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Committees For Tenant Purchase Program Named

Wholesalers' License Due; Penalty To Increase On Schedule B License

Nine Wilkes citizens have been named on committees to advise and assist in the operation of the rehabilitation and tenant purchase programs of the United States Department of Agriculture. J. B. Highsmith, Wilkes County Supervisor for Farm Security Administration, announced the appointments made by Vance E. Swift, FSA State Director at Raleigh, North Carolina.

The members appointed by Mr. Swift are: James A. Poplin, farmer at Ronda; W. M. Absher, farmer at Halls Mills; Charlie Miles, farmer of Traphill; W. D. Half-acre, banker in North Wilkesboro; T. J. McNeil, farmer at Roaring River; C. E. Tharpe, farmer of Ronda; J. B. Snipes, County Agent for Wilkes County, Wilkesboro; Charles McNeil, Welfare Office for Wilkes county, Wilkesboro; and Martin F. Absher, farmer, merchant and Chairman of County Board of Commissioners, Hays.

Mr. Highsmith said that Mr. Poplin, Mr. W. M. Absher and Mr. Miles will serve as members of the subcommittee on the Tenant Purchase program; Mr. Half-acre, Mr. Tharpe and Mr. T. J. McNeil will serve on the subcommittee for the Farm Debt Adjustment and tenure improvement work; Mr. Poplin, Mr. T. J. McNeil and Mr. W. M. Absher will serve on the subcommittee for the rural rehabilitation program. Mr. Charles McNeil and Mr. M. F. Absher are members at large to advise on the various phases of assistance to low income farm families.

The Tenant Purchase program provides funds for the purchase of family type farms by qualified farm owners. The Bankhead Farm Owners' Loan Act provides for this program. FSA rehabilitation loans are available to low income farm families, ineligible for credit elsewhere, for the purchase of livestock, workstock, seed, fertilizer and equipment. In accordance with carefully planned operation of the farm and home, about 250 farm families in Wilkes County have already been helped by this program.

The service of debt adjustment committees are available to all farmers, as well as to FSA borrowers. The committees will assist creditors and farm debtors to reach an amicable adjustment of debts based on the ability to pay. This service has been used by 75 farmers in Wilkes county.

Mr. Highsmith said better tenure arrangements is one of the most pressing needs in the rehabilitation of low income farm families. Farm Security Administration provides lease forms for long term leases to encourage conservation and better living on farms. This service is also available to all farmers in the county, as well as to FSA borrowers.

Farm Security Administration is the agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture which assists the low income farm families to take full advantage of the other services of the national agricultural program, such as soil improvement, diversified farming, and increased production for home use. Mr. Highsmith said. It enables the disadvantaged farmers to make use of the improved farming practices developed by the Extension Service and State Agricultural Experiment Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaither to Celebrate Wedding

Fiftieth Anniversary Will Be Observed Saturday At Their Home

A large number of relatives and friends are expected to gather at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gaither, who reside on Highway 421 near Millers Creek, on Saturday, the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Grither, well known Wilkes residents, were married on July 12, 1891, Mrs. Gaither being the former Miss Mary M. Pennell. Those attending the wedding celebration at the Gaither home are requested to bring basket of things to eat as a big picnic dinner will be spread on the lawn at the noon hour.

Persona Non Grata



Arno Halusa, former secretary of German legation at Quito, Ecuador, arrives in New York. He was persona non grata (not wanted, please leave, pronto) at the South American republic after an incident involving a package arriving by plane.

Workers Council Met On Tuesday

Progress Of Food and Feed Drive In Wilkes Discussed At Meeting

Wilkes County Workers Council, an organization composed of representatives of government agencies formed to carry out the food and feed production drive in the county, held its regular meeting Tuesday with practically all of the members present. J. B. Snipes, county agent and chairman, said that reports of the drive were encouraging and that many hundreds of farmers had pledged to produce at least 100 bushels of corn and feed requirements for the year.

H. C. Colvard, who assumed his duties as assistant county agent on July 1, was added to the membership of the council.

County Agent Snipes is chairman; P. W. Edwards, of the soil conservation service, is vice chairman; and J. B. Highsmith, of the Farm Security Administration, is secretary of the council. Other members are as follows: Mrs. Mable Smith, supervisor of WPA luncheon project; Miss Elizabeth Williams, home demonstration agent; Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer; Charles McNeill, county superintendent of welfare; Lawrence Miller, Triple A secretary; H. C. Colvard, assistant county agent.

