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200 Boys and Girls Get Training In The NYA Program

Employment On NYA Projects In Wilkes County Reaches New High

Employees of the National Youth Administration have reached a new high in number, Mrs. Lawrence Miller, county supervisor of the NYA, said today. Boys and girls being given employment and training on NYA projects in Wilkes now number 200, Mrs. Miller said.

The five major projects on which unemployed and out-of-school boys and girls between ages of 18 and 25 are now working are construction, woodworking, clerical, school lunchroom and homemaking. The construction project, under direction of Seth Walsh, gives boys training in erecting buildings and on other construction projects. A major project in addition to erection of school and community buildings recently carried to completion was the installation of a water system for Millers Creek consolidated school.

The woodworking project has been in operation in Wilkesboro several years and many pieces of school and county office furniture have been made. Experience gained in the project has been of much help to the boys in securing jobs in furniture and other industries. The clerical project has afforded experience to girls in office work and this project has been sponsored mainly by the county. The lunchroom project is carried out in conjunction with a number of schools in the county. The homemaking project is carried out at the Wilkesboro Community House, where 24 girls are given employment and training in the arts of home making and house keeping.

Goerch To Speak At Lions Meeting

Ladies' Night Thursday At Roaring River; Good Program Planned

Carl Goerch, of Raleigh, editor of The State Magazine, will address the North Wilkesboro Lions Club and guests in Ladies' Night meeting to be held at Roaring River school on Thursday evening, December 14, seven o'clock.

In addition to the address of the magazine editor, who is also a versatile and entertaining speaker, there will be other features for the program, including a dance following the meeting. Paul Cahoon and John Kermit Blackburn will have charge of the program.

The meeting will be held at Roaring River at the invitation of the Roaring River school faculty. A large attendance of Lions, wives and lady friends is expected.

Wilkes 4-H Clubs Being Reorganized

Big Increase In Number Of Members Expected For The Coming Year

Jesse Giles, Wilkes county's assistant farm agent, said today that re-organization of the 4-H clubs in Wilkes county for the next year has begun.

The clubs are organized at the schools and Mr. Giles said that meetings held so far indicate that there will be a big increase in the number of members for 1940 and that the boys and girls are showing much interest in plans for club work next year.

Cox Child Dies

Sherley Cox, four-year-old daughter of Tyre and Elizabeth Spicer Cox, of Traphill, died Thursday and funeral service was held Saturday at Union. There are two sisters, Iva Dean and Mildred Cox.

COUNTY'S BIGGEST PORKER



Here is shown A. E. Warren, who lives between Fair-plains and Mountain View, with his 790-pound hog, which is thought to be the largest porker produced in Wilkes this year. Neighbors guessed its weight from 800 to 1,200 and Mr. Warren guessed 800. The hog, a Poland China-Berkshire cross, was 37 inches high and seven and one-half feet long. "Enough meat for our family for two years," Mr. Warren said. (Cut through courtesy Winston-Salem Journal)

Lighting Contest Entries To Close Friday Evening

Expected That Many Homes Will Enter For \$20 In Cash Prizes To Be Given

The lighting contest being sponsored jointly by The Journal-Patriot and the North Wilkesboro Woman's Club is expected to add zest to holiday decorations and Christmas lighting of homes and grounds in the Wilkesboros and vicinity. With some entries already in, attention is called to the fact that entries will close on Friday evening, five o'clock, December 15, and that those entering are expected to turn on their lights Saturday evening, December 16.

The Journal-Patriot will give \$20 in cash prizes divided as follows: \$10 first, \$5 second, \$3 third, and \$2 fourth. A committee of judges to be selected by the Woman's Club will judge the entries. The prizes will be awarded on the basis of artistic lighting of exteriors of homes, lawns and grounds.

Byrd Hearing To Be On January 5th

George Byrd Faces Charge of Murder Of S. M. Burchette November 11th

Preliminary hearing for George Byrd, Ferguson resident charged with the fatal shooting of S. M. Burchette, a neighbor, on November 11, has been postponed at the request of counsel for Byrd until Friday, January 5, I. M. Myers, county coroner who swore out the warrant charging murder, said today.

