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## People 3 States Ask 421 Be Made Super Highway REA Protest Threatens Delay For Flood Control Plan

### REA Protest May Keep the Control From Pending Bill

Senators Bailey and Hoey Issue Joint Statement About Yadkin

Washington.—The people of western North Carolina themselves must decide whether the Yadkin River valley flood control project may get under way this year or wait until next.

This became apparent yesterday as Senators Josiah W. Bailey and Clyde R. Hoey issued a joint statement reviewing 1946 developments on the Yadkin project and pointing to sufficient protest against deleting hydroelectric power aspects from the proposal to threaten the prospect of congressional action on the matter at this session of Congress.

As some observers saw the hand of Rural Electrification Administration entering the picture, the two North Carolina Senators stated flatly any appreciable delay resulting from hearings before the Board of Army Engineers means "it will be too late to get any appropriation through this Congress, and if this action is followed, all flood control work will be delayed for one year."

Engineer's Report Protested

Emphasizing they are interested primarily in laying all the facts before the people living in the affected areas, the Senators revealed the Board of Engineers had advised them Mark W. Bennett, president of Western North Carolina Electrification Membership Corp., Charlotte, had produced a report of the army division engineer's report recommending Federal dam construction purely for flood control, and asked a June 15 hearing before the board. Similar communications also were received from Marshall, Wayneville, Lenoir, Morganton, Marion and Dobson, it was stated, along with one emphasizing power production potentials from Mayor R. E. Kibler, of Morganton. It was stated at the special press conference held yesterday in Sen. Hoey's offices.

Stressing the importance of residents deciding the matter among themselves, Sen. Hoey pointed to a May 9 mass meeting at North Wilkesboro at which resolutions were adopted approving the army's recommendations and asking their adoption. The opposition, he added, has come to light only in recent days.

Last year the Yadkin-Pee Dee power development proposal failed of approval, and the new project, confined to flood control, began to take shape in March, after the Senate Commerce Committee, of which Senator Bailey is chairman, authorized the army division engineer's office in Atlanta to make recommendations along flood control lines.

Construction Recommended

The army report, completed See FLOOD CONTROL—Page 4

### Fight For Flood Control Now!

AN EDITORIAL

In a wire to the Yadkin Valley Flood Control committee Tuesday evening, Senators Josiah W. Bailey and Clyde Hoey stated that the flood control proposal for the Yadkin valley is threatened with a year's delay by a protest being filed by the Rural Electrification Administration in North Carolina, and particularly from branches of the REA in northwestern North Carolina.

Apparently, the only hope to save the project from delay is to get the REA to withdraw the protest, so the hearings can be dispensed with and the senators can go ahead and have appropriation for the flood control dams included in this year's bill.

Local citizens who know the necessity of Yadkin valley flood control should use their influence immediately to get the REA request for hearing and protest withdrawn.

The same daily newspaper which carried the story about the REA's action in holding up the Yadkin proposal carried in headlines the story of lives lost in a flood. It is just a matter of time, if history repeats itself, until the Yadkin in flood stage claims more lives unless we get flood control.

The first flood control proposal was defeated because it had power plans with flood control. Now the second plan is jeopardized because the plans do not include power generation.

And while politicians play football with the power issue the Yadkin valley exists under the continual threat of flood.

We of the Yadkin valley want flood control. We are not concerned with other issues, and we insist that the Yadkin valley is entitled to flood control projects without delay.

### Republicans Forget, and Democrat Carries Wilkes County For Congress

Miss Jane Pratt, successful Democratic nominee for congress in the eighth district special election, did on last Saturday what no other Democratic candidate has been able to do in Wilkes in recollection of the present generation—she polled more votes in Wilkes than the Republican nominee, Frank Hullin.

The total stood: Pratt, 1,503; Hullin, 1,279, representing a majority in Wilkes for Miss Pratt of 124 votes. Miss Pratt was elected in the district by a wide margin for the unexpired term of the late Representative W. O. Bargin in congress.

Republicans in Wilkes polled more votes in the primary than Democrats, but many of them failed to vote in the special congressional election carried out with the primary. This was attributed to lack of interest and just plain forgetfulness on the part of G. O. P. voters.

### To Organize Home Demonstration Club In Oakwoods 4th

Mrs. Annie H. Greene, Home Demonstration Agent, will meet with the ladies of Oakwoods community, at the home of Mrs. Archie Lee Osborne, on Tuesday, June 4, at 1:30 p. m., for the purpose of organizing a Home Demonstration Club in that community. Everyone in or around Oakwoods is urged to attend.

