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Ask Appropriation For Flood Control

Deane To Seek Yadkin Funds

Congressman's Goal Is \$2 Million This Year For Flood Control

Washington, Feb. 3.—Congressman C. B. Deane of the Eighth North Carolina district said today he would seek an appropriation of at least \$2 million this year to start work on two Yadkin river flood control dams in Wilkes county.

He announced also that the soil conservation service will soon resume a Yadkin river survey to develop a soil erosion project controlling run-off water. When the War department appropriations subcommittee opens hearings on the flood control projects March 24, the Rockingham representative will urge approval of funds for the two dams in his district.

Mr. Deane pointed out to Colonel Pearson that North Wilkesboro and the other communities on the Yadkin "cannot and must not be faced with another flood." While the over-all Yadkin project calls for an outlay for approximately \$20 million, Mr. Deane hopes to get at least \$2 million which will enable the engineers to perfect the detailed plans, build access roads, make the reservoir clearings and complete approximately 50 per cent of the two dams on the Yadkin river above North Wilkesboro.

Two additional dams on the Reddies river above North Wilkesboro, are in the plan but will not be erected anytime during the next few years, the congressman said.

Mr. Deane has personally urged upon Dr. Hugh Bennett, chief of the Soil Conservation service, an immediate continuation of the survey which was started in 1940, but discontinued during the war emergency period. It is 65 per cent complete. Dr. Bennett is recommending that this survey be resumed at once as one of the high priority surveys requiring completion, Mr. Deane said.

Dr. Bennett, incidentally, is a native of Anson county, in the Eighth district.

Former Governor Gardner Stricken

New York.—O. Max Gardner, 64-year-old Ambassador to Great Britain, died today at the St. Regis Hotel here of coronary thrombosis.

Gardner, former Governor of North Carolina, died at 8:20 a. m. with his wife at the bedside. He was confirmed only recently by the Senate as Ambassador to Great Britain, and was to have sailed today on the S. S. America with his wife and son, Ralph, to take up his duties at the Court of St. James.

Gardner lived in Shelby, N. C., and was Governor of that State from 1929 until 1933.

James Robt. Smithey Funeral Wednesday

Last rites were held Wednesday at Oakwoods Baptist church for James Robert Smithey, 78, well known farmer and orchardist of the Oakwoods community who died Monday.

Rev. Fred Blevins and Rev. C. J. Poole conducted the funeral service, which was largely attended.

Mr. Smithey had been in ill health for several months. He is survived by his wife and the following sons and daughters: Frank Smithey, Wilkesboro; John Smithey, Oakwoods; Mrs. Chester Lowe, Pores Knob; Mrs. Alice Johnson, Oakwoods; Mrs. Ernest Ashley, North Wilkesboro; Rufus Smithey, Oakwoods.

Use of Fairgrounds Is Restricted To Athletic Purposes

Town Council Has Busy Meeting With Number Matters of Interest

North Wilkesboro city council in February meeting Tuesday night rejected a request for use of the fairgrounds for a fair and ordered that the fairgrounds property be used only for athletic purposes.

W. H. McElwee, speaking as attorney for the Northwestern Fair association, stated a proposal that the fair association would pay the town \$1,500 rent, also \$500 to the school athletic fund and \$300 for cleaning up the grounds.

The council approved the 1946 legislative program of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, particularly that section asking that a fair and just amount of gasoline tax revenue be allocated to towns for street maintenance and repair. The resolution was forwarded to T. E. Story, Wilkes' representative in the legislature.

It was ordered that application be made to the Local Government Commission for a bond issue of approximately \$17,000 for water works and street improvement. The amount to be issued would be the total which the town could issue without an election.

An order was passed directing that the police department and the Wilkes County Public Library in the town hall exchange quarters, and the police chief was directed to carry out the change. Patrons hereafter will be billed the actual cost of materials and labor for installation of water and sewer taps. Bills will be rendered upon completion of the work and must be paid within 30 days. It was also ordered that all water meters be placed in working condition.

Mayor R. T. McNeil, Clerk W. P. Kelly, and Commissioners J. R. Hix, R. G. Finley, A. F. Kilby and H. M. Hutchens were present for the meeting.

Republicans To Attend Lincoln Day Dinner 15th

Luce and Martin To Be Speakers; Only 25 Tickets Allotted Wilkes

Due to the demand for tickets, the number who can attend the annual Lincoln Day dinner at the Robert E. Lee Hotel on February 15 is limited for each county, local Republicans said today.