Byrd was formally charged with the shooting of Burchette after Sheriff C. T. Doughton and deputies had collected what apparently is a net of incriminating circumstantial evidence.

Burchette was killed with four iron slugs which were fired by a shotgun through his window as he was undressing to retire for the night about eight o'clock. Coroner Myers had the slugs removed from Burchette's chest and Sheriff Doughton and deputies found in Byrd's home a number of articles which they said indicated that the slugs were prepared on his work bench.

WORKSTOCK
In line with a State-wide program, farmers of Harnett county are showing considerable interest in brood mares and in the raising of their own workstock.

Carter Is Elected To Head Office Of Birjad Temple

Bryan Gilreath Also Elected To Dokies Office In Greensboro Meet

J. B. Carter, former head of the Pythian lodge here and a district deputy, was elected royal vizier of Birjad Temple 253 of D. O. K. K. at the annual meeting in Greensboro Friday night.

The North Wilkesboro Dokies was well represented by a large delegation at the meeting. Other officers elected include J. E. Crowe of Winston-Salem, grand emir; J. B. Gilreath, of North Wilkesboro, sheik; R. W. Griffith, of Winston-Salem, medeha; C. L. Harington, of Winston-Salem, secretary; R. R. Kinney, Winston-Salem, treasurer; A. Lee Forbis, of Greensboro, Satrip; E. R. Brietz, of Winston-Salem, sahib; and H. R. Gwaltney, of Winston-Salem, imperial representative to the royal palace.

Approximately 100 Dokies representing Winston-Salem, Mount Airy, North Wilkesboro, Chapel Hill, Durham and Greensboro attended the meeting.

Officers will be installed at a meeting to be held at North Wilkesboro Friday, January 12.

Masonic Lodge Chooses Officers

In regular meeting held Friday evening North Wilkesboro lodge number 407, A. F. and A. M., elected George P. Johnson worthy master.

Other officers elected were as follows: W. W. Starr, senior warden; I. H. McNeill, Jr., junior warden; E. M. Blackburn, treasurer; Ira D. Payne, secretary.

Wilkesboro B. & L. Meet December 22

Annual Stockholders Meeting To Be Held On Friday, December 22nd

Wm. A. Stroud, secretary-treasurer of the Wilkesboro Building and Loan association, today issued the following announcement:

"Regular annual stockholders meeting of the Wilkesboro Building and Loan association will be held in accordance with the by-laws in Wilkesboro on Friday, December 22, 1939, at seven o'clock p. m. All stockholders are urged to be present."

The meeting will be held for the purpose of hearing the report of the past year, election of directors and officers and such other business as may be before the association.

City Schools Close On December 21 For The Holidays

North Wilkesboro schools will recess at the close of the day's work on Thursday, December 21, for the Christmas holidays and will resume work on Tuesday, January 2, Paul S. Cragan, city schools superintendent, said today.

'Mystery at Midnight' Is Given Two Nights

"Mystery at Midnight," a delightful musical comedy, was presented at Wilkesboro school auditorium on Thursday and Friday nights.

The play was given by talent of the Wilkesboros under sponsorship of the Wilkesboro Woman's Club for the benefit of the Community House fund. In the baby contest held in connection with the play Anne Hall Lowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lowe, was the winner among the girls and Billie Mack Stephens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen K. Stephens, was the boys' winner. Both received valuable gifts.

Late News Of State - Nation Told Briefly

ITALY AIDS FINNS

Geneva, Dec. 10. — Italian sources here today said that Italian army pilots and ground crews had accompanied 50 Italian planes to Finland and that Premier Mussolini probably would give the "Finns all the aid within reason." These sources said Il Duce took the same view of the Russian-Finnish conflict that he did of the Spanish civil war. These sources said that the more evidence the Finns gave of their powers of resistance the more Italian aid was likely to increase.

