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DIES IN WRECK Martinsville, Va., Jan. 24.—Forest E. Wilson, 25-year-old employe of a service station near here met instant death Sunday night when a car in which he was driving plunged into a creek on route 8, between Floyd courthouse and Riner.

TEACHERS RATE HIGH Raleigh, Jan. 24.—A higher percentage of North Carolina's school teachers holds "A" certificates this year than ever before in the state's history. Secretary Lloyd Griffin, of the school commission, said today. Of 17,000 white teachers, 13,224 have "A" rating and 3,563 of 6,957 negroes have the same grade, he said. "Our teachers are constantly improving their certificates," Griffin commented.

OLD HOME BURNS Elkin, Jan. 24.—The residence of Irvy N. Greenwood, two miles east of Elkin, was destroyed by fire this morning. The flames which had gained too much headway to be quenched with the feeble water supply available, a well in the yard, apparently having originated above the fireplace in the living room. Only a portion of the furnishings was recovered, the furniture including bedrooms, passed down from earlier generations. The residence, consisting of two stories and a basement, was an old landmark of the community, which probably had passed from one generation to another for a century.

BOMBER EXPLODES Los Angeles, Jan. 23.—America's most modern light bomber crashed in flames in a parking lot near the Los Angeles municipal airport today, and its pilot, John Cable, was killed when his parachute failed to open. A passenger, identified as Paul Chemidlin, of Paris, a representative of the French air ministry, was dragged from the rear cabin of the all-metal bomber before it burst into flames, and escaped with a broken leg, severe back injuries and minor head wounds. Ten persons, including four women, seated in cars in the parking lot, were injured slightly by flying pieces of wreckage. Nine automobiles were demolished.

BIG HEALTH PROGRAM Washington, Jan. 23.—A vast program of federal-state health activities, to cost ultimately \$550,000,000 a year, was transmitted to Congress today by President Roosevelt with a recommendation that the legislators study it carefully. Though he did not ask specifically for adoption of any detail of the plan, drawn up by his special committee on health and welfare, he referred to it as a program to reduce "the risks of needless suffering and death." One step recommended by the committee was an Americanized version of compulsory health insurance as it is now in effect in many European countries.

WANT WEED CONTROL Washington, Jan. 24.—New legislation for regulation of tobacco production will be considered at a conference tomorrow of grower committees, senators and representatives from tobacco producing states. Fear has been expressed that this year's production would be excessive because of the defeat of marketing quota restrictions. States to be represented at the meeting will include North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida and Alabama. Representative Folger, Democrat, North Carolina, said the advisability of basing marketing quotas on acreage allotments instead of poundage would be discussed.

WOULD SWAP TAXES Raleigh, Jan. 23.—A surprise offer by food dealers to swap increased license levies for sales tax exemptions highlighted today's session of the joint finance committee, overshadowing an expected protest by wet counties of a proposed boost in liquor taxes. The "sales tax swap" was suggested by O. A. Swearingen, of Concord, former state senator, who represented the food dealers. "We are not asking for partiality," he said. "We are not inconsistent nor are we asking that you discriminate against dealers in other lines of merchandise. We are willing, if you will exempt food for home consumption from the sales tax, to partially make up for it by assuming an increased license tax graduated on a basis of sales."

There are at least three things which seem to be in the way of man's further conquest—the sea is no deeper, the earth is no wider, and the sky is no higher.

Prospects Bright For Good Year In Furniture Line

Local Manufacturers Report Optimistic Spirit Prevails In Their Industry

Local furniture makers who have returned from the Chicago exposition and who are now displaying their products on the floors of the furniture shows at High Point and New York city, face the coming year with a prevailing spirit of optimism much in contrast to the gloom of a year ago. Buying at the Chicago show was far in excess of the trading at the show early in 1938 but more noticeable was the optimistic spirit which prevailed among the furniture manufacturers and dealers, who with but few exceptions predicted that 1939 would be a good furniture year, local manufacturers report.

From North Wilkesboro at High Point early this week were: Irvy Moore, J. D. Moore, Jack Quinn and J. D. Moore, Jr., of Home Chair company; N. O. Smoak, of Forest Furniture company; J. R. Hix, J. A. Johnston and Dick Gwyn, of American Furniture company; J. E. and D. J. Caudill, of Key City Furniture company. Jack Quinn, of Home Chair company, is in New York city this week; Messrs. Hix, Johnston and Gwyn, of the American Furniture company, proceeded to New York following a few days in High Point; J. R. Finley is representing the Forest Furniture company in New York and John E. Justice, Jr., of Oak Furniture company, is also at the New York show.

