

Christmas Opening Parade Will Be November 28th

TOP MEN HERE FOR FLOOD CONTROL MEETING ADVOCATE PROGRAM



Here are pictured those who participated in the recent flood control meeting held here, at which time a program of complete flood control in the entire Yadkin Valley was advocated by a gathering of 150 key citizens from several counties. Left to right in the above photo are: Carl S. Krueger, Asheville, forest supervisor, U. S. Department of Agriculture; T. S. Kenerly, mayor of North Wilkesboro; Marion Allen, Elkin attorney and member of Flood Control committee; J. B. Williams, president Wilkes Chamber of Commerce; Worth Candrick, representative War Department Engineers' office, Charleston, S. C.; John E. Justice, Jr., chairman Flood Control committee; Milton Bryant, Forestry division, U. S. Department Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Charles R. Hursh, water research management scientist, Asheville; W. R. Hines, representative National Forest Service, Atlanta, Ga.; Harvey J. Loughhead, formerly in charge flood control on Potomac; P. W. F. Praeter, representative National Forest Service, Atlanta, Ga.—(Photo by Lane Atkinson, Jr.).

Duke Power Honors 4-H Club Members

By MARGARET C. MORRISON and D. D. WILLIAMSON (Assistant Home and Farm Agents)
County winners in 4-H projects were honored at a banquet given by Duke Power Company. Most of the winners, along with one of their parents, were present for this banquet which was given on Thursday, November 13th at 6:30 p. m.
Mr. Jesse James, Assistant State 4-H Club Leader was present and made a very inspiring talk on the 4-H Club Pledge.
4-H winners with their parents are as follows: Buddy Mathis, Coy Mathis; Edwin McGee, Gerald McGee; Paul Myers, Percy Myers; Thomas Hurt, John Hurt; Herbert and Walter Broyles; Wilbur Greer, Mrs. P. W. Greer; Lucille Mathis, Mrs. Coy Mathis; Mary Frances Foster, Mrs. Taft Foster; Nellie Jean Bullis, Mrs. J. W. Bullis; George Lou Sprinkle, Mrs. Rex Kliby; Audrey Pennell, Mrs. James Pennell.
This banquet, an annual affair, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

FOOTBALL GAMES

North Wilkesboro Mountain Lions will play their final game of the 1947 season with Asheboro at Asheboro Friday night.
Wilkesboro high school Ramblers will complete their current season Friday afternoon at Wilkesboro when they meet the strong Hartsell high school eleven of Concord at 2 o'clock. The game will be broadcast over WKBC.

Directors Chamber Commerce to Meet

Directors of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday noon at Hotel Wilkes. A number of committee reports will be given, especially by the Flood Control and Agricultural committees. A nominating committee will be named to nominate members for election to six places on the board of directors. Plans will also be discussed for the annual meeting in January.

Trade Promotion Group Will Meet

Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday, ten a. m., at the North Wilkesboro town hall, at which time all solicitors of Christmas lighting funds are asked to make their final reports. Holiday closing dates and pre-holiday opening hours will also be discussed.

Square Dance 22nd

A square dance will be held Saturday night, eight o'clock, at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse. Jim Golden and the Carolina Pals will furnish music.

Office of Carolina Motor Club To Be Closed Wednesday

Office of the Carolina Motor Club here will be closed Wednesday, November 19, in order that T. C. Caudill, manager, and Mrs. Louise C. Pierce, assistant, may attend the annual Carolina Motor Club school in Charlotte, which will be in preparation for the sale of 1948 license plates to begin December 1.

RAMBLERS DEFEAT MOUNTAIN LIONS 13 TO 6 IN CLASSIC HERE

Wilkesboro's undefeated and untied Ramblers made it nine in a row Friday night in the rain to defeat a valiant North Wilkesboro team 13 to 6 in the annual Wilkes championship grid classic on Memorial Park field.
The Ramblers racked up 13 points in the first half and played cautious football in the second half while staving off all except one North Wilkesboro scoring threat.
A crowd estimated at 4,000 sat and stood through the rain to watch one of the most thrilling games ever played here.
Captain Paul McGinnis of the Mountain Lions won the toss and chose to receive. Steelman, who was shifted from end to tailback because Rousseau, Badgett, and Hudson were out with injuries, streaked the kickoff back 45 yards and showed his running ability, but an offside penalty nullified the run. The kickoff was done all over again but North Wilkesboro quick kicked after two offside penalties. The ball was down on the Wilkesboro 22. Groce picked up 25 yards to midfield, but North Wilkesboro got the ball on the next play on a fumbled lateral in the Ramblers backfield. Steelman and Davis picked up a first down but a North Wilkesboro pass was intercepted on the 25 to end the march. Wilkesboro took over and Groce streaked up the field for 15 yards in one of many break-away jaunts in the game. Triplett made a thrilling run to the 20, but North Wilkesboro held as a fourth down pass went incomplete. After an exchange of punts the Ramblers put on a drive to pay

