of the National Reemployment office here for five counties.

Postmaster J. C. Reins is custodian of the postoffice lot, which is located on C street and is commonly known as the "camp lot." The lot has been cleared of all private property in anticipation of the postoffice construction.

The following announcement regarding letting the contract for the erection of the building was sent out from Washington Thursday:

"Sealed bids in duplicate, subject to the conditions contained herein, will be publicly opened in this office at 3 p. m., June 7, 1934, for furnishing all labor and materials and performing all work for the construction of the United States Post Office at North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

"Attention is directed to the special conditions of bidding set forth in the specifications, and Bulletin No. 51 of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works and Executive Order No. 6646. Drawings and Specifications, not exceeding three sets, may be obtained at this office in the discretion of the Assistant Director of Procurement, Public Works Branch, by any general contractor, and provided a deposit of \$15.00 is made for each set to assure its prompt return. One set will be furnished Builders' Exchanges, Chambers of Commerce or other organizations who will guarantee to make them available for any subcontractor or material firm interested, and to quantify surveyors, provided a deposit of \$15.00 is made to assure its prompt return. Checks offered as deposits must be made payable to the order of the Treasurer of the United States. Cash deposits will not be accepted."

## May Festival Here Thursday

Will Be Held On Lawn At Home of Mrs. R. G. Finley At 5 O'clock

Miss Gladys Bryant, of the Senior class of North Wilkesboro high school, has been elected May Queen by the pupils of Mrs. R. G. Finley's class of dancing and expression for their May festival.

The festival will be held Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock on the lawn of Mrs. Finley's home at which time the coronation will take place. She will be attended by her maid of honor, four maids and two crown bearers. One crown to be used by Miss Bryant to crown the King of her choice.

A pageant of much beauty will follow the coronation. Father Time will turn the pages of his book and reveal the meaning of the seasons. The pageant dances have been devised by the pupils of Mrs. Finley and they show imaginative reach and artistry in their renditions. Father Time's book is opened at autumn, and as he turns the pages, Winter, Spring and Summer pass in review, closing with the winding of the May Pole by the young pupils of Mrs. Finley's class.

The Davidson County Farmers' Exchange has a new warehouse at Lexington 30 by 80 feet, and more than 500 persons visited the building on opening day last week.