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FARMERS' DAY AND FAIR FEATURED EVENTS HERE THIS WEEK

Entertainment Throughout Day Assured Visitors

Everything was in a state of anticipation here this afternoon for the Annual Farmers' Day event tomorrow, with last-minute preparation being the order of the day.

All plans point to a most enjoyable day for the thousands of visitors expected here for Farmers' Day Tuesday and the Wilkes Agricultural Fair throughout the week.

More units were entered today in the parade, which will open Farmers' day at ten a. m. Tuesday. More than 50 units will participate in the parade of more than a mile in length. Line of march will be from Wilkesboro by way of Memorial Park to Fifth street, over Main to Tenth, over Tenth to D and over D to Ninth.

Following the parade will be a concert by the Mount Airy band at the corner of Ninth and C streets, and many hilarious contests on the Yadkin Valley Motor company's used car lot from 11:30 until 12 o'clock.

Principal features of the afternoon program on Ninth street between Main and C streets, will be an address by former Governor J. M. Broughton at two p. m., presentation of prizes to 4-H boys who won in the timberthinning contest, and a string band concert by Don Walker and his Blue Ridge boys.

Many prizes will be given away at morning and afternoon programs to those attending.

Trench Disposal System Garbage To Be Used Here

City Buys \$7,561.75 Equipment; Street Projects Are Authorized

North Wilkesboro city council has placed an order for a Diesel Crawler Tractor and Bullclam Shovel to be used in the operation of a trench system of garbage disposal.

At a recent recess meeting, E. L. Hanton, sanitary engineer of the State Health Department, and E. R. Sprull, Wilkes sanitarian, recommended the trench system to replace the present practice of dumping garbage west of this city, a system which has brought many complaints to the city authorities from those who live near the dump.

The equipment ordered will cost \$7,561.75. The garbage will be buried on a plot of city property near the ball park.

Street Projects Ordered
A number of street paving jobs were placed on the go-ahead list for early construction. Fifth street from F north to a point above G street; Tenth street from F to I and I from Tenth to Trogon will be surfaced with property owners paying their pro-rata part of the cost as provided by law. A re-surfacing job is under way on B street between Tenth and Forester Avenue and a re-surfacing job will be done on Sixth street between E and H.

Street work in Finley Park and on J and Odell streets has been completed and approved and the clerk was asked to render bills to property owners along those streets for their part of the cost.

Wm. Whittington Funeral On Tuesday

Funeral service was held Wednesday at Stony Hill Baptist church for William McKinley Whittington, 48, well-known resident of that community who died Monday at Black Mountain. Revs. Glenn Mumfman, Lee Beaslers, A. W. Eiler and Ed Hayes conducted the last rites.

Mr. Whittington is survived by his wife, Mrs. Virginia Mae Whittington and ten brothers and sisters: Mrs. Pearl Baker, B. P. Whittington, Mrs. Norma Triplett, of Purlear; Mrs. Zelma Baker, of Wilkesboro; Mrs. Grady Watson, Lenoir; Conrad Whittington, Purlear; Mrs. Ila Hamby, Parsonville; Mrs. Nellie Watson, Summit; Mrs. Annie Tripson, Buck; Mrs. Ina Calloway, Bengo.

PLANNED SUCCESSFUL SALES INSTITUTE



Here are pictured members of the Advisory Committee of the Trade Promotion Group of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, which planned and carried out the highly successful Sales Institute. Left to right are: C. Arthur Venable, Howard Strader, Hubert Canter, Lawrence Miller, Russell Gray; standing—Paul Cashion, Millard Rhoades, Tom S. Jenrette, Terry Burke, R. M. Brame, Jr., J. Floyd Woodward, Harold Snyder, Gilbert Bare and W. G. Gabriel were committee members not present when the picture was made. (Photo By Lane Atkinson, Jr.)

