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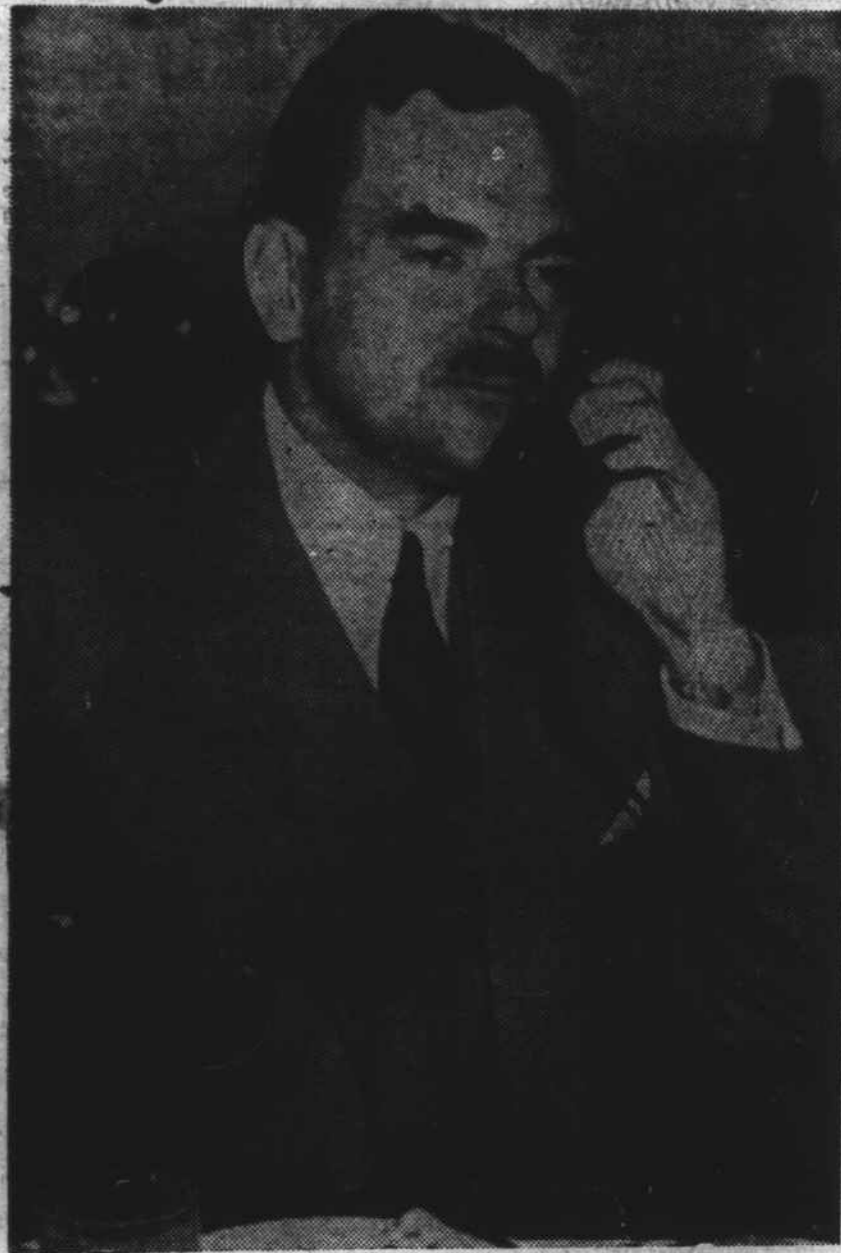
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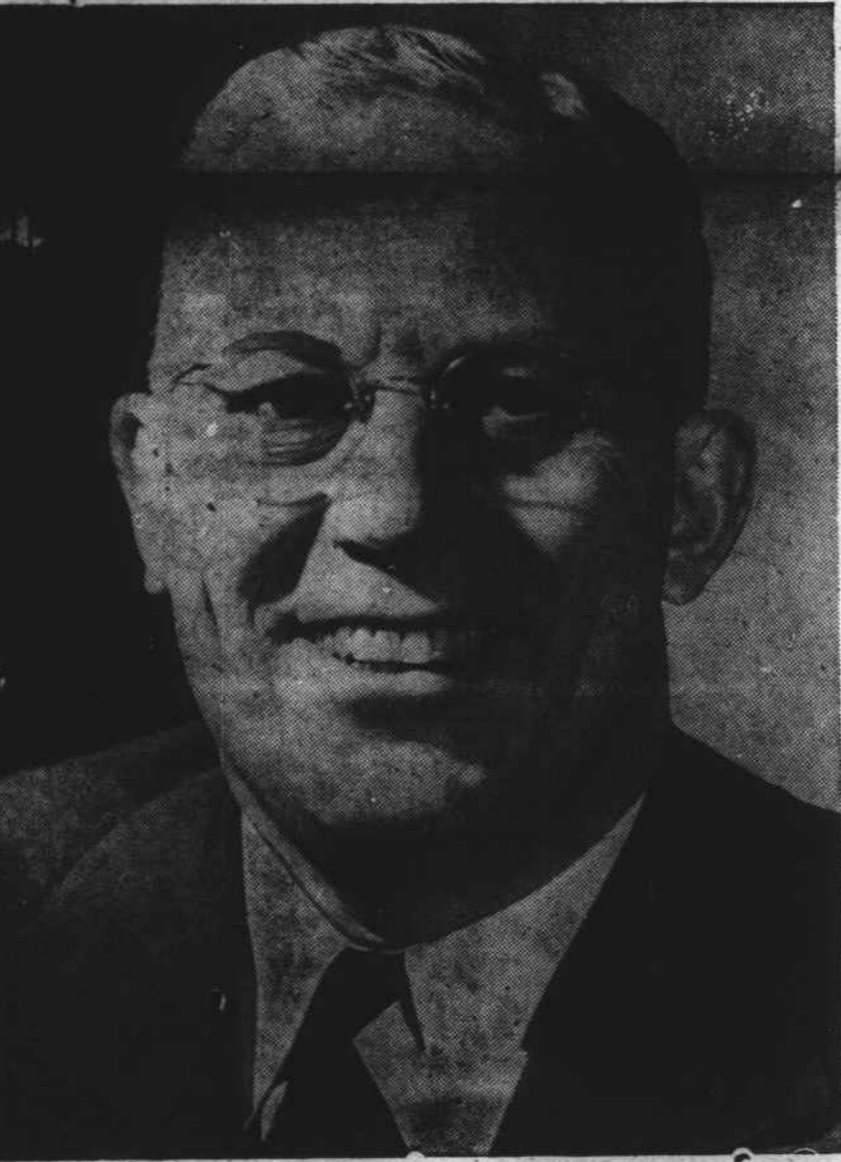
