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Flood Damage Mounts; Efforts To Secure Flood Control Rushed

MEETING CALLED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT; CONGRESSMEN ASKED TO MEET WITH VICTIMS OF FLOOD

People from the Yadkin river valley in several northern North Carolina counties will gather at the North Wilkesboro town hall on Friday, September 21, 7 p. m., to plan ways and means of expediting efforts to secure flood control on the Yadkin.

On Monday night and Tuesday the most disastrous flood since August, 1940, swept away hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of agricultural crops in the fertile valley of the Yadkin and threatened many homes and places of business with damage or destruction.

Senator Josiah W. Bailey, Senator Clyde R. Hoey, Representatives Robert L. Doughton, W. O. Burgin, and John H. Fogler, of the three congressional districts in which much flood damage resulted this week, have been urged to attend the meeting. Col. Carl R. Shaw, district engineer of the War Department, also has been invited.

A telegram dispatched to them by John E. Justice, Jr., of North Wilkesboro, chairman of the Yadkin flood control committee, was as follows:

"You are urgently requested to attend a meeting of Yadkin valley citizens to be held in the city hall at North Wilkesboro, at 7 p. m. on Friday, September 21."

The meeting to be held here Friday evening was called by R. T. McNeil, mayor of North Wilkesboro, and will be attended by representatives of the Yadkin valley.

The counties, Caldwell, Surry, Yadkin and perhaps Forsyth and Davie, are included.

The flood control committee, which is composed of members from the affected counties, earnestly asks the attendance of all people interested in controlling the waters of the Yadkin and preventing further disastrous floods.

Mount Pleasant Baptist to Have A Gathering 30th

Mount Pleasant Baptist church, located in the Champton community, 15 miles west of this city, will have a home coming celebration on Sunday, September 30.

The day's program will open at 10 a. m. with Sunday school under direction of Albert McGee, superintendent, and during the morning session will be the following: congregational singing; devotional by Rev. A. W. Eller, pastor; special music by Lenoir quartet; address of welcome by O. M. Proffitt, principal of Mount Pleasant high school; response by T. J. McNeill; piano and accordion duet by Bettie Jo and Bobbie Jean Miller; sermon by Rev. Ernest O. Ward.

At 12:25 the congregation will adjourn for lunch. Everybody is invited with well filled baskets for the dinner, to be spread picnic style.

The afternoon program will open at 1:25, and devotional will be by Rev. Grady Hamby, followed by the history of the church by J. C. McNeill, and the Lenoir quartet will again be heard. Rev. A. E. Watts will deliver the afternoon sermon, followed by special music by the McGee trio and the Eller duet. Remarks by former members and others will close the program.

At the evening service at the Wilkesboro Baptist church the Damascus choir will render a program of sacred music. This choir has rendered many programs and has been widely acclaimed.

The public is cordially invited to the services.

Dr. I. G. Grier and Damascus Choir At Wilkesboro Church

Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Wilkesboro Baptist church, will arrive Sunday morning, 11 o'clock at the Wilkesboro Baptist church. Dr. Greer is one of the best known speakers and educators in the state, and it is expected that a large congregation will be present.

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Brushy Mountain Association Has Successful Meet

Thirty-Two Churches Represented In Session Held Tuesday, Wednesday.

With 32 of the 33 member churches represented, Brushy Mountain Baptist Association held a very successful annual session Tuesday and Wednesday at Mt. Carmel church.

Reports from the churches indicated an active year with growth in membership and church activities.

T. E. Story, moderator, was re-elected, and the other officers are as follows: Rev. C. J. Poole, vice-moderator; J. F. Jordan, clerk and treasurer; Dr. H. G. Duncan, historian; Miss Madge Lewis, chairman of promotion. The nominating committee was composed of Rev. A. W. Eller, Rev. Isaac Watts and Arthur Bumgarner.

The committee on time and place and preacher for the next session was composed of Rev. Howard J. Ford, Rev. John L. Wells, Jr., and R. Don Nichols. The 1946 session will be held Tuesday and Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September at Pleasant Grove church. Dr. David R. Browning was selected to deliver the introductory sermon with Rev. A. W. Eller as alternate.

Those on the program at Tuesday's session included Dr. H. G. Duncan, Rev. C. J. Poole, M. H. Kendall, W. F. Payne, Rev. S. I. Watts, Rev. A. W. Eller, Rev. W. S. Luck, Dr. David E. Browning, Mrs. R. N. Holland, W. R. Griggs, Rev. John L. Wells, Jr., and Rev. Howard J. Ford.

Taking part on the program Wednesday were Rev. Glenn Huffman, Mrs. Andrew Casey, J. A. McMillan, Miss Lundy Hendren, Miss Florence Miller, Dr. E. L. Spivey, Rev. J. C. Canipe, Rev. Ralph Miller, Mrs. George Johnson, Rev. C. C. Holland, Miss Madge Lewis and I. J. Lovette.

