



LRC — BIG ATTRACTION

Throngs Turn Out For Open House

Wilkes Community College observed Open House on Sunday, September 22, 1974 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. John V. Idol, Vice President for Student Services, served as chairman for the activities. Many faculty and staff members were on hand to greet the public. Representing the students were John Cashion, President of the Student Government Association, and Linda Shaffner, President of the Sophomore Class.

Many special activities revealed to the community opportunities available at Wilkes Community College.

The Division of Learning Resources was turned into the Land of Wiz, featuring the following characters: Dorothy, Kate Anthony; Scarecrow, Bonnie Bauguss; Tin Man, Debbie Cleary; Tasteful Lion, Linda Shaffner; Witch of Ignorance, Barbara Stone; Wizard of Wiz, Ray Bauguss.

James Larkin Pearson, Poet

Laureate of North Carolina, visited the library during Open House.

In the Student Commons, the Division of Continuing Education displayed arts and crafts, featuring beaded flowers, copper tooling, and luther craft. A sculpture display and the Adult Basic Education display were also set up in the Commons.

The Division of Business and Commerce provided visual media presentations on banking, industry, and insurance. They presented a preview of the secretarial stenotrainer and demonstrations of the new electronic calculators. The Hotel-Motel students prepared and served punch and cookies.

The Division of Physical Sciences provided a Basic and Advanced Physics display. Individual instruction in the areas of surveying-drafting house plans and Radio Broadcasting were available.

The Division of Life Sciences presented displays in the areas of Biology, Food Service Management, Horticulture, Practical Nursing, Early Childhood Education, Counselor, and Social Services Associate programs. Mrs. Nancy Triplett served cookies and fudge prepared by the Food Service Management students. Apples were given away to hungry visitors as they toured the Chemistry Lab.

Mr. Jay Anderson of the General Studies Division gave a slide presentation, the early history of Wilkes County. Across the hall, the Walt Disney movie TOOT, WHISTLE, PLUNK, AND BOOM was presented. From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Dr. Robert Mayer and the Wilkes Community College Symphony Orchestra presented a concert in the Teaching Auditorium, and a bluegrass group performed in the Commons.

Comments from visitors, faculty, and staff were very favorable.

Dan Patterson, a student at Forsyth Technical Institute, observed, "It's very interesting. There is a good cross section of interests and activities."

John Cashion expressed his opinion this way; "Watching people become aware of the areas this college covers, and the lives it touches was a real trip. Everywhere you could hear people saying, 'Why, I didn't know you could learn this here.' It's like they have discovered an unexplored land. I think Open House should be a semi-annual affair."

Dr. Howard Thompson, President of Wilkes Community College, commented, "Open House was extremely successful in that different areas of North-west North Carolina were represented by visitors—and WCC is a regional institution. Then, too, students and staff had more items of interest for visitors than ever before. It was perhaps our most successful Open House."

Judging by reaction of the public, this year's Open House was indeed a learning experience for everyone involved.

— Aletha Baker

Business Dept. News

Dr. Lewis

On September 26-27, Dr. Lewis attended an Insurance Curriculum Conference. The major purpose of the Conference was to discuss ways of expanding and developing the insurance curriculum at the community college level.

Hotel-Motel

Tuesday the Hotel-Motel Restaurant students entertained an evening meeting of business instructors at WCC. Proceeds from the meetings and luncheons will be used for an education excursion to New York.

New Courses

An evening course in electronic data processing has been introduced into the curriculum. It's been several years since an evening course was offered.

Of special interest is a new course entitled Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters I. Local insurance agents are now attending classes.

This course is an excellent example of curriculum which directly enhances our community.

Tom Toliver

Mr. Tom Toliver is a new addition to the WCC staff. He is well qualified in related business areas.

In a future issue we will give more information about Mr. Toliver.

Speakers Set For Class In Government

Mr. Jay Anderson, history instructor, has scheduled the following speakers for his class in State and Local Government:

—Police Department of North Wilkesboro, Officer David Felts and Chief Kyle Gentry.

—Town of North Wilkesboro, Jim Bentley, Town Supervisor.

—Education's Problems in County Government, C. B. Eller, former County Superintendent.

—How Bills Become Laws, Jeter Haynes, Member of North Carolina House of Representatives.

—From Welfare to Social Services, Jack Elledge, Director of Wilkes County Social Services.

The class meets at 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in Room 313, Hayes Hall. For those who might wish to attend, notices of times and speakers will be posted prior to class meeting.



JAMES LARKIN PEARSON

'I'm Already Old'

Sunday, September 16th was the birthday of North Carolina's Poet Laureate, James Larkin Pearson. Wilkes Community College paid tribute to the ninety-five year old poet with a birthday party in the student commons at two P.M.

As Gary McNeil and John McCann set up video and audio recorders, mikes, and cameras; the crowd began to pour in. Personal friends, admirers and school children who had only heard of the man gathered to hear this giant among North Carolina's literary figures. Mr. Pearson read selections from his book "My Fingers and My Toes" which was published in 1971 and dedicated to Mr. J. J. Anderson and Faye Byrd, whom we all know well.

Janet Brookshire and Kay Ford paid tribute by singing three selections and then leading everyone in singing happy birthday to the honored guest. Miss Brookshire and Mrs. Ford cut a record recently with various selections of Mr. Pearson's work, including his most famous work "Fifty Acres." Both the record and the book "My Fingers and My Toes" were on sale all afternoon.

Of the 150 or so persons present, there were no curiosity seekers and no one who just dropped in due to lack of anything else to do. The reason coming was to see, to hear and to experience the man . . . James Larkin Pearson.

The Cougar Cry staff would like to be the first to wish happy 96th to the man who commented "I am not growing old, I am already old."

Coming Soon To WCC: 'Inherit The Wind'

By Virgie Church

Mr. Mayes, director-producer of INHERIT THE WIND, offers us a glimpse of his upcoming fall production.

INHERIT THE WIND was written in 1955 by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee. The play is a fictionalized dramatization born of the events that took place during the John F. Scopes "monkey" trial of 1925. Although the dialogue of the play was, by the authors' choice, not taken from the actual transcripts of that famous trial, the characters are authentically represented.

Even though the trial took place in Dayton, Tennessee, it was not the intention of the authors for the play to represent a particular place or a particular time. The playwrights suggest the program read, "The Place: A Small Town, The Time: Not Too Long Ago." The authors wrote, "It might have been yesterday. It could be tomorrow."

The collision of Bryan and Darrow at Dayton over the teaching of Darwin's theory of evolution in public schools resulted in the writing of millions of words about the "money trial." It was from these writings and from the recountings of personal reminiscences and experiences that the play was written.

Mr. Mayes says the cast will be large and will be taken from the college and the community. It will include children and, hopefully, a real live monkey. The set design will be by Henry Church, commercial artist for Lowe's Hardware. The dates of the production are November 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9.

After he has selected his cast, Mr. Mayes will give us another glimpse of his upcoming production as an appetizer. In the meantime, we might tuck our napkins into our shirt collars and prepare ourselves for a spectacular main course.

