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## Leonard Miller Hearing Is Set Friday, 2 P. M.

### Millers Creek Man Charged With Poisoning His Wife February 22

Preliminary hearing for Leonard Miller, Millers Creek man charged with poisoning his wife, has been set for Friday, 2:00 p. m., before Justice of the Peace C. G. Glass in the Wilkes courtroom.

Miller has been in jail several weeks, after he was charged with causing the death of his wife February 22 at their Millers Creek home. He has claimed innocence throughout.

The body of Mrs. Miller was taken from Pleasant Home Baptist church cemetery over three months after burial and report of an autopsy stated that her stomach "contained more than enough strychnine to cause instant death."

Miller is alleged to have handed her what he said was a headache powder. She died in a few minutes after taking the powder.

Two previously scheduled hearings for Miller were postponed.

## Turkish Tobacco Meets Scheduled For Wilkes County

Turkish tobacco production in Wilkes and adjoining counties is looking very favorable, as an additional cash crop. Medium or small farm operators with available farm family labor are finding Turkish tobacco to fit in with their farming program to advantage in this area.

The following field meetings have been arranged by the local County Agents and Turkish Tobacco Specialists for the purpose of giving farmers of Wilkes County an opportunity to obtain more first-hand information on the production and handling of Turkish tobacco.

**Tuesday, August 3**  
9:00 a. m.—Clyde Call's, 12 miles E. Wilkesboro on Highway 421.

10:30 a. m.—E. H. Blackburn's, between Clingman and Ronda.

1:30 p. m.—Colon Barker's, near Lomax postoffice.

3:30 p. m.—Walter Pardue's, near Rock Creek church.

**Wednesday, August 4**  
9:30 a. m.—Kelly Pipe's, near Walsh's Orchard, Pores Knob.

1:30 p. m.—Crom Ingool's, Dockery.

3:30 p. m.—John Joines.

## Mrs. Jane Sheets Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held Thursday at Church of the Brethren for Mrs. Jane Sheets, 84-year-old resident of Union township who died Wednesday. Rev. J. W. Luke conducted the service.

Surviving Mrs. Sheets are the following sons and daughters: Mrs. Taft Osborne and Mrs. Lee Pendry, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Bill Boshears, Vannoy; Mrs. Charlie Woodie, Nathans Creek; Mrs. James Wyatt, Wagoner; Mrs. Newland Miller, Cricket; Elijah and Fred Sheets, Vannoy.

## SANITATION PRACTICES URGED THROUGHOUT WILKES COUNTY

By E. R. SPRUILL  
Wilkes Sanitarian

The public has already seen the DDT spraying in action and the notice of the Town Boards regarding certain ordinances that are available.

Thanks and recognition has already been extended to those who gave time, money, and energy towards the spraying program for the towns and outlying areas. However, this is not enough—it is the duty of each and every person, not merely in the towns, but all over the county to do their part in following up work—seeing that their own premises are cleaned up and sprayed regularly.

Attention is called to a few things that should be looked after at all times:

1. All pig and chicken pens, stables and dog houses should be kept clean and sprayed.
2. Do not allow rubbish to accumulate.
3. Burn or bury dead chickens

## August Session Of Wilkes Court May Be Postponed

Wilkes court term scheduled to begin Monday, August 9, may be postponed because of the epidemic of infantile paralysis, it was learned today.

County authorities have written Governor Cherry and have asked that the court be postponed but reply had not been received today.

## Six Polio Cases From This County Baptist Hospital

Ten Western North Carolina counties were represented in the 28 cases of poliomyelitis being treated at North Carolina Baptist Hospital Monday. Wilkes County with six and Yadkin with five cases, were leading.

Surry and Davidson County had four cases each, and Iredell County three patients. Others are Stokes County with two patients and Montgomery, Gaston, Rockingham and Forsyth with one patient each.

Many other counties have also been represented in the census kept on polio cases since the beginning of the 1948 outbreak, but the number changes daily with admissions and patients being dismissed to their homes or transferred to convalescent centers.

The Baptist Hospital has only one patient from Forsyth County due to the fact that City Memorial Hospital restricts its services to patients from Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, so local patients are admitted there, leaving Baptist Hospital facilities available to citizens of other counties. One Winston-Salem patient was transferred from the Baptist to the City Hospital last week. The only one at the Baptist Hospital now is twenty-year-old Betty Conrad, of Forsyth County, who has been in an iron lung at the Baptist Hospital since last March.

