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First Census Figures Show North Wilkesboro's Population Is 4,462

Only One More Saturday Left For Registration

Thousands In Wilkes Have So Far Failed To Register To Vote

With only one more Saturday left for registration of voters before the primary to be held on May 25 there are thousands in Wilkes county who have not registered, scattering reports from registrars of several precincts today indicated.

Wilkes is one of the 68 counties in the state where a new registration of voters was called this year in accordance with the new election laws which required either a new registration or re-listing of voters.

Briar Hoppers to Render Program

Performance Friday Night in School Auditorium; Benefit Underprivileged

Johnny McAllister's famous Briar Hoppers starring Pappy and Hank in person, will render a program on Friday night, May 10, eight o'clock in the North Wilkesboro school auditorium.

The Briar Hoppers, heard daily over station WBT, Charlotte, are one of the most popular groups on the air in the south and the many who have heard them on the radio are invited to see and hear them in person Friday night.

Youth Arrested For Theft Here

Recreation Center Entered Monday Night; Pinboards Robbed

Police Tuesday arrested Alvin Coffey, youth of near this city, on a charge of entering Recreation Center Monday night.

Both Banks To Be Closed On Friday

The Bank of North Wilkesboro and The Northwestern Bank in this city will observe a holiday Friday, May 10, which is Southern Memorial Day.

Music Recital On Tuesday Night

Pupils of Mrs. Ursula Blevins' piano classes will appear in a recital on Tuesday night, April 14, in the North Wilkesboro school auditorium. The public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Candidate Dewey Addresses Chicagoans



Thomas E. Dewey, racket-busting New York district attorney and candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, as he addressed a G. O. P. mass meeting in Chicago recently. It was the second speech of Dewey's current midwest invasion. He charged that corrupt practices existed in the administration of relief.

Ezell Tells Of Operating Costs County Homes

Wilkes County Home Costs \$3,797 But Less Than State Average Inmate

Wilkes county taxpayers footed a bill of \$3,796.74 for operation of the county home for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1939 with an average population of 25 inmates a day costing \$12.95 each to care for every month, which is \$3.25 under the state average.

Figures released this week by W. C. Ezell, director of the division of institutions and corrections of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, showed operating costs for all North Carolina almshouses still operating totaling \$647,934 for the year.

Since the public assistance program became effective in North Carolina in 1937, eleven county homes have closed and placed their former inmates on the aid rolls to receive cash grants for living purposes.

In placing their eligible old people on the public assistance rolls, the counties closing their institutions paid only one-fourth the monthly grant, the remainder being made up by the state and Federal governments under the social security legislation.

A total of 114 persons were killed in traffic accidents in North Carolina the first two months of 1940.

Fifth Shipment Of Morrison Pens Is Ordered For Journal-Patriot Readers

Another shipment—the fifth—of Morrison fountain pens to be given to subscribers of The Journal-Patriot is expected to arrive today.

While the offer continues in force we urge each and every subscriber to renew your subscription now and obtain one of these high quality pens free.

Burning House Ignites Forest Near Parkway

Raleigh.—A forest fire is raging in the Elk Creek section of Watauga county, northeast of Boone, and has burned within about a mile of the Blue Ridge Parkway, the state department of conservation and development reported yesterday.

District Ranger E. P. Simmons of Lenoir, in charge of forces fighting the fire, informed Assistant State Forester W. C. McCormick that the blaze had covered 3,000 to 5,000 acres. It was discovered Monday after it had spread to the forest from a burning house.

"District Ranger Simmons reported that he had more than 300 men working on the fire, including our regular fire fighters, men from two civilian conservation corps camps and special fighters," McCormick said.

"In addition, he said he had just put in a call for help from a third CCC camp on the Blue Ridge Parkway, near Laurel Springs, equipped with fire-fighting pumps and hose.

"These men are especially equipped to fight forest fires along the Parkway and are under national park service supervision. Every effort is being made to keep the fire from getting any closer to the Blue Ridge Parkway."

Many Inquire Of Farms For Sale

Secretary Of Commerce Bureau Wants To Know Of Farms Available

W. P. Kelly, executive secretary of North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureau, said today that he is frequently receiving inquiries from people who wish to purchase farms in Wilkes county.

With the commerce bureaus wishing to render all services possible to persons directing inquiries about this section, Mr. Kelly suggests that persons who have farms for sale and real estate firms furnish him with lists and particulars in order that he may answer the inquiries.

W.P.A. Household Aide Project Aid To Needy Families

Trained Housekeepers Help Needy Families In Time Of Distress

During the past six months the Housekeeping Aide project of the Works Projects administration has serviced from 19 to 23 homes in Wilkes county each month, the homes including a total of 71 to 99 persons.

