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## Accident Toll in Wilkes County During Past Week

INJURED 2  
DEAD 1

## Farmers to Gather For a County Wide Meeting Dec. 11th At the Courthouse

State Authorities to Explain Provisions of 1938 Farm Program

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN At Meetings Held Throughout the County During the Past Two Weeks

As a climax to an educational program to acquaint farmers with provisions of the government farm program for 1938, a county wide meeting to which every farmer is invited will be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Saturday, December 11, beginning at ten o'clock a. m.

During the past two weeks County Agent Dan Holler and L. W. Miller, clerk of the soil conservation association, have been filling appointments in various communities in order to let the farmers know what to expect in the way of government aid for the coming year.

Mr. Holler said that attendance at many of the meetings have been beyond expectations, indicating a maximum of interest in the program the government has to offer for the coming year. They have shown an active interest, he said, and did not hesitate to ask questions relative to any provision they did not thoroughly understand.

The meeting to be held at the courthouse Saturday morning will be along the same lines but there will be state authorities present to give authoritative information about the new program, which is designed to afford greater benefit payments for soil building.

It is considered a well planned program which will enable a farmer to plan his operations many months in advance and manage his farm to secure the maximum in cash benefits and incidentally to bring about greater improvements in the soil. The opinion has been freely expressed that Wilkes farmers should cooperate fully with the program.

## Two Are Injured In Auto Accident

Millard Johnson and Charles McNeill, Jr., of Ashe county, were painfully injured Sunday when their car left highway 16 near Jumping Off place and crashed into a tree about 140 feet off the roadway on the side of the mountain. Johnson and McNeill were brought to the Wilkes hospital, where they are receiving treatment for their injuries.

## Laws Homes Burn At Moravian Falls

Residences of R. Don and S. R. Laws Destroyed By Fire Last Friday

Fire late Friday afternoon destroyed the homes of R. Don Laws and Shafter R. Laws and threatened the destruction of the entire village of Moravian Falls. It was the second time in three years that the home of Mr. Laws, publisher of the nationally known Yellow Jack, has been destroyed by fire.

The fire was discovered about 8:30 and had gained much headway under the roof. Defective wiring was thought to have been the cause. A strong south wind fanned the flames from the home of the elder Mr. Laws to the home of his son and efforts to keep the fire from destroying the residence were in vain. Wind also carried the fire to the roof of the Baptist church but people of the community were able to extinguish the flames as fast as the sparks ignited the roof.

Much of the home furnishings of the home of R. Don Laws on the first floor were saved and all the furnishings of the home of his son were carried out in time. The total damage amounted to several thousand dollars. The small fire truck of the North Wilkesboro fire department was called to aid in the effort to save the village from the situation.

## Streets Gayly Decorated For Christmas Holidays

### Everybody Buys and Uses Christmas Seals



3 MORE WEEKS TO SHOP

## Street Holiday Lights May Be In Use Tuesday

Decorated Stores and Attractive Window Displays Add to Holiday Spirit

Through the cooperation among the business people of the city, North Wilkesboro streets are rapidly taking on a gay holiday appearance and it is expected that the street decorations will be completed and the lights may be ready to turn on Tuesday.

The value of adequate holiday decorations is not to be denied and the merchants and other business men of the city who made street decorations possible have accomplished something that will be appreciated by local people and the thousands who will visit the city during the holiday season.

And while the spirit of Christmas is beginning to permeate the atmosphere and thoughts turn to the most joyous holidays of the year, North Wilkesboro merchants have prepared to serve the people of the rapidly expanding trade territory as never before and amidst a holiday atmosphere.

Many North Wilkesboro stores have already made the holiday decorations and several windows reflect talent in arranging holiday displays.

The wide variety of merchandise now ready for the holiday trade which is expected to get in full swing this week has vanquished all former local competitors in the state.

North Wilkesboro has a trading territory with population equal to that of many of the larger cities and in order to justify this trade expansion the merchants have prepared to fill the demands of all the customers.

