

Open and Closed Seasons On Foxes Set In New Law

Fox Chase Legal Any Time; No Trapping, Shooting Fox Legal Season

Local sportsmen interpreted today that the new law passed in the legislature pertaining to foxes in Wilkes county should give some satisfaction to champions of the fox and the fast animal's enemies.

Under a local law passed in 1931, foxes had been totally protected in Wilkes except it was lawful to chase foxes with dogs. Under the new law introduced by Representative T. E. Story foxes may be chased the year around with dogs and are protected from trapping with steel traps the year around.

Also, there is a closed season against killing foxes from March 1 to September 1, but during the open season killing foxes will be permitted. But it will be unlawful for the next two years to release any foxes imported into Wilkes county.

A controversy has been raging among those who enjoy the music of the hounds and those who are interested in a bigger population of small game, particularly rabbits and quail. Some claim that foxes destroy many rabbits and quail, while those who champion the cause of the fox say that foxes are not to blame for the decline in birds and rabbits.

WINTER WITH WINDS, BLIZZARD, LOW TEMPERATURES, PLENTY OF SNOW MAKES A BELATED VISIT

"Shortest summer I ever saw—came on Sunday this time" was the remark from one local observer shivering in the delayed winter blasts which blew spring away into the future after a one-day stand this week.

The weather threw everything in the book at us this week. Sunday was all that spring is supposed to be, and was followed by a mild Monday. On Tuesday winter decided to have another fling and arrived on a 65-mile-per-hour gale with gobs of snow.

High winds Tuesday and Tuesday night did much damage. Four large bark sheds on the International Shoe company property here were blown down. Many trees that had stood for centuries toppled; sign boards near this city and between the Wilkesborsos were flattened; all kinds of brush, trash and papers were scattered over the town.

One colored man remarked Wednesday that he had thought he had a good house until he awoke with the sun shining through where the roof had been and into his face. A number of downtown awnings were torn to shreds by the high winds.

Snow flurries of blizzard proportions arrived intermittently Tuesday afternoon. For several minutes the high winds would be full of snow, sometimes in bright sunshine. Snow in the mountain sections Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday reached an average depth of three inches and was constantly in motion in the high winds.

Return of winter reached a climax today with a beautiful snowfall that was more than a few flying flakes. A regular eastern snow began falling at ten a. m. today and by one o'clock this afternoon had reached a depth of two inches.

Wilkesboro Gym Fund Campaign Well Under Way

Plans Adopted For \$12,000 Gymnasium Building; All Asked To Contribute

Citizens in the Wilkesboro school district, largest of the Wilkes schools, have begun a campaign to raise a \$12,000 fund for erection of a school gymnasium before the next school term opens.

Joe Pearson, prominent Wilkesboro citizen, heads the committee made up of patrons from all parts of the school district. The committee has tentatively adopted plans for a gymnasium building 75 by 96 feet which will have a capacity of about 1,000 around the court.

The gymnasium, to be located on or adjacent present school property, will be of cinder block construction.

The entire student body of more than 1,000 are solicitors for the fund, and the students turn in donations to their respective teachers.

Much interest is being shown in the campaign and a thermometer indicator has been erected on the school grounds to show progress in the raising of the fund. Today the thermometer registers about \$1,500 with greater progress expected when some of the larger donations are received in the very near future. The committee is asking that every patron of the large school have a part in making the gymnasium possible so that students will no longer be handicapped with lack of physical education facilities which a gymnasium would provide.

ATTORNEY'S JOB TO GO TO HOLT

Bryce R. Holt has been recommended to the Department of Justice as successor to Carlisle W. Higgins as United States district attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina, Senator William B. Umstead announced last night in Washington.

Senator Clyde Hoey concurred in the recommendation of the Greensboro lawyer who has been acting attorney here since November, 1945, the announcement stated.

Umstead's statement, announcing the recommendation of Holt, stated further that "Honorable Carlisle Higgins whose third term expired on September 6, 1946, and who recently returned from Japan advised me this week that he was not interested in being reappointed."

Assistant United States Attorneys in the Middle District office include Robert S. McNeill, Mocksville, John W. McConnell, Pinehurst, and Miss Edith Hayworth, Greensboro.

The appointment must be proposed by the justice department and confirmed by the senate.

McElwee To Head Cancer Campaign In Wilkes County

Sponsored By Woman's Club; Mrs. R. J. Hinchshaw Field Chairman

W. H. McElwee, a prominent member of the Wilkes Bar, has accepted chairmanship of the American Cancer Society's annual campaign in Wilkes county.

