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Working Together For Progress

With almost unlimited possibilities, agriculture is making rapid and sound progress in Wilkes county.

No longer can visitors refer to the "Red Hills of Wilkes." The hills in Wilkes are green.

Much of the agricultural progress in Wilkes can be attributed to a splendid attitude of neighborliness and cooperation between farmers and business men, all of whom realize that they must depend upon each other.

The recent farm tour sponsored by the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce gave evidence of this fine spirit of cooperation. Farmers and business men went together to view some of the examples of what is being done with Wilkes county soil to make it productive and to raise the income of the farmer, which in turn makes more business for the merchant, banker or professional man.

One of the honored guests for the farm tour was I. O. Schaub, dean of the North Carolina Extension Service and widely recognized as one of the outstanding agricultural authorities of the south. Commenting on the farm tour Dean Schaub said:

"I was delighted to have had the opportunity and certainly enjoyed the visits to the farms together with the luncheon. I was particularly impressed with the work done by Mr. Andrews. He certainly has made an outstanding demonstration on handling badly eroded land so as to make it productive. I wish it were possible for us to get the 18,000 acres of idle land reported in Wilkes county to produce the forage like that on the Andrews farm. It would mean more than \$1,000,000 in the increase of income

of the county if that were possible. Wilkes is making progress, and I look for acceleration of better practices. The Chamber of Commerce and all the other agencies cooperating in the furtherance of the agricultural program are to be commended."

Stanton McIver, district head of the Soil Conservation Service, in a letter to the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce said: "We wish to express our appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce for the opportunity of participating in the farm tour. We were very well pleased with the tour and glad of the opportunity to be able to show farmers and business men some of the results of the work of the Soil Conservation Service in Wilkes county. . . . We consider it a very fortunate situation where there is an active chamber of commerce to carry out such projects for the benefit of the county as a whole."

One of our greatest assets is the very excellent relations between business interests and the farmers in Wilkes county. Such relations mean greater progress in agriculture and business and a happier and more prosperous place in which to live.

Clean Streets Make Good Impressions

When you visit a town with littered and dirty streets you immediately get an impression of that town and its people. That impression would not lead you to locate there.

Much improvement has been made here in recent years relative to having cleaner and more attractive streets and sidewalks. But the field for advancement in that direction is practically unlimited.

The Civic Affairs committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in recent meeting gave much study to improving downtown appearances and made the following recommendations:

- (1) That all merchants and business men clean the sidewalk in front of their places of business each afternoon at closing time.
- (2) That the town wash the streets early each morning to remove trash accumulated there.
- (3) That attractive and suitable containers be placed at proper places for depositing trash.
- (4) That unsightly trash containers be removed from the sidewalks.

Enlarging on item four, the committee recommended that containers which are in good condition be given a coat of paint, preferably green, to enhance their appearance.

The public is also encouraged to use the containers. There are sufficient receptacles on our downtown streets to make it unnecessary to throw paper bags, trash, and even empty cigarette packs, on the sidewalks and streets. Just hold on to that rubbish until you walk by one of the conveniently located cans.

These suggestions are little things, but are of sufficient importance that the town's future could be determined by the appearance of one street or sidewalk.

Calvin C. Church Obituary Is Given

Calvin Columbus Church was born July 7, 1886; died June 22, 1950, at the age of 63 years, 11 months and 22 days. Mr. Church was a son of the late Jesse and Adeline Miller Church, December 6, 1885, he was united in marriage to Annie Elizabeth Nichols, who preceded him in death, October 25, 1935. To this union were born 5 children, four of whom preceded him in death. Surviving are one son, Albert J. Church of route one, Wilkesboro; one brother, A. U. Church, of Greensboro; and one sister Mrs. Parasade Cooper, of Millers Creek; also four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. December 1939 he was married to Mrs. Martha McDaniel, who preceded him in death in August 1945. He was a member and Deacon of Pleasant Home Baptist church.

Rev. A. W. Eller and Rev. Victor Watts conducted the last rites, and burial was in the church cemetery.

About 20 million acres of land are under irrigation in 17 western states.

Mulberry Skating Club News Notes

The Mulberry Skating Club has received invitations to larger rinks. Some of the rinks have Amateur Professional members. Plans are being made to visit some of the rinks this summer. The club also plans to sponsor a visiting club exhibition in the near future.

The club expects to have an instructor by August, which should produce much progress. There are a number of talented skaters in the club who, with the training of an instructor, could soon enter the professionals.

Anyone going thru Denver, Colorado, July 10 through 15 might be interested in seeing the 1950 amateur skating championships at Mammoth Gardens.

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