

### Apple Crop Not Hurt In Thermal Belt

Temperatures in the famous thermal belt of the Brushy Mountains ran true to form this morning and little if any damage was reported to the future apple crop now in beautiful full bloom stage. Thermometers in the valleys this morning registered as low as thirty, two degrees below freezing, and there was a heavy frost which did great damage to fruit crop prospects.

### Mrs. John R. Jones Taken By Death; Funeral Tuesday

Mrs. Rose McNeill Jones, wife of Solicitor John R. Jones, died at nine o'clock this morning at the Wilkes Hospital. Mrs. Jones had been in ill health for the past few months. Last week she suffered a relapse from a serious illness and returned to the hospital here after being at her home for several days. Funeral service will be held at Wilkesboro Baptist church Tuesday afternoon, three o'clock. Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor, will be assisted by Rev. J. M. Hayes, of Meredith College, and Rev. S. L. Blevins, of Hays. The body will lie in state from two o'clock until the hour of the funeral. Burial will be in Mountain Park cemetery in Wilkesboro.

### Jack Spainhour Is Dye Foreman At State College

Jack Spainhour, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spainhour, of this city, is dyeing foreman in the textile school at North Carolina State College. The State College textile school is considered one of the best in the country and will hold its annual exposition and style show on April 21.

### Wilkesboro P.-T. A. To Meet Thursday

Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher association will hold the last meeting of the school year in the school auditorium on Thursday afternoon, 3:15. Every school parent is invited to attend. An interesting program has been prepared. The study course will meet at 7:30 with Mrs. A. R. Oglvie in charge.

### Food Sale Friday

The Gardner Circle of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church will sponsor a Food Sale at Bell's store Friday, April 15, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. Cakes, candy, and different kinds of food will be on sale. The food sale will be on the lawn. The food sale for Saturday has been postponed.

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## Large Circulation Features Wilkes Public Library In First Year In City

Circulation For First Year Over Thirteen and One-Half Thousand

NOW HAVE 1,494 BOOKS

Public Institution Is Result Cooperative Effort And Contributions

The Wilkes County Public Library, a project of the council of social agencies composed of representatives from civic bodies and institutions, has reached its first anniversary and the librarian, Miss Mable Hauser, reported a successful year. From a beginning at the zero point a little more than a year ago the library has grown to have 1,494 volumes and the year's circulation was 13,526.

In addition to the central library here, the library this year has furnished books to 17 schools in the county and during the summer months will place books in the hands of responsible parties in several communities for free and convenient use by the public.

The most rapid growth in the library has been since January 1. During the past three months 843 books have been added to the library. These were donated by the "Save Your Children Fund" and the public library of Newark, N. J. The circulation since January 1 has been over 2,000.

The library has been aided materially by the WPA library project, which mended books without cost, and by the NYA, which constructed shelves, quarters for the library have been furnished by Reins-Sturdivant. Fifteen books are now on the rental shelf which is maintained to get funds for the purchase of new and popular fiction and for incidentals. Among the new books now on the rental shelf are "Shadows Slant North" by Mary Bledsoe, and "Houses of Peace," by Ernest M. Eller. The latter was donated by the author's father, E. E. Eller, of this city.

### P.-T. A. Meeting Date Is Changed

Notice is given that the North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association will meet Wednesday of this week instead of Thursday. The meeting will be held at 7:15. The study course will meet at three o'clock and Rev. Eugene Olive will lead the discussion of the subject, "Living Together Happily in the Home."

### Blind Man Successful In Business Endeavors



Many men with sight would go broke running a country store and trading used cars, horses and cattle, but Turner Nichols, of the Pleasant Home community, has made a comfortable living for himself and his family. (Photo courtesy Winston-Salem Journal)

## Aid To Aged And Children Will Cost More During 1938

Coming Back Home?



London . . . Again persistent rumors are heard that the Lindberghs plan an early return to the United States. One of the reasons cited is the recent overhauling given the Lindbergh home at Hopewell, N. J., indicating that the now deserted house, scene of the tragic kidnapping, may once more become occupied. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Lindbergh would affirm or deny the reports.

### Hosier Speaks To School Groups

Safety Director Of Carolina Motor Club Pleads For Safety

Walter Y. Hosier, safety director of the Carolina Motor Club, will conduct a series of safety talks with the students of the schools of North Wilkesboro beginning at 12:35 p. m. Tuesday. These safety talks are being made in conjunction with Gov. Hoey's safety movement to cut highway fatalities in the state. North Carolina was one of the ten highest states in the union for highway accidents in 1937, and the co-operation of all automobile operators in the state is requested to make 1938 a safer year.

