

Advantage in Early Mailing Christmas Mail

Wrap And Tie Packages Securely and Write Address Plainly, Is Advice

Christmas mail is expected to set new records this year and for that reason it is important to mail early, is the advice given out by postal authorities.

Postmaster J. C. Reins said today that notices have been posted in the postoffice here urging early mailing of Christmas packages, letters and cards, to insure delivery before Christmas and cooperation on the part of the public is urged.

It is also advised that packages be wrapped and tied securely and have addresses written plainly in order that postal workers can handle the large volume of holiday mail efficiently.

Postal authorities will make every effort to handle the unprecedented volume of mail but in order to be on the safe side, early mailing is important.

Former Resident Of Wilkes Killed

William Gregory Was Killed Near Kannapolis Sunday - Funeral Tuesday

Ending an old feud, Charlie Beber of Blackwell Park near Kannapolis shot and killed William (Tommy) Gregory, 29, of Landis, Sunday morning at about 1 o'clock. The shooting occurred at a small log cabin store operated by E. M. Moore, two miles north of Kannapolis.

After the shooting Gregory was taken to Cabarrus hospital, where he lived for only a few minutes. Beber was found at his home by North Kannapolis Officers Howard Barnhardt, and Watts and Coroner Tatum. Police said that Beber admitted shooting Gregory with a 12-gauge shotgun when the two met at the store and revived an old quarrel. He said, however, that Gregory shot at him twice with a pistol. He then went to his home and got the shotgun and returned to the store, where he killed Gregory, he said. Gregory was shot in the chest.

Surviving Gregory are his wife, Mrs. Bertha Beber Gregory; two children, Mary Irene and Cecil Odell; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gregory, of North Wilkesboro route 3; five brothers, Odell, Wayne, Charles, Chester, and Walter Gregory, all of Wilkes county; four sisters, Mrs. Roy Mullis, Mrs. J. C. Johnson, Mrs. Watt Colley, Mrs. Doc Connelly.

Funeral service was held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Lewis Baptist church in Wilkes county. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mystery at Midnight Is Splendid Play

"Mystery at Midnight", the thrilling epic comedy drama, sponsored by the Junior and Senior Women's Clubs for the benefit of clubhouse fund, is to be produced at the Wilkesboro school auditorium tonight and tomorrow night.

The cast has been working day and night in order to give two nights of thrills and excitement that will be remembered for many a day. Sides will be acting from laughter at some scenes of the outstanding characters such as Zeb Dickson as the absent minded Professor Rockbottom, who is sought after by Carol Mott as Elvire Nosegay, a spinster of other days; Paul Osborne as Judge Rollins, who has retired after serving 40 years on the bench; Jewel Emerson, as Sally Grant, who tries in her giddy way to take care of the Judge; Richard Caldwell, as Detective Briggs, is very much the modern detective, even if he does miss his clues and speeches.

Cynthia Prevette, as the wealthy Mrs. Hallows and her maid; Joyce Pearson as Sarah, who is from the Indies and talks to the natives; Edith Crater, as Bonnie Baker, who is cloping with Jack Howard as Ralph Norris; Warner Jones, Jr., as Jack Murph, the driver and who is blamed for all the queer happenings; while Walter Davis as Tom Foster urges everybody to leave while they are alive; Charles Hulcher, as Stranger, adds his bit to the show to make it more mysterious. The chorus, boys, nurses and (continued on page eight)

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For mutual benefit do your buying in Wilkesboro, the business center of Northwest North Carolina.

Red Cross Roll Call May Reach \$1,000 This Year

Annual Meeting Of Chapter Called For Tuesday Night At The City Hall

With more than \$900 already in, Wilkes Red Cross officials are anticipating a total of \$1,000 when all reports of the annual roll call are in, it was learned today.

Should the chapter reach \$1,000 for the roll call, which is indicated by the number of schools which have not reported, a new record will be set in the county.

