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Deane Continues Intense Efforts In Flood Control

Farmers Home Administration Has Funds For Loan To Stricken Farmers

Washington, D. C. — Today Rep. Charles E. Deane of Rockingham advised that officials of the American Red Cross had conferred with him on the recent flood damage on the Yadkin River. These officials stated that their representatives had gone into the area and determined that since the losses did not include the actual removal of people from their homes and while there was immense damage to growing crops, their policy was to enter into this field of relief.

Deane pursued the matter further with federal officials and after personal conference with Dillard Lassiter, Administrator of the Farmers Home Administration, the Eighth District Congressman has been advised by Administrator Lassiter that his agency will secure extra funds and is making such funds available to the credit of the North Carolina Farmers Home Administration for use in the flood area. These funds may be used as loans to farmers at 5 per cent per annum for five years for the purchase of seeds, fertilizers and farm machinery.

The Washington office on the FHA called J. B. Slack, Raleigh, Director of FHA in North Carolina to clear these loans as presented through the district office.

Deane stated that he is still receiving telegrams and letters from individual farmers indicating complete crop losses.

Mr. Deane indicated that he has advised with congressional leaders concerning the possibility of introduction of a bill for relief, but it looks doubtful that the Congress will approve such. At the present time a 13 million dollar relief bill is in Congress which will be used to replace levees, bridges, and dams that may have been destroyed throughout the Nation within recent months. Deane unhappily stated that his District is again penalized and indicated the only hope is to continue efforts for the erection of proper flood control dams and other measures which will save the Yadkin Valley.

If these floods continue to come as they have in the last few years, so much valuable land will be beyond recovery, Deane stated.

The office of Congressman Deane advises flood sufferers and those who may need financial help to advise with their local Farm Agents and F. H. A. County supervisors.

Wilkesboro Water Gets Good Report

Wilkesboro water is now in pure condition and may be used without boiling or other precautions. A report was received this week from the state chemist that the water is O. K. The town's water supply reservoir was polluted during the recent flood when a high-way ditch broke and let water from outside the watershed into the reservoir. As a precaution the health department asked that water be boiled until a test could be obtained.

Girl Scouts Camp At Moravian Falls July 14 to July 18

Monday will be the last date for registration for the Girls Scouts Day camp to be held July 14 through 18 at Moravian Falls. Girls may register in Wilkesboro with Mrs. G. T. Mitchell, in North Wilkesboro with Mrs. Robert Gibbs, at Moravian Falls with Mrs. James Pennell, and at Boomer with Mrs. Atwell German. Registration fees will be \$1.50 in the Wilkesboros and \$1.00 at the other points.

Activities at day camp will be arts and crafts, nature study, dramatics, archery, fishing, tennis, singing, games, folk dancing, hiking, outdoor cooking and wading.

Wilkes Transportation company will furnish transportation with buses leaving at nine a. m. from the First Baptist church here and Wilkesboro high school. Buses will return at four p. m. The day camp staff is composed of Mrs. Robert Gibbs, Mrs. E. E. Vaught, Mrs. G. T. Mitchell and Mrs. Annie Winkler.

Red Caps to Play Jonesville Here

North Wilkesboro's Red Caps, a good baseball team which has not received its just share of support from local fans this season, will play the strong Jonesville nine here Saturday, three o'clock.

Recent games have been rained out, but the North Wilkesboro team is in third place with an excellent chance to get near the top in the Yadkin Valley league Saturday.

The game should be a thriller and fans are urged not to miss it.

Beat Rockford Wednesday

The Red Caps played a good game to defeat Rockford 6 to 2 at Rockford Wednesday. Lyalls was the big gun for North Wilkesboro with a homer, triple and single. Bill Ernest limited the Rockford hitters to three singles. Some of the Red Caps had trouble connecting with knuckle balls thrown by White.