Food Sale Saturday

Mary Magdalene Sunday school class of Wilkesboro Baptist church will conduct a food sale Saturday at Newton's Drug Store, beginning at 11 a. m. Cakes, candies and salads will be sold and all patronage will be appreciated.

Legion Will Meet On Friday Night

Wilkes post of the American Legion will meet at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse on Friday night, 7:30. The meeting was postponed from Friday night of last week until Friday night of this week. A large attendance is urged.

Saves Doomed Dog



Mrs. B. Nelson and daughter of San Francisco with "Eowdy," doomed to die by will of late mistress, who feared her pet would be lonely. Court order saved him.

Elusive Everett Wiles In Jail At Statesville

Tubercular Clinic Will Begin Monday

Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes health officer, today asked that Wilkes people not forget the tubercular clinic to begin at the county health department on Monday, July 14.

A clinician from the state sanatorium will make free examinations of all suspects and appointments for examinations may be had by calling the county health department. All who have any reason to suspect they may have contracted the disease are urged by the health department to secure appointment for examination.

War News

The Red army reported today that Germany's offensive had been smashed back with severe losses on two vital fronts guarding Moscow and the Ukraine and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared American occupation of Iceland was aimed to prevent Adolf Hitler from coming to close grips with the United States.

While Churchill described President Roosevelt's action as assuring American and British cooperation to protect the Atlantic Ocean routes to British and as preventing Hitler from bringing pressure on the United States, the Nazis bitterly protested that the occupation was a "stab in the back" and that America had entered the "battle area, where shooting is sharp."

But official reports—and lack of specific German reports in some instances—from the eastern front indicated some of the most furious fighting since Hitler launched his unprecedented offensive against the Soviet Union.

Rousseau Tells Of State Taxes

Announcement of New Committees Made By FAS Supervisor For Wilkes

J. R. Rousseau, deputy collector of state revenue in Wilkes, has moved his office from the second floor of the Tomlinson Department store building on Main street to room nine on the second floor of the Bank of North Wilkesboro.

Discussing state taxes today, Mr. Rousseau called attention to the fact that wholesalers' license of ten dollars each are now due and must be paid before the 15th of the month to avoid penalty.

He also called attention to schedule B (privilege) license, which were due on July 1 and to which a penalty of five per cent has already been added. The penalty will increase to ten per cent if not paid this month, he said.

Discussing the sales tax, he said the new revenue law exempted all sales tax on food for consumption on the home table. The change went into effect July 1.

Legion Sponsor Lee's Rides Here

Rides Will Be Here All Next Week; Horse Show Each Night; At Fairgrounds

Wilkes post of the American Legion will sponsor Lee's riding devices all next week at the Wilkes fairgrounds, A. F. Kilby, commander of the Legion post, said today.

The rides will be in operation each evening and night and in addition there will be a horse show each night, Mr. Kilby said.

The Legion will share in the profits and the funds will be used to carry on the post's worthwhile activities in Wilkes county. All patronage will be appreciated, Mr. Kilby said.

"I don't mind washing the dishes for you," wailed the henpecked husband. "And I will even sweep the floors, but I ain't gonna run no ribbons through my nightshirt just to fool the baby!"

Bad Man Charged With Murder Trys Escape on Monday

Jumped Through Rest Room Window At Stop On Way From Atlanta Prison

Everett Wiles, convicted moonshiner, thief, counterfeiter, all-round bad man and alleged murderer, was transferred from Wilkes jail to Statesville jail yesterday morning for safe keeping until the August term of court when his trial for the murder of constable Nathan Wyatt nine years ago is scheduled.

The board of county commissioners ordered the removal of Wiles to the Iredell jail at the request of Sheriff C. T. Doughton. Repair work in progress at the Wilkes jail increased Wiles' chances of escape, officers said.

Wiles was brought on Monday night from the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., by Sheriff C. T. Doughton and Deputy George Holland. Although handcuffed, Wiles made a daring attempt to escape at Conover on the trip to Wilkesboro. He is said to have jumped through a rest room window but was recaptured after a short chase by the officers.

The murder of Nathan Wyatt, Rock Creek township constable and former police chief of North Wilkesboro, occurred on March 24, 1932, at the home of Wiles' mother, Mrs. Janie Wiles, in Traphill township. Wiles is alleged to have shot the officer as he was trying to arrest Wiles for the theft of some automobile parts. One bullet went through Wyatt's hat and the other into the center of his forehead.

