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YADKIN FLOODS PROJECT IS URGED

Judge Johnson J. Hayes Delivers Address Friday At Kiwanis Meeting

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkesboro, in an address Friday noon before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club very ably discussed the flood control proposal for the Yadkin valley.

Judge Hayes, who acted as spokesman for flood control projects here and elsewhere in the valley at a recent congressional hearing, told the club that there was strong opposition to flood control from a number of people up the valley and in Caldwell county.

He stated that flood control was overwhelmingly in the best interest of Wilkes county and that it was very important that everyone interested in the matter be informed as to arguments of the opposition and be prepared to answer them correctly. The speaker especially pointed out that those above the proposed dams would not lose because they would be paid for their properties, while the great valley below would be protected from disastrous flood damage and people could live in safety and security.

The program was in charge of P. E. Forester, who asked J. B. Williams to present Judge Hayes. Prior to the address Miss Jackie Frazier sang "A Kiss in the Dark" and "Will You Remember."

J. B. Williams, president of the Chamber of Commerce, spoke briefly and called attention to the fact that several local manufacturers had decided to give their employees the week of July 4 as a paid vacation and urged others to do likewise. He also stated that merchants might give July 4 and 5.

Guests Friday were as follows: C. A. Venable had B. A. Lancaster; W. J. Caroon had James M. Anderson; Robert Gibbs had R. W. Dedmond and C. C. Tharpe; J. E. Justice had John E. Justice III; Forrest Jones had Coach Howard Bowers; Dr. E. N. Phillips had Bill Stauber; Mrs. A. F. Kilby had Miss Jackie Cusimano, of New York City; P. E. Forester had Johnson J. Hayes and Miss Jackie Frazier.

Valuable Properties At Auction Two Days

Rousseau Realty company, of this city, has announced sale of four valuable properties at auction this week.

On Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. the Doughton Dairy farm; one of the best in this part of the state, will be sold in a sale at the farm. The sale will include the fine dairy herd and equipment. On Thursday at 10:30 a. m. will be the sale of the Genio Walsh property on highway 268 near Ferguson. It is an ideal business site and establishment. On Thursday at 1:30 p. m. will be the sale of the valuable S. V. Tomlinson river farm near Ferguson. On Saturday at 1:30 will be the sale of valuable lots and homesites near highway 268 east of this city. Further details are contained in an advertisement elsewhere in this newspaper.

Wilkes Youth Now Leading Hitter On Statesville Team

R. C. Parsons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Greely Parsons, of North Wilkesboro route one, is currently the leading hitter for the Statesville Owls in the North State baseball league.

Parsons, who plays left field for the owls, has been exceedingly hard on opposing pitchers this year, his first in professional baseball. On Thursday night Parsons got four hits in four trips against Hickory at Statesville.

Parsons began playing baseball several years ago with the Orioles team in American Legion junior baseball in Wilkes county.

Frank McMillan, a former teacher at Wilkesboro, is also a regular on the Statesville team, playing right field and hitting as lead-off man in the lineup.

THREE ATTAIN HIGHEST SCOUT RANK



The three happy girls shown here have reason to be happy, because they have attained the highest rank in Girl Scouting and were awarded their curved bars in recent meeting of the Girl Scout Court of Awards at the Little House in North Wilkesboro. The girls are, left to right: Gladys Sebastian, Betty Jo Reavis, Doris Anne Godbey. At the meeting Boy Scout troop 36, led by Gordon Forester, presented the colors. All girls who had completed their work were awarded their dramatics and handywoman badges by their leader, Mrs. J. H. Winkler. Norma Gabriel and Doris Wiles were awarded first class rank by Mrs. Claude Doughton. At the conclusion of the meeting the combined Scout troops enjoyed refreshments and a social period.

FORMER WILKES MAN LOSES LIFE WHILE SAVING LIFE OF HIS SON

George W. Spicer, Jr., 31, former Wilkes resident, lost his life April 12 while saving his four-year-old son from drowning in the mile-wide river near Forest Deposit, Maryland.

Mr. Spicer, with his son, Charles, and another man were fishing near the center of the river when the boy toppled from the boat. The father went into the water but was drowned. The child was pulled from the water and he later told that he was being held up by his father under the water until he could be pulled into the boat. Mr. Spicer sank and efforts to rescue him from the deep water failed. His body was not found until June 16, four days later.