Mrs. R. J. Hinchshaw, of North Wilkesboro, will be field chairman in the campaign, which will be jointly sponsored by the North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro Women's clubs.

The American Cancer Society raises funds for cancer research and for public education relative to the dangers of cancer and importance of early diagnosis and treatment of cancer symptoms.

Recreation Party Ferguson School

Another enjoyable recreation party has been planned for Saturday night, eight o'clock, at Ferguson school for the benefit of the school gymnasium fund.

Wanderers of the Wasteland, popular string band, will perform and a most enjoyable occasion is promised those who attend.

SERIES OF PRE-EASTER SERVICES TO BE HELD IN LOCAL CHURCHES

Ministerial Association of the Wilkesborsos will again carry out a series of pre-Easter services in North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro.

In previous years these services have been well attended and are anticipated by the congregations of all the participating churches.

The schedule is as follows: with all services at 7:30 p. m.: Sunday, March 30, Rev. W. N. Brookshire at First Methodist. Monday, March 31, Rev. H. M. Wellman at First Baptist. Tuesday, April 1, Rev. B. M. Lackey at First Presbyterian. Wednesday, April 2, at First Methodist with minister to be supplied by First Baptist. Thursday, April 3, Rev. Watt M. Cooper at First Baptist. Friday, April 4, Dr. Gilbert R. Combs at St. Paul's Episcopal. Offerings at the union services, except for incidental expenses, will be sent to the Church Committee on overseas relief.

Cemetery Working At Moravian Falls

Saturday, March 29, and Saturday, April 5, have been designated as work days at the Moravian Falls cemetery in preparation for the 12th annual sunrise service to be held there Easter morning, April 6. All who are interested in maintenance of the cemetery are asked to be on hand both Saturdays for improvement work on the cemetery. Those who are unable to come in the mornings are asked to come in the afternoons.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL
 Rev. B. M. Lackey, Rector. Vesper service will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday afternoon, March 30th, at four o'clock. This being Palm Sunday, the altar will be decorated with palms and palm crosses will be distributed at the door. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

AMNESIA VICTIM IN CITY

Miss Agnes Miller Suffers Total Loss Of Memory

Little change was reported today in the condition of Miss Agnes Miller, 18, attractive and talented North Wilkesboro high school senior who has been suffering with amnesia since she totally lost her memory Monday night.

Physicians attending Miss Miller, who is a patient at the Wilkes hospital, and members of her family have yet found no cause for the sudden amnesia attack which on Monday night blanked out the girl's memory so completely that she didn't know her own name.

About seven p. m. Miss Miller left the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Miller, near Hinchshaw street to walk to the Knights of Pythias speaking contest at the lodge hall, where she was to represent North Wilkesboro school in the county finals. She didn't reach the place of the contest.

At 11 p. m. she was standing before the North Wilkesboro town hall, and was observed by a policeman as she gazed toward the lighted window of the police department on the second floor. She approached the policeman with the question: "Can you tell me who I am?" He didn't know her and he accompanied her into the police department, where other officers were unable to identify her.

Miss Miller said she remembered nothing, except there was a hazy memory of walking by a church, and that she had been in a theatre here and saw part of a movie. There were no papers about her person to identify her.

When police had made a headway toward identifying the girl, she was carried to the home of Charite Finley, who for thirty years served the public at the stamp window of the North Wilkesboro postoffice. He didn't know her. She mentioned that she had a headache and police carried her to the Wilkes hospital.

Tuesday about noon members of Miss Miller's family notified police that she was missing and that they had no trace of her whereabouts since she left home to speak in the contest. Police directed them to the hospital. Her brother walked into her room but she didn't know him.

Miss Miller's school record has been excellent. In addition to making A grades she last year won the county speaking contest sponsored by the American Legion and was also winner in the Soil Conservation speaking contest in Wilkes county. School authorities said her character as a student has been above reproach.

Physicians found no evidence of any head injury which could have caused the amnesia. Miss Miller's memory has not returned but she appears quite willing to accept facts told her by members of her family.

FREEZER LOCKER PLANT WILL HAVE FORMAL PUBLIC OPENING ON SATURDAY; A GOOD PROJECT

Freezer locker plant of the Carolina Refrigeration Cooperative, located near Wilkesboro on the Oakwoods road, will open to the public Saturday, March 29.

Opening of the plant will represent the successful culmination of a long series of efforts on the part of interested citizens to provide cold storage and freezer locker service in this immediate section of the state.

The movement was begun with organization of a local cooperative with stock sold to numerous citizens in this community. The plant is one of the most modern in the state and is well equipped.

