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## GREAT NORTHWESTERN FAIR WILL OPEN ON TUESDAY

### County Arranges To Clear Up All Outstanding Bills With Sale Of Note

Board of Commissioners In Meeting Monday And Tuesday This Week

#### JURORS ARE DRAWN

Many Routine Matters Disposed of By Commissioners in the Session

Wilkes county board of commissioners in September session Monday and Tuesday made arrangements to pay all outstanding bills the county now owes. The full membership of the board, composed of R. G. Finley, chairman, M. F. Absber and Loet Poplin, were present for the meeting. The outstanding claims against the county general fund are to be paid from the sale of a \$12,000 revenue anticipation note. In addition to various routine matters, including receiving reports and passing claims, the commissioners with other county officials drew jurors for the October term of Wilkes court, which will be for trial of civil cases.

### Teams Go Into Final Game 11th

Moravian Falls Has Flag But Two Teams Have a Chance For 2nd Place

Saturday, September 11, is the last playing date on the regular schedule of the first season of American Legion junior baseball in Wilkes county. Although Moravian Falls marched to top position with 11 victories to only two defeats with one game remaining on the schedule, two teams, Clingman and Cricket, still have a chance at second place now held by Clingman. If Cricket should win over Clingman Saturday there would be a tie for second place. Meanwhile good games are expected Saturday at Traphill, where the home team will make an effort to avenge a defeat at the hands of the Champion team last week 14 to 7, Wilkesboro at North Wilkesboro and Cricket at Clingman. In the rural communities the teams have been given excellent support by the fans, some of whom have shown unusual enthusiasm. It is sincerely hoped that the people of the various communities will be on hand for the final games Saturday as the curtain falls on the first American Legion junior baseball project in the county. All who played this year will be eligible for competition next season, when the Wilkes post of the Legion hopes to enter a county team in competition for district and national honors. All scheduled games this year have been played and little friction has been experienced in management of the league. With but few exceptions good sportsmanship has been shown. Following is the present standing:

Team	W	L	Pct.
Moravian Falls	11	2	.846
Clingman	9	4	.692
Cricket	8	5	.615
Boomer	7	6	.538
Traphill	6	7	.461
No. Wilkesboro	6	7	.461
Champion	4	9	.308
Wilkesboro	2	11	.154

Following is the schedule for the last playing date of the season:

September 11  
Boomer at Moravian Falls  
Champion at Traphill  
Wilkesboro at North Wilkesboro  
Cricket at Clingman.

Mrs. T. B. Smith returned today from Watts-Price Clinic in Taylorsville, where she underwent an appendicitis operation. Friends are glad to know that she is recovering.

### Fifteen Are Injured By Falling Stones Tuesday

To Make Race?



Here is a characteristic study post of Representative R. L. (Former Bob) Doughton. A copyrighted story in the Winston-Salem Journal Tuesday said it was learned on good authority that he will run for United States senate against Senator Robert R. (Our Bob) Reynolds next year. He said Tuesday that he had authorized no one to make a statement for him.

### Aldermen Defer Purchase Traffic Lights For City

Manufacturers Asked to Revise Prices Downward; Other Business

North Wilkesboro board of commissioners in regular September session Tuesday night deferred action on the proposal to install traffic lights at principal street intersections in the city. The proposal to install traffic lights had met with popular approval and with little objection and it was expected that the city board would close the deal Tuesday night. However, they considered that the price asked by the manufacturers was excessive and asked that the company revise their figures downward and report to the board in a meeting to be held in the near future. Other business transacted by the board was the passing of an ordinance requiring taxi owners to carry public liability insurance. Routine matters were also disposed of during the session.

### Big Sound System Service For Fair

Sound Truck Will Broadcast Grandstand Acts Northwestern Fair

Sound System Service of Washington, D. C., reputed to be the largest mobile unit in the Southeast, has been authorized to broadcast the grandstand acts at the Great Northwestern Fair here on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. "Hear as Well As See" is the slogan of the sound service system and this is expected to be of exception value in connection with the "Winter Garden Revue," one of the grandstand acts booked through George H. Hamid, famed promoter of outdoor shows and revues. The personnel of the system consists of Dick Wagoner, owner and engineer, and the famed Burney, with four years experience as a broadcaster. Friday and Saturday of this week they will visit several communities and nearby towns advertising the fair attractions and using the powerful sound system.