J. H. Whicker, chapter chairman, announced today that the annual meeting of the members of the Wilkes county chapter will be held on Tuesday night, December 12, at the city hall. The meeting will begin at 7:30.

The purpose of the meeting, Chairman Whicker said, will be election of officers, fixing the budget for the coming year and transacting any other business which may come before the meeting. Every member of the chapter is asked to be present.

Rev. Eugene Olive, roll call chairman, said that a final report on the roll call will be made at the meeting.

Home Clubbers To Meet December 12

A County-Wide Meeting Of Home Demonstration Clubs Announced

A county-wide meeting of all home demonstration club members and their families has been called to be held at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Tuesday night, December 12, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

At the meeting a summary of the year's work will be given and officers for the next year will be installed. Following the business session there will be plenty of fun and refreshments for all, Miss Harriet McGoogen, home demonstration agent, said in making the announcement.

Committees for the meeting have been named as follows:

Refreshments - Mrs. R. A. Greer, Moravian Falls; Mrs. J. G. Bentley, Pores Knob; Mrs. J. M. German, Boomer; Mrs. B. M. Pardue and Mrs. G. W. Scroggs, of Moravian Falls.

Decorations - Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, Ferguson; Mrs. A. J. Profit, Purlair; Mrs. H. H. Rhoades, Purlair; Miss Flossie Hendren, Gilreath; Mrs. June Critcher, Moravian Falls; Mrs. Charles Woods, Mountain View.

Entertainment - Mrs. Maude Dobbins, Ronda; Mrs. J. F. T. Moore, Ronda; Mrs. J. D. Thompson, Thurmond; Mrs. W. R. DeJournette, Thurmond.

Because officers of the county council of clubs are to be installed, it is especially asked that every officer of all the clubs in the county be present.

Children's T. B. Clinic Scheduled

To Begin Monday In Schools Of The County; Examinations Without Cost

School children 12 years of age and older will be examined during the tubercular clinic to begin in Wilkes county on December 11, Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer, said today.

Dr. G. C. Godwin, of the state sanatorium, will read the tuberculin tests and make examination of all reactors without charge.

The clinic will start in the North Wilkesboro school on Monday, December 11 and other schools to be visited will include Wilkesboro, Ferguson, Mount Pleasant, Millers Creek, Mountain View, Traphill, Ronda and Roaring River.

Teachers in the smaller schools are urged to send any students apparently in need of an examination to their respective central schools.

Messrs. J. C. Reins, Spencer Richardson, W. H. H. Waugh, J. E. Walker and Dr. W. F. Jones enjoyed a deer hunt in Pisgah National Forest last week. Messrs. Waugh and Jones each killed a deer.

Supports Allies



France-British prestige in the Balkans was strengthened when Rumania's King Carol named George Tatarescu to the premiership, succeeding Constantine Argetoianu, whose cabinet resigned after refusing Germany concessions on oil and foodstuffs. Tatarescu, former Rumanian ambassador to France, is strongly pro-ally.

Prizes Holiday Lighting Contest Here Announced

First Prize \$10, Second \$5, Third \$3, and Fourth \$2; Entries To Close 15th

Ten dollars will be the first prize in the Christmas home and lawn decorations contest which is being sponsored by The Journal-Patriot and the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club.

The other prizes will be five, three and two dollars each, making a total of twenty dollars for the four cash prizes to go to the homes judged to have the most artistic outside holiday decorations.

A committee of judges will be named by the Woman's Club to judge the homes and the contest is open to all homes in the Wilkesboro and along the highways leading into the two towns.

It is expected that many lawns and grounds will glow with Christmas cheer and that many will enter the contest for the cash prizes. All who wish to enter must notify The Journal-Patriot not later than December 15 and it is asked that all decorations be lighted not later than December 16.

