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## MISS NELLIE GABRIEL MISS WILKES—1947

**SECOND PLACE**  
 Miss Luna Nichols



**THIRD PLACE**  
 Miss Juanita Childress



(Photos By Lane Atkinson, Jr.)

## BEAUTY CONTEST IS SUCCESSFUL

Miss Nellie Gabriel was crowned Miss Wilkes in the finals of the beauty contest Friday night by the Wilkes Junior Chamber of Commerce and will represent Wilkes in the state contest at Wrightsville Beach August 16 and 17.

Miss Gabriel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gabriel, emerged winner in the field of ten finalists at Allen theatre before a packed house. The ten contestants were judges on points by Sam Dorsett, past president of Winston-Salem Jaycees; Harry Gattson, Jaycees president in Statesville; and Stowe Wyant, of the Gastonia Junior Chamber.

Bill Stauber, of radio station WKBC, was the versatile master of ceremonies. The contestants were first presented in a talent show. Names of the girls in order shown, their sponsors and the type of talent shown presented by each were as follows: Miss Juanita Childress, sponsored by Carter-Hubbard Publishing company, song, "I Wonder," accompanied at piano by Miss Myrtle Norris; Miss Margaret Jones, Family Shoe Store, story; Miss Ruth Queen, Ideal Beauty Parlor, ballroom dance, with Nick Lawrence; Miss Mildred Hunter, Reins-Sturdivant, poem, Mrs. Joyce Pearson at Piano; Miss Luna Nichols, City Sales company, reading; Miss Mary Taylor, Carl W. Steele Jewelry, song, "Peg O My Heart," Miss Marie Eller at Piano; Miss Margie Gabriel, Wilkes Furniture Exchange, talk on physical education; Miss Doris Tulbert, Bank of North Wilkesboro, piano medley; Miss Nellie Gabriel, Rhodes-Day Furniture Co., ballroom dance, with R. E. Stewart, Jr.; Miss Joanna McNeill, Harry T. Kerley clothing store, poem, "Annabelle Lee."

Following the talent show the contestants were shown on the stage in bathing suits and the judges then realized what a task they had in selecting the winner.

With Miss Gabriel crowned queen, the runner up place went to Miss Luna Nichols, with Miss Juanita Childress third.

The remaining seven contestants were placed in this order: Miss Joanna McNeill, Miss Doris Tulbert, Miss Mary Taylor, Miss Margie Gabriel, Miss Mildred Hunter, Miss Ruth Queen and Miss Margaret Jones.

T. S. Kenerly, mayor of North Wilkesboro, placed the crown on Miss Gabriel and extended best wishes for her success in the state contest. Jerry Derr, Jaycees president, spoke briefly and greeted the winner.

The Wilkes Jaycees will present Miss Gabriel with a complete wardrobe for the state contest and pay expenses of her trip there.

The contest, which began with 50 contestants at a ball on August 1, was very successful throughout and was accorded splendid cooperation by business firms and the public. The Junior Chamber will give half the net profits from the project to the Memorial Park lighting fund.

## AIR SHOW HERE THRILLS MANY

A crowd of several thousand were thrilled Sunday afternoon by the air show sponsored by Blue Ridge Mountain post of Veterans of Foreign Wars at the Wilkes airport.

Featured by the Flying Aces from Fayetteville and thrill flyers from Winston-Salem, a two-hour show was held in the air and received much favorable comment from spectators.

Capt. Fay Ridenour, of Fayetteville, was master of ceremonies and conducted the show. Capt. Ridenour is a veteran flyer who has appeared in and conducted air shows throughout the country.

The first act was a parachute jump by Johnnie Farrell, of Niagara Falls, N. Y. From a plane piloted by Cecil Bumgarner Farrell made his first jump to open the show and landed just across the Yadkin river from the airport.

Zeke Saunders, a famous flyer from Piedmont Aviation in Winston-Salem, was the second performer. Flying a biplane with 450 horsepower motor, Saunders did about everything in the air that a plane can do and still stay up.

Charlie Vestal, from Winston-Salem, with a small plane thrilled the crowd with all types of stunt flying at low altitude. He

## Court Begins On Docket For 2nd Week Of Term

### Johnson Murder Case Calendars For Trial Tuesday of This Week

Wilkes superior court today began the second week of three weeks term for trial of criminal cases.

Judge John H. Clement, of Winston-Salem, is the presiding jurist and Solicitor Avalon E. Hall is prosecuting the large docket.

Percy and Taft Johnson, of Windy Gap are slated to go on trial Tuesday for the fatal shooting of Lloyd Mayberry at Windy Gap June 14. It is expected that a verdict of second degree murder will be asked by the state.

Following are results of cases during the latter part of the first week:

Mon Wyatt and Dora Lane, fornication and adultery, 12 months each in jail or prison.

Four months road sentence suspended on payment of \$50 fine and costs, and driver license suspension 12 months was meted out to the following for driving while intoxicated: Grayson Downell, Warren Harding Severt, Henry Réavis, Sewell Eugene Robertson, Will Bauguss.

Joe Cookerham, colored, assault with deadly weapon, fine of \$10 and costs.

Arthur Durham, assault on female, 18 months on roads.