CREDIT FOR FINLAND

Washington, Dec. 10. — The granting of a \$10,000,000 credit to Finland for the purchase in this country of "agricultural surpluses and other civilian supplies" was announced today by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Jesse Jones, federal loan administrator, said the action was taken by the R.F.C. and the Export-Import bank "with the approval of the President" and that "similar credits to Norway were having consideration." The Finnish American Trading Corporation, described by the R. F. C. as "an American corporation organized by the Finnish minister with paid-in capital stock of \$1,000,000 and guaranteed by the Bank of Finland or the Finnish government."

Record Of Month Shows 120 Births; Deaths Number 22

Few Communicable Diseases Are Included In Report Of Health Work

There were 120 births and only 22 deaths in Wilkes county during the month of November, according to the monthly report of the county health department.

The births were 114 white and six colored. Of the 22 deaths 16 were white and six were colored. The monthly report of the department disclosed a healthy state of affairs among the people of the county relative to communicable diseases. However, there were four cases of diphtheria and ten of scarlet fever.

The syphilis clinic remained very busy during the month, administering 299 treatments to whites and 202 to colored patients.

Various other routine activities included many vaccinations and immunizations and much activity on the part of the county sanitarian.

25 Examined In Clinic Thursday

Several New Cases Examined In Cripple Clinic Held Here Thursday

A most successful cripple clinic was held Thursday at the Wilkes hospital, members of the county health department personnel said today.

A total of 25 cases were examined in the clinic by Dr. O. L. Miller, of Charlotte. These included several new cases and some old ones who attended to receive a checkup on treatment previously rendered.

The clinics are held regularly and are sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club in conjunction with the health department.

2 SHOPPING WEEKS LEFT
POA MR. CANDY-DANDY IS JUST DANDY
1939
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

Not Candidate



Sheriff Doughton Not To Make Race For Congress Seat

Wilkes Sheriff Had Been Prominently Mentioned As Congressional Candidate

Sheriff Claude T. Doughton, Wilkes county's first Democratic sheriff in 48 years, will not enter the congressional race from the eighth district, and will retire from public office after his present term as sheriff, according to a statement he made to a representative of The Journal-Patriot.

Sheriff Doughton, in his campaigns for sheriff of Wilkes county, held up the Doughton tradition of not ever having been defeated for public office when he defeated Sheriff W. B. Somers in 1936 by approximately 500 votes, and when he nosed out C. G. Poindexter in the 1923 election by a majority of 85 votes.

Sheriff Doughton, on account of his two strong races in this county, has been prominently mentioned as a candidate for congress from this district. With friends throughout the district, and being a son of Congressman R. L. (Farmer Bob) Doughton, who is a nationally known figure as chairman of the powerful ways and means committee, it could well have been expected that he would have polled a large vote in the district had he decided to enter the race next year.

Sheriff Doughton, after his present term as sheriff expires, will probably devote much of his time to improving his large dairy farm near this city, where he is now building a modern dairy barn.

Every Farmer May Earn \$20 On Soil Program

New Provisions Provide More For Persons Operating Small Farms

Every farmer will be allowed to earn at least \$20 in soil conservation payments next year, according to information received by Lawrence Miller, chief clerk of the Wilkes AAA, from E. Y. Floyd, head of the government's program in the state.

This will be a great help to the farmers who own only a few acres and heretofore have been limited to only a few dollars in farm payment earnings. Mr. Miller also explained that farmers may secure phosphate for use in 1940 without advancing the cost of freight as formerly. The cost of the phosphate and freight charges will all be deducted from the soil payment for the year.

He also called attention to the fact that farmers may file applications now for lime to be used during the coming year and that deliveries of lime at the government contract price of \$2.20 will begin about January 1. Payment for the lime will be deducted from the soil payment earnings.

Kiwanians Talk Of City History

John Prevette Calls Attention To Fiftieth Anniversary of City In 1940

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club on Friday enjoyed a program dealing with the forthcoming fiftieth anniversary of North Wilkesboro next year.

