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TOBACCO BARN BURN

Local tobacco barns have been destroyed by fires of unknown origin in recent days. Each of the barns burned contained over \$700 worth of fine leaf tobacco. Sudden explosions have preceded each of the fires.

VIRTUE REWARDED

Pendleton, Ore., Aug. 23.—Gordon Ballata decided to transfer his life's savings of \$2,230 from bank to bank, but lost the money. An unidentified man returned with the money. Here's Ballata's recipe for such good luck: "For 35 years I never got drunk, never got in jail, always pay my bills. Now, I got my money back."

TO PROBE CHARGES

Washington, Aug. 23.—The senate campaign expenditures committee directed its investigations in Tennessee today to check on complaints from Senator Berry, Democrat, Tennessee, that WPA officials assessed relief workers and led the fight against him when he was defeated for re-nomination in the August 4 Democratic primary.

WANT 12TH GRADE

Raleigh, Aug. 23.—The commission studying North Carolina's education system heard reports from four cities today that a 12th school year seemed to justify its cost, brought a higher percentage of promotions and pleased patrons. The reports came from superintendents of schools in Charlotte, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount and Washington, N. C., which have nine-month, 12-grade schools.

ACTO BUSINESS UP

New York, Aug. 23.—News from Detroit that automobile makers were preparing to spend many millions of dollars for parts and materials in speeding manufacture of 1939 cars cheered Wall Street today and sent motor shares to the head of an advancing stock market. Nearly \$100,000,000 was added to the market value of General Motors' 43,500,000 shares in the rush to get aboard automotive issues. The stock closed \$2 higher at \$49.50 and touched the highest prices recorded this year. Chrysler rose but \$3 to a new peak for 1938 at \$75.62.

HUNT MAD KILLER

Cleveland, Aug. 23.—Detectives picked up a 59-year-old junk dealer tonight for questioning in connection with 12 butcheries here ascribed to a "torso killer." Action followed identification of a quilt wrapped around parts of the latest woman victim's body found on a dump here last week. A barber gave police a description of the junk man to whom he said he sold the quilt. Nevel said the tracer of the quilt was an "important link" in the search for the mad man who has decapitated five women and seven men in the last three years.

TANK EXPLODES

West Jefferson, Aug. 23.—About 9:45 o'clock Monday night West Jefferson residents heard an explosion that caused their homes to tremble and a number of window panes to shatter. Some thought an earthquake had struck town. A large truck carrying a load of liquid tar belonging to the Tyler Construction company had caught fire and exploded at the government stockyard while being loaded from a flat car. Truck Driver Eugene Craven and his companion were in the process of filling the enormous truck tank when Craven climbed on the top of the tank, struck a match and peered inside to see if it was filled. It was.

PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Hyattsville, N. Y., Aug. 23.—President Roosevelt asserted today that intervention by members of one party in the primary election of another destroys a fundamental principle of the American party system. The President discussed particularly the Idaho situation where Senator James P. Pope, the administration candidate, recently was defeated for re-nomination by the Democratic primary by D. Worth Clark, Pope, who had been considering an independent candidacy for re-election.

Festival Near City

R. Shaw, of North Wilkesboro, and Rev. Carl Byers, of West Jefferson, Va., started a road show on Cotton Hill near North Wilkesboro. The show is invited.

Fair To Open With Parade

Prize of \$25.00 Is Offered School In Best Showing

Soldiers to Take Part In Parade Through City On Opening Day

GOVERNOR IS COMING

Governor Hoey Will Be In Reviewing Stand On Main Street

The Great Northwestern Fair will be formally opened during the forenoon of Tuesday, September 13, with a parade over streets of this city and before a reviewing stand in which Governor Clyde R. Hoey will be honored guests, W. A. McNeil, secretary and general manager of the fair association, said today.

In the parade, which will form at the corner of 10th and C street at ten o'clock, will be national guard companies of North Wilkesboro, Morganton and Statesville, 105th engineers band, the band engaged by the fair, and school children from the fifth grade up from schools of Wilkes county. Also included in the parade will be floats and other attractions.

The reviewing stand will be located on Main street at the intersection of 8th.

Mr. McNeil announced that the fair association will give a cash prize of \$25 to the school making the best showing in the parade. J. B. McCoy is parade committee chairman, he said.

After the parade reaches the fairgrounds Governor Hoey will deliver an address at 11 o'clock. All school children will be guests of the fair association on opening day and will be admitted on free tickets.

Fair officials report much interest among farmers, orchards and other in plans for placing products on exhibit in competition for the \$2,000 in cash prizes offered this year.

On the midway of the fair will be a renovated West World Wonder Shows with 15 new rides and shows. Pollyanna Revue, so widely acclaimed for performances last year, will return through booking with George A. Hamid and will have a sparkling new revue. Other grandstand acts include the Moreen troupe in sensational acrobatics.

Georgous fireworks each of the five nights of the fair, Wilson's Hell drivers on the race track one day during the fair and automobile races on Saturday afternoon rounds out what is considered to be the foremost aggregation of attractions ever offered the public in this section.

