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MILLER CASE NEAR JURY IN WILKES COURT

Schools Will Not Open Before 13th

County And City Units Postponed Opening Of Term

September 13th Date Will Be Subject To Polio Conditions In County

Schools of the Wilkes county system and North Wilkesboro city schools will not open before September 13.

Yesterday C. B. Eller, county superintendent, announced the second postponement of school opening for the county system which was originally scheduled for August 30 and later postponed to September 6.

Today J. Floyd Woodward, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, made a similar announcement, saying schools here will not open before September 13. The original date for North Wilkesboro was September 6.

The September 13th date is tentative and will depend upon conditions existing in the county relative to the polio epidemic at that time.

24 Polio Cases

Report from the Wilkes Health Department today listed the total of polio cases this summer at 24.

Robert Lee Johnson, 28-year-old resident of Wilkesboro, has been ill with polio since August 19 and is in a Greensboro hospital.

Margaret Lee Pevette, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Russell Pevette, of Ronda, became ill with polio August 20 and is in Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. One other Wilkes child was sent there for diagnosis but report has not been received.

Meanwhile the ban on attendance of children at public gatherings remains in effect.

Worth Cuthbertson Has A Broken Arm

Worth Cuthbertson, one of the pitching aces of the North Wilkesboro Flashers' pitching staff, suffered a broken arm when he tripped and fell at Memorial Park Tuesday evening. Examination disclosed a break near the left elbow and he will be out for the remainder of the season.

Cuthbertson has been a consistently effective pitcher throughout the season and his loss will be felt keenly during the gruelling drive to overtake Galax during the remaining days of the season.

Flashers Fight For First Place

Play Galax Here Tonight And Friday; Abingdon Three-Game Series

Having narrowed the margin to two and one-half games, the North Wilkesboro Flashers here tonight take on the Galax Leafs, now in top place, tonight and Friday night. This will be the most crucial series of the season to date in the pennant chase and should attract all baseball fans.

The Flashers will play Abingdon here Saturday night, Sunday afternoon and Monday night, and will go to Radford for double-headers Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Beat Mount Airy

North Wilkesboro made it three of four from Mount Airy by winning the night game last night 3 to 1, after dropping the afternoon tilt 3 to 0. Nixon bested Long in a pitchers' duel for the afternoon game, but on Wednesday night Tommy Young handcuuffed Mount Airy team's sluggers to win 3 to 1 in a game where Mount Airy's only run was unearned. The game was played without the services of Jack Cooper, who was ill, and Big Sam Gibson played left field and drove in a run with one of his two doubles. Howard and Daddino batted in the other runs.

Tonight Jerry Dolan, who pitched a no-hitter at Abingdon Monday night, is slated to face the Galax mitters. In two of his three previous games with Galax he set the Leafs down scoreless. Willard Kops is slated for mound duty against the Leafs during the current series.

Gibson Wins Two

Big Sam Gibson pulled the pitching feat of the year here Tuesday night when he pitched North Wilkesboro to two victories over Mount Airy. North Wilkesboro won the first game 1 to 0 with Sam allowing only four bingles. North Wilkesboro's tally was scored in the first on a single and stolen base by Howard and a single by Stanley. The Graniters never advanced farther than second base, and the seven-inning game was reelegg off in 53 minutes.

In the second game Sam allowed seven hits and Mount Airy scored first with 1 on in the eighth. North Wilkesboro rallied in the bottom of the 8th for four runs to win 4 to 1. Only one hour and 35 minutes were required for the nine-inning game.

The Flashers lost in Mount Airy Saturday night 5 to 0.

The standing:

Club	W	L	Pct.
Galax	63	43	.613
North Wilkesboro	67	47	.589
Mount Airy	53	56	.486
Wytheville	44	64	.407
Abingdon	40	74	.351

Coca-Cola Co. Gets Safety Award

The North Wilkesboro Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Inc., today was awarded the State Labor Department's Certificate of Safety Achievement for having had no lost-time accidents during 1947.

