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Recreation Facilities At Smoot Park Here

Smoot Park has been developed into a recreation area for all ages.

The park area was purchased by the town of North Wilkesboro several years ago, and has served well as a place for picnics and outdoor gatherings.

But until this year very little was accomplished in making the park attractive for children, and for adults.

The town is furnishing high type supervision, with athletic coaches of the city schools here on duty morning and afternoon daily. Civic clubs contributed a substantial fund for equipment, which has been purchased and is ready for use.

Much work has been done at the park in preparing facilities for many sports and games — a complete program of diversified recreation.

A program of recreation such as attempted this year will do much to lower juvenile delinquency here. During the past two weeks the police arrested a group of young boys for stealing. Perhaps these boys could have been saved had we had in the years immediately past a place of recreation and supervision.

Adults can use the park to great advantage for recreational purposes, and adults must also furnish leadership and encourage the children of the entire community to use the park. The facilities will attract many children, but those who are not attracted should be encouraged to play at the park and to release their energies in activities which will build bodies and clean characters.

Opportunity To Hear Hoover Commission Report

On June 22nd the Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce will bring to North Wilkesboro Joseph L. Miller, former member of the Hoover Commission On Reorganization of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government.

Mr. Miller will address members of civic clubs and others interested in a joint meeting to be held at the V. F. W. hall.

The Jaycees have taken as a national project the acquainting of the people with provisions of the Hoover Commission report, and to inform the people just what is going on in government.

Some of the details of the report are truly enlightening, and those who hear the commission member will have a good opportunity to have their eyes opened.

They will learn just how inefficient a great part of our government has become, and the desperate need of reorganizing and streamlining for economy and greater results. For instance, they will find that some agencies of the federal government spend many dollars just to pay a claim of one dollar.

They will learn how bureaus and agencies overlap. They will learn how as many as ten different agencies are engaged more or less in the same governmental projects. They will learn how these agencies compete for more and more of the taxpayers' money and how their government-paid press agents beat the drums to keep the dollars rolling in their respective directions.

All who can should avail themselves of the opportunity to hear the commission member in person.

Reminder Of Cancer Center Clinic Tuesdays

Each Tuesday a cancer center is conducted at the Wilkes courthouse to give people the opportunity for cancer examination.

Local physicians give their time and work in making the examinations, aided by facilities of the State and County Health Departments.

There is no charge for the examinations. The center is maintained as a public service to cut down the terrible toll which cancer takes yearly in lives.

The only hope of a cancer patient is early treatment. There is no hope for advanced cases which are neglected.

The cancer center encourages people to be examined for cancer. If a cancer is found in early stages there is opportunity to stop it.

But on the part of the people there is a tendency to put off until some later and indefinite time what they know should be done. In the case of cancer such procrastination is fatal.

All over 40 are encouraged to have examination for cancer, and those under 40 who have any reason to suspect they have cancer should by all means take advantage of the opportunities for examination that the center affords.

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EDUCATION FOR LIVING (Marion Progress)

We read in a metropolitan newspaper the other day that a large city high school will teach its students how to talk pleasantly, how to use good English and how to be at ease in the presence of potential employers and other persons.

School officials have been led to institute the new course because of the discovery that many students, otherwise entirely capable, have missed the opportunity for jobs because of an inability to converse coherently or use correct grammatical constructions. Some of the students get tongue-tied in the presence of others, stutter, stammer and lose all power of fluent conversation.

It seems to us that the idea has possibilities in all of our schools. The time has long passed when school officials and teachers can be satisfied with pumping knowledge into the skulls of children. Education is, after all, primarily intended to equip boys and girls for living. Very often the student could afford to know less about mathematical language or history and more about the art of getting along socially with other human beings.

FOUNTAINS OF YOUTH

The man who has a little knowledge and uses it right is greater than the man who has much knowledge and uses it wrong.

When men get physically ill they want the very best treatment possible for their bodies, but it seems that the majority of them who are spiritually ill are satisfied with any kind of dope for their souls.

It is better to have a healthy soul in a sickly body than a sickly soul in a healthy body.