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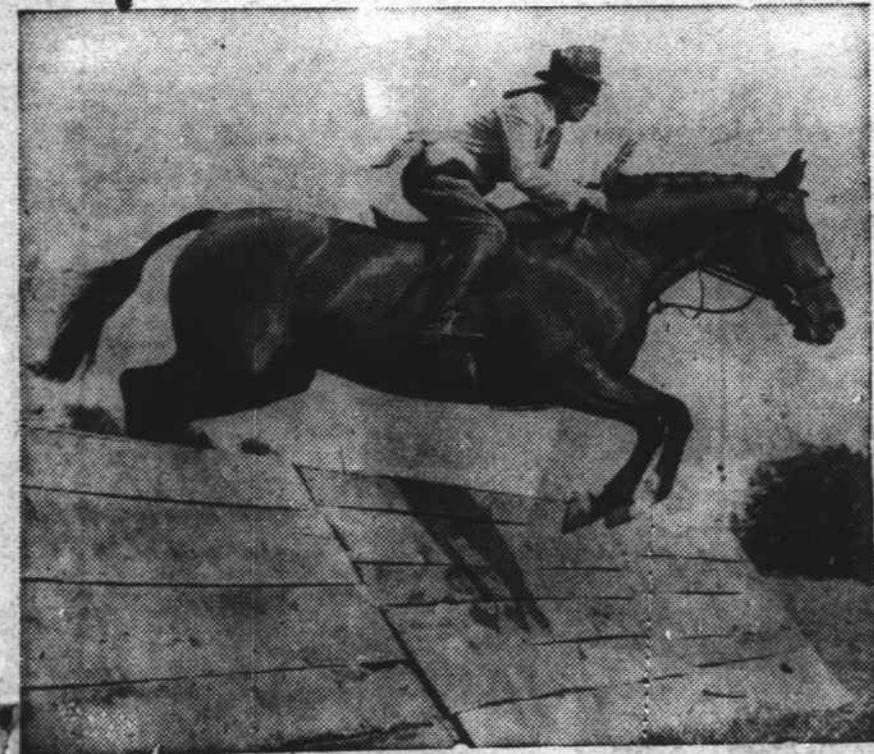
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 ONE OF MANY FINE HORSES FOR SHOW



