

## WILKES MAN FORCES MOTHER-IN-LAW TO STAND BY WHILE HE ENDS LIFE BY FIRING GUN INTO CHEST

Deward Byrd, 30-year-old citizen of the Roaring River community, ended his own life by firing a shotgun into his chest, Wilkes Coroner J. M. Myers said following an investigation of the tragedy Tuesday afternoon at the Byrd home.

Coroner Myers termed the death suicide and dispensed with a formal inquest. According to the information gained by the coroner from members of Byrd's family, Byrd fired a 12-gauge shotgun into his own left chest while standing on the porch of the home.

Previously he had asked his mother-in-law, Mrs. Charlie Jordan, who was with his sick wife, to remain there until he did something which he had on his mind. She told him that she must go to the home of a neighbor

## Annual Camporee Of Scouts Planned Saturday, Sunday

Scouts Will Gather Saturday Morning at Finley Park for 2-Day Event

Annual camporee of the Wilkes Boy Scout district will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, at Finley Park in this city.

The event was postponed from May 4 and 5 because of weather conditions.

Scouts from the troops in the county will assemble for registration and drawing for camp sites from 8:00 to 8:30 a. m., which will be followed by the first inspection and camp set up. Varied events are scheduled for the afternoon and evening.

The Sunday program begins with breakfast at 7:30 a. m. and will continue until 3:30, at which time an announcement will be made of camporee pennants earned. A church service will be conducted at two o'clock.

With the enlarged program of Scouting in Wilkes, a most successful camporee is anticipated.

## Term of Federal Court Will Open Monday, May 20

May term of federal court will convene in Wilkesboro Monday, May 20, with Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkesboro, presiding.

Awaiting trial are many cases on the criminal docket, involving mainly alleged violations of the liquor tax laws.

Wilkes jurors to serve during the term are as follows: W. L. Draughn, Benham; Carl Minton, Wilkesboro; Watson Durham, Traphill; Elberta Brown, Hays; Arthur Sales, Mulberry; Freeland Johnson, North Wilkesboro; J. A. Sebastian, North Wilkesboro; Glenn Cox, North Wilkesboro; O. K. Whittington, Wilkesboro; E. M. Huffman, Congo; Albert Triplett, Purlar; Wade Houck, North Wilkesboro; A. R. Miller, Vannoy; William Tevepaugh, Gilreath; Jimmie Scroggs, Moravian Falls; Thomas Harless, Wilber; Dewey Owens, North Wilkesboro route one; C. R. Huie, North Wilkesboro; T. L. Byrd, Ronda; Everett Huffman, Purlar; P. E. Dancy, Vannoy; Houston Elliott, Cricket; Jake Woodie, Wilber; Paul Church, North Wilkesboro.

## Can You Offer This War Veteran a Job?

Sex, Male; Age 22; married; High School graduate, specializing in typing, specialized science and retail selling; 3 mos. course in Radio and Telephone Switchboard Installation at Western Electric, San Diego, California; wounded in service in left wrist and right leg. Cannot stand heavy work, but has good use of hands. In army was Mail and Distribution Inspector and Administrative Specialist. Had charge of 13 mail trucks, sorting and distributing mail. Made morning reports. Will accept clerical or sales clerk position in this area at \$100 month. Contact Employment office.

Lawrence Mason, Rt. 5, Statesville, was instrumental in the organization of the new Iredell County Dairy Herd Improvement Association which now has 180 cows on test.

## Mrs. Nancy Wood Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held today, two p. m., at Harmony Baptist church for Mrs. Nancy Wood, age 53, who died Wednesday at her home near here. Rev. Ed Hayes and Rev. A. B. Hayes conducted the last rites.

Mrs. Wood was the wife of the late Newt Wood. Surviving are the following sons and daughters: Elza Wood, Mrs. Dewey Adams, Mrs. Walter Shumate, Mrs. Ivory Harrold, Miss Mamie Wood and Mrs. Johnny Crum. Also surviving are three brothers.