## Mrs. Lonnie Kilby Succumbs; Result Of Wreck Injuries

Vannoy Resident Victim Of Wreck Three Weeks Ago On Highway No. 16

Funeral service was held Friday for Mrs. Grace Kilby, wife of Lonnie Kilby, of Vannoy.

She died Wednesday night in the hospital here from injuries received in an automobile wreck three weeks ago on highway 16 near Millers Creek.

She was 21 years of age, a daughter of Ed and Dora Darnell Dancy, of Vannoy. Surviving are her parents and husband.

Funeral service was held at the church near Vannoy and the body was interred in Miller cemetery.

Roe Church, who was said to have been drinking and was the driver of the car which collided with the one driven by Kilby, was arrested by State Highway Patrolman Carlyle Ingle and is being held on manslaughter charges.

## Apple Recipes Now Available

The United States department of agriculture is aiding in the movement to publicize apples and to boost the demand for the king of fruits throughout the nation.

It is a part of a national drive to make people "apple conscious" and Wilkes county being one of the leading apple producing centers in the nation it is expected that local residents will show considerable interest.

In fact it is hoped that they will show interest to such an extent that local consumption of apples will show a marked increase.

And in order to facilitate this apple publicity the bureau of home economics in the nation's capital has issued an attractive booklet of apple recipes which tells how to use apples in dozens of delicious dishes.

These booklets are available at the office of the county agent or by writing to Bureau of Home Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

## Foil Plans For a Moonshine Run

Officers Cut Up Large Outfit Near a County Road Before Liquor Is Made

Sheriff C. T. Doughton and Deputy Odell Whittington foiled plans of moonshiners for manufacture of holiday liquor one day recently near Shepherd's Cross Roads.

The still, a modern outfit for manufacture of illicit beverages, was located within 20 steps of a much traveled road in that vicinity but was well hidden by undergrowth.

Four operators fled from the scene when the officers approached but there were no indications that liquor had been made. Apparently they were well prepared for extensive operations, having made excavation for 12 mash boxes (boxes are placed in the ground to prevent freezing).

Have your Christmas Seals been tucked away in some nook or cranny? Why not get them out and pay for them and use them?

## 'DIAMOND BOB'S' HELPER GETS TWO YEARS ON FORGERY COUNT

Wyatt Pleads Guilty to Forgery Charge In Davidson County and Implicates Bob Vannoy and Odell Key

Odell Wyatt, who said he was a member of a trio which conspired to print and forge over \$1,000 worth of checks on Montgomery Ward & Company, was sentenced in Davidson county court at Lexington Friday to two years in the penitentiary for his part in the scheme.

Wyatt said that he and Odell Key, also of the Vannoy section of Wilkes, had the task of passing the checks while the leader of the gang, Bob Vannoy of the diamond deal notoriety, had charge of the check printing.

Wyatt's car brought about his arrest. Wilkes officers aided in the search for "Diamond Bob" and Key but they have not been located.

After Wyatt was taken and before he made a confession implicating Vannoy and Key officers from cities where the checks had been cashed went immediately into the Vannoy community. Incidentally they met "Diamond Bob", who was not at that time under suspicion, and asked him at length about who might be cashing the forged checks. Naturally they learned nothing and the three officers have been unsuccessful in their efforts to locate Vannoy and Key.

## As Cleveland Fights Auto Toll



CLEVELAND... Jaywalkers on the Public Square here are reminded that by using the red flag shown above they "might" dart across the street against traffic lights. It's all a part of a traffic safety campaign to reduce the mounting number of auto deaths.

## Public Pleased With Traffic Light System

American Legion Went Into Use District Meeting Here Saturday

Will Be Held Wednesday Night at Taylorsville; Auxiliary to Meet

The annual conference of the 15th district of the American Legion, which comprises the posts of Mooresville, Statesville, Taylorsville, North Wilkesboro, West Jefferson and Sparta, will be held at the Alexander Hotel at Taylorsville Wednesday night, December 8th, at 7:30. The Auxiliary conference will be held at an earlier hour and will be conducted by District President, Mrs. T. A. Finley, of this city. Many state officials of the Legion, Auxiliary and the 40 and 8 will be in attendance at these meetings and interesting programs have been arranged.