### Three-State Meet Is Planned Soon At Mountain City

Many Cities and Towns Interested in Improvement of The Boone Trail

People of northwestern North Carolina, the northwestern corner of Tennessee and southwest Virginia are uniting in their demands for improvement of highway 421 (The Boone Trail), in western North Carolina, east Tennessee and in Virginia.

At a meeting held recently in Boone another meeting was planned for the near future at Mountain City, Tenn., where highway commissioners in the areas of the three states affected will gather to hear citizens present their claims for improvement of the famous highway.

J. B. Williams, president of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, instituted the motion at the Boone meeting for the three-state meeting to be held at Mountain City, the date to be set for the convenience of the highway officials who will be asked to attend.

Joining in the movement for a better highway 421 are Chamber of Commerce and civic organizations in Winston-Salem, North Wilkesboro, Boone, Blowing Rock, Lenoir, Hickory and other towns in this part of North Carolina, Mountain City, Tenn., Damascus, Abingdon and Bristol, Va.

It was pointed out in the meetings held to date that highway 421 is a logical route for a super highway, in that it represents the most direct route from the cities of Piedmont North Carolina into the industrially and agriculturally important middle west.

Condition of the present highway 421 from a point west of Boone through the corner of Tennessee and by Damascus and Abingdon into Bristol is such that travel organizations are routing traffic away from the route, notwithstanding the fact that it is the nearest way through the mountains.

J. B. Williams and C. B. Eller will represent the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce at the Mountain City meeting.

### Deane Majority Over Horner 354 In 8th District

Raleigh.—C. B. Deane, of Rockingham defeated W. E. Horner, Sanford publisher, in the Eighth Congressional District Democratic primary race Saturday, an official canvass of votes revealed last night.

Deane's margin of victory was 354 votes, the official tally showed, with his supporters casting 18,650 votes to Horner's 18,296. The vote by counties showing votes received by Horner and Deane:

Anson 1,629, 2,692; Davidson 2,446, 2,848; Davie 618, 344; Hoke 965, 398; Lee 2,540, 317; Montgomery 789, 677; Moore 1,959, 1,888; Richmond 2,213, 4,208; Scotland 2,030, 1,478; Union 1,884, 2,163; Wilkes 765, 848; Yadkin 458, 774; totals, 18,296, 18,650.

### Baptists to Aid Starving People

Southern Baptist Convention Votes to Raise \$3,500,000 Immediately

Dr. David E. Browning, First Baptist pastor who returned Friday from the Southern Baptist convention held in Miami, Florida, stated that the convention voted to raise three and one-half million dollars for world relief immediately.

Dr. Browning stated that the convention was the largest in Southern Baptist history and that more than 20,000 people, including 7,000 church delegates, attended the convention sessions.

A highlight of the convention was a plane trip to Cuba by 200 delegates who visited the Southern Baptist mission points.

### Colored Man Hits Wife With a Jack; Skull Is Fractured

Wife of Page Havener, colored, is in the hospital with a bursted skull and he is in jail as the result of an assault by Havener on his wife Monday, Police Chief J. E. Walker said today.

Havener is alleged to have struck his wife on the head twice with an automobile jack and then struck her on the head with a chair after she fell. The assault took place at the Havener home in this city. Condition of the woman is regarded as critical.

### Can You Give This War Veteran a Job?

Sex, Male; age, 24; 2 years at Leas McRae College, Associate of Arts degree—chemistry, drawing, architectural drafting; 2 months course in Army in carburetor and engine. In Army was Mechanic Fuel Anderson, Army to Army service was Electrical Draftsman for Shipbuilding Contract Employment office.

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### Marriage License

During the past week two licenses to wed were issued by Wilkes County Clerk, Deputy C. Foster: Maram West, of Champion, and Iva Sue Laws, of Ferguson; Lloyd Ruten, of Glendale Springs, and Pauline Royal, of Mertle.

### Mrs. Colvard Is Taken By Death

Funeral service was held Monday afternoon at the First Methodist church here for Mrs. Mary Ida Colvard, age 78, who died Sunday.

Mrs. Colvard, daughter of the late Rufus W. and Elvira Whittington Colvard, was a member of a prominent Wilkes family. She is survived by one son, Frank Colvard, of Wilbar, one daughter, Miss Ruth Colvard, of North Wilkesboro and one sister, Mrs. Sallie V. (Jennie) Vannoy, of Reddies River.

Mrs. Colvard, wife of the late T. R. Colvard, who died in 1932, was a life long member of the Methodist church and until her health failed 18 months ago she was active in church activities at the First Methodist church here.