The lower floor of the plant is equipped especially for storage of apples and has a capacity of about 35,000 bushels.

On the street level floor are the offices, processing rooms, chilling rooms, vegetable room, ageing room and other facilities.

Also on the main floor is the large space equipped with individual, family-size lockers. Over 500 of these lockers have been

installed and the number can be doubled as the demand is sure to justify. Individuals may store meats vegetables and other foods in their lockers, which they may visit at any time. The lockers rent for a small yearly fee.

Perhaps of greatest value will be the facilities and services afforded by the plant. Hogs and cattle may be slaughtered and carried to the plant for processing as the patron desires and then stored. A schedule of fees for all types of services is available at the plant.

Carl VanDeman, formerly with the apple research station, is general manager of the cooperative. Gordon Ogilvie heads the apple division and is maintenance engineer. Robert Hogan and Don Hogan will be in charge of meat cutting, curing and processing. All of these men are adequately trained for their respective duties and can render efficient service.

The public is cordially invited to visit the plant.

V. F. W. Discusses Number Projects

Carnival Planned Latter Part Of April; Air Show Plans Discussed

Blue Ridge Mountain post of Veterans of Foreign Wars met Tuesday night with fair attendance of members.

Commander S. L. Whitaker presided and a number of projects were discussed.

The post will sponsor a carnival to be held the latter part of April on the Fairplains ball park north of this city and all are asked to make plans now to attend.

The projects of an air show at North Wilkesboro were discussed and interesting and favorable reports were given by the Air Show committee.

A 90-day membership drive for the V. F. W. started March 25th. There are two teams and the losing side will feed the winners at a banquet. Commander Whitaker will present a Stetson hat to the member getting the most new members. Overseas veterans are invited to join and eat at the expense of the losers.

The straw poll began as an intermittent practice of U. S. Journalism in 1924, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. In that year the Harrisburg Pennsylvania sent out reporters to inquire among citizens whether they were going to vote for Henry Clay, Andrew Jackson, John Quincy Adams or William H. Crawford for President.

Annual Baptist Preachers School Very Successful

The annual preachers' school sponsored by the Wilkes County Ministers' Conference was held last week at Reins-Sturdivant Chapel. This school was well attended by the ministers of this county, and visiting ministers from adjoining counties. At the close of the session on Friday, those present voted unanimously to express appreciation as follows:

To the conference speakers: Rev. J. C. Pipes, Asheville; Rev. E. C. Shoe, Taylorsville; Rev. B. W. N. Brookshire, Wilkesboro; Dr. George W. Bond, Boone.

To Mrs. Jones' Cafe for preparing the meals, and to Wilkesboro Baptist church, First Baptist church North Wilkesboro, and Mr. R. M. Brame, Jr., for paying for the meals.

To Mr. J. E. Spainhour for a gift of 20 copies of Preaching From the Bible by Andrew W. Blackwood for the ministers attending the school.

To the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home for the use of their Chapel during the week.

To Rev. A. W. Eller, assistant moderator who had charge of the conference in the absence of Rev. S. I. Watts, moderator, who has been sick for some time. Those present expressed regret that Brother Watts was unable to attend the school, and their hope that he may soon recover his health.

MANY BOYS REPORT FOR PRACTICE ON HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAMS

Baseball has returned to North Wilkesboro high school and 35 boys have reported for practice and are eager to play the national pastime, which has been absent from school activities for several years.

Late basketball games and a return of winter weather has prevented any field practice for the boys, who have been working out in the gymnasium and learning about baseball from Coach Howard Bowers. In the entire squad are only two boys who have played baseball, but there are several who have played softball here.

To date Coach Bowers knows little about who will play any of the positions or who will be on the starting lineup when the team takes the field against Kanapolis in the first game April 11. Dan Hudson, Jr., Joe Church and Alvin Sturdivant, Jr., are the candidates for pitchers, while Jones Wood, Jack Badgett and Roy Stoker are catchers.

The schedule, with open dates to be filled, is as follows: April 11—Kanapolis there. April 15—Boone here. April 18—Statesville here. April 22—Kanapolis here. April 25—Open. April 30—Statesville there. May 2—Elkin here. May 7—Boone there. May 9—Open. May 13—Mt. Airy here. May 16—Open. May 20—Mt. Airy there. May 21—Elkin there.

Although no championships are anticipated, pre-season practices indicate that Wilkesboro high school will return to the national pastime this spring with a very creditable baseball team.

Coach R. E. Caldwell has 25 boys working out, from which he expects to assemble a starting lineup that has power at the plate and a tight defense on the field.

