

City Offices Moved Into New Building

All departments of North Wilkesboro's city government today moved into their new quarters in the newly constructed city hall.

For many years the city government units had been occupying leased quarters on the second floor of the Poindexter building.

The new city hall, which has been the subject of much favorable comment by local people and by visitors during process of construction and since it was completed a few days ago, was erected as a PWA project at a total cost of about \$36,900. 45 per cent of the amount being a grant from the federal government.

The project was begun last year. Abee and Eckard, of Icard, were contractors for the structure, which has three spacious floors.

The building is located on what was a portion of Eighth street, the plot being condemned by special act of the legislature for street purposes in order that it might be used as a building site.

The bottom floor contains warehouse space and storage room for city supplies, tools and implements and is also headquarters for the street and water departments.

On the street floor are spacious quarters for the city clerk and treasurer, including adequate space for records. A spacious and well lighted room in the rear of the street floor was set aside for use by the Wilkes county public library.

Also on the street floor is the fire department, with adequate space for the two fire trucks, equipment and supplies.

The top floor contains the assembly hall and will have a seating capacity of 300 when the auditorium seats are installed. Chairs will be used temporarily until the seats arrive.

At one end of the auditorium are conference rooms and a room at the front on the top floor houses the police offices and highway patrol.

The building is of brick construction with an attractive stone and white brick front.

The structure was designed by Benton and Benton, of Wilson, well known architects who drew plans for many of the best type buildings in this section and in many North Carolina cities.

It was especially designed along modern lines to fill the needs of a city hall and is so constructed that it will adequately serve all departments of the city government.

It is of modern construction throughout with newest type no-draft ventilation windows and the interior is very attractively finished.

Mayor R. T. McNeil will preside over the first session of city court in the new building on Monday morning.

Long Says 700 In School Wednesday

Wilkesboro Superintendent Says School Progressing Smoothly

William T. Long, who began his duties as head of Wilkesboro school Monday, said Wednesday that the enrollment was about 700 and that the work of the school was progressing nicely.

He said that there had been a big increase in the enrollment each day since the school opened Monday. On Monday he said that the enrollment was about 570 and that there has been a larger number each day.

On opening day in 1938 there was an enrollment of 864 in Wilkesboro school, almost 300 more than on opening day this year, according to Supt. Long's figures.

Simultaneous with school opening Monday in Wilkesboro a mass meeting of several hundred citizens and patrons was held, in which resolutions were passed demanding the immediate resignation of Supt. Long so that T. E. Story might again head the school and stating that they could not support the school with their goodwill and confidence until the demand had been met.

The new teachers in Wilkesboro school whose names had not been announced prior to school opening are: Mrs. R. V. Day, first grade; Zeh Dickson, math; W. O. Jones, seventh grade; Miss Ruth Wright, public school music.

A daughter, Minnie Ruth, weight 8 1-2 pounds, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pharr Wednesday.

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Rites Held For Victim Gunshot Wound Tuesday

Gun In Hands of Husband Sends Bullet Through Mrs. Grant Holbrook

Funeral service was held Tuesday at Roaring Gap church for Mrs. Nina Holbrook, 22, who died Monday morning from a gunshot wound said to have been accidentally inflicted Saturday evening.

Her husband, Grant Holbrook, was cleaning a gun at their home near Traphill when it accidentally discharged, according to reports given Coroner I. M. Myers.

The bullet from the pistol went through his left hand, penetrated her abdomen and ranged downward through her thigh and into a bench, according to reports given by witnesses present at the time.

Her father, Blaine Wood, quoted her as saying that "whatever happens, it was an accident."

At the time she was shot she was seated and was holding her baby in her arms.

She is survived by her husband, two children, father, one brother and one sister.

Better Business Is Indicated By Fewer Jobless

New Low For Claimants For Job Insurance Reached Here During Month

Employment is at a high peak in North Wilkesboro, if the number of claims being filed with the employment service office for unemployment compensation can be considered an accurate barometer.

The local office, while releasing no exact figures, said that the number of new claims filed in the past month represented a new low since the job insurance benefits were started.

Practically every industry is running full time with full payrolls at present and business conditions locally are reported as good.

Retail business is expected to show a substantial increase over 1938 this fall and the fall of 1938 was above the general average in recent years.

Some encouragement was also gleaned from the records of the employment office in job placements. While placements on public projects showed a decrease due to the fact that but few public jobs were under way, private placements showed an increase last month over the corresponding month a year ago and the previous month this year.