### Men Experience Narrow Escape On Highway 16

Tons of Stone Fall From Jumping Off Place Precipice Among Men

#### LIKE BURSTING SHELL

Broken Ankle and Crushed Arm Are Worst Injuries Among Workmen

Many tons of stone fell off a precipice 200 feet high and crashed into the road bed on new highway 16 at the Jumping Off Place among fifteen workmen, all of whom were injured but who miraculously escaped death. Conrad Bumgarner, with a broken ankle, and Jonah Kilby, with a shattered arm, were more seriously injured than the others. The accident which could have cost the lives of several of the workmen occurred about one o'clock as clouds which were pouring rain in the foothills engulfed the summit of the Blue Ridge where the work was in progress. The cloud was so dense, one of the men said, that it was impossible to see to the top of the precipice. Small pebbles fell first and probably acted as a warning signal. Following the pebbles were stones weighing from a few pounds to a ton or more and as they crashed to the roadbed blasted from the almost perpendicular mountain side the men scattered. None of the boulders hit anyone squarely but fragments flew through the air with great force like shrapnel from a bursting shell. The 13 men who were not considered seriously injured received minor cuts and bruises and some were knocked unconscious by blows on the head from small stones. Cars and trucks gathered the fifteen injured and carried them to the Wilkes hospital here where all except Bumgarner and Kilby were released after their injuries were treated. The complete list of injured was Avery Hurley, Gene Harmon, Walter Shepherd, G. W. Combs, Foy Parsons, Joe Miller, Emery Roten, Philmore Solin, David Roe, Conrad Bumgarner, Jonah Kilby, and Ernest Parks, Walter Becknell and George Hamilton, colored.

The men were employed by Nello Teer, contractor, and were using the stone to surface part of the Blue Ridge Parkway grade nearby. Drill operators about half way between the roadbed and the top of the precipice were not injured, the falling stone passing over them from a promontory above.

### Singers Gather In Splendid Meeting

The Fifth Sunday Singing Association met with Pilgrim Baptist church in Alexander county, August 29th, at 10 o'clock. The president, F. J. McDuffie, presided. After a period for devotionals, congregational singing was led by Mr. Mayberry, of the Pilgrim church. Several songs were sung by the Pilgrim female quartet, composed of Misses Dorine and Rula Mayberry and Misses Hazel and Helen Reavis. At this time President McDuffie entertained the audience with an informal address, after which the session was dismissed for the noon hour. A table was spread on the ground and everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner. The afternoon session opened with the roll call of choirs and quartets with the following responding: Mt. Vernon, leader, E. F. Mayberry; Bethany, leader, Monroe Costner; Pilgrim, leader, Mr. Mayberry; male quartet, Shady Grove; and a female quartet and a double quartet by Pilgrim. Several rounds were given by the choirs and quartets that were enjoyed by all present.

### Fair President



J. B. Williams, president of the Great Northwestern Fair, who is making quite a reputation as a promoter of the big gala exposition here September 14 through 18.

