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SOIL CONSERVATION PROMOTION CONTINUES



The Wilkes Chamber of Commerce is continuing successful soil conservation promotion measures in Wilkes county by carrying farmers by plane over their farms and other points to view conservation work. John Andrews, second from left, of the Boomer community is shown above making a study of the route he will fly with Pilot Woodruff Wallace, of the local Airport. Looking on are J. B. Williams, left, President, and Forrest Jones, right, Manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce. This is another project of the Chamber to help build the Agricultural resources of Wilkes County.—(Photo by Soil Conservation Service).

West Fills Bond In Death Charge Monday Evening

Drug Store Employee Under Bond \$10,000 for death Miss Pearl Jenkins

Hugh West, North Wilkesboro drugstore clerk, charged with manslaughter and abortion in the July 31 death of Miss Pearl Jenkins of Winston-Salem, was released from jail under \$10,000 bond Monday night.

Wilkes Sheriff C. G. Poindexter said that several Wilkes County businessmen—including an oil man, a cafe owner, and a lumber man—signed the 31-year-old man's bond about 6 p. m. Monday and that West then was freed.

At Yadkinville, District Solicitor Avalon E. Hall said that West would be scheduled for trial at the current term of Wilkes Superior Court, but that because of the heavy docket—including three murder trials—probably would not be reached.

The next term of court is in December, but the solicitor said several days ago that he might request a special term before that. He said that West would be tried then if the case does not come up at the current term, which runs this week and next.

Found At Convention

West was indicted by the Wilkes grand jury Friday, but was not arrested until Saturday afternoon when officers found him attending a convention of motorcycle enthusiasts near Asheville. Sheriff Poindexter said West told him he was unaware that an indictment had been brought against him. Earlier, the sheriff had said that he did not believe West was trying to "make a getaway."

The charges against West, who worked at various pharmacies in Winston-Salem a number of years before moving to North Wilkesboro, were brought at the solicitor received reports from an autopsy made on Miss Jenkins' body at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem. The examination revealed that Miss Jenkins had been pregnant about seven months and that an abortive operation had been attempted on her, causing her death.

Miss Jenkins died on a roadside near here the night of July 31 after she had stopped the car in which she was riding, stepped out saying she "needed air," and fallen in an apparent faint.

Father of Frank Roe Succumbs

Sharon, Tenn., Aug. 3.—Services for Walter H. Roe, retired carpenter and contractor, who died at his home here Friday, were held at the Methodist church Sunday with the Rev. J. E. Hopper officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery under direction of Winsett Funeral Home. Mr. Roe was born in Humboldt, coming to Sharon 52 years ago. He was 81. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Maud Roe; a daughter, Mrs. Edna Vickers of Chicago; a son, Frank Roe of North Wilkesboro and a sister, Mrs. Katie Beard, of Martin.

G. G. Wellborn Moves To His New Quarters

G. G. Wellborn, dealer for Allis-Chalmers farm machinery and parts, has moved his business from the Jarvis building opposite the county courthouse to his new and larger building in the western part of Wilkesboro.

Mr. Wellborn's new building is a commodious one and is well constructed, having basement and street floor.

Cub Creek Revival To Begin Aug. 30

Revival services will begin at Cub Creek Baptist church on Wednesday, August 20, and continue for ten days. Services will be held at 7:45 each evening Wednesday through Saturday and day and evening services will be held throughout the following week.

Rev. L. T. Younger, pastor, will be assisted by Rev. T. E. Blevins. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Woodward Elected Superintendent Of Local City Schools



J. FLOYD WOODWARD

Mt. Pleasant Principal Succeeds Paul S. Cragan as Head of Schools

J. Floyd Woodward, 44, for the past ten years principal of the 30-teacher Mount Pleasant School in Cabarrus county, has been elected superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, J. B. McCoy, chairman of the North Wilkesboro board of education, said today.

Here Prof. Woodward will succeed Paul S. Cragan, who resigned several days ago to become superintendent of Lee county hospital at Sanford. The new schools superintendent here will assume his duties Friday in preparation for opening of school September 1.

Prof. Woodward comes to North Wilkesboro as one of the most highly recommended school men in the state. He received his A. B. degree from Wake Forest College in 1926 and did post graduate study at the University of North Carolina, where he received his master's degree in 1946. Prior to his work at Mount Pleasant, Prof. Woodward was principal of Knightdale and Holly Springs schools.

In addition to his school work, Prof. Woodward has been very active in church and civic work. At Mount Pleasant he is president of the Lions club, superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school, teacher of the men's Bible class and a member of the board of directors of Mount Pleasant Memorial Park.

The new superintendent's family consists of his wife and two daughters. Mrs. Woodward will be a member of the high school faculty here and will teach English and French.

AAA OFFERS SEED AGAIN

It was announced from the County AAA Office today by Lawrence Miller, Secretary, that the County Committee has been able to secure a very limited quantity of Austrian Winter Peas and farmers interested should contact the County AAA office at once as the Committee only has a few bags.

