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Miss Helen Bumgarner, a student of Woman's College in Greensboro, is spending the spring holiday period in Wilkesboro with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Bumgarner.

Mr. T. G. Trivette, member of the feed advisory council of Purina Mills and who holds a position with Hayes Hardware store, will attend a meeting of feed council members at Hendersonville Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. James Pearson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rom Pearson, is a patient at the Wilkes hospital. He was seriously ill Wednesday but much improvement has taken place in his condition since that time, friends are glad to learn.

Mr. W. S. Hensley has returned to his home on North Wilkesboro route 3 from the government hospital at Oteen, where he received treatment for four weeks. Much improvement is reported in his condition.

Rev. J. C. Gentry, of Hayesville, formerly of the Moravian Falls charge, will help conduct Easter services at the Moravian Falls cemetery Easter Sunday morning. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Miss Margaret Vestal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Vestal, of Moravian Falls, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Wilkes hospital Tuesday. She is getting along fine, we are glad to state.

Rev. H. A. Bullis will preach on Sunday morning, 11 o'clock, at Harmony Baptist church five miles west of this city and on Sunday evening at 7:30 at the Second Baptist church in this city. The public has a cordial invitation to both services.

Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson are spending this week in Wilkesboro with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Henderson and in the Cranberry community with Mrs. Henderson's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Jarvis. Mr. Henderson holds a position with American Bakeries in Roanoke, Va.

Mrs. Edith Brown, who has been undergoing treatment at a Richmond, Va. hospital, returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Foster, Monday, very much improved in health. Friends will be glad to know, Miss Margaret Hubbard, trained nurse, who has been with her in Richmond, returned home with Mrs. Brown.

Gene Carlton, negro resident of the "Squirreltown" vicinity near Roanoke, was badly wounded on Sunday night when his throat was cut in an altercation with his cousin, Roy Carlton.

According to some accounts rendered officers who made the arrest of Roy, he slashed Gene's throat with a knife as Gene was advancing on him with a razor. Gene's throat was badly cut and his condition is described as serious. He is a patient at the Wilkes hospital.

The affair was described as very similar to the altercation which occurred a week previous in the Fairplains community when Tom Sprinkle's throat was cut by his brother, Vernon Sprinkle.

Old Wiles, Wilkes register of deeds, issued marriage license during the past week to the following: Giloin Carter, Ronda, and Epsie Darnell, Elkin; Russel Darnell and Mary Myers, both of Elkin; James Fletcher and Elmer Homer, both of Idlewild; Blaine Whitley, Hays, and Lura Sebastian, Dehart; Lonnie Kilby, Vannoy, and Viola Little, Dayle; James W. Nichols and Elzora Huffman, both of Millers Creek.

The North Wilkesboro Junior Woman's club will sell beautiful colored Easter eggs all day Saturday at Spahnour-Snyder company store in this city. There will be a wide variety of colors and combinations. Patronage will be appreciated by the club, which will use the profits in its projects here.

The Piedmont Yodelers, radio and stage stars from station WSTP, will appear in person in a program at Wilkesboro school on the night of Saturday, April 7, eight o'clock.

The program is sponsored by the M. I. A. of the church of L. D. S. at Gilreath. A very entertaining program is assured all who will attend. The admission charge is 10 and 20 cents.

North Wilkesboro Junior Woman's club is sponsor of a dance to be held at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse on Monday night, beginning at nine o'clock. Tickets are now on sale at the Wilkes Drug company.

Announcement has been made of an Easter Sunrise service to be held at Moravian Falls cemetery on Easter Sunday morning, beginning at 5:30 a. m.

The service this year, in which congregations of both churches will join, will be the third held there and the public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Eller Re-elected Superintendent Wilkes Schools

Board of Education Met on Monday; Shepherd's Term Six Years

Chelsie B. Eller, for the past six years superintendent of Wilkes county schools, was re-elected to that office by the county board of education in regular April session Monday.

Mr. Eller was elected superintendent in May, 1932, succeeding the late C. C. Wright. He was re-elected for his second and third two-year terms in 1935 and 1937. He will begin his fourth term on July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year.

All members of the board of education, C. O. McNeil, chairman, R. R. Church and D. F. Shepherd, were present at the meeting.

Mr. Shepherd was recently appointed by the legislature to succeed himself as a member of the board. He is now entering a six year-term. Under the plan now in force the term of one member of the board will expire every two years.

Tax Listing Will Begin On Monday

The task of listing property for taxation will get under way in Wilkes county on Monday, March 10, in practically all townships.

Notices have been posted in the townships telling the appointments of the township list takers and people of the county are urged to list on the earliest convenient date in order to avoid the rush on later dates.

