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Many Improvements Made On School Buildings

Farmers Invited To Show Products At Wilkes Fair

Numerous Cash Prizes Are Offered For Best in Farm and Home Exhibits

With thousands of dollars offered in cash prizes, farmers are invited to show their products at the Wilkes Agricultural Fair to be held at the horse show grounds here September 13-18.

There are many prizes listed in the 78-page premium catalogue now being distributed. Those who have not received a premium list are asked to contact the office of the county agent or home agent, or any of the officials of the fair, which is sponsored by the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club.

Of special interest in this part of the state will be the apple exhibit. Liberal cash prizes are offered for commercial and individual tray exhibits and this department of the fair is expected to be outstanding. There are also liberal prizes for livestock, which will be judged on Wednesday afternoon of fair week.

It is asked that exhibits be placed on Monday. The midway attractions will open on Monday night with John Marks Shows, one of the largest midways available, and the midway shows will be on hand throughout the week.

There will be grandstand shows at 2:30 and 8:00 p. m. daily and a great display of fireworks each night.

Two special events at the fair will be the dog show on Saturday morning and the horse show on Saturday afternoon and night.

Horses from Wilkes and adjoining counties will be shown in the show at three o'clock, with championship stake classes to be shown at 7:30.

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Oakwoods Revival Will Begin Sunday

A series of revival services will begin at the Oakwoods Baptist church Sunday night, September 5. Rev. Clate Brown will be the guest minister, assisting the pastor, Rev. Fred Blevins.

Sales Training Program Success

Enrollment Grows Daily at Sales Institute in This City

Mrs. Delle R. Putnam, special instructor with the Distributive Education Service of the State Department of Public Instruction, today expressed her appreciation for the splendid cooperation received from local merchants in the sales training program now in progress in North Wilkesboro.

Classes which began Monday, with an enrollment of 99, have reached a total enrollment of well over 100, with new names being added to the list daily. The majority of local business organizations are participating in the program, and include:

Belks Dept. Store, Spainhour's, J. C. Penney Co., Tomlinson's Dept. Store, Crest 5c & 10c Store, The Hub, Newton Dept. Store, Burke Jewelry Co., Payne Clothing Co., Rexall Drug Co., Brame Drug Co., Jean's Dress Shop, Stafford's, Jenkins Hardware, Carter-Hubbard Publishing Company, Western Auto Associate Store, Family Shoe Store.

The course being given here is one of the many services offered North Carolina retailers by the Distributive Education Service of Raleigh, under Mr. T. Carl Brown, State Supervisor. Similar programs are in progress in towns throughout the state and courses offered include "Selling Technique," (now being given in North Wilkesboro), "Merchandise Information," that deals with specific merchandise in the different fields, and courses for top management such as: "Supervisory Techniques," "Human Relations Training" and "Job Instruction Training" which have proved quite successful the past few years.

Pennant Race Going To Wire

Flashers Beat Radford 10 to 5; Play Radford Here Tonight, Friday

North Wilkesboro became more firmly entrenched over Radford last night defeating Radford 10 to 5. Dolan was the winning pitcher and Big Sam Gibson led in batting with a homer, double and two singles.

Thus the pennant race goes right on down to the final date with North Wilkesboro 2 1-2 games behind Galax and Radford six games behind Galax. With six games to play, neither of the three top teams has clinched a position and either can win the pennant.

Funeral Saturday

Military funeral service for Pfc. Roby Paul Yates, who died from wounds in Normandy November 13, 1944, will be held Sunday, 2:00 p. m. at New Hope Baptist church. The body arrived yesterday and will remain at Reins-Sturdivant until Friday, when it will be taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. Clearie Yates, near Purlear, until the funeral time. Pfc. Yates entered service October 14, 1942, and received training at Camp Blanding, Florida, Camp Forest, Tennessee, Camp Logan, Arizona, and Camp Phillips, Kansas, before going overseas March 1, 1943.

