

Enrollment In Wilkes Schools Shows Big Increase In 10 Years

County Teachers Better Trained

County Superintendent Points Out Need For Better Building Facilities

By C. B. ELLER
(County Superintendent of Schools)

We are very glad indeed to give to the people of Wilkes county a few facts concerning the schools of the county. We feel that the patrons and friends of the schools will be glad to know of the progress that the schools have made during the past ten years.

The growth of the schools is revealed to us by the increased enrollment. During the school year 1924-25 the total enrollment was 8,876. The enrollment for 1934-35 was 9,678. The average attendance for the 1924-25 session was 6,466 and the average attendance for the year 1934-35 was 7,584. The high schools show the largest increase in average daily attendance over the ten year period. In 1924-25 there was an average daily attendance of 380 high school pupils as compared with 1,113 pupils in average daily attendance during the 1934-35 session.

Our system of transportation has grown very rapidly during this period. Ten years ago our equipment consisted of 24 contract buses. They traveled 364 miles per day and transported 499 children. Last year 49 buses were operated. They traveled 1,796 miles each day and transported an average daily number of 2,974 children. The fleet of buses this year consists of 25 county and state owned buses. The majority of county and state owned buses are new. Practically all of the contract buses are equipped with factory built bodies which almost puts them in the class with county and state owned buses. This insures greater protection to the students being transported.

It is very gratifying to note the improvement in the training of the teachers in the county. Ten

School Leader



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years ago there were only 14 teachers in the county holding an A grade certificate which is the equivalent of four years of college work. Only 4 teachers held B certificates representing 2 years of special college training. The average for the county was elementary B certificate which represents only high school training. In 1931-32 we find 42 teachers holding A grade certificates and 33 holding B certificates. The average for that year was a C certificate, the equivalent of one year of college training. For the present school year we have among our teachers 94 holding A grade certificates and 47 holding B grade certificates. The average certificate for the county is a class B. This shows that the average teacher in our schools today has had the equivalent of two years special college training as compared with only high school training of ten years ago.

The most urgent need confronting the schools today is adequate buildings to relieve the overcrowded condition that exist in a large number of the schools. We hope to partly relieve this

J. B. Williams Active Citizen

"Bid" Is Widely Known And Popular With People In This Part of State

Mr. J. B. Williams is one of the city's most active young business men. He is popular with a wide circle of acquaintances throughout the State of North Carolina.

Born in Iredell county, near Evelyn Post Office, which long ago was discontinued, Mr. Williams came to North Wilkesboro in 1902 with his parents. After attending high school, he found employment in the furniture factories and other public works of the town. Later he was night operator at the local telephone exchange and next held a position as general delivery clerk in the North Wilkesboro Post Office during the Taft Administration and while Mr. J. W. Jones served the city as postmaster. In 1913 he became associated with the Watauga & Yadkin River Railroad Company, his first work being that of having charge of the timekeeping and payroll office. In 1914 he was called to the General Office of the Company and made assistant auditor and purchasing agent for the railroad company and the Grand Lumber Company, serving in this capacity until 1916, or until the July flood of that year, when he was called back to the railroad to assist in the reconstruction and operation of the road. After the road was reconstructed, he continued on in the maintenance and operations department in the general supervision of all departments as assistant (without title) to the General Manager, Mr. H. C. Landon, now deceased. Mr. Williams' experience as a railroad man was varied. His knowledge permitted him to take charge of and operate it throughout its entire existence, and having been connected with every department. He resigned his work with that com-

condition through aid from the Federal Government. P.W.A. and W. P. A. projects have been submitted for part of the needed buildings. These projects, if approved, will only complete a part of the buildings and additions that we consider absolutely necessary in order to give the children of Wilkes county an equal educational opportunity with other children of the state.

For Sale At Once

ONE GOOD FILLING STATION on Moravian concrete road on curve just inside of Wilkesboro. A good paying proposition. Filling stations sell quick.

TWO FARMS near Millers Creek; one 50 acres; other 60 acres; 10 acres bottom land; 7-room house, barn; branch runs through farm.

NICE LITTLE FARM of 13 acres west of North Wilkesboro near concrete road. House, barn, garage, small orchard, branch and well. Fine for the money. Must sell.

ONLY 4 LOTS LEFT. Just outside of town on Fairplains concrete road near Mr. Dodson. Self cheap; good terms. No more like them.

J. I. MYERS
Real Estate

Active Citizen



J. B. WILLIAMS

pany in the latter part of October 1919, when he accepted a position with the Wrenn Insurance Agency, Inc., of North Wilkesboro, as manager and later as secretary-treasurer. This agency was located in the Deposit & Savings Bank Building. Later the Wrenn Insurance Agency and the Gwyn-Colvard Company, of North Wilkesboro, consolidated and the new corporation was called the Gwyn-Wrenn Insurance Agency, of which Mr. Williams continued as secretary-treasurer. Afterwards, or about 1927, this agency changed its name to North Wilkesboro Insurance Agency, which is a going concern of North Wilkesboro today and Mr. Williams is still secretary-treasurer of this company. He became connected with the North Wilkesboro Building & Loan Association in about 1919 or 1920 as assistant secretary-treasurer. In 1927 he was elected secretary-treasurer of the Association and continues to serve in that capacity today. During his term as secretary-treasurer of the North Wilkesboro Building & Loan Association it has more than tripled its resources. Today it is one of North Wilkesboro's strongest financial institutions.