Schoolmasters To Meet December 14

Dinner Meeting To Be Held At Legion and Auxiliary Clubhouse

Next meeting of the Wilkes county schoolmasters' club will be held at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse in this city on Thursday, December 14, 5:30 p. m., it was announced today.

It will be a dinner meeting with a three-course dinner to be served by the Wilkesboro Woman's Club. A prominent speaker will be secured to address the meeting and a program of entertainment and recreation will follow the meeting. Plates will be served for 75 cents each and all teachers, together with any guests they wish to have along, are invited.

R. V. Day, of Millers Creek, is president of the club, L. W. Teague, of Mountain View, is vice president, and Wm. T. Long, of Wilkesboro, is secretary-treasurer.

Dokies Will Attend Greensboro Meeting On Friday Night

About 400 members of the North Wilkesboro Dokies club are planning to attend a ceremonial of Birjand Temple in Greensboro Friday night.

The North Wilkesboro delegation will offer strong support for J. B. Carter, of this city, for the office of Royal Vizier of the temple and will also have candidates for some of the other officers.

One of the most active of the organization here, Mr. Carter at present is district deputy of district number eight.

Mr. J. E. Miller, well known citizen of the Daylo community, was a business visitor in this city yesterday.

1,845 Pounds Pork From Only 3 Hogs

A. R. Miller, well known merchant and farmer of the Vanoy community, can lay claim to retention of the pork producing title in Wilkes county.

For several years he has produced porkers not over one year old and tipping the scale at over 600 pounds dressed and this year he has no exception. A few days ago he butchered three hogs dressing a total of 1,845 pounds. Their individual weights were 620, 615 and 610.

They were the big type Ohio Improved Chester and lacked a few days of being one year old, Mr. Miller said.

Births Exceeded Deaths 3 To 1

Totals For Ten Months In Wilkes Show 645 Births To Only 218 Deaths

Births exceeded deaths by almost three to one so far this year in Wilkes, according to statistics compiled by the Wilkes county health department.

Through October births in the county over a ten-month period totaled 645 while there were only 218 deaths.

During October there were 65 white births and three colored while 18 whites and one colored died.

Reports of communicable diseases for that month showed that there were 22 cases of scarlet fever and two of diphtheria.

The health department syphilis clinic so far during the year has had a total of 546 cases, of which 334 were white and 212 colored. A total of 4,076 syphilis treatments were given in the clinic over the ten-months period covered by the report.

Commissioners In Session On Monday

Wilkes county board of commissioners in regular session Monday passed on routine matters and had little business of public interest before the board.

All members of the board, composed of M. F. Absher, chairman, Dr. W. R. Triplett and C. C. Sidden, were present for the meeting.

Plans Completed for Cooking School December 14 and 15

The time draws near when Miss Florence Rogers, noted home economist and lecturer, will present to the women of North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro and rural communities new ideas, tested recipes and time saving methods on the practical art of cookery.

The cooking school, sponsored by The Journal-Patriot, local merchants, the Duke Power company, and Lever Brothers, of Cambridge, Mass., will be held at the Woman's Clubhouse in this city on Thursday and Friday afternoon, December 14 and 15, beginning each afternoon at two o'clock.

Announcement of the school, made several days ago, has already attracted much interest and every woman within traveling distance of this city is urgently requested to attend both days if possible and is asked by all means not to miss one of the sessions conducted by Miss Rogers.

Miss Rogers, a widely recognized authority on home subjects, will conduct demonstrations before the audience and each and every one present will have the unusual opportunity of gaining first hand knowledge of the art of cooking from one whose lectures and demonstrations have been enthusiastically received in many of the larger metropolitan centers and smaller cities of the country.

Miss Rogers has arranged a well planned program for the two-day event here. Not only does she have new recipes to present but some splendid time-saving and efficiency-promoting methods on the old ones. She will not only show how she can carry out the practices but will show each and every one how to get equally good results in their own kitchens. Each one will be presented with a printed folder of tested recipes.