Only 25 tickets has been allotted to Wilkes. Those who plan to attend may secure their tickets from Troy C. Foster, and the price is \$5.00 each. The first to apply will receive the tickets available.

Former Representative Clara Booth Luce and Representative Joe Martin, Republican leader in the house, will be the speakers.

Mr. D. B. Swearingen, well known resident of the Traphill community of the county, was a business visitor to the city today.

Bill Introduced In House Would Raise County Pay

Measure Would Increase Appropriation For Three County Offices

Representative T. E. Story has introduced into the House of Representatives at Raleigh House Bill number 198, which would increase the appropriation for clerical pay in three county offices.

Discussing this bill, Representative Story said that it would raise the pay of county office employees to a point more nearly comparable with pay scale in other offices affiliated with the county government, including welfare, board of education and farm office help.

Provisions of the bill, which was referred to the Salaries and Fees committee, were quoted by the Institute of Government as follows:

"To increase the appropriations for the office of the clerk of the superior court, the office of the register of deeds, the office of the sheriff, and to fix the compensation of the county commissioners, and to provide clerical assistants for the sheriff of Wilkes County." (Would authorize the following increases in appropriations for following offices: clerk of superior court—\$800 per year for clerical assistants; register of deeds—\$1,200 per year for clerical assistants; sheriff—\$600 for clerical assistants and \$1,800 for deputy sheriffs' salaries. Above payable in monthly installments, beginning February 1, 1947. Would also authorize \$6 per diem while at meetings, and 50 per mille travel allowance between homes and place of meeting, for county commissioners.)

Ditch Blasting Demonstration

A ditch blasting demonstration will be held on the farm of Odell Whittington, Reddies River, Tuesday morning, February 11, at 10:00 o'clock. The demonstration will be conducted by Howard Ellis, Extension Engineer of State College, Raleigh. Mr. Ellis has conducted a large number of these demonstrations throughout the state during the past few years and found this method of making an open ditch very successful. The cost is small compared to other methods and is much faster. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Philmore Bowlin, of Wagoner, a daughter on Tuesday at the Wilkes hospital.

A daughter was born Tuesday at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Jay C. Church, of Moravian Falls.

A son was born Monday at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. John Fortner, of Pores Knob.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin Andrew Gregory, of North Wilkesboro route two, a daughter on Sunday at the Wilkes hospital.

A daughter was born January 31 at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Arvil Boyce Holder, of Roaring River.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Elbert Parsons, Jr., of Millers Creek, a daughter on Wednesday at the Wilkes hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin Settle, of Sparta, are parents of a daughter born Tuesday at the Wilkes hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Watkins, of Hays, a daughter on Wednesday at the Wilkes hospital.

A daughter was born Wednesday at the Wilkes hospital to Mr. and Mrs. John Edmund Carigan, of Wilkesboro.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Pulley Jan. 30 at Maria-Parham Hospital in Henderson a son, Roger Dane. Mrs. Pulley is the former Miss Jurell Brewer, of North Wilkesboro Route 2.

Royal Child Dies

Funeral service will be held Friday at Pleasant Home church for James Rex Royal, one-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Irene Royal, of North Wilkesboro route one. The child died today.

Polio Fund Is Over \$6,000

License to Wed

Marriage license were issued during the past week by Register of Deeds Troy C. Foster to the following: Burl Milton Winger, Vannoy, and Athalee Roten, Wagoner; Bruce Poplin and Ardella Tilley, both of Roaring River; William J. Houck, North Wilkesboro, and Naney Wood, Ronda; Ernest Spears, Purlear, and Zora V. Phillips, Parsonville; Dwight E. Martin, State Road, and Viola Vestal, Boonville.

Scout Father and Son Banquet 13th

Annual Boy Scout father and son banquet will be held at the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse on Thursday night, February 13.

Features of the occasion will be a wafel supper and a movie on "Scouting." A large attendance of Scouts and their fathers is expected from all communities where troops are located.

Fairplains Women Earn Certificates In Home Nursing

The Red Cross Home Nursing course, "Six Lessons in the Care of the Sick," was completed by a class of women of the Fairplains community on Friday night, January 31. The course was taught by Mrs. Estelle McKell, authorized Red Cross instructor, and met for six two-hour periods at the cafeteria of the Mulberry School. Mrs. Wiley Brooks, President of the Fairplains Home Demonstration club, sponsored the class. According to Miss Rebecca Moseley, Red Cross Executive Secretary, every member was present for each class and each of the following will receive the Red Cross Certificate for the short course in Home Nursing: Mesdames Aaron Brooks, S. W. Church, Clate Duncan, Ed Dancy, R. M. Watson, M. I. Myers, Branford Brooks, C. C. Gambill, Ray Stoker, Rex Kilby, W. E. Snow, J. B. Anderson, Harrold Bumgarner, and Quincy Whittington.