Fruit Growers In Meeting Saturday

One of the Most Successful Meetings In History of Association Held

A very successful and interesting meeting of the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers was held on Saturday at the Apple Research Laboratory with about 70 fruit growers attending. H. R. Niswonger, Extension Horticulturist, gave some advice about orchard practice for the coming season's pruning and spraying. Carl E. Vandeman, in charge of the research at the Laboratory explained some of the experiments covered during the past year. Joe Gall, of the National Wood-Box Association, displayed a "technicolor" film, showing the picking, packing and marketing of apples in Senator Byrd's Virginia orchard. It was voted to send a resolution to the State Legislature, asking a larger appropriation for expansion of the work at the Laboratory. Several new members were added to the association's roster. The following officers were elected for 1939: Sam Wilke, president; C. W. Fletcher, vice president; Mrs. C. F. Bretholl, secretary-treasurer; D. E. Davis, director; other directors are E. P. Lowe, S. C. Stewart, C. R. Zieckler and Robert L. Morehouse.

Cripples Urged to Attend Clinic

Will Be Held On Saturday Morning, January 28, at Hospital Here

The Wilkes county health department desires that every crippled person and all persons with bone malformations take advantage of the orthopedic clinic to be held at the Wilkes hospital on Saturday morning, January 28, from ten to twelve o'clock. Dr. A. J. Eller, health officer, said today. Dr. O. L. Miller, orthopedic surgeon from Charlotte, will conduct the clinic and make examinations without cost to the patients. He will also advise whether or not physical deformities can be corrected. The clinic will be open for adults as well as children. The North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club is sponsoring the clinic, which will be the second held in this city within a few months. There will be regular dates for the clinic if the need is apparent, Dr. Eller said in urging that all in need of orthopedic treatment be present.

WILKES REPLACING DILAPIDATED FRAME BUILDINGS WITH GOOD SCHOOL HOUSES



These pictures show a cross section of school progress in Wilkes county during the past several years. The picture at the top shows a part of the new school building under construction at Clingman in the eastern part of the county. The new building, being constructed by the county with the aid of WPA funds, will have four large classrooms and an auditorium. It will replace the ramshackle frame structure shown at the bottom and which now houses the school, one of the larger elementary units in the county system. A building very similar to the new structure at Clingman has already been completed at Boomer and is now in use. (photos by courtesy of Winston-Salem Journal).

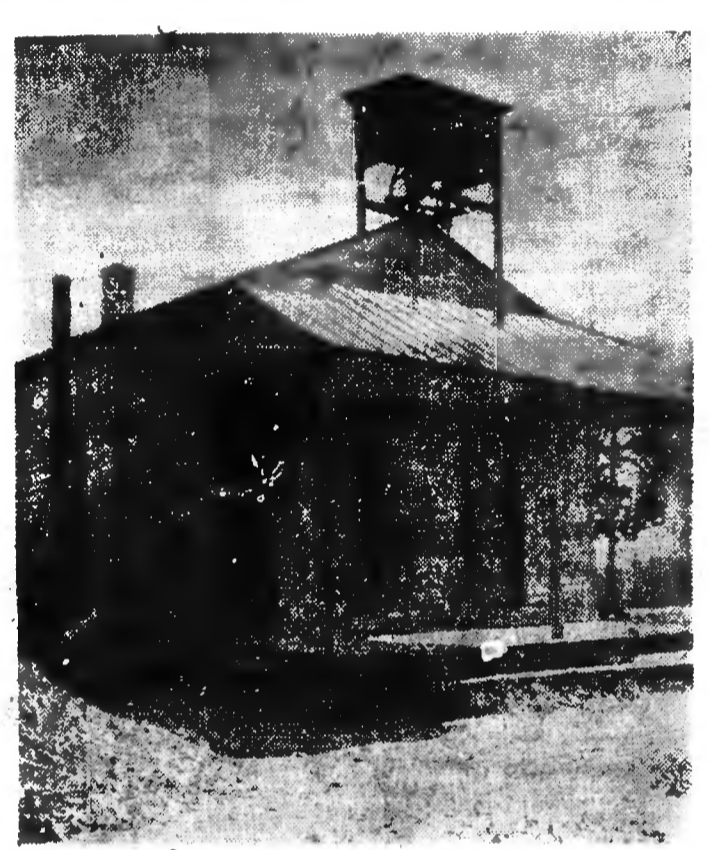
Wilkes Is One Of Select Number For Welfare Work

