

THE JOURNAL-PATRIOT

The Journal-Patriot Has Blazed the Trail of Progress In the "State of Wilkes" For Over 41 Years

OUR CITY
North Wilkesboro has a trading radius of 50 miles, serving 100,000 people in Northwestern Carolina.

M. C. A.
Wilkes Y. M. C. A. is raising a building fund for the erection of a modern Y. M. C. A. plant. Support it.

Vol. 42, No. 19 Published Mondays and Thursdays NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C., Thursday, July 3, 1947 Make North Wilkesboro Your Shopping Center

HORSE SHOW TO BE OUTSTANDING LOCAL EVENT

Along with many of the nation's finest show horses from widely separated sections of the country some fine horses will be shown Friday and Saturday in the Kiwanis Club horse show by local horse enthusiasts. The picture alongside shows Celia Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carter, riding Major Allen, one of many fine horses owned in this community. The show should be one of the most successful in the state this year, with more than 100 horses from the country's best known stables to be shown. The show will be held on the new show grounds near the livestock market just out of this city on highway 115.



HORSE SHOW TO DRAW LARGE CROWDS

Soil Conservation People Supporting The Control Work

Estimate That 6,000 Acres Of Crop Lands Flooded In Yadkin Valley

Washington. — Representatives of Forsyth, Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin Counties met with Agriculture Department officials here yesterday to urge continuation of a full-scale soil conservation program as part of a long-range flood control system needed in the Yadkin River Valley. The group, invited to Washington by Representative C. B. Deane of North Carolina, consisted of M. A. Hester of route one, Belle Creek, Forsyth County; Stanton McIver, district conservationist, of North Wilkesboro, Wilkes County; and Paul Speer of Booneville, Yadkin county, chairman of the Tri-Creek Soil Conservation District. Comprehensive Program Urged. They stressed in talks with officials of the Soil Conservation Service and the United States Forestry Service that in order to stop devastating floods in the Yadkin valleys, a comprehensive program is required. To be effective, they said, such a program must include intensive soil conservation measures, detention dams for flood control, and sound reforestation and forest management. Under the present Republican economy-act threat, soil conservation funds in the Agriculture Department appropriation bill (soon to come before the Senate after a severe cut in the House) would be reduced to the point that drastic curtailment of the program would be necessary. The Tar Heel group, which had the backing of Representatives Deane and John H. Folger, gave the Federal officials a full report on damage caused by the recent flash flood in the Yadkin Valley. "There were approximately 6,000 acres of crop land along the Yadkin River damaged," they said in a joint statement, "of which at least 4,000 acres were actually in crops, such as corn, small grain and hay. There were at least 2,000 acres more of cropland also damaged by this flood along Cub Creek and other minor tributaries to the upper Yadkin River. "Many small farmers had their crops completely destroyed and they feel it hopeless to continue their farming operations. "In addition, some families in North Wilkesboro and Elkin and a few places of business had to move out temporarily. One highway bridge was washed out and the Wilkesboro water supply system was considerably damaged, and contaminated and, ten days later, was still unfit for human consumption." Deane, Folger and other proponents of flood control dams for the Yadkin Valley have asked the House Appropriations Committee for \$75,000 during the next fiscal year for advance planning of the project. They will get their answer on Friday when the committee is expected to report out the civil functions bill containing various flood control projects.

METHODIST YOUTH CARAVAN COMING



A Methodist Youth Caravan, consisting of two young men, two young women and a counselor, will be at the First Methodist church in North Wilkesboro all next week, beginning Sunday, July 6. Each of the young people, under 24 years of age, have completed two years or more in college. In the picture above the members of the caravan are: standing, left to right, Jack Spencer, of DuBois, Pa., and Ray Branton, of Vivian, La.; seated, left to right, Marijean Worley, of Stamford, Conn.; Evelyn Strader, counselor, of Draper, and Nora Alice Prine, of Irvington, Ala. The purpose of the Caravan is to help revitalize and

strengthen the youth program of the local church and community, and to give a clearer vision of the Christian's responsibility in every phase of life. The Caravan will make personal visits, lead informal study classes and forums, assist in initiating work projects, give suggestions for worship services, and direct recreation. The Caravan will begin their services on Sunday evening, July 6, at seven o'clock. Each evening a program of discussion, recreation, and worship will be provided for young people, ages 12-23, and for adults who are interested in youth. A class will be taught for the adults by the Caravan Counselor.