If automobile operators will use the same amount of courtesy on the highways as they do in the average home, then many of our accidents can be prevented, said Mr. Hosier to The Journal-Patriot today, "but it would seem that most drivers seem all puffed up and like to take it out from behind the steering wheel of their automobile. Remember, he continued, this is the time of the year when automobile fatalities are high."

### Wilkes Man, Blind, Is Successful Merchant and Dealer In Livestock

Despite blindness, the most dreaded physical handicap, A. T. (Turner) Nichols, has earned a comfortable living for himself and his family at his place of business eight miles from North Wilkesboro in the Pleasant Home community of Wilkes county. And his success has been in lines of business in which many people blessed with all senses have failed—operating a country store and dealing in used automobiles, horses, mules and cattle. "I have never been to a relief or welfare office for anything except help for unfortunate neighbors," Turner told this inquiring reporter who managed to put forward a few questions as the blind man went about his business of waiting on customers. And he has not only kept himself out of the relief office but during his lifetime has supported his father and mother, now dead, and paid their hospital bills and funeral expenses. He lost the sight of one eye

## Number Eligibles Doubles Original County Estimates

Tentative Allotment of State And Federal Funds Are Inadequate

COUNTY SHARES COST

If estimates of the Wilkes county board of welfare are accurate there will not be sufficient funds to provide old age assistance and aid to dependent children as provided by the state social security act to all eligibles in Wilkes county.

This week the board of welfare submitted to the county board of commissioners the estimates for the next fiscal year. The estimates were also forwarded to the state board of charities and public welfare.

Charles McNeill, welfare officer, in his report stated that 335 have already been approved for old age assistance. This number exceeds the original estimates of 315 by 20 cases and hundreds are yet to be investigated and passed upon by the board of welfare. In fact, the estimate of the total number of aged eligible to receive aid is 690 or more than double the estimate last year before the program began.

State authorities, Mr. McNeill said, insist that the average monthly grant to aged be \$8 and on the basis of the estimate of number of eligibles that phase of the social security program in Wilkes county would cost \$16,650, which would be the county's part.

On the basis of the estimates compiled from number of applicants and reasonable expectations as to eligibility, 148 families with 474 children would be eligible for aid to dependent children. With an average grant of \$4 per month for each child the total cost for a year would be \$22,752, of which the county would pay \$7,584.

Aid is now being given 234 children and according to the allotment of state and federal funds to Wilkes only 334 can be helped even if the county can raise its share of the cost. This would mean, Mr. McNeill said, that only 100 more children can be given aid although applications for aid to about 200 are pending in addition to the 231 already approved. The original estimate of number of eligibles last year was 280.

Under the state allotment the limit for number of aged to be helped in Wilkes under the program at an average of \$8 per month would be 449, Mr. McNeill said.

According to estimates of the welfare board the social security program would cost Wilkes county approximately \$30,000, which would represent the county's part in financing old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to blind and administrative expense.

### Generalissimo Surveys His Conquest

SPAIN . . . Crushing all Loyalist resistance, the mighty Rebel war machine composed of Moors, Italians and Germans pushes relentlessly toward the Mediterranean and toward a speedy end of Spain's bloody Civil War, now in its second year. Here, Generalissimo Francisco Franco (left foreground), with his staff, inspects the terrain over which his troops will advance in drive to the seacoast, a few miles away.

### Four Legged Chick Is Exhibited Here

Bruce Combs brought to The Journal-Patriot office one day last week a Siamese twin chicken. The chick, hatched on the farm of L. W. Curry, of North Wilkesboro route 3, had two heads and four legs. It lived only a few minutes.

### Promote Safety On The Parkway

Cross Roads Eliminated By Overpasses; Property Owners Are Warned

In making plans for the Blue Ridge Parkway, the National Park Service has eliminated unnecessary cross roads, side roads and other accident hazards, parkway officials said today in the Blue Ridge Parkway news, a monthly publication issued by the Roanoke, Va., office and distributed to landowners along the scenic boulevard in North Carolina and Virginia.