The safety award was presented to R. T. McNiel and C. O. McNiel by Mr. Harry Billings, safety inspector of the State Department of Labor.

Qualification of industrial plants for the Certificate of Safety Achievement is part of the Labor Department's Manpower Conservation Program in North Carolina Industry. The program has been under way for about two years. A total of some two hundred industrial establishments qualified for the award last year and up to the present time this year.

The Safety Achievement Certificate cites this company for its outstanding record in the field of accident prevention and for the prevention of pain and suffering caused by industrial accidents.

The safety award is also given to plants which qualify by reducing their accident frequency rates 40 per cent or more during any calendar year, or which maintain a rate at least 75 per cent below the average accident rate for the industry.

Mrs. C. C. Kilby is spending two weeks in New York City visiting with her daughters, Mrs. A. M. Pallabino and Mrs. John Pallabino.

Friends will regret to learn of the passing of Mrs. S. C. Stewart, of Pittsburgh, Pa., last week. Mrs. Stewart was the sister of Mrs. A. C. Dennis and has visited in the Wilkesboros many times.

Singing School And Revival At Davis Memorial

Beginning August 30, 2 p. m., a singing school will be held at Davis Memorial Baptist church. A. Sebastian will be instructor in the school, which will be financed by Dr. James W. Davis.

On September 6, revival services will begin with services each night and singing school in the afternoon. Rev. John Higgins, pastor, will be assisted by Rev. W. S. Luck. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Dr. Clyde Turner Revival Preacher

The annual revival meeting will begin at Wilkesboro Baptist church Sunday morning, August 29, and will continue through Sunday, September 5. Week-day services will be each evening at 7:45.

Dr. J. Clyde Turner, for many years pastor of the First Baptist church in Greensboro, and one of the South's greatest preachers, will do the preaching. All are invited to attend these services.

Wilkesboro Vs. Lenoir Hi Team

Large Crowd Expected To Witness Game At Boone Saturday Night

The Wilkesboro Ramblers and the Lenoir high school football squads will end two weeks intensive training at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, on Saturday night of this week, August 28, in a full length practice game. The kick off will take place on the college varsity field promptly at eight o'clock. Although the game is strictly a pre-season practice game it will have all the color and rivalry of a regular season game. Both coaches have indicated their intention of using every player on their squad in order to determine possibilities for the regular season.

The game is being sponsored by the "Appalachian Quarterback Club." Many football fans from Wilkes, Caldwell, and Watauga counties are expected to see the game.

Tickets Now On Sale

Tickets are now on sale in Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro at seventy-five cents. If tickets are not purchased in advance the cost will be one dollar at the gate. Tickets are now on sale at the following places: Carter-Hubbard Printing Co., Gray Brothers Furniture Co., Pevette's Stores, W. A. Groce Service Station, Penney's, Barber-Somers Motor Co., Belk's Department Store, Minton's Esso Service, Wilkesboro Texaco Station, Henderson's Flower Shop, W. W. Miller & Sons, and from Wilkesboro high school cheer leaders.

The Wilkesboro and Lenoir squads are practicing on different fields and living in different dormitories at the college. Both teams will be using the Appalachian "T." Lenoir will greatly outweigh the Ramblers but this is expected to be more than offset by the Ramblers speed. Wilkesboro's new head coach, Marvin Hoffman is being assisted in the two weeks training by a number of Appalachian varsity players who expect to be coaches in the future. The Wilkesboro players are already very much in love with Coach Hoffman, a former "All Conference" quarterback, who is showing real coaching and leadership ability.

Coach Hoffman is faced with the problem of building an almost completely new line since the Ramblers lost last year's starting ends, tackles, and one guard. The new linemen are small but are looking good. All of last year's backfield are back and are looking good with some of the reserve material of last year pushing hard for a starting position.