Funeral On Friday For Mrs. Robinson

Funeral service will be held Friday, two p. m., at Purlear Baptist church for Mrs. Mary M. Robinson, 86-year-old resident of the Purlear community who died Wednesday following several years of ill health. Rev. Glenn Huffman, assisted by Rev. James M. Hayes, of Winston-Salem, will conduct the service.

Walker Child Dies

Funeral service was held Sunday at the home for Patsy Ann Walker, age 13 days, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Walker, of Boomer. The child died Saturday.

Home Mrs. Dorcas Huffman Burned

Two-story frame residence of Mrs. Dorcas Huffman in the Purlear community was totally destroyed by fire at 4:30 a. m. Wednesday.

All of the family sleeping in the home escaped injury, except Max Huffman, who suffered a burn on his arm and neck while getting out of the building enveloped in flames.

The building, all furnishings, with clothing of the members of the family, were totally destroyed. The fire may have originated by rats getting to matches, members of the family said.

Mrs. R. E. Burcham Dies at Age 75 Years

Elkin.—Mrs. Lillie Day Burcham, 75, widow of R. E. Burcham of the Benham community died in an Elkin hospital Tuesday night. She suffered a stroke two weeks ago.

Mrs. Burcham is survived by five sons, Brannon and McKinley Burcham of Benham, Fred Burcham of State Road, Arthur Burcham of Lancaster, Ohio, and John Burcham of Columbus, Ohio; four daughters, Mrs. Thomas O'Brien of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Helen Miller of State Road, Mrs. Ari Smith of Benham, and Mrs. E. C. Bodenheimer of Winston-Salem; 50 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Fred and Charlie Day, both of Elkin; and two sisters, Mrs. John Darnell of Elkin and Mrs. John Shumann, St. Louis, Mo.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a. m. Friday at Pleasant Hill Baptist church, near Elkin, of which she was a charter member. Rev. David W. Day, pastor, will officiate, assisted by Rev. Grant Oathren and Rev. Ed Hayes. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

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WILKES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEADING FIGHT AGAINST CUT IN FUNDS FOR FOREST PROTECTION

J. B. Williams, President of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, announced today that the chamber had taken a definite stand against the state cutting the appropriation for protection from forest fires. In commenting on this stand Williams said: "Too much of the economic life of Wilkes County and our surrounding counties is based upon timber production for us to stand by and let anything happen which might hurt this production. With our present shortage of lumber for building, the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will do anything within its power to help protect and improve our forests."

The following letter was mailed this past week to Senator Lafayette Williams and Representative T. E. Story in the North Carolina Legislature:

"In an article in a newspaper of a few days ago, under the dateline of Washington, February 1, it was said that the United States Forest Service predicted that our nation faces a shortage of timber for many years. Under the same dateline, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson urged better forestry practices and management and more protection against fires if we are to hold our own in the production of timber.

"The Executive Committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, in studying the problems of forestry practices, has found that approximately five million acres of forest land in our great state of North Carolina have no fire protection whatsoever. This same study revealed that during the current fiscal year the state appropriation for fire protection was \$166,335 or 1.32c per acre for the approximately 12 1/2 million acres under protection.

"By way of comparison, we found that the state of South Carolina has approximately 10,776,000 acres of forest land under protection with a state appropriation of \$615,000 for fire control. Alabama spends \$327,237, or 3.22c per acre. North Carolina is shown to be lagging in her leadership ability when it comes to controlling fire in one of our more potent crops.

"It has come to our attention that the Budget Commission's recommendation for all forestry practices for the next year is about \$195,000, and for the following year is approximately \$171,000. Even with the inadequate fire protection we receive from the state at present, we find now that the Budget Commission wishes to further cut the appropriation for this work.

"I need not go into great detail telling you the importance of timber production, not only to Wilkes County, but to the entire state, because you are already familiar with the revenue deprived from this very important business. I would like to say, however, that the membership of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce believes wholeheartedly in increasing the appropriation of forest fire control money in order that all of the 18,300,000 acres of forest land might receive adequate fire protection. The members of our chamber sincerely hope that you will take this matter under advisement, and do everything in your power to increase funds for forest fire protection."

