

SOME OF NATION'S FINEST HORSES ENTERED FOR HORSE SHOW JULY 3-4



Here are pictured two of the many fine horses you will be privileged to see at the North Wilkesboro Lions Club's annual horse show in Wilkesboro July 3 and 4. On the left is Destiny, owned by Steve Hill, of Beechgrove, Tenn., (up in photo) and W. M. Duncan, of Iverness, Miss. Destiny is a walking mare with a future and a winning past. Recent among her accomplishments were the mare class and grand championship stake at Chicago, the first appearance for walking horses at that event. At right is What A Surprise, attractively



colored six-year-old mare by Logan Peavine and out of a mare by Douglas Chief. Winner of open classes and stakes for her owner, John Francis, of Hickory, she has been in training at Blythwood Stock Farm. David H. Neil is the rider in the picture.

Plans Complete For Lions Horse Show

Highly Successful Show Anticipated On July 3rd-4th

Many of the south's finest horses including some show horses outstanding in the nation's best shows, will be shown in the North Wilkesboro Lions club's annual horse show to be held Wednesday and Thursday, July 3 and 4, on the Wilkesboro school athletic field.

T. Long, chairman of the committee, stated today in response to inquiry that so many of the south's leading stables has been even better than expected and that the Lions Club horse show is destined to be an outstanding event for horse lovers in the state.

Workmen have been busily engaged in construction of stables and other accommodations for the enlarged show, which will be held afternoon and night on both dates, two and eight p. m. The horse show grounds are located on the school athletic field on the street leading south from the Wilkesboro postoffice.

The Lions Club will use all profits from the show in carrying out the many activities of the club in behalf of the welfare and progress of this community and county. General admission tickets will be \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children.

Members of the Lions club have on sale season tickets for three dollars each. The season tickets are good for all four sessions of the show and represent a saving of one dollar as compared to general admission prices.

The human heart pumps five to six quarts of blood through nearly 4,000 circuits of the body.

Now In Korea



Sgt. Charles Blackburn, son of Mrs. A. M. Holbrook and the late M. K. Blackburn, has been ill and in a hospital in Korea. Sgt. Blackburn entered the army in September, 1944, and went overseas a year ago. He reached his 20th birthday on June 12 this year. Sgt. Blackburn was in combat in the Okinawa campaign and since that time has been with occupation forces. In recent letters to his mother Sgt. Blackburn told graphically about the desperate need for food for the people there and how he often had observed starving people fall and die.

Taylor Reunion

Annual reunion of the Taylor family will be held Sunday, June 30, at the home of Mrs. Cora Colvard north of this city on highway 18. Dinner will be spread picnic style at noon. All members of the Taylor family and their friends are invited.

Young Softball Players to Meet

Charles Manship, recreational director, has called a meeting of all boys under 16 years of age who are interested in playing softball.

All under 16 who wish to play softball are asked to meet Monday night, July 1, 7:30 p. m., at the North Wilkesboro town hall for organization of teams.

V. F. W. Poppy Sale Saturday

Annual sale of poppies for the design War will conduct a sale of memorial poppies on the streets of North Wilkesboro Saturday, June 29.

Proceeds from the sale of the beautiful buddy poppies will go to aid disabled veterans and dependents and the purchases will be much appreciated.

Hosiery Mills To Be Closed Week; Is Paid Vacation

The Wilkes Hosiery Mills Company is giving their 600 employees a week's vacation with pay and the mill will be shut down the week of July 1st.

All employees who have worked for the company for a period of a year will enjoy the vacation with pay. All ex-service men, regardless of how long employed, will get the vacation with pay.

One of the earliest examples of international organizations was the Universal Postal Union of 1874, whose members agreed on the co-operative and uniform handling of mail, parcel post and money orders passing from one country to another.

J. Fletcher Allen, Pioneer Builder, Is Taken By Death

Contractor Here For Half a Century Died Last Week At Alleghany Home

J. Fletcher Allen, who for half a century was engaged as a construction contractor in building North Wilkesboro, died Thursday morning at his home at Scottville in Alleghany county.

Mr. Allen, who was a member of the widely known Foster and Allen firm with 15 acres of land for many years, had been in ill health for the past three years and was critically ill for three weeks.

Funeral service was held at Scottville Saturday and the body was brought to North Wilkesboro for burial in Greenwood cemetery.

The firm of Foster and Allen built many of the largest buildings in North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro and many of the public buildings in the town and throughout the county. Many beautiful and durable residences were also built by the firm in which Mr. Allen was a member.

Coming to North Wilkesboro in 1891, Mr. Allen saw the beginning of North Wilkesboro and played a great part in the town's growth and progress for half a century. He was not only known as a builder, but as a citizen of utmost integrity.

