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Great Wilkes Fair Will Open Tuesday

Last Rites Held For Victims of Airplane Wreck

Tribe Paid To Local Aviator By Squadron of Nine Visiting Planes

MATHIS RITES TUESDAY

Double Funeral Held Yesterday For Robert Green and Lester Boyd

While nine visiting planes paid a beautiful tribute to a fallen comrade last rites were held Monday afternoon at the residence of Mr. Coffey, owner of the plane which crashed Sunday afternoon.

Clingman. Others killed were Myrth Mathis, Robert Greene and Lester Boyd. A large concourse of friends and relatives of Mr. Coffey, many from distant points, gathered at home for the service, which was conducted by Rev. Eugene Olive, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. C. W. Robinson, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Interment was made in the Presbyterian Cemetery.

Business houses of the city were closed during the time of the funeral service as a tribute to the life of Mr. Coffey, who was prominently connected in business here and was a leader in civic work, especially in Boy Scout organization.

Following the service and interment a number of visiting aviators, some of whom were members of the North Carolina Educational Air tour this year along with Mr. Coffey, circled the cemetery and dropped flowers on his grave.

Active pall bearers were D. J. Carter, W. J. Bason, H. V. Wasoner, F. P. Blair, Jr., W. M. Allen, Gordon Finley, A. C. Pickard and Joe Taylor. Honorary pall bearers were Albert Somers, Lincoln Spainhour, Bill Spainhour, W. B. Somers, Mr. Hinson, Henry Landon, L. M. Nelson, Bill Merritt, Mr. McGinnis, H. V. DeWitt, Rufus Call, Mr. Lalle, G. Y. Booker, Bryan Gilreath, Arthur Finley, Dr. H. B. Smith, Dr. F. C. Hubbard, Dr. J. H. McNeill, A. F. Kilby, Eugene Spainhour, Bill Absher, Tom Church and C. C. Day.

A massive and beautiful floral offering, a fitting tribute to the esteem in which the life of Mr. Coffey was held, was carried by a number of the ladies of the city, friends of the deceased's family.

Double Funeral

Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock a crowd numbering several hundreds gathered at Pleasant Grove church near Clingman to attend a double funeral service for Robert Greene, age 27, of Ronda route 2, and Lester Boyd, 26, of Yadkinville, both of whom were well known and held in respect by their many acquaintances in their respective communities and by many throughout the counties of Yadkin and Wilkes.

Mr. Greene was a son of the late J. C. Greene and Mrs. Elvira Calloway Greene, of near Ronda. He was married to Miss Anna Mae Mathis, who, with his mother and the following brothers and sisters, survives: G. C. and Harry Greene, Clingman; Wade Greene, Fort Benjamin; Harrison Greene, Indianapolis, Indiana; D. C. Greene, Pittsburg; Mrs. Maggie Mathis, Mrs. Fannie Myers, Mrs. W. M. Wells, Misses Maude and Etta Greene, all of Clingman.

Mathis Funeral

Funeral rites for Myrth Wilkeson Mathis, 43, were held Tuesday afternoon from Cranberry church. Rev. J. B. Ray led the opening prayer. Rev. Noah T. Jarvis gave the scripture reading and made a short tribute to the deceased. Rev. W. G. Mitchell, pastor of the church, read the obituary and spoke a few words of sympathy. Rev. W. T. Comer, of Alexander county, brought the message, using as a text I Samuel, XX, 3; in which David said, "There is but a step between me and death." Both Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Comer, from a long acquaintance, emphasized Myrth's extraordinary kindness as a neighbor and friend and the fact that he never refused anyone a favor.

The unusually profuse and



Washington . . . Every day adds a new name to the list of Congressmen who announce themselves a candidate for the House Speakership but Joseph W. Byrns (above), (D) Tennessee, Democratic floor leader in the House, is conceded best chance for the seat of the late Speaker Rainey.

Adult Teachers' Meeting Called

Adult and Kindergarten Teachers To Have Meeting Saturday Morning

All teachers who expect to be engaged in adult and nursery teachers in Wilkes county this year are asked to attend the meeting to be held Saturday morning at the office of C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools.

Announcement of the meeting is made by Rev. A. B. Hayes, chairman of the temporary organization of adult and nursery teachers in Wilkes.

These schools will soon get under way and it is desired that the teachers confer with the county superintendent and the county relief director concerning plans for the year's work. The teachers, who are unemployed people on the relief list, are paid from the North Carolina Emergency Relief Administration.

Several schools were maintained in the county last year and the results were highly successful, judging from the interest taken by the people in the communities where the schools were held.

