

## Plans Laid Now Fire Prevention Week In October

**Committees Set Up to Carry Out Extensive Program In the Community**

Safety and Fire Prevention committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in meeting Monday night laid complete plans for widespread observance of Fire Prevention Week October 3-9.

Thurmond Kenerly, North Wilkesboro Fire Chief and Fire Prevention chairman, presided at the committee meeting, which was well attended.

The committee named to handle observance of Fire Prevention Week was composed of Thurmond Kenerly, chairman; Jimmie Anderson, Sgt. A. H. Clark, Larry Emerson, C. C. Faw, Jr., Howard Strader, Wm. A. Stroud, John Walker, Ed Yates, Jimmie Allen, Carl Bullis, Ed Crysel, C. B. Eller, J. Floyd Woodward, B. A. Shook, Cecil Wiles and James Spicer, who represents the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The committee outlined many phases of activity for Fire Prevention Week, which will be formally announced by proclamations by mayors of the Wilkesboros.

Fire prevention literature and posters will be distributed throughout the community and county by schools, assisted by the highway patrol.

Inspection blanks will be distributed through the schools and prizes will be given rooms with the best record of return of the filled out questionnaires and blanks. This phase was extended to allow the children to distribute and carry back to school blanks from families who have no children in school.

Inspection blanks for stores, business houses and industrial plants will be made up by the Chamber of Commerce and distributed. Firemen in their inspection will pick up the blanks after they are filled out.

In North Wilkesboro school Thurmond Kenerly will put on demonstrations of fire fighting equipment and this work in Wilkesboro school will be done by Ed Crysel.

Publicity will include newspaper articles, daily radio programs and a film, "A Word to the Wise," which will be available through the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Both theaters here will be asked to show special films put out by the United States Chamber of Commerce.

School principals throughout the county will be asked to cooperate in an education program on fire prevention and to carry out the home inspection work through questionnaires. Merchants will be asked to incorporate the fire prevention idea in their newspaper advertising for the week.

The Wilkes Chamber of Commerce is entered in a contest of fire prevention week activities. The chambers entered will be graded on a basis of 40 per cent for fire loss record, 30 per cent on education activities on fire prevention, and 30 per cent on permanent improvements made to eliminate fire hazards and reduce fire loss.

## OLDEST, YOUNGEST BEEKEEPERS



Rev. Joe H. Wilcoxon, 77, of Summit, and Loman Beshears, 4-year-old son of Zeb Beshears, of Summit, are the oldest and youngest beekeepers in Wilkes county, according to records in the office of the county agent. Efforts are being made to expand the beekeeping industry in Wilkes county in production of sourwood honey. (Photos by Paul Choplin.)

W. A. Stephens, Extension Bee Specialist of N. C. State College Extension Service, was in Wilkes county two days recently conducting meetings and demonstrations on better methods for honey production. Meetings were held at Mt. Pleasant school, Summit and Wilkesboro high school. These meetings were well attended and much interest was shown in beekeeping.

Wilkes county is widely known for the production of high quality sourwood honey. During the war years honey production in Wilkes county declined because of the lack of equipment and other necessary supplies. However, interest is being revived in producing high quality honey. The farm agents are interested in helping the Wilkes county beekeepers in re-establishing and expanding honey production. Any beekeeper who has not been receiving notices about beekeeping meetings and letters about honey production should send his name and address to the farm agent's office in order to be included on the mailing list for this information.

Mr. Stephens stated that only a small percentage of the honey production possible for Wilkes county is being utilized, and there is room for considerable expansion and the production of quality honey.

At the recent bee meetings pictures were taken of the youngest and oldest active beekeepers known in Wilkes county. Loman Beshears, son of Zeb Beshears, of Summit, is the youngest beekeeper, and Rev. Joe H. Wilcoxon, of Summit, is the oldest active beekeeper. Loman Beshears is four years old and Rev. Mr. Wilcoxon is 77 years old. If there are any active beekeepers younger or older than these, the county agent would be interested in having their names, address, ages and number of hives.

## Holly Mountain Farm Enlarges Output Capacity

Holly Mountain Poultry Farm has just completed installations which make the farm one of the south's largest.

Two new Buckeye incubators of 66,000 egg capacity each have just been installed, which increased the hatchery capacity to more than 300,000.

An air conditioned bus built especially for hatchery use has been purchased and is now in operation. In this bus temperature and air conditions are controlled to insure livability of chicks being transported. The bus will be used to deliver chicks to many points and especially to customers in Georgia and other more distant points.