In order to eliminate these hazards the government is constructing overpasses where the parkway crosses highways and has a limited number of entrances to the parkway. Where the parkway grade has disturbed existing roads the park service arranged for the roads to be rebuilt but said: "We do not feel that the individual owner also needs a private entrance to the parkway. Accordingly, we have discouraged private roads to the parkway . . . and we have asked that you enter the parkway from the nearest public access provided. The Parkway is not a local road. It is a national road."

Parkway rangers have been asked to warn adjoining property owners not to cross parkway lands where no right of way has been granted.

R. T. Campbell is Parkway ranger from the Virginia line to Laurel Springs and has headquarters in North Wilkesboro. E. M. Dale, with headquarters at Hillsville, Va., will cover the territory from Ruggles Gap to the North Carolina line.

### Urges Children Be Immunized To Diphtheria Now

Deaths From Diphtheria Could Be Prevented, Health Officer Says

A grief stricken mother walked into the office of Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes county health officer, recently and said to a nurse, "I feel like I murdered my little girl."

Her curly-haired daughter, the pride of the home, had died a few days before of diphtheria and the mother had not carried the child to the health office to be immunized against diphtheria as the nurse had previously advised.

Several deaths occurred in Wilkes last year from diphtheria, Mrs. Bertha Bell, county nurse, said today, "and if the parents of those children could talk to all parents in the county we would not need to persuade any of them to have their children immunized."

Dr. Eller, health officer, said that all children over six months of age should be immunized and he explained that a few months are necessary after the vaccination before the child becomes immune to the disease. Therefore, it is important, he said, that children be vaccinated now in order to be immune to the disease before the beginning of the next school term.

Because no funds for that purpose is provided, the county (Continued on page eight)

### Continued Neglect May Result In Prosecution Number of Dog Owners

"Not a week passes without at least one mad dog being found in Wilkes county," Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, said today in a statement warning dog owners to have their dogs immunized or face prosecution in the courts for failure to comply with a state law which he described as being for the protection of all the people.

"No one knows where his dog goes if it is not confined and no one knows what kind of dogs visit his dogs. Therefore, it is most essential that all dogs be immunized against rabies," Dr. Eller said.

"That harmless pet is potentially the most dangerous dog when it goes mad," the health officer said, and went on to explain that the "no count dog which the owner says is not worth listing and for whom there is no acclaimed owner can become very dangerous as a rabies carrier."

Dr. Eller said that prosecutions must follow continued neglect to have dogs immunized and that he is determined that the people comply with the law for the protection of themselves and especially the children who are innocent victims of the neglect of dog owners who fail to have their dogs vaccinated as the law requires.

## Better Homes For Poor Is Objective Welfare Project By Junior Women

Discarded And Broken Furniture To Be Renovated For Unfortunate

APPEAL IS MADE

Trucks Will Call For Donations Of Furniture To Be Repaired

The Junior Woman's Club of North Wilkesboro has launched a major welfare project in cooperation with the Wilkes county welfare department.

"If the citizens of our city and county could see how the other half live a plea for discarded furniture that would make poor homes more comfortable and livable would not go unheeded," the club said in making announcement of the drive to secure broken or discarded furniture which will be repaired and renovated and distributed by the welfare department to the most needy homes.

The appeal for support of the project follows: "Have you a broken or discarded piece of furniture in your home? If so, the Junior Woman's Club asks you to contribute same to the county welfare project where the furniture donated will be repaired, stained or painted and placed in the homes of the less fortunate in Wilkes county who have no furniture.

"If you have a table, bed, chair or other article of furniture, broken or for other reason discarded, which you will be glad to contribute for betterment of homes in your community and county, please call any member of the following committee: Mrs. W. K. Sturdivant, Mrs. Dorothy Carter or Mrs. Rachel Absher. A truck will call for the furniture and your contributions will be greatly appreciated."

### Class Initiation Of Juniors Friday

Juniors of the seventh district, composed of Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin counties, will conduct a class initiation with Elkin council number 96 on Friday evening, April 15, beginning at 7:30. Junior Order leaders said here today.

Several candidates will take degrees and an enjoyable meeting is anticipated. The North Wilkesboro degree team will confer degrees.

### North Wilkesboro Wins Top Honors At District Music Contest Friday

North Wilkesboro school by the narrow margin of one place failed to make a clean sweep of top honors Friday in the district music contest conducted at Granite Falls.

The girls glee club in competition with Hudson, Granite Falls, Marion and Taylorsville high schools won first place and received the highest rating ever given a contestant from the North Wilkesboro school. "Will O' The Wisp" was the number rendered.

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