Inspector To Give Examinations For Driving License Here On Thursday

Field Worker of Safety Division State Revenue Department Here

A field worker of the highway safety division of the North Carolina department of revenue will be in North Wilkesboro each Thursday from nine a. m. until one p. m. for the purpose of giving examination to applicants for drivers' license.

Albert Blanton, of Marion, is the inspector who will give the examinations here and will be in the city hall each Thursday.

Mr. Blanton, whose home is in Marion, will also serve Burke, Catawba, Caldwell, Watauga, Avery and McDowell counties.

Although the highway safety division has been in existence for several years, it was not until recently that 15 field workers were employed and it is believed that they will be able to so promote the desire for safety that highway fatalities may be decreased.

In addition to giving examinations to applicants for drivers' license, Mr. Blanton's services will be at the disposal of schools, civic organizations and other groups who wish to promote safety or to put on any kind of safety campaigns in the counties which he serves.

He explained that the safety division has no connection with the highway patrol in that its chief objective is safety education rather than law enforcement.

Mr. Blanton said he wished to

Wilkes Had 84 Working On NYA; More This Year

Monthly Earnings \$1,260; Valuable Training Is Being Afforded

Results of a tabulation just completed and made public by John A. Lang, State Youth Administrator, showed that there was an average of about 657 young people employed on NYA projects in Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Iredell, Watauga and Wilkes counties, earning a total of about \$9,315.00 a month, revealing that approximately \$116,900.00 was spent in these counties for NYA youth labor during the past year. Out of this group Wilkes county had 84 workers with monthly earnings of \$1,260.00 and a yearly average of approximately \$12,000.00.

According to Mrs. Maude Miller, NYA County Supervisor, an increasing number of young people in this county will be given an opportunity to participate in the NYA program during the new year. Youth employed on NYA work projects are between 18 and 24 years of age, inclusive, out-of-school and unemployed. Their need must be certified by local welfare agencies.

Although youth employment during the 1938-39 fiscal year ranged from a high of over 8,000 during one pay period to a low of about 3,500, the above statistics were taken from an average month when 6,505 youths were employed on the program throughout the State.

This year a total of \$1,754,640 has been allocated to North Carolina's National Youth Administration to carry on its work experience program among out-of-school youth for this year. This amount is about \$700,000 more than the State NYA was allotted last year for this purpose.

In employing youth on work experience projects, the NYA in North Carolina has constructed school house additions, youth community centers, repaired public buildings, operated metal and woodworking shops and sewing rooms, carried on clerical activities for public offices, conducted research projects into the situation of young people in this State, and operated 14 Resident Training Centers for white boys and girls, negro boys and girls and Indian boys.

"It is the purpose of the National Youth Administration's program to help, through work experience projects, young people to develop certain basic skills which will enable them more readily to secure jobs in private industry, when openings are available," Mrs. Miller said.

Ronda School Has Enrollment Of 500

180 In High School; Commercial Classes Are Begun In The School

Ronda school began the new year Monday with an enrollment of about 500, which represents an increase of more than 50 over the opening day enrollment a year ago, E. R. Spruill, principal, said today.

The school was opened by devotion conducted by Rev. McCain and many patrons were visitors at the school.

The high school enrollment on opening day was 180, which represents a substantial increase over last year.

Commercial classes were instituted in the high school this year and several are taking advantage of the opportunity for commercial training.

A successful school year is anticipated.

Mr. George S. Forester and children have returned from Myrtle Beach, S. C., where they spent a ten days' vacation.

May Be Candidate



Giles Yeomans Newton, of Gibson, here yesterday intimated that he may again be a candidate for the Democratic congressional nomination in the 8th district in 1940.

Newton Considers Congressional Race in 8th District

Gibson Man Almost Certain To Be Candidate Again Next Year

Giles Yeomans Newton, of Gibson and Washington, D. C., was in this city yesterday meeting the people and talking about entering the race for the Democratic nomination for congress in the eighth district in 1940.

Mr. Newton last year was a candidate for the nomination finally won by Wm. O. Burgin and finished fifth in a race of five candidates.

He seemed not the least disheartened by his failure to get the nomination last year and said that he would "probably run again next year."

The smiling and friendly man from Gibson carried on a unique campaign last year in that he did not make public appearances but went about personally meeting people, talking with them and presenting them with literature telling his views.