45 Events To Be On Program For Friday, Saturday

Over 100 Fine Horses Entered For Kiwanis Club's Horse Show Here

With some of the nation's finest horses among the more than 100 already entered for the annual horse show at North Wilkesboro July 4 and 5, the show is destined to be an outstanding sports event of the summer in northwestern North Carolina. Just off the press is the 100-page program for the two day show, which will be held at two and eight p. m. both days, Friday and Saturday. The program lists a total of 45 events with the championships scheduled to be held Saturday night. The horse show grounds are located just out of North Wilkesboro on highway 115, where stable accommodations have been arranged for 100 horses. Under sponsorship of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club, the show will be under management of John Bowers, of Black Mountain, who has staged many highly successful horse show events. Ringmaster will be H. Glenn York, of Elkin. Jack Thompson, of Hodgenville, Ky., Otto Furr, of Middleburg, Va., and Ormond Gilmore, of Wartrace, Tenn., will be judges. W. K. Sturdivant is Kiwanis Club horse show chairman. A large sum is being offered in cash prizes to winners in the many events, in addition to ribbons and many beautiful trophies, which have been purchased and are now on display in the Jewel Box window in North Wilkesboro. The horse show will be broadcast over radio station WILX in North Wilkesboro. Humsy Bear, known everywhere, horse shows are held, will be master of ceremonies and announce the show over the public address system. Robert Montgomery will handle the radio broadcast.

MEMORIAL PARK MASS MEETING BE HELD MONDAY NIGHT AT TOWN HALL; ATHLETIC LIGHTS BOUGHT

Following a meeting here yesterday with a representative of lighting company, a mass meeting of citizens has been called to be held at the North Wilkesboro town hall Monday, 7:30 p. m., to adopt definite plans for lighting the Memorial Park athletic fields for football and baseball. Swofford Is Chairman. Coach Howard Bowers, who was named chairman of the fund campaign to raise \$20,000 for construction of Memorial Park on the fairgrounds in honor of all Wilkes War dead, left last week for six weeks study at Columbia University and Jack Swofford was elected as chairman to complete the drive, which is well under way. Materials On Order. Chairman Swofford, with committee members and others interested, met yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce office with H. W. Marvin, representative of Westinghouse Electric company, and received quotations on materials for athletic lighting. He stated that he could furnish immediately all electric materials, including transformers. After receiving estimates a tentative order was placed, subject to confirmation by the mass meeting. Free Car and Horse Show. This week in the campaign to raise funds for lights and seating facilities efforts are being concentrated on the Lions Club's free car project, because half the profits will go to the Memorial Park fund. Also efforts are being centralized on work for the horse show Friday and Saturday under sponsorship of the Kiwanis club, which is expected to make a substantial donation. Canvass Next Week. Next week committee members and solicitors will make personal solicitation to complete the fund for this project, which is recognized as one of the most needed improvements for the community and entire county. If present plans materialize football games here this fall will be played under the lights and professional baseball will make its debut here next summer, providing wholesome recreation for all this section of northwestern North Carolina.

Wholesale Firms Close Wednesdays 1 P. M.; Begin 9th

Eight wholesale firms here this week have agreed to close every Wednesday afternoon, one o'clock, beginning Wednesday, July 9. The firms which will close on Wednesday afternoon are North Wilkesboro Grocery Co., Tal J. Pearson, I. E. Pearson, J. F. Pearson, S. V. Tomlinson, Joines Cash Wholesale, Eller Brothers, C. A. Lowe and Sons. The Wednesday afternoon closing will extend through September 24.