## Schedule of Five Playing Dates In Softball League

Games in the churches softball league Tuesday were rained out but there are plenty of good games to come.

Charlie Manship, director of the league, has announced the following schedule for the league, extending through May 30. The schedule gives names of teams, place of game, and umpires:

May 16, N. W. Methodist-Wilkesboro Methodist, Wilkesboro, R. E. Caldwell and Zeb Dickson; Baptist No. 1-Baptist No. 2, Fairground, Dick Bason and G. T. Bare; Presbyterian-Wilkesboro Baptist, Smoot Park, R. R. Church and Bob Kite.

May 21-N. W. Methodist-Wilkesboro Baptist, Fairground, Andy Shook and Bryan Gilreath; Presbyterian-N. W. Baptist No. 1, Wilkesboro, Claud Key and Bob Kite; Wilkesboro Methodist-N. W. Baptist No. 2, Smoot Park, Rufus Church and R. E. Caldwell.

May 23-N. W. Methodist-N. W. Baptist No. 2, Smoot Park, Cyrus McNeil and Dick Bason; Presbyterian-Wilkesboro Methodist, Wilkesboro, H. H. Triplett, R. E. Caldwell; N. W. Baptist No. 1-Wilkesboro Baptist, Fairground, Claud Key and Bryan Gilreath.

May 28-Wilkesboro Baptist-Wilkesboro Methodist, Wilkesboro, Rufus Church and G. T. Bare; N. W. Baptist No. 1-N. W. Methodist, Smoot Park, Dick Bason and Andy Shook; Presbyterian-N. W. Baptist No. 2, Fairground, Cyrus McNeil and Claud Key.

May 30-N. W. Baptist No. 2-Wilkesboro Baptist, Wilkesboro, R. R. Church and T. R. Bryan; N. W. Baptist No. 1-Wilkesboro Methodist, Smoot Park, Dick Bason and Bob Kite; N. W. Methodist-Presbyterian, Fairground, Cyrus McNeil and Bryan Gilreath.

Players and fans are well pleased with the progress of the league to date. The six teams are well balanced with the top teams never sure of winning, even from the tailenders.

## Law Offices Here Will Close Each Saturday at Noon

By agreement among local attorneys, law offices in North Wilkesboro will close each Saturday at noon.

The half holiday for the law offices will continue in effect through the summer months.

Rayon prices, which may drop to around 22 cents per pound within the year, are virtually certain to force a comparable reduction in cotton prices.

## Unusual Freak Egg

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Osborne, of Boomer, exhibited a most unusual hen egg here Wednesday.

The egg was in two parts, connected with a tube about one inch in length. Each part of the egg was slightly less than the average sized hen egg and it was softshelled throughout. The egg was found in a nest on the Osborne farm Sunday.

## Wilkes County Welfare Board In May Meeting

The Wilkes County Welfare Board met in regular session in the welfare office on Monday, May 6, at 7:00 p. m. All three members of the Board composed of P. J. Brame, chairman, C. C. Sidden, and F. C. Johnson, were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Charles C. McNeill, Secretary to the Board, discussed with them the expenditures of the Department for the past month. The Board was advised that we exceeded both our Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children allotment for the month of April and that it had not been possible to send in any of the cases for payment that were passed on at the previous meeting. They were also advised that the cases that would be passed on at this time could not be sent in to the State Office for payment for the same reason.

The total expenditures for the month of April amounted to \$13,624.70. A breakdown of these figures reveals that 654 persons received Old Age Assistance in the amount of \$7,974 which makes an average monthly payment of \$12.19; 152 families received Aid to Dependent Children in the amount of \$4,142 which makes an average monthly payment of \$27.25 per family; 35 persons received Aid to the Blind in the amount of \$635, giving an average monthly payment of \$13. Other expenditures include medical care, hospitalization, boarding home care, and general relief, amounted to \$873.70.

