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## Draft Bill Is Passed By the U. S. Senate

Washington. — The posttime draft bill, subjecting the nation's young manhood to compulsory military training, was approved by the Senate last night at the end of prolonged controversy.

A smashing vote of 58 to 31 sent the measure to the House. There the military committee was already deep in dispute over a similar bill.

In the outline, the Senate's measure requires all male citizens between 21 and 30 inclusive to register for the draft, some 12,000,000 in all. All these would become liable to one year of training, to be spent at any point in the Western Hemisphere.

By declaring an emergency to exist, Congress could hold them in service for a longer period. In addition, all between 21 and 35 might volunteer for a one-year "hitch," as the army men call it, of training and service. No more than 800,000 draftees might be in the service training at one time.

**Can Draft Plants**  
Before passing the Burke-Wadsworth bill for compulsory military training of manpower, the Senate added to it an amendment providing for the drafting of industrial plants as well if defense officials deemed that necessary.

This provision was adopted by the overwhelming vote of 69 to 16 after a three-hour discussion in which advocates contended it was wrong to conscript men and yet let some manufacturers "hold up the government" for excessive profits on defense contracts.

To this argument, several senators replied that the conscription of industrial units, with the conscription of men, constituted two long steps toward the abandonment of the American economic system and the American form of government. Soon, they contended, would come conscription of labor to man plants seized by the government. The vote on the amendment was 69 to 16.

**Ready For Operation**  
Although the bill apparently will not become law for a fortnight at least, advocates said the War Department had long been ready with specific plans for putting the measure in operation.

## Chlorine Now Available For Treatment Wells

H. B. Howie, Wilkes county sanitarian, said today that the county health department has 90 pounds of HTH chlorine compound for free distribution to Wilkes people for the purpose of sterilizing wells which were flooded by recent heavy rains and swollen streams.

One-half pound, he said, is sufficient for treatment of a well and the same amount will also effectively sterilize a flooded house. Mr. Howie has visited more than 100 homes which were flooded in Wilkes on August 14.

## Good Revival Held At Walnut Grove

Thirty were added to the church as the result of a series of revival services held last week at Walnut Grove Baptist church near Pores Knob.

The pastor, Rev. C. C. Holland, was assisted in the revival by Rev. Grady White and the services were well attended with much interest being shown. Thirty-one were baptized Sunday.

## Wilkesboro School Will Open Monday

Announcement has been made that all schools in the Wilkesboro District, with the exception of Ferguson, will open on next Monday, September second, at nine o'clock.

The following announcement and directory of the personnel of Wilkesboro district school was issued by Wm. T. Long, district superintendent:

There will be a meeting of all school bus drivers in the Wilkesboro school Friday morning, August 30, at ten o'clock. Methods of safety in school transportation will be emphasized at the meeting. All of the buses are in good mechanical condition and it is believed that an efficient group of drivers has been employed.

## Southern May Be Asked To Construct Branch Of Tracks To Higher Ground

**Company Engineer To Be Sent Here To Make Survey**  
**Fairplains Suggested As A Logical Site For Industrial Construction**

The Southern Railway company will consider a request to build a branch spur from its tracks here to higher ground, possibly in the Fairplains community north of this city, to serve industrial plants which may be constructed above the flood danger area on the Yadkin river, it was learned here today on reliable authority.

North Wilkesboro's Commerce Bureau wrote to executives of the company, asking that a survey be made to ascertain the possibilities of a branch line to higher ground.

On Saturday G. W. Adams, of Charlotte, general manager for the Southern Railway company, came to North Wilkesboro to inspect the track which had been repaired between this city and Winston-Salem following the disastrous flood on August 14 and while here stated that the company would send engineers here soon to look into the proposal.

Two industrial plants, Home Chai company and the main plant of the International Shoe company tannery, were destroyed by fire in the flood here August 14, and six other industrial plants were damaged by flood waters.

It is generally believed that a branch of the railway tracks to land above the highest water marks would be a distinct asset to the city's industrial possibilities, and would make additional industrial construction and development more practical.

