

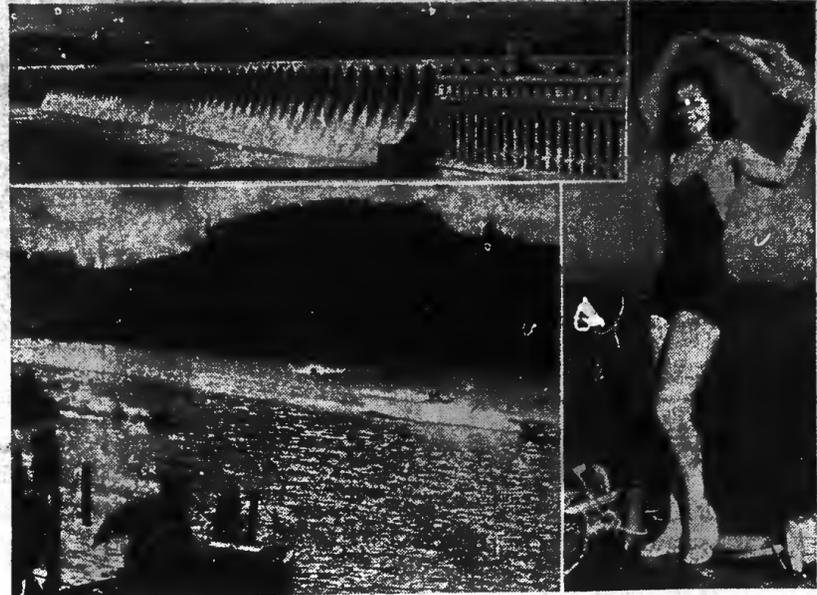
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Power for America's Defense Preparedness



Wilson dam, one of the great hydro-electric power producers of the Tennessee valley, is an important unit of the 10 that can produce 1,700,000 horsepower of electricity for America's defense. As the lakes above the TVA dams are completed, speedboat racing has become a fad. Seven regattas have already been held this summer. Pretty Pat Poore, shown, will be "Miss TVA" in Chattanooga's Labor day celebration. Two hundred cities in the seven states of the valley area will unite for the four-day program.

London.—Relays of British heavy bombers striking deep inland behind Germany's coastal "invasion ports" last night blasted a chain of Nazi airbases in a savage assault aimed at wrecking the bases of Adolf Hitler's aerial siege of Britain. The assault followed wide-ranging bombing blows 24 hours earlier in which Berlin was said to have been shaken by "terrific explosions" that ripped apart vital war plants in the northwest outskirts and heaped destruction on at least 20 cities and seaports. (British bombers flew over the German capital early today, causing an air raid alarm of an hour and 20 minutes, but German authorities said no bombs fell. (From Central Berlin the only sign of the raid observed all during the alarm period was the sound of the motors of a single plane, audible for about three minutes over the center of the city, and weak anti-aircraft fire which greeted it. (The official German communique issued after the alarm said: "Several British planes again flew into the Berlin area during the night but were repulsed by anti-aircraft fire. Only a few planes succeeded in reaching the city itself. No bombs were dropped.") Last night's R. A. F. attack took up Germany's new challenge for air mastery in the battle of Britain, following daylong Nazi bombing attacks on British airbases. British bombers roared across the English Channel, ignoring the German "invasion bases" for the time being and striking vital airbases of Northern France and in Belgium. Even the emplacements of Germany's "Big Bertha" guns which shelled Dover during the day and evening were not attacked.

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Court Four Days On Land Law Suit

Wilkesboro In Suit Over Payment For Lands On Watershed On Brushies

A suit involving compensation for lands condemned by the town of Wilkesboro as a watershed for the town's new water works system has occupied practically all the time of Wilkes superior court this week. Judge Allen Gwyn, of Reidsville, is presiding over the term, which opened Monday. The suit under trial was instituted by Mrs. H. S. Soots, Mrs. Maggie Fletcher and other Fletcher heirs, who did not accept the appraisal price of \$2,655 offered in payment for 140 acres now included in the watershed of Wilkesboro's water works. Many witnesses have been examined on both sides and the case has been long drawn out. It may consume the remainder of the time of court this week. Interspersed with the land suit have been the following divorces granted on grounds of two years separation: Quincy Southers versus Mary Southers, Margaret Wells Knight versus Julian Holt Knight, Mary Hutchens Dezer versus Ellis Dezer, Belle Royal Clamper versus Jim Clamper, Louise Owens versus Oscar Owens.

