

### Lower Interest Is Big Savings Factor To Wilkes Farmers

Farmers in Wilkes county will save about \$3,000 a year as a result of legislation just enacted by Congress affecting interest rates on Federal land bank and Land Bank Commissioner loans. The temporary rate of 3 1/2 per cent on first mortgage land bank loans will be continued for the year ending June 30, 1941. During this period the interest rate on first and second mortgage Land Bank Commissioner loans will be reduced from 4 to 3 1/2 per cent. Land bank and Commissioner loans were originally written at contract rates averaging about 5 per cent.

At present about 222 Wilkes county farmers have land bank and Commissioner loans outstanding aggregating \$257,000. The difference between the contract rate and the temporary rate thus effects a substantial saving for farmers.

In a statement from Washington, A. G. Black, Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, said that the saving to farmers through the reduced interest rate will have the same effect as an addition to the farmers' net income.

"The ultimate purpose of the reduced interest rate on land bank and Commissioner loans is to help farmers keep down their fixed charges and thus leave more income for the retirement of debt principal, or to meet necessary operating and living expenses," Governor Black said.

"Money saved on interest charges will thus be reflected in increased purchasing power, benefiting both industry and agriculture, and also will help in a measure to raise farm living standards and safeguard farm ownership."

### Sporting Blood New M-G-M Hit at Liberty

"Sporting Blood," story of Virginia horse racing and of a weakened feud between two old Southern families, unites a group of popular players identified with a series of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer successes: Robert Young, Maureen O'Sullivan, Lewis Stone, William Gargan and Lynne Carver.

Young, who rose to new acting heights in "Northwest Passage" and "Florian," and who most recently completed a male lead in "The Mortal Storm," is seen as Myles Vanders who returns to his old home in Virginia after many years to find pasturage for his small stable of horses.

Miss O'Sullivan, who has teamed with Young previously in such pictures as "Tugboat Annie," "West Point of the Air" and "The Emperor's Candlesticks," now appears as Linda Lockwood, one of two daughters of a family which became bitter enemies of the Vanders when Myles' father ran away with her mother. Maureen's most recent picture is "Pride and Prejudice."

Lewis Stone, the Judge Hardy of the celebrated "Hardy Family" series, is seen as Davis Lockwood, father of the Lockwood family, who tries to be fair to the son of his former enemy despite his dislike for any Vanders.

William Gargan, the ex-champ of "The Crowd Roars" and the Joe Turp of "Joe and Ethel Turp Call on the President," in which Stone enacted the President, is now Duffy, Young's closest friend and the trainer of his horses.

Lynne Carver, seen most recently in "Broadway Melody of 1940," appears as Linda's elder sister, Joan, who falls in love with Young but does not have the courage to marry him in defiance of her father's wishes.

S. Sylvan Simon, noted for his direction of such films as "Four Girls in White," "Dancing Co-Ed" and "Two Girls on Broadway," directed "Sporting Blood," with Albert Levoy producing from an original by Grace Norton. Levoy was the associate producer of "Blackmail" and producer of "Bad Little Angel."

Location racing shots for "Sporting Blood" were filmed at the Santa Anita race track, the "Lucky" Baldwin ranch and the Riverside fair grounds. The climactic race is the running of the Thomas Jefferson Handicap, Maryland classic which was recreated for the picture.

### County Baseball Race Very Close

Purlear Clings To Half Game Lead, Three Teams Win Double Headers

Games during the past week did not alter the standing in the Wilkes county baseball league and left Purlear with a half game lead over Moravian Falls in a neck-and-neck race.

Moravian Falls defeated Fairplains 4 to 3 and 11 to 10 while Purlear coasted to 14 to 3 and 16 to 2 victories over Rock Creek. Clingman team established itself as a definite threat in the race by beating Traphill 6 to 5 and 9 to 2.

On Saturday of this week Moravian Falls will play at Clingman, Fairplains at Purlear and Traphill at Rock Creek. On Sunday Clingman will play at Moravian Falls, Purlear at Fairplains and Rock Creek at Traphill.

The standing of the league now is as follows:

TEAM	W.	L.	Pct.
Purlear	9	2	.818
Moravian Falls	8	2	.800
Fairplains	4	5	.444
Clingman	4	5	.444
Traphill	4	6	.400
Rock Creek	1	8	.111

### North Wilkesboro Insurance Agency Receives Award

North Wilkesboro Insurance Agency, Inc., local insurance agents, were today presented with a gold sign by the Dixie Fire Insurance company of Greensboro, in recognition of their having faithfully represented that company for over a quarter of a century. The presentation was made by a home office representative of the company, who spoke highly of their ability in handling the company's interest.