Dr. Gilbert R. Combs, pastor, conducted the funeral service, assisted by Rev. A. C. Waggoner, of Reidsville, former pastor. Pall bearers were R. G. Finley, Eugene Trivette, Frank H. Crow, Eugene Walker, Evan Colvard and Mathis Eller. Many beautiful flowers were tokens of esteem held for the life of Mrs. Colvard.

Out-of-town relatives here for the funeral included: Mr. and Mrs. Mathis Eller and children and Mrs. Jesse Crews, of Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Colvard and family, of Grassy Creek; Mr. Fred Colvard, Miss Mary Colvard and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Colvard, of West Jefferson.

### Case Bill Passed In Fiery Session

Washington, May 29.—A rebellious Congress dealt President Truman a double defeat today when the senate killed the vital "work or draft" section of his emergency labor powers bill and the house rammed through the drastic Case anti-strike measure in defiance of a possible veto.

The senate roll call vote was 70 to 13.

Riding roughshod over administration leaders, the President's opponents scored their first triumph in the house where Republicans and southern Democrats teamed up in a 230 to 106 roll call that sent to the White House the most drastic labor curbs written into law since the beginning of the new deal.

Senate Action

Blow two fell in the senate when a closely-knit bloc of Republicans and pro-labor Democrats stripped from the President's request, for emergency powers to break strikes against the government, a proposal to draft any workers who persist in staying off the job.

Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley, Kentucky, fought in vain to block the senate's action, pleading that the draft provision was "the guts" of the emergency program.

"If my vote on this measure cancels out my record of 34 years on labor problems—so be it," he said. "I am ready and willing to take the consequences."

### Devore Berry to Enter West Point On July 1

Devore Berry, sophomore engineering student at N. C. State, has received final confirmation of his appointment at West Point.

Berry finished David Millard high school in three years, with a record unequalled in the history of the school. He has an excellent record for his two years engineering course at N. C. State.

Berry has just passed seventeen which is minimum entrance age at the Academy.

Devore Berry is the son of Commander and Mrs. (deceased) G. A. Berry of Ashville and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bumgardner of Millers Creek, N. C.

### Lewis Signs Mine Contract for Coal

Washington, May 29.—U. M. W. boss John L. Lewis called off the crippling soft coal strike today and accepted a federal wage contract that will send his 400,000 miners back into the government-seized pits Friday with a pay boost of \$1.85 a day and about one-third of their welfare fund demands.

Lewis and Coal Administrator J. A. Krug signed the pact at a special White House meeting supervised by President Truman, shortly after 4 p. m. (E.S.T.) Lewis immediately sent out orders for the miners to go back to work.

It is legally binding only for the period of government mine control. But actually it will carry over in substantially the same form when the mines are restored to private ownership, since the government could hold on to the coal fields until the operators agree to its terms.

The mine owners went into conference after the White House announcement and said they would not have any statement to make until they have studied the terms of the new contract.

### OFFICIAL CONGRESSIONAL VOTE

PRECINCT	Deane, D	Horner, D	Pratt, D	Hullin, R
Antioch	4	23	24	16
Beaver Creek	20	20	15	3
Boomer	18	20	35	37
Brushy Mountain	18	21	41	1
Edwards No. 1	17	15	33	35
Edwards No. 2	5	37	40	78
Edwards No. 3	5	45	40	37
Elk No. 1	23	27	27	72
Elk No. 2	13	17	25	45
Jobs Cabin No. 1	6	7	12	12
Jobs Cabin No. 2	10	5	106	72
Lewis Fork	28	1	28	26
Lovelace	26	4	29	27
Mulberry No. 1	15	18	30	27
Mulberry No. 2	49	59	71	1
Moravian Falls	5	16	24	76
New Castle	152	213	271	124
North Wilkesboro	123	13	175	75
Reddies River	53	7	52	50
Rock Creek	17	86	48	33
Stanton	5	2	5	98
Somers	20	20	37	126
Traphill No. 1	1	22	23	21
Traphill No. 2	70	39	111	79
Union	5	26	26	30
Walnut Grove No. 1	4	4	4	11
Walnut Grove No. 2	64	86	142	124
Wilkesboro No. 1	14	6	17	23
Wilkesboro No. 2				
TOTALS	863	765	1503	1379

