

### Slot Machines Are Outlawed Through Judge's Decision Here On Saturday

#### Order Restraining Sheriff C. T. Doughton From Seizing Machines Dissolved NINE MACHINES SEIZED

#### Attorney Indicates Decision May Be Appealed; Argument Heard in City

Judge J. A. Rousseau, resident judge of the 17th judicial district, Saturday dissolved an order restraining the sheriff of Wilkes county from seizing and destroying slot machines.

Judge Rousseau held that the machines in question were gambling devices prohibited by law and that the sheriff had a legal right to seize and destroy them.

The order was taken out about ten days ago by two slot machine operators and J. H. Whicker appeared as their attorney. On the contention that the law passed by the 1937 legislature does not go into effect until July 1 and that it immediately repealed the slot machine law of 1935, Attorney Whicker indicated that Judge Rousseau's decision may be appealed to the supreme court.

During the past several days Sheriff C. T. Doughton and deputies have seized nine slot machines in the county.

For the benefit of the uninitiated, it is explained that a slot machine is a device which is fed nickels, dimes, etc., and pays off on lucky combinations of stops on reels. The percentage, of course, being much against the one who plays the machine.

### Deal Denounces FDR Court Plan

#### Winston-Salem Attorney Asails Plan in Address Before Kiwanis Club

Judge Roy Deal, prominent Winston-Salem attorney, denounced the plan to amend the American form of government in an address Friday before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club.

The program was in charge of Attorney A. H. Casey, who presented the speaker. He said the question is "Are you for the constitution or are you not for the constitution?" He proceeded to outline the progress of the government under 150 years of constitutional rule, explaining how the government was founded and how it had been able to withstand all assaults and serve what is the leading nation in the world.

According to the speaker's viewpoint, the court plan to add justices to the supreme court for all over 70 years of age who do not retire is designed to destroy the constitution of the United States.

He did not directly attack the president. Instead he praised his leadership highly but classified the court reorganization plan as a mistake and a move in the wrong direction.

Robert Morehouse was a guest of his father, H. H. Morehouse, and Lawrence Miller was a guest of A. G. Hendren at the meeting.

### Junior Play At Wilkesboro High On Tuesday Night

Junior class of Wilkesboro high school feel fortunate in being able to secure permission to produce "Lena Rivers," one of the most successful plays of recent years, which will be presented by the class in the school auditorium on Tuesday night, April 26, beginning at 7:45.

The play has been widely acclaimed by those who have seen it as the best they have ever seen produced and a large crowd is anticipated.

### Data Relative To Beer, Wine Taxes

J. R. Rousseau, deputy collector of revenue for the state in this territory, today warned that all beer and wine privilege taxes, state, county and city, will expire on April 30 and that all dealers must have new licenses to sell either beer or wine after that date.

He also called attention to the fact that the law specifically prohibits the sale of any wine not bearing the proper stamp or the storage by any dealer of wine not bearing stamps.

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### Park Development Work Will Assure Regular Payrolls For Large Number

#### Work Under Way in Development of 7,000-Acre Park Area in 2 Counties

#### RELIEF MEN PLACED

#### Project to Relieve WPA Of All Available Relief Labor Near Area

Development of the Bluff Park area in Wilkes and Alleghany counties by the national park service will take two or three years, according to estimates, and will provide jobs for about 200 men.

Under the rules and regulations of employment, only relief families may work on the jobs, the exception to this rule being that jobs may be given those who reside in the area which the government is purchasing for park development.

The Bluff Park, an outstanding area of rugged scenic interest, is one of the several park developments adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway and extensive development is planned, including camp sites, mountain trails, a lake and several other recreational spots.

The area includes about 4,000 acres in Wilkes, the greater part of which lies in Walnut Grove township, and about 3,000 acres in Alleghany along to top of the Blue Ridge and plateau area just beyond.

The development work which has just begun is expected to provide jobs for all men on relief within daily traveling distance of the development work and all those within the park area who desire employment. The Resettlement Administration has purchased the land by the government.