Robert Lee Jones Rites August 20

Funeral service was held at Mount Pleasant Baptist church August 20 for Robert Lee Jones, 54, well-known Wilkes citizen, who died August 18. Rev. A. W. Eller and Rev. Mr. Caldwell conducted the last rites.

Surviving Mr. Jones are one son, Roy Jones, of Boomer, and the following brothers and sisters: Sam and Leonard Jones, of Ferguson; Oscar Jones, of Lenoir; Clinard Jones, of Burlington; W. A. Jones, of Harmony; Mrs. R. L. Walsh, Purlear; Mrs. S. S. Swanson, High Point.

Both Banks Will Be Closed September 6

Bank of North Wilkesboro and the Northwestern Bank will be closed on Monday, September 6, which will be Labor Day, and observed throughout the country as a national holiday.

Clean Up Day At Boomer Wednesday

People of the Boomer community are asked to meet at Boomer school Wednesday, September 8, 8:30 a. m., to clean up and improve Boomer schoolhouse and grounds.

Service Sunday At Gospel Tabernacle

A special evangelistic service will be conducted Sunday, September 5, 2:30, at Gospel Tabernacle in Wilkesboro. Rev. Harvey Phillips, evangelist, will be assisted by his radio party of singers. All are invited to attend.

FRIDAY DESIGNATED AS FLASHERS APPRECIATION NIGHT BALL GAME

Friday night, next to the last playing date of the North Wilkesboro Flashers in Memorial Park during the regular season, has been designated as "Flashers' Appreciation Night."

This special event has been designated in order to give baseball fans an opportunity to show their appreciation for having a splendid baseball team in the community throughout the year. A number of baseball fans will make contacts today and tomorrow to accept contributions of merchandise or cash to be given to the North Wilkesboro players Friday night.

On "Appreciation Night" the Flashers will be playing the Radford Rockets in a highly important game in the red-hot pennant chase.

Many Prizes Will Be Given Farmers' Day September 13

Hilarious Contests Will Be Staged in Yadkin Valley Used Car Lot Here

A number of highly entertaining contests open to all will compose one of many highlighting features of Farmers' Day program here Tuesday, September 13, under sponsorship of the trade promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce.

The day's program will open with a long parade, which will start in Wilkesboro at ten a. m. and be completed at the corner of Ninth and C streets in North Wilkesboro with a band concert.

At 11:30 a. m. the contests will begin on the used car lot of Yadkin Valley Motor company, corner of C and Ninth streets.

Valuable prizes will be given in the contests, which will include: sack race, nail-driving contest, balloon bursting, pie eating, hog calling, husband calling, baby bottle contest, male beauty contest, tug-of-war, greasy pole climbing and harmonica playing.

After the contest will be a lunch period, when barbecue lunch may be purchased.

At 2:00 p. m. the afternoon features will begin. Former Governor J. Melville Broughton will deliver an address from a speakers' stand to be erected on Ninth street. Winners in the 4-H forestry contest will be presented their cash awards by W. K. Sturdivant, chairman of the agricultural committee, and R. W. Graeber, extension forester.

A string band concert at 3:00 p. m. will conclude the afternoon program and the crowd may enjoy the Wilkes Agricultural Fair, which will get under way in full swing that night.

The day is planned in appreciation for the people of the agriculture industry in Wilkes and adjoining counties and everybody is invited to share in the entertainment.

Many prizes will be given away by merchants during the day.

North Wilkesboro can well be proud of its first year in the National Pastime, and the game has been and will be a great asset to the community in the form of public recreation. One of the best ways to determine the future of baseball here is to show your appreciation by attendance at Friday night's game.

Pvt. Triplett Rites To Be Here Sunday

Funeral service for Pvt. Carter G. Triplett, who was killed in France November 20, 1944, will be held Sunday afternoon, 2:00 p. m., at Reins-Sturdivant chapel, and burial will be in Mount Lawn Memorial Park with military rites.

Pvt. Triplett was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Triplett, of Purlear. In addition to his parents he leaves the following brothers and sisters: Cooper Triplett, Pilot Rock, Oregon; Mrs. A. C. Brooks, Claude Triplett and Sgt. Earl Triplett, of North Wilkesboro; Jake Triplett, of Champaign; Mack Triplett, of Purlear; Pfc. Eugene Triplett, in Japan; Mrs. Chessie Watson, Norfolk, Virginia.

