

## Office Of Park Service May Be Moved To City

The office of the National Park Service in charge of park development along the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina and Virginia and now located in Galax, Va., will be moved here in the next few days provided sufficient office space is provided, it was learned unofficially here today.

Agitation for removal of the office from Galax to North Wilkesboro has been growing since it was learned only a few weeks ago that landowners in the 7,000-acre Bluff Park in northern Wilkes and Alleghany had not been paid for their lands although they had signed binding options nearly two years ago.

The options, according to reports from the landowners themselves, did not allow them to cultivate the land this year and they now face a winter without the usual supply of winter food and feed harvested from their mountain lands. They do not have any money with which to negotiate for homes elsewhere.

A group of attorneys employed by the government worked in Wilkesboro for several months in an effort to abstract titles to the many tracts in the Bluff Park area in Wilkes and the landowners say that their complaints to the Galax office have been answered and the delay has been explained as being due to the titles being in such bad shape that the required abstracts could not be furnished. The park service has now resorted to condemnation proceedings in order to speed up transactions.

## Produce Posts and Put Idle Land To Work, Page Says

By R. H. PAGE, Jr.  
(Assistant Extension Forester)  
Fence posts are an unnecessary item of expense to many farmers in Wilkes county each year, for much idle land not paying taxes will grow Black Locust, a dual purpose tree. Locust, a legume, will increase nitrogen content of the soil upon which it is planted.

Black locust seedlings grown by the State Forest Nursery at Clayton, N. C., are available for Fall planting through the County Farm Agent's office. A thousand seedlings, sufficient to set an acre of land, can be purchased for two dollars plus twenty-five cents for postage. These trees are set six by seven feet apart and under normal conditions when planted in soil which is not too thin nor compact, make excellent growth, producing several durable posts per tree in from eight to twelve years' time. These trees, set from twenty-five to fifty feet apart in pastures, encourage the growth of blue grass while furnishing only light shade.

Seedlings come packed in peat moss and should be kept in a cool, moist place until set. When ready to plant, the roots should be placed in a bucket of sloppy mud and the seedlings removed one at a time as set. Holes large enough to accommodate the root without crowding can be dug with a grub-hoe or mattock. Seedlings should be placed in these holes at the same depth as they were grown in the nursery and the soil replaced and firmly packed about the roots. Two men, one digging and the other setting, should plant an acre to least in one day's time.

Wilkes county farmers are urged to take inventory of all idle and eroding land, and to place orders for sufficient locust to bring unprofitable areas on the farm back into production.

W. E. Fletcher, 70, a prominent citizen of his community and for many years Wilkes county surveyor, died at midnight last night at his home near Purlcar.

Mr. Fletcher is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frances Fletcher, and seven children.

Funeral service will be held at New Hope Baptist church near his home Friday afternoon, one o'clock.

A new type of safety device employed by workmen on the 1939 Golden Gate Exposition bridge safety rope only in case of fall or sudden descent.

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## WPA Project For School Building In Wilkesboro Fails To Get Office OK

State Office Reportedly Balking at Project Until Funds Assured

SOME MONEY ON HAND Had Planned to Begin Building With Funds on Hand At Present Time

Reminiscent of days described by State Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin when school children sat on benches made of split logs, children in Wilkesboro school, largest in Wilkes county with the exception of North Wilkesboro city schools, are actually using soap boxes for desks in some of the badly crowded rooms.

And while the crowded condition at the large school becomes more acute as the enrollment nears 800 it was learned unofficially here today that the state office of the Works Progress Administration has held up approval of the project calling for construction of a ten-room building as additional school housing facilities for Wilkesboro.

The proposed building would cost approximately \$35,000 and the county now has available approximately \$10,000, which would be about half of the amount required in the WPA project. When the remainder of the required amount was omitted from the county budget for the current year it was planned to go ahead with the funds available and WPA aid as far as possible and erect the walls of the building, hoping to work out some means of financing its completion.

However, it developed that the WPA officials are wary of beginning a project without assurance that the sponsor will have funds for its completion.

An official from the state office of the WPA is expected here in a few days to confer with county officials and local WPA engineers relative to the project. Patrons of the school and others interested often express the hope that work can be started immediately on the building.

## Lions Meet Marion Here Friday, 3:40

Coach Ralph Barker and assistants have been putting the boys through stiff workouts and scrimmages this week in anticipation of the opening game of the season here Friday afternoon against Marion, reputedly one of the strongest teams in the Western conference.

