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## SPEAKING WINNERS ELEVEN COUNTIES COMPETE IN CONTEST HELD HERE



Here are pictured the high school boys and girls who completed here Friday afternoon for the cash prizes offered by the Bankers' Association and the right to participate in the state speaking contest on "Soil Conservation" at Chapel Hill March 25. The district contest among the 11 county winners was held at the city hall here. Left to right in the above picture are: Front row—Eleanor Schull, of Burke county; Martin L. Travis, of Catawba, receiving

\$50 bond from W. D. Halfacre, representing the Bankers' Association; Francis Pressly, of Iredell, who received \$25 bond for second prize; Eula Bentley, of Caldwell; Betty Blevins, of Ashe; back row—Carl Church, of Wilkes; Jack Billings, of Watauga; Welda Louise Coffey, of Avery; Gilbert Mitchell, of Alexander; Ralph Weddington, of Rowan; Virginia Van Phipps, of Alleghany. (Photo by Bob Brooks).

## Survey Group In Clean-Up Drive To Submit Its Report

### Committee Meeting Will Be Held Thursday To Plan Specific Work

Inspection committee for the Clean-up and Beautification campaign to be staged April 24-30 in Wilkes county has made a careful and comprehensive survey of the Wilkesboros, which will be reviewed Thursday afternoon, at four o'clock, by a meeting of the Civic Activities committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the project, with other participants. The committee will give careful consideration to all phases of the report. The Beautification committee is headed by Mrs. Ivey Moore and Dr. A. C. Chamberlain. The report will be in three phases: present conditions, recommendations, and with results to be inserted following Clean-Up Week April 24 to 30.

The survey includes public and private property. In case of recommendations for public property, recommendations will be made to the municipal authorities in charge. Property owners will be contacted and every cooperation will be extended for improvement of appearance of private property about which recommendations are made.

Meanwhile, a suggestion box is open at the Chamber of Commerce office on Ninth street, where all citizens are asked to place written suggestions for Clean-up and Beautification work. These suggestions along with results of the survey, will be considered carefully and will be included in the program of work if feasible, Cecil F. Adamson, Civic Affairs Committee chairman, said.

The campaign is being extended throughout Wilkes county by means of schools, churches and farm and home club organizations.

## Frank Graham To Take Oath On Tuesday

RALEIGH, March 24 — Governor Scott announced today Dr. Frank Graham will be sworn in as United States senator at noon next Tuesday.

Scott said he would be present at the ceremonies on the Senate floor. Graham was named to the post Tuesday night by the Governor to succeed the late J. Melville Broughton.

Scott showed a congratulatory letter he received from President Truman today for naming Dr. Frank Graham to the Senate. "I cannot restrain the impulse to write you this note of appreciation," said the President in a letter dated March 23, the day after Scott named Graham successor to Broughton. "I say to you: Well done. I feel that the nation will applaud your action."

The national five-acre tobacco allotment for 1949 has been set at 960,62 acres.

## Wilkesboro Chorus Gets Good Rating

Mixed chorus of the Wilkesboro high school glee club participated in the district music contest held Thursday in Winston-Salem. The chorus, directed by Mrs. C. T. Doughton and with Mrs. R. E. Prette as accompanist, received a rating of "good" from the judges.

## Boomer Resident Suicide Victim Early Saturday

Hill Parsons puts gun barrel in mouth and pulls trigger. Hill Parsons, a farmer of the Boomer community, took his own life early Saturday morning at his home, Corner I. M. Myers said, following investigation of the death.

The lifeless body of Parsons, 54, was found in a room of his house Saturday morning by a member of the family. Beside him was a 12-gauge shotgun. Coroner Myers said that it was indicated that he had placed the end of the gun barrel in his mouth. The charge obliterated a great part of his head.

Coroner Myers stated that Parsons had spent the night alone, his wife being away for the night, and it was presumed that death occurred about two a. m.

Surviving Parsons are his wife, Mrs. Fannie Parsons, one son and one daughter.