Southside Singers At Hinshaw Street

The Southside Singing Association convened at Hinshaw Street Baptist Church Sunday, August 29, at 11 a. m. President F. J. McDuffie presided and led the devotionals.

Singers enrolled were: The home choir, leader Claud Miller; Mt. Olive Quartet, leader Ralph Russell; Pores Knob, Alexander County; the Draught Trio, leader, Henry Draught, Mt. Airy; the Gospel Harmonizers, leader Z. G. Greene, Granite Falls; the Hendren Quartet, leader Floyd Hendren, Gilreath; the Russell Family Quartet, leader Ralph Russell; the Surprise Duet, composed of Rev. Brinkley and Mr. Reavis, an octogenarian of 92 years; the Mt. Vernon Quartet, leader Joe Hayes, Blowing Rock; the Antioch Choir, leader Hugh Mathis; Miss Marie Trivette, vocal soloist, of Olin; Mrs. Henry Draught, vocal and piano soloist; Mrs. Noah Laney and Miss Imogene Greene, piano soloist; also the Laney Duet, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Laney of Granite Falls.

After two rounds by each group the time was given for special requests. Then as a finale, quartets from five counties formed a group to sing favorites of the year.

The association wishes to thank all who helped to make the session a success. Especially the home church for the loud speaker, beautiful floral arrangement, and the abundance of ice water for all.

The session adjourned to meet at Beaver Creek Baptist Church Sunday, October 31, at 11 a. m. Since this will be the 30th anniversary of the association, all former officers and charter members are urged to be there and contribute to the occasion. A short history of the association will be read at that time.

Northwestern Motor Company Is Formed

Northwestern Motor company, owned by L. G. Watkins and J. D. Yale, is erecting a new building on East Main street extension, and will move into the new building about September 20.

Northwestern Motor Company has the franchise in this territory for Kaiser and Frazer cars, and will maintain a complete parts and service department.

School Bus Drivers To Be Tested 7th

All school bus drivers who have not been certified are asked to attend a highway safety meeting to be held Tuesday, nine a. m., at Wilkesboro school.

Greer Speaker For Kiwanis Meeting

Dr. I. G. Greer, one of the south's best known speakers, will address the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon and his address will be broadcast over station WKBC.

District Meeting Of Eastern Star

A meeting of the 13th District of the Order of the Eastern Star of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, will be held in the lodge hall in North Wilkesboro Saturday September 11, with Wilkes Chapter No. 42 as hostess.

This meeting, which will open promptly at ten o'clock, will be one of instruction for the Chapters of this district as well as any chapter outside the district. The chapters that make up the 13th district are located in Statesville, Taylorsville, Yadkinville, Elkin, Sparta, Pilot Mountain, Mount Airy, Dobson, Mooresville and North Wilkesboro.

Included in the list of people important in Eastern Star Work, who are expected to attend, are: The Worthy Grand Matron, Miss Ethel Loutte, Asheboro; Worthy Grand Patron, Alvis M. Tingle, Asheville; Grand Secretary, Mrs. Bessie Ruck, Mangrum, Rocky Mount; Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Nellie B. Stine, Lenoir; Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Edna Moag, and Past Grand Patron, H. R. Moag, Greensboro; Past Grand Patron, A. L. Ducker, Grand Ruth, Mrs. A. L. Ducker, Charlotte; District Deputy Grand Matron and Patron, Mrs. Lorena Gay, Statesville, and Charles E. Echerd, Taylorsville.

Mrs. H. G. Duncan, Worthy Matron, of Wilkes Chapter, will preside over opening the meeting, after which the District Deputy will have charge.

Lunch will be served at one o'clock at the Carolina Restaurant to those who have reservations. It is requested that members of Wilkes Chapter who wish lunch reservations, notify Mrs. H. G. Duncan, Worthy Matron, not later than September 7.