The entire second floor of the Baptist Hospital's pediatric wing has been converted into a polio ward, and eight additional nurses, including one physical therapist, have been secured for the hospital by the Red Cross through auspices of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Wilkes County polio patients at the hospital during the past week have included: Carl B. Anderson, age 3-1/2 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Anderson, of Oakwoods; Gall Smithley, age 21 months, daughter of Mrs. Gladys Smithley, Moravian Falls; Joe W. Spicer, age 17 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Spicer, North Wilkesboro; Joe Greshmeh, age 15 years, son of Fritz Greshmeh, North Wilkesboro; Patricia Ann Jones, age 3-1/2 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Jones of North Wilkesboro; and Roger Lee Love, age 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Love, Wilkesboro, Route 2.

## BOY SHOT BY HORSE

Rome — A horse shot 13-year-old Francesco Concigliello at Messina Wednesday. The newspaper Republica said the horse, stomping around Messina's First of September Street, kicked a stray cartridge. It exploded and wounded the boy in the foot.

## Farm & Home Week For 1948 Cancelled

By J. P. CHOPLIN  
County Agent

Dr. I. O. Schaub, Director N. C. State College Extension Service, has just announced that the Farm and Home Week scheduled for the last of August and the first of September at N. C. State College will be cancelled.

This program is held annually for the farmers and farm women of the state. Various programs and demonstrations and entertainment at these meetings have been of much interest to several thousand N. C. farmers and farm women.

The College and Extension officials regret that this program will not be available to the farm people of North Carolina this year.

Cotton improvement groups in North Carolina have only until August 15 to apply for free federal cotton classing and market news service.

If everyone will do their part, the program will be a success.

## Wilkes Polio Total Is Now 14

### Sanitarian And Police To Check Sanitary Work

### Will Inspect Private Premises to See If City Ordinances Are Being Kept

Police Chief J. E. Walker and E. R. Spruill, Wilkes sanitarian, today began a check of sanitation measures in North Wilkesboro in the interest of infantile paralysis prevention and enforcement of city ordinances.

The officials are checking conditions of hog pens in portions of the city where hog pens are allowed and are giving special attention to garbage disposal. Homes will be checked relative to the manner in which garbage is stored in covered cans and all phases of ordinances in the interest of sanitation will be enforced, Chief Walker said.

Although spraying has been done, it is up to every resident to keep premises clean in the interest of sanitation, officials pointed out, and in the interest of public health the ordinances must be obeyed.

## Lillie Geneva Cass Funeral Wednesday

Last rites were held Wednesday at Sweet Home church for Mrs. Lillie Geneva Cass, 57, resident of Somers township, who died Tuesday. Rev. Grady White and Rev. E. K. Wooten conducted the service.

Mrs. Cass leaves the following sons and daughters: Miss Nettie Cass, Mrs. Minnie Gregory, Mrs. Nellie Brown, Miss Dinah Cass, Julius and R. C. Cass, all of Union Grove; Mrs. Stella Mayberry, Greensboro.

## Raymond Blevins Bookkeeper Yadkin Valley Motor Co.

Raymond Blevins today assumed his duties as bookkeeper and office manager at Yadkin Valley Motor company.

Mr. Blevins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blevins, of Hays, is a graduate of Mountain View school and Lenoir-Rhyne college, where he majored in business administration. During the war he spent two years in the coast guard and served in the Pacific area. He and his wife are residing in the Fairplains community.

## Nichols Purchases Whiteway Laundry

W. A. Nichols, formerly of Spartanburg, S. C., has purchased the Whiteway Laundry from Gordon and Eddie Forester.

Mr. Nichols, for 25 years was engaged in the laundry business in Spartanburg, and for the past three years operated the M. & N. Laundry in Taylorsville.

He will continue to operate the Whiteway Laundry under the same name here and has brought about several improvements, including very prompt service to patrons.

## Pores Knob H.D. Club Postpones Annual Recreational Meet

The Pores Knob Home Demonstration Club will postpone their annual recreational meeting, which had been planned for August 14, to a future date, which will be announced later when the polio epidemic subsides.

## MOUNTAIN LIONS TO HAVE EIGHT HOME GAMES FOOTBALL SEASON

North Wilkesboro Mountain Lions, who will be gunning for a South Piedmont Conference championship this fall, have eight home games scheduled for the football season and will play only four games away.

The Lions plan to open here on September 10 against Mocksville, which is a much earlier date than usual. One week later on September 17 they will play at Granite Falls before opening the conference schedule at Spencer September 24.

## Flashers' Schedule For Coming Week

Tonight, Friday and Saturday nights — North Wilkesboro at Mount Airy.

Sunday afternoon and Monday night — North Wilkesboro at Abingdon, Va.

