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## SENATE OK'S FLOOD CONTROL BILL

### DEATH CAR FOR TWO WAS TOTALLY DEMOLISHED



McKinley Church, 25, World War II hero, and Isaac Eller, 22, another army veteran of the Wilbar community, were killed Thursday afternoon when Church's car, shown above, crashed off highway 16 after hitting a bus. Thousands of people have viewed the wreck since it was hauled into this city and placed on the corner at Motor Service Sales company. (Photo by Harvel).

## 2 Veterans Killed In Accident

### Wilkes County's Most Decorated Soldier Is Victim

McKinley Church and Isaac Eller, 22, were killed Thursday night of injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred late Thursday afternoon on highway 16 at Wilbar.

Roy McGuire sustained serious injuries and Jay Dancy, fourth occupant of the car driven by Church, received minor injuries. Highway Patrol Sergeant A. H. Clark, who investigated the accident, said that the car belonged to Church, who was driving, and that it was traveling toward North Wilkesboro and was passing other cars on the highway on the last grade and curve coming off the Mountain. While passing other cars, the car driven by Church met a Carolina and Tennessee Coach company bus operated by Alonzo Groves, of North Wilkesboro. Apparently not able to get back to his right side of the road, Church swerved to the outside of the bus on his left, struck the front and side of the bus and overturned a number of times off the highway into a stream. The car, a 1937 model Buick, was totally demolished. The bus was not badly damaged and none of the bus were hurt.

Church died at ten p. m. Thursday and Eller died at one o'clock Friday morning. Both were badly crushed.

Church was a son of Mrs. Tealer Wyatt Church, of Wilbar, and the late Bud Church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Faye Church, and several brothers and sisters. Funeral service was held Sunday at Reddies River church, three p. m.

Isaac Eller was a son of Mrs. Annie Staley Eller and the late Phillip Eller, of Wilbar. The only surviving member of his immediate family is his mother. Funeral service was held Saturday, three p. m., at Union church. Church received his discharge from the army one year ago as a technical sergeant after five years service. His feats in the army had won for him the distinction of being the most decorated soldier from Wilkes county in the army. He received the silver star, the bronze star and was wounded twice, receiving the purple heart with oak leaf cluster. The silver star was awarded for gallantry and courageous action when he and his platoon were cut off behind enemy lines. The bronze star was for singlehandedly charging and capturing a tank house containing 27 nazis who marched out when he attacked with hand grenades.

### Music Club May Be Organized; To Meet On Thursday

There will be a meeting on Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the home of J. Jay Anderson, 301 C Street, of all teen-age boys and girls who are interested in the formation of a young peoples' music club in North Wilkesboro. It is stressed that a knowledge of any form of music is not necessary for membership in this organization which will have as its purpose the learning of more about all forms of music—from symphony to swing, and from boogie-woogie to opera. All teenagers are cordially invited to be present.

### Wilkes F. C. X. To Meet Wednesday At Boomer School

The annual meeting for the stockholders and patrons of the Wilkes FCX Service, North Wilkesboro, will be held Wednesday, July 17, at 11:00 A. M. at the Boomer School House. T. J. McNeill, chairman of the Wilkes FCX Advisory Board, announced here today.

In announcing the meeting, it was pointed out by the local chairman that the annual county meetings had not been held during the war and that the Advisory Board members urged all stockholders and patrons of the local FCX Service to attend their first post-war meeting.

M. G. Mann, general manager of the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, also urged the stockholders and patrons to attend the meeting, saying: "There has never been a time in history that the farmers need to cooperate as they do today. With labor and industry already organized, farmers must work together as never before if they hope to retain the gains they have made in recent years."

Arrangements for the meeting are being handled by F. W. Absher, local warehouse manager, and Robert A. Ponton, Director of FCX Membership Relations from the Raleigh office.

Preceding the usual business meeting which will feature a talk and report of operations for the year by Mann, there will be an hour of entertainment, contests, and games with handsome prizes for the participants.

The Wilkes Advisory Board Members are: T. J. McNeill, J. M. German, W. M. Absher, T. W. Ferguson, J. W. Nichols, J. W. Hurt, and W. H. H. Waugh.

### Will Receive Bids For School Wood

Wilkes board of education will receive bids on furnishing wood for schools and the bids will be received until 12 o'clock noon Monday, July 15. Blanks for filling bids are available at the board of education office in the courthouse.

