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Crowded Schools To Get Classrooms

Recent contact lettings by the Wilkes county board of education and bids to be received April 20 will provide classroom construction at a number of Wilkes county schools.

Funds for these projects will be provided by state aid money appropriated by the 1949 legislature and from proceeds of the \$25,000,000 state bond issue voted by the people, along with 200 millions for roads.

County authorities are apportioning the money to the schools to relieve crowded conditions that make it near impossible to teach. There are not enough funds on hand to do the building job that should be done at every school, but many desperately needed classrooms can and will be constructed. Heating and plumbing will also be installed at a number of points to provide comfort and sanitary conditions for the schools. These factors must have attention along with the need for classrooms.

The county's financial condition is such that funds can be levied to continue the school building program and at least provide classrooms sufficient to house the children according to the teacher allotment. This year schools have been deprived of teachers due them on the basis of attendance because there were no classrooms.

Hospitality Plans Made For Community

Hospitality committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce plans to live up to its name during the coming year.

The committee will endeavor to welcome every new comer to North Wilkesboro during the year by a letter of welcome and assembling data as to former and present residence of family, occupation, number in family and church affiliation or preference. The committee will assist such families in every way possible by giving them desired information about the community.

Such services by the chamber of commerce will be appreciated by new comers. Unless you have moved into a community that you knew little about you could not understand just how much such welcoming gestures and information would be appreciated.

The committee also plans to maintain a calendar of community events for use by the public. This would be placed in the chamber of commerce office. Any organization planning an event to which the general public would be invited could refer to the calendar in setting dates in order to avoid conflicts with dates of other events.

This calendar will be very helpful, provided that all organizations give full cooperation and report the dates of their planned events well in advance, so the dates can be posted for all to see. If organizations do not give the committee their full cooperation in reporting dates of coming events the calendar cannot function as it should.

A community calendar is something that should have been here and maintained long ago. Many public events have suffered because of conflicting dates and poor planning.

The census also enables the government to know just what it can count on. — Greensboro Daily News.

Dogs

Sometimes we think that God put dogs into the world just to be friends. Friends to those who have no other friends. Friends to those who just need an extra friend. Friends to those who have many friends and can always use another.

We hate to hear anyone say "as drunk as a dog." Never saw a drunken dog yet and never expect to see one. A dog just has too much sense to get drunk. If he is caught around a drunken man, he will slink away as though he is terribly embarrassed to be found in such company. That is, unless the drunk is his master, in which case he looks ashamed and pathetic—but he doesn't slink away; he stands by. He seems to say, "I know it's awful but he's my friend and I'm going to stay right here and do what I can for him until he comes to his senses!"

Human beings almost always think they have more sense than dogs but we doubt it. They have more human sense but not nearly so much dog sense. A human can do a human's job better than a dog can but a dog can do a dog's job infinitely better than a human can. So it is a dog-fall, so to speak — fifty here and fifty there.

Did you ever sit by the fire on a beautiful Fall day and have a thought of the out-of-doors come creeping into your mind. "I believe I'll get a breath of fresh air," you say. "I'll just take a turn thru the park." You glance up and find Rover, who has been lying contentedly on the rug, looking up alertly. "Aha," he is saying to himself; "we are going to the park. Maybe I can catch that squirrel who always beats me to the big oak." Or perhaps you are depressed and find a cold nose being pushed into your hand or a head laid on your knee. Yes, dogs have the understanding which surpasses all human wisdom — the understanding which makes them perfect friends to Man. Never again say that you haven't a friend in the world. All you need to do is to buy him but be sure he has four legs. Trying to buy two-legged friends doesn't work. — Exchange.

Virginians must love animals. In Richmond they have a lion cub for "a neighborhood pet," and in the U. S. Senate they have a Byrd representing them. — Greensboro Daily News.

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HE CROWNS HIMSELF
He crowns himself with laurels rare
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By helping him in life to bear
His cross the best he can,
And lives to bless the world about
With faith and hope and love,
And cast the gloom and shadows out
And please our God above.

He crowns himself who gives his best
In thought and word and deed,
And bravely stands each acid test
Without a selfish creed,
And builds a character that's grand
By helping others climb,
And for the sacred right to stand
And show themselves sublime.

He crowns himself who loves the truth
And hates the false of earth,
Who gives himself to lead our youth
To lives of noble worth;
Who wields the powers of his mind,
His spirit and his soul,
To help his fellows here to find
The pathway to the goal.

He crowns himself whose aim is high
Above the low and vile,
Whose purpose is to live and die
A life and death worth while;
Who will not sell himself to wrong
For money, wealth nor fame;
Who will not act to please the throng
If that would hurt his name.

He crowns himself with jewels rare
That never fade away,
Who lives a blessed life of prayer
And walks with Christ each day;
Who gives his royal gems of truth,
And thoughts of mighty worth,
To bless the aged and the youth
And brighten up the earth.

He crowns himself who seeks no crown,
But only God and right;
Who seeks no fame and great renown,
Nor dazzling earthly height;
How'er, his deeds on history's page
Will be recorded there,
While he with patriarch and sage
Shall Heaven's glories share.

Soil Conservation In Wilkes County

By R. E. DUNN and JASPER CHIPMAN

Mr. Fred McNeil, who lives on Elk Creek, has a ladino clover and orchard grass pasture that is in fine shape although it has carried sixteen head of cattle all winter. Mr. McNeil states that he did feed the cattle some in the very worst weather but he feels sure that they would have come through the winter fine without any feed at all.

Billy Dean Oothren, who lives on R. F. D. 2 North Wilkesboro, is doing an excellent job of terracing and contour drilling on his father's farm.

Paul Myers, a boy who goes to school at Mountain View, has recently had the personnel of the Tri-Creek Soil Conservation District assist him in making a conservation plan on his father's farm. For the last few years Paul has done a good job of getting conservation on the land.

Mr. Frank Weatherman, of the Somers Cross Road Community, has a fine crop of Kentucky Fescue 31 and ladino clover on three fields he seeded early last fall.

Facts About Polio Given In Booklet

Chapel Hill, — "A Message About Polio," a booklet compiled by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for distribution in the schools throughout the country, has been highly endorsed by Dr. Earl James McGrath, U. S. Commissioner of Education, Jack McGhee, State Representative, said at headquarters here today. "The threat of infantile paralysis as each summer approaches

is of particular concern to the schools of this nation. "Dr. McGrath said in a statement just received by McGhee.

"Educators, as well as parents, want more factual knowledge about disease and the procedures to follow when it occurs. Such information's contained in 'A Message About Polio,' which has the hearty approval of school administrators.

The reliable data in the leaflet, the common-sense precautions, the assurance of medical care will bolster morale should epidemics occur. Fear can be as infectious as polio itself and as harmful, unless people are given the guidance and reassurance they need. If the National Foundation's leaflet is given every pupil to take home," concluded Dr. McGrath, "I believe there will be far less anxiety and confusion about this disease."

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