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## Air Mail and Express Valuable Assets

(AN EDITORIAL)

Those who consider the many benefits to be derived from an airport and airlines facilities dwell long on the passenger phase of aviation, too often forgetting the great advantages of air mail and air express.

When North Wilkesboro has an adequate airport and the States Airlines, Inc., begin operation between Louisville, Ky., and New Bern, N. C., North Wilkesboro will have airlines service east and west twice daily.

Briefly speaking, this will mean that North Wilkesboro will be within 24 hours of any point in the country by air.

This will be greatly advantageous for passengers, and equally so commercially. Much time, in many cases as much as 24 hours, will be cut in the time necessary for delivery of air mail.

It will also mean that an article can be shipped from here by air to any point in the country within 24 hours, and to many points now considered as distant by present methods, in a very few hours.

And air mail and air express benefits to the community and surrounding communities would perhaps overshadow the passenger phase of airlines operation.

The Civil Aeronautics Authority has recommended a \$385,000 airport for North Wilkesboro.

Under the proposed plan, the federal government would bear half the cost of airport construction. This means a great financing job for the county and town.

But whatever the cost, this community cannot afford to be without an airport. Within ten years from now, towns without airports will be as far behind as present towns without railroad facilities.

# Safety Measures Launched Here

## Youth Centers Subject Talk At Kiwanis Meeting

Attorney Hayden Hayes Delivers Address; Interesting Meeting Is Held

Featured by an address by a native son of Wilkes, the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club held an enjoyable meeting Friday noon at Hotel Wilkes.

Before the program was opened Rev. W. N. Brookshire was received into membership in the club and was inducted by Joe McCoy. Rev. Mr. Brookshire is pastor of the Wilkesboro Baptist church. The attendance prize was given by Richard Gibbs and won by Rev. Watt Cooper.

Carl Vandeman announced that he was shipping the 15th car of apples through the marketing association recently established.

The House Committee appointed to consider the place and time for ladies night, reported and recommended that the club go to Elkin Y. M. C. A. November 15. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

The president appointed a nominating committee, to present a slate of officers for next year the following committee: Dr. F. C. Hubbard, Paul Osborne and R. G. Finley; the committee was asked to make report by next Friday if possible.

Program chairman Sam Winters asked T. E. Story to present his speaker, Attorney Hayden Hayes, of Hickory.

Mr. Hayes made a very splendid talk on "Youth Centers, A Means For Lowering Juvenile Delinquency."

Mr. Hayes related a number of instances of youth delinquency that came under his observation while in the F. B. I. service. He suggested that most of this delinquency came about because of the improper environment thrown about young people.

He suggested that Youth Centers would provide: 1. Suitable recreation; 2. Free Entertainment; 3. Suitable leadership; and 4. Would keep children off public streets.

Paul Cragan, superintendent of the city schools, reported that the enrollment is now 874 white pupils and 116 negro pupils.

Guests Friday were: Donald W. Hanks with Dr. Gilbert R. Combs; Maurice Walsh with Dr. David E. Browning; Robert L. Jones, Jr., with Forrest Jones.

## Wilkes Man Held On Kidnap Count

Marvin C. Bell 23, Roaring River, route 1, charged with violation of the Lindbergh act in the alleged kidnaping and criminal assault of a 15-year-old Elkin girl August 23, is being held in Guilford county jail while awaiting trial at the November term of federal court in Winston-Salem.

Federal officers carried Bell to Greensboro Thursday night from Yadkin county and jailed him there for "safe-keeping."

Ralph Vernon Litteral, 34, Winston-Salem, Bell's companion in the alleged offense, is being held in Raleigh state prison where he is serving a 60-day term for violation of liquor laws.

## Enrollment Now In City Schools Is Nearing 1,000

Is Increase of 130 Over Last Year; 90 More Enrolled In High School

Enrollment in North Wilkesboro schools is expected to reach the 1,000 mark this week, Supt. Paul S. Cragan said today.

This represents an increase of about 130 over last year's enrollment and will entitle the schools to an additional teacher.

The enrollment Friday at the end of the first week totaled 869. Of that number 610 were in the white elementary school, 259 in the high school and 120 in the colored school.

