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Clearance Sales Event Opens Here Friday

May Yet Sign Up For Participation In Soil Program

July 15 is deadline for those wishing to earn government payments

Wilkes county farmers who have not signed up for participation in the soil program yet have an opportunity to sign. Lawrence Miller, clerk of the county committee, said today. The opportunity to sign up for participation will close on Saturday, July 15, and any farmers who may have neglected to sign have lately decided to participate are urged to call at the office of the county agent as early as possible and not later than July 15 to sign a work sheet. The county now ranks second in the state in number of participating farms and it is earnestly desired that every farmer take part and share in the benefits.

Many Will Try For Tennis Titles

Lions Tourney Gets Under Way Today With 37 Entries In Singles Play

North Wilkesboro Lions club's second annual Wilkes county tennis tournament began today with 37 entries in singles competition and with prospects of entries totaling 100 in all divisions, including singles, doubles, mixed doubles and boys' singles and doubles. All indications pointed to the most successful tennis tournament in the history of the city and at the beginning of play interest was high among those who will compete for the trophies. Parring for matches this afternoon were as follows in the men's singles division: Archie Tomlinson and William Brame, Richard Johnston and Frank McNeill, C. C. Faw, Jr., and J. U. Watt, William Scroggs and Phillip Brame, Edward S. Finley and Otis Keeling, J. H. Armfield and R. G. Browning, Jr., Shine Kilby and J. Bain Doughton, Joe Brame and Clyde Pearson, Frank Stafford and C. B. Higgins, Jim Smith and W. M. Reece, Pat Williams, Jr., and W. A. Funtley. Others entered in the singles for matches tomorrow are Albert Garwood, Sonny Garwood, Lawrence Critcher, Arvil Phifer, Harry Pearson, John K. Blackburn, Bernard Campbell, Paul Haigwood, Watson Brame, Ross Reeves, Rev. Watt Cooper, B. G. Gentry, Gordon Ogilvie, Frank Allen and Blair Gwyn. Pairings have not been completed for the doubles, which are scheduled to get under way the first of next week and will be interspersed with the singles matches on the various courts in the city. Posters showing the results of all the matches and time and place of matches to be played are on display at Brame Drug store, where the trophies are also shown.

Farm Compliance Checking Begins

Supervisors Making Good Progress Checking Farms On Soil Program

The task of checking about 1,000 farms in Wilkes county is well under way. It was learned today from the office of the county agent. Supervisors, who were given a course and an examination before they were passed as eligible for work, are busily engaged through the county checking the individual farms with the aid of aerial maps made by government planes. The work is progressing rapidly and much more progress has been made than at the same time a year ago.

Tallie Barnett Injured By Spray Pump Explosion

Tallie Barnett, aged 22 years, and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barnett, of this city, suffered a severe eye injury last Wednesday afternoon when a spray pump, near which he was working on the J. M. Crawford orchard, exploded.

Pressure on the pump is said to have reached 600 pounds, this causing the pump to explode near Barnett, parts of which struck him in the eye. Barnett was brought to The Wilkes Hospital for treatment and it is hoped that the sight of the eye may be saved.

Late News Of State-Nation Told Briefly

BUSINESS BETTER
New York, July 4.—Rising business trends in the United States during the next three months, barring a European war, were forecast today in Wall street circles as factories and trade rested in observance of the Fourth of July. Some trend-watchers predicted industrial activity for the third quarter might average as much as 15 per cent higher than in the like period last year.

DOESN'T WANT PRAISE
Kinston, July 4.—One eastern North Carolina novice at West Point, a cadet of short standing, has written his parents asking that if his home town paper had anything to say about his admission to the military academy they not send him clippings. Upper classmen would require him to memorize what was printed, he explained, and it would be humiliating to have to recite what the Bugle said about him. His family and his forebears every time he met a group of his military betters. Papers containing references to the youth and predictions that he will some day be chief of staff have been put away by the family. The cadet may see them on his first furlough.