## Your Red Cross Membership Now Urgently Needed

Roby R. Church, 1949 Red Cross chairman, and Larry S. Moore, chapter chairman, state that incomplete reports to date show that about half of the 1949 Red Cross quota of \$8,000 has been raised.

Industrial and business firms and several hundred individual donors have been most generous. Many others have expressed the willingness to join the 1949 membership at the end of March pay day. If just 4000 people will contribute the \$1.00 membership between now and next Monday, Wilkes county could go over the top in the 1949 Red Cross fund.

## Estel E. Hawks Funeral Saturday

Last rites were held Saturday at Walnut Grove church for Estel E. Hawks, 40, who died on Thursday at his home in the Springfield community of Walnut Grove township. Rev. T. E. Blevins and Rev. Minton Blevins conducted the service. Surviving Mr. Hawks are his wife and one daughter, Sybil Jean Hawks, of Springfield.

## North Wilkesboro High School Band At Winston-Salem District Contest

The North Wilkesboro high school band attended the district contest held at the Mineral Springs high school on March 24th. The district includes 14 counties: Guilford, Alamance, Surry, Forsyth, Yadkin, Stokes, Wilkes, Rockingham, Watauga, Randolph, Ashe, Alleghany, and Caswell. More than 2,500 students took part.

Rating of high school bands are: High Point and Greensboro, superior; Thomasville, excellent; North Wilkesboro, Reynolds high in Winston-Salem, Lexington, Asheboro, and Boone, good; Gray and Hanes, both of Winston-Salem, average; and Mt. Airy and Elkin, low average.

The North Wilkesboro high school band surprised many with its marked improvement over last year. The judges showed interest in the North Wilkesboro band and made many commendable remarks concerning its performance.

## Recreation School Home Club Leaders

Recreation leaders of all Home Demonstration clubs of several counties are asked to attend a recreation school to be held on Wednesday and Thursday nights, beginning at 7:30, in the Y.M.C.A. in Elkin.

## Prevette's Stores In Journal Article

Merchants Trade Journal, nationally and widely circulated magazine for department and general stores, in the March issue carried a comprehensive article entitled: "Smaller City Stores Meet Competition With Streamlined Stores".

With illustrated articles, stores in various parts of the country were used to show what is being done by merchants in smaller cities to meet competition from larger stores in big cities. Prevette's Stores in North Wilkesboro was the only store used as illustration from the south. The picture of Prevette's front was well displayed at the front of the article, which covered several pages.

The following is quoted from the article: "About four years ago Prevette's Stores, North Wilkesboro, N. C. (population 4,478), moved into a new building and remodeled it for their men's and women's store. Now a new glass front extends across the two stores. "Big blocks of wine-colored glass are placed across the face of the front, down the sides and across the base. The name, "Prevette's Stores", in two-foot lettering with ivory color is embossed in the wine carriage glass half way up the front from the top of the windows.

"The modern feeling is emphasized with the arrangement of the front windows. Across the top of the windows is a recessed awning case covered with aluminum metal. This gives the appearance of a twelve-inch aluminum strip across the front of the store. The corners of the windows are curved plate glass. All vertical bars have been eliminated and all the plate glass has mitered joints. Aluminum petco sashes are used around the base and at the top of the plate glass to give the windows a streamlined effect. Lights have been installed at the top of the aluminum awning recess to give a floodlight effect to the front at night."

The article gave much favorable publicity to Prevette's Stores and to North Wilkesboro as well.

## Mrs. Sarah Brown Last Rites Saturday

Funeral service was held on Saturday at Center church for Mrs. Sarah Brown, 79, member of a widely known Wilkes family who died Friday at her home in Mulberry township.

Mrs. Brown was born December 1, 1870, a daughter of the late F. M. Adams and Emily Tinsley Adams. She is survived by one son and three daughters: C. M. Brown, Mrs. I. F. Elledge and Mrs. J. S. Caudill, all of North Wilkesboro.

Funeral service was conducted by Dr. John T. Wayland, pastor of the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro, and Rev. S. L. Blevins, pastor of Center church. Burial was in Cross Roads cemetery.