The accident victim was a veteran of both army and navy service but recently had been employed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds as a civilian gunner. He and his wife, the former Miss Josephine Eller, of Grassy Creek, and children, Betty Anne, Charles and Douglas MacArthur Spicer, made their home near Aberdeen.

Funeral service was held Tuesday at Churchville, Md. In addition to his wife and children Mr. Spicer is survived by his father and mother, of North Wilkesboro route one, and the following brothers and sisters: Joseph C. Spicer, Harve De Gras, Md.; Mrs. Rebecca Stanley, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Helen Stout and Charles Spicer, North Wilkesboro. All members of the family here attended the funeral service.

FOUR TEAMS IN CHURCHES LEAGUE OF SOFTBALL BEGIN PLAY TUESDAY

The churches softball league, with four teams participating, will begin play Tuesday evening, 6:30, and will play each Tuesday and Thursday through August 21.

There are two teams, 1 and 2, of the Baptists in North Wilkesboro, while the Presbyterians and Methodists here are combined into 1. Both churches in Wilkesboro are combined to compose the Wilkesboro team. The schedule follows:

Tuesday, June 24—Presbyterian-Methodist versus Wilkesboro at Wilkesboro; Baptist 1 versus Baptist 2 at Smoot Park.

Thursday, June 26—Baptist 1 versus Wilkesboro at Wilkesboro; Baptist 2 versus Presbyterian-Methodist at Smoot Park.

Tuesday, July 1—Baptist 2 versus Wilkesboro at Wilkesboro; Baptist 1 versus Presbyterian-Methodist at Smoot Park.

Thursday, July 3—Wilkesboro versus Presbyterian-Methodist at Wilkesboro; Baptist 1 versus Baptist 2 at Smoot Park.

Officers of Lions Club Installed In Meet On Friday

North Wilkesboro Lions Club in meeting Friday evening heard an impressive address by Howard Bowers, athletic coach and recreation director, and installed officers for the year, beginning July 1.

The program was in charge of Presley Myers, O. E. Jenkins, Jr., and Dwight Nichols, who presented the speaker.

Coach Bowers spoke convincingly about the need in this community for additional athletic facilities, particularly lighted fields and seats. He pointed out strongly that athletics have a wholesome influence on youth and divert their minds and activities from detrimental pursuits. He ended his address with a plea for all Lions to attend the mass meeting which followed at the city hall.

President W. O. Absher, who has very successfully led the club during the past year in which many worthy activities were carried out, installed officers for the year beginning July 1 and presented the gavel to Bill Marlow, incoming president. The other officers installed were as follows: J. H. Whicker, Jr., first vice president; W. D. Jester, second vice president; Jack Swafford, third vice president; Bill Hardister, secretary-treasurer; Jim Somers, tall twister; Ed Dancy, Lion tamer; Jim Willis and Larry Moore, directors. Paul Cashion and Edward S. Finley have another year to serve on the board of directors.

It was decided that the next meeting will be held at the regular time, July 4. W. D. Jester, Ed Dancy and Tam Shomaker will have charge of the program.

Litteral and Bell Executions Put Off By Appeal

Raleigh.—Two convicted rapists, scheduled to die Friday in the gas chamber of the State's prison, Thursday received a belated stay of execution as the result of a legal maneuver and action by Governor Cherry.

The two, Marvin Claude Bell, 33, of Roaring River, and Ralph Vernon Litteral, 35, of Winston-Salem, were convicted last January in Wilkes Superior Court of the rape of Peggy Shore, 15-year-old Sunday school girl, during an all-night ride last August 23, to Tennessee from Elkin.

Bell's counsel obtained a stay of execution from Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy of the State Supreme Court, a few minutes after Governor Cherry announced yesterday that he would not intervene.

Petition Planned
Counsel said that it planned to file a petition for a writ of certiorari (review) to the U. S. Supreme Court.

After being advised of the stay of execution, the Governor then granted a 30-day stay to Litteral, co-defendant in the case.

It was another in a series of unusual developments which have attended the case during the past week.