Only Eighteen Counties In State Have Child Welfare Assistant

Because of a preponderance of rural population, Wilkes county was selected as one of only 18 counties in the state to have a child welfare assistant, an affiliate of the welfare department for the county. A brief report of the activities of the child welfare assistant, Miss Leora German, during the time she has been working since July, 1938, reveals that the demonstration has been quite a success and a valuable addition to welfare activities. The work was set up as a part of the social security act and little cost of the child welfare assistant's work is paid by the county. Various activities are carried out by the child welfare officer but since the work was set up as a demonstration to show what could be done along that line, she is limited to only about 45 cases and she has the right to accept a case for investigation, depending upon need and likelihood of accomplishing something for the benefit of the children involved.

Miss German is a resident of Wilkes, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. German of Boomer. She is a graduate of Berea College in Kentucky and had one year of post graduate study in social work at the University of North Carolina. The child welfare assistants were placed in primarily rural counties because state authorities concluded that a greater need for that type of work exists in rural areas than in cities where local organizations function more efficiently along child welfare lines. During the time that Miss German has been working she had spent much time into going into problems involving "problem children"—in and out of the schools—and juvenile delinquents have frequently become a part of her work.

Her activities have been many and varied, taking in a cross section of child welfare problems throughout the county in accordance with the purpose of the child welfare set up in the counties selected for demonstration. One often asks why certain candidates are defeated in an election. The reason is obvious, or "should be"—the other fellows just get the more votes.



North Wilkesboro Building & Loan Has One of Best Years In History

The North Wilkesboro Building and Loan association enjoyed one of, if not the most, prosperous years of its existence in 1938, adding more than \$53,000 to the total resources of the association. The report of the secretary-treasurer, J. B. Williams, to the stockholders in meeting Monday night showed. The association now has resources of more than three-quarters of a million dollars and is one of northwestern North Carolina's outstanding financial institutions. J. C. Reins, president of the association, was made chairman of the stockholders' meeting and J. B. Williams, secretary. At this meeting the secretary-treasurer submitted a report in detail, which can be found in this issue of The Journal-Patriot. The old board of directors was unanimously re-elected to succeed themselves, as follows: J. C. Reins, S. V. Tomlinson, C. P. Walter, J. B. Snyder, R. G. Finley, J. H. Rector, D. J. Carter, W. H. H. Waugh, C. E. Jenkins, A. H. Casey, H. M. Hutchens, and J. B. Williams. It was found from the secretary-treasurer's report that the building and loan association had again enjoyed another very prosperous year and North Wilkesboro and vicinity is to be congratulated on having such a splendid institution serving this community. Immediately following the stockholders' meeting the directors met and re-elected the old Board of Officers to serve for the year of 1939, as follows: J. C. Reins, president, S. V. Tomlinson, vice president, A. H. Casey, attorney, and J. B. Williams, secretary-treasurer. The full report of the secretary-treasurer follows: As Secretary-Treasurer of your building and loan association, I wish to submit to you a report of the activities of the association for the year of 1938. We have again ended a year (Continued on page three)

Number Diseases In Annual Visits

Health Department Reported Cases Measles, Scarlet Fever, Mumps

Communicable diseases which often cause epidemics and seriously threaten the uniformity of the school system are making their annual visits to Wilkes county, it was learned today from the county health office in Wilkesboro. Dr. A. J. Eller, health officer, reported that measles have appeared in some of the schools, particularly in the eastern part of the county, but that the diseases has not reached epidemic stage. There are a few scattered cases of scarlet fever and an occasional case of mumps and whooping cough reported to the county health department. However, if proper precautions are taken to prevent the spread of the diseases, it is not likely to break out this year.

New Construction In Wilkes For Year Exceeds \$300,000

Member School Commission Talks To Schoolmasters

Stating his position favoring better pay for teachers but fearing that the money would not be raised to provide better salaries, Dr. B. B. Daugherty, president of Appalachian at Boone and a member of the state school commission, addressed the January meeting of the Wilkes county schoolmasters' club. Dr. Daugherty briefly reviewed proposed school legislation before the present session of the legislature, from the standpoint of school expenditures and tax revenue.