MUST KEEP RATE UP
Raleigh, July 4.—The three-cent stamp must be retained if the United States postoffice department is to continue as a self-sustaining agency, M. F. Fitzpatrick, president of the National Association of Postal Supervisors, told postal workers in convention here today. Fitzpatrick said a return to the two-cent stamp would cause an annual loss of \$100,000,000. He asked Carolina postal supervisors to support the present rate for first class letters. The convention of 500 postal workers and members of their auxiliaries closed with a banquet here this afternoon, following the election of new officers and the acceptance of an invitation to meet at Chapel Hill next year.

L.S.U. HEAD HELD
New Orleans, July 4.—Smiling and composed, Dr. James Monroe Smith, president of Louisiana State university until nine days ago, was returned to Louisiana late today to face charges of embezzling \$100,000 of the school's funds. Noted on the university campus for his geniality during his nine-year term there, Smith appeared mildly amused as Sheriff N. H. de Breton, of East Baton Rouge parish loaded him and Mrs. Smith, held as an accomplice, into an automobile. They will be taken directly to Baton Rouge, seat of the state capital and university. "I'm glad to be back. I'm sorry I went away. I was ill-advised to leave," Smith said when a microphone was shoved before him. Dr. and Mrs. Smith were brought back here by commercial air lines directly from New York, where they were flown this morning from Syracuse. Dr. Smith surrendered three days ago at Brockville, Ontario, after a wide search. Two law officers, sent from Baton Rouge, accompanied the prisoners.

Commissioners Take Steps To Set Up Special Wilkes County Court

Wilkes To Have Representatives At 4-H Course

Sam Gray, of Ronda, Gets Scholarship As Outstanding Club Member

When the annual 4-H Short Course is held at N. C. State College July 24-29, Wilkes County will have several representatives from among its farm boys and girls. One of these will be Sam Gray, of Ronda, who was selected as the outstanding 4-H Club boy in the county for 1938. The honor carried with it a scholarship to the State College event, given by the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau, of which A. G. Floyd is State director. Others who will attend the 4-H short course from Wilkes will be as follows: Champion, Sallie Church and James Wooten; Mulberry, Frances Elledge and Curtis Sturdivant; Ronda, Mary Jane Burchette and Thomas Rumpel; Traphill, Junior Brewer and Teresa McMenamin; Wilkesboro, Betty Henderson and Chelsie McNeill; Millers Creek, Eda Mae Crysel; Mountain View, Arwona Sebastian and Glenn Dancy. The 4-H Short Course combines education, recreation, and inspiration and offers farm boys and girls an opportunity to exchange ideas, receive the latest information on agricultural and home-making developments, and engage in programs of entertainment and games. One of the features of this year's event will be a pageant depicting the 25-year history of 4-H Club work in North Carolina. I. R. Harrell, state 4-H Club leader, and Miss Frances MacGregor, assistant state club leader, have selected several county groups to act out in pantomime and song the various phases of the youth-training organization. The annual state 4-H health contest will be another highlight of the program, with the crowning of the 1939 health king and queen to be a part of the Pageant of Progress. Health kings and queens have been selected in each of the five districts of the State and they will compete for the State honors. The State finals of the Dairy Demonstration Team contest also will be held during the Short Course, with the winning team of two club members receiving a trip to the National Dairy Show in California later this summer.

DIAMOND ARISTOCRAT



Charley (Red) Ruffing, star pitcher of the New York Yankees, is shown holding a trophy given him by his wife after recording his 200th big league victory recently. Only four other present day hurlers are in this select circle of 200 game winners.