Wiles' escape from the federal penitentiary in New York began trailing Wiles for passing counterfeit ten dollar bills and after one of the longest trails on secret service records Wiles was arrested one night at a cabin near Mount Airy. He was subdued in the cabin by tear gas. He had with him a large amount of counterfeit bills and a quantity of equipment for making spurious money. Wiles was heavily armed at the time of his arrest. Previously Wiles had exchanged a number of shots with Wilkes Deputy George Holland when the officer attempted to arrest him in a field near Hays in Wilkes county.

His seven-year sentence in the federal penitentiary expired Sunday and Sheriff Doughton was there to take him under arrest for the nine-year old murder in Wilkes. It is expected that the state will ask a verdict of first degree murder when Wilkes court convenes in August.

The arrest, and forthcoming trial of Wiles in Wilkes have served to revive memories of Wiles' escapades and crimes before the murder of Wyatt.

F. J. McDuffie, Wilkesboro attorney, tells an interesting account of the trial of Everett Wiles and a younger brother before two magistrates. Attorney McDuffie at the time of that trial had been in Wilkesboro for a short time practicing law and was not well acquainted with a great number of people.

One day Luther Prevetie, of the northeastern part of the county, went into McDuffie's office with a request that he go out that day to prosecute two men whom had been charged with stealing parts of his sawmill. The lawyer did not anticipate much work and set his fee at ten dollars, which Prevetie paid immediately.

The lawyer drove to the appointed place for the trial, which he until that time had considered just another magistrate's hearing. But before the day was over he had had a most exciting time. The trial was set before W. A. Durham, who had called in W. W. Gambill to sit with him on the case.

The trial had been moved from the Durham home to the schoolhouse, which McDuffie said was literally filled with people he had never seen before and many he has not seen since. Everett Wiles and his brother had no counsel and Everett had appointed himself a counsel of one to defend himself. McDuffie (Continued on page eight)

Royal Guests at White House



Princess Juliana of the Netherlands and her consort, Prince Bernhard, enjoyed a 24-hour stay at the White House as guests of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Photo shows, left to right, on their arrival at the White House, Prince Consort Bernhard, Mrs. Roosevelt and Princess Juliana.

Health Officer Urges Canning Of Blackberries

Says Each Family Should Have Adequate Supply; Berries Healthful Food

Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes health officer and member of the Workers Council promoting the Food and Feed production program in Wilkes, today urged Wilkes families to can an abundance of blackberries.

Commenting on the subject, Dr. Eller said: "Wilkes county can produce in fact, apples, peaches, cherries and berries grow to perfection. They develop all the fine, rich qualities—flavor, aroma, taste and nutrition. Just now I would call especial attention to one of our native fruits—the blackberry. It is highly nutritious, a fruit the children like and is very healthful for them."

3 NYA Projects Are In Operation

Woodworking, Mechanical and Home Service Projects Put 74 To Work

Mrs. Maude E. Miller, former supervisor of NYA in Wilkes and now a member of the personnel of the area NYA office in Lenoir, said today that three of the NYA projects in Wilkes have resumed operation after being suspended during the reorganization period of the NYA.

The three which have begun work are the woodworking project, home service project and mechanical project at the county garage. The three employ a total of 74 boys and girls.

Mrs. Miller said that applications can be taken for NYA resident centers and asked that boys and girls interested make application on Friday or Saturday, when she will be at the county courthouse in Wilkesboro.

You have all heard of the Scotchman who wouldn't buy his girl a parasol when he took her to the beach, but told her shady stories instead.

Aids Britons



Robert Watt, Scottish scientist, credited with invention of Britain's new secret radio locator, which is Britain's mysterious defense against Nazi air raiders.

Chorus To Sing At First Baptist

Kennedy Home High School Chorus To Sing Here On Friday Evening, 18th

The Kennedy Home High School Chorus will sing at First Baptist church, North Wilkesboro, Friday evening, July 18. This group of singers is a product of a vocal laboratory experiment of six years' work, proving that anyone can learn to sing.

There are one hundred and thirty-nine boys and girls in the institution. By actual test the first year of the experiment, seventy per cent of the children admitted that year, could not sing in pitch or match tones with other voices. In a special demonstration of the results of the first two years of work in vocal experiment, every boy and girl on the campus was presented in a program before the State Baptist Convention in Wilmington.

The various choruses take part about in giving programs on the campus and other places. Each month during the winter the music of an outstanding composer is studied and a recital program presented. Dramatics and Directing Classes are also a part of the practical phase of study.

