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FOUR DIE IN AIRPLANE CRASH

Fairgrounds Are Being Placed In Good Condition

Everything Is Made Ready For Annual Exposition Here Next Week

TRACK BEING GRADED
Galaxy of Attractions Offered to Visiting Thousands At Fair

In anticipation of the ninth annual exposition of The Great W. Fair to be held here next week, September 18 through 22, the fairgrounds and all buildings have been placed in first class condition to accommodate the thousands who are expected to attend.

The grandstand has been placed in good condition and the free stage has been refloored. All stalls and concession booths have been painted and necessary repairs have been made on the fence.

In preparation for the professional automobile races to be held on Saturday, last day of the fair, the track has been regraded and the race track fence repaired and replaced. Frank Austin, widely known race driver, has supervised the conditioning of the track.

The exhibit hall is being decorated and arranged for the myriads of farm and home exhibits, in addition to a number of attractive commercial booths. The buildings and grounds are being arranged for the accommodation of a large crowd, which is confidently expected by fair officials. Comfort and convenience have been kept in mind in the preparatory work for this annual exposition.

Meanwhile, plans for all the attractions have been completed and a gala time is being stored away for fair visitors.

Tuesday, first day of the fair will be school children's day, at which time all school children will be admitted without charge and with a special ticket for the rides and shows on the midway, which will be occupied by Marx Greater Shows.

Marx Greater Shows is the biggest midway attractions ever engaged for The Great Wilkes Fair. The many rides, shows and concessions will fill all available midway space in the fairgrounds.

Exhibits
Farmers and housewives of Wilkes and adjoining counties are making ready to compete for the attractive cash premiums offered by the fair. Cash is something everyone can use to good advantage and for this reason exhibits should exceed those of last year by a wide margin.

For entertainment of fair visitors there will be a big parade opening day with a regimental band from Fort Bragg, the CCC camp at Purler and a company of light artillery from Fort Bragg, along with floats by local business firms.

A big free act program each afternoon and night, fireworks every night, balloon ascension and free acts galore make prospects for a good fair very bright indeed, according to information gained from W. A. McNeill, president and general manager, and J. C. Wallace, acting secretary.

Auto Dealers Club In Meeting Thursday

The North Wilkesboro Automobile Dealers' Club, recently organized here, held an interesting meeting at the Princess Cafe on Thursday evening.

Dealers and salesmen from Yadkin Valley Motor Company, Hafer Chevrolet Company, Motor Service Company and the Wilkes Auto Sales Company were present. The program consisted of a general discussion of fair trade practices and the automobile code.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, September 20.

ACCIDENT INJURIES ARE FATAL TO MAN

Wadesboro, Sept. 7.—Robert J. Turner, well known Anson farmer, died today about one o'clock in a hospital at Verobeach, Fla., from injuries he received in an automobile accident last Saturday near the Florida town.

Sinclair Now Center of Political Spotlight



Pasadena, Calif.—Upton Sinclair (above right) Socialist author turned Democrat, is the target of all political eyes as he makes plans for his fall campaign for election to California governorship on the Democratic ticket. At the left is Sheridan Downey, Sacramento attorney, Sinclair's running mate for lieutenant-governor.

Contractors Here To Begin Work On North Wilkesboro Postoffice Building

Picks Snake With Tomato

V. M. Holbrook, former Wilkes county resident now living in Darlington, Md., sends The Journal-Patriot an account of a most interesting incident:

"A few days ago a man here in Darlington was picking tomatoes when he reached under a vine for a big tomato and came up with a big copperhead snake in his hand. With the snake firmly in his grip he called to a fellow worker, who cut off the snake's head. Neither of them were bitten."

Getting Ready For Auto Races

Nationally Known Race Driver Here Supervising Grading Track For Fair

W. L. Darracott, official starter and track manager for the Gray Auto and Air Racing Association, arrived in North Wilkesboro last Thursday to complete final arrangements for the auto races to be held here Saturday, September 22nd, last day of the Great Wilkes Fair.

Mr. Darracott stated that only regulation racing cars and experienced drivers will be allowed to compete in this burst of speed for gold and glory.

Frank Austin, nationally known race driver who comes direct from his home in Daytona Beach, Fla., is also in town with his Morton Butt special awaiting race day.

Frank says he is enjoying the wonderful climate and hospitality here and wants to make a practice spin on the local course as soon as possible.

A crew of workmen have been working for several days, getting this speed course in condition for the highest speed possible will be made and maybe a new record for this size oval.

Graders have removed all the grass and smoothed out the track in general and fences have been replaced and a new coat of paint all around so some mighty fast things are expected from the dare devils who compete here.

W. A. McNeill, president of the Great Wilkes Fair, has arranged the greatest racing program ever to be presented here and is expecting large crowds from this section of the state.

