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## Moravian Falls Has A Big Fire; 3 Buildings Burn

### R. L. Pearson's Residence And Two Store Buildings Are Destroyed

One residence and two store buildings burned in Moravian Falls today as the entire village was threatened with destruction.

The fire originated in the home of R. L. Pearson, which was entirely destroyed. Other buildings burned included unoccupied store buildings belonging to Mrs. Octa Grier and the Hendren Heirs.

The fire was thought to have started from a flue and gained headway rapidly. People of the village were hampered in the efforts to fight the flames by a wind of gale proportions which spread the fire rapidly in adjoining fields.

The roof on the home of Mrs. J. C. Critcher, Sr., some distance from the nearest burning building, caught on fire but was put out before any damage was done. Fire burned the grass around Mrs. Critcher's barn, and burning leaves and trash at many points kept a large crowd busily engaged watering out fires as they appeared.

The North Wilkesboro fire department was called and the chemical truck was sent out to aid people of the community.

The principal loss was the residence of Mr. Pearson, which was formerly used as a Masonic hall. Practically all of the house furnishings were removed. Some insurance was carried on the building.

## Music Recitals At Wilkesboro School

Mrs. R. E. Prevette will present her music pupils in a series of spring recitals this week and next week. Tomorrow evening, Tuesday, April 11, one group of high school pupils will be presented in piano and voice numbers, assisted by the high school glee clubs and junior high chorus under the direction of Miss Dorothy Lashmit, public school music teacher.

Thursday evening, April 13, at eight o'clock, the St. Cecilia Juveniles will be presented in piano and song recital.

Friday evening, April 21, another group of high school pupils will appear in recital, assisted by the high school chorus.

The public is cordially invited to all of these recitals, each of which will begin promptly at eight o'clock, and will not be more than an hour and a quarter in length.

## Demonstration On Marketing Given

A very successful demonstration on preparing vegetables for market was given by H. R. Niswonger, extension specialist, at the courthouse on Friday, April 7.

Mr. Niswonger stressed the importance of quality in selection of seed, cultivation, and finally in preparation of the mature vegetables for market. He also emphasized the need for cleanliness and attractiveness of vegetable displays. The demonstration was well attended by members of several of the home demonstration clubs in Wilkes.

## City Tax Listing To Begin April 12

I. H. McNeill, Jr., tax lister for the town of North Wilkesboro, has announced that he will be at the office of T. H. Settle, county tax lister for North Wilkesboro township, in the Northwesters, Bank building from April 12 to April 29, both dates inclusive, for the purpose of listing property for taxation for the year 1939.

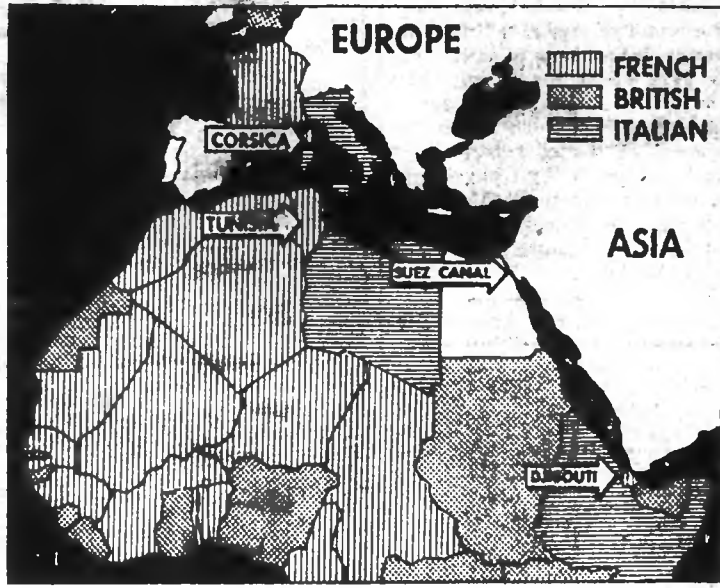
## North Wilkesboro P.-T. A. To Meet

April meeting of the North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher association will be held at the school building on Thursday afternoon, April 13, at 3:45 o'clock. A special feature of the program will be singing by the glee club. A large attendance is desired.

The P.-T. A. study group will meet at three o'clock.