LITTERAL WILL GET REPRIEVE IF BELL'S APPEAL IS DELAYED

Raleigh, June 24.—Recess of the United States Supreme Court, making unlikely its review of the appeal of Marvin C. Bell from conviction of capital felonies against a Wilkes high school girl, will mean, if the court cannot act, that Ralph Vernon Litteral will also get an automatic reprieve.

Governor Cherry told newspapermen today that he would grant such stay of execution to Litteral if Bell's appeal from the North Carolina Supreme Court cannot be examined by the Washington tribunal. Hardly had Governor Cherry expressed that purpose when Judge Hoyte Sink who tried Bell and Litteral came into Governor Cherry's office. Judge Sink heartily seconded Governor Cherry's view.

In the record and well advanced over the state is the contention that Bell is the less guilty of the two, though each man clearly committed a capital crime against the young girl. The position of Bell's attorneys is that he was under the domination of Litteral and that Bell may have saved the girl's life after both had committed crimes against her.

Judge Sink does not find any such mitigation in Bell's behalf. The judge is quite agreeable to the delay in Litteral's execution. "In all my courts I have treated defendants in joint crimes alike," he said. Barring the more violent aspects of the assault, Judge Sink thinks Bell was as gross as Litteral, that Bell helped to catch the young girl after she might have escaped, and that

he first committed the capital offense against her.

He did not appear in Governor Cherry's office to make such observations, but did answer questions which newspapermen asked him. He tried the case with the utmost care, he said, and never had the slightest fear that the upper court would not affirm the judgment of his own.

Both men, in Judge Sink's opinion, are hardened and professional criminals for which no word of mitigation under existing laws can be uttered.

Daily Bible School At Millers Creek

Daily Vacation Bible School will be held at the Millers Creek Tabernacle from June 30 to July 4. Classes will start promptly at 10:00 a. m. and run to 12:00 noon. All boys and girls are welcome—Evangelistic services will also be held daily, starting at 7:30 p. m.

Bingo Party At Pores Knob 28th

There will be a bingo party at the Pores Knob Community House Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, June 28th, for the benefit of the Community House. Refreshments will be sold during the evening. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the evening together.

Harry L. Summers, Deputy Collector, N. C. Dept. of Revenue, states his office will be closed the week of June 30th, through July 5th, 1947.

MEMORIAL PARK NAME FOR ATHLETIC FIELDS

Singing Sunday At New Hope Baptist

Blue Ridge Singing association will convene Sunday at New Hope Baptist church near Purlear, according to announcement by Troy A. Eller, chairman. The singing will begin at one p. m. and all are invited to attend and take part.

Hosiery Mills Give Week Paid Vacation

As has been the custom for the past several years, the Wilkes Hosiery Mills company next week will give all employees a week's vacation with pay. The plant will be closed next week with all employees enjoying their vacation.

WILL FLOOD CONTROL HELP OR HARM WILKES COUNTY?

By JOHNSON J. HAYES

Some oppose it on the supposed ground that it will do more harm than good—While others oppose it because they have been told and, profess to believe, the government will take their land for nothing.

The United States can't take private property even for a public purpose without just compensation. On June 16, 1947, the United States Supreme Court in United States v. Dickinson held "payment need only be made for what is taken, but for all that the Government takes it must pay. When it takes property by flooding, it takes the land which it permanently floods as well as that which inevitably washes away as a result of that flooding. The mere fact that all the United States needs and physically appropriates is the land up to the new level of the river, does not determine what in nature it has taken. If the Government can not take the acreage it wants without also washing away more, that more becomes a part of the taking. When part only of a parcel of land is taken the value of that part is not the sole measure of the compensation or damages to be paid to the owner. . . . When the part not taken is left in such shape or condition as to be in itself of less value than before, the owner is entitled to additional damages on that account." It further held that whatever it cost to prevent his land left from washing away by erosion the owner was entitled to receive.

