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## New Developments In Wilkes Bills In The Legislature

**Beer Tax Move Unfavorable; Court Bill Changed; One New Bill**

During the past week there were a number of developments in Wilkes county legislation in the General Assembly.

A bill introduced in the senate to transfer beer taxes due Wilkes county and the Town of North Wilkesboro to North Wilkesboro to be used to construct and maintain the new Wilkes General Hospital received an unfavorable report in a senate committee.

The bill introduced by Representative T. E. Story to amend the charter of North Wilkesboro relative to the mayor's court was amended to strike out the section calling for approval of the judge's appointment by the resident superior court judge. As amended the measure would provide that the city commissioners appoint the city court judge, solicitor, and clerk, who would be paid salaries set by the board instead of receiving fees. The amended bill passed in the house and is now before the senate committee on Cities, Counties and Towns.

Representative Story introduced a new bill April 5. The bill would authorize the Wilkes commissioners to levy a tax, not to exceed ten per cent, or one half the amount of the federal tax, on admissions to motor vehicle races in Wilkes county. The bill was reported favorably by the finance committee and passed second reading in the house Friday.

## Food Sale In Wilkesboro Friday

The Pearl White Circle of the Wilkesboro Methodist church will hold a food sale on Friday afternoon, April 15th, beginning at two o'clock. The sale will be held in the Winkler building now occupied by the Blue Ridge Tractor Co., and the proceeds will be used toward defraying the cost of completing the church educational building. Cakes, pies, chicken salad, Easter eggs, and many other articles of food will be on sale.

## David Sheets Rites At Peak Creek Today

Funeral service was held this afternoon at Peak Creek church for David Sheets, 80-year-old citizen of that community who died Saturday in Winston-Salem.

Surviving Mr. Sheets are his wife, Mrs. Eliza Sheets; one son and one daughter: Pearson Sheets, now in the army, and Mrs. J. D. Sheets, Wilkesboro; also 1 brother and two sisters, A. L. Sheets, of Laurel Springs; Mrs. Melda Barker, in Ohio; and Mrs. Eliza Sexton, in West Virginia.

## Easter Food Sale At Moravian Falls

Ladies of the Moravian Falls Baptist church will conduct a food sale Friday, 7:30, at the Moravian Falls community house for benefit of the Baptist church building fund. Many kinds of Easter foods will be sold and all patronage for this worthy cause will be appreciated.

## Eastern Star Food Sale Saturday

The Order of Eastern Star will have a food sale at the North-Western Paint & Wallpaper Co. on main street Saturday, April 16, starting at 9 a.m. Plenty of good food, including cakes, pies, dyed eggs, etc., will be sold.

Mrs. J. C. Grayson returned to her home in Wilkesboro on Thursday from Davis hospital in Statesville, where she had been a patient for several days. Her friends are glad to know that she is improving.

## Social Calendar

The Euzelian Sunday school class of the North Wilkesboro First Baptist church will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Miss Ina Myers with Misses Foy Raymer, Clarence Wiles, Eddy Morrison, and Miss Mildred Bradford as co-hostesses.

The Garden club meets on Tuesday afternoon, three o'clock, at the home of Mrs. J. E. Gardner with Mrs. J. H. McNeil and Mrs. F. B. Hethcock as associate hostesses.

### Festival Speaker



MRS. CHARLES SEWELL

## Spring Festival Of Home Clubs In Elkin Thursday

### Women Of Wilkes, Surry And Yadkin Counties To Attend Event

Elkin. — Several prominent speakers, both national and local, will be featured on the annual Farm Women's Spring Festival for Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin counties to be held in Elkin, Thursday, April 14th.

Mrs. Charles Sewell, of Ottobein, Ind., administrative director of the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will be among the featured speakers.

Others include Dr. Ellen Winslow, Raleigh, commissioner of the North Carolina Board of Public Welfare; John Harris, Raleigh, extension landscape specialist, and Mrs. Irby Walker, Raleigh, treasurer of the Associated Women of the North Carolina Farm Bureau.

The event will be sponsored by the Elkin Kiwanis Club and will begin at the Gilvin Roth Y.M.C.A. at 10 a.m., Thursday.

Plans are being made to secure Gov. W. Kerr Scott as a speaker, but his answer will depend on the length of the current legislative session.