Italian Ryegrass may still be secured for seeding winter cover and winter pasture.

Phosphate is now available and may be secured within two or three weeks after filing applications. Limestone is again available and orders for this material should be filed at once. Mr. Miller further announced that applications for phosphate and limestone would be limited to those who have not received any of the above materials in 1947. Those who have received lime and phosphate in the spring will have to wait until 1948.

New Ford Tractor Is Now On Display

Yadkin Valley Motor company, local Ford dealer, announced today that the new Ford tractor and Dearborn farm equipment are now on display at their show-rooms on Ninth street.

The new Ford tractor combined 22 important improvements with the former advantages of the tractor which was sold under name of Ford-Ferguson. All are invited to see the new Ford tractor.

JOHNSON TRIAL BEGINS MONDAY

Taft and Percy Johnson Be Tried 1st Degree Murder

Special Venire Of 75 Men Summoned For Murder Trial On Monday

Homer Johnson, confessed slayer of Arthur Isaac Call early in June, was sentenced to 10-15 years in the State Penitentiary yesterday following completion of evidence in the second degree murder trial in Wilkes County Superior Court.

Johnson told officers he stabbed Call to death because he was "tired of him picking on me," and pleaded guilty to second degree murder.

Solicitor Avalon Hall said that Johnson had pulled out a Bowie knife and stabbed Call to death when Call walked up and placed his hand on Johnson's shoulder. The stabbing took place at Batty's store on highway 115.

Most of yesterday's court session was taken up with evidence in the case of Pete Triplett, charged with accessory before and after the fact of murder in the Johnson-Call case.

The next major case to go before the current term of court will be that of the Johnson cousins.

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Johnson Cousins

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He will seek a first degree conviction of both men. Percy for the actual shooting and Taft as his accessory. The charge against both men, however, is murder.

The solicitor said that the State contends both Johnsons went to the home of a third cousin, Shirley Johnson, looking for Mayberry; that they were both armed; that they accused Mayberry of running whisky off their still and stealing it; that Percy fired the fatal shot with a .45 automatic while Taft stood by covering Mayberry with a shotgun.

Convicted 20 Years Ago

Percy, about 47, was convicted of second degree murder in a similar case some 20 years ago, Solicitor Hall said, and was sentenced to 25-30 years in prison. He was paroled after serving only a brief part of his sentence, the solicitor reported.

Hugh West, North Wilkesboro drugstore clerk charged with manslaughter and abortion in the July 31 death of Pearl Jenkins of Winston-Salem, will be tried at this term of court 'if possible,' the solicitor said.

"If we clear the docket, the West case will be tried," he said. "But I can't tell yet whether or not that's possible."

Since Monday the following cases have been tried in court: T. T. Church, operating car while intoxicated, four months suspended on payment \$50 fine and costs.

John Sparks, colored, operating car while intoxicated, four months suspended on payment \$50 fine and costs.

William R. Killen, passing school bus and operating car with improper brakes, total of six months suspended on payment \$50 fine and costs in three cases.

John F. Parsons, larceny and receiving and housebreaking, two years on roads.

Driver License Bureau At State Prison Camp

W. R. Stansbury, state driver license examiner, stated today that the examining station will be permanently located at the state highway prison camp just outside of North Wilkesboro on highway 115.

Mr. Stansbury called attention to the fact that applicants must have their cars in good condition before submitting themselves for examination. Driver license may be secured any day in the week except Thursday.

Baptist Pastors To Meet Monday

August session of the Wilkes county Baptist Pastors' conference will be held Monday at Reins-Sturdivant chapel.

Rev. C. J. Poole will conduct the opening devotional at 10:15, followed by a business session. Rev. Grady Hamby will discuss "Sabbath Observance" and Rev. John Wells' subject will be "How to Increase Church Attendance."

Rev. W. N. Hayes will deliver the morning address and sermon will be by Rev. W. N. Brookshire.

Rev. W. R. Wagoner will conduct the afternoon study and Rev. A. W. Eller will discuss "Are the churches as a whole making spiritual progress? If not, assign a spiritual reason."

Home Demonstration Recreational Meets For Following Week

Wednesday, August 20, Moravian Falls, Community House, 8:30 p. m.; Mrs. R. Don Lavan, hostess.

Thursday, August 21, Millers Creek, Mrs. Clate Bumgarner's, 7 p. m.

Friday, August 22, Mulberry, joint meeting with Lodge; 7 p. m.

Saturday, August 23, Gilreath, Mrs. Ed Hendren's; 5 p. m.; Lewis Fork, Mrs. A. J. Proffitt's, 5 p. m.

August 18-23, 4-H Club Week, State College Station, Raleigh, N. C.

Leaning Building In Wilkesboro Is Being Torn Down

The Winkler building, one of the oldest landmarks among business structures in northwestern North Carolina, is being torn down in Wilkesboro.