No School Books From ERA Funds

State Director of Relief Says There Are No Funds For Buying Books

Relief authorities will not be able to supply books for any school children this year, it was learned yesterday from Mrs. G. G. Foster, director of relief in Wilkes County.

Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, director of the North Carolina Emergency Relief Administration, has issued instructions to all county relief directors to the effect that relief funds cannot be used for the purchase of school books, not even to the most destitute cases on the relief lists.

It had previously been reported that the most needy cases would be furnished with books.

Remodeled Brame Drug Store To Open Monday

The widely known firm of R. M. Brame & Sons, wholesale and retail druggists, has remodeled its quarters on Main street into one of the most modern and up-to-date drug stores in this section.

The walls have been refinished, a new ceiling has been placed overhead and the floors have been reconstructed of durable and attractive tile. In addition to these changes new fixtures have been installed to add to the convenience and attractiveness of the establishment.

The prescription department has been enlarged and renovated to care for increased business.

The remodeled establishment will open Monday and the public has a cordial invitation to attend. Visitors will be presented with a package of Biltmore Ice Cream between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m.

Enrollment City Schools Is Near Thousand Mark

Schools Here Monday Opened Smoothly; All Classes Are At Work

955 ENROLLED FIRST DAY

Formal Opening High School Department Will Be Held Friday Morning

With the total for the first day in the schools of the North Wilkesboro City Administrative unit 955 it appears that the enrollment will reach the 1,000 mark by the end of this week.

The schools opened smoothly Monday with a minimum of confusion and students in all departments registered for classes and found their places without difficulty.

On Wednesday morning at 8:45 a formal opening program was held for the white elementary school. Devotional was conducted by the superintendent, W. D. Halfacre and Eugene Olive, pastor of the First Baptist church, welcomed the children back to school on behalf of the churches of the city.

Mrs. J. B. McCoy spoke a word for the school from the American Legion Auxiliary and Mrs. T. A. Finley, president of the Parent-Teacher Association and Girl Scout leader made some very appropriate remarks for the two organizations she represented.

Formal opening for the high school department will take place at the school auditorium on Friday morning at 8:45. Pastors of the three churches of the city, representatives of the American Legion, members of the local press, representatives of the Lions and Kiwanis clubs have been invited, along with members of the local school board. This is a public program and all patrons of the school have a cordial invitation to attend.

Enrollment in the first grade for the first two days of school has reached 113, which is a record mark for the school at opening time. The number of first graders may increase to 135 or more within the next few weeks. Last year the total enrollment for the first day was 905, representing an increase of exactly fifty over last year's opening.

Buildings In Good Shape

Prior to the opening of the schools all buildings were placed in first class condition, the best in several years. All necessary repairs were made and the entire interior of the high school building was repainted.

Judge Hayes Will Speak Sunday At Wilkesboro Church

To Fill Pulpit At Eleven O'clock Service Wilkesboro Baptist Church

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, middle North Carolina district federal jurist, will deliver an address in the eleven o'clock service at the Wilkesboro Baptist church Sunday morning.

Judge Hayes is a very able speaker and it is expected that a large crowd will attend to hear his message.

Partee Davis Gets In Toils Of Law

Arrested By Federal Agents And Placed In Jail On Default Of \$500 Bond

Partee Davis, of the Brushy Mountain section of the county, is again in the toils of the law, this time on a charge of manufacturing liquor.

Davis was arrested Tuesday by federal agents and given a preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner J. W. Dula. He was placed in jail in default of \$500 bond for appearance at the next term of federal court.

Two weeks ago his brother, Floyd Davis, was arrested on the same charge, they being alleged to have been operating a still at the time federal agents made a raid in the Windy Gap vicinity.

Miss Rebecca Brame left yesterday to enter Salem College at Winston-Salem. She was accompanied there by her mother, and sister, Mrs. R. M. Brame and Miss Ruth Brame.



Washington . . . "Robbie," who is Miss Frances Robinson (above), secretary to General Hugh S. Johnson, around whom a row is centered in NRA setup, the charge being that "Robbie" frequently acts for the Chief and is his constant adviser.

Execution Stay For R. E. Black

Convicted Slayer of Alexander Banker Has 30 Days More To Live

R. E. Black, sentenced to die for his part in the fatal shooting of T. C. Barnes, Taylorsville bank official, was granted a 30-day reprieve Monday by Governor Ehringhaus.

Black had already received one stay of execution which had postponed his death until September 21.

Commissioner of Paroles Edwin Gill announced that the reprieve was granted because the appeal of B. G. Green and Lester Green, also implicated in the shooting, had not been acted upon by the supreme court.