An additional inducement for attendance will be the awarding of valuable prizes at both sessions.

This newspaper does not hesitate in highly recommending the school and inviting every woman to attend.

Lions Club and Wilkesboro Ramblers Play 6-0 Tie In Game On Wednesday

The North Wilkesboro Lions club, football team and Wilkesboro Ramblers played all over 100 or more yards of the fairgrounds field Wednesday afternoon and when it was all over the score was just the same as it was at the beginning—nothing-nuthin'.

It wasn't the expected injuries which caused the Lions Club team of former high school and college stars to fare so badly in the first half—it was an acute and prolonged attack of what coaches call "fumbittis," the principal damage being its ability to keep a team in hot water.

NYA Project For Roaring River Is On Approved List

National Youth Administration To Erect Building With Two Classrooms

Mrs. Lawrence Miller, supervisor of National Youth administration work in Wilkes county, said today that approval has been granted for a project calling for the erection of an education building at Roaring River.

The total estimated expenditure as set up in the project is \$3,634 with the county furnishing materials as the sponsor. The NYA will pay cost of labor, tools and supervision.

The project will get under way early in January, Mrs. Miller said, and will be under direction of Seth Walsh, NYA construction foreman in Wilkes.

The building, to contain two classrooms, will be used as an addition to the school plant and will be of frame construction.

Roaring River school has been badly crowded for a number of years and additional classroom has been sorely needed, county school officials said.

K. Of P. Lodge Elects Officers

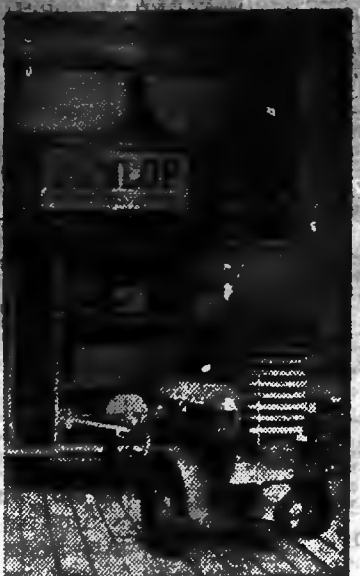
Lawrence Miller Head; The Lodge Next Six Months; Others Elected

North Wilkesboro Knights of Pythias lodge in meeting this week elected Lawrence Miller chancellor commander and other officers for the next six-months period beginning January 1.

The complete list of newly elected officers follows: Lawrence Miller, chancellor commander; Dewey Minton, vice commander; Dr. A. C. Chamberlain, prelate; Bill Marlow, master of works; George Kennedy, keeper of records and seals; Paul Osborne, master of finance; Vaughn Jennings, master of exchequer; Jesse Giles, master of arms; Paul Church, inside guard; Presley Myers, outside guard.

The lodge is widely recognized as one of the largest and most active units of Knights of Pythias in the state.

Ersatz in England



A special "gas producer" converts low grade coal into gas to drive London's trucks and buses. Mounted on a trailer in front of the vehicle, this "producer" supplies fuel for a huge double-deck bus. This "ersatz" campaign of using substitutes conserves the empire's resources.

Farmers Can File Applications Now For Lime Supply

Deliveries At Government Contract Price To Begin On January 1

Wilkes county farmers may place orders now for limestone to use in accordance with the 1940 farm program, it was learned today from the office of Dan Holler, Wilkes county agent.

It was also learned that the government contract price for limestone delivered in North Wilkesboro will be \$2.20 per ton, a reduction of 20 cents under the 1939 price, and that payment will be deducted from the farmer's government payment for the year as has already been in effect.

The lime will be a good grade of Mascot limestone and agricultural authorities are urging that it be used liberally in growing of legumes and grasses next year.

First deliveries will be made shortly after January 1 but orders may be filed now for delivery at that time. Any farmer may order lime in amount from one ton to a carload or more.