School Finals At Mount Pleasant

Will Begin On Saturday; Graduation Program to Be Held April 22

The commencement program at Mount Pleasant high school was outlined today by members of the faculty.

The first program of the commencement season will be on Saturday, April 8, 8:00 p. m., when the sophomores will present "The Little Clodhopper," described as a rip-roaring comedy. The Ever-ready quartet will supplement the program with numbers between acts.

On Saturday night, April 15, the commencement program will continue with presentation of the junior play entitled "The Dutch Detective," often termed the funniest play ever written.

On Sunday afternoon, April 16, three o'clock, Rev. E. C. Norman will deliver the commencement sermon.

The final program of the school commencement will be at two o'clock on the afternoon of April 22 when the graduation exercises and presentation of diplomas will be made. The public has a cordial invitation to all programs.

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Saturday Is Last Day To Register For City Election

According to the resolutions by the election board calling the North Wilkesboro primary and election as required by law, Saturday, April 8, will be the last opportunity to register to vote in the city primary and election.

W. P. Kelly is the registrar and books will be open Saturday at the city hall, which will be the voting place in the primary April 17, and election May 2.

Attention is called to the fact that the registration books for the city election are separate from the general election books and to qualify to vote in the city election a voter must be registered on the city registration books.

Plan For Easter Sunrise Service

Will Be Held Sunday Morning at St. Paul's Church in Wilkesboro

The annual Easter Sunrise service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church on Easter Day at sunrise, 5:30 a. m. This service in St. Paul's has been an annual affair for the past several years and each year more interest is manifested not only by the congregation but by the whole community as well. Prior to the service in the church, a vested choir, accompanied by flute, clarinet, french horn and baritone, will render Easter music in the cemetery of the church grounds.

From there the choir will march in procession, led by the crucifer, Sloan Hill, to the chancel of the church where the Ante-Communion will be read from the sanctuary by the Rector, Reverend B. M. Lacey. Then will follow the sermon, after which the Holy Communion will be celebrated. The offertory will be a violin solo by Bill Moore, of Lenoir.

The service will begin at 5:30 a. m. The public is cordially invited to attend and with St. Paul's congregation commemorate that most wonderful event, the Resurrection of our Blessed Lord.

Holiday Fishing To Be Permitted

Ban Lifted On Taking All Fish Except Trout Easter Sunday and Monday

Homer Brookshire, Wilkes county game protector, said today that the state department of conservation and development has lifted the ban on taking all fish except trout for Easter Sunday and Monday, April 9 and 10, only.

The trout season will open on April 15 and all who intend to fish are warned to arm themselves with a fishing license.

Mr. Brookshire announced that the following will sell fishing license: Sandwich Shop, Wilkes Drug Store, and O. F. Eller's store in North Wilkesboro; Newton's Cut-Rate Drug store and sheriff's office in Wilkesboro; E. Greer at Boomer; H. C. Wheeler at Ferguson; Claude Minton at Purlear; W. W. Harris at Roaring River; Lee Poolin at Ronda; R. L. Spencer at Bennam; J. W. McBride at Traphill.

Local Nine Is To Open Season Soon

Good Baseball Team Is Assembled; First Game On Saturday, April 15

North Wilkesboro's contribution to the national pastime on its 100th anniversary will open the 1939 season at the fairgrounds on Saturday afternoon, April 15. It was announced today by C. C. Sebastian, business manager of the nine.

Hanes Cubs, a strong Winston-Salem nine, will play here on that date.

Practice has been in progress for several days with some of the best baseball talent from all parts of Wilkes county reporting for duty. Fans express the opinion that North Wilkesboro will have a creditable amateur team this season.

Tom Sprinkle Is Dead of Wounds; Brother Is Held

Fairplains Man Suspected Several Days After Being Badly Wounded

Tom Sprinkle, whose throat was alleged to have been slashed by his brother, Vernon Sprinkle, during an altercation at the Sprinkle home near this city on the night of Saturday, March 25, died on Tuesday.

A deer knife, wound across his throat severed his jugular and he suffered much from loss of blood before he reached the hospital here. His condition had been regarded as serious for several days prior to his death.

Vernon Sprinkle was lodged in jail at Wilkesboro soon after the altercation and is being held without privilege of bond.

The deceased was a son of the late W. A. Sprinkle and Mrs. Mattie Sprinkle. In addition to his mother he leaves six brothers and two sisters.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday at Woodlawn Baptist church here.

Dr. Jester Is To Lead Services For Two Weeks

Union Evangelistic Services to Begin in This City Easter Sunday

A two-weeks' series of evangelistic services will begin in this city on Easter Sunday for the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian congregations.