The banquet will be at the hotel dining room for the three organizations, and will be followed by a program which will feature an address by the State Commander Hector Blackwell, of Fayetteville. Many Legionnaires and Auxiliary members of this place expect to attend this meeting. The 15th District, according to the District Commander P. G. Wright, of West Jefferson, is leading the state in percentage of membership. All Legionnaires and Auxiliary members who expect to attend this banquet and meeting should notify Adjutant John Hall, Phone 223, not later than Tuesday afternoon, so that reservations can be made for the local delegation.

## County Welfare Officer Commends W. P. A. House Keeping Aid Project

The Wilkes county house-keeping aid project is set up for the purpose of giving work to women eligible for WPA employment who can be better housekeepers, courses in furniture renovation, caring for children in sickness and in health, bedside care, feeding the family, and all problems connected with the running and management of the home.

Housekeeping aids will have at least two weeks training before they are sent out to give free training and service to needy families certified for relief by the public welfare department, where illness, blindness, death or infirmity make it impossible for the housewife to carry on the work of the home without extra help. Housekeeping aids will not attempt to handle health problems without written instructions from a physician.

The housekeeping aid project is designed to further community welfare by giving intelligent constructive training and service to those who are not physically or financially able to help themselves, and its success is dependent in a large measure on community participation, interest and support. The training center will be located in the back of the building known as the Terrace Panacea Home, this space has been donated by Mrs. Ed Turner. Chairs, a bed, tables, boxes and lumber, will be needed to help

the project get started. Any one who has anything to loan or donate that will help furnish a kitchen, living room, breakfast room or bed room, will please call Mrs. Pearl Rhodes telephone 170, supervisor of the project, or the Public Welfare Department, telephone 340. Legally constituted agencies sponsoring the house-keeping aid project are as follows: the department of public welfare, the public health department, the board of county commissioners. City officials and local civic clubs are requested to act as co-sponsors. The house-keeping aid project will reach homes in Wilkes county where the training given will help to raise the standard of living, the workers will teach the benefits of cleanliness and better living, mothers so trained will be able to train their children to be better citizens—the house-keeping aid project is indeed a community welfare endeavor with far reaching influence, and deserves the support of all public spirited citizens who are interested in community betterment.

## Home Demonstration Agent Now Assured

### Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

CAPT. BRISTOL 101 Morganton, Dec. 3.—Capt. W. H. Bristol celebrated his 101st birthday here this afternoon and fiddled in high spirits before a crowd of 200 who attended a party given in his honor by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

POSTAL RECEIPTS GAIN Lenoir, Dec. 3.—Postal receipts for the first 11 months of 1937 are showing a gain of \$2,307.04 over the corresponding period of 1936, Postmaster N. H. Gwyn stated today. Postal receipts for the first 11 months of the year totaled \$37,885.77 as compared with \$33,587.73 for 1936.

EFFINGER GIVES UP Lima, O., Dec. 3.—Portly Virgil F. "Bert" Effinger, 57-year-old accused head of the Black Legion, surrendered here today to fight charges of criminal syndicalism filed against him in Michigan. The bald former electrical contractor thus ended a 15-month period of elusiveness since he walked out of an extradition hearing in Columbus on August 26, 1936, and disappeared.

NORTH CAROLINA 11TH Washington, Dec. 3.—Five states improved their population ranking in the last year, the census bureau reported today. The bureau's estimate of population on July 1, 1937, placed North Carolina 11th in place of Indiana and Alabama 16th instead of being tied with Tennessee for that position. South Carolina and West Virginia each jumped a number to 25th and 26th, while Kansas fell from 25th to 27th.