Regardless of opinions others may have the law quoted above is the last word on the matter and shows that the land owner whose land is taken is entitled to just compensation for his land covered by water, damages caused to the portion of his land not taken, plus whatever it costs to prevent his land from further damage.

Now, what is just compensation? If the Government and the owner are not able to agree, the owner is entitled to have a jury decide the amount of his damages.

Grossly erroneous statements have been made to the land owners involved, causing them to believe that the Government will take their land for nothing. It does not do business that way. It could not do so, if it was disposed to do so. The Constitution forbids it; The Supreme Court says it can't be done.

Since the owners of the lands to be flooded by the four dams are to be paid full damages for their land which leaves them without any loss, why should future floods be permitted to wash away the crops and soil and business property and homes below the dams? Is there any answer to this question?

We know what it has meant to be without flood control. Since our hearing in Washington, the flood destroyed great quantities of crops and a lot of valuable land along Kings Creek, Beaver Creek, Warrior Creek, White's Creek, Moravian Creek and Cub Creek and along the Yadkin. Whose loss is this and where is the damage coming from? Unfortunately, it is a total loss to the land owners and those who till the soil. While the flood dams could not have prevented all of this, it would have prevented a part and the owners of the land affected by the dams would have been paid for their land by the Government. If a like amount of water in the same twenty-four hours had fallen throughout the entire water shed of the Yadkin and Reddies River, the flood would have swept out along those streams more wealth than it did in 1940. The damage in 1940 amounted to \$3,250,000.00. Is our country able to sustain these losses? Shall we wait until the disaster comes again before we can untiedly ask Congress for the flood relief?

Without flood control, everybody—those above and those below the proposed flood control dams—will lose and their loss is the County's loss. With flood control, those above the dams will be adequately paid for their property while those below the dams will be safeguarded against damages by flood. A problem so plain affords its own easy solution.

Henry Landon, III, Gets His Degree

Young Doctor Will Intern In Surgery At Bowman Gray School Medicine

Henry C. Landon III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Landon, Jr., received his Doctor of Medicine degree at the final exercises of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va. on June 16th. He was one of 67 graduates of the School of Medicine and among over 500 who graduated from other departments of the University.

Dr. Landon is a member of the Kappa Alpha and Phi Chi fraternities. While in College, from which he received his B. A. degree in 1944, he was a member of the staffs of College Topics and the Year Book—Corks and Curis. He was a Dean's List student throughout his College course and received Intermediate honors at the end of his second year. He was also on the Dean's List of Distinguished Students in Medical School.

Dr. Landon will intern in surgery at Bowman Gray beginning July 1st.

Seines Must Be Given Approval Game Protector

R. S. Johnson, State Game Protector of District No. 3, Wilkes county, has asked that all who have seines, and contemplate setting this season, to meet with him at his home with their seines for inspection and for approval on Saturday, June 28th, at 2 o'clock p. m.

"At this meeting we will work out the parties with seines to be used and dates to seine mud waters for coarse fish, which is only allowed under the strict supervision of State Game Protectors," Mr. Johnson said.

In Singing School

Paul Collins, widely known singing instructor from Lincolnton, will begin a singing school at Pleasant Grove (Buck's Arbor) on June 30. Everybody is invited to attend and take part in the singing.

\$20,000 Goal Now For Lights, Seats In Memorial Park

Committee and Solicitors To Meet Friday, Five P. M., Chamber Commerce

Central committee directing the campaign for funds for lighting the athletic fields here has officially named the project Memorial Park in honor of all Wilkes men who gave their lives for the cause of liberty and justice in all wars.

The committee, which was selected in a mass meeting of interested citizens Friday night, has set as an immediate goal of \$20,000 for the erection of lights, seats and other facilities for football and baseball.

The campaign is in progress this week and is expected to reach its climax with a meeting of the central committee and all solicitors Friday afternoon, five o'clock, at the Chamber of Commerce office.

The fund began with voluntary donations of more than \$2,000 at the mass meeting and those who have been contacted by the committee members and solicitors have given liberally.

