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Friday, Saturday, Monday Will Be 'Trade Days' Here

Demonstration By Scouts on Streets Saturday Attracts Public Attention

Public Gets Glimpse of Some of Training Afforded the Boys of Community

PLAN UNION SERVICE

To Be Held Sunday Evening to Present Eagle Badge to Robert McCoy

Activities during the past week have served to make citizens of North Wilkesboro and adjacent communities "Boy Scout conscious."

On Saturday afternoon and night members of Presbyterian troop number 36 put on street demonstrations that attracted the attention of hundreds of people.

One group put on demonstrations in first aid having headquarters in a show window of a department store. This demonstration included picking up an injured person on a stretcher which the Scouts had made and included all first aid treatment.

Another group gave a demonstration of tower building with poles and rope without nails. They constructed a very substantial signal tower at the corner of B and Ninth streets and the crowd of onlookers almost blocked traffic.

After the tower was completed the Scouts gave demonstrations of signaling.

On a vacant lot at the corner of B street and Kensington drive another group gave a demonstration of camping. They constructed all the tents necessary for a Boy Scout camp and cooked their supper at the camp.

Troop 36 is under the leadership of Gordon Finley, Scoutmaster.

The demonstrations served to gain the attention of a large number of people, many of whom knew very little about Scouting or the type of training the organization affords boys of the city and community.

On Tuesday night the court of honor for the North Wilkesboro district met and laid plans for a Boy Scout night special service to be held at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church on Sunday night, February 20, at which time P. W. Eshelman, Deputy District Commissioner, will be speaker and the Eagle Scout badge will be presented to Robert Watt (Bob) McCoy.

Following a hymn and invocation all Boy Scouts will repeat the Scout oath. T. E. Story will present the speaker, Mr. Eshelman.

Presentation of the Eagle Scout badge to Robert McCoy will be by W. E. Vaughn-Lloyd, of Winston-Salem, Scout commissioner.

Allegiance to the flag will be by Eagle Scouts Hale Jones, Joe McCoy, Robert Wood Finley, Paul Haigwood and Pat Williams, Jr.

Walter Porter Is Found Dead

Walter Porter, age 56, citizen of Rock Creek township, was found dead beside the road between his home and where he had started to mill late yesterday.

Mr. Porter had started to a corn mill with a bag of corn and was riding a horse, Robert Stone, passing the road about two hours after Mr. Porter left his home, saw the riderless horse in a nearby field and the body beside the road.

Coroner I. M. Myers was summoned and after investigation decided that he came to his death by natural causes, presumably heart attack.

He is survived by his wife and seven children; Mrs. Roy Byrd, Winston-Salem; Mrs. L. H. Woods, Roanoke River; Mrs. Ross Harold, Winston-Salem; Avery Roy, Leno and Elsie Porter, of North Wilkesboro.

Funeral service will be held Friday at Rock Creek church.

Wilkes Home Agent



Miss Harriet McGoogan, Wilkes county's first home demonstration agent, Miss McGoogan, who came to Wilkes from W. C. U. N. C. where she was assistant dietician, finds the ladies of the county much interested in home demonstration work. (photo courtesy Winston-Salem Journal).

WPA Project For Construction Of Gyms Approved

Planning to Erect Adequate Gymnasiums at Millers Creek, Mountain View

Applications for WPA projects calling for construction of gymnasiums and landscaping of school grounds at Millers Creek and Mountain View high schools have been approved in Washington, T. D. Heffner, area supervisor of WPA, said today.

Identical projects were set up for each community and the communities are sponsors.

Cost of the projects was set up at approximately \$19,000 each with the cost shared about 50-50 between the sponsor and the federal government.

However, it is understood that at each place plans call for salvaging old school buildings as a part of the sponsor's contribution.

Mr. Heffner said that it is not likely that much work can be accomplished on the projects until the school building in Wilkesboro is completed because all WPA labor suitable for construction work is being used there at present.

Wilkes Woman Is Robbed In Capitol

Mrs. Norma Yager, of Washington, D. C., is recuperating at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lorene Jones, from injuries received on the night of January 29 in the nation's capital when a taxi driver hit her on the head and robbed her of her cash, jewelry, hat and coat.