KILLED IN CRASH Banner Elk, Dec. 3.—One man was killed and two others seriously injured early tonight when a truck and light coupe crashed head-on between Cranberry and Newland. Lum Studer, 30, of Newland, driver of the coupe, was killed instantly. His two companions, Coy Calhoun and Gurney Calhoun, both of Newland, were badly hurt. They were brought to Grace Hospital here.

F. D. R.'s GUM SORE Miami, Fla., Dec. 3.—President Roosevelt decided to cut three days from his vacation schedule today and to start for Washington tomorrow due to what he described as delayed healing of his gum. The chief executive had an infected tooth extracted November 18. He absorbed much poison from the double pocket left by the extraction and one of these openings still was draining some when he left Washington November 27 on his fishing cruise on which he hoped to regain strength.

CONFERENCE FAILS Washington, Dec. 3.—Conferences seeking to end labor's two-year internal war apparently collapsed tonight with the failure of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and John L. Lewis, head of the Committee for Industrial Organization, to reach an agreement in the second face-to-face meeting. No plans for further conferences between Lewis and Green or between subcommittees of a group named by each organization to attempt to negotiate a truce have been scheduled.

CALDWELL HEARD Washington, Dec. 3.—The house adjourned until Monday today in the middle of the tobacco session. Relative to this section a number of perfecting amendments have already been adopted at the instance of Representative Hancock. Harry B. Caldwell, master of the state Grange, returned to Washington today and conferred with Mr. Hancock, and with Mr. Cooley, a member of the agriculture committee, regarding the tobacco provision. The Grange is supporting this provision, but is not in sympathy with all the principles which afford the basis of the general bill. Secretary Wallace is likewise objecting to some of the general provisions of the senate bill.

## Commissioners To Appropriate Funds For Year

Extension Service Offered Home Demonstration Agent Half Year COST \$600 YEARLY For County; Balance of Cost Paid by State and Federal Governments

Wilkes county board of commissioners in December session today paved the way for a home demonstration agent for Wilkes county.

Under an agreement with the state extension service the commissioners agreed to appropriate \$600 as the county's part of the cost for the fiscal year to begin on July 1, 1938.

It is understood that the extension service offered a home demonstration agent to Wilkes without cost to the county until July 1 provided the county commissioners would give assurance that an appropriation of \$600 would be made for the next fiscal year. In other words the home demonstration agent would be furnished to the county for 18 months for \$600.

Since it became known a few days ago that the services of a home demonstration agent could be available at such low cost and for six months at no cost the Pomona Grange, Parent-Teacher associations and other civic organizations endorsed the proposal and asked that the commissioners take favorable action.

The order passed by the commissioners at their meeting agreed to make the required appropriation for the next fiscal year provided the home demonstration agent's service proved satisfactory during the six months' period.

County Farm Demonstration Agent Dan Holler commented favorably on the action of the commissioners today, saying that the appointment should result in a more complete extension service for the county.

The proposal was offered the county by Miss Armella Arant, district home agent, who was in Wilkes a few days ago.

The appointment has not been made but it is expected that the extension service will make appointment before January 1.

## City Auto Tags Are Now On Sale

City License for 1938 Sold At License Bureau By Mrs. H. C. Landon

North Wilkesboro resident automobile license tags are now on sale at the license bureau in charge of Mrs. Henry Landon.

For the convenience of the motorists contract for sale of the city tags was awarded to the license bureau. The buyer may purchase the city tag along with state tags which are now on sale and this means quite a convenience to the automobile and truck owners. The city license plates are of the same color as the 1938 state license and the cost is one dollar for each automobile or truck. The law requires that all cars or trucks owned by city residents display the 1938 city tags on January 1.

## Mrs. Moore Head Education Work

Succeeds W. R. Craft as Supervisor Adult Education in Two Counties

Mrs. Ethel Vannoy Moore, president of this city, has been named supervisor of adult and nursery education in Wilkes and Alexander counties.

Mrs. Moore succeeds W. R. Craft, former supervisor. He now holds a similar position with the National Youth Administration.