The boys, about 30 in number, have shown an active interest and have worked hard in practice. Fans are urged to attend the game and show their appreciation of the determination on the part of the boys and Coach Barker to put North Wilkesboro high school back on the winning side in football.

The kickoff will be promptly at 3:40 and it will be interesting to see how the Lions stack up against the strong Marion eleven in the initial gridiron contest of the season.

W. C. T. U. Meeting  
The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet Friday evening, 7:30, at the home of Mrs. Ed Gardner. All members are urged to attend.

## Erwin and Credle Address Committeemen Conference

### Turkey Queen



Portland, Ore. . . . Miss Helen Wette of Deschutes county, Oregon, is dressed in an interesting costume of feathers representing the Queen of the Champions of the Thanksgiving Dinner Tables.

## Judge Clement To Preside At Term Of Wilkes Court

October Term For Trial Of Civil Cases To Convene On October 4

Judge J. H. Clement, of Winston-Salem, will preside over a term of Wilkes superior court beginning Monday, October 4. The term will be for two weeks and will be for trial of civil cases. The Wilkes bar association in a recent meeting made out a lengthy calendar for the term.

Several hundred civil actions are pending trial, including many which were instituted several years ago but have not been tried on account of the congestion on the docket. It is expected that the docket of civil cases will be materially reduced during the term.

## Square Dance At Legion Meeting

Interesting Program Planned For Visit of Department Commander

Commander F. C. Fields, of the North Carolina department of the American Legion, will be in North Wilkesboro Friday evening to install Legion officers at a joint meeting of the Wilkes Legion post and local unit of the Auxiliary at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse.

It will be a joint meeting of the Legion and Auxiliary beginning at 7:30. Mrs. Fields will install officers of the Auxiliary. Following the business session refreshments will be served and there will be a square dance. All members of the Legion and Auxiliary are urged to be present.

## Cost \$350,000 To Modernize School System In Wilkes

Credle Tells How Ideal System Would Provide Equal Opportunities

IS WELL ATTENDED

State Superintendent Favours Continued Progress In School System

An expenditure of \$350,000 would provide adequate facilities for a modern school system in Wilkes county wherein every child would have the opportunity to attend a school with a teacher for each grade, W. F. Credle, state director of school house planning, told a conference of Wilkes school committeemen and other interested people in Wilkesboro school Wednesday morning.

Other speakers on the program of the conference were C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, to discuss school problems were Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, C. O. McNeill, chairman of the Wilkes county board of education, R. G. Finley, chairman of the Wilkes county board of commissioners, a number of teachers, and W. E. Teague, principal of Mountain View high school.

The meeting was opened by Supt. Eller, who stated the purpose as being a gathering of school committeemen, teachers, and interested patrons for a frank discussion of school problems in the county. Mr. Eller, pastor of the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro, conducted devotional exercises. The first speaker was C. O. McNeill, county school board chairman, who spoke briefly of recent improvements in the school system and outlined some of the pressing needs at the present time.

He was followed by R. G. Finley, chairman of the board of commissioners, who told about county finances and the difficulties involved in providing adequate school facilities. He explained that the \$350,000 bond issue for erection of new school buildings will cost the taxpayers double that amount in principal and interest before it is retired. Because of the condition of county finances the board bear the maximum interest rate of six percent, he said.

He said that it was his belief that the county should pay as it goes in construction of school buildings and that an amount should be added to the tax levy each year sufficient to finance the most pressing needs. However, he explained, this system meets with immediate opposition once it becomes known that a tax increase is proposed although the pay-as-you-go plan is by far the most economical in that interest is eliminated from the budget.

L. W. Teague, principal of Mountain View high school, spoke on "What a Teacher or a Principal Expects of His or Her Committeemen." Close contact with the school and cooperation were stressed.

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### Limbering Up



Westwood, Calif. . . . "Bill" Williams, U. C. L. A. fullback (kicking), and Ernest Hill, tackle, pictured in their first days of practice of the 1937 football season.

## Kiwanians Will Name Officers In Meeting Friday

A. H. Casey Nominated For President; Splendid Program Furnished

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club will elect officers for the coming year in the luncheon meeting Friday noon of this week at Hotel Wilkes.

In the meeting Friday of last week the nominating committee submitted a slate of officers for election but other nominations can be made at the next meeting if anyone so desires.