## Fred Call Given 9 to 10 Years For Burning Building

### Court Completes Work On Thursday After Trying Large Number Cases

In Wilkes superior court during the latter part of the week Fred Call was sentenced nine to ten years in the state penitentiary on charge of burning outbuildings belonging to Lawrence Call. Judge J. Will Pess, Jr., pronounced sentence.

Court adjourned Thursday afternoon after three weeks' work, during which a large number of cases were tried and the court closed with only those cases on the docket which were necessarily continued. Following are judgments in cases during the latter part of the week:

Louise Brooks, abandonment, two years in state prison; sterilization recommended. Paul and Silas Hutchinson, larceny, not guilty.

Charlie A. Johnson, drunk and resisting arrest, not guilty. Guy Harris and Talmadge Prette, breaking, entering and larceny, directed verdict of not guilty.

Ralph Ferguson, larceny and receiving, four months on roads. William Darlington, operating car while intoxicated (second offense), six months suspended on payment \$200 fine and costs; driver license revoked two years.

E. L. Beshears, Clyde Curry and Noah Call, assault with deadly weapon; Beshears 18 to 24 months on roads; Curry, 12 to 18 months on roads; Call, 12 to 18 months on roads. Notice of appeal to supreme court was given for all defendants. Prayer for judgment was continued for five years for Beshears on charges of operating car while intoxicated, carrying concealed weapon and violation of motor vehicle laws. Beshears drew a two-year suspended sentence for assault and injury to personal property.

Effner Duncan, operating car while intoxicated, four months suspended on payment \$100 fine and costs; driver license revoked 12 months. Clyde Marley, non-support, two years suspended on condition he support family.

Chester Shumate, abandonment, two years suspended on condition he support his wife. Wallace Howell, colored, larceny, four months at county home. Julius James Carson, colored, larceny, 12 months at county home.

Fred Hart, Jr., operating car while intoxicated, four months suspended on payment \$100 and costs; driver license revoked 12 months. Gilbert McGlamery, larceny of automobile, two to three years in penitentiary.

Phillip Wade Holcomb and Arville Ford Darnell, operating car while intoxicated, four months suspended on payment \$100 fine and costs; driver license of both revoked 12 months. Thurman Steedman and Grothe Wagoner, fornication and adultery, prayer for judgment continued until June term of court.

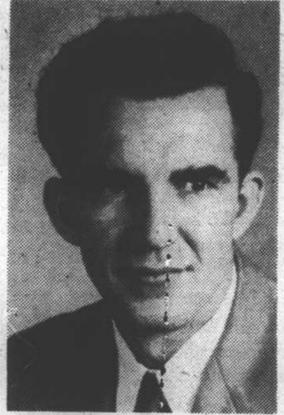
## Mrs. John W. Miller Funeral On Sunday

Funeral service was held on Sunday at 11 a. m. at Friendship Methodist church near Millers Creek for Mrs. Myra Whitworth Miller, 79, wife of John W. Miller, of Millers Creek. She died at home early Friday.

Surviving Mrs. Miller are her husband and the following sons and daughters: J. E. Miller, of Wilkesboro; Russell, Otto and Ernest Miller and Mrs. Tom Kilby, all of Millers Creek; Mrs. Z. D. Nichols and Mrs. Avery Holdet, of Lenoir; Mrs. Marshall Sebastian, of North Wilkesboro.

# One Reddies River Dam In New Plans

## Coach Here Resigns



COACH JACK SPARKS

## Sparks Resigns As High School Athletics Coach

### Effective July 15; Much Good Work Accomplished During Year Here

Jack Sparks, North Wilkesboro high school athletics coach and city recreation director, has resigned his position, J. Floyd Woodward, city schools superintendent, announced here today.

Coach Sparks' resignation, which has been accepted by the city board of education, will become effective July 15. School authorities are expected to make an announcement relative to his successor in the next few days.

Commenting on the resignation, Supt. Woodward stated that Coach Sparks had worked hard and had accomplished much for the good of the school and community. The football record was not impressive, but the team played several of the better teams in the state from the standpoint of competition and strong grid teams. The North Wilkesboro squad was hampered by injuries to key players; throughout the season. However, several new players were developed as replacements.