If evil for evil would make saints in our communities we would have lots of them.

It is a thousand times more honorable to build a good chicken coop than a mighty theatre.

It is far more honorable and praiseworthy to earn one honest dollar than gain a thousand dishonest dollars.

Many may call you crazy if you take a definite stand for holiness, and call others wise who take a stand against it, but it will be reversed at the day of judgement.

I had rather blaze a pathway of truth than an attractive highway of error.

If you can show me one great, noble man that the theory of evolution has made, I can show a thousand that the Bible has made.

A man may laugh at the things that will damn him, but he will hopelessly mourn when he is eternally damned.

I had rather live in the valley of godly humility than glitter on the hill of pride. Sooner or later God will exalt the humble and abase the proud.

Merely fixing up the outside can never make the inside beautiful. To paint your face won't adorn your soul.

An ungodly man's language may be strong, but his character is weak; a godly man's character is strong, but his language may be weak.

Give me the company of the poor and godly rather than the rich and ungodly. Our company largely determines our destiny.

State Ranks 8th In Breeding Work

J. A. Arey, in charge of dairy work for the State College Extension Service, announced this week that North Carolina now ranks eighth in the nation in the number of artificial breeding associations and in the number of dairy herds being served under this program.

Arey's figures came from a report released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The report showed that North Carolina ranked first in the South in number of associations and herds. However, Tennessee, Louisiana and Kentucky all rank ahead of the Tar Heel State in number of cows being served. Apparently North Carolina associations are more scattered and serve smaller herds, says Arey.

North Carolina has 50 associations serving 9,186 herds and 49,322 cows. Twenty-four bulls are used in supplying the associations.

Wisconsin leads the nation with 411,566 cows enrolled, followed by New York with 287,044 cows. Other high ranking states were Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa, Minnesota, and Michigan.

The total number of dairy cows enrolled in the associations in 1949 approached the three million mark. One cow in nine is expected to be artificially bred in 1950. Associations are now operating in 47 states and Alaska.

Boomer Club Meets Boomer Lunch Room

The Boomer Home Demonstration club met at the Boomer school lunch room, May 15th, with Mrs. Charlie German as hostess and Mrs. Bill Walsh co-hostess. A large number of ladies had the privilege of having Miss Addie Malone, of the Duke Power Company, demonstrate the correct methods of freezing foods. Miss Malone discussed various packaging materials now available for home use. She then prepared chicken and strawberries for freezing. These foods were given to Mrs. Greene to be placed in the freezer at the County Home Demonstration Kitchen to be used later in a demonstration on cooking frozen foods. All the women are looking forward to having Miss Malone visit our club again when she will prepare dinner, using these frozen foods. After the freezing demonstration the club entered into the business session in the usual way. The secretary called the roll and read last month's minutes, which were approved by the club. Several reports were given to the club by the president and secretary. At this time many beautiful home-made articles were sold to the club members, which added to our club treasury. After this a stork shower was given to one of our club members. The next meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. G. W. VanMeter, June 19th at 2:00. All members are asked to be present for this meeting. The club adjourned and delicious refreshments were served to the club by the hostess. — Reported by Mrs. O. B. Smith.

New Hospital For Yadkinville

Yadkinville — Yadkin County appeared well on its way this week.

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to having a hospital for the first time in the century-old history of the county.

Voters of the county Saturday overwhelmingly approved the levying of an annual maintenance tax of 10 cents per \$100 valuation, if needed, to support the hospital.

The approval of the maintenance tax was one of the conditions tacked on a \$40,000 gift for the structure by Zeno Hoots of Win-

ston-Salem, in honor of his late wife, Mrs. Lula Conrad Hoots.

The other conditions are that the hospital be erected in or near the town of Yadkinville and that it be named in honor of Mrs. Hoots.

Attorney J. T. Reese of the hospital board of trustees said today that he would get in touch with the North Carolina Medical Care Commission immediately to find

out the next step. He said he thought this would involve selecting the final site for the \$250,000, 20-bed structure.

With the money apparently in hand, Mr. Reese said all that is needed is "the site, a contract and then we can go to work on it right away."

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