dirt when Groce slammed over right end and ran 25 yards before he was pushed out of bounds. Three plays carried to the three, and Groce went over for the score. His placement was wide and the score was 6 for Wilkesboro.
Wilkesboro threatened again when Lowe recovered the kickoff fumble as the first quarter ended.
A Whittington-to-Craig pass was good for ten yards as the second period opened, and Groce carried to the 15. The drive continued just inside the ten-yard stripe where Wilkesboro lost the ball on a fumble.
North Wilkesboro immediately kicked out and Triplett ran the kick back to the 20 and the Ramblers were knocking on the door again. But North Wilkesboro put up another splendid defensive stand and held for downs on the 14. The punt carried to the 50 and a Whittington-to-Craig pass was good for five. Groce emerged from the tricky "T" formation, and hustled 40 yards to score, shedding off three would-be tacklers en-route. His kick split the uprights to make the score 13 to 0.
Steelman streaked up field with the kickoff to the 40 and the Lions were driving hard. Davis picked up some yardage in two first downs to the 30, and a penalty gave the ball to the North Wilkesboro team on the 15. They were driving inside the ten-yard line as the half ended.
Wilkesboro's first punt was early in the second half, and two North Wilkesboro plays carried See — RAMBLERS — Page 4

Allbright Speaks At Kiwanis Meet Here Friday Noon

Candidate for Governor Delivers Splendid Address On "Citizenship"

R. Mayne Allbright, a candidate for governor of North Carolina next year, was the speaker Friday noon at the meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club.
Mr. Allbright, accompanied by Mrs. Allbright, who serves as his secretary, spent Friday here and their office trailer parked on Main street was visited by many during the day.
The program Friday was in charge of Ed Caudill and W. H. McElwee presented Mr. Allbright, a veteran who formerly headed the Employment Service in North Carolina.
The speaker pointed out that there is excellent opportunity in this state for improvement of the citizenship. He thinks we have an excellent past, a fine present and a promising future, but even at that we lag far behind the average of the states in many respects that ought not to do. He visualized a new era for North Carolina but urged that it will require vigilant leadership and wise planning to achieve it. Said he, "Even with the progress we have made in health and education and otherwise we are still 38th educationally speaking, 43rd in adult illiteracy and 43rd in per capita income. We have now in statistical record enough of the social, civic, educational and economic conditions of our state to compare ourselves with the other states of our nation and the question is, shall we use them as a challenge or not? There is much to do in health, a very great deal to do to improve our school system and there are 92 counties in our state with less per capita income than the average for the Nation. These conditions challenge us to a greater endeavor," he said.
Prior to the address Major Roy Forehand, head of the National Guard organization here, made a splendid talk on the subject of re-activating the guard here.
Guests Friday were: W. J. Caroon had Harry Heitger; J. B. Williams had Roy Forehand; R. L. Morhouse had Paul Dupre; W. H. McElwee had Jimmie Anderson; G. Sam Winters had Robert Montgomery; Paul Church had E. B. Garrett, of Raleigh; Frank Crow had Troy Perry; Kiwanian E. W. Smith, of Lenoir was present.

Webb Presiding In Federal Term

Judge E. Yates Webb, of the Western North Carolina district of federal court, is presiding over the November term of court which convened in Wilkesboro this morning.
Judge Webb was assigned to the Wilkesboro court because of the absence of Judge Johnson J. Hayes, who is presiding over Federal court in Richmond, Va.
Following an instructive charge to the grand jury by Judge Webb the court immediately began work on a docket composed of many cases for violation of the liquor laws.

National Guard Meeting Will Be Thursday Night

Those Who May Enlist Urged to Attend; May Get Former Rank

Preliminary work toward re-activating the National Guard in North Wilkesboro is progressing satisfactorily, Major Roy Forehand, combat veteran who will be in command of the field artillery battery here, said today.
Major Forehand has called a meeting to be held Thursday night, eight o'clock, at the North Wilkesboro town hall, at which time filled in questionnaires will be received on qualifications for enlistment. Attention is called to the fact that at this meeting veterans may enlist at their rank held in service provided they are qualified and there are places in the battery for their rank. All who are contemplating enlisting are asked to attend.
Frank Allen, an army veteran of the Pacific war, has been selected as executive officer and will begin with rank of second lieutenant, Major Forehand said. Assistant executive officer will be Harry Kerley, who had much experience as a transportation corps executive in Europe. The other two commissioned officers, Major Forehand said, may be former commissioned officers in World War II.
Over \$600 of the \$1,000 fund necessary for organization expenses has been paid or pledged. The town of North Wilkesboro gave \$250, Wilkesboro \$100, Wilkes county \$150, V. F. W. \$50, Junior Chamber of Commerce \$50 and J. B. McCoy at Hotel Wilkes \$15, Major Forehand said.
Dr. J. C. Mills has been designated as examining physician for those who enlist in the battery. Necessary enlistment forms have been received and changes are being made at the Legion clubhouse so that it can be used as temporary quarters.

