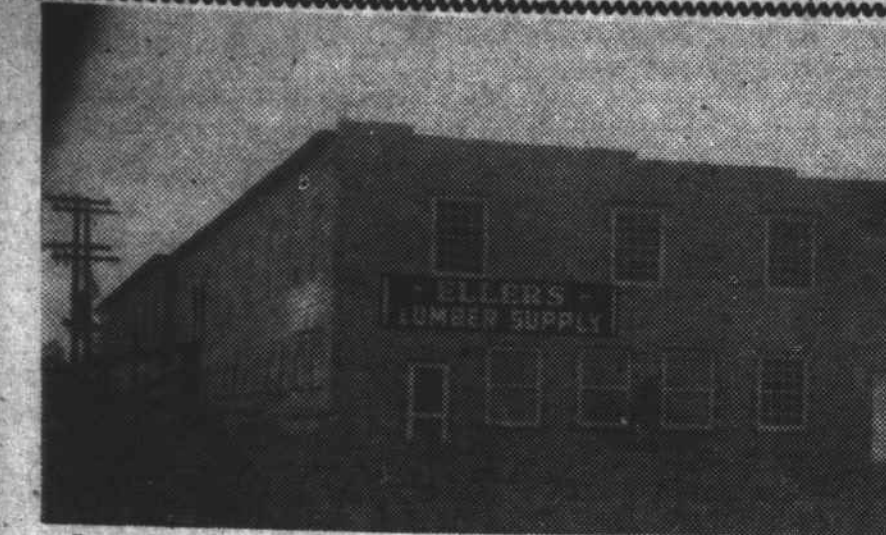


LARGE MANUFACTURING PLANT NOW IN OPERATION



Largest of the several manufacturing plants erected in Wilkes county since the war is the Eller's Lumber Supply factory now in operation near Millers Creek. Owned by H. L. Eller, the spacious building is 120 by 320 feet and has two floors, making a total floor space of 52,800 square feet. It is of block construction and is equipped with modern woodworking machinery for manufacture of doors, windows, screens, finished lumber and other building materials. Twenty-one are now

employed and the number will be increased as the large plant enters full capacity production. The Eller's Lumber Supply factory is located one-half mile north-east of Miller Creek school building on the road which extends from highway 421 by the school. This new industry is indicative of the industrial possibilities in Wilkes county wherein raw materials and natural resources in the immediate vicinity can be used.—(Photo by W. H. Hurley).

Criminal Docket Of Federal Court Cleared In Week

Lightest Docket in Several Years Tried Before Judge Hayes

Federal court in Wilkesboro Friday afternoon completed the smallest criminal docket facing the court in several years.

Judge Johnson J. Hayes presided over the court, which convened Monday with a comparatively small number of indictments for action by the grand jury.

Sentences were meted out to the following defendants, who, with few exceptions, faced charges of violation of the federal liquor tax laws:

- Arle Monroe Sloop, violation sugar laws, fine of \$2,500, less proceeds of sugar seized to be sold.
 - Guy Lathan Johnson, year and a day suspended on payment \$300 fine and defendant placed on probation.
 - Isaac Franklin Lundy, year and a day suspended; put on probation.
 - Samuel Cothren, year and a day in Petersburg, Va., reformatory.
 - Zeno Hardin Absher, year and a day suspended, fine \$300, probation 2 years.
 - Walter Parsons, fine \$500, probation 2 years.
 - Robert Anderson, year and a day in Chillicothe, Ohio, reformatory.
 - Ray Dowell Caudill, two years Atlanta prison; Johnny Levi Absher, 15 months Petersburg, Va.
 - George Preston Ladd, 18 months in Chillicothe.
 - T. Warren Jester, 18 months in Atlanta.
 - Lloyd George Mayberry, year and a day in Chillicothe.
 - Lester Sparks, year and a day in Petersburg.
 - Leroy Preston Mathis, year and a day in Chillicothe; George Curry, year and a day in Petersburg.
 - Earl Corbet Stikes, fine \$500, probation two years.
 - John W. Richardson, year and a day suspended and placed on probation.
 - Burnette B. Cheek and Charlie Elmer Cox, year and a day suspended and placed on probation.
 - Spencer Dewey Mathis, year and a day in Petersburg.
 - Percy Martin, year and a day in Petersburg; Carl Bauguss, year and a day in Petersburg.
 - Walter Greer and Arville Hamby, year and a day in Chillicothe.
 - Walter Lee Wood, year and a day in Petersburg.
 - Ted Everett Johnson and James Gilbert, year and a day in Chillicothe.
 - Hardin Monroe Pierce, \$500 fine and two years probation.
 - Lewis Prevette, \$500 fine and two years probation.
 - Robert Grady Stokes, year and a day in Petersburg.
- The following defendants were placed on temporary or term probation: Grady S. Trivette, Howard Denver Cockerham, Lonnie Gentry, Weaver Lemuel Gray, Thomas Spurgeon Harris, Pless L. Wellborn, Garney Church, Walter Calvin Heath, Estel Bowman, Otis Clinton Bowman, James Rufus Vannoy, Con Odell Wyatt, James Conrad Eiler, Con Monroe Wingler, Presley Curry, William Martin Spicer, Albert T. Porter, Boatman Stone, William Otis Prevette, Lewis Odell Prevette, Phimore P. Rhodes and Fay Kennedy Rhodes.