A crew of attorneys have established an office in the courthouse in Wilkesboro and are abstracting titles to the lands which were optioned some time ago by the government.

### April Court To Begin Monday

#### Judge Felix E. Alley Will Preside; Will Try Civil Cases Only at Term

April term of Wilkes superior court will convene in Wilkesboro on Monday, April 26, with Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, presiding.

Contrary to the opinion which had prevailed for some time, the April term is fixed by law for trial of civil cases and as such will be used. It was first understood that the term was mixed but perusal of the law passed in the 1937 legislature relative to Wilkes courts showed that the term was set for trial of civil cases.

### Program Given For Presbyterian Meeting On Tuesday, Wednesday

An inspiring program centering around the theme of "Christ and His Church First," has been announced for the 13th annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Winston-Salem Presbyterian church at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church Tuesday and Wednesday.

Following is the detailed program of all sessions:

Tuesday morning, April 29, 10:00—Executive Board Meeting.

Tuesday Afternoon

2:00—Convening of Winston-Salem Presbyterian Auxiliary, President, Mrs. Percy Johnson, presiding. Hymn No. 345, verses 1, 2, 3. Worship period, Rev. W. C. Cooper.

2:15—Report of Program Committee, Mrs. James Adderton; Report of Spiritual Life Secretary, Mrs. Ellen Guerrant; Bible Lesson, Miss Janie McCutchen; Hymn No. 352, verses 1, 2, 3.

2:45—Report of Officers: Vice President, Mrs. J. M. Wells, Jr.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. N. W. Curl; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. D. Coy Joyce; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. E. McNeely; Treasurer, Mrs. Dan

### Standard Oil Employee



Bayonne, N. J. . . . For the past eighteen months, Minnie the Cat, has received a pay check of \$3.20 a month as official mouser for the refinery. She spends it for milk and salmon to supplement her mouse diet.

### Speaker Tells Of Progress Millers Creek Hi School

#### Twenty-Four Graduated In Closing Program Given Friday Afternoon

By WILLARD G. COLE

MILLERS CREEK, April 16.—Millers Creek high school today ended its sixteenth year as a high school and its seventh as a standard four-year accredited institution with appropriate exercises.

While the swan song of an epochal year was being heard, the saw and hammer of the carpenters outside heralded the early completion of a magnificent 16-room, brick building which will write another significant chapter to the history of school progress here.

Twenty-four graduates were speeded on their way this morning out into the great university

### Find Dead Body Clyde Hampton

#### Coroner Investigates Death of Man in Call Section of County Sunday

Coroner I. M. Myers was called Sunday to investigate the death of Clyde Hampton, age 33, who was found dead in a broom sage field near his home in Somers township.

According to the report of the coroner, Mr. Hampton had been drinking heavily and lay down in the field with another man, who left him later and when relatives went to awaken him they found him dead.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Minnie Myers Hampton, two sisters, Mrs. Ora Lee Crater, of Jonesville, Miss Marjorie Dean Hampton, of Call, and one brother, Claude Hampton, of Concord.

Funeral service will be held at Shady Grove church Tuesday, 11 o'clock.

### Wilkes Resident Killed In Wreck

A message was received by relatives yesterday that Garfield Eller, a resident of near Millers Creek, had been killed in a car wreck near Matooka, W. Va. Funeral arrangements had not been completed this morning.

He was reared in the home of the late Uriah and Almedia Nichols and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Polly Poe Eller, and three children.

Miss Mae Self, of Lincolnton, is here for a visit with her sister, Mrs. John Tull.

### Form Brotherhood For Association In Men's Meeting At Fishing Creek

#### Men of Baptist Association Form Organization; Inspiring Program

#### STORY IS CHAIRMAN

#### Eight Churches Represented; Superintendent of Hospital Makes Address

Baptist Men's Meeting of the Brushy Mountain association was held Sunday at Fishing Creek Baptist church with a good attendance and an inspiring program.