The campaign is being carried out rapidly in order that the lights may be purchased and installed in time for the football season. However, attention is called to the fact that lights will be installed for both football and baseball, and all who give will be assured of facilities for both sports.

The committee has announced that checks may be made payable to Memorial Park fund.

Plan Square Dance

Local high school students have planned a square dance to be held Tuesday night, eight o'clock, in the school gymnasium. In addition to square dancing will be a cake walk and other entertainment with all proceeds going to the Memorial Park fund.

Howard Bowers, athletic coach and recreation director, is chairman of the campaign and W. Blair Gwyn is treasurer. The committee members are Jack Swafford, R. Ivey Moore, W. F. Gaddy, C. Arthur Venable and Frank Allen. In addition to the committee are many who have been designated as solicitors.

The Memorial Park will be used for football in the football season. According to tentative plans there will be high school baseball in the spring and professional baseball and American Legion baseball during the summer. When not in use for regularly scheduled events, the lighted park will be available to others, including softball at night.

Application is being made by local interests for a franchise in the Blue Ridge baseball league now composed of Lenoir, Mounf Airy, Galax and Radford. The league is planning to expand to six or eight teams next year.

S. S. Association at Shady Grove 27th

J. F. Jordan, chairman, has announced that the Brushy Mountain Baptist Sunday school association will convene with Shady Grove Church Friday at eight p. m.

"The First Step in Christian Stewardship" will be the theme of the association and the following program will be carried out:

Song and devotional exercise; Report of February meeting; Miss Madge Lewis; Roll call of the churches; Training our workers, T. E. Story; Plans for training in each church, Mrs. Bernice Greer; Visitation plans, Rev. W. N. Brookshire; Selecting a nominating committee; The Stewardship of self, Luke 2:49; Rev. W. R. Wagoner; The Stewardship of time, Luke 12:30-40; Rev. Latt Beshears; The Stewardship of Abilities, I Peter 4:10; Rev. John Wells; The Stewardship of possession, Deut. 18, Mat. 25:21; Rev. Glenn Huffman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Walker and daughter, Wilma Barbara, and son, Kenneth, left Monday morning for their home in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., after spending several days with Mrs. Walker's people here and being here for the Brown Reunion.

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Marine Recruiter Here Three Days

Sgt. John G. Smith, of the Raleigh office of the marine corps recruiting service, arrived in this city today and will be at the V. F. W. hall on C street opposite the postoffice, through Saturday to interview young men interested in marine corp enlistment. Sgt. Smith is prepared to give any desired information about opportunities now offered by the marine corps.

Reunion of Ellers Enjoyable Event

Eller family reunion held Sunday at Bolling Springs Baptist church near Purlear was a highly successful event and a large crowd enjoyed the day together.

Feature of the morning session was a sermon by Rev. Atley Loudy, of Johnson City, Tenn.

A bountiful picnic dinner was served at noon. In the afternoon Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Wilkesboro, delivered an inspiring address and a most interesting talk was given by Dr. James W. Davis, of Statesville. Rev. and Mrs. Loudy sang a number of duets and during the program singing by Arbor Grove choir was enjoyed.

In the business session E. R. Eller, of North Wilkesboro, was named chairman of the Eller Association. Vensley Eller was named vice chairman and Mrs. V. D. Foster, secretary. The 1948 reunion will be held at the same time and place.

Mt. Carmel Revival Is Now In Progress

Revival services are now in progress at Mt. Carmel Baptist church near highway 18 between Moravian Falls and Boomer and services are being held each evening at 7:45.

Rev. Iredell Osborne, pastor, is being assisted by Rev. John Rufus Isaacs, of Leon, Ky. Special music is being rendered at each service.

Revival Next Week At Welcome Home

Revival services will begin Sunday night at Welcome Home Baptist church and continue for a week with services each evening at 7:30. Rev. Troy Bundy, guest minister, will assist the pastor, Rev. Richard Day. All are invited to attend.