House Furnishings-Training Meeting

A training meeting for the House Furnishings Leaders from the Home Demonstration clubs of Wilkes county, together with leaders from Surry, and Yadkin counties will be held in Elkin at the Y. M. C. A. Friday, May 30. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p. m. with Miss Pauline Gordon, Extension Specialist in House Furnishings in charge.

Wilkes County House Furnishings Leaders will meet at Town Hall in North Wilkesboro at 1:00 p. m. Transportation to and from the meeting will be in automobiles and any leader who can use her own automobile will take others with her.

North Wilkesboro School Finals To Have Large Class

Students Will Carry Out Graduation Program On Tuesday Night

Forty-six high school graduates will receive diplomas Tuesday night in the final program of the North Wilkesboro high school commencement.

Members of this large 12th grade class will carry out their own graduation program. Following a processionary march by the high school band, Dorothy Powell, student activities president, will speak the invocation and the salutatory address will be by Margaret Phillips. "All the World's A Stage" will be the theme of the program by the students. Valedictory will be by Ann Cragan.

Rev. T. Sloane Guy, Jr., of Richmond, Va., delivered the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening at the First Baptist church. His subject was "Good Tunes From Second Fiddles" and was received with rapt interest. The theme of his message was that often a person not in the highest position can render valuable and effective work.

Mrs. Julia Pardue Claimed By Death

Mrs. Julia A. Greene Pardue, 83, died yesterday morning at the home of a son, R. C. Pardue, in the Cycle community.

Surviving are one son, R. C. Pardue of Cycle; three daughters, Mrs. R. M. Money, Mrs. J. F. Ashley, and Mrs. T. R. Nicholson, all of the Cycle community, one brother, T. M. Greene of Ronda.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. Tuesday at Union Baptist church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Examination Here Substitute Carrier

Examination has been announced by the Civil Service Commission for an examination to fill the position of substitute carrier and clerk at the North Wilkesboro postoffice. June 23 will be closing date for applications.

Square Dance Friday Traphill Gym Fund

A square dance for the benefit of the school gymnasium fund will be held Friday night, eight o'clock, at Pruitt's garage at Traphill. All are invited and a most enjoyable occasion is assured.

OFFICIALS FOR NORTH WILKESBORO HORSE SHOW JULY 4-5 ANNOUNCED

Noted horsemen from various parts of the south have been engaged as officials for the Annual Wilkes Horse Show, to be presented for four performances Friday and Saturday, July 4th and 5th, at the new Wilkes Horse Show grounds a half mile east on Highway 115, by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club. It was announced today by W. K. Sturdivant, chairman.