Mr. Williams has served as one of the school trustees for the Town of North Wilkesboro for the past fifteen years. He is a member of the local Council Jr. O. U. A. M., the local Masonic Lodge and the local Royal Arch Chapter of Masons, is a member of the local Odd Fellows Lodge and was a member of the Pythian Lodge during its existence here. He is also a Knight Templar Mason. It was his privilege and honor to go through all the chairs of the Junior Order, Pythians and Odd Fellows, and one year had the honor of serving as an officer of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of North Carolina.

Mr. Williams was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of North Wilkesboro, N. C., having served as its first secretary and for a term of over four years, during which period he won local as well as international fame as "The Hired Man," his luncheon notices having often been quoted in Kiwanis International.

"Bid," as he is known to his friends, is a life-long Republican and a member of the Baptist church. He says this is a combination hard to beat. In 1922 he married Miss Susie Ellen Hutchins, of Auburn, Ga., "A Georgia Cracker Democrat," as Bid states, and not so many years ago she carried him to Georgia just

to let the folks down there see what a Republican looks like. Bid Williams is a man everybody likes. Like a lot of us his life has not been a bed of roses. He started at the bottom of the ladder but now is nearing the top. He has a warm feeling for his fellowman, and the day is never too cold nor the night too dark for him to do his neighbor and friend a favor. Bid is an asset to North Wilkesboro. He stands for progress and may be ways be found working for real worthwhile movements tending to uplift this great city and country of ours. Bid is a friend to mankind.

LOST—Ladies yellow gold dragon ring, containing red and green stones. Finder please return to Mrs. R. J. Hinshaw and receive reward.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of John C. Robinson, deceased, late of Wilkes County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at North Wilkesboro, on or before the 31st day of October, 1935, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 24th day of October, 1935.
W. M. SLOOP,
Administrator of the Estate of John C. Robinson, deceased.
R. C. Jennings, Attorney.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of the power contained in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Luther Tilley and wife, Minerva Tilley, on the 5th day of March, 1934, to the undersigned Trustee, and recorded in Book 167, Page 307, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wilkes county, said Deed of Trust being to secure the payment of certain notes, which notes are past due and unpaid, and request having been made upon the Trustee, the undersigned Trustee will expose to sale at public auction at the Courthouse door in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, on the 18th day of November, 1935, at ten o'clock, a. m., the following described land lying and being in Wilkes County, North Carolina, and described and defined as follows, to-wit:

First Tract: Beginning on the old Southwest corner, Daniel Durham corner, in Luther Hurt's line, runs north 2 1-2 degrees east with Durham's line 112 poles to Tessie Poplin's corner; thence South 88 degrees east with her line 36 and 8-10 poles to Cleo Tharpe's corner; then with Tharpe's line south 2 degrees west 112 poles to Tharpe's corner in Luther Hurt's line with Hurt's line north 87 degrees west 38 poles to the beginning, containing 26 acres, more or less.

Beginning at a rock, Sarah Cummings' corner in Tessie Poplin's corner and runs South 2 degrees west with Cummings' line 112 poles to her corner in Luther Hurt's line; thence south 87 1-2 degrees east with Hurt's and Jas Tharpe's line 34 poles to L. F. Adams' corner; thence north with Adams' line passing through the center of a spring 42 poles to a rock 4 poles north of Spring, Adams' corner; thence with Adams' line north 5 degrees west 71 poles to a rock in Eunice Byrd's line, Adams' corner; thence north 88 degrees west with Eunice Byrd's and Tessie Poplin's line 23 8-10 poles to the beginning, containing 21 acres, more or less.

The terms of sale are cash upon confirmation of sale.
This the 18th day of October, 1935.
W. H. McELWEE,
Trustee.

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Hundreds of homes and a number of business establishments in western North Carolina can give credit for their pure, wholesome and bountiful water supply to R. E. Faw, North Wilkesboro citizen who makes deep well drilling a business.

Like many other successful North Wilkesboro enterprises, Mr. Faw started his business on a small scale and with only one well drilling machine. Soon it became generally known that Mr. Faw's method of obtaining a water supply gets the desired results and he has frequently added to his equipment until at the present time he has several machines on various jobs in several Northwestern North Carolina counties.

Mr. Faw adds to his equipment only the most modern well drilling machines that he can depend on for highly satisfactory service.

One of the jobs he completed recently is a deep well at Home Chair company in this city and still a more recent one is the well for Forester's Nu-Way Service station. A test run at this well shows that 3,000 gallons of pure water are available each hour, with only a 20-foot drawdown. This well is 233 feet deep. It is estimated that it will supply 150,000 gallons of water a day.

Mr. Faw is a man who has confidence in his ability to succeed at the job. He tackles and many years of experience enables him to assure his customers satisfaction. Then, too, the success of his business is clearly demonstrated by the fact that a large number of homes of many of the county's best known citizens, many of whom were unsuccessful in previous efforts to provide a good water supply, are now enjoying water from a deep well drilled by Mr. Faw.

By having several machines, Mr. Faw is able to enter upon new jobs promptly, which makes his services all the more appreciated by his patrons.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kind words, and expressions of sympathy, during the illness and at the time of the death of our beloved wife and mother.

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The founder and president of the business is Mr. Frank P. Blair, who built the establishment upon solid foundation. The Secretary and Treasurer is Mr. Frank Blair, Jr., who is active in the management, supervising all the details that go to make up its daily affairs. As a son of its founder, he has received that training in detail and larger management that stands him in stead so well today.

Speaking to The Journal-Patriot, Mr. Blair declared, "It is a basic policy of the North Wilkesboro Ice and Fuel Company to make the house wife's requirement of first consideration. Courtesy, service, and good will are part of our daily duty. To carry that on effectively, we have six trucks to give the best of service."

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