Surviving Mr. Allen are his wife, one son, George Allen, of Hiddenite, one daughter, Mrs. Ethry Templeton, of Scottville, and one brother, Gilroy Allen, of Kannapolis.

The famed Swedish botanist Linnaeus built a flower clock that told time by the opening and closing of the flowers.

Flood Control Hearing Held

Group Is Heard In Opposition to Flood Control

Some in Upper Part of Yadkin Valley Voice Opposition in the Hearing

Washington, June 25.—The Yadkin-Pee Dee flood control project was denounced here today by T. W. Ferguson, livestock farmer of Ferguson, N. C., as an "absurd, cold-blooded commercial affair which will serve no useful purpose."

Appearing before the senate commerce committee, holding hearings on the current flood control bill, Ferguson declared that lands above the dams worth \$250 to \$300 an acre would be rendered useless and that hundreds of people would be driven from their homes.

Col. E. G. Herb, of the army engineers, testified that the value of lands which might be affected should the dams be erected was estimated to be worth about \$57 an acre. At this point, acting Chairman John H. Overton, Democrat, of Louisiana, explained to Ferguson that if the project is approved, values will be fixed by juries through condemnation proceedings. The juries will be made up of people familiar with the lands and values of the area, Senator Overton said.

Sticking to his contention that the project can serve no useful purpose and that it is motivated by selfish and commercial interests, Ferguson testified that the lands below the dams are worth about one third of those above.

Rufus Jones, farmer, stated that he resides about 15 miles above the site of the proposed upper dam on the Yadkin river, "in the most productive portion of the county."

Jones said the waters which would be impounded by the dams would render practically valueless over 8,000 acres of rich farm lands and at the same time do inestimable damage to timberlands which have been well-cared for in accordance with scientific forestry methods.

W. H. Strickland, Lenoir attorney, appeared to represent the people who "reside west of the upper dam site on the Pee Dee river."

He said that about 800 residents of Wilkes county gathered last Thursday to register unanimous opposition to the entire proposal.

Landowners of Wilkes county are unanimous in their objections to the detention dams in the Yadkin basin. "They can serve no useful purpose, but they can be destructive of property values," he asserted. Strickland recited historical facts of the area, stating there were two homes of Daniel Boone, famous explorer, in the Yadkin valley which would be inundated if the system of flood control is constructed.

There are other historical sites, many of them dating back to the revolutionary war, which would be destroyed, he said.

"I am satisfied that the people of the Yadkin valley above the proposed dams do not want this flood control now or later," he concluded.

"A few small business firms in Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro and Lenoir are the sole sponsors of this project and they care nothing for the welfare of the farmers," Strickland contended. "Once they drive these people out of the valley, there will be no reason for not converting the dams to power dams."

Rebutting Strickland, William M. Allen, of Elkin, introduced into the hearing records of a meeting held at the Lenoir courthouse October 15, 1945, at which about 300 residents of the sections, including Strickland, had approved a resolution requesting the Congress to make funds available for "immediate initiation of a flood control program, without a hydroelectric development, for the Yadkin valley."

Senator Overton declined to permit Strickland to reply to Mr. Allen, but told him he could file any additional statements or petitions with the committee that he thought pertinent.

The committee is working at top speed on the entire rivers and harbors and flood control measure, totaling over \$900,000,000. See FLOOD CONTROL—Page 4

Chamber Commerce Executive Secretary



Forrest E. Jones, of Winchester, Va., is the executive secretary of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Jones, well experienced in Chamber of Commerce work in a number of Virginia cities and towns, has opened the Chamber of Commerce office in the Call Hotel building on Ninth street.

Wilkes County Schools to Open On August 19th

Tentative Date For Opening Set; Would Finish Half Term By Christmas

Schools of the Wilkes county system will open on August 19 if present plans are followed, it was learned today from the office of C. B. Eller, county superintendent.

August 19 has been set as the tentative date for school opening and this date will enable the system to complete half the term before the Christmas holidays.

The summer vacation period will be short because of the late closing date this year. Schools were closed last winter for more than a month because of county roads being impassable.

Much work is being done on the county roads this summer in an effort to avert a repetition of the situation which prevailed last winter and which paralyzed traffic on dirt roads.

Repair work on school buses is being rushed to get buses in the best possible condition for school bus travel by opening date.

League Leaders Lost a Thrilling Contest Tuesday

Wilkesboro Baptist softball team suffered its first defeat in several weeks Tuesday afternoon when an alert North Wilkesboro Methodist team walked away with the big end of a 6-3 score. It was one of the best games of the season with both teams playing a fast brand of softball.

The Presbyterians came to life with a 3 to 2 victory over First Baptist number 1 team, the game being featured by fast infield work by both teams.