Washington, April 9.—Senator James Hamilton Lewis (D), Ill., pink-whiskered veteran of more than half century of politics, died tonight of a heart attack. The colorful statesman whose imposing appearance and silver-tongued delivery were familiar to thousands of Americans, succumbed at 8:24 p. m. e. s. t., at Garfield Hospital. The cause of his death was given officially as coronary thrombosis.

## Focal Points in Italo-French Crisis



Arrows indicate key Mediterranean and African territories where Italy is pressing concessions from France. In Tunisia, with almost as many Italian residents as French, Paris is willing to grant minority rights to the followers of Premier Mussolini. Italy also wants equal administration rights over the Suez canal, "lifeline" to her East African territory, and control over the railroad which runs from Djibouti, in French Somaliland, to Addis Ababa, in the heart of Italian East Africa. The island of Corsica, for which an unofficial Italian campaign has been started, will likely remain French territory.

## Registration For Wilkesboro High City Primary and Election Is Heavy

### Large Vote In Primary to Be Held On April 17 Is Predicted In City

One of the heaviest registrations for a North Wilkesboro city election in the history of the city was evident Saturday afternoon when books closed for registration to vote in the primary Monday April 17, and the election on May 2.

A check of the registration books showed a total of new registrations during the past three weeks of between 600 and 700, in addition to about 1,000 names which were already on the books.

A heavy vote is forecast in the primary to be held on Monday, April 17.

The candidates filed include the present mayor and all members of the board, one new candidate for mayor and six new candidates for commissioners.

The present officers, all candidates to succeed themselves, are: Mayor R. T. McNeil, and Commissioners S. V. Tomlinson, Ralph Duncanson, Dr. R. P. Casey, T. S. Kemerly and H. M. Hutchens. J. B. Williams and W. E. Jones have filed to succeed themselves as candidates for the school board and have no opposition.

The new candidates are Ralph R. Reins for mayor, J. E. Candill, W. K. Sturdivant, F. P. Blair, Jr., J. B. Carter, Gordon Finley and Henry Moore for commissioners.

## Two Robberies In This City Solved

### Two Are Sent to Roads; Two Other Youths Held For Auto Larceny

Local police reported today arrests and conviction of persons charged with breaking into a store, stealing personal property and larceny of two automobiles.

Jack Harper, who roomed at a local boarding house, was sentenced in city court to five months on the roads and given another five months sentence suspended five years after a table model radio, two dresses and other articles of personal property identified as belonging to Mrs. Wrenn Vannoy, which were stolen from the home of her father, W. N. Pardue, were found in his room.

Julius James Carson, colored, was given 12 months after he confessed to breaking into Western Auto Associate store by way of a basement window and taking about one dollar in pennies from the cash register recently. When he was confronted with finger prints and other evidence he admitted the charge. The money, including six dollars which he took from the license bureau in charge of J. C. McDiarmid, was recovered.

William Seckler and Clyde Watts, local men, were bound over to superior court on charges of taking a pickup from Wilkes Auto Sales company and a car from Gaddy Motor company used car lot. In addition to being bound to court, Seckler drew a 30-day sentence for reckless driving in this city.

## Crippled Clinic Is to Be Held On Thursday, Apr. 13

### Parents of Crippled Children Urged to Bring Children to Clinic

### TO BE AT HOSPITAL

Dr. O. L. Miller, of Charlotte, Will Make Free Examinations

The Wilkes county health department announced today that another crippled clinic will be conducted at the Wilkes hospital on Thursday, April 13.

The clinic will begin at 9:30 a. m. The North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club, which furnishes the cash cost of the clinic, is sponsor.

Mrs. Bertha Bell, county nurse, said today that the health department is asking that all parents of crippled children carry their children to the clinic for examination without cost. Each case will be examined and recommendations will be made concerning the proper steps to correct any physical handicaps or deformities.

Children with bone malformations, hairlip, cleft palate or other deformities should have advantage of this clinic, Mrs. Bell said.

The examinations will be made by Dr. O. L. Miller, orthopedic surgeon from Charlotte, who conducted the other crippled clinics in this city during the past several months.

## 2,500 Chicks Are Destroyed Today

A two-story brooder house containing 2,500 growing chickens was destroyed by fire at the home of James Pennell in the Moravian Falls community this morning.

