

RADIO ADDRESS STRESSES LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROSPERITY

A five-minute radio talk was delivered Saturday, 12:45 p. m., by Dwight Nichols, editor of The Journal-Patriot, who was guest speaker during the "News of Northwest North Carolina" program over station WSJS, Winston-Salem.

Full text of the talk is reproduced as follows:

On behalf of The Journal-Patriot and our immediate part of the state, I thank WSJS for the opportunity to bring you greetings from North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro and Wilkes county, all of which are so often called The State of Wilkes.

The phrase, the State of Wilkes, was perhaps applied to our county because of its size and diversified interests. With an area of 725 square miles, Wilkes extends from the Piedmont sec-

tion on the southeast to the summit of the Blue Ridge on the north and west. In the lower parts of Wilkes you can bask in warm sunshine on many winter days and gaze on snow capped peaks of the Blue Ridge within the county.

Wilkes is rich in historical interests. Daniel Boone blazed the early trails for the white man through the hills and valleys of what is now Wilkes county. Wilkesboro, historic capital of The State of Wilkes, had its beginning with a settlement known as Mulberry Fields, and those same people moved here to Salem. Wilkes county was formed during the Revolutionary period, and included at that time the area now included in extreme northwestern North Carolina counties and all the state of

Tennessee. Early settlers in Wilkes marched in strength to Kings Mountain under command of Col. Ben Cleveland and there helped win the victory which was the turning point in America's struggle for independence. Stalwart sons of Wilkes have achieved gallantly in every struggle to retain liberty and independence and to free the oppressed throughout the world.

The greatest resource of our community is the citizenship who value so highly the American way of life.

Wilkes has furnished one governor, one United States senator, one federal court judge, three superior court judges, six representatives in congress and one state treasurer.

With a brilliant past as a foundation, the community of the Wilkesboros and Wilkes county looks to the future with an eye for progress. Progressive citizens and groups last year moved to correlate their activities and efforts into a central organization, and formed the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, which has already carried out several good projects and has major objectives for early action.

North Wilkesboro is 58 miles west of Winston-Salem, is the terminal of the railroad from Winston-Salem, and is on U. S. highway 421 from Winston-Salem to Bristol, Va.-Tenn. Nine paved highways extend out of North Wilkesboro, including three to the Blue Ridge Parkway 20 to 26 miles from the town.

Population of North Wilkesboro, which has grown steadily since the town's beginning in 1890, was 4,500 in 1940, is now estimated at 5,000, and the combined population of North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro and immediate suburbs is estimated at 12,000. Being the largest town in a big area of northwestern North Carolina, North Wilkesboro is a commercial center ranking in the top five in the nation on the basis of population and volume of business.

Manufacturing industries in Wilkes are varied; with furniture, hosiery, lumber, textiles and dairy products predominating. Numerous industrial possibilities are yet untapped, in which industry could use natural resources and raw materials available in the immediate vicinity. There is an ample supply of 100 per cent pure American labor, an asset of inestimable value to any manufacturer. The way in which our community is lifting the housing shortage is a tribute to the ability of our people, who can and are building their own homes. A recent survey showed that over 75 homes are under construction in and near the Wilkesboros.

Wilkes has diversified agriculture, producing something of about everything which can be grown in a temperate climate. Wilkes leads the state in apple production, due in part to the isothermal belt on the Brushy Mountains. Wilkes ranks at the top in poultry production and there are farms with as many as 25,000 laying hens each. Wilkes also has made great strides in dairy production and in Wilkesboro is located one of the few milk dehydrating plants in the nation.

To keep in step, and ahead, in the march of post-war progress, the Wilkesboros and Wilkes county are contemplating a number of major civic improvements. A two-million-dollar school building program is under consideration. Another planned project is a \$600,000 airport for airlines operation. Also high on the list are new and improved churches, a \$200,000 Y. M. C. A., more and better paved streets, a lighted athletic park and professional baseball for North Wilkesboro.

Religious, civic and economic values are to be added rapidly to the fast growing community. In the final analysis, the community is seeking the improvements which will give all advantages of larger cities, and at the same time retain the factors which make small town and rural life ever desirable.

21 Are Killed In A Plane Crash

Chungking (Saturday)—Twenty-one persons were killed yesterday when a Chinese Air Force transport crashed in a suburb of Chungking in the second such disaster in China's wartime capital within a month.

The plane, en route from Kunming to Chungking, encountered icing conditions, it was reported. Eyewitnesses said a wing broke off as the transport approached the Chungking Airport for a landing. The plane plunged to earth near a suburban cement factory.

Retail grocers in some cities are now using open-top refrigerated show cases for selling fruits and vegetables that are shipped to market under refrigeration.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina, Wilkes County. In the Superior Court. Mrs. Elva Coleman, Administratrix of Coy C. Coleman, dec'd, vs. Earl W. Yandle and Paul S. Cohn, t-a Peco Service Station. To the defendant, Paul S. Cohn, a non-resident, t-a the Peco Service Station:

The defendant, Paul S. Cohn, in the above-entitled action, will take notice that the plaintiff in said action did, on the 23rd day of January, 1947, commence an action against the said defendant in the Superior Court of Wilkes county, North Carolina, by the issuing of summons, complaint and warrant of attachment against the property of said defendant in Forsyth county, North Carolina; that the

said warrant of attachment was served by the Sheriff of Forsyth county, North Carolina, by levying upon certain property of the said defendant used in the operation of the business known as the Peco Service Station in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. And that summons in said action was returned unserved as shown by the said summons.

That said action is brought by the plaintiff and against the defendants to recover damages in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) Dollars for the wrongful death of plaintiff's intestate as a result of the wrongful act of said defendant, and by through his agent and co-defendant, Earl W. Yandle, on or about the — day of September, 1946.

The defendant, Paul S. Cohn, is further notified that he is required to be and appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Wilkes county, North Carolina, at the courthouse in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, on or before the 8th day of April, 1947, to answer said complaint, a copy

of which is deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Wilkes county for the use of said defendant.

And he will further take notice that if he fails to answer or otherwise plead to said complaint on or

before the day hereinbefore set forth, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief asked for therein.

This 6th day of February, 1947. (Signed) C. C. HAYES, Tri. 3-6-4T Clerk Superior Court

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