The Ramblers were undefeated and untied in ten games last season. The practice game Saturday night at Boone will give the fans an opportunity to size up the possibilities for the harder schedule the Ramblers will face this year.

Registration For Draft Will Begin Aug. 30

Registration For Wilkes Will Be At Town Hall In Wilkesboro

Registration for Selective Service will begin on Monday, August 30.

Place of registration for Wilkes county will be in the town hall in Wilkesboro, where the Draft Board office will be maintained with Mrs. David Lowe as clerk to the board.

Registration hours will be from eight a. m. to five p. m., and registration will follow the schedule as laid down in the regulations.

Those required to register on Monday August 30, will be men born in 1922, after August 31, 1922.

Following is the schedule for registration of all other men in draft age:

August 30—Men born in 1922 (after Aug. 31, 1922).

August 31, September 1—Men born in 1923.

September 2, September 3—Men born in 1924.

September 4, September 7—Men born in 1925.

September 8, September 9—Men born in 1926.

September 10, September 11—Men born in 1927.

September 13, September 14—Men born in 1928.

September 15, September 16—Men born in 1929.

September 17, September 18—Men born in 1930, before September 19, 1930.

E. J. Moore, Jr. Optimist Speaker

Lieutenant Governor Rogers To Visit Local Club On September 14th

The Optimist club of North Wilkesboro heard a most interesting address delivered by E. J. Moore, Jr., at its regular meeting held Tuesday noon at Hotel Wilkes.

Optimist D. T. Trivette was in charge of the program for the meeting and he presented Mr. Moore to the members of the club. In the course of his splendid remarks, the speaker referred to the young men and women of today who are in training to be the leaders of tomorrow, and specifically referred to Wilkes young men and women who are making good in their various lines of study, and to those who have already finished their college training and are engaged in making successes in the business world.

Mr. Moore also spoke about the young men and women who are already taking their places in the local business world, and he expressed himself as being most optimistic as to 1968—20 years from now—when so many of the youth of today will have finished their specialized training and will be doing their part to keep America the greatest nation of the world.

President Maurice E. Walsh presided over the luncheon meeting which was opened with invocation by Chaplain H. M. Wellman.

Guests at the luncheon were as follows: Dr. E. S. Cooper with Optimist Howard Strader; Roscoe McNeill and E. J. Moore, Jr., with Optimist D. T. Trivette; E. M. Middleton with Optimist Forrest Tugman.

Lieutenant Governor Rogers Coming On September 14th

The next Optimist club meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14th at Hotel Wilkes. On that occasion the club's lieutenant governor, Pete E. Rogers, of Hickory, will be guest speaker. Members of the club are looking forward to having Lieutenant Governor Rogers as their guest.

AAA Committee Distributes Cash

The County AAA Committee determined in their regular meeting that there would be approximately \$10,000, which had accumulated in the "pool," that is formed by unused funds that were allotted to farmers in this county prior to September 1, to be distributed to farmers who are eligible for this material and can use it.

The committee ruled in disbursing these funds that any farmer, who is signed up on the 1948 program, who can justify it, is eligible for 4 or 10 tons of lime or 20 cwt. of phosphate, provided that the total amount of money expended for this material does not exceed one dollar per acre, for his cropland, plus his pasture. The one dollar per acre will include services and materials to farmers which credit has already been given on the 1948 program. This will enable farmers who lost their allotment to the pool to get it back, even though they have received no help by September 1 of this year.

The County Committee emphasized the fact that nothing will be held for any producer by letter or phone call but that the first who come by the office will be the first to be served. They expect this amount of money to last approximately 15 days and after the funds are re-allotted and the producer does not use his allotment within 15 days, the order will be canceled and the amount will be dropped back into the pool, for re-allocation during the next 15 days.

District Meeting Mormons Planned

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, better known as Mormons, is planning a district conference at the chapel near Gilreath postoffice in the Ball community.