The largest increase in enrollment is in the high school, which has 90 more pupils now than were enrolled last year. There are 40 more in the elementary school.

Supt. Cragan attributed the increase to the 12th grade being in school this year, to a larger first grade enrollment and to the fact that about 40 pupils are from families who have moved into the city or have returned following residence elsewhere during the war.

An additional teacher is to be employed, Supt. Cragan said, to relieve the crowded conditions in a number of the high school classes.

## Vital Need for Wacs as Laboratory Technicians



To meet the critical shortage of skilled personnel in hospitals, personnel centers, and headquarters installations, a program has been inaugurated by the War Department to re-enlist former Wacs. Hospital laboratory technicians such as Private First Class Eleanor Pearson, of Fitchburg, Mass., above, are in demand. Upon re-enlistment, former Wacs can volunteer either for the duration of the war plus six months, or until June 30, 1947, unless sooner relieved for the convenience of the Government. They can also retain the rank held at time of discharge.

## Object to Reduce Terrific Toll of Life on Highways

Chamber of Commerce And Officers Plan Check Of All Automobiles

The Wilkes Chamber of Commerce Safety Committee, meeting last week, decided to stop the highway traffic toll in Wilkes county by any means at their disposal. Chief of Police, John A. Walker, Chairman of the Safety Committee, announced today that during the week of September 23 to 28 there would be a road check on all automobiles and trucks in Wilkes county.

Sgt. A. H. Clark, state trooper with headquarters in North Wilkesboro, will secure extra troopers to help with this job.

"More of our accidents have been caused by defective cars, and we intend seeing that these cars are removed from the Wilkes county highways," Chief Walker stated.

The stations for inspection will be changed from day to day in order that all automobiles might be checked at least once during this inspection week. Tickets will be produced by the Safety committee of the Wilkes Chamber, so that defects might be checked and the owner of such a defective automobile, will have to have the car fixed and report back to the state trooper in 24 or 48 hours.

Chief Walker emphasized that this was going to be a strict inspection and no one would be allowed to get by without remedying any faults of their cars.

Another project being worked on by this committee is a bill board to be placed somewhere in which will give data relative to traffic deaths and traffic injuries in Wilkes county. Plans for this bill board include a flag pole upon which a coal black flag will be raised when there is a traffic fatality in our county.

The Fire Prevention Sub-Committee under the chairmanship of Thurman Kenerly, Fire Chief, announced that a fire inspection of all downtown residential and business houses would be under inspection during this Safety Inspection week. Six men from the fire department have volunteered to inspect all buildings in the downtown area and the inspection slips will be turned in to the State Fire Marshall for information and processing.

The Safety committee hopes that North Wilkesboro citizens will start now to clean up their homes and business buildings, and remove every fire hazard that is now in existence.

Arrangements are being made to have joint Safety and Fire Prevention programs at the Civic Clubs and the schools of this area.

Members of the Safety and Fire Prevention committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce include: John E. Walker, Chairman; Thurman Kenerly, Vice Chairman; Dr. E. N. Phillips; W. G. Gabriel; A. G. Finley; J. B. Williams; C. C. Faw, Jr.; Blair Gwyn, Sgt. A. H. Clark.

## 'TEEN AGE CENTER MOVEMENT TO BE LAUNCHED BY WILKES CHAMBER COMMERCE; PROBLEMS DISCUSSED

DRIVING EDUCATION PROGRAM AND YOUTH GOVERNMENT DAY INCLUDED IN PLANS BY CHAMBER COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY

The Education committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will call a meeting this week of representatives of all the organizations in North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro interested in carrying on the Teen Age Center movement for this area.

This was announced by Cecil Adamson, chairman of the chamber's Education committee, after a meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Members of the committee present at the Tuesday meeting were Cecil Adamson, Paul Cragan, C. B. Eiler, Dr. J. S. Deans, Dr. H. B. Smith, and Blair Gwyn.

The committee will also sponsor at a later date a driving education program and a Youth Government Day. Plans for these two projects were tabled until the committee personnel could secure more adequate information. The committee, however, decided to prepare a Drivers' Training program for presentation at the Kiwanis and Lions clubs.