Mrs. P. N. Taylor, White Plains, wife of North Carolina's Farm Bureau vice president, will preside at the meeting. Mrs. Taylor has served for the past two years as president of the eleventh district of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

## Shores Signed To Bolster Infield

### Pitchers Working Out; Other Will Report Here On Thursday

Douglas Shores, of Greensboro, Blue Ridge batting champion in 1948, has signed his 1949 contract to play with the North Wilkesboro Flashers.

Signing of the hard hitting third baseman is good news for Manager Tom Dadino, who looked over infield prospects with an anxious eye until Shores signed up.

On first will be Manager Tom Dadino, who hit .288 and led the league's first sackers in fielding. At shortstop will be Winkel-schick, a New Jersey rookie who comes highly recommended.

Johnny Merck and Arnold Davis are the catchers. Both are veterans of last season and highly capable.

Troy Stanley, who hit .301 in 1948, will be right fielder. Rookies will be screened for the other positions. Jack Cooper, left fielder last year who hit .320, has not signed his 1949 contract.

Worth Cuthbertson, Jerry Dolan, Frank Emerson, and Richard Long are the holdover pitchers.

Among the rookie pitcher candidates will be Lee Bentley, of Moravian Falls. Lee has added weight and looks good in training.

### Optimist Club To Meet Tuesday Noon

The North Wilkesboro Optimist club will meet Tuesday noon at Hotel Wilkes. There will be a program of interest to all members and a large attendance is desired.

## Ralph Williams New Commander Of V. F. W. Post

### Officers Installed In Meeting Of Post Here On Thursday Night

At a special meeting held at V. F. W. post headquarters last Thursday, officers of Blue Ridge Mountain Post No. 1125 were installed by Russell Burcham, of Elkin. Mr. Burcham is state vice commander of the V. F. W. department of North Carolina.

Accompanying State Vice Commander Burcham were Mr. Carl Hinson, state department chief of staff, Mr. J. B. Bell and Mr. Woodrow Holcomb, both members of Elkin Post No. 7794.

After a short business meeting the following officers were installed for the ensuing year by Mr. Burcham:

R. J. Williams, commander.

Ray Shumaker, senior vice-commander.

H. D. Caudill, junior vice commander.

Gerald G. Wood, adjutant.

Clint Foster, quartermaster.

J. F. Jordan, post advocate.

Clint Eller, chaplain.

Archie E. McNeil, surgeon.

E. P. Robinson, patriotic instructor.

H. V. Bumgarner, service officer.

Bruce Hayes, legislative officer.

R. A. Miskelly, publicity officer.

Foy Raymer, trustee.

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## State Officers Address Legion At Fish Fry Here

Thursday, April 7, Wilkes County Post 125 of the American Legion was honored by a visit from Joe Grier, state commander of the American Legion, and other officers, and visitors, at which time the post had a fish fry on the regular Legion meeting night at the Legion clubhouse.

Those legionnaires and veterans who failed to attend truly missed a treat, and the opportunity of meeting legionnaires, and learning the basic principles of the Legion, its powerful force for good, also the accomplishments of the National American Legion.

Comander Grier stated that the American Legion was and is an organization of honorably discharged veterans, realizing the need for banding themselves together for their own and their country's benefit. Recognizing the fact that there is power in unity, and recalling the devastation and tragedy, that resulted from unpreparedness in World War I and World War II, therefore resolved that this situation must never occur again. Should another war begin, the democracies would have no warning, and a fatal blow might occur before they could train and equip a service for defense. The larger the organization, the louder its voice is heard. Commander Grier said:

The American Legion stands for three things:

1. Americanism, which is true democracy that believes in equal rights, and opportunity for every one. A knowledge that we must protect the rights and privileges bequeathed to us by our forefathers.

2. National Defense. If America is strong, other nations will hesitate to attack us, considering that there is a great possibility of their being defeated. Only by being prepared, can we remain the stronghold of democracy and free people.

3. Rehabilitation. Those veterans who were fortunate enough to come through unscathed or in nearly normal condition, to take care of their families are obligated to assist the widows and children of those who gave their lives that we might have liberty and the right to pursue happiness.

The division commander, E. L. Walker, of Forest City, was also present. He said: "We Legionnaires and veterans know what war really is, and the horrors we encountered; therefore, we need to support unreservedly the universal military training program so as to never again be unprepared."

Membership chairman, Mack Munday, of Charlotte, told those present that there are five districts in North Carolina and Post 125 is in the fourth district. The post is low on the list of members paid up, so we must work

harder to bring the membership to the top.

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