The conference will open Saturday, August 28, at 1:30 p. m. with a ball game between missionaries and members at Daniel Marlowe's. There will be lunch served after the game at 5:30 and at 7:30 conference sessions will open with reorganization and plans for a new church.

At 8:00 a. m. Sunday the conference will be under direction of Elder T. S. Fife. Reports of activities and discussions of mutual problems will be given. At 10:00 a. m. will be the first session of the branch conference and at noon another dinner will be spread.

President J. Robert Price, of Phoenix, Arizona, and first consular David L. Hlatt, of Mount Airy, will preside over the missionaries and deliver the principal addresses. Elder Boyd Grossnickle, of Wyoming, and Elder E. L. Jackman, of Provo, Utah, have made arrangements for the conference.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Clark of Moravian Falls, are visiting With Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reavis and Miss Blanche Reavis in Charlotte for a few days. Friends here will be sorry to learn that Mr. Reavis is ill at this time.

FARMERS ENCOURAGED TO HAVE A BIG PART IN "FARMERS DAY"

Wilkes County farmers are to be the guests of the merchants and business men of Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro on the annual "Farmers Day" program, September 14th. Beginning with an attractive parade at 10 a. m., the program will consist of many interesting features and forms of entertainment including all types of humorous contests for which awards will be presented, band concert; string band, special show, presentation of forestry awards to Wilkes County winners of timber thinning contest, and a recognition of special guests highlighted with a talk by Ex-Governor J. Melville Broughton.

In addition to these forms of entertainment, the chamber's "Farmers Day" committee is anxious to have the farmers and their families actively participate in the program. Special emphasis is given to the farm equipment section of the parade, and as many farmers as possible are encouraged to enter their farm vehicles in this section of the parade. The farm equipment and vehicles will be judged and the equipment showing the best care and upkeep in the following six divisions will entitle the owners to awards: (1) Tractors (2) Other mechanized farm equipment (3) One-horse wagons (4) Two-horse wagons (5) One-seated, horse drawn passenger vehicles (6) Two-seated, horse drawn passenger vehicles. Any farmer in Wilkes county wishing to place an entry in any one of these six divisions is asked to give his name and the type of vehicle he wishes to enter in the parade to the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce or Paul Choplin, county agent.

Farmers are encouraged to file their entries as soon as possible so that the order of the parade can be worked out. The parade will form between 9 and 10 o'clock a. m. on West Street, extending from behind the court house in Wilkesboro and will begin march at 10 a. m., proceeding through Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro, ending at the corner of D and 9th Streets.

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Garden Club Meet

North Wilkesboro Garden club will meet at the Woman's Club house Monday, three p. m., for a business meeting. At 3:45 the district president will give a demonstration on making corsages and the public is cordially invited to this session.

Wildlife Club To Meet On Saturday

Time of meeting of the Wilkes Wildlife Club to be held Saturday at Smoot Park has been changed from 5:30 to 7:00 p. m.

Time of the meeting and watermelon feast was changed so that Clyde Patton and Ross Stevens, of the State Wildlife Club, can attend the meeting. All interested in hunting and fishing are invited to attend and are assured plenty of watermelon free.

A campaign will be formed to raise money for the purchase of quail to be liberated in Wilkes in an effort to raise the diminishing supply of that species of game bird and a special invitation is given all bird hunters to attend.

Wilkes Hudson Co. Installs New Safety Service

The increasing rate of traffic accidents leave no room for doubt about the great need for increasing automobile driving safety.

To help car owners of this community keep their cars in safer driving condition, Wilkes Hudson Co., Highway 421, at Broadway, has installed Manbee Equipment for checking and correcting unbalanced and misaligned wheels.

According to R. H. McCollum, and B. E. Osborne, owners of the company, an average of six out of ten cars checked to date are being operated with wheels that are unbalanced or misaligned to a harmful extent. Yet in 9 cases out of 10 the drivers do not know their cars are really not fit to drive.