A great deal of the discussion at the committee meeting centered about the need for more parents visiting the schools and seeing the lack of necessary space to adequately house and teach all of the children registered. It was stated that there are approximately 1,100 more students registered in the North Wilkesboro and Wilkes schools this year than last.

Chairman Adamson stated that the U. S. Chamber of Commerce had prepared a lecture with slides, entitled "Education, An Investment in People," and that an attempt would be made to get a U. S. Chamber representative to attend the first general membership meeting of the Wilkes Chamber and give this lecture.

## Two Wilkesboro Boys On A. S. T. C. Team

Two Wilkesboro boys are on Coach Stewart's varsity team at Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone this season.

Budie Anderson is running as a first string halfback and James Hemphill was recently shifted from guard to tackle position. Both are showing up well in fall practice and are expected to see plenty of action.

## V. F. W. Carnival Is Postponed Until Sept. 16th

The Golden Harvest Festival, scheduled for the week of September 9-14 on the fairgrounds under sponsorship of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, has been postponed until the week of September 16.

The festival, consisting of many shows, rides and daredevil free acts, will be on the fairgrounds from September 15 through September 21 with plenty of entertainment for all.

Veterans of Foreign Wars post here will use profits from the festival to renovate and equip the post club rooms on C street and to make of the club rooms a rest and recreation center.

## Robert L. Church Is Taken By Death

Robert Lee Church, age 74, widely known and highly respected citizen of the North Wilkesboro route two community east of this city, died Friday afternoon at his home.

Funeral service was held Sunday, 11 a. m., at Liberty Grove Baptist church, where Mr. Church had been an active church leader over a period of many years. Burial was in the Baptist cemetery in North Wilkesboro.

Mr. Church is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cornelia J. Church, and five sons and daughters: Mrs. R. W. Hunter, Raleigh; Charlie E. Church, Summitville, Ind.; Paul E. Church, North Wilkesboro route two; Mrs. W. C. English and Mrs. George Swalm, Winston-Salem.

## Railway Official Helping To Obtain More Industries

F. C. Toal, General Industrial Agent of the Southern Railway System, and C. B. Fordham, Division Freight Agent of Southern Railway, spent a day last week with the Secretary-Manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in discussing the possible industrial expansion of the Wilkes County area.

Mr. Toal said that the Southern Railway System was very much interested in developing this area and that everything possible would be done by his organization to expedite this expansion.

After surveying a number of possible industrial sites and securing industrial information from the Chamber, Mr. Toal and Mr. Fordham promised that any prospects contacting the Southern Railway which could be profitably fitted into this section, would be immediately referred to the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce.

## Deputy Marshals Get Training in Shooting

United States marshals seldom need to use force, particularly in the way of gunfire, but the federal government believes in being prepared.

A class of three deputy marshals qualified as marksmen in both rapid-fire and slow-fire shooting following a four-day course at the rifle range this week, Fred Lomax, chief deputy, said.

T. C. Blaylock, deputy marshal at Salisbury, who took special training at a department of justice course in Atlanta, taught the class here. Qualifying at their final class yesterday were H. C. Stallings, local deputy, R. A. Stafford, deputy at Winston-Salem, and Walter Irvin, deputy at Wilkesboro.

## Chamber Plans To Compile List All Organizations

"The Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will compile and publish a list of all the organizations of Wilkes County with the organization officers if the information will be sent to us," J. B. Williams, President of the Wilkes Chamber, announced today.

"There has been a long time need for a listing of all county and town organizations, and we feel that the Chamber can be of service to our residents by compiling and publishing a list at this time."

"I request, therefore, that all organization officers reading this notice drop a postal card or pay a personal visit to the Chamber of Commerce, Call Hotel Building, North Wilkesboro, and give us the following information:

1. Name of organization.
2. Address of organization office or meeting place.
3. Time and Dates of meetings.
4. Officers of organization and their home addresses.

## Bicycle Riders Cited For Riding On the Sidewalks

Police Chief J. E. Walker said today that policemen are citing sidewalk bicycle riders to court.

Last week a bicycle on a sidewalk struck a woman. Later a child was hit by a bicycle on a sidewalk.

Chief Walker said that two sidewalk bicycle riders have already been cited to court and that police would continue to arrest all who are found operating bicycles on sidewalks in violation of the law.

