

# FSA Supervisor Tells Results Of Recent Survey

### Farm Security Farmers Gain \$61,000,000 In Net Worth - Wilkes Is Included

Results of a nation-wide survey received from Washington by County FSA Supervisor J. B. Highsmith, North Wilkesboro, show that farmers farming under the rehabilitation program of the Farm Security Administration are gaining in net worth, repaying their debts and making a better living.

The survey which included progress figures from the 125 FSA borrowers in Wilkes County, as well as from other counties throughout the nation showed that 232,000 typical farm families are worth \$61,000,000 more now than they were when they came on the FSA program. The average per family gained in net worth over and above all debts—was \$265.

Farmers have already paid back \$77,000,000 out of a total loaned of \$261,000,000 although much of the money loaned will not be due for four or five years.

The survey further showed FSA farmers are now growing three times as much food for home use as they produced before they came on the program. Fruits and vegetables canned increased 331 per cent; milk 376 per cent; eggs 275 per cent; and meat 344 per cent. A substantial increase was noted in farming equipment, and the average borrower now has two horses where he formerly had only one. There was also a considerable increase in acreage, per family, in food and feed crops.

A total of \$4,500,000 in back taxes was paid to counties and other political subdivisions as a result of the friendly adjustment of debts for 100,000 farmers.

The first of the year Mr. Highsmith and other county supervisors (Continued on page eight)

# Dr. D. S. Stuart Delivers Sermon

### To Graduating Class; Final Commencement Program Tuesday Night

Dr. Donald S. Stuart, pastor of the Presbyterian church at the University at Chapel Hill, delivered the commencement address Sunday night to the graduating class of the North Wilkesboro school in a union service at the First Baptist church.

The large and appreciative audience was present to hear the message, which received much favorable comment. The speaker's subject was "The Lesson of the Corner." The theme of the address centered around the principle that young people must build upon a firm foundation—Christian character.

Class night exercises will be held tonight and the final program will take place at the school auditorium on Tuesday night, eight o'clock, when Dr. Roben J. Maaske, professor of education at the University of North Carolina, delivers the commencement sermon.

This year a class of 42 seniors will receive diplomas and certificates of promotion to high school will be presented to many seventh grade graduates.

# Poppy Day Sale Very Successful

### Sum Of \$160 Is Raised Here By Sale Of Memorial Poppies On Saturday

Sale of memorial poppies in North Wilkesboro Saturday was very successful. Mrs. J. B. McCoy, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, said today.

A total of approximately \$160 of the little red replicas of Flanders Field poppies were sold to persons interested in honoring memory of World War dead and raising a fund for rehabilitation of those injured in the war.

Mrs. McCoy said that the poppy sale amounted to approximately \$160, much of which will be used by the Auxiliary in its rehabilitation program among veterans and their families in this county.

Mrs. McCoy said that the Auxiliary wishes to express appreciation to those who purchased poppies, to those who aided by selling them, to Spaulhour's for use of a window during the week, to Ed Vannoy for decorating the window, to the local press for publicity, and to all others who aided in any way.

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NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C. MONDAY, MAY 29, 1939 \$1.50 IN THE STATE \$2.00 OUT OF THE STATE

# Government Agent Tells Of Purchase Of Many Loads of Liquor From Wilkes Men Over Period of Over Four Months

## Boy Kills Giant Rattlesnake Near Reddies River

Edsel Whittington, 16-year-old son of W. H. Whittington, of Reddies River, killed a giant rattlesnake near his home one day last week.

Edsel walked out into the woods about a hundred yards from the house looking for a hen's nest when he almost stepped on the huge snake. Not risking trying to kill it with a less effective weapon Edsel called to the house and asked that some one bring the shotgun.

The snake measured four feet and three inches in length, 7 1-2 inches in circumference, had 12 rattles and one button and was said to be the largest ever killed in that vicinity.

# WPA Projects For Repair Of School Buildings Put In

### Would Paint and Repair All Better Type School Houses In County

C. B. Eller, Wilkes county superintendent of schools, said today that a project had been submitted to the Works Progress Administration calling for painting and repairs to 25 of the school buildings in Wilkes county.

The project has an estimated cost of about \$10,000, and of this amount the county would be required to pay about \$3,000. The federal government through the WPA would furnish \$7,000 on cost of materials and all cost of labor and supervision.

The school buildings would be painted on the outside, the roofs would get a coat of paint and minor repairs necessary would be made throughout the buildings.

Mr. Eller explains that many school buildings need repainting and minor repairs in order to keep them in good shape and to add to their appearance.