## Nix Is Principal

Willard V. Nix, who received his A. B. degree from Wake Forest College and his M. A. from the University of North Carolina, will assume his duties as principal of Traphill school when the school opens on Monday, September 2.

Prior to coming to Wilkes he was principal of the Kenansville high school for seven years and of the Wailstonburg high school for four years.

Before beginning his career in the field of education he and Mrs. Nix were missionaries to Japan for a period of four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Nix and their daughter have moved to Traphill.

## Vacancy In Post Office At Congo, Wilkes County

Washington, Aug. 26.—Representative William G. Barzin of the Eighth North Carolina district has been advised by the Post Office department that a vacancy exists in the postmastership at Congo, Wilkes county. An examination for applicants will be scheduled in the next few days.

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## Examination For Postoffice Job At North Wilkesboro

The Civil Service commission has announced that an examination will be held soon for the position of substitute clerk-carrier at North Wilkesboro postoffice. Applications must be in the commission's office in Washington, D. C., not later than September 1.

## City Schools To Open Monday

Everything is in readiness for opening of North Wilkesboro city school on Monday morning, September 2.

Paul S. Cragan, superintendent, said today that elementary school children entering North Wilkesboro schools for the first time are asked to meet in the school auditorium at 8:30 a. m., and all elementary school children who attended school last year are asked to assemble in the same rooms they occupied last year.

High school students will report at the high school building for registration and organization of classes.

Miss Muriel Coykendall, of Greensboro, has been employed as a first grade teacher, succeeding Miss Sam Johnson, who has resigned on account of illness of her mother. Coykendall is a graduate of W. C. U. N. C., Greensboro, and has been teaching in Concord schools.

The North Wilkesboro schools, fully accredited with highest rating by the state department of education and a member of the Southern Association of Accredited Colleges and Secondary Schools, will operate a full nine months term and close on May 27.

Many improvements have been made during the summer vacation. All the buildings have been thoroughly cleaned and furniture has been renovated. The elementary school library has been enlarged and a WPA sponsored librarian will be in charge.

Public school music will be taught in all grades by Miss Mary Helen Zumbrunnen, and instruction will be by W. P. Grier, Jr., in enlarged quarters. W. Bryan Collins will head the newly added department of industrial arts and diversified occupations, and a modern commercial department is maintained for those wishing that type of training. Third year home economics class will be added this year and music instruction is available for those desiring it.

North Wilkesboro colored schools, a part of the city charter system, will also open on Monday, September 2. Five teachers composed the colored school faculty.

## Calloway-Hartzog Reunion Put Off

The Calloway-Hartzog reunion at Idlewild will not be held this year, on account of the damage done to roads and bridges, by the recent flood.

## Mayor M'Neil Expresses Appreciation To The C. C. Boys And The W. P. A.

I am very grateful for the fine work the WPA and the CCC boys from Laurel Springs have rendered the town of North Wilkesboro during the great catastrophe which we have gone through. They have done everything possible to clear our streets of the mud and debris which was washed in by the high water. We have also used the CCC boys on traffic duty and they were very efficient. The citizens of North Wilkesboro, and the city commissioners, are greatly indebted to these fine young men. I am also grateful to these WPA men which have done such a fine job and are always ready to respond for the betterment of their town; and for services of the fine women and every citizen who helped to assist the needy I am thankful. The Red Cross officials have responded in a most efficient manner to relieve the hungry and clothesless families and without their help the burden would have been unbearable. I shall not forget them.

I also desire to express my appreciation to the officials who made it possible for the CCC boys and the WPA to give us this greatly needed help; and the officers and foremen I want to commend for their interest and cooperation, and that it will not be forgotten.

Yours very truly,  
R. T. MCNIEL, Mayor.

## Arrangements For The Northwestern Fair Completed

**General Manager Cites The Amount of Money Expended Locally By The Fair**

Officials of the Great Northwestern Fair, which will hold a five-day exposition here beginning Tuesday, September 10, said today that arrangements are rapidly being completed and that a very successful event is anticipated.