Miss Mary K. Ferrell, who was accepted for employment as a case worker with the Department at the last meeting of the Board, was present at the Board meeting for the first time. She entered upon her duties with the Welfare Department on May 6. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to hearing reports from the case workers, Mrs. Kate Absher, Mrs. Vera Casey, and Mrs. Inez Bowles, who presented a number of cases for acceptance, revision, and termination.

Charles C. McNeill, Superintendent of the Wilkes County Welfare Department, announced today that Miss Mary Kathleen Ferrell of Winston-Salem, N. C., who was employed as case worker at the meeting of the Welfare Board the first of April, began work Monday, May 6.

Mr. McNeill stated that Miss Ferrell comes to the Welfare Department with a good background of training and experience. She is a graduate of Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va., and has completed a nine months post-graduate course in social work at the University of North Carolina. For the past two years she has been employed as case worker with the Forsyth County Welfare Department, Winston-Salem, N. C. Prior to coming to Winston-Salem, Miss Ferrell taught school and also did social work in Virginia. She is the daughter of Mrs. L. E. Ferrell of Lynchburg, Va.

Miss Ferrell fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Doris Tulbert who left the Department several months ago. The department now has a full staff of personnel for the first time in several months. Miss Ferrell was present at the meeting of the Welfare Board on May 6 at which time she expressed enthusiasm over her work here in Wilkes County. She indicated that she preferred work in a rural county and that was the main reason why she had accepted work here.

OPL L. B. DULA, JR. HAS RETURNED HOME

Cpl. L. B. (Junior) Dula, who has been serving for many months in the Marine Corps in the South Pacific and Central Pacific theatres of the war, returned home last week. Cpl. Dula was in the midst of the fighting on Iwo Jima and was wounded during this battle. Before returning home, Cpl. Dula served for sometime in Japan. Junior, as he is familiarly known here, volunteered for marine service when only seventeen years old.

## Poppy Day Will Be Observed On Saturday, 25th

Legion Auxiliary Making Plans For Record Sale of Memorial Flowers

Poppy Day will be observed in North Wilkesboro and throughout the United States on Saturday, May 25, Mrs. Gordon Finley, Poppy Day chairman of Wilkes Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, has announced.

Memorial poppies to be worn in honor of the dead of both world wars will be distributed on the streets throughout the day by volunteer workers from the American Legion Auxiliary. Contributions received in exchange for the flowers will be used in relief and rehabilitation work for disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead.

The Poppies are crepe paper replicas of the European wild poppy which bloomed on the battlefields of France and Belgium in both wars and which has become a world-wide symbol of remembrance of America's battle dead.

Amid the desolation of the battlefield in the first world war, the poppies were the one touch of nature's beauty that survived. The little red flowers grew along the trenches and shell holes, and over the raw earth of the battle graves. In the minds of the men fighting there, the poppies became associated with their dead comrades.

"Expression was given to this sentiment by Colonel John McCrae, Canadian medical officer, in his immortal poem, with its lines:

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow,  
Between the crosses row on row—"

"Replicas of the Flanders fields poppy were first worn in America in honor of the war dead in 1918, and the wearing of these flowers on the Saturday before Memorial Day soon became a national custom."

"When the second world war began claiming American lives, the poppy, quite naturally, became the symbol of these added sacrifices for the nation. The largest part of the World War II battle deaths also occurred in northern Europe where the poppy grows, but no matter where Americans died, the poppy pays tribute to them."

"Disabled veterans of both wars now make the poppy to be worn in memory of the dead of both wars. Poppy Day contributions aid the disabled of both wars, their families, and the families of the dead. Millions of Americans will wear the veteran-made poppies of the American Legion Auxiliary this year in silent tribute to those who lie beneath the crosses in Flanders fields and in the American war cemeteries throughout the world."

## Spray House At Highway Garage Here Is Burned

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the paint spray house located in the center of the Eighth Division highway garage area near this city Wednesday morning.

When the flames were discovered the small frame building was burning rapidly. The North Wilkesboro fire department protected other buildings from the fire.

No estimate of the damage was available here today.