Col. E. R. "Jimmy" Seashole, of Atlanta, Georgia, Associate Editor of "National Horseman", will serve as master of ceremonies. Judging the gaited horses will be Dr. Jack Thompson, of Hodgenville, Kentucky, trainer and breeder of fine show horses since childhood. Ormond Gilmore, from Wartrace, Tennessee, heart of the walking horse country, will judge the walking horses. Hunters and jumpers will be judged by Otto Furr, of Middleburg, Virginia. H. Glenn York, of Elkin, will be in charge of the ring. York has served as ringmaster in many of the top horse shows in the south, including the Charlotte show. Management of the show is in the hands of John L. Bowers, of Black Mountain, who has already completed a highly successful circuit including the Sandhills Horse Show at Southern Pines and others at Macon, Georgia, Charlotte, North Carolina and elsewhere.

Committee chairman for the Kiwanis Club are: W. K. Sturdivant, general chairman; Dr. W. K. Newton, vice chairman; J. B. Carter, secretary and treasurer; Forrest Jones, program advertising; Paul Church, entertainment; Forrest Meserve, concessions; J. B. Williams, publicity; R. S. Gibbs, light and sound; Paul Vestal, feed and bedding; Bob Smith, grounds and facilities; C. A. Venable, ring; H. P. Eller, parking; Mrs. Bertha Bell, first aid; W. J. Caroon, tickets.

Prize lists, entry blanks or information may be obtained by writing to John L. Bowers, Horse Show Manager, P. O. Box 150, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

Gus Travis Keeps Crowd In Uproar With Tall Tales

Charlotte Columnist Speaks Friday At Lions Ladies Nights at Elkin

Gus Travis, Charlotte Observer columnist and humorist, kept the audience in an uproar with his recital of tall tales at the North Wilkesboro Lions Club Ladies' Night banquet held Friday night at the Elkin Y. M. C. A.

The banquet was the most successful in the history of the local club and attendance totaled about 175. President W. O. Absher was toastmaster and Rev. Watt M. Cooper spoke the invocation.

During the dinner B. B. Broome, acting jail twister, performed his duties amid much merriment and names of ladies were drawn for prizes.

Edward S. Finley welcomed the ladies and other guests and Mrs. Rufus Church very adeptly responded.

D. J. Whitener, of Boone, district deputy governor of Lions, was present and presented perfect attendance pins to the following: Jimmie Anderson, Gilbert Bare, Glenn Andrews, W. O. Absher, Frank Allen, Paul Cashion, Charles Day, Vernon Deal, Edward S. Finley, Bill Marlow, J. H. Whicker, Jr., Clyde Pearson, Blair Gwyn, Richard Johnston, Edward McEntire, Dr. J. S. Deans, Ed Koontz.

B. and W. Quintet, five local colored men who have gained an enviable reputation by rendering spirituals, entertained the crowd with four numbers.

J. H. Whicker, Jr., with two tall tales to start the ball rolling, introduced Mr. Travis, who soon got into high gear in what purported to be an account of experiences during his varied career as a real estate and newspaper man. One big yarn followed another closely and with beautiful continuity.

Singing of the Lions song closed the highly interesting program.

The value of North Carolina's farms (land and buildings) in 1945 was placed at \$1,002,983,012.

Banks Here To Be Closed On May 30

The Northwestern Bank and Bank of North Wilkesboro will be closed on Friday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day. Patrons of the banks are requested to look after their banking needs before Friday so that they will not be inconvenienced in any way.

District Federation Meeting In Boone

The District Federation of Wilkes, Alexander, Caldwell, Home Demonstration Clubs from Avery, Watauga, and Alleghany counties will hold their regular annual meeting in Boone at the Baptist church. This meeting will begin at 10:30 a. m. on June 4th.

W. Andrew Payne Funeral On Sunday

Last rites were held Sunday at Yellow Hill Baptist church for W. Andrew Payne, 69, widely prominent citizen of the Summit community who died Thursday.

Mr. Payne had been in ill health but was not seriously ill. His sudden death was attributed to a heart attack.

For many years Mr. Payne was active in community affairs and was a Sunday school teacher at Yellow Hill Baptist church.

Mr. Payne is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Payne, and the following sons and daughters: Dormaa T. Payne, North Wilkesboro; Wake and John Payne, Boomer; Mrs. Albert Minton, Summit; Reid Payne, Parsonville; Johnson Payne, Oklahoma; Baxter Payne, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Richard Church, North Wilkesboro; Lemuel Payne and W. A. Payne, Jr., Summit.

