

### Stone Mountain Singing Success

Stone Mountain Union Singing Association held one of the most successful singings in the history of the organization Sunday at Bethany church.

A large congregation enjoyed the afternoon of singing. Seven choirs participated as follows: Bethany, Barney Lee Blackburn leader; Pleasant Home, Quincy Cheeks leader; Fairplains, Arthur Warren leader; Maple Grove, Clarence Blevins leader; Baptist Home, John McGrady leader; Stony Ridge, Dorothy Billings, leader; Oak Ridge, C. W. Wiles, leader. Quartets were: Harmony, Mrs. Reese Bryant, leader; Fairplains, Arthur Warren, leader; Goodwill, Dorothy Billings, leader; Community, Earl Wiles, leader; Bethany, Barney Lee Blackburn, leader; Maple Grove, Clarence Blevins, leader; Roaring River quintet, C. C. Sidden, leader; Baptist Home quintet, Iona Hayes, leader; Miss Glenn Higgins, soloist; Miss Gall Durham, piano solo. A junior choir with many children also participated.

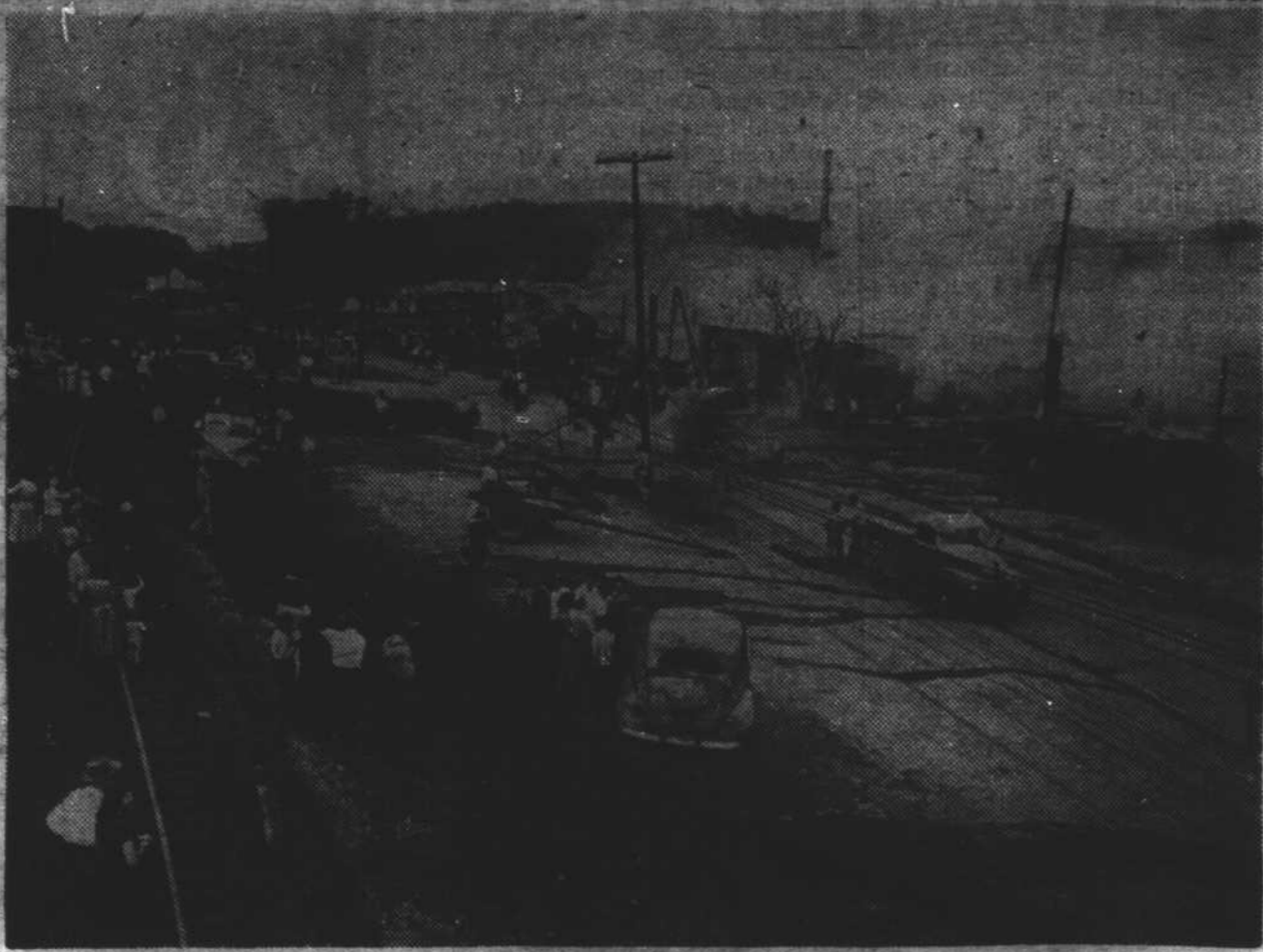
Also included were congregational singing, a short talk by the former chairman, J. A. Gilliam, and a brief talk by the pastor, Rev. Ernest Blevins.