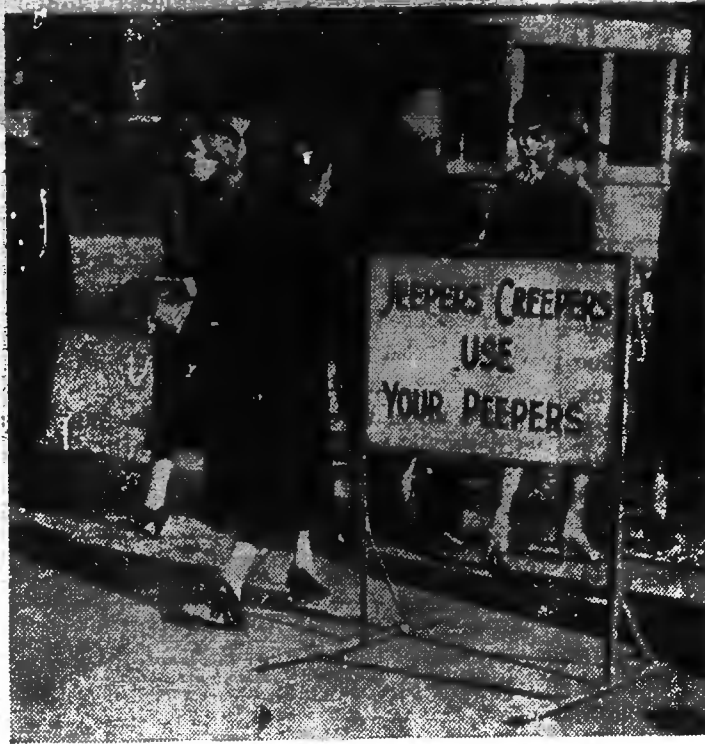
A whirlwind was thought to have torn apart some of the flues to the brooder furnaces and gave the fire opportunity to spread in the building. Fast winds caused the fire to burn rapidly.

Some of the chicks were baked while others were larger and consequently more valuable.

The total loss, which was not covered by insurance, was estimated to exceed \$1,000.

No man's "ornamentality" should be impaired because he is industrious enough to use his hands in the performance of a duty.

## Now It's Safety First in Swingtime



Swing music has at last made its influence felt in the field of safety education. Cleveland, Ohio, police erected this sign addressed to motorists and pedestrians in the center of the street at public square. Pedestrians, however, are not expected to shag across the intersections.

## Attendants to Man North Carolina Exhibit at World's Fair Will Visit Here April 15 to Secure Information

### Missionary Meeting At Lenoir Tuesday

The 27th annual session of the Methodist Woman's Missionary Society, of the Western North Carolina Conference, will convene at the First Methodist church at Lenoir Tuesday morning, April 11, and continue through Thursday morning. It is expected that a large number of people from the Methodist church in this community will attend. Anyone desiring to go from the North Wilkesboro church will please call Mrs. W. D. Halfacre at once.

### Baking Contest At Mountain View

The Home Economics department of Mountain View high school will hold its fourth annual baking contest Friday, April 14, at 1:30 p. m. in the home economics kitchen. At the same time there will be an exhibit of the work done in the sewing classes this year. Mrs. Williams, the home economics teacher, will donate a prize to the winning student.

### Local People to Tell Delegation About North Wilkesboro and County

The five young ladies and five young men who will man North Carolina's exhibit at the New York World's Fair will stop in North Wilkesboro on Saturday, April 15, to gather information about North Wilkesboro and this county to be used in connection with the state's World Fair exhibit.

The attendants who will be with the state's fair exhibit are now making a tour of the state to learn about the various sections, counties and cities, in order that they may be able to give any desired information at the world's fair to the millions who will view the state's exhibit.

The group is traveling over the state by bus and will be in North Wilkesboro on Saturday, April 15, and the time allotted to this city and county is from 9:30 a. m. to 9:45 a. m.

In making arrangements for the stop in this city, C. W. Roberts, executive commissioner of North Carolina World's Fair exhibit, said in a letter to J. B. McCoy, chairman of the hospitality committee for Wilkes: "We should like very much for the mayor, newspaper representatives and other officials to meet this group and tell them something about your city and county within the short time they will be allowed to remain. Any literature you might have describing your community will be welcomed by these people."

Mr. McCoy is asking that city and county officials, leaders in civic groups and all others interested be at Hotel Wilkes on Saturday morning at 9:30 to greet the world's fair attendants and to tell them about North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county.