Program Chairman John Prevette introduced his program by stating that as next year is the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the town of North Wilkesboro he had thought it proper to have several members to discuss ways and means of working out such a program. He read from the acts of the legislature published in 1891 at chapter 198 and page 1069 authorizing the chartering of the Town of North Wilkesboro, which charter was granted on March 4, 1891. The copy of this act shows that A. A. Finley was the first Mayor and that the following men constituted the first board of commissioners: E. S. Blair, M. Joines, G. A. Allison, W. A. McLean, and J. H. Finley. The first constable was John U. Gant.

Mr. Prevette read selections from early copies of the North Wilkesboro News of the year 1892, stating that the population of the town in 1891 was 48, and one year later in 1892 it was 345. From this same copy of the News was read an advertisement of the Finley Brothers Store (Continued on page five)

URGES SAFE DRIVING

Raleigh, Dec. 10.—Ronald Hoot, director of the highway safety division, today urged North Carolinians to strive to reduce the number of highway fatalities this month. The number of traffic deaths this year is about the same as in 1938, he said, and the number of fatalities this month "will tell the story of whether the state will reduce its traffic toll for the second consecutive year, or whether part of last year's gain will be lost. "Sleet, ice, snow and fog soon will make highways doubly dangerous," he continued. "Darkness comes earlier. Then there are the Christmas rush and bustle, the spirit of conviviality, the fever of excitement and the natural tendency to be lenient toward traffic offenders because of the geniality of the season."

NAZIS AIDING FINNS?

Moscow, Dec. 10.—The question of whether Germany is supplying arms to Finland was raised today by the Russian press. Moscow's leading newspapers printed without comment foreign reports that Germany was sending arms to the Finns to aid in their conflict with the Soviet Union and also was giving facilities to Italians who flew bombing planes to Finland. The reports were under Stockholm datelines and quoted Swedish newspapers. Headlines over the stories ended in a question mark. One diplomatic source interpreted publication of the reports as a warning to Germany against supplying war materials to Finland under threat that Russia might break off her non-aggression treaty with Germany.

HIGH COURT CASES

Raleigh, Dec. 10.—Five cases involving the fate of eight men now on death row at Central prison will be argued before the state Supreme court this week. Faced with 36 cases—one of the heaviest dockets ever scheduled for a single week—the court also will hear oral arguments in highly controversial suits to decide: 1. Whether the city of High Point may construct a hydroelectric plant; 2. Whether a constitutional amendment increasing the terms of sheriffs from two to four years became effective with the election of 1938, or whether it will not become effective until election of 1940; 3. Whether the use tax—which is a sort of sales tax on goods bought outside of North Carolina, from samples displayed in this state—is constitutional; 4. Whether W. T. Wilson, former mayor of Winston-Salem, must go to prison for alleged embezzlement; 5. Whether the cosmetologist law is constitutional.

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T. B. Clinic Is Begun In County

520 Tests Administered At North Wilkesboro Schools On Monday

A tubercular clinic among the school children of Wilkes county began today with giving of tubercular test to 520 children of the North Wilkesboro schools.

The clinic will continue with tests in the other high schools of the county, including Wilkesboro, Ferguson, Mount Pleasant, Millers Creek, Mountain View, Traphill, Roaring River and Ronda. Tests will be given to all students 12 years of age and up and other children from homes where there are or have been cases of the disease.

The tests will be read two days after being given by Dr. G. C. Godwin, specialist from state sanatorium, and examinations will be given all reactors.

Federal Court Session Begins

Extra Term Underway For Trial Of Criminal and Civil Actions

A special term of federal court called to clear up the criminal docket and to try a number of civil cases pending convened in Wilkesboro today with Judge Johnson J. Hayes presiding.

As court adjourned this afternoon the trial of Branson Benton, of near Purlhear, was in progress. Benton plead not guilty to charges of manufacturing illicit liquor.

Several criminal cases yet remain to be tried.

Quartet Singing At Harmony Church

The Blue Ridge Quartet Singing association will hold its next meeting at Harmony Baptist church five miles west of this city on Sunday, December 17, beginning at one o'clock. T. A. Elter, chairman, announced today. All quartets are invited to attend and take part in the afternoon's program and the public is invited to hear the music. Mr. Elter said.