# Driving School To Be Conducted As A W. P. A. Project

### Meeting Is To Be Held On Thursday Night To Hear School Plan Outlined

A safe driving school will be held here if present plans materialize and if sufficient interest is shown. C. M. Crutchfield, area supervisor of the Works Progress Administration, said today.

The school, on the same order as many which are being held elsewhere so successfully, would be sponsored by the State Highway Commission.

A classroom instructor and a person to give practical lessons in driving would be employed by the WPA. The classroom instructor would teach driving laws and regulations and the driving instructor's services would be available primarily to new and inexperienced drivers.

Mr. Crutchfield said that a meeting of all interested persons has been called to be held at the city hall on Thursday night, 7:30, when Lieut. Thomas A. Early, formerly with the state highway patrol, will outline plans for the school and explain the entire proposal.

Officials of both the Wilkesboros, representatives of all civic organizations and all others interested are asked to attend the meeting Thursday night.

The school will be a public service and entirely without cost to the participants, the WPA paying the salary of the instructors.

The course will last for three weeks but will be repeated as many times as necessary in order to accommodate those wish to avail themselves of the opportunity offered for instructions and demonstrations in safe driving.

A good way not to expose one's religion to the weather—leave it in the church house from one protracted meeting till another.

# Marion A. King On Stand In Conspiracy Case; Thirty-Five Indicted

Federal court convened again in Wilkesboro this morning after almost three days on the first of a series of big conspiracy cases charging many Wilkes residents with conspiracy to defraud the government of liquor taxes.

The government, in the cases now on trial in which 35 face charges, has placed two principal witnesses on the stand. The first of these was Leonard Horton, a Charlotte man who acted as go-between for Marion A. King, a special investigator sent out of the Baltimore alcohol tax unit office, and the alleged liquor men.

In the case now on trial Horton said that he accompanied King to the Antioch, Lovelace, Somers and Edwards townships in Wilkes on several occasions over a period of four months last year and they purchased a volume of illicit whisky on practically every trip.

In Former Bootlegger Horton admitted on cross examination that he was an ex-bootlegger and that he used to come to Wilkes often for loads of liquor. He said that he was captured, tried and placed on probation and later began work for the government agent, receiving a sum of money on completion of his services.

Special Agent King, who apparently made a complete job of gaining the liquor men's confidence, was the government's second witness and has not completed his lengthy and detailed testimony. There are other government witnesses to be heard, and it is freely intimated that the trial will consume the greater part of this week.

King gave a detailed statement of how he and Horton bought liquor from the men named in the bill of indictment and took the liquor to Charlotte and destroyed it after keeping a sample as evidence.

District Attorney Carlyle Higgins in handling the case for the government while the majority of the members of the Wilkes bar are appearing for defendants. Judge Johnson J. Hayes is presiding over court.

The defendants in the case are Robert C. Seagraves, Frank Mathis, Glenn R. Baugess, Coy D. Sale, Hugh Sale, Robert Sparks, Woodrow Mathis, Minnie Johnson, William Dimmette, Charlie Love, Pearl Baugess, Carl G. Mathis, E. R. Staley, Banner Billings, W. J. Bryant Mathis, Thurmond Sparks, Clyde McDaniel, Clyde Henrik, W. T. Billings, William Porter, Gilbert Johnson, George Sale, Jetty Sale, John Sale, Robert Hackett, Jay Davis, George Morehead, J. R. Mathis, Jr., John Robert Byrd, John Thomas Byrd, Julius Johnson, Jessie M. Byrd, Ivory Glass and Woodrow Mathis, Jr.

# Greyhound Buys Woodie Lines At Price Of \$100,000

### Lines Owned By E. O. Woodie In This Part Of State Reported Sold

West Jefferson, May 25.—Announcement has just been made of the sale of the bus lines owned by Everett O. Woodie, of West Jefferson, which he has operated for a number of years in Western North Carolina and East Tennessee, to the Atlantic Greyhound Company.

The exact amount of the transaction could not be learned but it was estimated at approximately \$100,000.

In addition to the franchisees, Woodie sold all of his buses and equipment to the Greyhound company. His lines extended from West Jefferson to Sparta, Elkin, Booneville, Brooks Cross Road, Statesville, Yadkinville, Morganton and Shelby.

In 1931 he sold his line from Winston-Salem to Bristol to the Greyhound company.