Wilkesboro And Baptist 2 Win

In the churches softball league opening games Tuesday evening Baptist 2 defeated Baptist 1 at Smoot Park 10 to 6 and Wilkesboro defeated the Presbyterian-Methodist team at Wilkesboro 8 to 1. Both games were well played in view of the lack of practice and better games are anticipated as the season progresses.

Today Baptist 1 will play Wilkesboro at Wilkesboro and Presbyterian-Methodist meets Baptist 2 at Smoot Park. On next Tuesday Baptist 2 will play at Wilkesboro while Baptist 1 and Presbyterian-Methodists will play at Smoot Park.

NORTH WILKESBORO JUNIORS BEAT CHARLOTTE IN THRILLER — 4 TO 3

North Wilkesboro American Legion junior team defeated Charlotte 4 to 3 in the second game of a double bill at Charlotte Wednesday night slier dropping the opener 7-0.

Playing their best game of the year the Wilkes boys held in check the highly trained Charlotte nine, which is calculated to be one of the best teams in junior baseball. In gaining their victory Cardwell held Charlotte to 6 bingles while the Wilkes team collected ten. Baggett, Dancy and Church led in hits with three each and Craig hit a home run which bounded against the fence more than 400 feet from home plate, but he was called out after he failed to touch third. Accurate fielding and relay throw on

Some of Nation's Finest Horses To Be In Show Here

Arrangements For Kiwanis Club Horse Show July 4-5 Near Complete

Some of the nation's finest show horses will compete in the Kiwanis Club's horse show to be staged on July 4 and 5.

The arrangements committee reported today that work in preparation for the show is progressing smoothly and that the show grounds will be ready for the event. The show will be held near the livestock market just out of North Wilkesboro on highway 115. Stable accommodations are being erected and all facilities for a good show will be ready.

The horse show will bring to North Wilkesboro the best horses in the southeast, along with the widely known authorities on show horses.

John Bowers is in charge of arrangements and such figures as Jimmie Seashole and other show authorities will be on hand. The Kiwanis Club is publishing an attractive catalogue and program of events. The committee reports that entries are coming in rapidly and that the most successful show ever held in this section of the state is anticipated.

Two Per Cent On Taxes This Month

W. P. Kelly, North Wilkesboro clerk and treasurer, said today that the law allows a penalty of two per cent on taxes paid on or before July 1. This applies to 1947 taxes.

The tentative rate on which collections are being received is \$1.85, which represents an increase of 35 cents over the present rate of \$1.50.

Attention is also called to the fact that taxes for 1946 are long past due, and that additional penalties and interest charges will be added if the taxes are not paid soon.

The two per cent discount also applies on Wilkes county taxes for this year. The rate has been set at \$1.88, same as in the past several years.

Jaycees to Elect Officers Tonight

Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet this evening, 6:30, at Hotel Wilkes. Officers for the year beginning July 1 will be elected. Every member is asked to attend.

Woodie, Anderson Buy Ronda Block

M. C. Woodie and W. A. Anderson have purchased an entire block of lots in Ronda next to Home Chair company from Mrs. Edith K. Holcomb, of Gettysburg, Pa. The new owners plan to erect a building and to sell lots on the part of the property facing highway 268.

Another Square Dance Saturday

Wilkes post of the American Legion will sponsor another old time square dance to be held Saturday night, 8:30 to 11:30, at the Legion clubhouse. Wanderers of the wasteland will furnish music and refreshments will be sold. All are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Press Brown left Sunday for their home in Maryville, Tenn., after spending some time here with relatives and being here for the Brown Reunion.

On Tuesday night the Wilkes juniors lost to Newton there by a score of 15 to 5.

Today Mooresville will play here and on Friday night the Wilkes team will engage Gastonia at Gastonia.

Hickory will play here Monday, Lenoir on Tuesday and the schedule will be completed with Charlotte here on July 4.