The project, one of the most interesting of the WPA set-up, has furnished employment to from 14 to 20 women in Wilkes county under supervision of Mrs. Pauline J. Henderson, county supervisor, but the employment phase is only one feature of the project.

The primary purpose of the project, which is sponsored jointly by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and the county in which it is operated, is to give employment to women eligible for WPA work but of equal or greater importance is the furnishing of aid in needy homes where such conditions as illness, blindness, death or infirmity make it impossible for the housewife to carry on the home work without help.

Before serving as housekeepers on the WPA project the applicants are trained in the training center and their training is continued during time of employment as much as possible. For the center in Wilkes the project has taken over a two-room structure which a few years ago was a part of the prison camp.

With the aid of furniture and furnishings made in the handicraft project the drab two-room building which formerly was used to house unruly prisoners has been transformed into a very neat and clean place and is fixed up in cozy style. There is a bed, couch, chairs, curtains and even a baby bed containing a big doll which is doubtless used as a human guinea pig for such operations as changes of underwear, etc.

Workers sent to needy and distressed homes from the training center have been able to render invaluable aid, especially to maternity cases and to families where the housewife is temporarily ill with some non-communicable disease or some member of the family who is ill requires her time to such an extent that she cannot carry on the work. Homes asking for aid are first investigated by a case worker to see if there is real need and to ascertain the circumstances as to financial ability to hire help.

May 20 to May 25 will be open house period at the training center in Wilkesboro and the public has a cordial invitation to visit the project headquarters and get first hand information about the manner in which the project is carried out.

Hunting Creek Line Completed

New Power Line Extension Furnishing Electricity to 30 Families

A six-mile power line extension along highway 115 southeast of the Wilkesboro has been completed and is now rendering service to about 30 customers, it was learned today from Robert S. Gibbs, manager of the North Wilkesboro branch of the Duke Power company.

He also said that work is in progress on the Cycle postoffice line extension, which will make electricity available to about 30 customers and will be four and one-half miles in length.

Pedestrians should always walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.

Winning Form



Mrs. Floretta D. McCutcheon, 53, world's champion woman bowler, demonstrates her winning form in New York city alleys. She has rolled 10 perfect "300" games since she took up the sport at the age of 35.

Convention Of Democrats Will Be On Saturday

Will Meet At Courthouse In Wilkesboro On May 11, 1:30 P. M.

Democrats of Wilkes county will hold their county convention at the courthouse in Wilkesboro on Saturday afternoon, May 11, beginning at 1:30 o'clock, according to the date set for all the counties in the state and the call issued locally by J. R. Rousseau, chairman, and C. O. McNeil, secretary of the county Democratic executive committee.

Precinct meetings were held in the various precincts on Saturday, May 4, and were largely attended.

Party leaders are predicting a very enthusiastic and harmonious county convention.

Attorney John Bowers, of Lexington, a prominent Democratic leader and former solicitor, will speak at the convention, it was learned today from J. R. Rousseau, county chairman.

N.C.S.E. S. Office Has Busy Month

Jobs Found for 95, 277 New Registrations and 474 Original Claims

North Wilkesboro branch of the North Carolina State Employment office placed 95 on jobs during the month of April, according to figures released today by B. G. Gentry, manager.

The office ended the month with an active file of 1,734 applicants for jobs. During the month 277 new registrations of job seekers were recorded and 612 renewed their former applications for work.

Train Schedule Here Is Changed

Southern Railway Officers have announced a change in train schedule between North Wilkesboro and Winston-Salem.

More accidents occur on the highways in daytime than at night, but more fatalities occur at night.

First Figures Are Released Here By Census Supervisor

North Wilkesboro Increased 794 In Ten Years; 1,319 Shown In Wilkesboro

First preliminary figures on the 1940 census for North Wilkesboro show 4,462 population.

The figures, preliminary and subject to change, were released today by A. S. Cassel, supervisor of the census in Wilkes county.

On the basis of the preliminary figures, the growth in population of North Wilkesboro during the past decade was 794 over the 3,668 counted in the 1930 census.

North Wilkesboro has 991 occupied dwellings and eleven vacant houses were listed by the 1940 census enumerators. However, practically all of the vacant houses are considered in the undesirable class.

Wilkesboro has also grown rapidly, according to the preliminary figures released by Census Supervisor Cassel.

Wilkesboro's population, according to the first figures, is 1,319, an increase of 277 over the 1,042 counted in the 1930 census.

Mr. Cassel said that he hoped to be able to release figures on North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro townships outside of the town and possibly would be able to give an estimate of population of Wilkes county based on preliminary figures, near 4,000.

Wilkes county's population in 1930 was 36,620 and it is expected that the population of the county will show a greater percentage of increase than the towns, due to the fact that the corporate limits of the towns have not been enlarged and there has not been much territory for residential expansion within the town limits.

