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For mutual advantage do your buying in North Wilkesboro, the trading center of Northwestern North Carolina.

CHILD IS BURNED
Wilson, Dec. 29.—Eugene Coleman, three-year-old son of Rev. M. E. Tyson, superintendent of the Free Will Baptist church at Middlesex, died last night in a local hospital from burns received when he fell into a tub of boiling water at his home early yesterday afternoon.

FATALLY BURNED
Mills, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Jennie West, 76, died at her home three miles east of here about noon today from burns which resulted when she was said to have accidentally fallen in a fire two days ago. Funeral service will be held at Lebanon church near here.

KILLED BY SAW
Marion, Dec. 30.—Vernon Laughridge, 21, state highway employe and member of a prominent family here, was fatally injured while sawing wood at his home in the Garden Creek section Thursday. Mr. Laughridge, off duty for the holidays, was using a portable saw for cutting a supply of firewood, when he accidentally fell from a pile of wood against the saw. His forehead was badly mangled and he died at a Marion hospital.

STATE TO GET \$3,000,000
Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary of Agriculture Wallace today announced the apportionment of \$135,000,000 to aid the states in highway improvement and elimination of grade crossings in the fiscal year beginning next July 1. The funds were authorized by the federal aid highway act of 1938 and consist of \$100,000,000 for improvement of the federal aid highway system including extensions through cities, \$25,000,000 for secondary or feeder roads, and \$20,000,000 for elimination of hazards at railroad grade crossings. North Carolina will receive \$3,170,538.

STEALS THREE CARS
Asheville, Dec. 30.—Police Chief Charles W. Dermid said today a negro booked as James Taylor, of Clinton, S. C., had been arrested on a charge of leading three automobiles—all in less than 24 hours. Dermid said Taylor told him he had just completed a long term on a South Carolina chain gang and decided to visit his grandmother here. Chief Dermid quoted Taylor as saying he stole one car at Clinton, another that suited his taste better between there and Laurin, S. C., and the third at Laurin.

BOARD FOR "REPEAL"
Raleigh, Dec. 30.—The state board of elections recommended to Governor Hoey today the "absolute repeal" of the state's present absentee ballot law. In its place, the board recommended that the 1939 general assembly enact a new absentee law which would make fraud "well nigh impossible, and if committed, certain of detection." Condemning the law now in force as a "convenient instrumentality of fraud," the recommendation specifies that the proposed new act should safeguard the "custody, issuance and subsequent handling" of absentee ballots.

District Committee Post Given Caroon

Member Local Club Names On Attendance Committee For Carolinas District

Appointment of W. J. Caron, attendance committee chairman of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club, as a member of the attendance committee of the Carolinas District of Kiwanis International was announced today by Richard H. Thigpen of Charlotte, district governor.

Kywanis Clubs in North as South Carolina will place special emphasis in 1938 on citizenship activities. Mr. Thigpen said an attendance committee appointment for the new year.

PIANT FRUIT TREES
In Durham county, 4-H members who have selected fruit trees at their projects last year, have planted 37 peach trees, 21 apple trees, 3 pear trees, and 60 raspberry plants.

Lumber Cupid's Victims Declined During Past Year

Marriages During Holiday Season But Year's Total Is Under 1937

The number of marriage licenses issued during 1938 as compared with the number in 1937 showed a sharp decline, according to record in the office of Old Lee, register of deeds.

Thirty-four marriages during the holiday season swelled the total for 1938 to 217, which was under the 257 issued during the year 1937.

Licenses to wed were issued during the latter part of this month to the following: L. C. Reid, Lenoir, and Maggie Livingston, Boomer; Dr. Ben Miller and Ruth Gambill, both of West Jefferson; Odell Yates, Salisbury, and Elizabeth Fox, Moravian Falls; Frank Edminston and Pauline Walsh, both of Boomer; Daniel Steelman, Yadkinville, and Elizabeth Gillian, Cleveland; Earl Clary and Nay Combs, both of Alabers; Albert Livingstone and Kate Jolly, both of Boomer; Earl German and Wilna Jones, both of Boomer; Ray Michael, Purlar, and Lavon Greene, Deep Gap; James A. Livingstone and Isabelle Schurene, both of Lomax; Sanford Hayes and Ossie Mae Barnwell, both of Pores Knob; Lawrence Brooks, Wilkesboro route 2, and Louise Triplett, North Wilkesboro route 2; Corbet Wiles, Lomax, and Fannie Walker, Dehart; Cale Prevette and Etta Henderson, both of Cycle; Homer Brown, North Wilkesboro, and Fannie Vannoy, Reddies River; Lattie Anderson, Pores Knob, and Hazel Hayes, Gilreath; Jay Brookshire and Mary Louise Inshore, both of North Wilkesboro; and F. Floyd Graeme and Nancy Coulds, both of Mt. Zion.