Next Stone Mountain singing will be held Sunday, July 30, at Oak Ridge church.

Afghanistan seen veering closer of amity with Soviet Russia.

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### CROWD VISIT SCENE OF CITY'S MOST DISASTROUS FIRE



#### SCENES FROM DISASTROUS FIRE HERE SATURDAY

This aerial photo shows the blazing million dollar fire here at its height as P. E. Brown's lumber plant and yard, Wilkes Milling Company, North Wilkesboro Ice and Fuel company and Billings Trucking Company buildings were burning (Bill Byers photo courtesy of Winston-Salem Journal).

The ham, considered the most valuable part of a hog carcass, gets the roughest treatment in the handling of market hogs.

### ARTIFICIAL BREEDING ASSOCIATION NAMED OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

By J. P. CHOPLIN, County Agent

The annual meeting of the Wilkes Cooperative Artificial Breeding Association met at 8:00 p. m. Thursday April 20, at the Wilkes county courthouse. This organization started operation December 28, 1948, for the purpose of breeding dairy cows by artificial insemination from proven bulls, with Roby Rhodes, of Hays, as technician. Christy C. Alexander is president of this organization and Fred W. Davis, secretary.

Other directors were C. W. Elledge, W. K. Sturdivant, C. J. Hendren, Irvin Key, Richard Parsons and Ell Sebastian. The association through March 31, 1950 has bred 403 dairy animals belonging to 189 farmers.

Christy C. Alexander was chairman of the meeting and Fred W. Davis, secretary treasurer, gave the financial report showing total deposits of \$1397.00, total expenses \$971.69 with a bank balance as of March 31, 1950, of \$425.31.

New directors elected for three years were C. G. Pardue, of Traphill, and Richard Parsons of route 1, Wilkesboro. Orvil Johnson of route 3, North Wilkesboro, was elected for two years.

Maury Gaston, field representative, of the Southeastern Artificial Breeding Association, of Asheville, gave an illustrated lecture on breeding dairy animals from proven bulls. Mr. Gaston complimented Roby Rhodes, the technician, for his excellent work in Wilkes county. The last consolidated report available on efficiency was for December, 1949, for which Mr. Rhodes' percentage of non-returns on breeding was 74 per cent. This means that three months later 74 per cent of the cows bred were settled with calf. F. R. Farnham, extension dairyman, gave an interesting lecture on proper breeding and feeding of dairy cattle.

#### Idlewise Club Met With Mrs. Gambill

The Idlewise club members and some visitors were entertained Friday evening by Mrs. Gwyn Gambill at her home on D Street. A dessert course was served at the beginning of the bridge game played at three tables. Mrs. Chal McNeil was the winner of the top score prize for the club members while amongst the visitors the prize went to Mrs. M. B. McNeill. Mrs. A. H. Casey received the bingo award.

#### MORE ABOUT Raleigh Roundup

(Continued From Page Two) UPCOMING . . . The next big to-do Raleigh, which seems to thrive on them, will be the State Democratic Convention on May 11. Secretary of State Thad Eure will keynote the convention and that's an honor due Mr. Eure, who has served the State well for many a year now. It may well start some political talk about him in connection with 1952.

Former Governor R. Gregg Cherry will be the important person in working out a platform upon which all North Carolina Democrats can stand without its crumbling under their feet. He will prepare the preliminary text, which may be changed some.

Democrats from near and far will be in town sharply watching the way the political winds are blowing. While it does look as if this meeting may be so organized and planned as not to do Dr. Frank Graham much, if any, good, it also appears that Willis Smith's camp will not be entirely in the saddle. Eure is a Scott friend, but he seems to be staying completely out of the Senate fight.

On the surface and in the publicity, all will be sweetness and light. In the smoke-filled rooms of the Sir Walter and in street-be the order of the day.

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