He said that he does not believe in hiring workers or hauling out votes, believing that officers should be elected solely on the judgment of the citizenship.

He declined to discuss the probable number of candidates for congress in the eighth district next year.

He did say, however, that he was strongly opposed to a third term for President Roosevelt, not personally but because of the third term tradition which had been followed since George Washington. He favors Jack Garner because he said that Garner is in position to carry on many commendable things which have been started.

One of Mr. Newton's principal platform planks, should he decide to enter the congressional race, will be a balanced budget.

Inform Users Of Coal About Taxes

J. R. Rousseau, state collector of revenue, today called attention of users of coal to some provisions of the state laws, including what is known as the use tax.

A person who does not buy coal from a dealer licensed to do business in North Carolina must pay a three per cent tax to the state, he said. If coal is purchased from a licensed dealer the sales tax is paid by the dealer, who in most instances collects it from the buyer. But persons who buy coal out of the state or who buy from some person not licensed as a coal dealer in the state, the individual buyer must pay the three per cent to the state.

Tent Revival At Roaring River Soon

A community tent revival will begin Sunday afternoon, September 3, at 2:30 o'clock, at Roaring River on the T. J. McNeill lot, just above the Methodist church.

Services will be held each week day at 7:30 in the evening and on Sundays at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. The public has a cordial invitation to attend and all ministers are especially urged to be present.

Registration Of Students In City Schools Explained

Schools Will Open At 8:30 A. M. On Monday, September 4th

The North Wilkesboro city schools will begin the 1939-40 session Monday morning, September 4th, at 8:30 o'clock. All children who attended the city schools last year in grades one through seven are requested to report at that time to the same classroom they occupied last year. From these rooms they will be assigned to classrooms for the new session.

All pupils in the first seven grades who did not attend the city school last year will report to the auditorium for classification. It will be necessary that each pupil entering the North Wilkesboro school for the first time bring a report card or a written record from the school last attended.

All children who are entering the first grade for the first time are likewise asked to come to the school auditorium at 8:30 on Monday morning. According to the law, children who are six years old on or before the 1st of October are entitled to enter school this year.

All high school pupils, grades eight through eleven, will assemble in the hall of the high school building and there they will be directed to their various rooms.

High school pupils who did not attend the city school last year are asked to report to the school office Friday for the purpose of registration. Any high school pupils who have problems in connection with promotion or schedule making should come to the office Friday for the completion of their record.

As during the past session three separate courses will again be offered in the high school—the academic or college preparatory course, the general course, and the commercial course. Parents are requested to discuss with their children which of the courses they desire to follow and to instruct the children to be sure that their registration is for the desired course.

Textbooks in the elementary school will be loaned without cost to the students and in the high school a rental charge of \$2.40 will cover books for each student.

McNeill Reunion to Be Held Sunday

Prominent Speakers On Program For Millers Creek Gathering Sunday

Program for the fifth annual reunion of the McNeill family to be held at Millers Creek on Sunday, September 3, was released today.

The program committee has arranged a program which will be of much interest to all members of the family and a large group of friends.

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Wilkesboro School Patrons To Meet Monday Night To Organize School To Be Under Direction Of T. E. Story

A statement issued today by a group of citizens of the Wilkesboro school district announced a meeting of citizens and patrons to be held at the courthouse on Monday night, 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a district accredited school under the supervision of Prof. T. E. Story.

It was learned today that Prof. Story, who headed Wilkesboro school successfully for 15 years, has been asked to head a school to be organized by the patrons and that he has the matter under advisement.

Much interest is reported from various sections of the district relative to the organization of a school under Prof. Story. Interested citizens in discussing the proposal said that he had held himself available all summer to head the school again as usual, had been chosen to do so, and that they would be glad of the opportunity to rally to the movement to organize a school to be under his direction.

An invitation is extended all citizens and patrons of the district, and any others interested,

New Attractions To Feature Fair

T. B. Hut Committee To Meet With Board

At a meeting of the T. B. Hut committee held yesterday morning, a committee composed of Mrs. F. C. Forester, chairman, Mrs. Palmer Horton, and Mrs. J. D. Moore, Sr., was named to appear before the board of county commissioners at their meeting to be held on September 4, in order to see if something cannot be done at once to provide adequate water supply for the inmates of the tubercular hut.