In addition to the above named couples license were issued to 16 couples who requested "no publicity."

Survey of Business Men Shows Bright Outlook For 1939

Capital Goods Improvement Held Significant; Sloan Sounds the Keynote

New York, Dec. 30.—With optimism in the field of capital goods industries as a significant factor, many industrial leaders expect business in the United States to improve in 1939.

Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., chairman of General Motors corporation, sounded this keynote today. It was a theme echoed by other corporation heads.

"It seems reasonable to expect," said Sloan, "that 1939, as a whole, will be a somewhat better business year than 1938 has been. This belief is based on the expectation that the current recovery movement will be extended well into the new year.

Men at Work: Czechoslovakia and U. S.



Czech soldiers are now helping scores of farmers plow their fields. Here is one working in a field near Prague. During the crisis a widespread shortage of labor resulted in help from the army. Ray Gordon of St. Louis just missed joining another army—the army of the unemployed—when he was fired from a WPA road job. His fellow workers, who believed he had not been treated fairly, agreed to contribute a nickel a day each until he received the regular WPA wage of \$56 a month. He provided the shovel himself.

1939 Is Ushered In Here Quietly

New Year Gets Off to Good Start Without Serious Accident or Disturbance

The New Year was ushered in quietly in Wilkes county, reports from the sheriff's office, police department here and other sources revealed.

There was an increase in the number of drunks and firing of firecrackers caused the police here some annoyance but otherwise there was but little to mar the peace of the occasion.

Perhaps the most serious offense was turning in a false fire alarm about ten minutes after twelve Saturday night, police officers said. The alarm was turned in at a box in the business section of the city and police are hoping to be able to apprehend the guilty party, who caused considerable excitement and expense.

A few minutes after the false alarm a real alarm was turned in when grass was found burning near Main street between Sixth and Eighth streets. The false alarm had momentarily delayed the fire department but the firemen reached the scene in time to put out the fire without damage.

Wilkesboro Baptist Bible Class Meet

The young men's Bible class of Wilkesboro Baptist church will have a business meeting Friday evening, 7:30 o'clock, at the home of George Johnson. Every member urged to be present.

The state's 1938 peach crop estimated at 2,418,000 bushels is the second largest crop ever grown, 1931 being the record crop with 2,940,000 bushels produced, reports the State Department of Agriculture.

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKETS PAY ALMOST HALF MILLION DOLLARS FOR POULTRY DURING YEAR

For the past several years North Wilkesboro has boasted the distinction of having the south's largest poultry market and the claim has not been contradicted.

It is a cash market which no doubt has had much to do with Wilkes county becoming one of the principal poultry producing centers in the state and in the entire south.

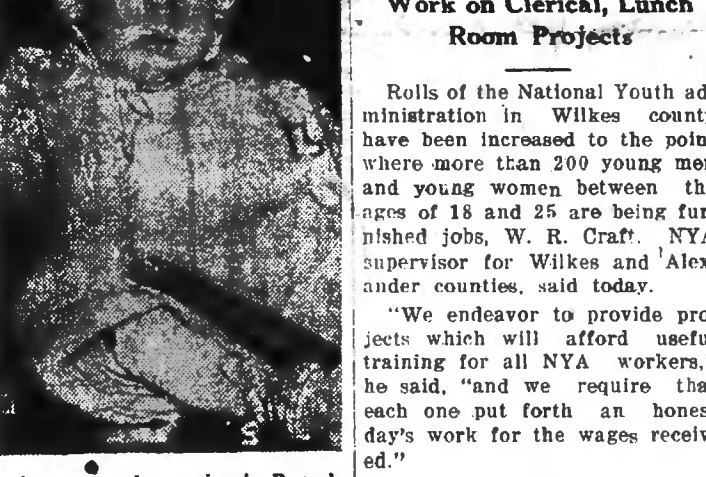
People within a radius of 50 miles of North Wilkesboro know full well before the eggs are set that there will be a cash market for the chickens in North Wilkesboro.