# BOOKMOBILE TO TOUR WILKES FOR 2 MONTHS



This WPA "Bookmobile" shown leaving Raleigh will soon operate in Wilkes County, bringing free books to county crossroad stores and rural homes. The books are made available by the sponsoring State Library Commission and the WPA. The "Bookmobile" shown will be in the county to demonstrate the value of this type of library service. The annual library report discloses that about one-half of the population of North Carolina is without library service of any kind. Other than providing worthwhile employment for many needy, the WPA objective is to awaken interest throughout the State to the end that permanent library programs be established and that obtaining good books be the easy privilege of all North Carolinians.

At present, sixteen bookmobiles are making regular rounds. Other phases of the WPA library project, during the current year, have provided means for 1284 unemployed needy to earn their livelihoods, maintain and obtain skills—resulting, ninety-six counties have library service; in 159 public libraries, WPA workers are assisting with the clerical work, routine units, over one million volumes have been repaired and returned to circulation.

# Bookmobile Will Make 51 Stops In Itinerary Throughout Wilkes County

# Resignation Lowe From Wilkesboro's District Board Is In

### Issues Statement In Protest To Action of Majority Members Board

Carl A. Lowe, secretary and oldest member in point of service on the Wilkesboro central district school committee, on Friday mailed his resignation to the county board of education, and issued the following statement:

"To the Wilkes County Board of Education, Wilkesboro, N. C.: "It is a matter of deep regret that circumstances recently occurring prompts me to request the Board of Education to accept my resignation as a member of the Wilkesboro Central Board. The reasons for this decision are as follows:

"First: Three members of your central committee, viz: J. T. Prevette, Tom Foster, and Dan Brookshire, came into our meeting with a cut and dried program, ignoring Mr. N. O. Smoak and myself, and proceeded to railroad us through.

"Second: One member of the central board proceeded with his other associates to put two of his family in the Wilkesboro faculty without our consent, which everyone knows I am opposed to, as I do not think this procedure is for the best interest of the school and invites criticism, justly.

"Third: The three members of the above committee went out of the county without our knowledge and consent, and brought in a man and employed him and his wife under the protest of Mr. N. O. Smoak and myself, to replace Prof. T. E. Story, who is one of the most highly respected citizens, a substantial taxpayer, and who has lifted our school to one of the highest levels in the state. I feel safe in saying that seventy-five to eighty-five per cent of the patrons of the Wilkesboro school district were in favor of Mr. Story being re-elected as principal of the Wilkesboro high school, as petition duly presented, will verify. In the face of the above facts, the above-mentioned members ignored Mr. N. O. Smoak and myself, protesting at this unjust action, and turned a deaf ear to the petition. Therefore, I cannot conscientiously serve with the above-mentioned members, who fostered and railroaded this program through.

"Fourth: I cannot, and will not serve the Wilkes County Board of Education with members who will endorse and condone such unjust and evil practices."

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carrington and Mrs. J. D. Moore, Sr., went to Charlotte today to attend funeral services for Mr. George Reid, who died Saturday. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. Carrington.

Sheriff C. T. Doughton and Police Chief J. E. Walker destroyed a distillery within the corporate limits of North Wilkesboro one day last week.

The still was a small sized, incomplete outfit which some one had begun to erect in the northern part of the city near a small stream and had not been operated.

Officers destroyed the apparatus, which consisted of a boiler, condenser and boxes put together with screws, that process evidently being used to eliminate noise in construction. Only materials on hand for manufacture consisted of a small quantity of chop and no sugar was found.

Plans Call For Work On Missing Link To Begin Soon; Others Planned

Raleigh, May 20.—Frank A. Dunlap, chairman of the state highway and public works commission, said today bids would be requested immediately for construction of the Blue Ridge parkway from Mountain View to Thunder Hill Gap, near Blowing Rock in Watauga county.

Dunlap, with Highway Counsel Charles Ross and Claims Engineer R. G. Browning, conferred with A. E. Demaray, acting United States park service director, in Washington earlier this week.

"Further study of the proposed alternate route from Thunder Hill Gap to Sandy Flat church, west of Blowing Rock, will be made," Dunlap said. "A decision is expected in time to complete work from the gap to the Blowing Rock-Boone highway. This later will be one of the most important links in the Blue Ridge parkway. It will furnish a tie-up by use of existing state roads to sections of the parkway now being built from Grandfather mountain westward."

Two sections of the parkway in the Mt. Mitchell area are to be advertised for bids in the summer. When finished, Dunlap said, they will form a nearly continuous route from a point 15 miles south of Roanoke, Va., to the highway at Bull's Gap, near Asheville. The Yonahlossee trail is being used temporarily for this purpose.

Registrar of Marriage (to youthful bridegroom) "The young lady is not a minor, is she?" Bridegroom: "Oh, no; she works in a beauty parlor!"