Special Term Of Court Begins 11th

To Clear The Federal Court Docket During Extra Term Called By Judge

Federal court will convene again in Wilkesboro Monday, December 11, to try criminal cases which were not reached during the regular term which closed Friday.

Judge Johnson J. Hayes announced when court adjourned last week that a special term would begin on the 11th in an effort to clear the docket of the liquor cases pending and to try a number of civil actions which have been instituted.

Trial of civil cases will begin following completion of the criminal docket, which was one of the biggest in the history of the court when the regular term convened on November 20.

County's Biggest Hog Weight 790 lbs.

A. E. Warren Butchers Giant Porker; Mang Guess At Weight

A. E. Warren, who lives between Fairplains and Mountain View, has just butchered Wilkes county's largest porker this year. The hog, a four-year-old Poland China-Berkshire cross, had the neighbors' guessing about its weight and Mr. Warren himself was closest with his guess of 800 pounds, which was ten pounds more than actual weight of 790. Other guesses ranged upward to 1,200 pounds and no one guessed under 800.

The giant porker was 37 inches in height and seven and one-half feet in length. "We have a two-year-old pork supply," Mr. Warren said after starting the curing process.

WPA Project For Improvement Of Streets Is Begun

To Grade North End of 10th Street; Other Improvements Are Planned

A WPA project which provides for a number of important street improvements in North Wilkesboro commenced today, O. M. Crutchfield, area WPA engineer, said.

The project, to be sponsored by the city government, calls for grading and crushed stone surfacing of Tenth street a distance of about two blocks north of the present end of the pavement at the intersection of Tenth and F streets.

Also included in the project will be improvement of the alley back of the city hall between Seventh and Ninth Street and grading and crushed stone surfacing of Eighth street between the city hall and A street.

A number of dirt streets in the eastern part of the city will be surfaced with crushed stone from the quarry which has been reopened near the lower Yadkin bridge.

Mr. Crutchfield said that 35 to 40 WPA workmen will be used on the project.

Condition Stabbed Man About Same

Jim Johnson Holds Own Although Badly Wounded; Moore Is Under Bond

Condition of Jim Johnson, Hunting Creek resident badly wounded in an altercation here on Saturday evening, was reported today at the Wilkes hospital as good as can be expected.

Hubert Moore, Brushy Mountain youth who officers said admitted the stabbing, surrendered Sunday morning and on Monday was released under bond of \$1,000.

Johnson received four deep knife wounds, two in the abdomen, one in the hip and one in the right shoulder. One stab punctured the liver. He suffered greatly from loss of blood but rallied following the operation and blood transfusion at the hospital.

The altercation occurred at the corner of Tenth and Main streets about five o'clock Saturday. Eye witnesses told officers they did not know what caused the stabbing and Moore has made little comment other than to admit the assault, officers said.

Sale Christmas Seals Progresses

Good Response Expected From Tubercular Seals Which Are Mailed

Sale of Christmas seals in Wilkes to raise funds for prevention of tuberculosis is progressing splendidly, Mrs. R. T. McNeil, general chairman, said today, and the committee is expecting generous response from the seals which have been mailed out to prospective customers.

In discussing the drive for sale of the seals, which began on Thanksgiving Day and will continue until Christmas, Mrs. McNeil called attention to the fact that 75 per cent of the funds raised will be used in Wilkes county to finance measures and activities designed to prevent tuberculosis and for treatment of patients.

Improvements At Duke Power Sub Station Under Way

An additional bank of transformers is being installed at the Duke Power company sub-station to take care of greater electric needs of the local system, it was learned today from Robert S. Gibbs, Jr., manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the company.

In addition to providing greater capacity, the improvements being made will assure service with less interruptions.

Installation of automatic switches to be controlled by telephone is planned for the near future and this will also aid greatly in eliminating delay in service when trouble arises on any line.