200 Young People Find Jobs On Several Projects Maintained By National Youth Administration

Boys Building a Two-Room Structure For the Ronda Home Economics Classes

SCHOOL DESKS MADE

Girls Make Fiber Chairs, Work on Clerical, Lunch Room Projects



A very modern miss is Beverly Anne Barneburg, four-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barneburg of Boston, who recently boarded an American Airlines plane for San Antonio where she visited her grandmother.

BUILDS U-BOATS
Berlin, Dec. 30.—Germany informed Great Britain today that she intended to build up to parity with the British fleet in submarines, the dreaded German world war weapon which was completely banned by the treaty of Versailles.

At present a total of about 90 girls are being employed on several projects under direction of Mrs. Lawrence Miller. One of the projects is making fiber bottoms for schoolroom chairs and the board of education is sponsor. Some very creditable work has been done.

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If a poultryman with two thousand hens on hand wakes up one morning and finds that the price of eggs has collapsed or that his hens have gone on a strike, he can call out a thousand and take them to North Wilkesboro and get the cash, stopping that much of his feed bill. Or, if for any reason he finds that the poultry business is no longer profitable or to his liking, he can sell out that day for cash.

An accurate estimate of the extent of the business handled by poultry markets here was compiled from information from dealers and is astounding, to say the least. These estimates reveal that during the year 1938 a total of approximately 1,400,000 was paid for chickens in North Wilkesboro.

Whether it be one fryer or a thousand hens, a poultry grower knows that he can sell any day in the week at North Wilkesboro for the highest cash market price and without advance arrangements.

cash. Ten thousand turkeys, which graced dinner tables during the holidays in northern cities, weighed about 120,000 pounds and netted farmers of Wilkes and adjoining counties about \$25,000.

An accurate estimate on the value of eggs purchased here was not available but should compare favorably with the amount paid for poultry.

For many years the principal way of shipping poultry from North Wilkesboro was alive and in coops but now the largest firm, which is recognized as the leading poultry market in the south, is shipping dressed poultry on a large scale and as many as 75 people are employed in dressing chickens for shipment.

Local Youth Fails In Attempt Taking Own Life Sunday

Jack Seckler Fires Bullet Into Forehead But Brain Was Not Penetrated

Jack Seckler, local youth, apparently failed Sunday evening in an effort to take his own life. Having left a note saying that he would never see his people again, the 15-year-old boy is said to have taken a .25-calibre automatic pistol from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Seckler, and walked across the river, where the shot was fired.

He walked back to the house, a distance of about 200 yards, with a bullet in his skull.

He was rushed to the Wilkes hospital, where the bullet was removed.

The bullet entered his forehead, penetrated the skull but did not enter the brain tissue, having lodged against the covering of the brain. He is given an even chance to recover.

No cause for the boy's action could be attributed.

County Schools In Last Half of Term

System Gets Uniform Start On Last Half of 1938-39 School Year's Work

All schools in the Wilkes county system today resumed work following the holiday vacation and all the schools are beginning the second half of the 1938-39 term, it was learned today from the office of C. B. Eller, county superintendent.

The first part of the school year was featured by an increased enrollment, passing the ten thousand mark, and there were no epidemics of disease or adverse weather conditions to mar progress or interrupt the uniform schedule of the entire system.

Due to road improvement work which has been carried out during the past two years, the transportation system was able to operate on schedule and no bus failed to reach its destination because of bad roads.

With a uniform schedule, all schools in the county will complete the term in the latter part of April.

Surplus Products Help Many During Month November

There were 521 cases representing 2,754 persons certified by Wilkes county welfare officials as eligible to receive surplus commodity products during the month of November. Arthur E. Langston, State director of commodity distribution with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, announced this week.

A State-wide total of 174,710 persons comprising 38,105 cases were certified during the month, 94.5 per cent of the number being actually serviced during the period, Langston said.