A highlight in the news of the meeting was the report of J. E. German, representing Zion Hill church at Boomer, in which he stated that a number of members of that church this year are joining in the "Lord's Acre" movement, in which a farmer sets aside "an acre for the Lord." It is interesting to note that Zion Hill is the first church in the association to report the beginning of the movement.

Following the program Attorney A. H. Casey, who was instrumental in arranging for the meeting and various program features, took charge and an organization called "Brushy Mountain Baptist Brotherhood" was formed with T. E. Story, chairman, A. H. Casey vice chairman and Attorney J. F. Jordan secretary. The officers, together with J. E. German, W. G. Foster and C. B. Mayberry, were designated as the executive committee.

The first feature on the program was an inspiring address by Smith Hagaman, superintendent of Baptist hospital, Winston-Salem. In the afternoon session T. E. Story, chairman of the association, said being represented and short talks were made telling of what each church is doing. Mr. Hagaman again spoke, using as a subject, "A Worthy Program for a Baptist Church."

The concluding address was by Rev. C. J. Allen, of Statesville, on "Men Matching the Master of Men." He said Christian men should be men of courage, men of faith, men of zeal, men of love and men of sacrifice. The meeting was successful from every standpoint and the program was described as being very interesting and beneficial.

Other meetings of the Brotherhood will be held and the Ridgecrest Brotherhood conference will be held on July 4, 5, 6 and 7.

### Find Four in Traphill Vicinity; Two Destroyed Near Windy Gap

Eight stills during the latter part of last week featured news of liquor raids in Wilkes county by federal, county and township officers.

Federal officers raiding in Traphill township Tuesday destroyed four average size moonshine plants, along with the plants were large quantities of materials for liquor manufacture.

On the same day Deputy Sheriff Odell Whittington and George Holland destroyed two outfits and about 2,000 gallons of beer near Windy Gap. On the preceding day Deputy Whittington destroyed a 150-gallon still in Walnut Grove township, along with about 1,000 gallons of beer. There was evidence that the still had been used to a considerable extent.

Roby Elledge, constable of Mulberry township, accompanied by his son, Claude Elledge, cut down a 125-gallon old fashioned copper still near Vannoy Thursday morning. About 1,200 gallons of beer were destroyed along with the plant and Mr. Elledge reported that the still had been in operation for some time and apparently a run had just been completed.

### Two Distilleries Over Week-End

Sheriff C. T. Doughton and deputies held up their average over the week-end by destroying two still plants, one near Call and the other near Hunting Creek. The illicit plants were of average capacity.

County and federal officers have averaged at least one still per day destroyed in Wilkes county during the past month.

### ADD NEW EQUIPMENT TO COCA-COLA PLANT

The North Wilkesboro Coca-Cola Bottling Company has just installed a new cooling tank used in the manufacture of that popular drink, Coca-Cola. It has a capacity of 800 gallons per hour and takes the place of the old tank which had a capacity of only 200 gallons per hour and which was not large enough to take care of the growing business now enjoyed by the firm.

The new tank was manufactured by the Potter-Rayfield Company of Atlanta and is one of the best cooling tanks that can be purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Pennell and daughters, Inez and Jane, and Miss Julia Pennell, of Moravian Falls, spent last week-end in Charlotte with Mrs. Clifford McLean, a sister of Mr. Pennell and Miss Julia Pennell.

### All Women on Town Council



Brookland, Ark. . . . The hand that rocks the cradle rules this town. These five women polled 82 per cent of the vote against masculine opposition in the election for eldermen. As an all-feminine town council, they will now select a marshal and other appointive officials.

### Apple Orchards Of Brushies Present Beautiful Scene While In Full Bloom

Apple orchards on the Brushy Mountains, probably the section of the south best suited for the apple industry, present a beautiful scene as the trees are in full bloom.

The trees are now reaching their most beautiful stage as the bloom on practically all of the orchards has now reached its greatest point and the mountain slopes present a panoramic scene of gorgeous beauty. Clothed in white and pink, the scene is one to stir the soul of a poet.