Recently the Holly Mountain Farm delivered 28,000 chicks in one shipment by plane to a customer in Arkansas.

Egg producing flocks on the farm have been increased and now number 40,000 hens, which places the farm in a position of leadership among southern poultry enterprises.

## Full Schedule In Baseball League In Wilkes County

The Wilkes baseball league has a full schedule of games on dates when the North Wilkesboro professional baseball team is not using Memorial Park.

Tonight Clingman will try to hang the first defeat of the schedule on the unbeaten Purlear nine and on Friday night it will be Fairplains and Boomer.

Boomer and Mulberry will play Monday night and on Tuesday night it will be Mulberry and Fairlear.

Currently the Purlear team is leading the league with four victories.

## A. E. Sale Dies

Allie Elizabeth Sale, 77-year-old colored resident of New Castle township, died Monday. Funeral will be held Sunday at Poplar Springs church. She is survived by one daughter, Resie Sale, of Roaring River.

The first American to engage in meat packing was William Lynchon, of Springfield, Mass., who in 1655 started to drive cattle to Boston.

## 17 Cases Polio Total In Wilkes During Month

**Miles Child at Hays With Onset Date of August 1, Last Case Reported**

With no new cases in Wilkes county since Sunday, observers today hoped that the polio epidemic in Wilkes county has passed its peak.

Lee Edward Miles, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Miles, of Hays, was the 17th case reported. Diagnosis was received by the Wilkes County Health Department Monday, although date of onset was set at Sunday, August 1.

The Miles child, with all other recent cases in Wilkes, was placed in the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem for treatment.

Worst epidemic in the history of the county was in 1944, when 37 cases were reported during the summer.

Ban on children under 16 years of age attending any type public gathering is being continued until the polio threat subsides, health authorities said.

Meanwhile, the concentrated efforts to improve sanitary conditions in the Wilkesboros and throughout Wilkes county is continuing, health authorities pointed out today, and much has been accomplished.

Public appeal has gone out to all rural residents to follow rigid sanitation practices and to use DDT fly and insect spray freely and regularly. The fact that incidence of infantile paralysis has been greater in homes without window screens has led many authorities to believe that the house fly is a carrier of polio and that elimination of flies is one valuable precaution in preventing spread of the disease.

## Marriage License

License to wed were issued during the past week by Troy C. Foster, Wilkes register of deeds, to the following: Troy Nicholson, New Hope, and Dorothy Chatman, Union Grove; James Billings and Louise Combs, both of Hays; Donald Gray Gardner, Cherry Point, and Clara Faye Ashley, North Wilkesboro; Harold Case and Dorothy Walker, both of Elkin; Moses F. Richardson and Agnes Gene Billings, both of Traphill.

## Gaither E. Taylor Funeral Monday At Charity Church

Funeral service was conducted Monday afternoon, August 2, at 2 p. m. for Gaither E. Taylor at Charity Methodist church near Millers Creek. Burial was in the church cemetery. He was a well-known resident of Winston-Salem, formerly of Wilbar, who died at City Hospital on Saturday morning. He was born on July 25, 1903, being 45 years and five days old. He was the son of the late George and Nancy Wyatt Taylor.

He was married on June 18, 1927 to Lottie Virginia Hawkins. To this union were born two sons, Clark Odell of Winston-Salem, and Vernon Eugene, deceased.

Surviving are four brothers and three sisters: Rufus, of Wilbar; Mrs. Mary E. Joines of High Point; Mrs. Alcee Eller, Lewis, Hamp and Minnie, all of Reddies River, and Alonzo, of Wilbar. He is also survived by three half-sisters, and two half brothers: Agnes and Edna of Winston-Salem and George, Goldia and Jimmy, all of Wilbar. He was preceded in death by one sister, Mrs. Lizzie McGlamery.

He was employed at Davis and Miller Motor company until he retired on account of ill health.

The pallbearers were Gwyn Nichols, George Eller, Gene Wade, Ray and James Taylor.

The beautiful flowers were carried by nieces and friends.

He will greatly be missed by his relatives and friends.

## Phillips Electric In New Quarters

Phillips Electric Appliance company, which had been located on the corner of Tenth and A Streets, is now located in larger and more convenient quarters in the McNeill building opposite the Goodwill Store on D Street.

## 33 New Polio Cases Reported In State

Raleigh — The State Board of Health yesterday reported 33 new cases of polio to bring the State's total number of outbreaks since the first of the year to 1,172.

One death caused by infantile paralysis was reported.