Following is a list of persons certified in adjoining counties: Alexander, 2,072; Alleghany, 749; Ashe, 1,167; Caldwell, 1,696; Watauga, 1,182.

Stabbed Youth Recovers Nicely

Sam Segraves Returns Home and Officers Apprehend Ernest Yates

Sam Segraves, youth of the Dellaplane community who was seriously injured two weeks ago when he was stabbed in an altercation in the Dell community, has apparently recovered from the injury.

Several days ago he was released from the Wilkes hospital, where he received attention. The knife punctured one lung but no complications set up and he recovered rapidly.

\$3,006,541 Wages Paid In Wilkes During 18 Months

Over \$92,000 Paid In Unemployment Benefits In 11 Months of 1938

52 COVERED EMPLOYERS
Paid Total of \$62,176.43 In Wage Tax to the Unemployment Fund

Raleigh.—Of the 100 counties in North Carolina, Guilford had the largest number of employed workers, Mecklenburg had the largest payroll and the largest number of employing units, Guilford paid the most in contributions and the highest per cent of contributions, while Gaston received the largest amount and the largest per cent of benefits paid to unemployed workers, figures compiled in the Central office of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission show.

The number of workers is based on the average for the last 10 months of 1937, and is probably slightly larger than 1938 figures would show. For the entire State the number was 448,160. On this basis, Guilford led with 35,878 employees, Mecklenburg had 32,966, Forsyth 32,907, Gaston 24,622 and Cabarrus 20,840.

The wages paid is the total for 1937 and the first six months of 1938, collected through July 31. The total for the State, on this basis, was \$561,996,697. Mecklenburg led with a \$56,956,434 payroll, Guilford paid \$51,476,220, Forsyth \$43,785,495, Durham \$27,478,066, Cabarrus \$24,472,046.

The employing units are those reporting for July 1938, and by the end of August 1938, which gives only 6,848 for the State, and is about 2,000 short of the actual 8,860 employing units in the State. Mecklenburg, on this basis, had 654 employing units, Guilford 593, Wake 359, Forsyth 320, Buncombe 307 and Durham 240.

Contributions are those paid on payrolls in 1937 at 1.8 per cent and at 2.7 per cent in 1938 through June 30. In the State, \$11,688,975.88 was paid on this basis. Guilford led the counties with payment of \$1,101,828.68, Mecklenburg paid \$1,099,843.22, Forsyth \$911,764.01, Durham \$582,747.21, Cabarrus \$537,256.06, Gaston \$473,123.63.

Based on 100 per cent for the 100 counties, Guilford paid 9.43 per cent of the total, Mecklenburg 9.41 per cent, Forsyth 7.80 per cent, Durham 4.99 per cent, Cabarrus 4.60 per cent, Gaston 4.05 per cent.

Benefit payments cover 1938 through November 30 and amounted to \$7,818,198.85 for the entire State. Gaston unemployed workers received \$533,370.67, Mecklenburg received \$496,327.44, Forsyth \$476,157.04, Guilford \$459,391.89, Rockingham \$311,605.97.

Of the 100 per cent total paid in the State, Gaston received 6.82 per cent, Mecklenburg 6.36 per cent, Forsyth 6.10 per cent, Guilford 5.88 per cent, Rockingham 3.98 per cent.

Wilkes county, on the bases shown, had 3,960 employees covered by the State Unemployment Compensation Act, who received \$3,006,541 in wages in the 18 months period to June 30, 1938, paid by 52 covered employers. These employers paid in contributions to the State Unemployment fund \$62,176.43. This amount paid by the employers of this county was .53 per cent of the amount paid by all of the 100 counties.

The unemployed or partially unemployed workers in this county for the first 11 months of 1938, received in unemployment benefits \$92,374.97, which is 1.13 per cent of the benefits paid to all of the unemployed or partially unemployed workers in North Carolina during the first 11 months of benefit payments.

W. S. Ashley Is Injured In Wreck

W. S. Ashley, a native of Wilkes county who has been making his home in Bristol, Tenn., received a broken nose and a badly crushed knee when his car wrecked late Saturday on Highway 200, Bristol-Cross Roads. Ashley was released from the Wilkes hospital.