# N. C. S. E. S. Office Has New Set-Up; Changes are Made

### District Abolished; Each Office Separate Unit; Handling Claims

Several changes were made in the set-up of the employment service office this month. B. G. Gentry, manager of the North Wilkesboro office, said today.

The principal change was placing the duties of the Unemployment Compensation Commission work in the hands of the employment service personnel.

The UCC personnel here was reduced by two members on May 15. David Ball was released and Mrs. Annie Turner was transferred to the Mount Airy office of the employment service, where she is serving as receptionist.

Charles Pearson, who had charge of UCC claims here is now a senior interviewer with the employment service, which is also handling claims under the UCC.

Effective on the same date was the abolition of the ten employment service districts in the state and each branch is now an office within itself and of equal rank. Prior to that time the office here was a branch of the district office at Hickory James M. Anderson, former resident of this city who was head of the employment service district with headquarters at Hickory, is now manager of the Hickory office.

The office personnel here since the changes which went into effect May 15 is as follows: B. G. Gentry, manager; Mrs. Catherine Lott and C. S. Pearson, senior interviewers; Silas R. Nichols, junior interviewer; Mrs. Frances Underwood, receptionist.

# 2,200 Volumes To Be Available To Rural Residents

### Each Of 51 Places Will Be Visited Four Times During Two Months

The WPA bookmobile which will spend June and July in Wilkes county will follow an itinerary with 51 stops in rural communities, according to a schedule made out by the sponsor of the project, the Wilkes County Library association.

Mrs. Frank Armfield, area supervisor of the project with headquarters in Winston-Salem, in conference with members of the library committee here made out the schedule, which will begin on June 5.

The bookmobile will come to Wilkes from Iredell, where it has just completed some successful work. The driver of the Bookmobile will be accompanied by a representative of the Wilkes County Public Library. Books will be loaned without cost to the reader and any reader may borrow as many books as he or she wishes, according to information given out by Mrs. Armfield through Mrs. Barrett Jones, project supervisor, and Miss Hazel Horton, librarian.

The tentative routes as announced and places at community centers on posters are as follows. Suggestions will be gladly received from interested persons at the library:

Route 1: First and third Mondays in June and July—Hendrix, 9:00; Mt. Zion, 9:25; Darby, 9:45; Elkville, 10:15; Ferguson (Beaver Creek), 10:30; Boomer, 11:00; Moravian Falls, 11:25; Wilkesboro, 11:50.

Route 2: First and third Wednesdays in June and July—Fairplains, 8:35; Hays, 9:00; Dockery, 9:30; Traphill, 9:55; Joynes, 10:20; Absher, 10:45; Moxley, 11:05; Dehart, 11:30; Radical, 11:45.

Route 3: First and third Fridays in June and July—Mulberry, 8:45; Cain Creek, 9:10; McGrady, 9:25; Mertie, 10:00; Millers Creek, 10:40.

Route 4: Second and Fourth Mondays in June and July—Clingman, Green's Store, 8:45; Clingman, 9:10; Ronda, 9:30; Pleasant Hill, 10:00; Benham, 10:20; Thurmond, 10:45; Austin, 12:15; Lomax, 12:30; Pleasant Hill, 12:50; Roaring River, 1:30; Oak Ridge, 2:35; Wilkesboro, 3:15.

Route 5: Second and fourth Wednesdays in June and July—Wilbar, 8:50; Shew, 9:10; Parlear, 9:55; Parsonville, 10:15; Summit, 10:30; Pattons Ridge, 11:00; Maple Springs, 11:25; Lewis Fork, 11:45; Champion, 12:00; Congo, 1:00; Buck, 1:20.

Route 6: Second and fourth Fridays in June and July—Walnut Grove, 9:00; Gilreath, 9:20; Cherry Tree, 10:15; Oakwoods, (Continued on page eight)

# Tennis Tournay For Girls Here Will Begin Soon

### Those Wishing To Enter Should Notify Rev. Watt M. Cooper

Under sponsorship of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club a tennis tournament for the girls and young women of this and surrounding communities will begin this week. It was announced today.

All girls who are interested in entering this tournament are asked to get in touch immediately with Rev. Watt M. Cooper, chairman of the Kiwanis committee on boys' and girls' work.

Drawing of opponents and setting of time and place for the matches will begin within a few days, Rev. Mr. Cooper said.

Two appropriate silver trophies, one for the winner and another for the runner-up, will be awarded at the close of the tournament. Sponsors are hoping that a large number will enter the tournament. Anyone in or past the seventh grade may enter.

The only fee will be a charge of 25 cents to be used in purchase of balls.

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