Governor Cherry said Wednesday morning he would not intervene, but about an hour later he said that he would give the case further study and announce his decision.

Litteral Signs Will
Litteral, confident that he would die Friday, had a will drawn, and bequeathed his brain and eyes to the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Winston-Salem. The will was signed Thursday, Warden Hugh Wilson of Central Prison said.

Litteral said in his will that he wanted physicians to ascertain his mental capacity by studies of his brain. He said he wanted to leave his eyes in order that the corneas could be used to bring sight to somebody now blind.

Litteral and Bell, according to testimony at the trial, grabbed the young girl after she left a bus, placed her in their automobile, and each raped her two times before abandoning her near a farmhouse across the Tennessee State boundary line.

Several members of the Attorney General's staff have said that the case was one of the most sordid in the State's history.

Athletic Field Lighting Fund Campaign Is Launched Here

Heads Campaign



Howard Bowers, coach and athletic director, who is chairman of the campaign launched here to raise funds for lighting the athletic park on the fairgrounds. The campaign is on this week.

Home Chair Company Occupys New Building

A new brick office building has been completed for Home Chair company at Ronda and the offices were moved in last week.

The new building, erected by Northwestern Construction company, of this city, has office suites for all departments and is modern throughout. It was erected to replace a frame building which burned a few months ago.

Jones Reunion To Be Held July 6th

There will be a Jones family reunion Sunday, July 6, at the home of Mr. Travis Eller in the Lewis Fork community. "Everybody is invited to come with baskets. We want the children and grandchildren of the late Uncle Joe Jones, of Ferguson, N. C. to be there to plan to have a reunion every year. Dinner will be served picnic style," the announcement stated.

Lions Giving Auto To Raise Money Worthy Activities

North Wilkesboro Lions Club will give away a new Chevrolet car on the night of July 5 at the horse show to raise funds to carry on the club's many worthwhile activities.

Date of the giving away of the car has been changed from July 4 to July 5 and the event will take place on the final night of the Kiwanis Club's horse show near this city.

Those desiring to help and who want to be eligible to the free gift of a new automobile will have no trouble in contacting any member of the Lions Club.

Legion Junior Team Improves

Three Games Away And One Here Make Up Schedule For This Week

North Wilkesboro Legion junior team, although much improved in the past several days, dropped a 17 to 7 game at Hickory Friday night because the local players were not accustomed to playing under lights.

Johnson pitched effectively in several innings and struck out a number of Hickory batters. Outfielders had trouble gathering in files under the lights and the Hickory score mounted.

Beginning Tuesday at Newton the North Wilkesboro team will play four games this week. On Wednesday night they will play at Charlotte. Mooreville comes here Thursday afternoon and North Wilkesboro will go to Gastonia Friday.

Local fans are especially urged to attend the home games, and to go to games in other towns whenever possible.

GOOD START MADE FRIDAY; SEEK TO COMPLETE DRIVE THIS WEEK

Mass meeting of interested citizens to launch a campaign for funds to light the athletic fields on the fairgrounds was held very successfully Friday night at the town hall and an organization was formed to carry out the campaign this week.

Enthusiasm prevailed in the meeting and it was apparent that the project will be highly successful if accorded the public response anticipated.

Decision was reached to raise money immediately for installation of lights for separate football and baseball fields or for a combination. All who contribute to the campaign will be guaranteed that lights will be installed for both major sports, either on separate fields or for both on one field.

The meeting was called by Howard Bowers, coach and recreation director, who was authorized by the board of education to launch the campaign, and Mr. Bowers acted as chairman of the meeting, which was opened by prayer led by Rev. Watt M. Cooper.

Cost Estimates Given
Mr. Massey, a representative of Mill Power company, of Charlotte, was present to quote prices on cost of lighting football and baseball fields. He estimated the total cost for the football field at \$5,600 and the cost for a separate baseball field at \$8,900, making a total estimated cost for both fields of \$14,500. For a combination field for both sports he estimated the cost at \$9,700. These estimates, based on experiences of other towns this year, were for complete jobs of materials and labor.

Baseball and Football
It was unanimously agreed that the project would be carried out to provide lights for both baseball and football, and that the lights would be installed in time for the football season this fall.