Under Provisions State Wide Act Of General Assembly

C. G. Gilreath Favored By Bar For Judge; Bryan Named As Solicitor

SALARIES ARE FIXED
Judge To Receive \$2,400, Solicitor \$1,200 And Clerk \$400 Yearly

The Wilkes county board of commissioners this week took the first step toward formation of a Wilkes county court when the board unanimously passed a resolution establishing a special county court in accordance with provisions of a state-wide act passed by the 1939 legislature empowering county boards to set up such courts in their discretion. In the resolution passed by the board, composed of M. F. Absher, chairman, Dr. W. R. Triplett and C. C. Sidden, Attorney T. R. Bryan was appointed solicitor. The duties of clerk fall upon the office of C. C. Hayes, clerk of superior court. The salary of the judge was fixed at \$2,400 yearly and salary of the solicitor at \$1,200. The clerk's remuneration for the extra duties was set at \$400 per year. Power to appoint the judge of the county court under the state-wide act lies with the governor. It is understood that a majority of the members of the Wilkes bar have expressed themselves as favoring the appointment of Attorney C. G. Gilreath as judge and will petition Governor Hoey to that effect. The bar association by majority vote favored the establishment of a Wilkes county court by special act of the legislature and a local measure giving the commissioners power to establish a Wilkes court was introduced in the general assembly this year by Senator C. H. Cowles but was defeated in committee hearing when some local opposition developed. Later the state-wide act gave commissioners of any county power to set up a court.

433 Jobs Located By NCSES Here During Last Month

The state employment service through its North Wilkesboro office placed a total of 433 persons on jobs during the month of June, a report released today by B. G. Gentry showed. June was one of the best months of the year in total placements, showing a gain of 163 over the total placements for the previous month and a gain of 233 over the 200 for June, 1938. Of the 433 placements during the past month, 101 were on private jobs and 332 were on public works projects. It is interesting to note that placements exceeded new applications for work, which numbered 205, during the month. The month closed with an active file of 1,487 applicants.

Jack Massey Is Named Coach For High School Here

Halfback At Erskine Will Train Athletic Teams For City High School

Jack Massey, who played halfback on Erskine college's football team, has been employed as coach for the North Wilkesboro high school, Paul S. Cragan, superintendent, said today. In academic work he will teach history and English. Mr. Massey, whose home is in Mooresville, is 24 years of age and is not married. His athletic record consists of basketball and baseball in high and prep schools, halfback on the college football team and three years of college baseball as an outfielder and pitcher. He graduated in the spring of this year and although he has no practical experience teaching, he will come to the city highly recommended. He said here today following his election by the school board that he intends to come to North Wilkesboro before the beginning of the school term and have football practice well under way by the time school work begins. Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Vandeman, who were married in Charlotte Tuesday of last week, have returned from their wedding trip and will be at home during the summer in a cottage on the Brushies.

Thrills Shows Friday Night

On Friday night, July 7, promptly at eight o'clock Tony Kivett and his "death drivers" will put on an unprecedented show of hair-raising automobile and motorcycle stunts at the fairgrounds. The show is sponsored by the Merchants Bureau as a feature of the opening day of the July Clearance Sales event and is expected to attract an unusually large crowd. The drivers will put their machines through a number of death-defying stunts, including collisions, turnovers, jumping from speeding automobiles, burning wall crashes, smashups and other thrills calculated to be dangerous even for spectators with weak hearts, to say nothing of those who participate. This will be the first show of its kind ever held in North Wilkesboro. Mrs. D. L. Wooten, daughter, Mary Jane, of Winston-Salem, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Brown, of Boonville, and Mrs. Paul Warden, of Yadkinville, are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Wright in Wilkesboro.

Singing Meeting At Little Rock On Sunday, July 30

The next session of the Southside Singing association will be held at Little Rock Baptist church on highway 18 near the Wilkes-Caldwell line July 30, Attorney F. J. McDuffie, chairman, announced today. The day's program will begin at ten o'clock and dinner will be served picnic style at noon. All singing classes, quartets and others who render gospel music are invited to attend and take part in the day's program.