In basketball Coach Sparks made a splendid record, principally with new material, and in the South Piedmont Conference tournament won over Mooresville before being eliminated by top-rated Lexington. The basketball players developed are expected to improve next season. As physical education director in the schools Coach Sparks carried out a program in which all high school students benefitted, and intramural sports program reached a new high in efficiency.

Coach Sparks will direct the high school baseball team and will continue as recreation director during the vacation season until his resignation becomes effective July 15.

## Ask Volunteers Aid In Stocking Trout In Streams

Ivey Moore, president of the Wilkes county Wildlife Club, requests at least 10 volunteers to assist him on Wednesday, March 30th.

At that time, trout will be received from the state fish hatchery at Roaring Gap. All suitable streams will be restocked so that trout fishing in Wilkes county will be as fine as any place in the state.

Anyone interested in assisting in this important work is requested to call Mr. Moore at 383 or contact State Game Warden Joel Bentley at 316-J.

"If we expect to enjoy good trout fishing it is essential that our restocking program be carried out completely and efficiently. This can only be done with the help of a sufficient number of volunteers", Mr. Moore announced today.

Sheep numbers in the United States have declined to the lowest level on record.

## Army Engineers Agree To Change On Flood Control

### New Appropriation To Complete Specific Plans For Construction

Representative C. B. Deane commended today the action of the Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations on Civil Functions of the Department of the Army for an additional appropriation for flood control for the Yadkin River Basin in North Carolina. The appropriation of \$70,000 for planning of the Reddies River No. 1 and Reddies River No. 3 projects in Wilkes county now clearing the house brings to grand total the sum of \$160,000 that will have been appropriated for planning.

The eighth district congressman stated that, in view of extensive surveys carried on by the district engineer at Charleston, the chief of engineers in Washington is favorable to granting authority to proceed with one high dam on the Reddies River located near the site of the original Reddies River No. 1 in lieu of the two dams authorized for that stream. The chief of engineers office has approved the preparation of a definite project report for the one high dam on the Reddies River.

Deane further stated that construction plans will be advanced to the point that construction of the Reddies River project may be initiated promptly when funds for that purpose are made available by Congress.

The congressman pointed out that the president ruled that no new projects be started during this fiscal year and the House Committee on Appropriations concurred in this decision.

## Tournament In Table Tennis Is In Finals Stage

### Winner Carrigan - McNeill Match To Represent County Later

Gene McNeill and Bill Carrigan have emerged from a field of ten contestants as finalists in the Wilkes table tennis tournament, with the winner of the finals match to be played tonight to represent Wilkes in the state championship tournament in Winston-Salem April 9 to 12.

The tournament began Thursday and has been keenly contested. One of the better matches was Gene McNeill and Joe Garwood, which McNeill won in a five-game contest. Following are tournament scores:

First Round: Gene McNeill over James Garwood, 21-15, 21-17, and 21-18; Buddy Sloope over John Garwood, 21-17, 21-18, and 21-16. All others received first round byes.

Quarter Finals: Bill Carrigan over Buddy Sloope, 21-17, 21-18, 21-16; Marvin Hoffman over Bill Thomas 21-17, 21-15, 21-18; Ray Landsberger over Harry Hettiger 21-17, 21-15, 19-21, 17-21, 21-12. Gene McNeill over Joe Garwood 22-29, 21-19, 17-21, 19-21, and 21-19.

Semi Finals: Bill Carrigan over Marvin Hoffman 21-13, 21-15, 21-12; Gene McNeill over Ray Landsberger 21-15, 21-6, 21-12.

## Whittington, Groce To Participate With Appalachian Squad

Appalachian Mountaineers will play a regulation practice football game Wednesday afternoon, 2:30, at Boone against East Tennessee Teachers College team.

Bill Whittington, quarterback, and Jack Groce, halfback of the Wilkesboro Ramblers team for the past three years and who are expected to enroll at Appalachian, will work out with the Appalachian squad in the practice game Wednesday, according to information received here.

Football fans in this area are invited to see the game at Boone. SUPPORT THE Y. M. C. A.