Oddly enough, the robber did not disturb a small package wrapped in drug store paper. It contained stocks, bonds and jewelry worth several thousand dollars.

Mrs. Yager had decided to visit her mother here but was late reaching the station and hailed a taxi to take her back to the hotel where she was staying.

After traveling a short distance the taxi hit the curb, throwing Mrs. Yager forward. Then, she said, the driver struck her over the head with some steel object.

She partially recovered consciousness next day in the emergency hospital. She learned that another taxi driver had discovered her baggage and carried it to police headquarters. Officers found her several miles from the spot where she said the taxi driver struck her. When found her clothes were tattered and her hands and finger nails were bruised, indicating that she had tried to crawl while in a semi-conscious condition.

She received treatment at a Washington hospital for several days and last week was allowed to begin the trip to North Wilkesboro. She arrived Friday at the home of her mother here but has not completely recovered from the injuries, which included concussion of the brain, a severe laceration, and painful bruises.

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Goodwill Tourney Will Begin Here On February 24th

All High Schools of County Invited to Take Part In Basketball Contests

LOCALLY SPONSORED

Is an Annual Activity of Student Activities Council at City Schools

North Wilkesboro high school's third annual goodwill basketball tournament for high schools of Wilkes county will open on Thursday, February 24, it was announced today.

Boys and girls teams from the eight high schools in the county are expected to take part in the tournament.

Mount Pleasant versus Ferguson will be the afternoon games on opening day, followed by Roaring River and Wilkesboro at night. Millers Creek, Mountain View, Traphill and Ronda schools will play on the second day.

The tournament is sponsored annually by the Student Activities association and has been very successful in former years. The county champions last year were Mountain View boys and Mount Pleasant girls. While these teams are strong contenders for the handsome trophies the other teams will be in the thick of the fight for top honors.

The student council is rapidly completing plans for the tourney, which is expected to be the most interesting in the three-year history of the event.

The tournament was begun and is maintained as a promoter of goodwill and sportsmanship among the schools of the county.

Better Service For Unemployed

Representatives NCSES Will Fill Appointments Weekly in Nearby Counties

In order to provide means for satisfactorily administering the Unemployment Compensation act a representative will spend one day each week in Sparta, Jefferson and Boone, it was learned here today from B. G. Gentry, manager of the branch office of the North Carolina state employment service.

Since January 1 monthly appointments have been filled at the three points but the rush of applicants for job insurance and the delay resulting in filing claims only once each month has caused the employment service to arrange to fill weekly appointments, which will speed filing of claims and delivery of checks.

Tuesdays at Jefferson, Thursdays at Sparta and Fridays at Boone complete the new schedule of points served from the office here.

Far exceeding expectations, more than 400 filed claims at Jefferson while about half that number of jobless in Alleghany county are seeking job insurance.

Change from monthly to weekly appointments will also result in a more thorough service as an employment agency.

3 FORMER WILKES MEN KILLED SATURDAY IN MINE EXPLOSION IN WEST WYOMING

John Baker and son, William Baker, former residents of Fairview community and Denver Holbrook, a former resident of Laurel Springs, were instantly killed Saturday while working in a coal mine in the Rocky mountains in Wyoming and near the Idaho state line.

The mysterious explosion killed five workmen, all instantly except one who was blown from the mouth of the mine. He died soon after the disaster despite first aid administered by Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. Baker traveled on skis over snow several feet deep five miles to the nearest ranch to give news of the explosion which took the lives of her husband and fellow workers. The bodies were recovered from the mine Monday.

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Nabbed By Dewey



Philadelphia . . . Dixie Davis, disbarred New York lawyer who acted as legal counsel for the late gangster Dutch Schultz, is pictured here in police court after his capture as a fugitive. Davis is already under indictment for conspiracy in connection with the lottery racket.

Farmers To Be Notified When Checks Arrive

Applications for Payment Forwarded; Checks Expected About March 15

Wilkes county farmers who are to receive payment for compliance with provisions of the farm program last year will be notified when payment arrives, County Agent Dan Holler said today.

It will not be necessary to call at the office of the county agent until the farmer has received a card telling him that the checks have arrived, Mr. Holler said.

Farm benefit checks for 1937 are expected about the middle of March.