Hospital Data In Rankin Talk

Following are parts of an address by Dr. W. S. Rankin, of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission, giving accurate information about the proposal for a municipal hospital here:

The Duke Endowment has been assisting from 130 to 134 hospitals for a number of years. As a condition for assistance, the Endowment requires that hospitals in their applications show a very detailed, verifiable, sworn to statement of income from various sources and expenses for various needs. For the 10 years prior to 1947 approximately 10 to 15 per cent of applicant hospitals showed deficits with most of the deficits under 3 per cent of operating expenses and very probably 90 to 95 per cent of the deficits under 5 per cent of operating expenses. Or reversing the order of the preceding statement, 85 to 90 per cent of the hospitals had no deficits and most of these had surpluses. In 1947 the Endowment assisted 132 hospitals located in North and South Carolina which included about 90 per cent of all general hospital beds in the two States. Eighty-eight of the 132 hospitals had no deficits, most of them surpluses; 44 showed deficits. This was the largest percentage of hospitals showing deficits that have applied in any one year to the Endowment for assistance. Now the reason for the increase in hospitals with deficits during the year 1947 was a tremendous unanticipated increase in costs, to be exact, 21.7 per cent or \$1.58 per patient per day increase in costs. If this large increase in costs had been anticipated and rates adjusted to meet it, there would have been fewer deficits. Approaching more closely to your own problem, I give you now the operating surpluses and operating deficits of 9 general hospitals located in the western part of North Carolina that average 73 beds in capacity. These 9 hospitals are in Reidsville, Banner Elk, Morganton, Elkin, Statesville, Marion, Mt. Airy, Shelby and North Wilkesboro. Four of the 9 had an average operating surplus of \$6,790.05; 5 of the 9 had an average operating deficit of \$6,356.48. The deficits for the 5 ranged from 1.1 per cent to 5.1 per cent of the operating costs. Three of them were under 3 per cent.

What Is The Value of a Hospital?
Let me surprise you with the assertion that its chief value is not the care that it provides for the 3,000 of your most seriously ill people. That, of course, is a great value, but it is definitely not the major value of a good hospital. The major or larger value of a hospital lies in its influence upon, or its relation to, the total medical services of the

county. First, the hospital attracts and brings to the service of the county more doctors, more nurses, and more technically trained personnel to enlarge and to improve the local medical services. Moreover, it is the better type of physician, the younger, better trained doctors, that the hospital brings to the services of the sick. More than anything else a local hospital determines both the number and the type—quantity and quality—of the doctors to serve your community. Second, the local hospital doubles, triples, and quadruples the services or capacities of physicians by (a) eliminating the travel factor and by (b) supplying the busy doctor with the skilled assistance of nurses and technicians. If any of you will go to Banner Elk, North Carolina, you can see 3 physicians working in a hospital of 50 beds, assisted in their work by 25 nurses, 2 technicians, a dietitian, and a record librarian, doing work, and doing it better, than 12 physicians, minus a hospital, minus nurses, and minus technical assistants, could possibly do. Third, the hospital attracts and trains nurses and technical aides. Fourth, the local hospital serves as a reference center, as a professional appellate court, to which any person who is seriously ill or who is dependent upon institutional facilities for a diagnosis may be sent. It is this outside influence and effect of a hospital on the total medical services of the county, not the inside work of the hospital that constitutes its major contribution to the community. It expands and improves the medical services of the county to its remotest boundaries.

According to the last American Medical Association Directory, Wilkes County had in 1946 11 physicians in active practice and two of the 11 were 65 years of age. There were two other physicians, one 79 and one 81, who had retired. Wilkes County had a ratio of only one physician for more than 4,000 people. The Surgeon-General of the United States Public Health Service estimates that one physician is needed to provide adequate care for every 1,000 to 1,500 people. The American Medical Association concurs in this estimate. With adequate hospital facilities, with the added auxiliary services of nurses and technicians, your County will not need 30 active physicians. Twenty will serve you well. A good hospital will, more than anything else, attract them. The hospital is the keystone to a modern medical service.

The Hospital Is a Public Not a Private Problem
Is there anyone here who can conceive of New York being supplied with adequate hospital facilities out of the private resources of her physicians? Is there anyone here who can conceive of Baltimore and Richmond being supplied with adequate hospital facilities out of the private resources of the physicians of those cities? Is there anyone here who can conceive of Asheville, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point, Salisbury, Concord, Shelby, Morganton, Lenoir, or North Wilkesboro being supplied with adequate hospital facilities out of the private resources of the practicing physicians of those municipalities? These questions supply their own answers.

Seventy-five years ago thinking people thought of education as a private problem. The private schools demonstrated the value, indeed, the necessity, of education. The public took over. Will you contemplate for a passing moment what would be our present situation in North Carolina if the public had not entered the school picture? Hospitalization is following the same path as our schools—only fifty years behind them. The small, private hospital is yielding its place to the larger, better equipped, more adequate public hospital. In 1925, when the Duke Endowment began its work with hospitals, 52 per cent of all general hospital beds were privately owned and operated. Now not more than 12 per cent of the general hospital beds in North and South Carolina are privately operated and that 12 per cent is rapidly shrinking. With the Federal and State Government entering the field, in another ten years, not more than 5 per cent of general hospital beds will be privately owned and operated.