New Addition Is Being Built To Service Station

Foster & Allen, local contractors, are now engaged in building an addition to their service station occupied by the C. & C. Service station on Ninth street.

The extra room when the addition is completed will be utilized as storage space for Good-year tires which are carried exclusively by the C. & C. The addition will enable the service station to carry a larger and more complete line of tires for their many customers in this county.

School Opening Date Uncertain; Awaiting Buses

Discarded Buses Will Be Sent Into Wilkes After Other Schools Open

NO CONTRACT BUSES
State Says Cost of Contract Transportation Cannot Be Furnished

No date for opening of high schools and central elementary schools in Wilkes can be set at the present time, it is learned from county school authorities.

Meanwhile, Wilkes schools must wait to open until the other schools in the state are under way, at which time discarded buses from other counties will be sent to Wilkes, according to information gained from those who have been in conference with state officials.

This situation arose of the refusal of the state school commission to pay the cost of contract transportation in Wilkes and refusal of the county commissioners to provide \$2,000 to help the state defray the difference in cost between transportation with county-owned buses and contract lines, the county taking the position that the state is bound by the statutes to pay operating cost of the schools.

With neither side of the controversy showing any signs of weakening it appears that the schools using transportation in Wilkes must wait until other schools open and the surplus, or discarded, buses can be sent into Wilkes for use this year.

It is pointed out that this arrangement will be very unsatisfactory and will be a great handicap to the schools of Wilkes. The class of buses will be those in need of so much repair that they have been replaced by new buses in the county where they have been used.

Wilkes was one of the dozen counties in the state with not enough buses to carry on transportation and Wilkes and Tyrrell are the two counties which have not made arrangements to help the state carry on transportation.

It is possible, however, that some more satisfactory arrangement can be effected before the schools open.

Many of the elementary schools which have no transportation are now at work.

School Gym Is Ready For Use

Is One of Best School Gymnasiums In State; C. A. Ritchie Is Coach

North Wilkesboro school's gymnasium is ready for use on the occasion of opening of the 1934-35 school term, it was learned today.

It is recalled that the gymnasium for the city schools here was a CWA project, erected with CWA labor throughout.

The gym floor has recently been sanded and placed in first class condition for use. The various courts are well equipped and the lines have been painted during the past few days.

Ritchie Coach

C. A. Ritchie, a graduate of Davidson college, was employed as science teacher in the schools this year to fill the vacancy in the high school faculty caused by the resignation of H. V. Overcash, who is now with the North Wilkesboro branch of the Southern Public Utilities company.

Mr. Ritchie will be coach and athletic director. He has had considerable experience in this line of work, having been assistant coach at Troy high school for two years. He comes to the city highly recommended as a teacher and athletic director, ably fitted to coach football and basketball.

He is a first lieutenant in the reserve corps and has been in complete charge of a CC camp near Fort Bragg for some time.

Mrs. W. E. Colvard returned Sunday to her home near the city after a few days' visit with her sisters, Mesdames W. R. Jones and Bess Critcher, at Furches, Ashe county.

Carl Coffey, Myrth Mathis, Robert Greene, Lester Boyd Victims of Tragedy Sunday

Directing The Great Textile Strike



Washington—These are 24-hour working days for Francis Gorman (above), chairman of the strike committee of the United Textile Workers' Union, who keeps in touch with field directors throughout the vast textile areas.

Strike Leaders Call On Organized Labor To Help In Textile Walkout

Charlotte, Sept. 9.—Southern strike leaders tonight called on all southern members of organized labor to lend their support to the general textile strike, and announced defiance of Gov. Ibra C. Blackwood's pronouncement against "flying squadrons" in South Carolina.

In a statement at Greenville, S. C., southern strike headquarters, George L. Googe, of Atlanta, southern director of the American Federation of Labor, asked that organized labor throughout the area for "all possible support" that can be given "without joining the strike."

Blackwood Is Defied

A statement from southern headquarters said Governor Blackwood's proclamation against "unlawful obstructions and assemblages" to disperse by noon yesterday or face a declaration of a state of insurrection,

would not cause flying squadrons to cease visiting mill after mill in South Carolina, a stronghold of strike resistance.

The headquarters statement said pickets "will turn out at dawn tomorrow at practically every mill in the south as an intensive effort as the strike enters its second week."

The rallying cry, "Remember Honea Path," was passed down the strike ranks as leaders were apprised that wholesale attempts to re-open mills would come tomorrow.