It will be the first baseball at Wilkesboro in five years and the boys and the whole town are all agog over the opportunity to again hear crack of bat and ball.

Weather has hampered early practice but Coach Caldwell has seen enough of the boys to know that some of them have good possibilities. Those looking for the diamond positions now include: Hubert Dancy and Tom Foster, catchers; Jack Groce and T. R. Bryan, pitchers and outfielders; Jay Parker, first base; Robert Triplett on the keystone sack; Bill Craig at short; Ray Triplett at the hot corner; Vernon Broyhill, Perry Lowe and one of the pitchers in the outer gardens.

There are other boys out for 'baseball who may dislodge some of the first stringers and competition will be keen for every position.

Work has been in progress to get the field in condition for play. A schedule is yet to be arranged and will include some of the nearby high schools. Plans are also being made to continue baseball in Wilkesboro throughout the summer.

Wilkesboro Girl Is County Winner In Speaking Contest

Six High School Students Awarded Prizes in County K. of P. Finals

Miss Nancy Besant, student of Wilkesboro high school, won first place and prize of \$25 Monday night in the county oratorical contest put on by the North Wilkesboro Knights of Pythias lodge.

Second prize of \$15 went to Hubert Dancy of Wilkesboro school; third of \$10 to Miss Betty Gray Billings, of Mountain View; and three \$5 prizes to Miss Lillian Brooks, of Millers Creek, Miss Maxine Brookshire, of Wilkesboro and Miss Maureen Gentry, of Roaring River.

The first place winner will represent Wilkes in the state contest to be held soon.

Max Foster presided at the speaking contest, which was well attended by lodge members and visitors. Judges were three lawyers, Eugene Trivette, J. H. Whicker, Sr., and Larry Moore.

Subject for the oration was "Juvenile Delinquency, Its Cause and Cure." National prizes in the contest will be college scholarships ranging from \$750 down to \$250, and will be given at Beaumont, Texas on August 14.

Much interest was shown in the contest in Wilkes and lodge leaders expressed the opinion that the subject matter given in the orations by the high school students will be greatly beneficial in preventing juvenile delinquency.

Fire Department Has Four Calls

On Monday afternoon firemen by prompt action extinguished a fire at the Reins Market on the corner of Main and Sixth streets.

The fire, of undetermined origin, was discovered above the upstairs rooms and under the roof. It was put out and damage was negligible.

On Tuesday morning firemen were called to the home of Clarence Golden near Sixth street, where soot burning in the chimney had created a fire threat. No damage was done.

On Tuesday afternoon firemen answered a call to the former A. U. Billings residence on E street, where a short circuit had caused a small blaze. Damage was slight.

On Wednesday morning a fire in the home of Claude McLean in the Woodlawn section was promptly put out by firemen, who removed a burning mantle from the home. There was some damage to the building, which is owned by J. E. Caudill.

Marriage License

Since March 12 license to wed were issued by Troy C. Foster, Wilkes register of deeds, to the following: Robert F. Jones and Shirley Barker, both of Grassy Creek; Glenn Owen, Sturgills, and Dorothy Louise Davis, Rugby, Va.; Fred L. Colvard, Woreland, Wyo.; and Lanier Farrington, Wagoner; Gove Key, Mertie, and Bertha Shumate, Reddies River; Eugene R. Combs, Cycle, and Bernice Crabb, Trap Hill; Claude Harrison Anderson, and Bessie Lunsford, both of Benham; Harvey H. Golden, Elkin, and Selma Jean Bangus, Trap Hill; James Veckers and Louise Money, both of Wilkesboro route two; James W. Blackburn, Purslear, and Rita Prevette, Hays; William H. Tevapaugh, Gilreath, and Mary Lou Hauser, Winston-Salem; Alton Reeves Owen, Jefferson, and Zollie Mae Spencer, Rugby, Va.

James H. Porter Rites Wednesday

Funeral service was held Wednesday at Rock Creek church for James H. Porter, 77, resident of the Rock Creek community who died Monday. Rev. Charlie Richardson and Rev. Jimmie Bryant conducted the last rites.

Surviving Mr. Porter are the following sons and daughters: Alonzo Porter, Wilkesboro; Mrs. W. R. Miles, Cycle; Mrs. Miles King, Booneville; Mrs. Hubert Grimes, Hays; Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Butler; and V. E. Porter, North Wilkesboro.

Pie Supper April 2nd at Boomer

A pie supper for the benefit of the community baseball team will be held at Boomer school on Wednesday, April 2, 7:30 p. m. Boy Scout troop number 118, of which Atwell Greer is Scoutmaster, will sponsor the pie supper and the public is cordially invited to attend.