A small amount of misalignment or unbalance will cause rapid waste of tire life and serious wear to the car without the driver knowing anything about it.

If not corrected, the harmful condition shows up later in uneven tire wear, shimmy, hard steering or vibration. Then correction has to be made. But that is too late. Serious damage is already done. The tires may be ruined or a costly front end repair job may be necessary.

On the basis of our experience to date, we recommend that you have wheel alignment checked every six months or every 5,000 miles. Wheels should be balanced every time tires are changed.

The regular wheel alignment check is necessary because, even on new cars, wheels can become misaligned at any time. Driving against a curb, striking a chuck hole or a rut, or any sort of collision can misalign the front wheels.

Lawyers Plead In Murder Case Throughout Day

Miller's Fate May Go To Jury Late Today; Much Interest In Case

Trial of Leonard Miller on a charge of poisoning his wife at their Millers Creek home February 22 may reach the deliberative stage with the jury late this evening or tonight.

All today was consumed with argument of counsel in the sensational trial in which the death penalty is asked on circumstantial evidence.

Throughout the trial the courtroom has been packed with interested spectators.

Speech to the jury by Solicitor Avalon E. Hall was slated to close the arguments late this afternoon. It was indicated that Judge John H. Clement may deliver his charge to the jury before adjournment for the day. Assisting the solicitor in prosecution is former Solicitor John R. Jones. Defense counsel consists of the law firms of Trivette, Holshouser and Mitchell, and Whicker and Whicker.

The trial opened Monday with selection of a jury from a special venire and it was not until 7:00 p. m. that the jury was completed. One woman, Mrs. Mary Kerley, was chosen for jury duty. Judge Clement did not order the jury to stay together but allowed them to go home after cautioning them not to discuss the case with anyone. Robert Adams was the only unmarried man selected. The others were J. W. Brinegar, Coy A. Church, H. W. McCann, Garvey B. Cheek, Hershel Moore, J. W. Jones, Lester Wood, Paul Hawkins, C. C. Owens and T. B. Jarvis.

Miss Lottie Faw, aunt of Mrs. Miller, was the first witness, and she told that she was at the Miller home from the night of February 21 through Sunday, February 22, date of Mrs. Miller's death. The 70-year-old woman testified that about noon on February 22, Mrs. Miller told her husband that her head hurt, and that he reached into his shirt pocket and pulled out an envelope and told her to take the contents of the envelope. She swallowed the powder and complained of a very bitter taste, Mrs. Faw said.

After taking the powder Mrs. Miller walked to the porch and back, lay down on the bed and became violently ill.

"You see me give her this stuff and if she dies, they'll say I poisoned her," Miss Faw said that Miller, a textile worker, told her.

The aunt said that they tried to get the body of Mrs. Miller into a car outside the house but that she was too stiff and the body was returned to the bed.

"Finally, that other thing that you carry dead people in came and got her," Miss Faw told the crowded courtroom.

Defense counsel brought out the conversation that Mrs. Miller and Miss Faw had on Saturday night preceding the death.

The aunt said Mrs. Miller told her that she wanted her children, ages 2 and 4, put in an orphan's home if she (Mrs. Miller) were to die.

"I won't live till Christmas," Mrs. Miller was quoted as saying. Miss Faw said she could not "recollect" what brought up the subject of death.

The aunt testified that she had not heard of Mrs. Miller being sick but that the visit was her first to the household in two or three weeks.

Dr. Robert P. Morehead, professor of pathology at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, testified that organs of the body of Mrs. Miller contained more than enough strychnine to cause death. The autopsy on the body of Mrs. Miller was performed many weeks after her death.

Mother of Victim a Witness

Mrs. Mary Kilby, mother of the deceased woman, testified that she had been living with the Millers at their home at Millers Creek for nearly a year, but left the place on Saturday, February 21, for a visit elsewhere. Mrs. Miller allegedly was murdered

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