The nominating committee suggested the following ticket: A. H. Casey, president; J. C. Reins, vice president; T. E. Story, secretary-treasurer; J. B. Carter, A. F. Kilby, R. W. Gwyn, E. G. Finley and W. E. Jones, directors.

An excellent program was furnished Friday under direction of A. A. Cashion, program chairman for the day. He presented Mrs. Gordon Finley, who delightfully rendered two vocal numbers, "My Task" and "Brighten the Corner Where You Are." Rev. R. H. Stone, of Jefferson, made the principal address, telling of religious progress in Ashe county. He related how Missionary Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians had progressed in membership, church property and benevolences during the past two decades.

In a short business session J. B. McCoy reported that a manufacturer has begun making pictorial postcards with an apple blossom scene and a rhododendron scene and that the cards will be on sale in a short time.

W. J. Caroon, cashier of the Northwestern Bank, was a new member and A. S. Cassel was a guest of Mr. Cashion at Friday's meeting.

Gold in paying quantities can be "panned" on San Francisco's 1939 Exposition site, miners explaining this by saying river currents have washed the gold bearing sand into a pocket at the site.

## October 2 And 3 Be Loyalty Days In The Churches

Is Movement Sponsored By North Carolina Council Of Churches

North Wilkesboro churches are planning to co-operate in a nation-wide movement to observe October 2 and 3 as "Loyalty Days," it was learned here today.

The North Carolina Council of Churches, acting in co-operation with the nation-wide church movement, is asking churches throughout the state to observe the program.

The purpose is to affect a spiritual revival throughout the nation, it is stated. Protestants, Catholics and Jews are co-operating in the movement.

President Roosevelt recently issued a proclamation concerning the observance of the days in which he said, "I gladly recommend to the people of the United States the observance of Loyalty Days and I urge them to repair on these days to their houses of worship. Thus shall we rebuild the spiritual fires and strengthen the abiding foundations of our nation."

Governor Hoey has sent out the following statement: "I am glad to give my hearty approval of the observance of Loyalty Days, and to urge the people of this state to join in this national movement looking to the concentration of the religious and moral force of our nation in a great spiritual undertaking."

## One Tree Yields 3,120 Lbs. Bark

Mt. Zion Citizen Sells Bark From Chestnut Oak Tree For \$17.16 Here

W. M. Minton, a citizen of the Mount Zion community, reports an annual yield of tan bark from a Chestnut Oak tree. Mr. Minton has been marketing bark or many years but the tree mentioned here exceeded any he had ever seen for yield of bark, he said.

A total of 3,120 pounds of bark sold for \$17.16 at the plant of the International Shoe company here was taken from the tree in a few hours by Mr. Minton and one helper.

## Find Large Still At Pattons Ridge

Officers Were Too Late To Make Capture; Fire Was Still In Furnace

Deputies Sheriff Odell Whittington and Winfield Nichols report the destruction of a large still in Pattons Ridge section of Wilkes county Saturday.

The still was of about 125-gallon capacity and there was evidence that it had been operated extensively, Mr. Whittington said. The officers reached the still a few minutes too late to make a capture. The still was hot and there were coals under the furnace, indicating that the operators had just completed operations for the day.

Horticultural experts of the 1939 World's Fair at San Francisco have been watching their plants and from these predict 1938-39 styles for women will be in long flowing lines with longer skirts.

## Over Hundred To Receive Checks In Security Program For Present Month

Another Batch of Applications Passed by Wilkes Board of Welfare

MANY HAVE APPLIED

Case Workers Busily Engaged Checking Information In Applications

Applications for old age assistance passed in a meeting of the Wilkes county board of welfare this week brought the total number of Wilkes aged people to receive checks for the month of September to 109.

New applications approved for aid to dependent children brings the total to receive checks to 18 families with 71 children.

Due to the fact that there are many more applications for old age assistance under the state social security act than was anticipated, the average monthly check in Wilkes is lower than the state average, being about eight dollars. The welfare board is holding down the amounts as much as possible in order to use the available funds to the best advantage and spread the benefits as far as possible among the needy aged.

The total number of persons over 65 years of age who have called at the welfare office to make application has almost reached the thousand mark and applications are being filed as rapidly as possible.

However, it often develops early in the required investigation of each case that many cases are for various reasons not eligible for assistance and the case workers then turn their attention to other cases. Some time may elapse before all applications are investigated and passed.