American Legion Planning to Help Returning 'Vets'

All Discharged Men Are Asked To Register With H. Landon Or I. Moore.

Wilkes Post of the American Legion is now in readiness to assist returning veterans of World War II with their problems, an official of the Post said today.

On the subject of aid to veterans, the Legion Post here issued the following statement:

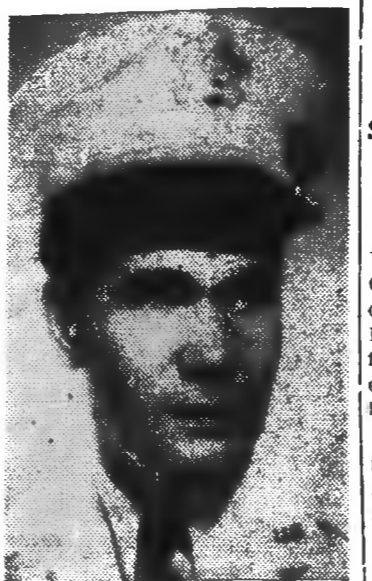
"There will be many problems confronting the returning veteran, and it is the wish of the Wilkes Post of the American Legion to help and assist you in every way possible. As there is no organized veterans' bureau in town, the American Legion is assuming the responsibility of doing the job for you.

"It is our desire that all returning veterans register with the local post so that their names will be on record and on our mailing list. You are requested to register your name with Henry Landon at Landon Motor Company in North Wilkesboro, or with R. Ivey Moore at the Home Chair Company at Ronda.

"There will be a meeting that will be of interest to all returning veterans at the American Legion club house on Friday, October 5, 8 p. m. You are urgently requested to be present. The American Legion has big plans for you and we need your cooperation."

The interior of Carlton's Hardware Store has been brightened up with new coats of paint and the work adds much to the appearance of the store. Mr. D. Hill Carlton is proprietor of the store and has as his assistant Mr. Elisha Edmiston.

Liberated



Capt. John R. Bumgarner, army medical corps officer, who was a physician in North Wilkesboro before entering service in 1940, has been liberated from a war prison camp in Japan. His parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. A. Bumgarner, of Millers Creek, received the following telegram this week from the War Department: "The Secretary of War has asked me to inform you that your son, Capt. John R. Bumgarner has been returned to military control September 12 and is being returned to the United States in the near future. He will be given an opportunity to communicate with you on arrival." Capt. Bumgarner had been a prisoner of war since the fall of Bataan, and no message had been received later than a card dated last Christmas Day.

Lee's Riding Devices At Wilkesboro School

R. C. Lee's riding devices, consisting of five modern rides, opens sponsorship of the Wilkesboro school grounds tonight.

The rides are under the joint sponsorship of the Wilkesboro high school and the North Wilkesboro Lions Club. All of the sponsors' share of the money will be used for the purchase of athletic and playground equipment for Wilkesboro school. Plans have been made for the purchase of equipment for each room in the school, and funds are badly needed.

The rides will open tonight and continue through Wednesday, September 26.

Here On Leave



Seaman First Class Archie Harrison, who has been in the navy two years and has been engaged in transport duty, is spending a 20-day leave here with his wife, the former Miss Hazel Loyd. Seaman Harrison's home is in Lenoir.

RATION NEWS

MEATS AND FATS: Red stamps: V2, W2, X2, Y2, Z2, now valid; expire September 30; A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, now valid; expire October 31; F1, G1, H1, J1, K1, now valid; expire November 30; L1, M1, N1, P1, Q1, now valid; expire December 31. SUGAR: Sugar stamp No. 38 expires December 31. SHOES: Airplane stamps Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, now good.

Gifts Made To Hi School Football Team Welcomed

Several Individuals And Firms Make Substantial Contributions To Team.

The Home Chair Co., the North Wilkesboro Firemen and Payne Clothing Co., have recently sent checks to the North Wilkesboro Board of Education to be used for the purchase of uniforms and equipment for the North Wilkesboro high school football team.

Speaking for himself and the members of his organization, President H. L. Moore, of the Home Chair Co., stated:

"We are indeed proud to learn that North Wilkesboro high school has secured the use of a full-time coach for its athletic program. We wish to donate the amount of this check for the purchase of such athletic equipment as you deem necessary."

Speaking for the firemen, Chief Thurmond Kenery said that all of the members of his organization were enthusiastic over the splendid work being done in promotion of the athletic program in North Wilkesboro high school and that the firemen desire to help with the purchase of equipment at present and that they would gladly support an expansion of the athletic work in the future.

Mr. Ira D. Payne, of Payne Clothing Co., who is also a member of the Board of Education, praised the progress being made by the football team under the direction of Coach Charles N. Manship, and further stated that he felt sure that there are many other business men in North Wilkesboro who would be glad to make contributions just as he has done.