Scout Troop 24 To Resume Meetings
Boy Scout Troop No. 34 will resume meeting Tuesday evening, September 14, in the former V. F. W. hall opposite the postoffice on C street. All members and prospective members are invited.

Boy Scout Board Of Review To Meet
Boy Scout Board of Review will meet Thursday, 7:30, in the Presbyterian Scout room. All Scouts and Scouters are invited to attend.

Liberty Lodge number 45 will meet Thursday, September 16, 7:30, in stated communication. All members are urged to attend and all visitors welcome.

ED CRYSELL, Master.
C. H. LENDERMAN, Sec'y

Young Lady Is Victim Highway Accident Sunday

Katie Lee Johnson Killed When Frank Prevette's Car Overtakes

Miss Katie Lee Johnson, 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Johnson, of North Wilkesboro route three was instantly killed Sunday afternoon about four o'clock when Frank Prevette's car overturned several times on Highway 115.

According to report of the accident by Highway Patrolmen J. A. Reeves and R. H. Garland, Prevette's car was travelling south on Highway 115 one mile north of Hunting Creek bridge when the driver lost control of the 1936 model Ford he was driving. The car went into the ditch, back on the road and rolled over a number of times. Miss Johnson was thrown from the car while it was rolling over and she died a short time later from injuries received. The driver was not critically injured.

Miss Johnson is survived by her father and mother and the following brothers and sisters: Eugene, Virgil, Howard, Carlos, Wayne and Dwight Johnson, Mrs. Mozelle Johnson, Mrs. Ruth Prevette, Mrs. Hazel Prevette, Miss Annie Lou and Mary Lois Johnson.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday, eleven a. m., at Lewis Baptist church.

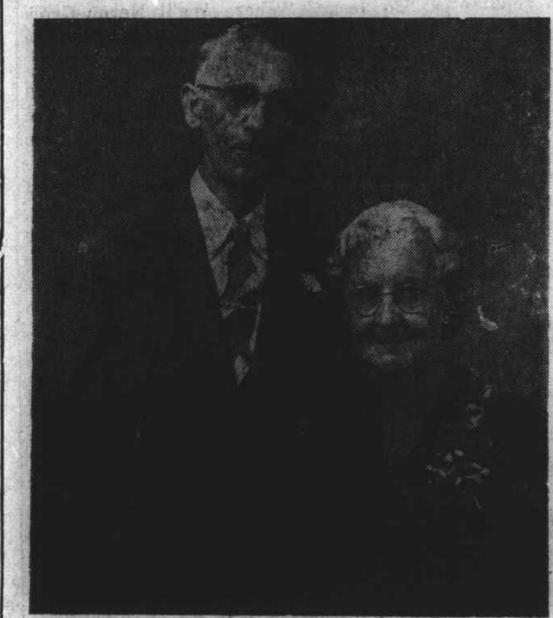
School Registration To Be Here Thursday

Thursday will be registration day for students at North Wilkesboro schools. Registration hours will be at 8:30 to 10:30 a. m. for all students who have not been attending North Wilkesboro schools, and those who did not attend pre-school clinic last spring. High school students are asked to contact Principal R. N. Wooten and plan their courses.

Football Season Tickets On Sale

Season tickets for North Wilkesboro high school football games in Memorial Park are now on sale at Brame's, Bell's and Marlow's. Students will make a concerted drive Wednesday. All football fans are invited to buy season tickets at money-saving prices and to attend all home games.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY 3RD



Open house was observed Friday evening, five until eight o'clock, to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Mahaffey, of North Wilkesboro, Route 1. They were married September 3, 1898, in Mill Creek, N. C., by Rev. T. J. Houck, aged minister who lives at Todd and who was invited to the anniversary event. Mrs. Mahaffey, now 66, was born at Todd and Mr. Mahaffey, 70, was born in Lansing, Ashe County. Forty-one years ago they moved to North Wilkes-

No Parking Meter Charges On Farmers' Day Here On Tuesday

Announcement was made today that motorists will not be required to use parking meters in North Wilkesboro on Farmers' Day, Tuesday, Sept. 14th. All visitors will receive a cordial welcome and will not be required to pay parking meter charges to park on the streets.