Wilkesboro Methodists played a good game but came out on the short end of an eight to four score with the First Baptist number 2 team.

On Monday afternoon North Wilkesboro Methodists and Wilkesboro Baptists deadlocked in a 4-4 tie which was called after 11 innings because of darkness. On Sunday the North Wilkesboro all-star team will return games with Carolina Lenoir in Winston-Salem.

The Charches' League standings:

| TEAM | W. | L. | Pct. |
|----------------------|----|----|------|
| Wilkesboro Baptist 1 | 13 | 3 | .800 |
| First Baptist 1 | 10 | 6 | .625 |
| N. W. Methodist | 8 | 6 | .571 |
| First Baptist 2 | 7 | 7 | .500 |
| N. W. Presbyterian | 5 | 8 | .385 |
| Wilkesboro M. B. | 3 | 18 | .147 |

Schedule for the next three playing dates follows:
June 27—North Wilkesboro Methodist-First Baptist 2 at Fairgrounds; Presbyterian-Wilkesboro Methodist at Smoot Park; First Baptist 1-Wilkesboro Baptist 2—CAPTIVALS—Page 4

Local Citizens Testify Favoring Plans For Dam

Both Senators and Congressmen in Affected Area Endorse Present Plans

Washington, June 24.—Sixteen witnesses paraded before the senate commerce committee here today to endorse the Yadkin-Pee Dee flood control project which would protect North Wilkesboro, Elkin and other cities and farms of northwest North Carolina from repetitions of the flood disasters of 1916 and 1940.

Lt. Gen. R. A. Wheeler, chief of the army engineers, after briefly reviewing flood control throughout the United States for the past 10 years, said the work is beset with some difficulties because of uncertain prices and unsettled material markets.

The Yadkin-Pee Dee project would be a single purpose plan, omitting any hydroelectric developments, a system which Col. E. G. Herb, of the army engineers, said was feasible and could be put into effect with minimum inundation of private lands and at a cost which is decidedly low in comparison with the benefits to be derived.

Opposition Develops

The southern conference for human welfare late today requested public hearing in North Carolina before Congress acts on the \$98,232,000 proposal. Members of the conference protested even the initial step for this project which would include four flood-control dams at a cost of \$7,194,000 on the upper Yadkin.

Mary Price, of Greensboro, N. C., secretary of the organization, in a telegram urged review of the plans for hydroelectric possibilities and full development of water resources.

Everett Bolling, of Randleman, N. C., informed the committee by telegram that citizens of the valley "fear building four dry dams on upper Yadkin will queer proper development of the whole river. We want dams at Tuckertown and other places to produce electricity. Please let public hearings be held near here."

Inundation of lands by the purely flood control project would total 7,825 acres, but this would be only "partial inundation," Colonel Herb said, adding that much of the land could be used for grazing and other agricultural purposes during most of the year.

This land, Herb said, would be leased to former owners or others who cared to bid on it, a practice which he said has been followed with considerable success in other regions where flood control dams have been constructed.

William M. Allen, Elkin attorney, testified as to the cost and devastation of past floods in the Yadkin valley.

After reciting some of the tragedies and financial losses resulting from the floods of 1916 and 1940, Allen said the benefits to be derived from flood control on the Yadkin-Pee Dee so far outweigh the few losses which might arise from inundated lands in Caldwell and Wilkes counties, that any opposition would be "unwarranted and selfish."

John E. Justice, North Wilkesboro manufacturer and chairman of the flood control committee of that city, introduced for the record numerous letters and resolutions from civic, agricultural and fraternal organizations of the area, all supporting the proposal.

Rep. John H. Folger, of the Fifth congressional district, told the committee he had been working for more than a year on the proposal and that it has his unqualified endorsement. "The benefits are not debatable," he declared.

Sen. Clyde R. Hoey advised the committee that Sen. Josiah W. Bailey, presently recuperating from illness, had authorized him to say the senior senator is "heartily in favor" of the proposal.

Rep. Jane Pratt, North Carolina's first congresswoman, said she wished to go on record as fully approving flood control for the Yadkin valley.

It was brought out by other witnesses that direct losses from the 1940 disaster totaled over \$3,000,000 while the annual loss was \$100,000.

97 Wilkes Men Casualties In Army During World War 2

War Department Lists Men Who Lost Lives in World War 2 While in Army

Ninety-seven Wilkes men were casualties in the army during World War II.

The official casualty list for the army only was released today by the War Department.

It was evident that the total casualty list for Wilkes for all branches of the service will be much larger than the list of 100 which had been compiled here by unofficial sources.

The official casualty list shows a total of 7,109 North Carolina men lost their lives while in the army in World War 2.