Southside Singers Meet On June 29

The Southside Singing Association convened at Mount Carmel Sunday, June 29, at 11 o'clock. Rev. Woodruff Isaacs led the devotional. Singers for the morning session were: the home choir, led by Mr. Church; Sweet Home and Fishing Creek Arbor choirs, led by Eugene Revis; Island Ford choir, led by Rev. E. W. Walker of Elkin; Robert Johnson, piano and vocal soloist; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones, duet; and the Beaver Creek choir, led by Mrs. Edward Foster. After one round the session adjourned for an hour. Soon a long table was loaded with delicious food that was enjoyed by a large number of people from near and far. Mount Carmel, the home choir, opened the afternoon session. New singers were added to the morning list as follows: The Sunrise Quartet, Garsh Fox leader, of Hiddente; The Douglas Quartet, Mr. Douglas as sponsor, of Taylorsville; The Walsh Sisters, of Ferguson; The Pleasant Grove choir; The Pleasant Grove Junior Quartet; The Russell Quartet, of Mt. Olive; The Pilgrim Quartet, and Charlie Jones piano and vocal soloist. After two rounds the session adjourned to meet the next Fifth Sunday at Mt. Pisgah Baptist church at Boomer.

Ambrose J. Barker Funeral Wednesday

Funeral service was held Wednesday, two p. m., at Charity church for Ambrose J. Barker, 61, well known citizen of the Roaring River route one community who died Monday. Rev. Vergie Richardson and Rev. Joe Lyon conducted the last rites. Mr. Barker is survived by 12 sons and daughters: Percy Barker, Thurmond; Mrs. Roy Clark, Buchanan, W. Va.; Mrs. W. C. Brown, Mrs. George Wilmount and Vance Barker, of Inkster, Michigan; Miss Maude Barker, Roaring River; Mrs. Willard Jeffries, Buchanan, W. Va.; Grant, Ina Mae, Clyde, Jimmie and Katherine Barker, all of Roaring River.

Cripple Clinic On Thursday, July 10

Orthopedic clinic will be held at the Wilkes hospital Thursday, July 10, at which time an orthopedic specialist will make free examination of all crippled and deformed persons present.

Ferguson Writes On Flood Control

In order to allow a full expression of opinions and to be fair to all, The Journal-Patriot is publishing, by the author's request, a public opinion article by T. W. Ferguson, of Ferguson. Because of the length of the article, it is appearing in installments, with the first in today's paper. Any opinions expressed are those of the author, and are not to be construed as any part of the editorial policy of this newspaper. First installment of Mr. Ferguson's contribution will be found on page seven.

V. F. W. Meeting On Tuesday Night

Blue Ridge Mountain Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet Tuesday night, eight o'clock, to transact very important business matters and all members are asked to attend.

Square Dance Friday At Legion Clubhouse

Another old time square dance will be held Friday night at the Legion clubhouse under sponsorship of the Wilkes post of the American Legion. Music will be furnished by Jim Golden and his Wanderers of the Wasteland and cold drinks will be sold. Everybody is invited.

4-H Club Camp July 7th to 12th

By DWIGHT WILLIAMSON and MARGARET MORRISON. Fifty 4-H Club boys and girls from Wilkes county will attend 4-H Camp next week, July 7-12, at Camp Fellowship, Barium Springs. All 4-H members who are registered to go to camp are expected to be at the County Court House at least by 12:15 p. m. in order to get ready to leave by 1 p. m. A full week of recreation, arts and crafts, forestry, sports, home-making, etc., has been planned for those who attend camp. These boys and girls will be accompanied by the Assistant Farm and Home Agents.

Blue Ridge Singers Convened Sunday

Blue Ridge Singing Convention met with New Hope Baptist church Sunday, June 29th. Chairman T. A. Eller was in charge of the meeting which opened with a song by the congregation and led by the chairman. Prayer was by Rev. Clate Brown and address of welcome by Rev. Vernon Eller. Chairman Eller called for registration of singers, the following groups taking part: New Hope choir and quartette, also young peoples choir, Hinshaw Street choir, Welcome Home choir and quartette, Arbor Grove choir, Purlear choir, Lewis Fork choir, Richmond Hill choir from Yadkin county, Gospel Baptist quartet, Northwestern Singers' quartet. A committee composed of leaders of each church was appointed to select officers for the ensuing year and place for the next meeting. T. A. Eller was chosen as chairman, with Sherman Shumate as secretary. Lewis Fork church was chosen as next meeting place, August 31st.