Will Play Hanes Cubs On Sunday

North Wilkesboro baseball team will play Yadkin all stars at Elkin on Saturday and on Sunday Hanes Cubs comes to this city for a game at 2:30. The game Sunday is the second of a 3-game series with the Cubs and a lively contest is expected.

Cricket Juniors Win Deciding Game And County Title Here Wednesday

Playing their best game of the year, Cricket baseball team shut out Traphill 9 to 0 here Wednesday in the fifth and deciding game of the county series for the junior baseball championship, bringing to a close a very successful year for junior baseball again sponsored and maintained by the Wilkes Legion post.

The five game series proved to be as exciting and close as was expected. Traphill won the first game Cricket the next two and Traphill came back to win 5 to 3 Saturday and set the stage for the deciding game yesterday.

Cricket put up a one run lead in the fifth and R. C. Parsons pitched the entire game as though he had to protect that one run, although Cricket posted four

Placing Surface On Cobblestone 6th - 9th Streets

State Highway Maintenance Forces Have Begun Work In City

State highway maintenance forces are now busily engaged in covering up some old landmarks in North Wilkesboro—the cobblestone surface on 6th and 9th streets.

The badly needed work is being financed through highway maintenance funds due North Wilkesboro for the year, the allowance being computed on the mileage of state highways over the streets of the city.

A black top asphalt compound surface is being applied on top of the blocks of stone, which were laid more than two decades ago in preference to asphalt or concrete to prevent slippery surfaces and were designed to assure horses sure footing on the hills.

But the cobblestones became uneven and were worn so slick that they were more hazardous than a smooth surface for motor traffic or for the horse, which in this age seldom is seen on the streets.

The workmen began putting the surface on 6th street and are working one block at a time while traffic is detoured around the block. It is estimated that about two weeks will be required to complete the surfacing job on 6th and 9th, depending on weather conditions.

The surface being applied is similar to that placed over the asphalt streets last year and is highly recommended for durability and low maintenance costs.

Negro Holds Up Storekeeper and Takes Cigarettes

Police Round Up Gang For Robbery and Theft Of Automobile Tuesday

Clinton Hackett, colored man who had just completed 12 months on the road for stealing an automobile, on Tuesday held up a country store keeper at the point of a pistol and took some cigarettes.

Later in the day he stole Chris Williams' car from where it was parked in this city and was captured by North Wilkesboro police on highway 18, Chief J. E. Walker said.

A party of colored men composed of Hackett, Bill McConniehead, J. T. Little and Bozo Williams engaged a taxi here to carry them to Roanoke, Va. Near McGrady Hackett asked the driver to stop because they wanted to get some cigarettes at a store and service station operated by John Miller. Hackett, McConniehead and Little got out of the car and went into the store, where Hackett drew a gun and demanded cigarettes which Mr. Miller handed him.

They went back to the car and the taxi driver put them out when he saw the gun and became suspicious. Hackett is alleged to have returned to North Wilkesboro, where he stole Mr. Williams' car.

Miller identified Hackett as the negro who held him up for cigarettes and Hackett is now apparently headed for another stretch for robbery and auto theft.

A hearing was given the negro yesterday before Magistrate J. C. Wallace and Hackett, McConniehead and Little were placed in jail in default of bonds. Hackett's bond was set at \$1,200, Little's at \$1,000, and McConniehead's at \$500. All three of them have court records, police said.

Bozo Williams, fourth member of the party, was acquitted because he was not in company with the others when Mr. Miller was held up or when Mr. Williams' car was stolen.

Ken Maynard Enjoys a Visit To This City

Ken Maynard, western screen star and idol of millions of children as well as many grown ups, came to North Wilkesboro Monday and thrilled large crowds in his appearance at the Orpheum Theatre.

But his visit was equally enjoyable for himself, he said in effect in an interview with a representative of The Journal-Patriot at his room in Hotel Wilkes following the night performance.

The 33-year-old star of the western said that his plans were to spend the night in Winston-Salem after the show here but that he had been treated so cordially, liked the people so well and found hotel accommodations so good that he remained here until late forenoon Tuesday before proceeding to Rockingham, his next performance.

With Ken Maynard were his secretary, property man, two western actors who assisted in his stage appearances and his famous horse, Tarzan, which was carried in a truck but stage accommodations did not permit the famous horse taking part in the show. However, the street in front of the theatre was roped off and hundreds saw the horse which has shared in the acclaim accorded Ken Maynard pictures over a period of several years.

That the people enjoyed his show and that he enjoyed his visit to North Wilkesboro was apparent. In conversation the screen star was extremely pleasant and cordial, making a very favorable impression and reflecting his tremendous popularity.

McNeill Reunion Sept. 4 Will Be Largely Attended

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, program chairman for the McNeill family reunion to be held at Millers Creek school on Sunday, September 4, is preparing a program of interest to all who attend the reunion.

Attendance at every reunion has shown an increase and it was learned today that members of the family from many counties and from several states are making plans to be present for the reunion this year.