The grandstand was washed away by the flood but the free acts will be presented on a stage in view of all and the small gate admission will enable spectators to see the acts without grandstand charge. Tents will house the exhibits and \$2,000 is offered in premiums.

W. A. McNeil, general manager of the fair, said in commenting on the exposition that the fair annually puts out large sums of money locally and that the only money which the fair association spends which goes out of the community is for the free acts and fireworks.

He said that the fair association last year paid out over \$6,000 locally, divided as follows: \$1,151 for local labor, \$1,547 in premiums, \$2,115 for lumber and other materials, \$445 in taxes, \$293 for electricity and telephones, \$157 to department superintendents, \$102 for extra policemen and watchmen, and \$256 for advertising.

An advance representative of Mark's Shows here today said that the personnel of Marks Shows ordinarily spend over \$1,000 per day in the town where they are showing for hotel and boarding house bills, food, supplies and incidentals.

Mr. McNeil said that a large attendance is expected every day and night of the fair and called attention to the fact that school children will be admitted free on Tuesday, September 10.

An automobile will be given away during the fair, he said. Further details about the free car will be announced next week.

## Squirrel Season To Open Monday

Homer Brookshire, Wilkes county game protector, today called attention to the fact that the squirrel season in Wilkes will open on September 1, 15 days earlier than usual, but that hunters should first arm themselves with hunting license before venturing into the woods after the elusive squirrels.

Hunting license and state combination hunting and fishing license are on sale by several dealers in Wilkes, he said.

Mr. Brookshire also called attention to regulations about migratory wildfowl, knowing that many sportsmen here take off at least once a year on duck or geese hunts. The duck and geese season will open November 2 and close December 31. Some of the restrictions include: illegal to hunt waterfowl without \$1.00 duck stamp if over 16 years of age, illegal to hunt waterfowl or doves on or over baited areas, illegal to use live decoys. Illegal to take migratory game birds from or by aid of automobile, airplane, sinkbox, battery, power boat or sailboat, illegal to shoot waterfowl before sunrise or after four p. m., shotgun must not be larger than 10-gauge and must not have capacity of more than three shells.

## Roaring River Faculty Listed

C. P. Farmer, principal, has announced the faculty of Roaring River district school for the 1940-41 term, which will begin on Monday, September 2.

## Senator Bailey Urges Construction Of Flood Control Dam On The Yadkin

**Traffic Laws Here Enforced**  
**Police Warn About Failure To Report With Traffic Violation Tickets**

Having completed the multiple tasks in connection with the flood emergency period, North Wilkesboro police this week have turned their attention to normal regulation of traffic with an apparently renewed determination to enforce the traffic regulations in North Wilkesboro.

So many motorists have failed to report to the city clerk's office with traffic violation tickets that it has become necessary to follow up each case to its natural conclusion and cite violators who do not report with their tickets to city court, Police Chief J. E. Walker said in commenting on traffic regulations.

This, he said, will mean additional expense to those who violate traffic regulations, because court costs will be added, along with fines for the offense for which they were given tickets.

Tickets are being issued for double parking, parking overtime, parking within 15 feet of fire hydrant, parking across lines and running by stop signs.

## Wilkesboro Water Samples Approved

H. B. Howie, Wilkes county sanitarian, said today that laboratory tests have approved samples of Wilkesboro's water supply and have pronounced them O. K. Wilkesboro's new water system piping water from springs on the Brushy Mountains is now fully in operation.

## Special Service At Presbyterian

**Arranged By Auxiliary For College Students And Teachers Here**

A special service for young people who are going away to college and for teachers, of both North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro, will be held at the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church Sunday night, September 1, eight o'clock.

The service is being sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of the church and everybody is invited. Special music will feature the program for the service.

## Makes Comment Favoring Dam Near Wilkesboro

**Says Appropriation Never Made Although Survey Finished 2 Years Ago**

Washington. — With raging rivers, debris and death still giving tragic testimony to the need for flood control works in North Carolina, Senator Josiah W. Bailey yesterday served notice he would vigorously seek enactment of a long-delayed flood control program.