Purlear Revival Is To Begin Sunday

Revival services will begin Sunday night at Purlear Baptist church and continue through the week with services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor, Rev. Glenn Huffman, will be assisted by Rev. Walter Whittington, pastor of the First Baptist church at Damascus, Va. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Timber Thinning Winners Will Get Free Raleigh Trip

W. K. Sturdivant, chairman of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee, announced today that the prize winners of the recent Timber Thinning Contest had been invited to make a three-day trip to State College as an additional reward for their fine efforts in the recent contest. The thinning contest was held in connection with the chamber's Reforestation Field Day, and a large number of county students were entered. The contest consisted of thinning, according to standard forestry practices, an acre of timber on their own lands. Mr. R. W. Graeber, State Extension Forester, judged the contest, assisted by John E. Ford, Farm Forester for Wilkes county. Mr. Graeber is arranging for the boys to be shown through the forestry department of State College and the State Forester's office while in Raleigh. It is hoped they will also be able to see the governor sometime during the trip. The boys will be taken on a field trip around Raleigh to look over various forestry projects carried on by the forestry section of State College. Timber Thinning Contest winners making the trip will be: Edwin McGee of Purlear, Charlie Blackburn of Ronda, Ralph Gray of Cyle, Gwyn Redding of Ronda, C. A. Burchette, Jr., of Ronda, Ray Johnson of Jonesville, Route 1, Fred Welborn of Wilkesboro, Shelton Edwards of Wilkesboro, Duell Jones of Ronda, and Charles A. Gilliam of Ronda. The boys will be accompanied by Mr. Forrest Jones, Secretary of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce; Mr. R. D. Smith, Wilkes County Farm Agent; and John E. Ford, Farm Forester for Wilkes county. This group will leave North Wilkesboro on Friday, July 11 and return on Sunday, July 13.

Winners In Recent Chamber of Commerce Contest To Get Award

W. K. Sturdivant, chairman of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee, announced today that the prize winners of the recent Timber Thinning Contest had been invited to make a three-day trip to State College as an additional reward for their fine efforts in the recent contest. The thinning contest was held in connection with the chamber's Reforestation Field Day, and a large number of county students were entered. The contest consisted of thinning, according to standard forestry practices, an acre of timber on their own lands. Mr. R. W. Graeber, State Extension Forester, judged the contest, assisted by John E. Ford, Farm Forester for Wilkes county. Mr. Graeber is arranging for the boys to be shown through the forestry department of State College and the State Forester's office while in Raleigh. It is hoped they will also be able to see the governor sometime during the trip. The boys will be taken on a field trip around Raleigh to look over various forestry projects carried on by the forestry section of State College. Timber Thinning Contest winners making the trip will be: Edwin McGee of Purlear, Charlie Blackburn of Ronda, Ralph Gray of Cyle, Gwyn Redding of Ronda, C. A. Burchette, Jr., of Ronda, Ray Johnson of Jonesville, Route 1, Fred Welborn of Wilkesboro, Shelton Edwards of Wilkesboro, Duell Jones of Ronda, and Charles A. Gilliam of Ronda. The boys will be accompanied by Mr. Forrest Jones, Secretary of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce; Mr. R. D. Smith, Wilkes County Farm Agent; and John E. Ford, Farm Forester for Wilkes county. This group will leave North Wilkesboro on Friday, July 11 and return on Sunday, July 13.

Return Cookers To Home Agent Office

Office of the Wilkes Home Demonstration agent has a number of pressure cookers out among the people of the county and the home agent asked that all cookers now out be returned to the office for checkins.