Of the 97 army casualties from Wilkes 62 were killed in action, ten died of wounds, 21 died non-combat and four were declared dead. The following is the official Wilkes casualty list for the army only:

Bango, Lase C., Pfc. KIA
Bandy, William W., Sr., T4, DOW
Bandy, Steward L., Pfc. KIA
Bandy, Clarence E., 1 Lt. KIA

Bowers, Edgar D., Pfc. KIA
Bowers, Kimp O., Pfc. KIA
Brooks, Glenn W., Pvt. KIA
Brookshire, Grover E., Pvt. DNB
Byrd, John T., Pvt. DNB
Chambers, Harold M., Pfc. DOW
Chandler, Fred L., Pvt. FOD
Church, Hansford T., Pvt. KIA
Church, James R., Pvt. KIA
Coffey, Elmer J., Pvt. DOW
Colvard, Ben H., Sgt. KIA
Crowder, Hubert W., Pfc. KIA
Cox, Glenale T., Pvt. DNB
Curry, Talmadge S., Pfc. DNB
Dancy, Isaac H., Pfc. DNB
Davis, Clegg M., S. Sgt. DNB
Davis, Fred O., Pvt. KIA
Dillard, Charlie L., Tec. 5, KIA
Dillard, Coyd W., Pfc. KIA
Dowell, Audrey E., Pfc. DNB
Ellledge, Ralph J., Pvt. KIA
Eller, Percy H., Pfc. DNB
Estep, Claude R., Pfc. KIA
Ferguson, Howard L., Pvt. KIA
Finley, Robert W., Capt. KIA
Gamble, Hugh M., Pfc. DOW
Griffin Percy, Pfc. KIA
Hampton, Wade, Pfc. DNB
Hasty, Minton M., Pvt. KIA
Hasty, Walter W., Pfc. KIA
Hanks, Charlie W., S. Sgt. KIA

Harrold, Willie R., Pfc. DOW
Hawkins, Millard C., Pvt. DNB
Hayes, Henry C., Pvt. KIA
Haynes, James P., Pfc. KIA
Haynes, Willie L., Pfc. KIA
Holcomb, Linville, Pvt. KIA
Holleman, Charlie L., Tec. 5, KIA
Hooper, L. V., Pvt. DOW
Hubbard, Eli L., Pvt. KIA
Johnson, Fred, Pfc. KIA
Keaton, Lester J., Pvt. KIA
Key, Luther T., Pvt. DNB
Kilby, James G., Tec. 5, KIA
Love, Burl W., Sr., Pvt. KIA
Lowe, James D., Pvt., KIA
Marley, George G., Pfc. DOW
Martin, John V., 2 Lt. KIA
Mastin, Baxter D., Pfc. KIA
Mastin, Edgar J., Pfc. KIA
Mathis, John S. Jr., Sgt. DNB
McGee, Julius L., S. Sgt. DNB
McHose, Warren F., Pfc. DOW
Meade, Lewis W., Oph. DNB
Miner, Elbert C., S. Sgt. KIA
Mitchell, James P., S. Sgt. DNB
Nelson, Elmore, Pvt. KIA
Oliver, Charles B., Pfc. KIA
Palmer, Lloyd W., Pfc. KIA
Palmer, Lloyd J., Pvt. DNB
Parker, Andrew C., S. Sgt. KIA
Pearson, Joe H., Pfc. KIA

Pennell, Chadde L., Pvt. DNB
Rosen, Poxy, S. Sgt. KIA
Royal, Geter, DNB
Royall, Dayton C., Pfc. KIA
Sale, Robert B., Tec. 5, DOW
Schubert, Otto J., Pfc. KIA
Shaffner, Troy L., Tec. 5, KIA
Shell, Ben F., Pvt. DNB
Shew, John W., Pvt. DNB
Shumate, Ivy J., Pfc. KIA
Shumate, Roby O., Pvt. KIA
Simmons, Anbray O., Pvt. KIA
Smock, Sam, T. Sgt. FOD
Smoot, Ira H., Pvt. KIA
Souther, Earl C., Pfc. KIA
Sprinkle, Cyrus R., Pfc. KIA
Stanley, Wayne H., Pfc. FOD
Taylor, Dean, Pfc. KIA
Templeton, Edward M., Pvt. KIA
Thompson, Raymond, Tec. 4, DOW
Tomlinson, Archie B., 2 Lt. FOD
Transeau, Ray E., Pfc. KIA
Triplett, Carter G., Pvt. KIA
Triplett, Howard B., Pvt. KIA
Ward, Robert L., Sgt. DNB
Welborn, George, Pfc. KIA
West, Charlie G., Pfc. KIA
Whitington, James A., Pvt. KIA
Whites, Curtis L., Pvt. KIA
Wilmoth, Carl, Pfc. KIA
Yates, Roby F., Pfc. KIA