October Cripple Clinic Thursday

October clinic for free examination of cripples will be conducted at the Wilkes hospital on Thursday, October 10, according to an announcement today from the Wilkes county health department. All crippled and deformed people are encouraged to attend and receive an orthopedic examination without cost.

Legion Will Meet On Friday Night

October meeting of the Wilkes post of the American Legion will be held at the Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse on Friday night, October 4, 7:30 o'clock. A large attendance of Legionnaires is desired.

Seven 4-H Clubs Are Re-Organized In Wilkes County

Champion, Mtn. View, Mulberry, Ronda, Wilkesboro, Millers Creek, Traphill

J. B. Snipes, Wilkes county farm agent, today reported re-organization of 4-H clubs in seven communities of the county by visits to the larger schools and more than 300 boys and girls attended the organization meetings. Prospects are bright for an active year in club work, the county agent said, because much interest was shown by the boys and girls in the meetings. Officers of the various clubs were elected as follows: Champion — Leonard Jones, president; Eloise Hinton, vice president; Claude Hamby, secretary; Charlotte Huffman, treasurer. Mountain View — Fay Morrison, president; Roy Taylor, vice president; Dean Whitley, secretary; Mary Alice Gentry, treasurer; Wilda Higgins, reporter. Mulberry — Lorene Brookshire, president; Doris Absher, vice president; Reba Tugman, secretary; Ray Anderson, treasurer; Don Kilby, reporter. Ronda — Clinton Jordan, president; Bill Key, vice president; Bertha Mae Tucker, secretary; Pauline Cockerham, treasurer. Millers Creek — Dewey Lankford, president; Eloise Turner, vice president; Odell Whittington, Jr., secretary; Jack Caudill, treasurer; Joe Jenkins, reporter. Traphill — Glenn Hutchison, president; Paul Blackburn, vice president; Beatrice Casstevens, secretary; Doris Pruitt, treasurer; Left Holloway, reporter. Wilkesboro — Cheiste McNeill, president; Grace Marlow, vice president; Betty Henderson, secretary; Hoke Steelman, treasurer.

Must Get Permit To Burn Brush

Unlawful To Burn Brush Or Fields Without Permit During Next 2 Months

A. A. Triplett, Wilkes county forest warden, today called attention to the law requiring that all persons who burn brushlands between October 1 and December 1 must first obtain a permit. Mr. Triplett said that no charge is made for the permits but the law requires one if brush or trash is burned within 500 feet of woodlands in Wilkes county. Permits may be obtained, he said, from the office of the clerk of court, C. D. Holbrook at Traphill postoffice, at Parker-Triplett electric company in Wilkesboro or from any deputy forest warden in the county. The nation's motor vehicle traffic took a toll of 32,600 lives in 1939.

Local Business Men Get Payment For Debts Contracted 29 and 40 Years Ago

When it rains it pours—and that applies to things other than H₂O. Two men who were partners in business here for about a quarter of a century received payment for two old debts they had charged off as lost so long ago they had forgotten about it. On Saturday a man walked up to W. R. Absher, told him that he had been owing him \$30 for 40 years and wanted to pay it with interest to date. Mr. Absher said he did not remember any such debt but told the man that if he owed that amount and wanted to pay it to just forget about the interest. He paid Mr. Absher \$30. In telling of the incident Mr. Absher, a partner for many years in the firm of Absher and Blackburn, said he did not wish to disclose the man's name. Mr. Absher told his former partner in business, E. M. Blackburn, of the surprise and Mr. Blackburn humorously suggested that Mr. Absher should take him on a vacation trip some place. But on Tuesday the tables turned and it was Mr. Blackburn who received the surprise. He received a \$35 check from a man in Raleigh, whose name he did not disclose, and with the check was a long letter from the Raleigh citizen who told Mr. Blackburn that in 1911 he ordered a tailor-made suit and had it sent direct to him. He said he had never paid for the suit and had neglected payment for the past 29 years because of hard luck and procrastination. He said he wanted to get the matter off his mind. Neither the man who paid Mr. Absher or the one who paid for the suit after 29 years gave any specific reason for deciding to make payment after all these years.