Mr. Ed Daniels is shown here on Claim Agent, one of the many fine horses to be exhibited in the annual Wilkes Kiwanis horse show Friday and Saturday, July 2 and 3, at the horse show grounds just outside of this city on highway 115. Claim Agent is owned by C. V. Hinkel, of Statesville. Note the excellent form of the rider in the above picture.

Frances Gilreath Winner Of Title 'Miss Wilkes '48'

Finals Held Friday Night; To Represent Wilkes In State Contest

Miss Frances Gilreath, of North Wilkesboro, was crowned "Miss Wilkes-1948" at the Allen Theater Friday night at the finals of the Miss Wilkes Beauty Contest, sponsored by the Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce. Runner-up in the contest was Miss Jerry Caldwell, of North Wilkesboro, and third was Miss Lea Walsh, of Wilkesboro.

Bill Stauber, formerly associated with radio station WKBC but now of Durham, and brought back by popular request for the occasion, was master of ceremonies, and did an able job of presenting the beauties. Music for the evening was furnished by Paul Weber, of Todd, on the Hammond Organ. Mr. Weber was at one time with the Paul Whitman Orchestra and now plays the organ over station WILX. For the occasion a platform had been built and beautifully decorated to give an appropriate setting for the beauties.

The contestants for the title were Misses Frances Gilreath, Jerry Caldwell, Lea Walsh, Jackie Merritt, Mary Taylor, Betty Billings, Wanda Campbell, Betty Jean Whitaker, Virginia Caudill, and Betty Kendall. They were the ten finalists selected from a large group competing at the dance given by the local Jaycees two weeks ago in Wilkesboro.

The young ladies first appeared in evening dresses in a group and then singly. Following this appearance, Tiny Hutton, a guest artist who is a regular member of the Horace Heidt Show, entertained the audience with songs. The contestants then made their appearance in bathing suits.

While the judges were making their decision, Bill Stauber and Charlie Slate, manager of WILX, kept the program going. After the decision was reached the girls came back on stage and Sam Vickery, president of the Wilkes Jaycees, crowned Miss Gilreath as "Miss Wilkes-1948". The judges were Wiley H. Dunham, president of Winston-Salem Jaycees; Bill Hill, of the Hickory Jaycees; Clyde Carroll, of the Elkin Jaycees; Bill Freeman, of the Elkin Jaycees; Jim Turner, of the Hickory Jaycees; and Tiny Hutton, of the Horace Heidt Talent Show.

Miss Gilreath, the winner, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gilreath, of North Wilkesboro. She will be given a wardrobe by the sponsoring Wilkes Jaycees and will represent Wilkes at the contest to be held at Wrightsville Beach in July to choose "Miss North Carolina 1948."

1st Anniversary Program Sunday Over WKBC Here

Many Civic Leaders Participate In Congratulatory Expressions

Radio Station WKBC celebrated its first birthday yesterday, June 27, with a special program which began at 2:30 p. m. On hand for the ceremonies were some of the leading citizens from North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro and Wilkes county. Also on the program were prominent citizens from neighboring towns.