Dr. John R. Jester, of Greenville, S. C., and who for many years was pastor of the First Baptist church in Winston-Salem, will lead the evangelistic campaign, which the churches will endeavor to make a major event in the cause of Christianity, not only in this city but for surrounding communities.

Dr. Jester will preach on Easter Sunday morning at the Methodist church here and will begin the evangelistic services at the First Baptist, where services will continue each day and night for two weeks, on Easter Sunday night, on Sunday morning, April 9, he will preach at the Presbyterian church.

Meetings of church organizations scheduled for this week are devoting much time to prayer and consecration in preparation for the evangelistic services.

A visitation program which will carry personal invitations to the services to the residents of the city and along highways for several miles in each direction has been outlined and will be carried out this week.

Wilkesboro Has Only One Ticket

Present Mayor and Commissioners Unopposed For Election On May 2

At the expiration of the time set for filing of candidates for Wilkesboro town offices only one ticket, the present officers, had filed for the primary and the election, which will be held on May 2, J. R. Henderson, town clerk and registrar, said today.

All present officers are candidates for re-election and have no opposition. The officers are: J. F. Jordan, mayor, Wm. A. Stroud, W. E. Smithy, James Lowe and Dr. G. T. Mitchell.

Since none of the officers are contested, there will be no primary and there will be only one ticket in the election.

Job Placements Continue On Up Trend In March

Employment Service Finds Jobs in Private Industry For 71 Applicants

A continued increase was reported in placements on private jobs by the North Wilkesboro branch of the State Employment Service for the month of March.

During the month the service found regular and temporary employment with firms and individuals for 71 applicants as compared to 51 for February and 24 for March, 1938.

However, due to lack of major projects, the public placement total for March was only 67 compared to 124 for February of this year and 162 for March 1938.

There were 287 new applicants for work in March, representing a slight increase over the 253 who applied for work in February.

The local branch office, located on the second floor of the Bank of North Wilkesboro building, serves Wilkes, Alexander, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties.

Woman Suddenly Dies While On Way To Job Wednesday

Mrs. Jane Minton, wife of D. K. Minton, fell dead in the road near her home in the Millers Creek community Wednesday morning while on her way to work at Millers Creek school. She was the wife of Deatur Minton.

Coroner I. M. Myers investigated the death and said that it was from natural causes. According to accounts rendered him, Mrs. Minton had started from her home to work in the lunch room at Millers Creek school when she was stricken dead in the road.

Surviving are her husband and two children, also two sisters, Mrs. Samantha Laws and Mrs. Ella Church.

Funeral service will be held Friday, 10:30 a. m., at Arbor Grove church.

Several Places To Be Closed Monday

Banks, Postoffice, Employment Office and Library to Observe Holiday

Several places of business in North Wilkesboro will observe a holiday on Easter Monday, April 10, and will be closed throughout the day.

Both banks will be closed Monday and those who have business to attend to with the banks are asked to remember the fact in order that no inconvenience will result.

The postoffice will not be open for business Monday and to avoid a stamp shortage business firms and individuals should stock up Saturday.

The Employment Service office will be closed Monday and those who are required to report on Monday to sign unemployment claims are asked to report on Tuesday, April 11.

The Wilkes county public library will not be open Easter Monday.

Dog Saves A Man In Burning House; Narrow Escape

Accounts of how a dog saved a man from a burning building a few days ago in the northwest part of Reddies River township were told here today.

Glean Collins, a young man who had been making his home in an old store building belonging to W. A. (Boat) Bumgarner, was awakened by his dog just in time for him to escape from the collapsing building in his underwear.

When the dog's barking awakened him the fire, of unknown origin, had gained such headway that the building was on the verge of falling in and the bed on which Collins was so soundly sleeping had caught on fire. He jumped from the bed and out through the door. He had no opportunity to save his clothes or any of his belongings. The small frame building burned rapidly.

Re-Surfacing Of Cobblestone Soon

City Commissioners Take Action To Improve Hill Section Ninth Street

North Wilkesboro board of commissioners in April session with Mayor R. T. McNeil authorized a major street improvement project to begin as soon as weather conditions permit.

The board took action on the proposal to place a black top surface over the cobblestones on Ninth street from the intersection with E street to the top of the hill.

Engineers estimated that the re-surfacing job will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000. City authorities said that whatever state highway funds are available for maintenance work in North Wilkesboro will be used and the remainder of the cost will be paid by the city.

The plans call for the same type surfacing as was used a year ago over the cobblestones on Sixth street, which made a very satisfactory surface.