Bible School On At New Hope Church

Vacation Bible school is in progress this week at New Hope Baptist church. The school begins each morning at nine o'clock. All are invited to attend.

Chicken Supper

Evelyn Stokes circle of Union Methodist church will sponsor a chicken supper at the church Friday evening. Suppers will be served beginning at six p. m.

Bill in Congress Would Cripple AAA Farm Benefits Here

Lawrence Miller, Secretary of the Wilkes County AAA announced that the following telegram was received from G. T. Scott, State Director, P. M. A.: "Department of Agriculture Appropriations Bill reported today by House of Representatives Committee reduces appropriation for conservation and use from \$301,727,000 to \$165,614,290. Consolidated accounts for Washington and Raleigh offices for all appropriations reduced from \$12,855,607 to \$4,037,799 for county offices from \$23,129,152 to \$14,608,620. Until further notice issue no purchase orders for conservation materials and services. Cancel purchase orders in hands of farmers and vendors on which work has not been stated in the case of services, and on which delivery has not been made in case of material and seed. Until further notice suspend 1947 ACP sign-up. Suspend substitution of practices on farm plans and issue no further notice of minimum assistance for farm allowance. Farmers should be notified of these facts immediately."

This will probably mean that payment for practices carried out under the AAA Program may be paid for on a scale of about 50c on a \$1.00. Producers who have taken their full payment in seeds, fertilizer, and materials may have to refund to the Government about one-half the amount of the conservation materials received or be placed on the Government Register of Indebtedness.

This action, if approved by the Senate, will mean that there will be no more conservation material available to the farmers of Wilkes County for the year 1947 unless arrangements are made for financing by Congress.

Employees' Picnic Wednesday To Be Enjoyable Affair

Will Be Held Wednesday, 5:30 P. M., At Smoot Park In This City

Wednesday, May 28, will be a date to be remembered by employees of all mercantile firms in the Wilkesboros, because they are to be guests at a picnic at 5:30 p. m. at Smoot Park.

E. L. Derrick is chairman of the committee which has made full plans for the event, including the menu of fried chicken and many other good eats.

The picnic will be a reward for the employees' excellent cooperation and attendance at the recent Sales Institute sponsored by the Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, and certificates will be awarded by J. B. Williams, president of the Chamber, and R. E. Gibbs, Trade Promotion committee chairman.

Square dancing and a softball game will be added entertainment features. All sales personnel and their families are invited.

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Red Caps Blank Shady Grove 7-0

Leslie Rhoades blanked Shady Grove 7-0 here Saturday afternoon while North Wilkesboro was hammering Wells for nine hits. Eller with three hits and Bentley with two led North Wilkesboro's hitting.

North Wilkesboro has won the last four games in the Yadkin Valley League and is now contesting Elkin for the league lead.

A victory for the Red Caps over Booneville here Wednesday afternoon would put North Wilkesboro in a most favored position. Booneville beat North Wilkesboro in the season's opener.

Recreation Party At Millers Creek

Wanderers of the Wasteland will furnish music for another recreation party to be held Thursday night, eight o'clock, at Millers Creek gymnasium. An enjoyable occasion is assured all who will attend.

Arthur I. Call Stabbed; Dead



Making Record

Little Miss Elizabeth Wellborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wellborn, of 413 G street, North Wilkesboro, has been perfect in Sunday school attendance for 58 consecutive Sundays, either at the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro or at New Hope Baptist near Purlear. She is enrolled in both Sunday schools.

Farmers Day Is Observed Friday By Kiwanis Club

Commissioner Of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott Delivers Address

W. Kerr Scott, North Carolina commissioner of agriculture, told a Farmers' Day assembly of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club and guests Friday that the growth and progress of North Wilkesboro depends upon the farm home, and climaxed his address with a plea that rural churches be improved in many respects to be in accord with other progress that has already been made in practically every community.

Relative to Wilkes county Mr. Scott particularly called attention to the need of poultry and lamb dressing plants to handle and market the great amount of poultry and lambs produced in northwestern North Carolina. He commended farmers of this area for their interest in greater production of milk and urged business men to continue their support of the agricultural program.