## Mrs. J. W. Pardue Claimed By Death; Funeral On Sunday

Last rites were held Sunday, three p. m., at Fishing Creek Baptist church for Mrs. Prudence Anderson Pardue, age 62, wife of J. W. Pardue. Mrs. Pardue had been in declining health for some time and became critically ill Tuesday. She died Friday at her home in the Wilkesboro route two community.

Mrs. Pardue was a daughter of the late E. F. and Mary Marlow Anderson. She had been a member of Fishing Creek Baptist church since early youth and was held in high esteem by many friends and acquaintances.

Surviving Mrs. Pardue are her husband and the following sons and daughters: Hubert, Eugene, Paul, Ray and Lois Pardue and Mrs. H. H. McDaniel. Also surviving are five brothers and sisters: Iredell Anderson, Onkwoods; Mrs. S. S. Jarvis, Roaring River; Mrs. George Miller, North Wilkesboro route three; Miss Mamie Anderson, Wilkesboro route two; E. B. Anderson, Sacramento, Calif.; her step-mother, Mrs. E. F. Anderson, and six half brothers and sisters, Claude Anderson, of Wilkesboro route two, Rufus D. and Calvin Anderson, of Springfield, Ohio. Mrs. Charlie Smith and Miss Rose Anderson, of Wilkesboro route two, and Mrs. Willard Ferguson, of Boomer.

Rev. C. J. Poole conducted the funeral service, which was largely attended.

## Local Factories Increase Wages

The American Furniture Co. and the Turner-White Casket Co., of this city, have just given their employees the second substantial increase in pay this year.

They have also inaugurated a Group Insurance plan for their employees and their dependents. This plan includes Life Insurance, Sick Benefits, Hospital and Surgical Benefits for the employees and Hospital Benefits for all their dependents.

## Clinic On Thursday

September clinic for crippled children will be held Thursday morning at the Wilkes hospital, at which time an orthopedic specialist will make free examination of all crippled and deformed persons present.

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## Service Station, Coffee Shop and Country Store in Bluff Park Plans

One of the many developments planned at Bluff Park, 7,000-acre recreational area on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Laurel Springs, will be a service station, cafe and country store.

Work on development of the Parkway recreational areas was halted by the war, but in designing the roadway and grounds at Bluff Park the proposed structures were put in the plans and space provided.

With architecture which will blend with the beauty of the park area, the buildings will be located beside the parkway where the drives lead to Wildcat Rock and the picnic areas.

According to Park Service plans, the buildings will be erected by the park service and leased as concessions to be operated in a manner prescribed by the Park Service, which will assure the public high type service. The country store will keep alive many of the traditions of the institution so well known to Americans who were reared in rural communities, and doubtless will be highly popular with Parkway travelers.

## Girl Scout Rally To Be Held Sept. 13 In Presbyterian Educational Building

The Girl Scout program committee, assisted by Mrs. R. S. Gibbs, is planning an interesting Girl Scout rally Friday, Sept. 13, 8:00, in the educational building of the Presbyterian church.

The Girl Scout commissioner, Mrs. C. T. Doughton, will be in charge of the opening exercise. Mrs. G. T. Mitchell will conduct a singing.

Negro spirituals will be led by Agnes Kernally.

Mrs. T. A. Finley will present a three-months plan for Girl Scout work.

Campers stunts will be performed by campers from Shirley Rogers, Old Mill, and Wilkes county summer camp.

Mrs. Dan Carter will introduce the Girl Scout leaders and the leaders will introduce their committee members. Each leader is asked to bring her troop registration to the rally and present it at the time of introduction.

A large attendance of Girl Scout leaders, committee members and parents is expected at this rally.

## Revival Meeting At Ronda Baptist

Beginning September 15th, a series of evangelistic meetings will be held at Ronda Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. John L. Wells, will be assisted by Rev. Howard J. Ford, Pastor of the First Baptist church of Elkin. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The meetings will begin each evening at 7:30 p. m.

## Want All Members At Meeting Juniors

All members of the North Wilkesboro council of the Junior Order are asked to attend the meeting Tuesday night, at which time degree work will be carried out. Members of the degree team and candidates for degrees are especially urged to be present.

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