Must File Claims With The County

W. H. McElwee, chairman of the county board of elections, stated today that all elections officials who served in the primaries this year, should file their claims with the county board of commissioners. The county pays the claims out of the county funds, and the board of elections has no power whatever to make payment to the election officials, Mr. McElwee stated.

North Wilkesboro Police Secure A Fingerprint Outfit

New Equipment Is Expected To Be Beneficial For Identification Purposes

North Wilkesboro police department now has a fingerprinting outfit. The new equipment not only enables the policemen to make good fingerprints of suspects but includes the more complicated devices for "lifting" prints from crime scenes. The equipment includes photographic devices, dusting power, brushes and other items for getting fingerprints, and also materials for taking and classification of fingerprints from individuals.

Quartet Singing At Fairplains 20th

Stone Mountain quartet singing association will convene at Fairplains Baptist church two miles north of this city on highway 18 on Sunday, October 20, beginning at one p. m. An invitation is extended all quartets, trios, duets and soloists to attend and take part in the program for the afternoon. Fifty-nine per cent of last year's motor vehicle deaths occurred on country roads and highways.

Presbyterians To Have Cornerstone Service On Sunday

Impressive Service Planned For Cornerstone Laying Of New Building

A service of special interest to the members and friends of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church will be held on Sunday morning at seven o'clock. At that time the cornerstone of the new Religious Education building will be laid. The service will be featured by a talk by J. R. Finley, who for twenty-five years was superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Finley will lay the cornerstone just prior to the eleven o'clock service and will place in the space behind the stone records of the church that should prove of interest to succeeding generations. Other parts of the service will be special musical numbers, a brief talk by the pastor, Rev. W. M. Cooper, reception of new members, and a brief message from the present superintendent of Sunday school, Lewis Vickery. The order of service will be as follows: prelude, call to worship, doxology, invocation, hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy"; reception of new members, solo, Miss Ellen Robinson; scripture reading, pastoral prayer, hymn, "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"; offertory, offertory prayer, anthem, "Praise Ye the Lord"; talk, "A Look at the Past," J. R. Finley; talk, "A Look at the Future," Lewis Vickery; brief message from pastor, prayer, hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers"; benediction, choir response.

Committee For Vocational Work Talks Of Program

Emmet S. Johnson Served Chairman of Group; Seven Students Placed

The Advisory Committee for Diversified Occupations met in the office of the Carolina Mirror company Tuesday night to discuss the program for North Wilkesboro. Those present were A. F. Kilby, J. L. Wells, Edd F. Gardner, Emmet S. Johnson, Paul S. Cragan and W. Bryan Collins. W. E. Jones, the other member of the committee, could not be present. Emmet S. Johnson, of Meadows Mill company, was elected chairman of the group. Ways and means of advancing the program were discussed and business transacted. The coordinator, W. Bryan Collins, reported six boys and one girl placed to date with good prospects for six more boys in the near future. North Wilkesboro is the smallest town in the state having the diversified occupation program and should work to keep it, as it is a splendid means for educating boys and girls for skilled trades. The committee adjourned to meet again October 15th with Paul S. Cragan as host.