Condition Of Mrs. Jennings Critical

Mrs. Sherman Jennings, who resides north of this city, was critically injured on September 4 when she was burned by gasoline. According to reports here, Mr. Jennings was using some gasoline in a can at an automobile when it caught on fire and he threw the burning can away from him. Meanwhile, his wife had walked up without Mr. Jennings knowing she was near and she was struck by the flaming gasoline. Her body was badly burned and she has been a patient at The Wilkes Hospital where her condition remains critical.

J. H. Johnson's Brother Is Stricken

L. G. Johnson, 60, died in Davis Hospital at Statesville at 7 a. m. Saturday.

Mr. Johnson, a widely known farmer of Iredell county, resided at Union Grove. He had spent his entire life in Iredell.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Lufella Henderson Johnson; three daughters, Dorothy, Stella and Ruby Johnson of Union Grove; a son, Henry A. Johnson, of Union Grove; three grandchildren; and two brothers, J. H. Johnson, of North Wilkesboro, and J. R. Johnson, of Statesville. Funeral services were conducted at Zion Baptist church near Windsor's Cross Roads at 3 p. M. Sunday.

Registration For Mrs. Gibbs Classes

Mrs. Robert S. Gibbs' music classes will have registration on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at her home in Finley Park.

Refreshments, Gifts Horton's Farmers' Day

Horton's Drug Store has announced free refreshments and gifts for visitors on Farmers' Day, tomorrow, Sept. 14.

Exhibits Are To Be Placed Today; Full Slate Events

Wilkes Kiwanis Agricultural Fair Is In Progress All This Week

Farmers, housewives, orchardists, and various other groups today were busily occupied placing exhibits at the Wilkes Agricultural Fair grounds just outside of this city on Highway 115 as the annual event was scheduled to get in operation tonight with midway attractions.

Beginning with Farmers' Day tomorrow the fair will get under way with a full head of steam and will continue through Saturday night with numerous and varied attractions which are expected to draw hosts of people each day and night.

Expanding from last year's initial effort, the Kiwanis club, sponsor of the fair, has arranged a varied program of attractions which include the usual highlights of a fair with several novelties thrown in for good measure.

Principal object of the fair is to stimulate interest in better agriculture but in order to effectively accomplish this purpose the people must be attracted to the fair with entertainment as well as educational features.

Rafferty Shows of the John Marks aggregation will make up a big midway this time with all the favorite midway shows and rides and some new ones which are sure to thrill.

It takes fireworks to complete a fair's nightly program and this feature has not been overlooked. Fair visitors will be entertained with a great display every night.

There will be grandstand acts each afternoon and night with adequate seating capacity. Some novel programs of entertainment have been arranged.

Colored school children will be admitted free Thursday morning and afternoon.

On Friday all white children of school age will be admitted free, morning and afternoon. Saturday's full program will open with a dog show at 10:30 a. m. and many of the best dogs in northwestern North Carolina will be shown.

The next event on Saturday's program will be showing of draft horses and mules at 1:30.

At three p. m. will be a horse show for Wilkes and adjoining counties, with championship stake classes to be shown Saturday night at 7:30.

Graniteers Lead In Play-Off Series

Fourth Game Will Be Played Tonight At Mount Airy's Diamond

North Wilkesboro lost the third game of the play-off series here Saturday night to Mount Airy to give the Graniteers a 2 to 1 edge in the series of three out of five.

Tonight the fourth game will be played on Mount Airy's field. Although League President Bivins has set the fifth game, if one is necessary, at Mount Airy, efforts are being made to move it to North Wilkesboro, which would be in accordance with the Shaughnessy play-off schedules everywhere except in the Blue Ridge league this year.

Here Saturday night before 2,000 fans, Mount Airy shutout the Flashers 4 to 0 on the pitching of Solters and Treece, who divided mound duties. The Flashers were unable to hit with men on bases and left eight stranded, three of whom were on base at one time with nobody out.

Jerry Dolan, who mastered Mount Airy in the first game, was hit by a pitch and allowed 13 hits.

The fourth game was supposed to have been played at Mount Airy Sunday but the Graniteers apparently backed by Judge Bivins postponed the game over the protests of North Wilkesboro and Galax, the team which has won the play-off series against Radford and is all ready to go with the seven-game finals.

No fewer than 20 countries supply body or braid for the Lee handwoven chocolate straw hat.