The Governor wishes to consider the cases of all three defendants together, Gill explained. The three claim they did not fire any shots in the attempted robbery of the Taylorsville bank.

Evidence was presented at the trial of Mike Stefanoff, who has been electrocuted, that he fired the shot which later ended Barnes' life.

Surry Man Held For Killing Hall

Damon Cox Facing First Degree Charge For Killing Deputy's Son

Elkin, Sept. 10.—In a preliminary hearing in the court of Justice of the Peace J. A. J. Royall in Bryan township, Damon Cox, held for alleged killing of William Hall, son of Deputy Sheriff W. B. Hall, of Thurmond, was remanded to Dobson jail without privilege of bond. Porter Combs, who was with Cox on the night of the fatal shooting, and who with Cox had been held in jail since the tragedy was released since the only charge against him was the possession of whisky.

This charge of illegal possession of whisky perhaps will be preferred later. It was during the effort of the deputy sheriff and his son to arrest Cox and Combs who were alleged to have been creating a disturbance in the Thurmond community while intoxicated, that young Hall lost his life.

Gridiron Squad Being Assembled

Number of Boys Report For First Practice To Coach Ritchie Here

Football squad of the North Wilkesboro high school is being assembled as rapidly as possible by Coach C. A. Ritchie in preparation for the first practice workouts.

Mr. Ritchie, who is beginning his first year here, stated yesterday that he had barely met the prospective members of the squad so far but believed that prospects for a good team are bright, notwithstanding the fact that the team will necessarily be light.

Light workouts are being held each day this week preparatory to scrimmage and heavy work within the next few days.

Five-Day Exposition Expected To Attract Great Crowds Here

HIGHLIGHTS IN FAIR PROGRAM

The Great Wilkes Fair will open Tuesday at ten o'clock, according to the program announced here today by fair officials. The official program for opening day follows:

8:00 a. m.—Gates open.
10:00 a. m.—Opening of fair.
2:00 p. m.—Beginning of free act program in front of grand stand.
6:00 p. m.—Balloon ascension.

8:30 p. m.—Fireworks.
8:30 p. m.—Free act program in front of grandstand.

The program for the remainder of the fair will be similar with the exception of Saturday, at which time the professional automobile races will take place on the track.

School children will be admitted by free tickets Tuesday. These tickets, however, will not be good on any other day of the fair.

Contract For 5.68 Miles of Highway 16 Is Let By Highway Commission

Nello L. Teer Gets Contract For Grading and Surfacing For \$50,956.20

Included in the list of projects let to low bidders by the state highway and public works commission yesterday was grading and surfacing of 5.68 miles of the Millers Creek-Jefferson highway, beginning at Millers Creek. This is the first section of this important highway to be let for contract and it is understood that the remainder of the road between Millers Creek and Glendale Springs will be let at a not far distant date.

The contracts on the 5.68 miles call for grading and gravel surfacing and structures. After it is completed a crushed rock and oil treated surface similar to that used on other mountain highways will be applied.

Nello L. Teer, of Durham, who is remembered here as the contractor who constructed a great part of the Boone Trail between Millers Creek and Boone, was the successful bidder on grading and surfacing for the sum of \$50,956.20. The contract for structures was awarded to E. W. Grannis, of Fayetteville, for the sum of \$16,818.60.

Work on the project will get under way as soon as the contracts are approved and the contractors can get on the jobs. Labor must be furnished through the National Re-employment office here under the direction of R. L. Woolen. His office is located in the city hall.

DOUGHTON WILL OPEN CAMPAIGN

The Democrats of the Ninth Congressional District will hold their district meeting in Boone, next Saturday, September 15. A number of local Democrats expect to attend along with others in the county. This will be the occasion for the opening of Congressman Robert L. Doughton's campaign, and his address Saturday will most certainly outline the issues of the campaign in "Farmer Bob's" characteristic aggressive style.

P-T. A. Watermelon Feast

On Friday evening at 6:30 the North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association will give a watermelon feast at the grandstand in the fairgrounds. All members of the association, other patrons of the school and all teachers are invited to attend.

Jim Phillips Killed

Jim Phillips, well known citizen of Oval, Ashe county, was reported killed last night in a truck wreck near Charlotte. Details of the tragedy could not be learned at Journal-Patriot press time today.

Mr. Phillips married Miss Minnie Hayes, sister of Judge Johnson J. Hayes, C. C. Hayes, J. F. Hayes, and Rev. J. M. Hayes, all of whom are well known here. He leaves his wife and several children.

General McCloskey Will Attend Fair

Brigadier General Manus McCloskey, commanding officer at Fort Bragg, will be here for the opening day of the fair Tuesday.