### Wilkes Farmers To Vote In Tobacco Referendum 12th

The County AAA Committee composed of H. C. Roberts, W. M. Absher, Charlie Miles, and Lawrence Miller, Secretary, met in a joint session with the Community Committeemen from the townships that produce tobacco and selected the referendum committee and polling places for the tobacco referendum which will be held on Friday, July 12.

The polls will open at 7 a. m. and close at 9 p. m. The voting hours were set by the State AAA Committee in order to give all the farmers an opportunity to take part. Listed below are the referendum committee, or poll holders, and the polling places for the various townships:

Edwards AAA District No. 1: Voting place, Will Porter's Store; John Q. Burcham, chairman, H. W. McCann, Will Dimmette, Clifford Prevette, alternate.

Edwards AAA District No. 2: Voting place, John Tharpe's store; J. A. Poplin, chairman, Bland Martin, Irvin Key, J. K. Tharpe, alternate.

Edwards AAA District No. 3: Voting place, Benham school; J. C. Newman, chairman, T. D. Barker, Lester Cockerham, R. L. Spencer, alternate.

Edwards AAA District No. 4: Voting place, Pleasant Ridge school; F. W. Norman, chairman, W. W. Luffman, J. C. Luffman, C. C. Norman, alternate.

New Castle AAA District No. 1: Voting place, Harry Green's store; G. C. Green, chairman, J. W. Caudle, H. A. Ireland, T. Y. Gray, alternate.

New Castle AAA District No. 2: Voting place, John Welborn's store; C. M. Welborn, chairman, L. D. Welborn, J. C. Younger, Wade Walker, alternate.

Somers AAA District No. 1: Voting place, Gus Myers' store; A. T. Myers, chairman, Otto Somers, H. C. Somers, Kermit Partridge, alternate.

## Masked Bandits Get \$28,000 In Holdup Of Poker Game

### Biggest Robbery In Local History Early Saturday

#### Two With Tommy Gun and Automatic Stick Up Group Near Here

Two masked men armed with a tommy gun and a .45 automatic entered the home of Jim Foster on highway 115 four miles from North Wilkesboro at one a. m. Saturday and made away with approximately \$28,000 in cash.

According to information given Wilkes Sheriff C. G. Poindexter, a greater part of the amount lost belonged to Foster, who was forced to open his safe and hand over \$17,000 in currency from the safe.

Foster, with Charlie Combs, Doub Powell and Joe Holland, were in the kitchen of the Foster home, which is on the back side of the house from the highway, and a poker game among the group was under way around the kitchen table when two men jumped on the porch shortly after one a. m.

The robbers wore handkerchiefs over the lower parts of their faces and had on dark glasses. They were described as being of medium build.

Without taking time to open the screen door, the bandit with the tommy gun rammied the barrel through the screen and ordered everybody in the room to reach for the roof. "This is a robbery. No man that makes a false move or fails to do what we say is a dead duck."

The other bandit with the 45

automatic entered through the door and the group of men in the room were ordered from the table and, with hands reaching skyward, were lined up against the wall after about \$3,000 was taken from the table. While one bandit covered the men with the tommy gun, the other with the automatic frisked each man, taking their cash and three watches. Search of the men yielded substantially large sums from Foster, Combs and Dowell, with a smaller amount off Holland.

One of the robbers then marched Foster through another room and into a bedroom, where a small steel safe was located in the corner near the bed. Foster at the point of a gun was ordered to open the safe and the bandit took from it about \$17,000 in currency, but overlooked a meagre \$500 in currency and \$200 in silver in the safe.

With the money pocketed and scooped into sacks which they had brought with them, the bandits backed toward the door. As one of them closed it, he said, "Anybody that tries to follow us is going to hear from Betsy." He patted the submachine gun. They cut the telephone wire leading into the home.

Sheriff Poindexter put together partial descriptions of the bandits, who were said to be white. One weighed approximately 190 pounds and was five feet eight inches tall; the other weighed 170 pounds and was five feet seven inches tall. One wore what appeared to be an army fatigue suit, it was said. The other wore khaki shirt and trousers.

Foster's wife was not at home, being a patient in the hospital here. She returned home Saturday.

Officers investigating the case

### To Speak Here



Julian H. Scarborough, President of The Federal Land Bank of Columbia since 1934 and Chairman of the Board of the 12 Federal Land Banks in the United States, will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the North Wilkesboro National Farm Loan Association meeting to be held in the Town Hall, North Wilkesboro on Wednesday, July 10th, 10:30 a. m.