Paul Church was program chairman and R. D. Smith, Wilkes farm agent, presented the speaker. Farmer guests present were H. C. Roberts, J. H. Eagle, Colin Foster, A. T. Fairchild, C. C. Hayes, W. V. Caudill, C. M. Wellborn, Robert Hogan, James M. Pardue, F. C. Tomlinson, C. W. Proffitt, Charlie Miles, Claude Burchette, Bill Jester, W. B. Oliver, J. A. Reeves, Bob Kite, E. M. Huffman, Vernon Broyles, J. A. Poplin, J. Z. Adams, J. W. Andrews, W. M. Absher, Lawrence Miller, Dwight D. Williamson, C. E. Tharpe, B. C. Speaks, Charlie German, J. M. German, E. F. Edwards.

Other guests Friday were: Dr. J. Joseph Rives with J. H. Whicker; Henry Landon, III, with Dr. J. H. McNeill; H. S. Riley, of St. Louis, with J. R. Hix, Andy Borders, of Hickory, and L. J. Rush, of Lenoir, were visiting Kiwanians. Attendance prize was given by J. R. Hix to Cecil F. Adamson.

Miss Louise Billings Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at Hinshaw Street Baptist church for Miss Louise Anita Billings, who died Thursday in the hospital at Black Mountain.

A member of a well known Wilkes family, Miss Billings was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Billings. In addition to her parents she is survived by two sisters and one brother, Mrs. Heloise Jones, Miss Annie Sue Billings and William Billings.

E. C. Sparks Rites Today At Austin

Funeral service was held today at Austin church for E. C. Sparks, 55, well known citizen of the Roaring River community, who died Saturday. Rev. Grant Cothren conducted the last rites.

Surviving Mr. Sparks are the following children: Mrs. Brit Chipman, Elkin; Mrs. Samuel Byrd, Ronda; Willard, Fhoebe, Vera, John and Ralph Sparks, of Roaring River; also two brothers and one sister, George Sparks, of Elkin; Blaine Sparks, of Traphill, and Mrs. Annie B. Wilson, of Traphill.

Homer Johnson Is Put In Jail On Murder Charge

Stab By Large Scout Knife Into Heart Causes Instant Death Sunday

Arthur Isaac Call, 37, Wilkesboro route two resident, was stabbed in the heart and instantly killed Sunday evening, 7:25, and Homer Johnson, 18, of Oakwoods, is in Wilkes jail charged with murder, Sheriff C. G. Poindexter said today.

Johnson, officers said, on Sunday morning purchased a long scout knife from Pete Tripiett, a stepson of Arthur Call. Johnson had been around the service station operated by Mrs. Sibyl Baily about all day Sunday, and that Call walked up shortly after seven p. m.

According to account by witnesses there, Call accosted Johnson, and put a hand on his shoulder. Johnson drew the scout knife from its sheath and plunged the blade into Call's chest. The knife severed an artery at the heart and he died instantly.

Johnson left the service station, which is located four miles from this city on highway 115, and fled when approached by Sgt. A. H. Clark, of the highway patrol. The sheriff, deputies and patrolmen conducted an intensive search for Johnson for two hours and learned that he returned to Baily's. The place was surrounded by officers and Johnson was taken. He is said to have told officers that Arthur Call had been "shoving him around for a long time."

Call is survived by his wife and six children.

Funeral will be held Wednesday, 11 a. m., at Edgewood Baptist church.

Junior Baseball Team Will Play 2 Practice Games

The North Wilkesboro Legion junior baseball team will play two practice games against Lenoir before beginning the regular schedule.

The first practice game will be here Thursday, four o'clock, and the second in Lenoir Thursday, June 5, eight o'clock at night.

Music Recitals On Thursday, Friday

Intermediate students of music classes taught by Mrs. Robert Gibbs and Mrs. A. F. Kilby will be presented in recital Thursday night, May 29, eight o'clock, at the First Baptist church.

On Friday night senior students of Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Kilby will be presented, eight o'clock, at the First Baptist church. All are invited to attend.