Legion Team Ends Schedule Tuesday

Just wait until next year! Is the cry among junior baseball enthusiasts at the end of the Legion junior baseball schedule for the local team and prospects really are good for a winning team next year. For the first time in history a North Wilkesboro team was put in regular junior baseball play and it so happened that this area had the "big" teams which are expected to go places in national competition. For the schedule North Wilkesboro has one victory—4-3 over Charlotte and Charlotte is a top team in the state. With many of the boys eligible for next year, the North Wilkesboro team will be no pushover for any junior team next season. All the boys lacked this year was experience, much of which they have gained. Under great handicap they have played well and were in there trying through every inning. The games here this week resulted in victories for the visitors. Hickory took the Monday game 16 to 3 and Lenoir closed the season with a 12 to 1 victory Tuesday.

Wilkes Boys Improved Greatly During Strenuous Baseball Schedule

Just wait until next year! Is the cry among junior baseball enthusiasts at the end of the Legion junior baseball schedule for the local team and prospects really are good for a winning team next year. For the first time in history a North Wilkesboro team was put in regular junior baseball play and it so happened that this area had the "big" teams which are expected to go places in national competition. For the schedule North Wilkesboro has one victory—4-3 over Charlotte and Charlotte is a top team in the state. With many of the boys eligible for next year, the North Wilkesboro team will be no pushover for any junior team next season. All the boys lacked this year was experience, much of which they have gained. Under great handicap they have played well and were in there trying through every inning. The games here this week resulted in victories for the visitors. Hickory took the Monday game 16 to 3 and Lenoir closed the season with a 12 to 1 victory Tuesday.

Shady Grove Church Plans Home Coming

Shady Grove Baptist Church in the Adley community announces an old time home coming will be held July 13. All former pastors and members of the church and community have a special invitation. The program is as follows: Sunday school, 10 o'clock; Singing by Sunshine quartet; preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. Clate Brown; Dinner at 12 o'clock; Singing at 1 o'clock by Gordon Quartet, Girls Trio and short talks by former pastors. Rev. Gilbert Osborne will be in charge. "Everyone come and bring full baskets," the announcement stated.

Lions Meet Friday

North Wilkesboro Lions Club will meet Friday evening, 6:30, at Hotel Wilkes. An official from the Kiwanis Club horse show will be the feature speaker.

Elkin Will Play Here Saturday

The game that baseball fans have been waiting for, North Wilkesboro and Elkin, will be played here on Saturday afternoon, three o'clock. Elkin is now leading the Yadkin Valley league with North Wilkesboro in third place. Intense rivalry between North Wilkesboro and Elkin always assures a good game. The Red Caps had been primed for Elkin earlier in the season but the game was rained out. North Wilkesboro lost a close game to Clingman at Clingman Wednesday by the score of eight to six. Miscues in the late innings gave the strong Clingman nine the victory.

Big-Time Auto Racing July 6th Local Speedway

Big-time auto racing makes its 1947 North Carolina debut at the North Wilkesboro Speedway July 6 with a score of the nation's leading drivers scheduled to chauffer on the five-eighths of a mile dirt track for over \$2,000 in prize money. The race schedule calls for two 15-lap sprints and a 20-mile feature in addition to time trials, the latter getting under way promptly at noon. The first race is set for 2:45 p. m. These races mark the first invasion of the South by the Central States Racing Association, a midwestern outfit labeled by many as the fastest dirt track circuit in America. The races will be under the management of Bill France, famous stock car promoter. Only because France is holding two big car races in three days was he able to lure this crack field below the Mason-Dixon line. The same program as to be held here will be staged at Greenville, S. C., July 4. Heading the list of go jockeys already entered is Cliff Griffith, 1946 champion of the Midwest Dirt Track Association and one of the greatest drivers ever to trot an accelerator. He will be driving an Offenhauser powered by the same engine which was in an Indianapolis race car this year. The new North Wilkesboro Speedway is regarded as the fastest five-eighths of a mile dirt track in the nation and several world's records are expected to be smashed when these Offenhausers, D. O. Hais and Riley Specials begin battering at the layout.