## Announce Revival At Roaring River

Revival services will begin on Sunday night, August 8, at eight o'clock, at Roaring River Baptist church. Rev. David Day, of Elkin, will be guest minister and all are invited.

## Fire Tuesday At Oak Furniture Co.

The North Wilkesboro fire department was called Tuesday to the Oak Furniture company plant, where a small fire in the spray and finishing room was extinguished. The fire, which could have been highly destructive, did little damage.

## Somers Township Will Get School Building In '49

**Board Will Advertise Soon For Bids of 7-Room Unit Near Jarvis' Store**

At an early date the Wilkes County Board of Education will advertise for bids for construction of a school building to be located in Somers township near Romie Jarvis' store, C. B. Eller, county superintendent and clerk to the board, said today. A modern building with seven classrooms will be erected as a township unit to house what formerly were seven and one and two-teacher schools.

Some of the children to be housed in the new Wilkes unit have been attending Union Grove school in the northern edge of Iredell county.

The Somers school project for several years has been recognized as one of the most badly needed in Wilkes County.

## Main Street In Wilkesboro To Be Widened

State Highway forces are engaged in widening the surface of a portion of Main Street in Wilkesboro.

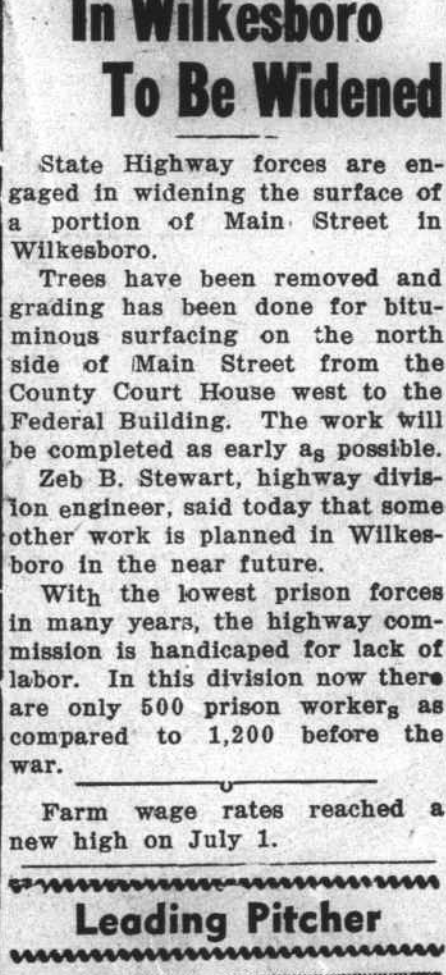
Trees have been removed and grading has been done for bituminous surfacing on the north side of Main Street from the County Court House west to the Federal Building. The work will be completed as early as possible.

Zeb B. Stewart, highway division engineer, said today that some other work is planned in Wilkesboro in the near future.

With the lowest prison forces in many years, the highway commission is handicapped for lack of labor. In this division now there are only 500 prison workers as compared to 1,200 before the war.

Farm wage rates reached a new high on July 1.

## Leading Pitcher



Big Sam Gibson, who hurled North Wilkesboro to a 4 to 3 victory in 14 innings at Mount Airy Friday night, is currently leading the Flashers' pitching staff in number of victories. Sam came to North Wilkesboro from the Greensboro Patriots, where he was known as "Fireman Sam." One of the biggest men in the league, Sam stands over six feet with weight of more than 200.—(Photo by David Nichols.)

## Mrs. Lawrence Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held today at Cranberry Church for Mrs. Mary Ellen Lawrence, wife of McKinley Lawrence.

Mrs. Lawrence is survived by her husband, one son and two daughters: Turner Lawrence, Mrs. Virginia Pendergrass and Mrs. Nora Lee Poplin. Also surviving are two brothers, J. T. Mathis and Howard Mathis, both of Roaring River.

# Cricket School Contract Is Let

## Davis Cab Firms Donate \$125.50 For Polio Funds

City Cabs and Davis Cabs, owned by J. C. Davis, donated all receipts Sunday, August 1, to the polio funds. The total amount was \$125.50, Mr. Davis said today.

The drivers also donated their pay for the day to the fund. The drivers and their cars were: Buel Triplett, car number 1; Wayne Mayes, car number 2; Fred Bumgarner, car number 3; Bill Hayes, car number 4; Clifton Waddell, car number 5; Carl Wood, car number 6.