An afternoon session will be held following the lunch.

Mack I. Absher Taken By Death

Mack I. Absher, well-known citizen of this city, died Monday afternoon at his home in this city. He had been in apparently normal health until he was suddenly stricken.

Funeral service was held on Wednesday afternoon at Hinshaw Street Baptist church with Rev. David W. Day and Rev. W. S. Luck conducting the service. Burial was in Mount Lawn Memorial Park.

Following is the obituary of Mr. Absher: Mack Irvin Absher was born March 14, 1884, making his stay on earth 64 years, 5 months and 16 days. He was the son of the late Dock Absher and Susan Shumate Absher. He was married to Rebecca Brooks in 1904 and to this union were born 8 children: 7 daughters and 1 son. In early youth he joined Rock Springs Baptist Church, where he remained a faithful member and served as a deacon for many years. Mr. Absher was a kind and loving husband and father. All who knew him learned to love him. He was a good and faithful servant and for many years worked for the State Highway Department.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rebecca Brooks Absher, and the following children: Mrs. Nora Waddell, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Bessie Shumate, Mr. Charles Absher, Mrs. Gladys Kilby, Mrs. Mamie Shoemaker of North North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Mattie Lee Triplett, Lenoir; Mrs. Ruth Gilbert and Mrs. Edna Bentley, of North Wilkesboro. Also by his mother, Mrs. Susan Absher, Halls Mills; and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Lee Taylor, Hemphill, W. Va.; Mrs. A. M. Handy, North Wilkesboro; Mr. W. M. Absher, Halls Mills; 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Term Will Open September 13th If Polio Quits

Plumbing and Heating Installed in Several County School Buildings

C. B. Eller, superintendent of Wilkes county schools, was very hopeful today that it would be possible to open the schools in Wilkes county Monday, September 13.

More repairs have been made on the schools this summer than in previous years, and a number of improvements have been made, especially on water, plumbing and heating systems. Heating systems have been installed in Ferguson, Pleasant Hill and Pleasant Ridge schools. Plumbing has been installed in Ferguson, Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Ridge, Roaring River, Millers Creek, Wilkesboro and Lincoln Heights buildings. Water systems have been installed in Austin and Thankful schools and larger pumps installed at Roaring River and Pleasant Hill schools. Mountain View elementary classrooms are being wired.

New buildings at Pleasant Hill and Pleasant Ridge and an addition to Ferguson school were completed last spring. During the summer a two-room addition was built at Roaring River and a two-room building completed at Thankful.

A contract was let for Cricket school on August 2 and the work is progressing nicely. Drillers have been at work drilling a well at Crickets for some time.

Bids for the construction of Somers Township school will be opened Monday, September 6, and work should get under way within a few days.

All of the large schools except where new buildings have been built in the last year, are desperately in need of rooms to house the students. "They have been overcrowded for years and we are expecting the largest enrollment this year in the history of the schools," Supt. Eller said.

Our fleet of 74 buses this year will be by far the best fleet ever operated in the county. The county purchased 16 buses last spring to replace contract buses that had been used. Some of these buses were used for a short time last spring, the others will go out this fall for the first time. The buses purchased this year and last year plus the new replacements last year and the ones being replaced this summer will make two-thirds of the fleet 1945 or later models. All the buses will be loaded, practically all making two trips per day and some making three trips per day.

The schools have the following teacher vacancies: Wilkesboro, High School English and Library; Mt. Pleasant, High School Math and boys' coach; Mt. Pleasant, 8th grade; Millers Creek, Physical Education in Elementary School; Buck School, 1-6 grades; Miller School, 1-7 grades; Ronda, 7th grade; Ronda, 4-5 grades.

Church Supper 4th At Will Elmore's

There will be a church supper on the lawn at Will Elmore's store on Highway 268, on Saturday night, September 4. Homemade ice cream, chicken, hot dogs, pies, and cakes will be served. The supper will be sponsored by the Community Woman's Club for the benefit of building fund for Oak Grove Baptist Church. There will also be an auction sale of handmade articles by the ladies of the club. The public is invited.