Included Sheriff Poindexter, J. W. Jessup, agent of the State Bureau of Investigation; Sgt. A. H. Clark, of the state highway patrol; and J. E. Walker, North Wilkesboro police chief. Questioned relative to progress in the investigation and possible clues, they were non-committal.

## Yadkin Project In Flood Control Bill In Congress

### Representatives Expected to Pilot Measure Through House This Session

Washington. — Climaxing a race against time, the Senate Friday voted to authorize Federal construction of four dams and reservoirs on the Yadkin and Reddies rivers as a beginning on the Yadkin River Valley flood control project.

Estimated first cost of construction, as provided in the flood control bill and figured by the army board of engineers for rivers and harbors is \$7,194,000 with annual operating and maintenance running to \$25,000.

Set For Conference Room  
The Yadkin proposal next will be considered in the Senate-House conference on flood control legislation, and its fate will be decided there. Since the project did not materialize in time for direct consideration as part of the House version of flood control legislation, the House will have to approve or disapprove the proposal on the basis of conference action.

As the Upper House completed action on the bill yesterday, Senator Clyde R. Hoey commended the Senate Commerce Committee for expeditiously handling the Yadkin-Pee Dee project. The only hope for securing Congressional action this year lay in completing necessary preliminaries in time for Senate consideration and although there was little time to spare, both the army board of engineers and Senate Commerce Committee adapted their schedules to handle the North Carolina proposal.

Folger Is Pleased  
Rep. John E. Folger of the Fifth District said he was pleased to know the Yadkin project has been approved by the Senate. "I want to try to see it through the House," he added, "and I hope will have no trouble securing House approval."

Meantime, Yadkin Valley area residents have sent several telegrams to the office of Rep. Jane Pratt of the Eighth District, requesting support for the project when it reaches the House.

According to recommendations of army engineers, four flood control dams would be constructed in the Yadkin Valley one-sixth miles above North Wilkesboro and a second nine miles farther up stream on the Yadkin, with two on the Reddies 1.6 and 12.8 miles above the mouth of the river.

## Freezer Locker Stockholders To Meet Wednesday

### First Annual Meeting To Be Held at County Courthouse In Wilkesboro

First annual stockholders meeting of the Carolina Refrigeration Cooperative Association, Inc., which is building a freezer locker plant near this city, will be held Wednesday evening, July 10, eight p. m., in the county courthouse in Wilkesboro.

Included on the program will be election of five regular directors and talks by several excellent speakers. There will also be a discussion of the complete services rendered by a cold storage and freezer locker plant. Much progress is being made on construction of the freezer locker plant, which is being erected on the Oakwoods highway a short distance from Wilkesboro. A full report of the construction of the building will be given at the stockholders meeting.

## Fruit Growers To Meet On Tuesday

A meeting of the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers Association will be held Tuesday night, 8:00 p. m., July 9, at the Apple Research Station, Kibby's Gap, on highway 16. Methods of marketing this year's heavy crop of apples will be discussed by Don Matheson, Marketing Service, Raleigh; H. L. Monahan, Extension Marketing Specialist, and E. B. Niwonger, Extension Horticulturist.

## Horse Show Is Highly Praised

Second annual holiday horse show staged by the North Wilkesboro Lions Club closed Thursday night with awarding of championship stake prizes.

Destiny, a beautifully colored mare shown by Steve Hill, of Beechgrove, Tenn., won the walking championship, and Hazel Lee Peavine, shown by E. G. Gilmore, won the five-gaited championship. The jumper stake was taken by Gold Starr, ridden by June Fisher, Jr., age 8.

Alrose Denmark, with Tommy Fanjoy up, took the three-gaited championship stake, and Jeep, shown and ridden by Montana Drum was the championship pony. Gleam Gold, shown by David Nell, was the fine harness class winner.

The two-day show, with shows afternoons and nights, exceed all expectations in number and quality of entries, there being about 100 horses and ponies in the show.

Following is the list of winners for the Thursday shows:

Thursday Afternoon  
Children's lead in Horsemanship: (riders) Kitty Cranor, Marie McBee, Mary Jo Sturdivant; Johnnie Lucas.

Open three-gaited: You're a Sweetheart, Jimmie Thompson.  
Pony race: Spot, Tommy Long; Pete, Jeep Cranor; Silver, Charlie Knewberg.