## Juniors Ladies Night Tuesday

Annual Ladies Night banquet of the North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order will be held Tuesday night, May 21, seven o'clock, in the Junior lodge hall.

An interesting program is being prepared and a banquet dinner will be served by the Ladies Missionary Society of the First Baptist church.

All members are asked to attend and those which have not returned their cards indicating number of plates desired are asked to return them immediately.

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## Rehabilitation Counselor Will Be Here May 21

A. W. Baker, senior rehabilitation counselor of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, will be in the office of Charles C. McNeill, welfare officer, on Tuesday, May 21, for the purpose of interviewing those in need of vocational rehabilitation training.

Commenting on his visit, Mr. Baker said:

"Any person having a physical handicap which hinders them from gainful employment or prevents them from securing employment is eligible on a non needs basis for vocational training. On a needs basis they may be eligible for hospitalization to correct these disabilities wherever possible; or artificial appliances, which includes artificial arms, legs, braces, hearing aids, glasses; and for maintenance while training. Any person having physical handicaps will be given an interview and plans will be discussed if they will call the Welfare Department on this date, or if they cannot get in at this time, if they will write to the address given below they will be contacted by me."

## Girls Will Begin Softball Practice Friday, Six P. M.

North Wilkesboro will have a girls softball team this year.

Already much interest has been expressed in the plans to begin practice and with material available those interested are confident that a winning team can be assembled.

The first practice will be carried out on the Smoot Park field Friday afternoon, six o'clock, and all girls who will play softball are urgently requested to be there at that time.

If present plans materialize, softball games between local girls and teams in other towns mer months.

## Senate Group Votes 11-5 to Extend Life Of OPA For a Year

Washington. — The Senate Banking Committee voted, 11 to 5 yesterday for a year's extension of OPA, then took a four-day recess to enable members to prepare amendments to the extension bill.

Chairman Wagner (D-NY) expressed hope that all the amendments will be presented by Monday, the next meeting day, so they can be voted upon Tuesday. He hopes to get final committee action by the following Friday and call the bill up in the Senate May 27.

Not all members are convinced that Wagner's schedule can be met, in view of the wide differences of opinion on vital elements of the legislation.

Law Expires June 30

The present price control law expires June 30. The House voted for an extension of only nine months, until March 31, 1947, and amended the bill in such a way that Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles called it hardly more than a chart for "a joyride toward economic disaster." Price Administrator Paul Porter declared it "amounts to repeal of price control."

## Baptist Pastors To Meet Monday

Wilkes County Baptist Pastors' conference will meet Monday, May 20, at the Reins-Sturdivant chapel in North Wilkesboro.

The program will begin at 10 a. m. with a message by Rev. John Wells, Jr. Rev. J. C. Poole will discuss "Sermon Outline." The guest speaker for the morning and afternoon sessions will be Rev. Zeb A. Caudle, pastor, Lower Creek Baptist church, Lenoir. At 1:15 the afternoon session will open with a worship period lead by Rev. W. N. Brookshire.

## SIAMESE TWINS DIE IN HOSPITAL

Portland, Ore.—The Siamese twin girls, born here a week ago to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hume, Deep River, Wash., died in a hospital today.

## Vets Ask Senators For Ban On Strikes

Reunion of Ellers Sunday, June 23rd

Annual reunion of the Eller family, one of the largest and best known family clans in this part of the state, will be held on June 23 at Bolling Springs Baptist church near Purlar. Program for the occasion will be announced later.

## Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday For School Here

Graduation Exercises Will Be Held on Friday Night of Next Week Here

Annual Baccalaureate service for North Wilkesboro school commencement will be held Sunday, May 19, eight p. m. in the First Methodist church.

Dr. Gilbert R. Combs, pastor, will deliver the commencement sermon. The program will include numbers by the choir, scripture reading and prayer by Watt M. Cooper, First Presbyterian pastor, and a solo by Miss Dorothy Gabriel.

Final program of the commencement will be held on Friday, May 24, eight p. m., in the school auditorium. Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, will be the speaker.