Labor Office Of WPA Is Coming

Labor Department For This Area to Be Set Up With Area WPA Office

A labor department for area 10 of the Works Progress administration will be set up with the area office here, T. D. Heffner, area supervisor, said today.

At present the labor department for both area 7 and area 10 is located at area 7 office in Winston-Salem. It is understood that the personnel of the labor department office there will be divided when the addition is made to the area office here.

Mr. Heffner said that the labor department here will facilitate work in the area in that workers can be assigned or transferred without delay.

Schoolmasters To Meet Tuesday Night

Wilkes county schoolmasters' club will meet at Wilkesboro school on Tuesday evening, February 22, 6:30 o'clock to hear Dr. Susan B. Akers, dean of libraries at the University of North Carolina.

It will be a dinner meeting and teachers who plan to attend are asked to notify T. E. Story not later than Monday.

Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

REDUCE ABOUT HALF

Washington, Feb. 16.—Secretary Wallace announced today the 1938 cotton production goal under the new crop control act would be around 10,750,000 bales compared with a yield of 18,746,000 bales in 1937.

FATALLY INJURED

Greenville, Feb. 16.—Joseph Edgar Gaylor, 30, cleaning company employe, was fatally injured today when his truck collided with an automobile which Police Chief George Clark said was driven by John H. McElroy, of Marshall. McElroy, whose injuries were of a minor nature, was placed under \$1,000 bond pending a hearing.

BODY LOCATED

Laurinburg, Feb. 16.—The body of Leo Douglas, 22-year-old textile worker, who disappeared 13 days ago under suspicious circumstances from a filling station near Beaver Dam creek, and for whom officers of two counties had been searching, was found late this afternoon floating in about three feet of water near the spot where he was last seen, Rural Policeman P. B. Odom, of Marlboro county, S. C., said tonight.

KLONDIKE RUSH

Burlington, Feb. 16.—With buckets, pans, any sort of container, scores this afternoon essayed something akin to a Klondike gold rush as they searched for gasolinian riches from the top of one of eight derailed freight cars on the Southern railway two and a half miles east of Haw River. The accident occurred to train No. 65, westbound, about 1:30 o'clock. The cause of derailment was not definitely determined, although opinion was expressed that a fallen drawhead was responsible.

INTERNATIONAL CRISIS

London, Feb. 16.—Great Britain and France, gravely worried over Germany's drastic moves to force nazi domination on Austria, decided tonight to ask Chancellor Adolf Hitler's government to declare its future intentions regarding the country. This decision was made public after a two-hour meeting of the British cabinet—the second session of the day—and was believed to reflect a joint Anglo-French understanding to strengthen their weak resistance against nazi encroachment in Austria.

REVIEW PAYNE CASE

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—Attorneys seeking to save Bill Payne and Wash Turner, convicted murderers, from death in North Carolina's gas chamber won a victory in the state Supreme court today when the tribunal agreed to review the appeal in the case. The court granted a motion of certiorari, filed by Lyle Jones, of Asheville, and counter-motion, filed by Attorney General A. A. F. Seawell, that the matter be dismissed. Seawell claimed the case had not been docketed in compliance with Supreme court rules.

Outstanding Values are Offered People In Trade Area of North Wilkesboro During 3-Day Event

Trade Days to Be Forerunner of Expansion Trade Events for Year

MANY PARTICIPATING

Many Business Firms Quote Unusual Values Friday, Saturday and Monday

North Wilkesboro merchants and business firms have merchandise which the people of Wilkes and adjoining counties need.

And an event will be staged Friday and Saturday of this week and Monday of next in which the buyer and seller are invited to meet for the mutual advantage of both.

The event is "Trade Days" and during the three days outstanding values are being offered by a number of firms. North Wilkesboro merchants have large stocks of merchandise and are willing to sacrifice profits in order to reduce stocks during this event.

Trade Days is sponsored by the Wilkes County Merchants' Association. One of its major purposes being to add prestige to North Wilkesboro as the logical trading center of a great section of northwestern North Carolina.

In commenting on the event C. G. Day, president of the Merchants' Association, said: "It is only a beginning of an intensive drive to convince people that North Wilkesboro merchants and business firms offer better values and services at lower costs."