Junior three-gaited: Doctor's Folly, Daniel Neal.  
Hunters Hack: Gray Miss, Ed Hege; Gold Starr, June Fisher, Jr.; Mint Chap, Lawrence Hanes.

Ladies three-gaited: So Lovely, Dorothy Scarborough; Junior Miss, Geneva Hanes; Striking Color, Carolyn Horton.  
Junior Walking Horses: Destiny, Steve Hill; Pa's Darling, D. L. Hines; Dixie Roan, Virgil M. Cox, Jr.

Combination three-gaited: Elrose Denmark, Tommy Fanjoy; Peavine Royal, Phin Horton, Jr.  
Open Pleasure Horses: Ruth K., Anne Lowe; Major Allen, J. B. Carter; Pat, Link Spainhour; Sparkling Janette, George Scott; Pearl, Walter Newton.

arama Bandit, Billy Johnson; Ruth K., Anne Lowe.

Thursday Night  
Children's Horsemanship; Virginia Shuford, June Fisher, Jr., Montana Drum, Carolyn McBee, George Scott, Charles Knewberg, Tommy Long, Roy Tulburt.

Model Five-Gaited: Rex McLane, Phin Horton, Jr.  
Ladies Five-Gaited: Dancing Wave, Carolyn Horton; Dee Do Dare, Dorothy Carlowe; Lady Eloise, Dorothy Hyme; Ruth K., Anne Lowe; Beautiful Lady, Virginia McBee.

Open three-year old Walking Horses: Lucky Mary Gray Allen, Steve Hill; Pa's Darling, D. L. Hines; Red Man, D. L. Hines, Jr.  
Fine Harness Championship Stake: Gleam Gold, David Nell; Rex McLove, Phin Horton.

Three-Gaited Pony Championship: Jeep, Montana Drum; Chilibears, Virginia Shuford; Spot, Tommy Long; Patsy, Jerry Day; Silver, Charlie Knewberg; Ted, Bobby Blankenship.

Open Hunters: Gold Starr, June Fisher, Jr.; Mint Chap, June Fisher; Gray Miss, Ed Hege; True Heart, Bill Murdock.  
Three - Gaited Championship Stake: Alrose Denmark, Tommy Fanjoy; So Lovely, Dorothy Carlowe; Liberty's Delight, Gordon Scott.

Walking Horse Championship Stake: Destiny, Steve Hill; Lucky Mary Gray Allen, E. E. Johnson; Wilson Merry Boy, Dr. M. S. Martin; Pa's Darling, D. L. Hines; Strawberry Blond, D. C. Caudill.

Jumper Stake: Gold Starr, June Fisher, Jr.; Mint Chap, June Fisher; True Heart, Bill Murdock; Gray Miss, Ed Hege; Steadfast, Jodie Harrold.  
Five - Gaited Championship Stake: Hazel Lee Peavine, E. G. Gilmore; Gracious Genius, Jimmy Thompson; Red Bird Starr, George Kapp; Dee Do Dare, Deck Simmons.

V. F. W. MEETING

Regular meeting V. F. W. at the City Hall in North Wilkesboro Tuesday night, July 9th, at 8:00 o'clock. All members are asked to be in attendance as there is important business to be attended to, regarding the leasing of a meeting hall.

## Religious Census To Be Conducted Thursday, Friday

First Baptist, First Methodist and First Presbyterian churches of this city will conduct a religious census of North Wilkesboro this week.

For this work, which is expected to be comprehensive and city-wide, the churches will use college students home on vacation and high school students.

The canvassers will begin calling at the homes Thursday morning this week and will complete the task on Friday.

The public is especially asked to cooperate with the canvassers, to answer the door promptly and give the information requested, which is expected to be of much value to the churches in the community as a basis for religious endeavor.

## Valuable Lands At Auction July 10th

The spacious triangle between the highways in the northern part of this city, widely recognized as highly desirable and valuable business property, will be sold at auction Wednesday, July 10, 1:30 p. m., by Penney Brothers, auctioneers.

The property, owned by T. J. Frazier and son, has been beautifully graded and improved during the past several months. Appropriate sub-divisions have been made and the property is well laid out for business development.

The triangle property is bounded by highways 16 and 265 and lies in the heart of the growing sector of business and industrial development for North Wilkesboro. Preparation of the property for sale has attracted much interest among local people and has elicited many inquiries from distant points.

Savings bond and cash prizes will be given away at the sale and a band will furnish entertainment. Everybody is invited.

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