



Cotton Bargain Carnival Event To Begin On Monday

Legion Auxiliary's Child Survey For North Carolina Is Under Way; Directed From Office In This City

Miss Rachel Payne Sugg Is Supervisor For Legion Auxiliary Project

PROJECT COMMENDED
Project Originated By Mrs. W. R. Absher Gets Wide-spread Approval

State offices of the North Carolina Child Survey have been established in the office formerly occupied by Carl W. Steele's Jewelry Store near the postoffice in this city.

The child survey is a project originated by Mrs. W. R. Absher, of this city, president of the North Carolina department of the American Legion Auxiliary, and will be carried out during the next two months under her direction at the office here through Miss Rachel Payne Sugg, of Hookertown, who has been appointed supervisor of the project.

The child survey will make a census of all children of veterans of the World War, all crippled or deformed children and all blind children in North Carolina.

In each county in the state there will be a full-time worker to gather this information and their salaries will be paid from Federal Emergency Relief funds. The workers must be those who are eligible for relief or in need of employment. In the larger counties there will be two or more workers.

The principal activity concerning the project this week has been along organizational lines. The actual survey will get under way within a few days.

H. P. Williams, representative of the department of labor, veterans' placement division, was in this city the first of this week assisting in the work of organizing for the project.

This project of Mrs. Absher's has received nation-wide attention and she has received letters of commendation from national Legion and Auxiliary headquarters.

In an interview today Mrs. Absher asked the cooperation of all civic organizations in the county. The FERA pays for only a certain number of hours of labor and civic organizations may render a great service by supplying much of the needed information, Mrs. Absher states. Mrs. Absher requests that everybody in Wilkes county who know of any children who should be included in the survey drop a card to the office of the supervisor here.

Wilkesboro High Finals Begin On Friday Evening

Music Recital First In The Program Of High School Commencement

Commencement exercises will begin at Wilkesboro high school on Friday night with the music recital by pupils of Mrs. R. E. [Name]. This will be a mixed program by the piano, violin and voice pupils and the members of the glee club.

On Sunday night Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the school building.

Most unique program of class exercises will be given by the seniors on Monday night.

Rev. C. E. Rossele, pastor of the First Methodist church in Lenoir, will deliver the annual literary address to the graduating class in the final program Tuesday night, at which time a class of more than 40 students will receive diplomas of high school graduation.

Each of the commencement programs will begin promptly at eight o'clock, T. E. Story, principal, announces.

Woman's Club To Meet On Monday Afternoon

The North Wilkesboro's Woman's Club will meet on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. C. Reins. All members are asked to be present.

Arizona Kidnapping



Tucson, Ariz. . . Above is June Robles, 6, daughter of a wealthy Arizona family, who was kidnapped as she left school and held for \$15,000 ransom. It was in this town that John Dillinger and gang were captured last year and it is thought by some this was a Dillinger planned revenge on local police.

Woman's Club Of Wilkesboro Wins Prize In Contest

Representatives Of Club Attend Federation Meeting In City Of Asheville

The Wilkesboro Woman's Club won second prize in the garden club contest, it was learned from representatives of the club who attended the Federation of Women's Clubs in Asheville Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week.

The Wilkesboro Woman's club was represented by Mrs. L. B. Dula, Mrs. C. H. Hulcher and Mrs. J. B. Henderson.

Annual Banquet of M. E. Bible Class

Banquet Meeting of Methodist Class Held On Tuesday Night

The annual banquet of the Men's Bible Class of the Methodist church was held at the American Legion and Auxiliary hut on Tuesday night. Reports from those attending indicate that the banquet was one of the most enjoyable in the history of the class.

H. V. Wagoner, class president, was toastmaster. Mrs. J. C. Smoot's circle of the Methodist Society furnished the dinner. The assembly stood in silent prayer in memory of the deceased members of the class, after which Dr. W. A. Jenkins, pastor of the Methodist church, spoke the invocation.

Among the members of the class who made short talks were J. R. Hix, and Genio Cardwell, who gave brief sketches of the history of the class during recent years.

Entertainment in abundance was furnished by Mrs. H. V. Wagoner, who gave a humorous reading and was persuaded to render another as an encore.

Spontaneous singing by a quartet selected by marked cards (Continued on page four)

Pressing Clubs Closed Wednesdays

In order to give the employees some well-earned leisure time, the pressing clubs in this city will be closed on Wednesdays until further notice.

Wednesday of next week will be the first day on which the establishments will be closed. The public is asked to take notice of the arrangement in order that no inconvenience may result.

North Wilkesboro has three progressive pressing clubs that are co-operating in the closing arrangement—Teague's, Quality Cleaners, and Redmon's.