"Other merchandising events are contemplated during 1938," Mr. Day said.

"With the expected upturn in business almost any day, and efforts of government officials to raise commodity prices, the consumers may expect higher prices in the near future. The person who supplies his needs now will be using his head," Mr. Day said in further commenting on the trade event.

The full effect of this statement is realized when the fact that regular prices of merchandise in practically all lines are lower than a year ago is considered.

But for the trade event customers may practice far greater thrift and foresight. Regular prices have in many instances been reduced more than 25 per cent and many reduced by half.

With higher prices forecast because of monetary policies and other causes, Trade Days event offers an unusual and rare opportunity to the people of Northwestern North Carolina.

There are many logical reasons why people of this section of the state can trade to advantage in North Wilkesboro. The trading area of this city is larger than that of many cities five times its size. In other words the merchandising part of the business life of the city has been built up on par with business of much larger cities.

Seeking Homes For One Boy, One Girl

Charles McNeill, Wilkes county welfare officer, is seeking homes for a girl 6 years of age and a boy age 8.

They are intelligent children from a good family and no person need ask for either of the children without being able to give good references, the welfare officer said.

Begin Road Work On Highway 115

Fifty Men to Be Used in Rock Quarry; Crush For Use On Two Projects

Nello Teer, who has contract for grading and stone surfacing highway 115 from near Wilkesboro to the Wilkes-Iredell line, has opened a rock quarry on Hunting Creek.

From the quarry will be taken stone for surfacing the link of highway 115 and a link of the Yadkinville-Mooreville highway, which Mr. Teer is grading.

Requisition for fifty workmen was made to the workmen service office here.

Meanwhile the work of grading the road has not been progressing very rapidly, due to inclement weather.

Mayor Welcomes Visitors To City During Trade Days

Through cooperative effort the Wilkes County Merchants' Association and other business firms have designated Friday, Saturday and Monday, February 18, 19 and 21, as "Trade Days" event in North Wilkesboro.

For this event the business firms participating are offering unusual values which are calculated to boost North Wilkesboro's popularity as the trading center for a big section of northwestern North Carolina with more than 100,000 potential customers.

North Wilkesboro expects many visitors during "Trade Days" and a cordial invitation is extended all new patrons and the many who are already convinced that North Wilkesboro is the best place to do business.

Come to North Wilkesboro during "Trade Days," or any time. Your business visits will be mutually advantageous and a cordial welcome awaits everyone.

R. T. McNEIL, Mayor of North Wilkesboro.

Wilkes County Oil Men to Meet Tuesday Night

Wilkes County Petroleum Industry Will Discuss Diversion of Funds

"Wholesale and retail oil dealers and their employees, of Wilkes county, will meet at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, February 22, at the Banquet Hall in Hotel Wilkes, according to S. V. Tomlinson, Chairman of the Wilkes County Petroleum Industries Committee.

Chairman Tomlinson stated: "The misuse of highway tax funds in this State will be discussed at the meeting."

Of the 25c in taxes that the State receives from every dollar taken in for gasoline by service station operators, approximately 3 per cent is being diverted to non-highway purposes. This, according to Chairman Tomlinson, is actually a diversion tax equivalent to 3 per cent of the gross receipts of gasoline sales and is greater than the net profits after wages, overhead and other costs are met.

The gasoline dealers are collecting 7 1-4 cents on each gallon of gasoline, which is equivalent to a sales tax of 48 per cent of the retail price.

S. Gilmer Sparger of Raleigh, Secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee, will attend and address the meeting. He will discuss the program recently adopted by the State Committee, which urges the ending of diversion and the enactment of a Constitutional Amendment to prevent future misuse of highway funds.

In 1936 North Carolina diverted more than \$2,000,000, or 10 per cent of the \$20,961,000 in taxes collected by the State, according to the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads.

Tax Penalty Will Increase March 2

Attention is called to the fact that the penalty on unpaid county taxes after March 1 will be doubled.

A penalty of one per cent was added to unpaid 1937 taxes this month according to law and the penalty if the taxes are not paid on or before March 1 will be two per cent. All who can are urged to pay their taxes before the penalty is increased from one to two per cent.