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Galax, first place team the Flashers are trying to dislodge, will play Wytheville the remainder of this week and Mount Airy on Saturday and Sunday.

## Halfacre Speaks At Optimist Club Meeting Tuesday

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the North Wilkesboro Optimist club was held Tuesday noon at Hotel Wilkes with a good attendance of members.

The luncheon meeting opened with invocation being spoken by Chaplain H. M. Wellman.

The program was in charge of Forrest Yugman, who presented to the club the speaker, W. D. Halfacre, and he made a splendid talk, using as his theme, the words, "What Have You to Give?"

Guests at the luncheon were: President Bill Hancock of the Winston-Salem club and John Everhart with President Maurice Walsh; Paige Choate with Optimist Herbert Marshall; George F. Brown of Charlotte, with Optimist Louis Hill Jenkins and Hal Snyder with Optimist Frank Walker.

President Bill Hancock, of the Winston-Salem club, made a brief but interesting talk on his visit to the International Convention held at San Antonio, Texas.

## Dean Minton Will Be Ordained Here

Dean Minton, ministerial student, will be ordained as a Baptist minister in an ordination service to be held Sunday afternoon, 3:00 o'clock, at the First Baptist church in this city.

Rev. W. N. Brookshire will preach the ordination sermon and a presbytery will be composed of deacons and ministers.

The young minister is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Minton, of North Wilkesboro. In September he will resume his studies at Mars Hill college.

## City Cabs To Give Sunday Receipts To Aid The Polio Fund

City Cabs and Davis Cabs, owned by J. C. Davis, of North Wilkesboro will give all receipts on Sunday, August 1, to the polio fund, it was announced today by Mr. Davis.

In addition to the donation of receipts by Mr. Davis the drivers will also donate their pay for Sunday, Mr. Davis said, and the total is expected to result in a substantial contribution to the worthy cause.

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## Precautions To Prevent Spread Being Continued

### Three More Sent to Baptist Hospital And One to Convalescent Center

Thirteen Wilkes people have been reported as polio patients this month and official report is awaited on the 14th which is reported to have the disease, the Wilkes Health Department disclosed today.

This week three cases have been definitely added to the total. Roger Lee Love, age 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Love, of Wilkesboro Route 2, was hospitalized at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Mary Combs, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Combs, who live on the H. M. Anderson farm near this city, was reported as a polio case this week. The report stated that she became ill three weeks ago and had recovered from her illness, leaving one leg partially paralyzed. She had not been in a hospital but today was sent to the polio convalescent camp at Camp Sutton, having passed the acute, or contagious, stage.

Carl Anderson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Anderson, who have been residing on D Street, in North Wilkesboro, is in Baptist Hospital. The child is an infant and the case has been diagnosed as infantile paralysis.

Bill Reavis, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Reavis, who live on F Street, was taken yesterday to Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem, and is said to have polio, although official report of diagnosis had not been received today.

Meanwhile precautions planned to aid in prevention of polio are being continued. Parents are asked to keep their children at home and away from all types of public gatherings, including theaters, ball games, Sunday school, church services and all other places where people congregate.

Additional airplane spraying with DDT was carried out over outlying communities early this week. Home owners have been asked to spray their own premises, and in the Wilkesboro a rigid program of sanitation practices is being carried out in accordance with sanitation ordinances.

## Coble Doubles Milk Production Wilkesboro Plant

Due to the increased production of fluid milk in Wilkes and surrounding counties, Coble Dairy Products, Inc., of Wilkesboro, has had to double its operations. It became necessary for the company to buy one 6-foot Rogers condenser, two 1,000 gallon cream cooling vats, and two 1,000 gallon skimmed condenser milk cooling vats. This new equipment is the very latest improved stainless steel machines and will do the job for the betterment of quality dairy products.

This increase in the flow of fluid milk has been brought about by the dairy farmers of this area increasing their herds and many small grain farmers converting 100 per cent to dairy farming. At present, B. B. Broome, of Wilkesboro, is in Minnesota buying high bred dairy cattle and shipping them into this area. It is the aim of Mr. Broome to continue buying until ten thousand of these fine dairy cows have been sold here in North Carolina. He is acting upon the instructions of State College and Coble Dairy Products, Inc. So far, over 500 have been shipped and the farmers over the state have been buying them as fast as they come into their section. Many have been purchased here in Wilkes County. Most every farmer has been highly in favor of the idea and proved it by ordering cows ahead of shipment.