The program began with an invocation by Rev. Watt Cooper, president of the Wilkesboro-North Wilkesboro Ministerial Association. Rev. Mr. Cooper was followed by Mayor T. S. Kenerly, of North Wilkesboro. Mayor Kenerly congratulated the station on its cooperation and its zeal in promoting and encouraging the civic growth of our community. After Mayor Kenerly, Miss Dorothy Gabriel, accompanied by Mrs. Andrew Kilby sang "The Kashmiri Song." Following Miss Gabriel's solo Bob Brame, President of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, congratulated WKBC for its splendid services rendered to the people of Wilkes and sur-

FATHER AND TWO SONS ARE TO BECOME EAGLE SCOUTS IN CITY

Business Houses To Be Closed July 5th

July 4th this year will be next Sunday and Monday, July 5, will be observed as a holiday.

According to previous agreement, stores and business houses will be closed on July 5th, along with both banks.

Today it was announced that the following automobile dealers would close their places of business for the fourth: Yarkin Valley Motor Co., Wilkes Auto Sales, Motor Market, Midway Pontiac Co., Motor Service Co., Gaddy Motor Co., Barber-Somers Motor Co.

More Than 100 Horses Entered For 2-Day Show

Annual Kiwanis Wilkes horse show to be staged here Friday and Saturday, July 2 and 3, bids fair to be one of the state's outstanding sports events for the summer season, John L. Bowers, general manager, said here today.

The show, with afternoon and night performances on both dates, may eclipse last year's event, which was outstanding from the standpoint of number and quality of entries and attendance.

To accommodate the great number of horses the club has erected additional stables and accommodations. Grounds have been placed in condition and the seating capacity will be enlarged. Box seats will completely encircle the large show ring and exhibiting will be evenly spread to all sides of the arena.

In addition to many of the finest horses from the leading stables in North Carolina, there will be several strings of animals from top stables in Tennessee, Virginia, South Carolina and some from other states. Liberal cash awards will be given for all the 39 classes in the two-day event.

Today the following exhibitors had placed entries for the Wilkes show: John Frances, Hickory; Long's stables, Newton; Carl J. Jenkins, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. P. D. Philbrick, Winston-Salem; Cam Criddlebaugh, Jr., High Point; Hyatt Gibbs, North Wilkesboro; Dr. George W. Easley and Wade Stepp, Winston-Salem; J. E. Timberlake, Columbia, S. C.; Dr. B. E. Pulliam, Winston-Salem; R. W. Norman, Salisbury; R. C. Pratt, Winston-Salem; Peggy Anne Smith, Bristol, Tenn.; Camp Arrowhead, Tuxedo; Christine Peeler, Salisbury; Billy Patterson, Salisbury; Mrs. Thomas Zachary, Salisbury; S. R. Holland, Salisbury; W. F. Gaddy, North Wilkesboro; W. Lee Gettys, Clover, S. C.; Holly Oak Farm, Shelby; T. R. Greene, Sparta; Gwyn Gambill and Jane Gambill, North Wilkesboro; J. B. Carter and Jimmie Carter, North Wilkesboro; Red Bird Farm, Lexington; Lee Edward Harris, North Wilkesboro; Franklin and Marie Sturdivant, Sparta; Susie and Mary Jane Sturdivant, Sparta; Eileen Werts, St. Petersburg, Florida; Link Spainhour, North Wilkesboro; W. R. Newton, North Wilkesboro; Charlie Shuford, Hickory; Barbara Foard, Lenoir; Dick Bryant, Gastonia; N. E. Brewer, Winston-Salem; Dorothy Hines, Winston-Salem; Jean McLean, Portsmouth, Va.; G. Sam Winters, North Wilkesboro; B. E. Chandler, Winston-Salem; A. T. Nance, Winston-Salem; C. G. Fox, Raleigh; I. J. Sutton, Wilmington; Billy Todd, Wilmington; Gilmore Stables, Charlotte; Mrs. E. B. Morgan, Kannapolis; W. K. Sturdivant and Anne Sturdivant, North Wilkesboro; Town Creek Farms, Stanleytown, Va.; Frank P. Blair, North Wilkesboro; J. B. Smith, Stanleytown, Va.; M. B. McNeill, T. H. Williams, James Cranor and Betty Whicker, all of North Wilkesboro; J. G. Wheeler & Sons, Oxford; Virginia McBea, Marion; Dr. C. M. Whisnant, Burnsville.