City Receives Additional Grant For The City Hall

Total Cost of Building To Be Completed By August 1st, \$36,900

The city of North Wilkesboro has just been notified of an additional grant of \$1,755 from the Public Works administration for completion of the city hall. Request for additional time has been granted the contractors but the deadline when the city hall must be finished is definitely August 1. Work is being pushed to complete the building by that date. The additional grant from PWA will make possible completion of the building according to the original plans. The total cost of the city hall will be \$36,900, of which 45 per cent was granted by PWA and the balance financed by city funds.

Prices Slashed To Move Stocks Savings Offered

Many Stores Participating In Biggest Merchandising Event Of Summer

THRILL SHOW FRIDAY
Tony Kivett and "Death Drivers" Will Perform On Friday Night

Doors of many North Wilkesboro stores opening at 5:30 o'clock Friday morning, July 7, will mark the opening of one of the biggest merchandising events in the history of the city. It will be opening day of the July Clearance Sales event, which is sponsored this year as a city-wide occasion by the Merchants Bureau of the North Wilkesboro Commerce Bureaus. Participating stores have marked prices down unusually low, even for clearance sales, and thousands are expected to avail themselves of the opportunity to secure merchandise at money-saving prices. The event, which is usually staged during the month of July by individual stores, is for the purpose of reducing stocks of seasonal merchandise in preparation for the next season. To accomplish this purpose prices are reduced to the point where it is distinctively to the advantage of the prospective customer to buy in order to save money and to get greater values. Merchants have been preparing for the event during the past several days and employees of mercantile firms have been busily engaged in arranging stocks and marking down prices. The prices have been lowered with the intention of removing the merchandise and early shoppers will have the advantage of selections from complete stocks. Opening day of the sales event will end with presentation of Tony Kivett and his "death drivers" in a big thrill show at the fairgrounds, beginning Friday night, eight o'clock. The show was scheduled here by the merchants as a feature attraction and is expected to be largely attended.

Holiday Singing Held On Tuesday

Annual Gathering Is Held Wednesday At Court-House In Wilkesboro

The annual fourth of July singing convention for Wilkes county was held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro Tuesday with a good attendance and some excellent singing. J. A. Gilliam, chairman, presided for the day's program, which included a number of impromptu talks in addition to the singing. Quartets which took part were Wilkesboro, Everredy and the Hendren family, consisting of Clarence Hendren and three children. The singing was the subject of much favorable comment.

Lions Will Hear Dr. A. M. Ormond

Dr. Allison M. Ormond, resident physician at the Wilkesboro North Carolina sanatorium, Black Mountain, will address the North Wilkesboro Lions club in meeting Friday evening at Hotel Wilkes. W. O. Absher and T. H. Thompson will be in charge of the program. A full attendance of members is desired in that the club feels fortunate in being able to secure Dr. Ormond for the address. Attention is called to the fact that the club will meet at seven o'clock instead of 6:30 as formerly. Mr. J. A. Blevins and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gregory, of Hays, were visitors in this city today.

Job Placements Show Substantial Gain Over May and June Year Ago

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Legion Will Meet On Friday Night

The regular July meeting of the American Legion will be held in the Legion-Auxiliary club rooms north of the city, Friday evening, July 7th, at 7:30. W. J. Bason, who attended the State Convention in Raleigh as a representative of the post, will render a report of the activities of the Legion. **BEWARE OF WAR**
A theme of warning—"beware of war"—ran through Fourth of July orations and other pronouncements Tuesday as the nation celebrated Independence day joyously, but with a note of anxiety about the situation in Europe. Leaders all agreed that this country should keep out of war, but there was marked conflict as to the best way to achieve that end. Declaring that the objective is to stop war abroad before it starts, President Roosevelt, at Hyde Park, called for action on the administration neutrality bill. The measure would scrap the arms embargo provision of the existing law and thus presumably be of assistance to the nation, controlling the seas in case of war abroad.

Cookie Sale By Girl Scouts On Throughout Week

It was announced today that the cookie sale which has been conducted by the Girl Scouts will be continued. Persons who are interested in the Girl Scout movement and who wish to aid in raising the annual budget of the organization are kindly asked to buy cookies when the girls call.