The cobblestones, which were laid in the early days of street surfacing here in lieu of asphalt in order to make sure footing for horses, have been the source of much annoyance for several years. The cobblestones in many places became uneven and the surface had worn slick.

In addition to action on the street improvement job, the commissioners transacted routine monthly business in the meeting. All members of the board, S. V. Tomlinson, Ralph Duncan, T. S. Kenerly, Dr. R. P. Casey and H. M. Hutchens, were present with the mayor in the meeting Tuesday night.

Stolen Sewing Machines Found

Two Machines Taken From Mount Pleasant School Found In Gastonia

Two sewing machines identified as those stolen from the home economics department of Mount Pleasant high school were found a few days ago in Gastonia.

Charged with the theft Walter Church, a former resident of Wilkes, was placed under arrest and brought back to Wilkesboro, where he filled bond for appearance at the next term of criminal court.

Postal Receipts Gain In Quarter

Three Months Shows Continuation of Steady Increase For City

Postal receipts at the North Wilkesboro postoffice showed an increase over business for the first quarter in 1938. It was learned today from Postmaster J. C. Reith.

Commissioners Draw Jurors For May Term Court

Delegation Appears Asking For School Building For School at Cricket

Wilkes county board of commissioners in session this week transacted routine matters, including drawing of jurors for the May term of court to begin in Wilkes on Monday, May 1, with Judge Wilson Warlick presiding. Civil cases will be tried during the two-weeks' term.

All members of the board, composed of M. P. Absber, chairman, Dr. W. R. Triplett and C. C. Sidden, checked reports, audited claims and attended to other regular business Monday. In the afternoon a delegation appeared asking that the county build a modern school building at Cricket three miles west of this city on highway 421. Several citizens pointed out that the old and dilapidated frame building now in use is inadequate to house the large school, which has six teachers and an attendance of over 200.

Jurors drawn by the commissioners were as follows:

First Week
J. V. Barnett, Brushy Mountain; I. J. Broyhill, Boomer; K. S. Hawkins, Elk; Carl Church, Stanton; C. F. Henderson, Wilkesboro; Jim Cook, New Castle; W. N. Hayes, North Wilkesboro; T. B. Jarvis, Moravian Falls; Danery Eller, Jobs Cabin; N. A. Wyatt, Mulberry; J. A. Eller, Lewis Fork; G. H. Vannoy, Union; John K. Tharpe, Edwards; James F. Caudill, Boomer; Troy Foster, Wilkesboro; J. A. Caudill, Mulberry; John Edmisten, Elk; Branson Benton, Stanton; G. S. Johnson, Walnut Grove; J. M. Poplin, Edwards; W. S. Brewer, Rock Creek; Howard Royal, Reddies River; W. W. Darnell, Edwards; W. H. Darnell, Edwards.

Second Week
H. C. Prevotte, Traphill; J. R. Stout, Wilkesboro; Barney M. Hendon, Somers; Travis Eller, Lewis Fork; Chap Ferguson, Beaver Creek; J. B. Rose, Edwards; R. C. Miller, Wilkesboro; Perry Lowe, Moravian Falls; C. G. Glass, Wilkesboro; R. L. Wyatt, Union; Sherman Soots, North Wilkesboro; Leonard Haynes, Traphill; J. M. Corkeham, Traphill; J. T. Wood, Elk; Joe Wincler, Union; F. P. Blair, Jr., North Wilkesboro; H. O. Parsons, Stanton; E. A. Norman, Traphill; Roosevelt Daney, Union; John E. Hamby, Traphill; S. A. Staley, Union; J. Grant Trimbett, Lewis Fork; Collier Huffman, Union; C. G. Saunders, Beaver Creek.

Charlie Harrold Funeral Is Held

Funeral service was held Wednesday at Zion church for Charlie J. Harrold, resident of the Hays community who died Monday at the county tuberculosis hospital. Rev. Monroe Billard conducted the service, assisted by Rev. J. M. Owens.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lela Harrold, his mother, Mrs. Nancy Bincher Harrold, four children, two brothers and two sisters.

Clyde Davis, 30, Dies Wednesday

Clyde Davis, 30-year-old resident of the Hunting Creek section of Wilkes died Wednesday morning. Funeral service will be held Thursday afternoon, two o'clock, at Zion church with Revs. Comer, Binkley and Wright participating.

Men's Chorus In Practice Session

Twelve voices blended in song at Hotel Wilkes on Monday night as the newly formed men's chorus held its second meeting. Mrs. E. E. Johnson was accompanist. Russel Hodges was elected secretary-treasurer of the group.

Next month, who like to sing are invited to the chorus meeting held each Monday night.