With several exhibitors entering from two to five horses, the number of animals entered has already passed the 100 mark and should increase by time of the first performance Friday afternoon.

R. Ivey Moore, Dudley and Jim Moore May Make Scout History Here

An unprecedented event in Scouting in this vicinity, and possibly in Scouting everywhere, will be the presentation of Eagle Scout awards Thursday night to a father and two sons.

R. Ivey Moore and two sons, Dudley and Jim Moore, will become eagle scouts in the meeting of the Wilkes district Boy Scout court of honor to be held Thursday, July 1, 7:30 p. m., at the First Methodist church in North Wilkesboro. They will also receive one merit badge each to enable them to reach the highest rank in Scouting.

Second class awards will be made to the following: Douglas Barnette, Ernest Barnette, Warren Shore, Jimmy Sale, and A. M. Bush, of troop 14; Tony Emerson and Malcolm Gambill, of Troop 32; Jerry McNeil, Billy Phillips, James Sidden and Wayne Absher, of troop 35.

First class Scout awards will go to Billy Hardister, of troop 34; Bobby Wells, of troop 36; E. G. Wyatt and James Sidden, of troop 35. Merit badges will be presented to E. G. Wyatt and Bobby Anderson, of troop 35; Fred Glass, of troop 32, and to three who will become eagle Scouts.

The public is cordially invited to the history-making meeting here Thursday night.

Rites Friday For Lieut. Huffman

Remains of Lt. Theodore T. Huffman, who was killed on Biak Island while in service in World War 2, will arrive here Wednesday at noon and funeral service will be held Friday, 11 a. m. at Congo Holiness church in his home community.

Lt. Huffman enlisted in the army June 25, 1941, and received training as an airplane mechanic at Dallas Field, Texas, completing that course February 13, 1942. Because of his ability he was selected for pilot training, which he received at Luke Field, Arizona. There he was commissioned a second lieutenant and received his wings July 28, 1943. He went overseas to the Pacific theatre in February, 1944.

Lt. Huffman had completed his missions as a bomber pilot and was ready to return home when he was killed while a passenger on an army transport plane on Biak Island.

Surviving Lt. Huffman are his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Huffman, of Wilkesboro route one, and the following brothers and sisters: James Huffman, Oakman, Ala.; Glenn Huffman, Landis; E. M. Huffman, Jr., Wilkesboro route one; Mrs. Erie Griffin, Kannapolis; Mrs. Vera Johnson, Wilkesboro route one; Mrs. Ina Bullis, Burlington; Mrs. Veora Nichols, Burlington; Mrs. Wyona Bullis, Wilkesboro route one; Mrs. Margie Bishop, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Miss Eula D. Huffman, Wilkesboro route one.

Local People Plan To Enter Gladiolus Show In Hickory

The Catawba Valley Gladiolus Show is to be held in Hickory on Thursday, July 8, at the First National Bank between the hours of 4:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m., and is being sponsored by the First National Bank and the Garden Clubs of Hickory. There will be no admission to the show, and the public is invited to attend. Entries are not only open to Garden Club members, but to any one desiring to make exhibits.

Mrs. A. C. Chamberlain, president of the local Garden Club, has a number of copies giving tentative rules for the show, and any person interested in making exhibits may obtain a copy from her, or secure further information pertaining to the event. The people of this community are urged to participate in the show.

Cotton acreage has been increased considerably in Montgomery county this year.

SCOTT IS PRIMARY WINNER



W. KERR SCOTT

Scott Rests After Landslide Victory

Raleigh, June 27.—W. Kerr Scott, a blunt-speaking 52-year-old dairy farmer who ran second in the first primary, headed for the North Carolina Governor's mansion today on a roaring landslide of votes which carried him far to the front in the runoff.

He still faced the formality of the November election against a Republican opponent, but in North Carolina he was as good as elected.

Scott's margin of more than 36,000 votes over State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson gave him the Democratic nomination and made him the first man since 1916 to win the nomination for Governor in the second primary after trailing in the first.