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Central Telephone Co. Plans Several Benefits In Service

W. S. Beddingfield, group manager for the Central Telephone company, said here today that plans have been made for extensive improvements and enlargement of the telephone system in North Wilkesboro and adjacent communities.

Plans have also been completed for erection of a cable line on highway 421 west of this city. However, it is not anticipated that it can be constructed this year.

Mr. Beddingfield made it clear that the company intends to extend its system and make improvements relative to the growth of the community and will make surveys for new lines in communities where the demand is sufficient to make construction practical. He pointed out that a new line was added west of this city to Millers Creek last year and that other improvements are planned for that thickly settled part of the county.

The group manager for the company stated that shortage of materials has greatly handicapped the company's efforts for the past several years and that conditions are now beginning to show some improvement, although it is practically impossible to secure sufficient materials to carry out extensive construction at the present time. As materials become available, he said, the telephone service will be extended and improved in this community.

North Wilkesboro and Elkin to Play

North Wilkesboro and Elkin, whose rivalry in the Yadkin valley always assure interesting sports events, will battle it out on the high school basketball floor here Friday night.

Both schools have fast teams this year and exciting games are forecast.

Varsity and B boys will play and B teams' game will start at 7:30 o'clock. Coach Howard Bowers reported here today that his squads are in good condition for the games.

Girls Game

N. Wilkesboro 18 M. Home 21
Felts 10 Little
Hayes 2 Woodall 17
Wells 6 Watts 8
Bare Sneed
Cragan Smith
Harris Ball

Substitutes: North Wilkesboro—Adams, McNeill, Aheer, Mills Home—Gregory 1, Huffman, Teal, Chance, Fulbright.

N. Wilkesboro 30 M. Home 31
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Candill 4 Benfield 8
Johnson 5 Bradshaw
Hudson 11 Whittington 4
Sturdivant 1 Isenhour 3
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MASONIC NOTICE

There will be a regular convocation of North Wilkesboro Chapter No. 78, Royal Arch Masons Friday night, Feb. 7, 1947. Work in Mark Master and Past Master degree. All companions urged to attend.

\$4,500 Quota In Wilkes County Exceeded In Drive

Total for the Infantile Paralysis campaign in Wilkes county has passed the \$6,000 mark, Larry S. Moore, campaign chairman, said today.

The total to date is more than \$1,500 above the quota of \$4,500 for the county and a number of reports are yet to be received.

The campaign was put on principally by the North Wilkesboro Lions Club. Attorney Moore, campaign director, and many of those in key positions in the drive were members of the club, which also operated a polio dime board, a polio bingo party and staged the annual dance for the fund.

Mr. Moore attributed much of the success in the drive to the generous response this year from people in rural communities. County schools accounted for more than \$1,500 of the funds collected. Operation of the dime board on two Saturdays by members of the Lions Club netted \$226.09, the Lions Club bingo party had a profit of \$250.30, and dance netted the sum of \$81. Business houses and individuals contacted by letter and personal solicitation by members of the Lions Club donated a large amount of the funds collected.

Mrs. O. E. Triplett served very efficiently as secretary in the campaign and aided greatly in all the projects carried out. The donations by schools were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: School Name, Amount. Includes Clingman (\$10.37), Maple Springs (26.00), Mountain View (83.09), Wilkesboro (147.41), Ferguson (13.96), Roaring River (100.00), Millers Creek (459.59), Whittington (8.35), Lincoln Heights (36.70), Pleasant Hill (51.30), Mulberry (151.82), Moravian Falls (28.31), Cricket (114.00), Woodlawn (33.91).

North Wilkesboro Mills Home Split

Boys Here Take 30 to 21 Game While Girls Lose Close One 21-18

North Wilkesboro and Mills Home basketball teams split a thrilling double header here Tuesday night.

The North Wilkesboro girls played another good game, but were slightly outclassed and lost by a three-point margin 21 to 18. Felts was again the leading scorer with ten points but the team played well as a unit and defensive work was much improved over previous games. Woodall with 17 points was the outstanding star for the Baptists from Mills Home.

In the boys game North Wilkesboro had no outstanding stars, although the accuracy of Hudson, who scored 11, was very noticeable. The floor play of Rousseau was exceptionally good, while Johnson, Caudill and Sturdivant played a good game. Turner, a substitute, played his best game this year and scored 7. Benfield with 8 was the high scorer for the visitors.

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