When Superintendent Paul S. Cragan informed the Journal-Patriot today of the receipt of these gifts, he also spoke of the large amount of money which will be necessary to equip the high school students properly for the playing of football, basketball and baseball during the present school term and of the need which will arise for funds to purchase additional equipment as the program expands.

Mr. Charles N. Manship has been employed as full-time director of athletics and recreation, and his salary is paid from funds provided by the town board of commissioners and the Board of Education.

The equipment necessary to carry on a program of athletics and recreation will be purchased with funds raised by high school students and through donations and business firms. Persons desiring to make such gifts should send their checks to Supt. Paul S. Cragan or to any member of the Board of Education in the very near future in order that equipment now in use or on order can be paid for.

The first football game to be played since the 1942 season is scheduled to take place on the fair ground field at 2:30 p. m., Friday, September 28, 1945, North Wilkesboro high school will play Sparta high school on that date.

The number of persons visiting Smoot Park to watch football practice grows daily. Much interest is being shown by these people in the improvement shown by the squad from day to day. Heavy rains and the flood waters which covered the field early in the week have hampered the practice season somewhat, but Coach Manship expects to have the team and the field ready for the coming game on September 28.

Girl Scout Officers Meeting Monday

An important meeting of council members, leaders, committee members and all who are taking the Girl Scout training course, will be held Monday night, 8:00 o'clock, in the Presbyterian Educational building. Mrs. C. T. Doughton and Mrs. R. S. Gibbs request the presence of every officer.

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF CROPS ARE DESTROYED IN FLOOD TUESDAY

Residents of the Yadkin river valley in this part of the state today surveyed their flood ruined crops and resolved to press their demands for flood control in the valley.

Heavy rains from Saturday evening until late Monday night swelled the Yadkin out of its banks and over the fertile acres of the valley from Patterson in Caldwell county on down the river through Wilkes and by Yadkin and Surry counties.

In the vicinity of North Wilkesboro the corn crop, bountiful and ready for harvest, was almost a total loss.

Farmers in the valley, who had excellent crops but who were hopeless to save them as the muddy waters of the Yadkin swept them toward the sea, estimated that the damage may exceed \$200,000.

It was the highest flood on the Yadkin since the August, 1940, disaster, when the flooded Yadkin swept away millions of dollars worth of property and took a number of lives.

Following the 1940 flood, citizens of North Wilkesboro and other stricken communities in the valley pressed their requests for a flood control program, which was followed up by a comprehensive survey by engineers of the War Department.

The engineers recommended construction of a ten million dollar combination power and flood control dam a few miles west of Wilkesboro. This project was eliminated by efforts of Senator Josiah W. Bailey from the flood authorization bill in congress last year on the grounds that it would inundate too much land and that too much priority was given generation of power over flood control.

Recently Senator Bailey was quoted as saying that he had asked the War Department for recommendations and estimates relative to construction of tributary dams and a smaller dam on the Yadkin exclusively for flood control, and has promised his efforts to secure adequate flood control program for the valley.

Principal damage from flood Monday night and Tuesday was to crops in the valley. The water did not reach sufficient heights Monday night and Tuesday was to destroy homes or industries. However, it was a narrow escape and many had moved materials and personal possessions from places of business and homes in the valley.

Mrs. H. O. Parsons Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Anna Colvard Parsons, age 74, wife of H. Odell Parsons, died at 10:40 a. m. Wednesday at her home at Cricket, after an illness of about two weeks.

Funeral service will be held Friday, 11:00 a. m. at Union Methodist church, and burial will be in the church cemetery. The pastor, Rev. J. O. Ervin, will be assisted by Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner, Rev. A. C. Waggoner, of North Wilkesboro, and Rev. Alfred N. Smith, of Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Parsons was a member of a prominent northwestern North Carolina family, being a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Colvard. Since her marriage to Mr. Parsons, the greater part of her life was spent in the Parsonville community until recently when they moved to Cricket, near this city.

Surviving Mrs. Parsons are her husband; five daughters, Mrs. M. E. Eller and Mrs. J. L. Crews, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Walter Eller and Mrs. M. B. McNeill, of North Wilkesboro; and Miss Pearl Parsons, of Cricket. Also surviving are one brother and two sisters, W. E. Colvard and Mrs. T. R. Colvard, of North Wilkesboro; and Mrs. Jennie Vannoy, of Reddies River.

Mrs. Parsons was well and favorably known by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances to whom the news of her death is an occasion of sadness. She was a member of the Millers Creek Methodist church.

Miss Tynes Speaker For Kiwanis Meeting

Miss Harriet Tynes, of Greensboro, executive of the Children's Home Society of North Carolina, will be the guest speaker at the Kiwanis meeting Friday noon. The program will be in charge of P. W. Eshelman, who is a member of the Children's Home Society Board of Directors.

Miss Mary Sue Hendren, who is a student at A. S. T. C., at Boone, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hendren, of Moravian Falls.