Cotton Festival Week Proclaimed

To the People of North Wilkesboro and Neighboring Communities:

Inasmuch as the merchants of North Wilkesboro have set aside May 14 through May 19 as Cotton Bargain Carnival Week, I consider the importance of this event of sufficient significance to give it the stamp of my official approval;

Because (1) We are admittedly in need of a loosening of the purse strings of community and nation; our President is calling for hoarded dollars to leave their hiding place; unemployment would be insignificant if everyone would buy their actual needs—now, for every dollar spent helps to put some deserving man or woman to work.

(2) It is true that merchandise is lower today than it will be in the near future and probably lower than we will ever be able to buy again. I have every reason to believe that the North Wilkesboro merchants are offering real honest-to-goodness values for this event, and that the purchasing power of the dollar as exemplified in this opportunity to put it to the test, should be taken advantage of in the program of thrift that we are all committed to at the present time.

(3) The entertainment features of the week are of no little importance and our people will probably not have occasion to witness such a program for so little in many years. The benefits derived are two-fold, as what is realized from these events will go for worthy work among our citizens.

I, therefore, consider it a privilege to proclaim with North Wilkesboro merchants, May 14 through May 19, as Cotton Bargain Carnival Week for North Wilkesboro.

J. A. ROUSSEAU, Mayor.

Commissioners Pass Resolution In Regard To Settlement By Sheriff For 1932 Taxes; Fees Not Allowed

Labor Leader To Speak On Saturday

James F. Barrett, editor of The Hendersonville Tribune, will address a mass meeting of wage earners and farmers at the fairgrounds here Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. He will speak in the interest of the North Carolina Labor Voter's League.

All wage earners and farmers, regardless of whether or not they are affiliated or in sympathy with organized labor, are invited to attend the speaking.

Alexander County Choir Will Sing At Pleasant Home Church May 20th

The singing class from Little River church in Alexander county will sing in the eleven o'clock service to be held at Pleasant Home Baptist church near Millers Creek on Sunday, May 20. The public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Legion Meeting May 18

The Wilkes Post of the American Legion will meet on Friday night, May 18 at the Legion and Auxiliary Club House. All members are asked to attend.

Following the meeting of the Legion a square dance will be held. Splendid music has been engaged for the occasion and all lovers of this old time sport are expected to be on hand.

All farmers who signed AAA contracts are being given books in which to keep accurate records of their production and expenses. This is an important step forward in better farming.

PWA Loan Agreement Signed By City Board; To Improve Water Plant Here

The board of city commissioners of North Wilkesboro met on Tuesday afternoon and signed the loan agreement with the Public Works Administration. By this contract the city will sell bonds in the amount of \$45,000 for improvement of the water system.

The \$45,000 in bonds will be supplemented by a grant of \$14,000 from the PWA.

The agreement has been forwarded to Washington for final approval and it is expected that bonds will be advertised for sale within a few weeks.

The agreement specifies that the \$59,000 will be expended on improvements on the present water system to wit: Improvements and additions to pump house and equipment, repairs to filtration plant, erection of one 100,000-gallon elevated storage tank, erection of one 200,000-gallon elevated storage tank and

Parade, Band Concert, Baby Show, Beauty Contest and Street Dance Here Monday

COTTON KING AND QUEEN



MISS VIRGINIA TOMLINSON



J. B. WILLIAMS

Above are pictured the Cotton King and Queen for Cotton Carnival Week, beginning here Monday. They will be crowned with appropriate ceremonies at the intersection of Ninth and D streets Monday evening at 6:30.

Other Events Are Planned For Week

105th Engineers Band To Lead Parade In City Monday Evening

As plans for Cotton Bargain Carnival week here beginning Monday near completion it is more evident that the event will be one of outstanding significance in the commercial life of Northwestern North Carolina.

Cotton Bargain Carnival Week is being sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Lions Club in co-operation with the business establishments and manufacturers in North Wilkesboro and immediate vicinity.

The event is by no means confined to North Wilkesboro and the general public at large is asked to participate in the many and varied activities for the week, which is in connection with the observance of National Cotton Week throughout the land.

Parade Monday Evening

Cotton Bargain Carnival Week will be auspiciously opened Monday evening at 6:30 with the coronation of J. B. Williams as Cotton King and Miss Virginia Tomlinson as Cotton Queen for the week. Mr. Williams and Miss Tomlinson were elected by popular vote of the people here last week. Following this one of the biggest parades ever to trample the streets of North Wilkesboro will start at the intersection of Ninth and D streets and go through the business district of the city to the fairgrounds.

105th Engineers Band

The Lions Club and the city of North Wilkesboro feel fortunate in that they have been able to get the assurance that the band of 105th Engineers from Charlotte will lead the parade and render a band concert at the (Continued on page four)

W. E. Smithey Is Candidate For Sheriff's Office

Prominent Merchant and Farmer Seeks Republican Nomination In Primary

W. E. Smithey, prominent Republican leader who filed for the office of sheriff and who will seek the nomination for that office in the June primary, today issued for publication a formal announcement of his candidacy.