Individual persuasion was rapidly taking the place of "flying squadrons" in the union's plan of attack, however, the latter were being re-organized today, more as scouting squads than as the storm troops which closed a hundred mills in the Carolinas alone last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Interesting Meet Pomona Grange

Degree Team From Alexander County Confers 4th Degree; Convention Talked

Wilkes Pomona Grange held a most interesting meeting Wednesday night at the courthouse with an attendance of around 100 Grangers. The meeting was one of the most successful ever held by the Wilkes Grange from the standpoint of interest and attendance.

A degree team from the Alexander County Grange was present and conferred the fourth degree.

The convention meeting the latter part of this month in Lumberton was discussed and a committee was named to draw up a formal invitation for the 1935 Grange to be held here. Several members of the Wilkes Grange are planning to attend the state convention this year.

WILKESBORO P.T. A. TO MEET THURSDAY

Regular September meeting of the Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association will be held at the school auditorium Thursday afternoon at 3:30. All members and other interested school patrons are urged to attend the meeting.

Mr. Hunter B. Keck, Jr., left a few days ago to re-enter the University of Richmond, Va. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter B. Keck of this city.

City Schools Opening Today

Classroom Work Began This Morning; Formal Openings Wednesday and Friday

Schools of the North Wilkesboro city administrative unit opened today with what appears to be a record for opening day and prospects bright for the most successful year in history.

Classes were organized this morning and students were supplying themselves with textbooks this afternoon.

On Wednesday morning at 8:45 a formal opening for the elementary grades will be held and all interested patrons are asked to attend. An interesting program regarding the school is being arranged.

On Friday morning at 8:45 will be the formal opening program for the high school. This also will be a public program for the patrons of the school.

Following is the complete list of teachers:

First grades—Miss Sam Johnson, Miss Sallie Outlaw, Miss Emma Koon; second grades—Miss Emma Eller, Mrs. Susie H. Williams, Miss Beatrice Pearson; third grades—Miss Elizabeth Finley, Miss Etta Turner; fourth grades—Miss Edith Williams, Miss Ruby Blackburn; fifth grades—Miss Kathryn Troutman, Miss Mable Hendren; sixth grades—Miss Doris West, Miss Gertrude Gilliam; seventh grades—

Mr. Coffey's Plane Crashes In Field Near Clingman

Coffey, Mathis and Greene Killed Instantly; Boyd's Injuries Fatal

COUNTY IS SHOCKED

Mr. Coffey Was Member of Prominent Family; Others Well Known In County

The most shocking tragedy in recent years to North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county occurred about five o'clock yesterday afternoon when four men were killed as Carl Coffey's Stinson cabin monoplane crashed in the Clingman community in eastern Wilkes.

The dead are:

Carl Coffey, 35, pilot, of this city.

Myrth Mathis, 43, farmer of Roaring River route 2.

Robert Greene, 27, merchant of Ronda route 2.

Lester Boyd, 26, mechanic at Yadkinville.

Plane Crashes

The exact cause of the tragedy may never be known, there being no survivors. The plane took off from the local airport about 4:30, carrying the three passengers to their home neighborhood near Cycle and Clingman. Elhel Gray, age 11, saw the plane crash after it had circled over the community and started to climb, suddenly nosing over and crashing into the earth.

The plane was a twisted mass of steel and fuselage when people of that vicinity rushed to the scene and pulled the four mangled and crushed bodies from the wreck. Coffey, Mathis and Greene were killed instantly. Boyd was brought immediately to the hospital here, where he died at 8:10.

From the position of the wreck it was gathered that one wheel of the plane struck the earth first, causing the plane to make an almost complete somersault. The theory has been advanced that engine trouble may have caused the crash, due to the fact that the plane did not burn, notwithstanding the fact that the gasoline tank was burst and the wreck almost saturated with the inflammable fluid. This indicated that the motor was not running when the crash occurred.

Was Able Pilot

Mr. Coffey was regarded in aviation circles as being a most able pilot and his plane was in first class condition. He introduced aviation in Northwestern North Carolina seven years ago when he purchased a plane and since that time had owned and operated a number of ships. He had never had a serious accident during his long career as an aviator.

He used his planes as a means of transportation in his business activity throughout the south and had made cross-country flights. He held transport and commercial pilot licenses.

Prominent In Business

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Coffey and was associated with his father and brother, C. D. Coffey, Jr., in the firm of C. D. Coffey & Sons, engaged in the automobile, tire, petroleum products distribution business in this part of the state. He was prominently connected with a number of the leading business firms in North Wilkesboro. He was a member of one of Wilkes County's best known and most highly esteemed families.

A Civic Leader

In addition to his active business interests Mr. Coffey was a civic leader here. For two years he was District Commissioner for the Boy Scouts and was a member of the local Boy Scout Court of Honor. He sponsored the first movement for Boy Scouts in North Wilkesboro, about ten years ago, financing the building of the first Boy Scout

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