Not only has the local plant doubled the operations, it was decided a good time to remodel and arrange all machinery to make it a much faster operation. H. F. Marshall, the plant manager, announces "The increased amount of milk is helping greatly to meet demand, but that we still have a long way to go before we can produce enough milk to supply our local market."

## State Beekeepers Meet At Brevard

The North Carolina Beekeepers Association is holding its summer meeting on August 20, 1948 at Wildwood Farm near Brevard. This meeting is in conjunction with field day planned by the Transylvania Beekeepers Association and promises to be one of the best meetings which we have had for a long time. Mr. W. H. Arthur, owner of Wildwood Farm, is an amateur beekeeper but has been practicing some very up-to-date methods and has planted a considerable number of honey plants for his bees.

## Dwight York Band At Ferguson 30th

Dwight York and his radio band from station WKBC will put on a show at Ferguson school Friday night, 8:00 o'clock. The show will be sponsored by the Ferguson P.-T. A. for benefit of the school and all are invited to attend.

Bees must travel an average of 150,000 miles to gather a single pound of honey.

## Yadkin Voyagers Planning Broadcast Over Station WSJS

Gordon Finley, Jr., and Lewis Nelson, Jr., who recently journeyed on a rubber raft from North Wilkesboro over the Yadkin river to Cheraw, S. C., will appear on a broadcast over radio station WSJS in Winston-Salem Saturday, 12:45, to tell some of their experiences.

They will be on "News of Northwestern North Carolina" broadcast put on by F. O. Carver, WSJS news director. All are invited to listen in.

## Postpone Revivals At Moravian Falls

A revival scheduled to begin Sunday, August 1, at Moravian Falls Baptist church has been postponed, and the revival which was announced to begin the third Sunday at Moravian Falls Methodist church has also been postponed because of the polio epidemic. Dates for the revivals will be announced later.

A tent revival which began Saturday in Moravian Falls was called off because of polio.

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## WILKES POULTRY INDUSTRIES TO SHOW IN POULTRY EXHIBITION

By J. B. CHOPLIN  
County Agent

The hatcherymen, feed dealers, and poultry processors had a dinner meeting recently at the Princess Cafe and enjoyed a good fried chicken dinner and discussed some of the poultry problems of Wilkes County.

In order to promote the poultry business in the Wilkes area an organization was formed. Forrest Jones, of the Mountain Poultry Company was elected president; Hight Helms, of the Wilkes Farm Center, vice-president, and Ed McIntire, of the Blue Ridge Hatchery, secretary-treasurer. The officers are to draw up by-laws.

This organization is to sponsor an exhibit to advertise Wilkes Poultry Industries at the Carolinas Poultry Exposition which is to be held at Asheville, September 28. A booth for this purpose has already been reserved.

A colored moving picture on the "Control of Poultry Diseases" was shown at this meeting.

## Wilkes Schools Plan Opening On Monday, Aug. 30

### Fewer Teacher Vacancies Than Year Ago In Wilkes County System

Monday, August 30, has been tentatively set as date for opening the 1948-49 term of Wilkes county schools. C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, said today.

The date has been set tentatively, depending upon the conditions prevailing at that time relative to spread of infantile paralysis, which health authorities think has reached its peak of intensity.

One bright prospect for the coming school year is the fact that fewer teacher vacancies exist than a year ago. There remain several vacancies in the county system, and resignations are received at intervals, but the situation as a whole in Wilkes county is far better than a year ago. This is in contrast to the situation prevailing over the state, which is definitely no better than last year as far as teacher supply is concerned.

During the vacation period much work has been done in conditioning school buses for the coming term. Minor repairs have also been made to a number of school buildings.

## Benefit Baseball Game Nets \$185 For Polio Funds

Net proceeds of the baseball game played here Sunday afternoon between North Wilkesboro and Abingdon of the Blue Ridge league were turned over to the polio fund for erection of a permanent polio hospital in Greensboro.

Extreme hot weather reduced the crowd but the sum of \$185 was realized for the fund.

After game expenses consisting of league fees, cost of balls, and share for visiting team were deducted, the net gate receipts totaled \$175, which was supplemented by about ten dollars in cash donated by fans at the gate.

## Fairplains Club To Meet Tuesday; Picnic Cancelled

Fairplains Home Demonstration club picnic planned for Tuesday has been cancelled, but the club will meet Tuesday, 2:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Wiley Brooks. E. R. Spruill, county sanitarian, will address the club on the subject of "Sanitation."

## Meetings Junior Optimists Called Off During Polio

Announcement was made today that all meetings of the Junior Optimist club, including playground sessions, have been postponed for the duration of the infantile paralysis threat in the county and that further announcements will appear when meetings can be resumed.