Violin and Piano Recital Tuesday At First Baptist

Under sponsorship of the North Wilkesboro Junior Woman's Club a recital will be presented at the First Baptist church Tuesday, November 18, eight p. m., by James Lerch, violinist, and Charles Vardell, pianist.
There will be no admission charge to this splendid recital, which should draw a large crowd.
Numbers to be presented will include Mozart's "Sonata in C Major," a Chopin ballad in A flat major, a violin solo, "Campanella," and a sonata by Cesar Franck.

Harvest Festival And Card Party On Friday

Everybody is invited to the harvest festival and benefit card party to be held Friday night, 7:30, at the Moravian Falls community house for the benefit of the community house fund.
Prizes of fruits, jellies, jams and other products of the harvest season will be given winners in bridge, rook and setback.

North Wilkesboro P.-T. A. Is to Meet Thursday Evening

North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher association will meet Thursday, 7:30 p. m., in the school auditorium. An open forum will be conducted on the topic of "Parent, Teacher and Student Look At One Another." High school parents and teachers will be seated together and "High School Night" will be observed. The glee club will furnish music. All patrons of the school are invited.

Litteral and Bell Pay Death Penalty For Rape Crime

Men Go Calmly To Death Gas Chamber at Raleigh Friday Morning

Raleigh.—Ralph Vernon Litteral and Marvin Claude Bell joined hands in the Central Prison gas chamber here Friday morning and died calmly for raping a 15-year-old Elkin school girl 14 months ago.
Death came almost as an anticlimax, as it does in most capital cases, after the sensation of trials, appeals, and waiting while the people in charge of such things decide whether a man shall live or die.
The two men lost that final decision in mid-afternoon Thursday—Governor R. Gregg Cherry decided he could not intervene. In Bell's case, the Governor had an appeal based only on the fact that he saved the girl's life after a wild ride through Western North Carolina. Litteral wanted to kill her; Bell intervened.
But Litteral's case was different. Six psychiatrists said he was insane and incapable of distinguishing right from wrong; four said he was capable of making that distinction. The Governor talked to him for an hour on Thursday—one of the rare times when a Chief Executive has gone to Central Prison to interview an inmate of death row.
Litteral told his life story, read from letters he had written, and once remarked, "Governor, I'd almost father die than spend the rest of my life in prison."
The Governor came away convinced that Litteral knew right from wrong and that under the law both he and Bell should die.
And so Friday morning, at exactly 10 o'clock, pellets of cyanide dropped into a bucket of sulphuric acid beneath Litteral's chair.
Bell first to enter
Bell had been the first to enter the octagonal chamber, which is separated from witnesses by large, double plate-glass windows. He was smiling—his slight smile seemed fixed, almost painted on, though completely sincere and somehow humble, though there was a sparkle in his blue eyes. He looked from one witness to the other as prison attendants fastened the wide leather straps—at ankles, wrists, forearms, across the chest—and then the smile and the blue eyes vanished behind a leather mask. A stethoscope was attached to his chest, with a long tube ending outside the chamber.
Bell Unmoved
While Bell sat unmoving, Litteral entered and stood patiently for a moment as the straps were opened. He was grave and calm. He sat down and gazed straight ahead, barely glancing at the crowd of witnesses, some of whom he might have recognized. The straps were secured, the stethoscope attached, and his face, too, vanished behind the leather mask. Then the two men, seated side by side in heavy oak chairs, clasped hands. Bell's knuckles turned white with the force of his grip; Litteral's hand seemed more relaxed. Neither of them had spoken.
Behind them, the 10 other Death Row inmates—including a Negro who was to follow them—had sung "Rock of Ages" as the two men walked from their cells. Prison Chaplain William H. R. Jackson had preceded them, and now he said a prayer, a hand resting on the forehead of each.
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PLANS BIG EVENT HERE FOR DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING; SANTA IS COMING

Many Attractions Planned For Parade To Tour The Wilkesboros 28th

The Christmas season in North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro will be formally opened with a big festival and parade on Friday, November 28, it was announced today by the Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, headed by Chairman R. E. Gibbs.

Principal event of the Christmas opening festival will be a mammoth parade, which will form on E street between 9th and 10th streets.