## Leonard Miller Case Calendared Wednesday, 18th

**Postponed Hugh West Case Set For Monday of Third Week of Term**

Case of Leonard Miller, Millers Creek resident in jail without privilege of bond on charge of poisoning his wife, February 22, has been set for trial August 18, which will be Wednesday of the second week of the August term.

The court will convene in Wilkesboro Monday, August 9, with Judge J. H. Clement, of Walkertown, presiding. Solicitor Avalon E. Hall has made out a lengthy calendar of cases for the three weeks of court.

Miller was denied bond in a hearing before Magistrate C. G. Glass in Wilkesboro last week. The state will seek to prove that he gave his wife a lethal dose of strychnine as a headache powder when she complained of a headache. Dr. Wm. A. Wolfe, chemist, is expected to testify that he found 47 milligrams of strychnine in the stomach, liver and kidneys of Mrs. Miller's body when an autopsy was performed in June, over three months after her death.

The much-postponed trial of Hugh West for the abortion death of Miss Pearl Jenkins, of Winston Salem, near here over a year ago, is set for Monday of the third week. The trial has been continued four times, twice because of the inability of West to attend court and later because state's witnesses could not attend.

In stating the term of court would be held, Solicitor Hall said that children under 16 would not be allowed to attend because of the ban on children attending public gatherings during the polio epidemic. Cases in which children are essential witnesses will be continued for the term, the Solicitor stated.

There was some discussion relative to postponing the term of court and Governor Cherry left the matter up to Solicitor Hall, who said following consultation with Dr. A. J. Eller, that the term would proceed without attendance of children.

## Forest City Firm Gives Low Bid Of \$71,242; 11 Rooms

**Work Will Begin Soon And School Can Move In By January 1**

Contract has been let for erection of a modern school building at Cricket, three miles west of this city, C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools and clerk of the board of education, said today.

C. P. Neal, of Forest City, was low bidder for construction of the building and Ralph Duncan, of North Wilkesboro, was low for electrical work at \$2,050. The building contract was for \$71,242.

Supt. Eller said the contract calls for a building with 11 classrooms, office and toilet rooms. The walls will be of brick and block construction, with wood floors and plastered walls.

Letting of contract for heating and plumbing was deferred until a later date.

The new building will be erected on the four-acre plot of land alongside the old and dilapidated building, which was condemned by a grand jury during the March term of court this year as being unsafe and dangerous. The old frame building has been housing an enrollment of about 250 elementary children.

Mr. Neal stated that work will begin on the building immediately and stated that the building will be ready for occupancy by January 1 or earlier.

Supt. Eller stated that school will open at Cricket in the old building and plans are to move into the new and modern structure after the Christmas holidays.

## Flashers To Play Radford Here On Saturday, Sunday

**Red-Hot Battle For First And Second Places In League Under Way**

After today and tomorrow in Galax, the North Wilkesboro Flashers return here for games Saturday night and Sunday afternoon against Radford Rockets, now in a virtual tie with North Wilkesboro for second place.

The present series is the last trip of the Flashers this season to Galax, where they have been beaten in the ninth inning in the last four starts.

Manager Flash Loman indicated here today that he will start Jerry Dolan against Galax either tonight or tomorrow night. Jerry blanked Galax 2-0 in the first game he pitched in the Blue Ridge league here and he will be called on to take another game from Galax's first place lead of six and one-half games. The other pitcher in Galax may be Willard Kops, who has handled Galax well this season but has been beaten twice by luck hits in the last frame by the Leafs.

Games Rained Out

North Wilkesboro and Mount Airy had games rained out here Wednesday and Thursday, which means that Red Casler's Graniteers will face two double-headers here when they come back August 24 and 25. Heavy rains Sunday through yesterday left water standing at many points in Memorial Park.

Radford Series Vital

The games here Saturday night and Sunday afternoon against Radford are expected to be highlights of the season and should draw record crowds. Radford and North Wilkesboro since early season have been neck-and-neck in the pennant chase.

On Monday and Tuesday North Wilkesboro will play at Wytheville and Abingdon will play here Wednesday and Tuesday of next week. Wytheville will play here August 13 and 14.

## Sunday School By Radio On Sundays

During the month of August Sunday school services are being broadcast over Radio Station WKBC especially for children who cannot attend Sunday school because of the polio ban on children attending public gatherings.

Sunday morning's radio program on Sunday school will be sponsored by the churches of the city with Miss Peggy Nichols in charge. Radio Sunday school will open at 9:45 and continue until 10:15.

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## Legion To Meet

Wilkes Post of the American Legion will meet tonight at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse, eight o'clock, and all members are asked to attend.