### Williams Makes Better Than Fair President of Fair

Insurance Executive and Civic Leader is Playing An Important Part

J. B. Williams, local insurance man turned promoter, is president of the Great Northwestern Fair, which will hold forth in this city next week Tuesday through Saturday. From loud speaker announcer to president is a big jump but J. Bidwell Williams, as the people of this part of the state know, is a big man in more ways than in stature. Mr. Williams has really gone about this fair business in a big way and gives promise of being a showman of the highest type. And should Mr. Williams again choose the role of announcer in addition to performing the duties of the high office of president he would have first hand knowledge of what he would be talking about. He has steered the fair management toward some of the outstanding attractions available for fairs and nothing on the cheap order was contracted. In every way he will be a good man to have around as head of the fair. In case accident or any other misfortune should interrupt any of the thrilling acts he could take it up and carry on the show all by himself. In other words he can assure the thousands of fair visitors amusement, what might be called personal insurance. Bid Williams is known all over these hills and valleys and the people are assured that the Great Northwestern Fair will be everything that is claimed for it with him at the helm. He has already demonstrated his leadership on a number of occasions. It leaked out somehow about how he was tussling with a showman for a better attraction than the one proposed and when the showman showed more stubbornness than one usually shows before Bid his anger raised several notches with this outburst: "You go jump in the lake, that's what you are, and I'm just the man that can do it." It so happened that he was just the man that could get what he wanted and a better show was substituted. Incidentally the fair has contracted numerous outstanding attractions for the big five days and five nights exposition here next week, among them being West Wonder Shows, a 20-car special train outfit, on the midway, a variety of thrilling free acts booked through Hamid, world famous promoter, "The Winter Garden Revue," automobile races and spectacular fireworks.

### Attending Synod

Rev. W. M. Cooper and Mr. A. A. Finley are attending the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina at Raleigh.

### Record Breaking Crowds Are Expected For Gala Exposition

#### Insurance By Cab Operators Is Compulsory

The city board of commissioners in September session passed an ordinance that taxicab operators must carry \$5,000 in liability insurance to protect passengers and \$500 property damage insurance. The ordinance will go in force on October first and heavy penalties will be imposed for violations. The ordinance will be published in The Journal-Patriot Monday.

#### Traffic Ordinance Is Being Enforced

Tickets Given This Week by Police For Violation Parking Law

Judging by the number of cars tagged, the police department is really enforcing the parking ordinance this week. Parking limit in the business district is two hours and the police this week began rigid enforcement. Also included in the present drive are arrests for speeding and reckless driving on the streets. On Monday Chief Walker issue a stern warning to drivers who would endanger lives and property of others by speeding on the streets.

#### Judge Hayes Will Occupy Pulpit At M. E. Church Here

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkesboro and Greensboro, is to be the speaker at the regular Sunday evening service of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church, September 12. The service is being given under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society with Mrs. Russell G. Hodges and Mrs. Claude Doughton serving as the program committee. The public is cordially invited to be present to hear Judge Hayes.

#### Mrs. Mack Walsh Funeral On Friday

Mrs. Nannie Walsh, age 42, wife of Mack Walsh, of Moravian Falls, died Wednesday afternoon at her home following an illness of several months. Surviving are her husband, three children, Julius R., Harold and Golda Walsh, of Moravian Falls; one brother, John Beach, of Taylorsville; two sisters, Mrs. Willard Johnson and Miss Lou Beach, of Yadkin Valley. The funeral service will be held at Cub Creek Baptist church Friday afternoon, 3:30, with Revs. J. C. Gentry and Avery Church conducting the service. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

#### Paul J. Vestal In New Position

Paul J. Vestal, of Moravian Falls, has accepted a position with North Wilkesboro Insurance Agency and began his duties there on September 1. Mr. Vestal is well known here and throughout Wilkes county. For the past two years he had held a position with Yadkin Valley Motor company.

#### Curtis Nelson Attends Funeral Of Brother Killed By Lightning

Dewey Nelson, 12, son of Horace Nelson, Cape Lookout coast guardsman, was killed by a bolt of lightning at his home on Harkers Island Tuesday, Captain Fred Gillikin, officer in charge of the Cape Lookout station, reported. Curtis Nelson, his brother, who is employed by the Lineberry Foundry here, attended the funeral Wednesday.

#### Welcomes People



MAYOR R. T. McNEIL  
Mayor R. T. McNeil, mayor of North Wilkesboro, invites the people of Wilkes and other northwestern North Carolina counties to attend the Great Northwestern Fair here September 14 through 18. Mayor McNeil assures all visitors a cordial welcome while in the city.