Two Draft Boards For Wilkes County Will Be Named Friday

County Meeting Farmers Monday To Discuss Goals

County Agent Announces Important Planning Meeting For Monday Morning

A county-wide meeting of Wilkes county farmers to lay plans and goals of work for next year will be held at the office of the county agent in Wilkesboro on Monday, October 6, beginning at nine a. m. Announcement of the meeting was made today by J. B. Snipes, county farm agent, who urged attendance of all farmers interested in progress for the coming year. The county-wide meeting will come as a climax to community meetings which are being held throughout the county with representatives of various agencies explaining their aims for the coming year. The county agent said that in the meeting Monday definite goals for progress in every phase of extension work will be set, including planting of legume crops, livestock production, crop production, soil conservation practices, agricultural engineering and many other activities. In addition, representatives of the Farm Security administration, the Soil Conservation Service, the county home agent and persons representing other agencies will be present to take part in discussions.

Sponsors New Sub



Mrs. Walter B. Woodson, wife of Rear Admiral Woodson, just before she acted as sponsor to the newest addition to Uncle Sam's submarine fleet, the U. S. S. Trout. The Trout has recently been launched at the Portsmouth navy yard.

Governor Gives Group Instructions About The Board

Clerk Court, Supt. Schools, Election Chairman and Mayor To Name Board

Members of the committee appointed by Governor Clyde R. Hoey to name two draft boards for Wilkes county today received notice of their appointment and with a request from the Governor that they appoint the boards immediately. The committee as named by Governor Hoey to appoint the two draft boards for Wilkes is composed of Clerk of Court C. C. Hayes, Superintendent of Schools C. B. Eller, County Board of Elections Chairman W. H. McElwee, and R. T. McNeil, mayor of North Wilkesboro. Instructions said for the committee to meet at the call of the clerk of court and recommend draft board members. The boards will have three members each and with each board will be a lawyer and a physician, making a total of five members for each draft group. Clerk of Court C. C. Hayes said this morning that the committee will meet Friday morning, October 4, and carry out the instructions of the governor. Because of population Wilkes will have two boards and it is the duty of the committee naming the boards to divide the county into two areas as nearly equal in population as practical but without dividing a voting precinct. In instructions to the committee the Governor explained that draft board members must be over 36 years of age and should be the best men in the community. "No consideration of religion, politics or friendship should enter into selection of these individuals," the governor said, but advised that both major political parties be represented. Board members will serve without compensation since no funds have been provided for their pay, but they should consider it a high honor and patriotic duty, the Governor said. Meanwhile, Attorney W. H. McElwee, chairman of the county board of elections, has received instructions relative to the registration of men on October 16 for military service. Present election officials for the various precincts will serve on registration day, when all men between the ages of 21 and 36 must register. Heavy penalties are provided for failure to register. It has been estimated that the number required to register in Wilkes will be between four and five thousand. However, the first call for compulsory military training is expected to take only a comparatively small number of Wilkes men. Quotas will be allotted counties according to registration and from the quotas will be deducted the number of men serving in the national guard and recent volunteers into regular branches of the service. Commenting on the registration, Elections Board Chairman W. H. McElwee said today that all registrars and judges will serve in the registration and that they should consider it a patriotic duty. However, if any registrar or election judge knows of any reason why he cannot serve on registration day, October 16, they are asked to notify Attorney McElwee at once. All men who will have reached their 21st birthday by October 16 and who will not have reached their 36th birthday on that date must register. School teachers will help with the registration in several precincts, Attorney McElwee said.

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Street Project Makes Progress

Work Under Way On Construction Of Sidewalk Near Hosiery Mills

The street improvement project in North Wilkesboro continues in progress, the latest improvement being the paving of a sidewalk along F street between Fifth and Sixth. The project is being carried out by the WPA with the city as sponsor and many streets have been improved. Some of the improvements brought about have "seen grading and gravel surfacing of two blocks on the north end of Tenth street, grading of the alley in the rear of the city hall building, gravel surfacing of dirt streets in the eastern end of the city, construction of a new sidewalk on Ninth street and on parts of F street. Two out of five traffic deaths last year were pedestrians.

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Lions Club Will Meet Friday, 6:30

North Wilkesboro Lions club will meet on Friday evening, 6:30, at Hotel Wilkes. A good program has been planned and a large attendance is expected. Churches are increasing in number in larger communities, due to the automobile's influence.