The water situation at the hut has been a serious matter for some time, and it is hoped that arrangements will be made as soon as possible for the hut to be supplied with sufficient water.

Asleep In Church, Ed Casey Is Taken Wednesday Night

Officers Have No Trouble After Finding Outlaw Hiding In Church

Wilkes county deputies last night captured Ed Casey, who was recently outlawed, without firing a shot and without him putting up any resistance to arrest.

Officers found him sleeping in Garden Creek Baptist church near stone mountain in the northeastern part of the county.

Those taking part in the arrest were Oscar Felts, Blaine Sparks, Bret Cothren, Tyre Taylor, Guy Spicer and John Casey.

Ed Casey, who was declared an outlaw a few weeks ago because he was considered a dangerous character, is alleged to have shot and badly wounded his youthful cousin, Paul Casey, at the home of Mrs. Janie Sykes near Traphill several weeks ago.

Paul Casey had just arrived from his home in West Virginia to visit relatives and had introduced himself to people standing near a few minutes before he was shot by Ed Casey. Officers said that eye witnesses told them that there had been no quarrel and that Ed Casey fired without provocation. The youth was hit in the chest and for several days his condition was considered critical before he began to recover.

Ed Casey was chased over parts of Wilkes and Surry counties that night and had kept dodging until he was taken last night and lodged in Wilkes jail at Wilkesboro.

Officers said that Ed Casey a few months ago completed a five-year term for cutting his wife's throat and inflicting serious injury.

He was not armed and offered no resistance to the officers last night. In jail today he was non-committal.

The fair will again have Wagner's band from Mount Airy, which will be supplemented by the North Wilkesboro band.

A program of automobile racing will be the feature of the fair on Saturday afternoon, September 16. The fair will close on Saturday night with the full program of grandstand acts, fireworks and midway attractions.

The fair officials have announced that a new Chevrolet town sedan, which is now on display at Gaddy Motor company, will be given away one night during the fair.

The grandstand seating capacity has been doubled and will accommodate 3,000 this year.

The exhibit hall has been made ready for showing of what is expected to be a record collection of exhibits from the farms and homes in competition for the \$3,000 in cash premiums.

Dan Holler, county agent, has reported that people of the county are showing much interest in placing products on exhibit this year.

The fair is an annual event for the people of Northwestern North Carolina and a gala occasion is expected, fair officials said today.

Knights of Pythias Rally Night Of 4th

All local Knights of Pythias are advised of a rally to be held at the local lodge room Monday night, September 4th, at 7 o'clock.

All members are invited to be present and it is desired that as many as possible will attend this meeting.

Refreshments are to be served and an interesting program is planned. Visitors may be invited by the lodge members.

The Northwestern Fair Will Open On September 12

Entirely New Program Of Thrilling Grandstand Acts For Exposition

MIDWAY FEATURES

Increased Cash Premiums; New Chevrolet Free; Automobile Racing

The Great Northwestern Fair will offer a new program of entertainment during the five-day exposition beginning here September 12, J. B. Williams, president, said today.

Through George A. Hamd, internationally known promoter of outdoor amusement, the fair association has secured four outstanding headline attractions to be presented each afternoon and night on the grandstand stage.

Featuring the show will be the Paramount Revue, the Rexola Troupe, Silver, the Wonder Horse, and the daring Great Peters.

Neither of these acts have shown here before and they will compose a full two-hour show packed with thrills, excitement and humor, Mr. Williams said.

This program contains varied elements and ample entertainment is assured.

On the midway Frank West will display his Wonder Shows, coming to this city direct from a week's engagement in Durham. West has rebuilt his shows, according to advance reports, and has three new riding devices in addition to the standard ones. He has added several new shows and will adhere to his practice of forbidding so-called gambling concessions on the midway.

For fireworks this year the fair has secured at about double the cost of last year's attractions an exquisite program of gorgeous attractions which have never been shown at fairs in this locality. "The Bombing of Venice" is the event to be portrayed in brilliant colors with 165 feet of scenery. This will be the first showing in the south since the program was so successfully put on at the American Legion pageant in Pittsburg.

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Cripple Clinic On September 7

The Wilkes county health department announced today that another cripple clinic will be held at the Wilkes hospital on the morning of September 7, at which time a specialist will give examination free for all crippled and deformed persons.

Persons who know of any who should take advantage of the opportunity for a free examination are asked to urge them to attend the clinic.