The agency also received a congratulatory letter from Paul B. Sommers, president of the Dixie Fire Insurance company, who has taken a personal interest in the event. "We appreciate the loyalty you have always evidenced toward this company," write Mr. Sommers, "and we value the bond of friendship which has held us together. May it ever grow even stronger in the years to come. Agencies such as yours have enabled this company to attain its present enviable position among the large insurance companies in our business." We shall strive to merit your continued support and extend our best wishes for your continued success.

### Civil Service Needs Highway Labours

The United States Civil Service Commission invites attention to the fact that an insufficient number of applications has been received in the open competitive examination for the position of Classified Laborer (Highway Construction and Maintenance) for filling vacancies in the Public Roads Administration at a salary rate of \$3.30 to \$9.50 an hour. Qualified persons are urged to file applications for the examination at once.

Applications for this position must be on file with the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Public Roads Administration, 1523 L Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., not later than August 1, 1940. Competitors will not be required to report for written examination, but will be rated on their training and experience. Full information and application-blanks may be obtained from the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Post Office, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

### Grange Endorses Leaf Crop Control

Shelby.—The executive committee of the North Carolina Grange Monday endorsed the federal government's three-year tobacco control program, which will come up for the farmer's approval in a referendum Saturday.

Harry B. Caldwell of Greensboro, state master, said that the committee was not trying to tell the farmers how to vote, but was merely expressing the opinion of its members.

A resolution adopted said "In the opinion of the committee the present surplus of tobacco and the world outlook makes it important that the tobacco farmers work with the federal government by approving the three-year control program."

The committee also urged Congress to provide funds for the development of markets for American grown tobacco in Central and South America.

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### Draft Necessary For U. S. Defense

Washington.—Secretary Stimson said preparedness advocates there was a "very dark outlook" for national defense unless military service was made compulsory to meet the need for trained men.

"Congress has appropriated literally billions of dollars for material to save the country, but we have not yet taken the step necessary to get the men to run that material," the new secretary of war said.

"There is no way by which these men can be obtained except by a selective service act somewhat similar to that we had 78 years ago."

Meanwhile, the War Department signed a contract with E. I. Dupont De Nemours and Company for construction of a \$25,000,000 smokeless powder plant near Charlestown, Ind., about 12 miles from Louisville, Ky.

This plant, to be owned by the government but constructed and operated by the company on a fixed fee basis, would employ 5,000 men during construction and

### Two Delegates Are Found Dead At Convention

Chicago.—Circuit Judge Thomas J. Rowe of St. Louis was found dead in his hotel room at the Missouri headquarters of the Democratic national convention here late yesterday.

His body was discovered by a hotel employee a short time after Richard W. Horton, 35, of San Antonio, Texas, an intimate friend of Vice President Garner and a delegate to the Democratic national convention, died in his hotel suite of a heart attack.

The wealthy Texas was a supporter of Garner for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The death of Rowe, a state circuit judge, also was attributed to a heart attack. Friends said he was over 60 years old. He gained national prominence several months ago when he cited the St. Louis Post Dispatch for contempt of court because of editorial criticism of a decision in his court.

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### Wm. J. McNeill Taken By Death

Funeral service was held Sunday at Mount Pleasant church for William J. McNeill, age 74, prominent citizen of this township who died Friday.

Mr. McNeill is survived by the following: children, J. F. McNeill, Payless, C. J. McNeill, Ferguson; Robt. E. McNeill, Hendrix; Mrs. M. F. Huffman, Congo; Mrs. C. A. Dyer and Mrs. E. C. Foster, Purlear; Mrs. Robert Smith, Wilkesboro; Miss Dewis McNeill, Ferguson.

### Nixon C. Vannoy Funeral On Monday

Funeral service was held Monday at McGrady school for Nixon C. Vannoy, age 64, well known resident of the McGrady community who died Saturday. Rev. K. B. Farrington, assisted by Rev. Worth Davis, conducted the last rites and burial was in the McGrady cemetery.

### Hood, Plane Ship Hit, Rome Says

Rome, July 16.—Rugs fired at Malta, British oil port in Palestine, and crippling blows to units of British Mediterranean fleet—

including the 47,100-ton cruiser Hood, were reported by the Italian High Command. The Italian High Command said that the Hood was hit by a plane and that the British fleet was crippled. The British fleet was reported to be in the Mediterranean Sea. The Italian High Command also reported that the British fleet was hit by a plane and that the British fleet was crippled.

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