The apple industry has grown to large proportions in the Brushies, which have a thermal belt rarely visited by frosts at this season of the year and each year there are new orchards in bloom to add to the beauty of the mountain scene.

So far this year it is thought that the crop has not been seriously damaged by cold. Last year some of the orchards suffered from late freezes and there was not a full crop.

### Officers Average Better Than Still Per Day in Raids During Past Week

Saturday, April 24, is the last day to register for Wilkesboro election.

Saturday, April 24, is the last day to register for the election to be held in Wilkesboro, May 4th.

A new registration was ordered by the town board and everyone wishing to vote in the coming election must register again, although their names were on the old registration books.

Ed Crysel is the registrar, and if any who will not be in Wilkesboro next Saturday, may register any time this week by presenting themselves to the registrar.

### Unusual Situation In Cupid's Business

The five marriage licenses most recently issued by Old Wilkes, registrar of deeds, were to grooms and brides of identical postoffices.

Incidentally, the situation is very unusual and indicates that childhood sweethearts and neighbors are uniting in the "holy bonds of matrimony" and that young men and women are not without favor in their own country.

Names to whom licenses were issued during the past few days follow: John Laws and Grace Combs, both of North Wilkesboro; Paul Church and Nellie Goforth, both of Purlair; Barney Johnson and Blanche Owens, both of North Wilkesboro; Vernon Clonch and Eva Owens, both of North Wilkesboro; three couples requested no publicity.

### Elementary Units In School System Finish the Term; One High Closes

#### School Year Considered Successful Despite Weather and Road Conditions

#### HIGH SCHOOLS LATE

#### Millers Creek First to Complete Term; Others Are Several Weeks Late

With but few exceptions, elementary schools in Wilkes county to which children are not transported closed Friday, April 16. The exceptions are the few schools which closed a month ago and three which were delayed a few days for one cause or another.

Bad road conditions interrupted the schedule of all the central schools with the single exception of Millers Creek, which was able to operate continuously and closed Friday, the date which would have been uniform with the system had roads been in proper condition for travel during the inclement weather of the past winter.

Notwithstanding the handicaps, the school year has been considered very successful in Wilkes with the system functioning smoothly in practically all communities. Large enrollments and good records of average attendance are reported from the schools during the term.

High and central schools which have from two to four weeks of the term yet to complete include Wilkesboro, Mountain View, Traphill, Ronda, Roaring, River, Mount Pleasant and Ferguson.

### Inspection of Co. A Tuesday Night

#### Public Invited to Annual Inspection by Army Officer At the Armory Here

Annual inspection of Company A, 105th Engineers, N. C. N. G., will be held on the fairgrounds and at the armory on Tuesday evening, April 20. Major Andrews, army corps engineer, will conduct the inspection.

Beginning at seven o'clock will be the inspection of the company in ranks. The field drill will consist of school of the squad, school of the platoon, riot duty formations, first aid instructions, gas mask drill, extended order drill and musketry.

The inspection in the armory will begin at 8:10 with engineer tools, nomenclature, care and use, followed by military sketching. Demonstrations of various military tactics will feature the inspection, all of which promises to be quite interesting.

Everybody is invited to be present and see what the boys are doing in the way of military training. Captain R. R. Reins is head of the company.

### 103 Take Part In Marble Tourney

A total of 103 happy youngsters, all under 14 years of age, are thumbing marbles today in the marble tournament at the North Wilkesboro high school. The tourney is sponsored by the recreational project of the Works Progress administration.

The tournament will end Tuesday afternoon, at which time a prize will be awarded the winner, who will participate in the district contest at Winston-Salem on Saturday, April 24.

The public is invited to the local tournament.

### String Orchestra At Roaring River

Announcement is made of a public program to be rendered at Roaring River school on Friday of this week, beginning at 7:30 p. m., by D. F. Barlow and his Virginia-Carolina Liners, well known radio entertainers. Admission will be 10 and 25 cents and the public is invited.

Mrs. N. B. Smithy is having an attractive residence constructed on her lot near the Charlie Foster property in Wilkesboro.