Scott Relaxes
 The former commissioner of agriculture relaxed today from the strenuous, bitter campaign that swept him decisively past Johnson.

There were a number of state officials, however, who found little relaxation in the wake of Scott's victory. They foresaw their replacement in appointive offices underscored in the Haw River man's campaign promises.

Johnson Carried Primary In Wilkes

In the second primary in Wilkes county Saturday Charles M. Johnson, defeated candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, received a majority vote in Wilkes over W. Kerr Scott, who was nominated throughout the state, according to unofficial and incomplete returns.

Unofficial returns from 22 of 30 precincts gave Johnson 2112 and Scott 1540.

Support the Y. M. C. A. BASEBALL SCHEDULE CHANGE IS MADE TO AVOID HORSE SHOW DAY

North Wilkesboro Will Go To Galax July 3 and 4, Galax Here 23, 24

By consent of all concerned, a change has been made in schedule of baseball games for July 3 and 4 in order that there will not be a conflict of baseball game and the Wilkes horse show. Galax was scheduled to play here July 3 and 4. The horse show dates are July 2 and 3. North Wilkesboro Flashers will play the two-game series in Galax July 3 and 4. Galax will play here on July 23 and 24, on which date the Flashers were originally scheduled to play in Galax.

North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club, sponsor of the horse show, stated appreciation for this schedule change in the following letter written by T. E. Story, secretary of the club, to Tal J. Pearson, club owner, and Larry Moore, business manager of the North Wilkesboro baseball club: "I am authorized by the Board of Directors of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club to express

Autopsy Report Says She Died of Strychnine Dose

Millers Creek Resident Arrested Today On Charge First Degree Murder

Leonard Miller, 23, was arrested this afternoon by Wilkes Sheriff C. G. Poindexter and jailed for the sudden death of his wife February 22 this year at their home near Millers Creek. "Results of an autopsy performed recently disclosed that the stomach of Mrs. Miller contained strychnine in quantity more than sufficient to cause instant death," Sheriff Poindexter said.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, who was in Wilkesboro today to receive report of the evidence gathered by Sheriff Poindexter, said that the state would oppose any move to obtain bond for Miller and that the charge is first degree murder.

Mrs. Miller, 28 and mother of two children, died suddenly on February 22. Members of her family told Sheriff Poindexter that Mrs. Miller had mentioned a headache and that her husband pulled from his pocket a headache powder package and requested that she take it. She took the powder, Sheriff Poindexter was told, and immediately became very ill. She was quoted as saying that the headache powder had a very bitter taste.

An ambulance was called and the ambulance attendant said that Mrs. Miller's pulse was very weak when he arrived at the home seven miles from North Wilkesboro. When she reached the Wilkes hospital by ambulance she was pronounced dead.

Two days later the body of Mrs. Miller was buried in Pleasant Ridge Baptist cemetery near Millers Creek. There were many and varied rumors about her sudden death and Sheriff Poindexter began an investigation.

Results of the preliminary investigation were sufficient to warrant taking the body from the grave for an autopsy, Sheriff Poindexter said, and on June 3 the body was taken to Bowman Gray School of medicine in Winston-Salem. When the report was received showing that the woman's stomach contained "more than enough strychnine to cause instant death" Miller was arrested today at the Wilkes Hosiery Mills plant in this city, where he has been regularly employed.

Sheriff Poindexter said today that Miller had not been questioned since his arrest.

Neither Sheriff Poindexter or Solicitor Hall today would discuss the evidence obtained other than the results of the autopsy. However, the solicitor stated that the investigation had been very successful and that a strong case had been developed for the state. The officers declined to discuss evidence relative to motive for the alleged poisoning of Mrs. Miller.

Since the death of Mrs. Miller, Miller and his two children have been making their home with Miller's relatives.

EX-STATESVILLE OFFICIAL DEAD

Harmony, June 27.—W. S. Thomas, 53, died at his home in Harmony, Route 1, this morning after a sudden illness. He had served as chief of police of Statesville for 14 years, retiring four years ago.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3:30 p. m. Monday at the home. Burial will be in Oakwood cemetery at Statesville. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mabel Baity Thomas, three daughters, a son and two sisters.