Committee Named
The citizens assembled unanimously voted to have Coach Bowers serve as chairman of the fund raising campaign and he appointed Blair Gwyn as treasurer. Serving with them on the central committee will be Jack Swafford, C. Arthur Venable, W. F. Gaddy, Frank Allen and R. Ivey Moore.

Several Give Liberally
Although no contributions were asked at the meeting, at the close a number of those present went forward and voluntarily started the fund with substantial contributions and pledges, which totaled more than \$2,000.

Campaign Headquarters
Mr. Bowers and the central committee will maintain headquarters this week at the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce office and a number of others will be selected to serve as contact men in the campaign, which is expected to gain liberal and prompt response. Decision to carry out an immediate and intensive campaign was reached because action must be taken now to assure lights for the coming baseball season.

To Spread Benefits
It was pointed out that the athletic park will be under control of the city government and that its benefits will be spread as far as practical to make it available to as many teams as can be accommodated. It was suggested that college games may be secured for the football season.

In the baseball season it was agreed that the baseball field will be used for high school, American Legion and professional baseball and can be available for use by amateur teams on nights when not in use for regularly scheduled games. City authorities will later work out the details on rental fees and operation costs.

Professional Baseball
North Wilkesboro is expected to enter professional baseball next year in the Blue Ridge class D league, which is now composed of Mount Airy and Lenoir, N. C., Galax and Radford, Va. Elkin has been suggested as the sixth team in the league.

To Seat Spectators
Bleachers will be bought or constructed for the football season and ultimate plans call for erection of a grandstand with dressing rooms, concession stands and other facilities. A complete athletic park which will be a valuable asset to the community

Extra - Extra - Extra!

Mass meeting of all high school students has been called to be held Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., at the North Wilkesboro town hall, in the interest of athletic field lighting campaign. Every high school student is asked to attend.

and all this section of the state is the aim of the movement launched at the meeting.

Daredevil Flocks Takes Top Spots Auto Races Here

Bernard Mitchell, of Atlanta, Injured When Thrown From Wrecked Racer

Fontello Flock, Atlanta, driving a four-cylinder job, roared to first place in the main event of the stock car races Sunday afternoon at the North Wilkesboro speedway before a record crowd of 11,000 racing fans.

The scheduled 50-lap race on the 5-8 mile track ended in the 44th lap when Bernard Mitchell, of Atlanta, crashed on the south turn and was thrown several feet through the air to the track fence. To reach him with an ambulance it was necessary to flag the entire field of racing cars.

The crowd gasped as Mitchell's car rolled over sharply and the driver was thrown through the door. He was momentarily knocked out but his injuries did not prove as serious as expected. His left arm was broken and he had a number of cuts and bruises. This morning he was removed from the Wilkes hospital to the Charlotte airport to catch a plane.

The other of the pair of "mad Flocks," Bob Flock, thrilled the crowd by advancing during the feature event from fifth to second place behind his brother Fonty. Johnnie Rogers, of Patterson, N. J., came in third; Bill Snowden, of St. Augustine, Florida, fourth; and Glenn Dunnaway, of Charlotte, fifth.

Eighteen cars were on the track for the main event.

In the consolation event Olin Allen, of Atlanta, was first; Pap White, of Greensboro, second; and Skimp Hersey, of St. Augustine, Florida, third.

In the first three heats the winners were as follows: First—Fontello Flock, Glenn Dunnaway, Bill Snowden, Johnny Rogers and Bob Flock.

Second—Watt Crawford, of Greenville; Marshall Teague, Daytona Beach; Fred Mahon, Greenville; Jimmie Lewellyn, High Point; Bill Blair, High Point.

Third—Ed Samples, Atlanta; Bernard Mitchell, Atlanta; Swain Pritchett, Cornelius, Ga.; Buddy Shuman, Charlotte; Lee Morgan, Atlanta.

The watch given at the races went to Miss Oona Faye Mathis, of North Wilkesboro.

Jennings Property Sale On Saturday

Penny Brothers auctioneers will sell the valuable R. C. Jennings property on highway 16 near Moravian Falls Saturday at 1:30. Those desiring advance information may contact T. J. Frazier here or R. C. Jennings at Pores Knob. The sale is expected to attract much interest.