### OFFICIAL VOTE COUNTY OFFICES

PRECINCT	Poindexter, R	Eller, R	Church, D	Bentley, D	Hayes, R	Fletcher, R
Antioch	21	1	6	21		
Beaver Creek	13	10	6	2		
Boomer	37	3	24	12	32	2
Brushy Mountain	45	7	32			
Edwards No. 1	29	6	24	8	26	1
Edwards No. 2	74	3	33	9		
Edwards No. 3	67	3	46	5	81	4
Elk No. 1	70	3	25		73	
Elk No. 2	43	2	13	12	45	
Jobs Cabin No. 1	36	5	8	32	1	
Jobs Cabin No. 2	18	10	3	18		
Lewis Fork	46	27	97	9		
Lovelace	25	1	29			
Mulberry No. 1	78	8	23	5	72	6
Mulberry No. 2	66	6	29	3	63	
Moravian Falls	52	3	88	37	7	
New Castle	83	7	16	5	78	6
North Wilkesboro	158	51	262	94	138	27
Reddies River	112	67	22	111	155	14
Rock Creek	69	9	51	4	48	12
Stanton	46	13	24	81	51	3
Somers	100	6	1	91	2	
Traphill No. 1	129	10	20	7	119	9
Traphill No. 2	34	17	5	84		
Union	81	17	57	52	80	
Walnut Grove No. 1	19	18	29	3	28	
Walnut Grove No. 2	13	3	4	11		
Wilkesboro No. 1	174	19	75	73	148	29
Wilkesboro No. 2	99	7	12	82	1	
TOTALS	1540	299	999	614	1205	139

### Walker Family Reunion Sunday

Reunion of the Walker family will be held Sunday, June 2, at the old Walker home place near Bethany church in the Gilreath community. It will be an all-day occasion, with a splendid program and picnic dinner. All members of the family and their friends are invited.

### J. H. Williams Dies In Georgetown, S.C.

J. H. Williams, father of Mrs. C. G. Yates, of Wilkesboro, died Wednesday in a Georgetown, S. C., hospital, following a heart attack suffered at his home Monday.

Mrs. Yates and son, Robert, left Monday night for Georgetown, and Mr. Yates went down last night.

### Juniors to Elect Officers Tuesday

All members of the Junior Order United American Mechanics are urged to be present at next meeting, Tuesday, June 4th. Remember it is time for election of officers. There are also plans made for degree work for this meeting.

### Dean Minton Loses To Alabama Youth

Dean Minton, recent North Wilkesboro high school graduate, represented North Carolina in the regional speaking contest of the Knights of Pythias lodge held Tuesday in Asheville.

Alabama's speaker from Birmingham won first place in the regional contest and will participate in the nation contest at the Knights of Pythias grand lodge sessions at Tulsa, Okla.

Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Minton, had previously won the county, district and state speaking championships. He was accompanied to Asheville by his parents and Mrs. Claude McGee.

### Clinic June 13

The Wilkes county health department has announced that the next cripple clinic will be held at the Wilkes hospital on Thursday, June 13. The public is asked to cooperate by providing means for crippled and deformed people to reach the clinic, where free examination and advice for corrective treatment is given.

### A. U. Billings Is Taken By Death

Funeral service was held Wednesday, ten a. m., at his residence in this city for Arthur U. Billings, age 79, well known North Wilkesboro citizen who died Monday.

Mr. Billings, who for many years was engaged in the contracting business here, had been ill for several months.

Surviving Mr. Billings are his wife, Mrs. Mary Louise Billings, and five sons: J. V. Billings, North Wilkesboro; John R. Billings, Statesville; Herbert Billings, North Wilkesboro; Lonnie Billings, Baltimore, Md.; Robert Billings, North Wilkesboro.

Funeral service was conducted by Dr. David E. Browning, First Baptist pastor. Burial was in the Baptist cemetery in this city.

Experts predict that higher milk prices and more direct subsidies will be paid to dairymen in the near future as a result of predictions that milk production will fall below the present inadequate supply.

### 13-Year-Old Pianist To Give a Concert Here Tuesday Night

Dixon Thomas, age 13, of Statesville, will be presented in a piano concert to be held Tuesday, June 4, eight p. m., in the American Legion and Auxiliary clubhouse.

Thomas is recognized as one of the outstanding young pianists in the country.

The concert will be given for the members of the music classes of Mrs. A. F. Killy and Mrs. Robert Gibbs but the public has a cordial invitation to attend.

### Coach Manship Resigned Here

After one of the most colorful sport years in the history of North Wilkesboro school, Coach Charles Manship announces his resignation.

The teams under coach Manship showed excellent sportsmanship and training. His football team, all of which was new, was a credit to any school. His basketball team, meeting all the strong opponents in this section of the state, won about 50 per cent of the season's games. They also made an excellent showing in the basketball tournament at

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