#### Many Tracts Land Sold For County Taxes By Sheriff

Land Sale Certificates Are Made Out For About 2000 Unpaid Tax Accounts

Sheriff C. T. Doughton this week has been busily engaged in the sale of real estate in the county for unpaid taxes due Wilkes county for the year 1936. Land sale certificates, Sheriff Doughton said, total about 2,000. This represents an increase of about 800 over the number of land sale certificates made out last year for 1935 taxes. A cost of \$2.05 was charged on each land sale certificate this year as allowed by law. However, it is understood that this extra cost charged against each parcel of land will be turned over to the county with the certificates and will not be retained by the sheriff, this being one of Sheriff Doughton's main platforms for election last fall.

#### Enrollment In City Schools Over 1,000

Formal Openings For Two Departments Held On Wednesday, Today

Formal openings for North Wilkesboro city schools were held Wednesday and this morning. On opening day there was a total enrollment of 1,013 pupils. Supt. W. D. Halfacre said. These figures are nine less than opening day enrollment last year. This decrease is accounted for by the fact that a number of students transported here last year over highway 18 because of lack of building facilities are enrolled this year at Mulberry school. In the elementary grades formal opening Wednesday morning words of greeting and welcome were spoken by D. J. Carter, vice chairman of the city board of education; Police Chief J. E. Walker who urged promotion of safety and called attention to traffic rules and regulations; Mrs. Palmer Horton, president of the Parent-Teacher association. Dr. R. B. Templeton, pastor of the Methodist church, conducted the devotional. Today the formal opening of the high school grades was held with greetings from J. R. Hix, board chairman; Mrs. Horton, for the P-T. A.; Frank E. Johnson, commander of the Wilkes post of the American Legion; and Ralph Bowman, president of the student body.

### 5 Days, 5 Nights Of Entertainment For Fair Visitors

Exhibits, Spectacular Fireworks, Races, Outstanding Grandstand Act, PROGRAM IS PLANNED

Bigger Attractions Expected To Attract Unusually Large Crowds

The Great Northwestern Fair, a new and bigger exposition for this part of North Carolina, will open a five-day exposition on the North Wilkesboro Fairgrounds Tuesday, September 14. Since the organization meeting several months ago arrangements have been going forward for the big exposition and five days and nights of entertainment for the people of Northwestern North Carolina. J. B. Williams is president of the fair association, W. A. McNeil is secretary and general manager and the board of directors are composed of the two above named officers, E. E. Elmer and D. J. Carter. A. G. Henderson, Wilkes farm agent who died Saturday, was also a member of the board of directors. The largest crowds ever to attend a fair here are expected. Yesterday the city was decorated with welcome signs that give a holiday appearance and the city is making ready for the entertainment of the expected throngs.

#### School Children's Day

The big exposition, designed and planned as the outstanding fair for a great section of North Carolina, will open auspiciously Tuesday morning at ten o'clock with school children's day, when all school children will be admitted on tickets furnished free. These tickets will be good for admittance of school children until six o'clock p. m. Tuesday. After that hour regular admission charges will prevail and free tickets will be void. Small Admission Price

Notwithstanding the many and varied attractions the small admission price of 25 cents will be charged throughout the fair and there will be no increase Saturday even though thrilling automobile races will be a part of the program. Races such as are scheduled here usually are held with admission price of at least 50 cents even when held as a lone attraction. Liberal Premiums

No one department of the fair has been neglected in the plans for a bigger and better exposition but it is confidently expected that the exhibit hall will be a place of rare beauty this year because the premium list offering liberal cash awards has attracted unusual interest and an overflow of exhibits of the best products of the home and farm is expected. Superintendents will be on hand all day Monday and early Tuesday morning to assist in the display of exhibits.

#### Superior Products

Wilkes has repeatedly shown superiority in growing apples, poultry, and corn, while the ladies are very adept when it comes to exhibiting flowers and products of the home. Liberal cash premiums are also expected to arouse interest in the showing of livestock and cattle. Midway Attractions

And on the midway will be that large aggregation of shows and rides, West's World's Wonder Shows, which have won favor at some of the largest expositions this year in the east. West takes his show from place to place on a special train of 20 long steel railroad cars and what parade does not thrill at the sight of a special train show. The carnival will fill all available space on the midway. Outstanding Free Acts

The grandstand acts were (Continued on page eight)