The three-story brick building was erected on Main street in Wilkesboro across the street from the courthouse in 1891 by the late T. S. Miller, C. Y. Miller and John Cooper. Since it was established until about one year ago the building housed a number of pioneer business firms, including general merchandise stores and the store operated by the late R. A. Spainhour, who moved his store to that point from Moravian Falls. Gray Brothers Furniture company moved from the building last year to their new and spacious structure.

Several years after it was constructed the building began to lean toward the east side and recently was declared unsafe for occupancy.

It was also learned today that the old wooden buildings on the east side of the leaning brick buildings are to be removed in the near future. The brick building being torn down now is the property of the heirs of the late W. C. Winkler.

Stone Mountain Singing Aug. 31

Stone Mountain union singing will be held at Mountain View school on Sunday, August 31, one p. m.; J. A. Gilliam, chairman, announced today. All singers are invited to attend and take part in the singing.

Cases: Leo Gregory versus Virginia Davis Gregory; Doughton Hamby versus Alia Barnett Hamby; Fannie Minton versus Vernon Minton.

AMERICAN DEFENSE AND VICTORY MEDALS WILL BE GIVEN NAVY VETS

Chief R. L. Hogard, in charge of the navy recruiting office in the V. F. W. Hall on C street in North Wilkesboro, stated today that navy and marine corps veterans who are entitled to American Defense and Victory medals may obtain their medals by carrying their notice of separation sheet (form number 553) and original discharge to the navy recruiting office, which is located opposite the postoffice.

Girl Is Victim Of Spotted Fever

Miss Veldian Maynell Long, sixteen-year-old daughter of Cleve and Izzetta Harrold Long, of Laurel Springs, died Monday at the Wilkes hospital following a brief illness of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

Miss Long is survived by her father and mother, two brothers and two sisters: Elmer D. Long, Winston-Salem; J. B. and Fred Long, Laurel Springs; Mrs. Faye Reavis, North Wilkesboro; Miss Marie Long, Laurel Springs.

Funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon at Meadow Fork church with Rev. Charlie Hall in charge of the service.

Miss Wilkes Is To Take Part In State Contest Week-End

Miss Nellie Gabriel, who was selected as "Miss Wilkes—1947" at the finals of the Junior Chamber of Commerce beauty contest Friday night, will participate in the state beauty pageant at Wrightsville Beach this week-end in competition with many other representatives for the title of "Miss North Carolina" and the opportunity to compete for "Miss America" at Atlantic City.

Miss Gabriel will be accompanied to the state contest and meeting of Jaycees by her sister, Miss Margie Gabriel, and a delegation from the Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Crop-Searing Heat Wave and Drought Continue In West

Chicago, Aug. 11.—A heat wave pushed temperatures close to the 100-degree mark in mid-western states today and threatened additional damage to the 1947 corn crop.

The weatherman issued a gloomy prediction that the heat would continue in most sections of the Midwest until Thursday. He said the corn crop in Illinois and Iowa might get badly needed rain later in the week.

The heat blanketed a wide area from Minnesota and Wisconsin, extending south and southwest along the Mississippi Valley, Eastern Nebraska, the Texas Panhandle, and Oklahoma.

Fined For Driving Drunk On Parkway

Sebon Smoot, of Benham, was given a fine of \$80 here in a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Ralph Davis. Smoot was arrested and convicted for driving on the Blue Ridge Parkway while under influence of intoxicants.

Forehand Acquires P.&B Music Shop

Roy Forehand, a well known young business man in this city, has purchased the P. & B. Music shop, which will re-open Friday morning at the same place over Duncan's Electrical store on Ninth street.

Mr. Forehand purchased the place of business from Edward Podrebarac, who established the shop, the first in North Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Nora Barnett, who had been in charge of the P. & B. Music store, will continue as manager. Mr. Forehand stated today that a full and complete line of Decca, Victor, Capitol and Columbia records will be carried by all the popular recorders and will include, hill billy, classical, religious, juvenile and all types of records. Mail order business will be solicited and all customers may place order for any record not in stock and it will be provided promptly. The shop will be open from 8:30 a. m. to five p. m. daily.

TO THOSE WHO LOVE TO FLY

By MRS. E. G. FINLEY

There is a request, we, who do not fly, would like to ask of you—a little courtesy please, shown to us on the ground.

Our Sunday morning service had to be halted until a loud motor sailed over. The speaker, and those in the pews, remained quiet for no voice could be heard above the loud noise in the sky.

Our Sunday afternoon rest was torn by horrible unmuffled motors that flew over our homes and seemed as if they would crash into us in reality. Is it possible for you to fly with less noise? Could you refrain from flying over our homes, or fly so high that we would not be disturbed, and our nerves so badly shattered?

You are free to fly, and at liberty to do that which gives you so much pleasure, but we on the ground are not free to worship in peace nor rest in quietness. You who love to fly, please give us more courtesy. Please remember the nervous, the ill, and those that just love a peaceful quiet Sabbath afternoon.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. B. M. Lackey, Rector. Vesper service will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon, August 17th, at four o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend this service.