The same is true relative to applications for aid to dependent children, the average grant per family in Wilkes being about \$12.

Six applications for aid to blind have been approved.

## Mountain View Stunt Night On Friday, Oct. 1st

The stunt-night program at Mountain View high school originally scheduled for last week was postponed because of the death of Rev. I. C. Woodruff and will be held in the school auditorium Friday, October 1, at 8 p. m. The school committee, the faculty and each grade have stunts which should make this the funniest, nuttiest show ever given at Mountain View. The performance is being sponsored by the boys and girls Athletic Associations and the proceeds from the 10c and 20c admission fees will be used to buy athletic equipment.

## Jones B. Darnell Funeral Service Held Wednesday

Funeral service was held Wednesday morning at Pleasant Hill Baptist church for Jones B. Darnell, age 69, who died Monday afternoon at his home in the Pleasant Hill section of Wilkes county.

Mr. Darnell was an esteemed citizen of his community and leaves many friends. He had been in ill health for about two years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Julia Day Darnell, and eight children: Charles P. Darnell, Mrs. Lillie Lyon, Clarence Darnell, Mrs. Mary Phillips, Erastus Wade, Everett and Jones, Jr. Darnell, all of Elkin.

## 26 From Wilkes In A.S.T.C. Term

A report from the registrar at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, shows that 26 Wilkes county people are enrolled for the fall term at that institution.

Watauga has the largest number of students with 114 and Frederick is second with 71.

The student body is predominantly female with 545 females and 23 males registered. There are 38 students from out of North Carolina, nine states being represented in the student body.

## Air Mail Plane Will Pick Up Mail Here On October 12

By J. B. WILLIAMS

Our genial postmaster, Mr. Jim Reins, having seen fit to appoint me as County Chairman for Air Mail Week, October 11th to 16th, I wish to make the following comments and trust that all of the good people of Wilkes county, and especially the business houses, will arrange to prepare a letter to be mailed to their friends and business associates and have it ready and in the post office on the morning of October 12th, which is the day that a mail plane will be here to pick up North Wilkesboro mail. Special air mail envelopes can be secured at the post office for this purpose. It will be a great advertisement for North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county. A special first day cancellation stamp

is being prepared which will read "North Wilkesboro—Key to the Blue Ridge."

Since the week of October 11-16 has been designated as Air Mail Week for North Carolina and our Second Assistant Postmaster General, Harlee Branch, has selected this week for a great experiment, it will be a real test for North Carolina citizens to show their interest in air mail and the expansion of the air mail service.

"Mr. Branch has named Postmaster Paul R. Younts, of Charlotte, as the General Director of this preparation for a great North Carolina event, and, in co-operation with this program, Governor Hoey has issued a proclamation calling upon all North Carolinians to join heartily

and realistically in this program. That proclamation soon will be displayed at each of our state's post offices. Furthermore, the mayors of numerous cities and towns soon will announce their local committees, through which their local activities will be co-ordinated with the state-wide program.

You see, in telling you of this plan, which I do with eager anticipation of your co-operation, I am endeavoring to get across to you with sincerity the idea that I am tremendously enthusiastic about the possibilities of Air Mail Week bringing North Carolina in the future, as well as in the present, a great many very important benefits.

Here are the details I do not think you will regard me as be-

ing presumptuous when I urge you, everyone of you, to read this article and thereafter co-operate:

Five to eight special airplanes will fly especially arranged routes over our state, visiting cities and towns, on October 12. Not only will these planes, pick up the air mail, but also they will be the center of ceremonies which will be arranged in each community by the local committee. While the business men and industrial executives will be glad of the opportunity of giving wings to their letters, the enthusiasts over aviation development will be delighted to have as visitors in their municipalities some of the nation's most famous aviators. In this group of flyers will be Capt. Dick Merrill, chief pilot of the Eastern Air

Lines, Al Williams, famous former naval speed plane pilot and several others.

While the pick-up planes will fly these special North Carolina routes only on that one day, October 12, the entire week will be observed as air mail week and on other days the other regular divisions of the postal service will concentrate the air mail in the central distributing and dispatching points at Charlotte and Raleigh. The great mail and passenger planes of the Eastern Air Lines will bring into and take away air mail at those two cities.

This Air Mail Week is of particular interest to people not on the regular air mail lines. You are demonstrating of the air mail service is a test—what is the fu-

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