There will be an all-day program and a basket dinner at the reunion. Complete program for the occasion will be announced next week.

Mr. Clifton Pruitt, of Roanoke River, was in this city yesterday looking after business matters.

All In Readiness For School Opening 29th

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Enrollment In County Schools Be Near 10,000

Another Successful Year Is Anticipated For Wilkes School System

TEACHERS EMPLOYED Many Buildings Have Been Repaired During the Vacation Months

About ten thousand children in Wilkes county are looking forward with anticipation to Monday morning, August 29, when the school bells will again summon them to the class rooms and playgrounds for the opening of the 1938-39 term.

Year by year the "little red school house on the hill" is disappearing in Wilkes and is being replaced by the modern consolidated school.

Last year three modern buildings were used for the first time and when schools open Monday another new building will house school children. The ten-room additional building at Wilkesboro will be in use, although much work remains to be done before it is pronounced finished.

Two small schools, Edgewood and Miller, will be consolidated with Wilkesboro this year.

Teachers for the schools of the county have been employed and are now ready to begin another eight months work in their chosen profession. A majority of the teachers will be teaching in the schools where they taught last year.

School bus drivers have been employed and are now awaiting the opening morning when they will make their first trip and with a determination that nothing will mar the success of school transportation during the term.

This will be the second term of free school books to children in the elementary grades and the books have been distributed to the schools in proportion to the expected enrollment. High schools books will be rented or sold at the schools, the same system of distribution used last year.

North Wilkesboro city schools will open one week later on September 5 under direction of Prof. Paul S. Cragan, formerly superintendent of Ruffin consolidated school in Rockingham county. He succeeds W. D. Halfacre as head of the schools here.

Following is the list of teachers as released yesterday from the office of the county board of education:

Wilkesboro: T. E. Story, Helen Bostic, Mrs. Jessie Pharr, Vaughn Jennings, Lillian Stafford, Gbta Tuttle, J. L. A. Bumgarner, R. E. Caldwell, Dorothy Lashuit, Mrs. Pearl Hartley, Eloise Starr, Edith Hemphill Cynthia Prevette, Gertrude Steelman, Lucille Scroggs, Louise Melville, Mrs. Grace Edwards, Mrs. Zola Barber, Margaret Hansel, Ruby Martin, Mrs. Grace Henderson, Mrs. Willie Felts.

Arbor: S. C. Hutchinson, Edith Church.

Broomer: G. J. Earp, Lucile German, Eva German, Eunice Walsh.

Cherry Grove: Mrtle Smitley, Ferguson: G. E. Teater, Mrs. Winnie Stokes, Mrs. Ray Bumgarner, Mrs. Roxie Jennings, Bessie Brock, Addie Casey, Bernice Greer.

Gilreath: Bertha Hodges.

Goshen: Mrs. Frankie Williams.

High Rock: Annie Howell.

Lewis: Burris Day.

Lovelace: Bertha McBride.

Moravian Falls: Zeb Dickson, Mrs. Janie Howell, Mrs. Mae Henderson, Mrs. Louisa Jones, Mrs. Willie Dickson.

Mountain Crest: Lillian Linney.

Mt. Pisgah: Mrs. Katie Felts.

Mt. Sinai: M. P. Mastin, Mrs. Alma Parks.

Oakwoods: Mrs. Valeria Foster, Mrs. Faye Davis.

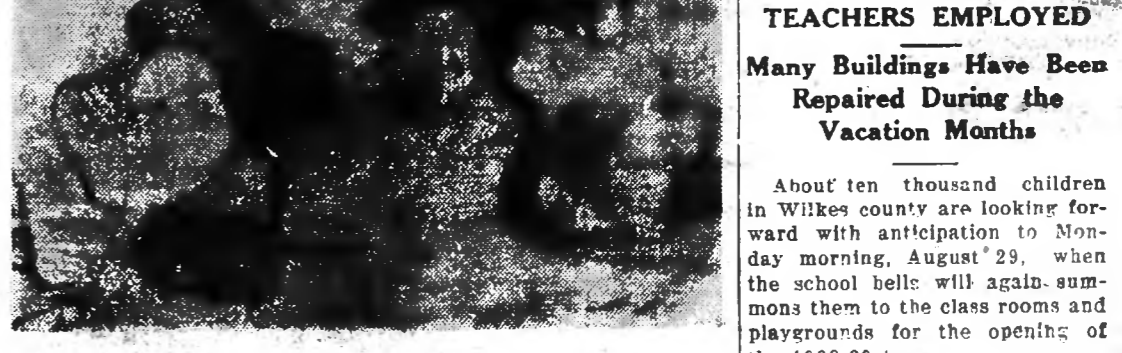
Osbornville: Demie Prevette, Parker, Margaret Earnhardt, Piney Grove: Mrs. Carol Baker, Shady Grove: Nois Howard, Spurgeon: Sherman Sebastian, Della Bumgarner.

Windy Gap: Florence Smith.

Mt. Pleasant: S. E. ...

C. C. Blodge, Mrs. O. C. ...

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