Mr. Cassel said yesterday afternoon that any persons who have not been counted in the census should get in touch with the census takers for their respective towns or townships at once and if not convenient to get in touch with the enumerators they are requested to write or phone A. S. Cassel, North Wilkesboro postoffice box 85, or telephone 423.

Commencement At Roaring River

The Roaring River high school commencement closed Thursday night, April 26, with the high school graduation. John A. Lang, NYA State Administrator, made an inspiring address to the seniors on what the world expects of the youth.

W. C. Grier, of North Wilkesboro presented the American Legion medal to Clifton Sparks.

C. P. Farmer, principal, delivered the following medals: Citizenship, 11th grade, Myrtle Provette; Citizenship, 10th grade, Mary Helen Ward; Citizenship, 9th grade, Wilma Blackburn; Citizenship, 8th grade, Lacie Love; Girls basketball, Epale Blackburn; Most outstanding boy in basketball, Jarvis Mathis; County basketball, Eileen Staley; Valedictory, Bernice Byrd; Salutatory, Edith Howard; Balfour, Lillie Porter.

Sunday afternoon, April 21, Rev. Watt Cooper, pastor North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, preached the Baccalaureate sermon to a large congregation Thursday morning, April 26, at ten o'clock, Rev. J. H. Greene, of Moravian Falls, delivered an interesting address to the seventh grade graduating class. Prior to the address the seventh grade presented a program.

The senior play, "Wild Ginger" was given March 29.

Monday night, April 15, an operetta was given by the first five grades of the elementary school.

Twenty-five seniors graduated from Roaring River high school. C. P. Farmer, principal, delivered the diplomas to the following: (Continued on page eight)

PRIMARY RESULTS

Incomplete returns from Tuesday's primary elections showed: California: President Roosevelt running far ahead of Vice President Garner and two other states. Indiana: Incumbent Congressman seeking re-nomination all in the lead, including those opposed by Townsend old age pension organization. Florida: Senator Andrews ahead in this contest for re-nomination; Francis P. Whitehair leading for Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

BERLIN REJOICES

Berlin.—Germany rejoiced last night over British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's "laughable" defense of his policies before Parliament and warned that an "insufferable situation" may spread the war to the Mediterranean at any hour. Meantime, a spokesman said, the embattled Nazi garrison at Narvik, in northern Norway, has repulsed strong new Allied attacks while German bombing planes have devastated British land and naval concentrations in the Narvik area.

DEFENSES WEAK

Washington.—Two men high in the nation's councils during World War days, James W. Gerard and Bernard Baruch, yesterday pictured the country's defenses as inadequate and urged quick action to remedy the condition. Gerard, who was ambassador to Germany before the United States entered the war, lunched with President Roosevelt and later told reporters that there would be "a great danger to the United States" should Germany win the present conflict.

FAITH IN NAVY

Washington.—Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison yesterday reasserted the navy's faith in the battleship as the backbone of national defense despite its vulnerability to air attack. The secretary told the Senate naval affairs committee he plans to ask Congress to appropriate sufficient funds before sine die adjournment—scheduled for June 1—to start construction of all naval vessels authorized but unbuild. The program would involve 260,000 tons and would bring the fleet's strength to 1,500,000 tons.

CRITICIZES F. B. I.

Washington.—Criticizing J. Edgar Hoover as "the greatest publicity hound on the American Continent," Senator Norris (Ind), Neb., told the Senate yesterday "that police methods used by the F. B. I. are a menace to democratic institutions." "Hoover has an organization maintained at public expense, writing speeches for him to make," he said. "Copies are sent to practically every newspaper in the United States." The aim, he said, was to create a "furor of adulation and omnipotence." Such a system, he added, eventually will find the secret police "directing the government by tyrannical force instead of protecting the people."

DEFENDS BATTLESHIPS

New York.—Rear Admiral Clark H. Woodward, commandant of the third naval district, declared flatly yesterday that "no battleship has yet been sunk by an airplane" and cited U. S. Navy tests to support his assertion. Without referring to German claims that Nazi planes sank a British battleship last week, he spoke of the plane versus warship controversy in connection with a description of the U. S. Navy's present situation. "In 1924," he said, "the battleship Washington was taken off the oases and bombs were rained upon her."

Baseball Club To Open Season

North Wilkesboro baseball club will open the 1940 season at the fairgrounds here on Sunday, May 12, 2:30 p. m., with a game against the Banner Elk Bobcats, an all-collegiate group with a reputation for playing a fast brand of baseball.

The local team, composed of semi-pro stars of the past few seasons here and some new baseball faces, is reported to be in good condition for the opener and apparently is in position to stand near the top among amateur and semi-pro teams of western North Carolina this year.