## Wheat Farmers to Receive Payments

### Approximately 300 Commercial Growers In Wilkes May Receive Benefits

Approximately 300 farmers in Wilkes county have qualified for adjustment payments under the 1939 wheat program, Lawrence Eller, chief clerk of the farm program in Wilkes, said today.

Wheat adjustment payments are only made to commercial growers, Mr. Miller said, and the payments will be separate from the earnings under the soil conservation program.

As soon as the application for payment under the soil program are cleared, the applications for wheat payments will be forwarded, he said.

It is said that there is just one school in which a boy will learn—the school of experience. At present, this school is so crowded that there is hardly standing room.

## Kiwanis Observes 16th Anniversary In City On Friday

### J. D. Moore Gives History of Club as Special Feature of Program

### PROGRESS IS REVIEWED

### Attendance at Meeting Is Good; June Ketchie Is New Club Member

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club celebrated its 16th anniversary Friday noon with a Kiwanis education program in charge of J. D. Moore, one of the 17 present members of the club who were members when the club was formed in 1922.

Mr. Moore read a splendid brief history of the club and in addition there four short talks setting out the progress of the organization. W. J. Caroon, chairman of the attendance committee, stated that it was the aim of his committee to secure as nearly 100 per cent attendance during April as possible. Only two were absent from the meeting Friday.

J. C. Reins recalled interesting facts about the organization of the club and told of many and varied difficulties which were overcome.

Rev. Watt Cooper talked about the importance of reading the Kiwanis magazine, pointing out the value of many articles it contains. J. B. McCoy talked on "What Our Club Has Meant to the Community", telling how it had served as a commercial club in addition to providing social contact and a chance for civic endeavors.

June Ketchie, a former member of the Lexington club, was inducted into membership of the North Wilkesboro club at the meeting. Rev. Eugene Olive made the introduction talk and presented the button. H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist, was a guest of Dan Holler at the meeting.

Following is the history of the club as read by Mr. Moore at the outset of the program:

**Club History**  
In the early months of 1923, representatives of the Rotary and Civilian Organizations used some effort to organize the clubs in North Wilkesboro, but those interested waited for Kiwanis and on April 3, 1923, Joe Bowles, field representative of Kiwanis International, organized our club with Charlie Smoot as its first president. The club was organized with 57 charter members and we still have 17 of these charter members in our club, as follows: Ward Eshelman, Pat Williams, Tom Finley, Jim Moore, Joe McCoy, Ed Finley, Rich Finley, Ed Eller, Bob Finley, Walter Gwyn, Jim Hix, Bid Williams, Genie Cardwell, Dan Carter, Seorn Tomlinson, Jim Reins, Fred Hubbard.

Time will not permit covering the many achievements made by the club in these years, but your attention may be directed as follows: (Continued on page four)

## Union Services Are Begun Here

### Dr. John R. Jester Leading Evangelistic Campaign In This City

A series of evangelistic services began Sunday night at the First Baptist church here with Dr. John R. Jester, of Greenville, S. C., leading.

The three leading churches of the city—First Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian—are joining in the services in a city-wide campaign.

Dr. Jester, who for many years was pastor of the First Baptist church in Winston-Salem, preached Sunday morning at the Methodist church and on next Sunday morning will preach at the Presbyterian church.

Services at the union series of evangelistic services which will be at the First Baptist church will be held each morning at eight o'clock until 3:40 and each evening at 7:30 o'clock, during the next two weeks with Dr. Jester doing the preaching.

A large crowd was present at the opening service held on Sunday night. The church and members of the three churches have joined for services during the union series and an invitation is extended everybody to attend.

## WORLD'S TALLEST 16 INCHES ABOVE JIM SCOTT



Robert Wadlow, tallest man known to medical history, is only 16 1/2 inches taller than Jim Scott, an employe of Forester's Nu-Way here and who is reputed to be the tallest white man in North Carolina.

Wadlow, a resident of Alton, Ill., is eight feet, 8 1/2 inches tall and weighs 491 pounds. As shown by the above picture taken with a family group when he celebrated his 21st birthday a few days ago, Wadlow's family are normal in size. When he voted Tuesday in the municipal election in his home town he had trouble getting into the voting booth and when once inside, towered far above the top of the booth. He held his ballot against the side of the building to mark it.

The accompanying picture shows Jim Scott, local man who towers to a height of 5 feet 4 inches, in company with a man of normal height.