## Improvements Are Asked By Citizens Finley Park Area

City Council In May Meeting Transacts Number Items of Interest

North Wilkesboro city council in May meeting heard a request from citizens of the Finley Park addition to the city for a number of improvements.

The delegation, led by W. H. McElwee, asked that a water main and hydrants be constructed sufficient to provide adequate fire protection, and that a hard surfaced street be constructed from the intersection of Hinshaw and Elizabeth streets to the top of the hill in Finley Park.

The matter was taken under consideration by the board. J. T. Kenerly, fire chief, asked that the city pay expenses for four firemen to a four-day fireman's school in Charlotte, which request was granted. He also reminded the board of the fire department's former request for the purchase of a new fire truck and equipment.

Police Chief J. E. Walker was given authority to hire an additional policeman. Robert Woodrow (Sharkey) Pardue was added to the police staff by Chief Walker.

Contract for cleaning, painting and making minor repairs on the city's water tanks was awarded to E. K. Conrad, of Winston-Salem.

## GLENN DANCY, JR., HAS RETURNED HOME

Glenn Dancy, Jr., storekeeper, third class, in the navy, received his discharge last week in California and returned home after two years service. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dancy and husband of the former Miss Frances Finley. They have one son, Glenn Dancy III.

## PICTORIAL ROTOGRAVURE EDITION NEAR COMPLETION; APPEAR SOON

Work of compiling the pictorial rotogravure edition of The Journal-Patriot is now nearing completion.

The only work remaining to be done on preparation of material for the edition is making of a quantity of photographs. Weather conditions, and the photographic task being much greater than originally expected, have caused some delay in making the vast number of pictures which shall be reproduced in beautiful rotogravures.

N. Crawford Rensen, who for many years has most successfully handled rotogravure editions throughout the country and who

## Veterans Foreign Wars Post Asking Action In Capital

Resolution Here Forwarded To Senators Bailey and Hoey This Week

In response to a strong message from Commander J. H. McNeill, the Blue Ridge Mountain post of Veterans of Foreign Wars following the meeting Tuesday night forwarded resolutions to Senator Josiah W. Bailey and Senator Clyde R. Hoey asking congressional action to curb the epidemic of strikes crippling industry and the whole country.

A committee composed of J. F. Jordan, J. M. Allen, J. A. Johnson and T. L. Caudill wrote the following resolution which has been sent to the senators.

"We, a committee appointed by the Blue Ridge Mountain Post No. 1142 of Veterans Foreign Wars, to write you expressing the sentiment of the Post to you as being against strikes and tying up the industries of our nation.

"The industrial unrest which afflicts the public from the results of strikes at this time is the inevitable result of forces which have been operating in this nation for some time.

"We think the government should extend equal rights to all men, but grant special privileges to none. This wise principle has been flouted by men in executive, legislative and judicial positions in the nation. Government has either expressly or impliedly granted special privileges to organized minorities at the expense of the American people. This is

"Is this the principle of government that we fought for in the great world war and won a victory on, or a government of liberty and freedom and of the people, by the people and for the people, so that all people could enjoy liberty and freedom alike?

"We the committee ask that legislation be passed that will curb these strikes so that the wheels of industry can go to turning again and every citizen of the nation be furnished employment."

## Local All Stars Take Two Games

North Wilkesboro's team in the Mountain Softball league took two games here Wednesday afternoon from Piney Creek, which has replaced Independence, Va., in the league.

In the first game North Wilkesboro slugged out a 19 to 1 victory. Scoring 10 runs in the first frame, the outcome was never in doubt and Roy Forehand held the visitors to two hits with his fast ball and control. Maniship and Forehand hit homers in succession and Hudson hit four times in as many times up.

The second game, with many second string players in the local line-up, was a close one with the locals winning three to two behind the effective pitching of Crews.

North Carolina's \$175 home demonstration clubs which observed National Home Demonstration Week May 5-12, are influencing the lives of 290,308 Tar Heel families.