Carpenters Work On 18 New Homes On One Highway

Permits Issued In City For More Than \$100,000.00 Worth of Property

'RURAL HOMES BUILT

Big Increase In Home Construction Noticeable On Three Highways

Business and residential construction in Wilkes county during the past year totaled approximately \$300,000, according to estimates compiled here today by reliable sources. During the year building permits were issued by the city of North Wilkesboro for 49 building and alteration projects, the estimated actual value being about \$100,000, notwithstanding the fact that no permit was issued for a major structure during the year with the single exception of the city hall valued at \$33,000. The vast amount of residential construction on highways leading out of North Wilkesboro accounted for two-thirds of the year's business in construction, according to the estimates from reliable sources. The Duke Power company had a net increase of 321 customers during the year. It is estimated that more than one-half of the increase were connections with new homes and places of business in the Wilkesboro and on the more than 200 miles of rural electric lines in all directions from the Wilkesboro. Phenomenal increase in home construction is particularly noticeable on highway 421 six miles west to Millers Creek and on highway 18 a distance of eight miles northward, where eighteen homes were under construction at one time only a week ago. There has also been an increase in home construction on highways 16 and 18 out from Wilkesboro to Moravian Falls, a section which is now also growing rapidly. All indications point to a still greater year in construction in this vicinity throughout the year 1939, with the probability that many homes of more expensive types of construction will be built during the year and that 1939's building activity will greatly exceed in value the increase during the year which has just closed.

Quarters Health Department Much Enlarged

Office Equipment Added to Take Care of Clinic Work Under Way

In accordance with recommendations of the state board of health, the quarters of the Wilkes county health department have been enlarged and much new equipment has been added, a visit to the offices today revealed. Certain requirements had to be met in order to conduct an adequate venereal disease clinic, Dr. A. J. Eller, health officer, said. In meeting the requirements many items of office equipment were purchased and have been installed. The health department occupies quarters in the addition to the courthouse constructed more than a year ago. In addition to the office and examining room, the county commissioners recently granted the health department use of two small rooms in the original building, the attorneys' conference room and the room formerly used for detention of prisoners in court. This additional space enables the health department to install the required equipment and to meet certain standards in order to conduct venereal clinics and receive drugs from the state without cost to the county and underprivileged patients. Episcopal Service There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Paul's Episcopal church on Sunday morning, January 29th, at nine o'clock. Kiwanis Committee Gives Answers To Question, "Why Go to Church?"

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The Support of Churches committee of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club, composed of A. H. Casey, sponsor, W. K. Sturdivant, chairman, Rev. A. L. Aycock and L. M. Nelson, has released the following article entitled "Why Go to Church?" Why Go To Church First of all for communion with God. A Christian organization is not primarily a group of people assenting to correct doctrine, though that is implied. But it is a company of believers whose belief finds its living expression in corporate communion with God. Bread is important, but we can not live by bread alone. In the second place we go to church for worship. Many people go to church to watch the preacher, and to hear the choir sing. But they get little if anything out of it. We should go to church to worship God. That we may be lifted into that higher companionship of kindred and aspiring souls until the spiritual tides rise within us. In the third place, we should go to church to pray. There is great good in corporate prayer. To have God is to pray. Prayer is the natural expression of human need and desire. It is the necessary link between the human and the Divine. Jesus was first of all a man of prayer. He prayed for Himself. He prayed for others. He taught His disciples to pray. He said we should always pray and not to faint.

Then in the fourth place we should go to church to hear the inspired Word of God read and expounded. The Bible is the Word of God. It is of tremendous and continuous value to those who give allegiance to Jesus Christ.

Then we should go to church because it is here we receive comfort and inspiration to carry on amid all the troubled difficult experiences that come to us. Somehow in these services we can hear Him say—"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28.

We should go to church in the last place because we can not ignore our Spiritual nature. It is just as necessary to cultivate our Spiritual nature as it is our physical, or intellectual nature. Going to Church is like the winding of a clock. However good the clock may be we must wind it. So with our Spiritual nature. If we don't wind it up by church attendance, by all of these things mentioned here, we will soon run down spiritually.

CLOVER ON PASTURE

A new idea in pasture improvement has been developed in Madison county where the farmers seeded crimson clover on their pasture sods last fall. Sponsors for the idea say the clover will improve the land, increase the grazing and probably allow a seed harvest.