Authority has been pending for two years for the construction of a flood control dam on the Yadkin River just above North Wilkesboro, where flood damage was most severe, Bailey disclosed. Despite this authorization, he said, it has not been possible to secure the necessary appropriation which might have prevented much of the flood's toll of life and property.

"These floods call attention afresh to the urgent need for a flood control program on the Roanoke and Yadkin rivers and on a number of streams in western North Carolina," the senior North Carolina senator stated.

Bailey, who is chairman of the Senate commerce committee which handles flood control legislation, reported that both the Yadkin and Roanoke rivers have been surveyed by army engineers and that reports on needed dams and other flood control works have already been submitted.

Some army engineers, Bailey said, have discounted the urgency of these proposed works, saying that a few large cities were threatened by potential floods. The recent flood, however, gave ample testimony to the danger and destruction that can be wrought again unless action is taken.

Asserting that he has been discouraged by the delay in securing administration and congressional approval for a flood control program, Senator Bailey said he was determined to press forward with the legislation in the hope of obtaining action at this session of Congress.

## N. C. S. E. S. Office To Be Closed Monday

Offices of the North Carolina State Employment Service and the Unemployment Compensation Commission here will be closed on Monday, September 2, which is Labor Day and a national holiday.

## Attend Convention Firemen This Week

C. G. Day, chief of North Wilkesboro's fire department, and C. W. Bullis, chief of Wilkesboro's fire department, and John Henry Lenderman, a member of the latter department, attended session of the North Carolina state firemen's association in Salisbury this week.

## Gainer Funeral Held Wednesday

Funeral service for Mrs. Ethel Smoak Gainer, of Elkin, who died Tuesday afternoon in a Morganton hospital, was held yesterday afternoon at four o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Gainer's brother, Mr. N. O. Smoak. The service was conducted by Dr. W. J. Pfint, pastor of the Wilkesboro Methodist church.

Pall bearers were J. B. Henderson, L. B. Dula, Julius C. Hubbard, C. E. Lenderman, Chas. H. Cowles, and E. L. Hemphill. The beautiful floral tributes were carried by a number of the ladies of the town.

Interment followed in Mountain Park cemetery.

The following obituary was read at the funeral service: "Ethel Belle Smoak was born at Wilkesboro July 13, 1885. She was the daughter of Robert Smoak and Sarah Jane Smoak." (Continued on page eight)

## Banks Will Be Closed Monday

Attention is called to the fact that both banks in North Wilkesboro will be closed on Monday, September 2, which will be Labor Day and observed as a holiday throughout the nation.

## 61 Schools Will Open In Wilkes September 2

### Crops In Program Destroyed Will Earn Payments

Farmers will be paid for compliance with the government's triple A farm program although the crops seeded to earn units may have been entirely destroyed in the flood August 14, Lawrence Miller, secretary of the Triple A in Wilkes, said today.

Authority for the statement, he said, came from H. A. Patton, compliance supervisor in the state.

### Important Rulings Made In The State

Attorney General Harry McMullan has handed down several opinions of interest to the people of Wilkes county. These were carried in the September issue of Popular Government just issued.

### B. Matters Affecting Tax Collection

11. Delinquent taxes—requirement of advertising. To C. T. Doughton. Inquiry: Who has the power to select the newspaper in which unpaid taxes shall be advertised—the County Commissioners or the Tax Collector?

### II. POLL TAXES AND DOG TAXES

B. Collection of Poll Taxes. 1. Penalties. To F. J. McDuffie. (A.G.) Poll taxes are to be treated as all other taxes prescribed in the 1939 Machinery Act in so far as interest and penalties may be assessed for non-payment.

### B. Collection of License Taxes. 25. Fees for collection.

To C. T. Doughton. (A.G.) We do not think a Sheriff can set off money which the county owes him against moneys which he holds in trust for the county as tax collector. He merely has a claim against the county which he can enforce by a mandamus to require the commissioners to issue a voucher in payment.