General McCloskey, one of the high officials of the army, will accompany a regimental band to this city.

Faith to Surgery



Ft. Payne, Ala. . . . Wallace Sharpe, Jr., 8 years old (above), whose left leg was amputated after a clash between health authorities and members of a Holy Cult who insisted upon a faith cure. The boy suffered for more than two weeks.

Ray Pierce Ends His Life With Gun

Millers Creek Resident Reported To Have Committed Suicide This Morning

Ray Pierce, well known resident of the Millers Creek community, is reported to have ended his life this morning by firing a revolver bullet into his chest.

The tragedy occurred at the home of his wife's father, Mr. I. G. Faw. He had gone there with the intention of going squirrel hunting, according to reports here, but had decided not to go but to return home.

Before going he said he wanted to see his wife, who had gone to the spring. He proceeded to the spring and shot himself through the heart. He was rushed to the hospital here but died on the way. No funeral arrangements had been made this morning.

He was a son of Philmore Pierce, of near Millers Creek. He is survived by his father, his wife and one child and several brothers and sisters.

Singers To Meet At Stony Fork

Successful Session of Blue Ridge Singing Association Is Anticipated

Next session of the Blue Ridge Singing Association will be held at Stony Fork Baptist church near Deep Gap, according to an announcement given out yesterday by J. C. McNeill, chairman of the association.

Date of the coming session will be the fifth Sunday in this month, September 30. The association convenes each fifth Sunday and attracts wide interest, not only in Wilkes but in Ashe and Watauga counties as well.

Mr. McNeill states that the singing this year is going to be held in the section noted for good Gospel singing and that a most successful session is anticipated.

All choirs, quartets, soloists and all other singers are invited to attend and take part in the program. The morning program will begin at ten o'clock and the afternoon session at one.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lowe and little daughter, Ina Jean, spent the week-end in Galax, Va.

Tuesday School Children's Day

All In Readiness For Opening of Ninth Annual Exposition In City

After Monday next week there will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, which are the dates for the Great Wilkes Fair's ninth annual exposition at the fairgrounds in North Wilkesboro.

After eight successful years of fairs the fair association, headed by W. A. McNeill, president and general manager, and J. C. Wallace, acting secretary, are planning an even greater fair this year with the expectancy of attracting record crowds from all over Wilkes and the other counties of Northwestern North Carolina. Five big days and five big nights of entertainment are in store for the visitors.

No detail has been overlooked in the plans for the fair. Every phase has been cared for in the various departments of the exhibition. The fairgrounds and all property of the fair have been placed in excellent condition to insure safety, comfort and convenience of their visitors.

Auspicious Opening

To the tunes of music from a military band, the first ever to visit North Wilkesboro, the 1934 Great Wilkes Fair will be ushered in with a big parade Tuesday. In the parade will be a regimental band from the U. S. Army camp at Fort Bragg, a regiment of light artillery from Fort Bragg, the James C. C. Camp at Purlear, floats by business firms and hundreds of civilians.

Children's Day

To give the school children a chance to take in the fair, Tuesday, opening day, had been designated as children's day, when all school children will be admitted on the special school children's tickets, which are being distributed through the schools which have already opened. The children will also have special tickets for the rides and shows, requiring only five cents in cash to enjoy the rides on the midway.

Prospects For Exhibits

No doubt the exhibits are going to be more plentiful and better this year than in previous years at The Great Wilkes Fair. In order to build up this important part of the fair the association this year is going to give something quite useful—cash—in all departments. The offerings of liberal cash premiums prove interesting to prospective exhibitors.

And incidentally, J. C. Wallace, secretary, is asking that exhibitors bring or mail in entries at once in order to avoid the rush. Exhibits must be displayed in the exhibit hall on Monday before the fair. Superintendents have been named for every department and they will be on hand to help exhibitors place and display their exhibits to the best advantage. The readers attention is called to the publication of the premium list elsewhere in this issue for the premiums or the list in attractive book form may be obtained from the secretary.

Midway Attractions

Marx Greater Shows will fill all available midway space in the fairgrounds with ten thrilling rides, a large number of shows and concessions. This is by far the best midway attractions ever engaged for the fair here.

The Free Acts

The fair officials have spared nothing in contracting the best possible attractions to be given free in front of the grandstand. Billy Senior will present a combination of comedy and acrobatics that are calculated to please the hardest critic of entertainment. There will also be the Reckless Reckless in a series of difficult bicycle acts. Reckless Reckless have been here before, but they have such good new acts and the old ones won such popular acclaim that another engagement here was by popular demand. The balloon as-

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