Mr. Smithey is a son of the late W. A. (Boss) Smithey and a member of a widely known family. During the past several years he has served as manager of the Smithey's Department Store in Wilkesboro.

His announcement follows: "To the Republicans of Wilkes County:

"Having filed and paid the required fee with the election board as a candidate for sheriff of Wilkes county, subject to the wishes of the Republicans, I take this opportunity to further announce my candidacy and earnestly and sincerely request your support, and assure you that if nominated and elected, as I am already convinced that I will be, I will endeavor to perform the duties of the office fairly, impartially, economically and efficiently and thereby reflect credit to myself and the Republican party.

"I have been a life long Republican and have given the party my loyal support, have never held a county office neither have any of my relatives, except N. B. Smithey who has served as your county commissioner for the past six years, and who will retire at the expiration of this term.

"Thanking you in advance for your anticipated support and hoping for the success of the Grand Old Party.

Fails To Return With Water For Thirsty Prisoners

Bill Todd, trustee of the county convict camp, went to the spring Monday to get water for the other prisoners working on the Windy Gap road and before he returned the prisoners were very thirsty, in fact, if he had been the dependence for water they might have died from thirst because he has not yet returned.

Todd was sentenced seven months ago from Alleghany County for larceny and had eleven more months to go. His excellent prison record was the reason he had been allowed the privilege of being a trustee. Although a search has been made of the country surrounding the scene of his escape he has not been located.

Jury Drawn For June Civil Term

Superior Court Will Convene June 4 With Judge Warlick On Bench

Board of county commissioners in regular May session Monday drew jurors for the term of superior court to convene in Wilkesboro on Monday, June 4, with Judge Wilson Warlick presiding. The term will be for two weeks and will be for the trial of civil cases only.

The jurors were drawn as follows:

- First Week
- W. H. Jones, New Castle;
- Robert McNeill, Elk; Lee J. Church, Jobs Cabin; H. F. Tullbert, Edwards; S. C. Johnson, Traphill; W. J. Bason, North Wilkesboro; V. C. Elledge, Lewis Fork; W. W. Barber, Wilkesboro; B. C. Gray, Newcastle; W. N. Pardue, North Wilkesboro; J. H. Holbrook, Traphill; John W. Hall, North Wilkesboro; E. J. Phillips, Jobs Cabin; G. L. Livingstone, Beaver Creek; J. C. Rhodes, Mulberry; McKinley Hanks, Walnut Grove; D. C. (Continued on page four)

Board Education In Quiet Session

Members Of District Committees Are Named In Three Places In The County

The board of education had a quiet session on Monday at the office of the county superintendent of schools. Very few matters of importance out of routine nature were taken up.

Members of the advisory school committees were named in three districts: E. F. Yarborough, Pleasant Hill district; Curtis Luffman, Pleasant Ridge district; Leonard Haynes, Mine Ridge district.

Thirty-Seven Diplomas Are Awarded Here

Dr. A. T. Allen Speaker At North Wilkesboro High School Closing

PRIZES ARE PRESENTED

Parent-Teacher Association Awards Prizes For Various Projects

Thirty-seven diplomas of high school graduation were presented to students of North Wilkesboro high school in the final program of the commencement on Tuesday night, at which time Dr. A. T. Allen, state superintendent of public instruction, delivered the address to the graduating class.

The program opened with the singing of "America, The Beautiful" and invocation by Rev. C. W. Robinson.

C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, presented a medal for eleven years perfect attendance to Lola Foster and medals for seven years perfect attendance to Mamie Yates and Ben Reynolds.

Mrs. Ross Scroggs, president of the Parent-Teacher Association, presented the home economics class achievement medal to Mary Jo Pearson. The award for the most progress in typewriting was given to Elsie Nichols. Prize of two dollars for the best essay by a tenth or eleventh grade student on "Why the people of this community should trade in North Wilkesboro" went to Elizabeth Jennings, second (Continued on page four)

Wilkesboro Home Damaged By Fire

Residence Occupied By Russell Hendren Almost A Total Loss

The home of the McNeill heirs in Wilkesboro was badly damaged by fire Wednesday morning. The dwelling is the property of the children of the late Rev. and Mrs. Milton McNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hendren and Mr. and Mrs. Bouchele were occupying the home.

The fire was thought to have started from a defective kitchen stove about eleven o'clock. The fire had gained such headway that the facilities of the Wilkesboro fire department were inadequate in fighting the flames and the North Wilkesboro fire truck was summoned to the scene.

The fire was put out but it was estimated that \$1,500 damage was done to the residence. The loss is partially covered by insurance.