Pat Alderman, Director of the Kennedy Home Music Department, says, "Any person not mentally or physically deformed, can learn to sing. The earlier you begin to surround the child with tones, pitches, and melodies, the more apt are these inclinations to be formed in the child." The Kennedy Home Music Department does not get the child in the kindergarten years, which is the most formative period in the child's life. We have to overcome the lack of the right environment and influence of these early years and start the process of elimination, as well as construction.

Dr. B. W. Spilman says: "The music program has meant much to the life of the students at the Kennedy Home. I hope that the messages in song will mean as much to the persons so fortunate as to hear them, as these messages have meant to us."

Music is a character builder and a wonderful influence in helping personality find itself. We need more music for our young people, especially in the churches. What we are doing at Kennedy Home, can be accomplished in any church and community.

Come and hear these youthful singers Friday evening, July 18, at 8:00 o'clock at North Wilkesboro Baptist church.

Navy Officer Will Be Here July 11th

Ensign C. I. Harris, of the U. S. Navy recruiting station at Raleigh, will be in North Wilkesboro Friday, July 11, nine a. m. to three p. m., for interviewing persons interested in V-7 class of naval reserve officers corps.

The basic requirements are that the applicant be unmarried, have a B. A. or B. S. degree, be between the ages of 20 and 27, and be of sound moral character.

Jaycees Meet Tonight

North Wilkesboro Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight, 7:30, at the city hall to lay final plans for Charter Night, July 17. Every member is asked to be present at the meeting.

36 Wilkes Men To Enter U. S. Army Friday, July 18th

Board Number 1 To Furnish 15 and Board Number Two 21 In July Call

The two draft boards in Wilkes county have notified 36 men to report on July 18 for induction into the army at Fort Bragg under provisions of the selective service act.

Wilkes board number one will send 15. Four are volunteers: Thomas Ravon Huffman, Arlyss Eugene Nichols, Edward Clay Bishop and James Arlyss Minton. The eleven conscripts will be Walter Eugene Mathis, Arvil John Joyner, Monzel Mastin, Edward Carl Souther, Thomas Wilson Earp, Willard Pless Smith, Woodrow Huffman, Arthur Charles Steele, William Clegg Culver, J. P. Harris and Albert Marlow.

Wilkes board number two has three volunteers for the call. They are George Thomas Wyatt, Ira Calloway Burchett and Earl Watts. Conscripts will be Floyd Hinchey, Gilmer Adams, James Garfield Barker, John Frank Day, Fred Bowers, Rufus June Holloway, Homer Aldine Huie, Robert Lee Adams, Clyde Miller Waugh, Alger Clindon Walls, Paul William Brooks, James Vernon Staley, John Carl Owens, Motson DeWitt Blackburn, Truman Clyde Stone, John Harley Glass, Robert Clay Mayberry and Wallace Douglas Wiles.

The men will report to their respective draft board offices on the morning of July 18 and board the bus here for Fort Bragg.

The July 18 call is the only one for this month for the Wilkes boards and is the largest number of men requested from Wilkes for any one call.

John H. Finley

John H. Finley, who died on March 7, 1940, was one of the nation's great pedestrians. He walked mile after mile through the city streets, which in his mind became the highways and byways of distant lands. When Borough President Isaac's broached the project of the walk last year, he referred to Dr. Finley as "a great walker who would have loved to ramble along this new stretch of pedestrian highway."

Dr. Finley was a kinsman of the Finleys in North Wilkesboro and on one occasion visited here. The following article was carried in the New York Times July 1 along with a picture of the promenade:

A memorial to Dr. John H. Finley in the form of a promenade atop the East River Drive will be dedicated informally this morning at 9:30 o'clock by officials including Mayor La Guardia, Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs of Manhattan and Park Commissioner Robert Moses. The ceremonies will take place at Eighty-first Street and the Drive. The memorial section, comprising the stretch from Sixty-third to 126th Street, will be known as John H. Finley Walk.

Others present will be Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hays Sulzberger, members of the Finley family and Edwin Marcus, a New York Times artist who designed two wrought-iron silhouettes of the former editor of The Times to be placed at either end of the new walk.

Quartet Singing At Mulberry 20th

Stone Mountain quartet singing convention will convene at Mulberry school on highway 18 six miles north of this city on Sunday, July 20.

The program will get underway at one o'clock and all quartets are invited. Announcement of the singing was made by J. A. Gilliam, chairman, and J. L. Gregory, secretary, of the organization.

Boy: "I've been begging you for a kiss for the past hour. Don't you like kissing, baby?" Girl (cooly): "Of course, silly; but I don't like beggars!"—Sheared.