Order of the parade will be: color bearers with American and North Carolina flags; men on horseback, J. B. Carter in charge; North Wilkesboro officials, Mayor T. S. Kenerly, Commissioners, Jack Swofford, Frank Crow, G. T. Bare, Max Foster and J. C. Reins; Wilkesboro officials, Mayor W. E. Smithey, Commissioners Joe Pearson, Johnson Sanders, Russell Gray, Jr., and A. A. Triplett; Wilkes County Commissioners M. F. Absher, C. C. Sidde and I. J. Broyles; North Wilkesboro high school band, Miss Eva Bingham, director; Girl Scouts, Mrs. Robert Gibbs, director; Boy Scouts, led by Gordon Finley and L. M. Nelson; 4-H club members led by R. D. Smith and Dwight D. Williamson; Veterans' parade led by Ray Stroud, Roy Forehand and S. L. Whitaker; sound car with Christmas carols.
Santa Claus will be the climax of the parade and he will be accompanied by a beauty queen selected from each high school in the county.
J. B. Williams, president of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, will welcome Santa Claus when the parade pauses at the North Wilkesboro city hall. Mr. Williams will present Santa Claus with a giant key to all the homes of children. Santa will respond with a speech to the children and will distribute candy.
The parade will continue to Sixth street and go by way of Memorial Park to Midway, where there will be another pause, and will continue through Main street of Wilkesboro, ending at Cherry street.
At the courthouse in Wilkesboro the parade will pause and Russell Gray, Jr., vice president of the Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce, will present Santa with a key to all homes in Wilkesboro and Santa will again greet the children with candy.
Proclamations of Christmas opening will be issued by Mayor T. S. Kenerly of North Wilkesboro and Mayor W. E. Smithey, of Wilkesboro. A free show is being arranged for all participants in the parade.
In addition to the big festival parade, other events are planned for the holiday season. The Jun-

Festival Queen



Miss Jo Ann Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Johnson, of Pleasant Hill Community, was crowned queen of the Ronda Halloween Carnival, October 31, 1947. Miss Johnson chose to reign with her Robert Dimmette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Dimmette, of Ronda.

ior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a home decorations contest. This contest will be on exterior decorations and any homes in the Wilkesboros, Millers Creek, Fairplains, Moravian Falls or homes along highways to those points may enter by mailing name and address to the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Harvest Sale And Dance Nov. 25th Wilkesboro School

Ninth Grade Sponsoring Event For School Gymnasium Campaign

Plans are shaping up for a big harvest sale to be held in the Wilkesboro school auditorium Tuesday night, November 25th.

Items to be offered for sale will include all kind of farm products, canned goods, and useful articles. There will be a short program before the sale begins and a room on the first floor will be open for square dancing throughout the evening. Some lively contests will be features of the entertainment. All proceeds will be used for the gymnasium, which the school children are watching with such interest and hoping to see completed soon.
The sale is sponsored by students and teachers of the 9th grade, but all teachers, students, and friends of the school are co-operating with them to make the program a success.

FOOTBALL SIDELIGHTS

There were many interesting sidelights of the North Wilkesboro-Wilkesboro football game played here Friday night . . . it was one of the most colorful gridiron contests in the history of Wilkes county . . . North Wilkesboro had a big pep rally at Memorial Park Thursday night . . . attended by a large number of students, football players and citizens . . . one of the main events was burning a "casket" labeled Wilkesboro in the big bonfire . . . before the game started Friday night the Wilkesboro cheer leader, led a procession across the playing field with another "casket" . . . when it was opened out came a ghost labeled "The Spirit of Wilkesboro" . . . Wilkesboro high had a big pep meeting Friday morning preceding the game . . . outstanding was a short talk by Coach Eddie Adelman who said: "We are going to do our best to win the game, but if we don't, we are sure that we could not lose to a finer group of boys than the Mountain Lions" . . . The North Wilkesboro band, under direction of Miss Eva Bingham, performed well . . . And the stunt where a band member appeared to faint and fall out, and a substitute warmed up and ran in to take his place, was well received by the crowd . . . Student

cheering sections on both sides would have raised the roof, had there been one . . . Numerous college students came home early in order to see the big game . . . Rain ruined what would have been an excellent display of sparkler lighting by the North Wilkesboro band . . . When Captain Jack Groce ran the Ramblers' score to 13 to 0 the Appalachian high band representing Wilkesboro at the game played "taps" . . . rivalry was very keen before the game . . . cars were seen here and there flying the colors of the two schools . . . and North Wilkesboro school colors bedecked the posts on the city's main streets . . . Hats off to Richard Johnston for his splendid broadcast of the game over WILX . . . and to Forrest Jones for his fine play-by-play description of the game over the public address system . . . thanks, and many thanks, to members of the North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro fire departments who directed traffic so ably under adverse circumstances, assisting fans in getting their cars out of the mud even after the midnight hour . . . those attending the game getting their money's worth watching the thriller . . . and if there was any betting on the game, today the winners are happy and the losers sad.