Ralph M. Bishop, operating car while intoxicated, four months suspended on payment \$50 fine and cost and \$50 to Nathaniel Griffin, who was injured by car driven by Bishop.

Floyd Wilson Randleman entered a plea of manslaughter for the death of a Mathis child who was hit and killed by a car driven by Randleman. Sentence has not been passed.

Eugene Warren and Odell Brown were convicted of taking \$1,700 from Roby Broyhill and were given sentences of two years each. Notice of appeal to the supreme court was given by both defendants.

Reece Pruitt for violation of motor vehicle law and hit and run was given two years suspended on condition he pay costs and \$50 for benefit of person injured by his car.

Elton McGlamery, reckless driving, fine of \$25 and costs.

Dock Kerley, drunkenness, 30 days suspended on payment of costs.

S. L. Whitaker, commander of the post, presided at the giving away of the prizes. The new Frazer automobile was given to Miss Betty Gray Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Church, of North Wilkesboro.

Stewart Foster, of North Wilkesboro, was given the \$100 diamond ring and the \$50 bill went to Miss Mollie Wilkins, of North Wilkesboro.

The V. F. W. made a substantial profit from the show and the funds will be used for erection of a clubhouse for the post and community.

The post extended thanks to all who cooperated in making the show a success.

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## Flood Control Work To Begin

### Broughton Speaks At Kiwanis Meet Here Friday Noon

"North Carolina And The Future" Subject Address By Former Governor

J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, governor of North Carolina from 1940 to 1944, addressed the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon.

W. H. McElwee arranged the program, which was presented by W. D. Halfacre. Judge Johnson J. Hayes presented Ex-Governor Broughton.

Mr. Broughton paid high compliment to his long friendship with Judge Hayes, dating back to their school days together at Wake Forest College. He then recalled the many times he had visited Wilkes county to participate in various activities of civic and political endeavor and stated that his visits had always been a source of delight. He complimented the Kiwanis clubs of this State and Kiwanis International, stating that their program had always been on a high level.

He then addressed himself to the subject, "North Carolina and The Future." Ours he said, is a great State and one of which we should be proud.

1. We should continue to hold in high esteem the great traditions of our State. It has a wonderful past and a recalling of the great future. He recounted that we had been (1) an independent people, refusing to move to untried plans until they were thoroughly understood. We would not sign the Federal Constitution until it had included the bill of rights. (2) We did not go out of the Union until the matter was sanctioned by the people. (3) We have been a self-reliant state. On account of our being somewhat insulated by outer barriers, no harbors, we had to be self-reliant. He said there now appears to be a need for a revival of self-reliance. There is more and more a dependence on the fine checks that come at the month's end. For the aged and needy this is well, but for strong men it is evidence of weakness.

2. What of the Future? (1) The industrial future of North Carolina is radiant. Our banks have more liquid assets now than ever before. Our transportation is excellent, on rail, highway and in air. More skilled labor now than ever before. Our native talent is unsurpassed. (2) Our two great needs. To process our own raw materials, and Faith in the future of our state.

Guests Friday were: Rufus Church and Mr. Horton with Ira Payne; J. G. Greene with R. D. Smith; J. D. Allen with John Redman; H. M. Hutcheson and Max Foster with Cecil Adamson; A. H. Clark with John Walker; Bob Hubbard with Dr. F. C. Hubbard; James M. Anderson with W. J. Caroon; W. B. Henry, of Orlando, Florida, with H. H. Morehouse, L. D. Jordan Simmons and Joe McGlamery, of Tampa, Florida, and E. W. Smith and Eddie Beach, of Lenoir, were visiting Kiwanians.

### Died On Highway



### Hugh West Held For Death Miss Jenkins On Road

Hugh West, North Wilkesboro drugstore clerk charged with abortion and manslaughter in the death July 31 of Miss Pearl Jenkins of Winston-Salem on a roadside near here, remained in the Wilkes County jail at Wilkesboro today. He had not posted a \$10,000 bond for his liberty.

Sheriff C. G. Poindexter said the \$10,000 bond was set Sunday for West after Solicitor Avalon E. Hall of Yadkinville had recommended the bond.

West was arrested near Asheville Saturday afternoon by deputies from the office of Buncombe County Sheriff, Laurence E. Brown. He was attending a convention of motorcycle enthusiasts and was accompanied by his wife. He was returned here late Saturday night by Sheriff Poindexter.

Unaware of Warrants Sheriff Poindexter quoted West Saturday night as saying he was not aware an indictment had been brought against him by the Wilkes County Superior Court grand jury Friday. He said that if he had known warrants had been issued for his arrest he would have returned to North Wilkesboro immediately.

West told Sheriff Poindexter he left North Wilkesboro Wednesday with his wife to attend the motorcycle convention.

The indictments against West were brought by the grand jury after it received a pathological report on an autopsy performed on the body of Miss Jenkins at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem.

Abortive Operation Attempted The pathological report, presented by Solicitor Hall, revealed Miss Jenkins was in an advanced state of pregnancy and an abortive operation had been attempted on her.

Grover F. Fields of Winston-Salem, driver of the car in which Miss Jenkins was riding the night she became ill and died by the roadside, testified before the grand jury. He was held in jail without charge from the night Miss Jenkins died until last Thursday night when he was freed. He returned to Wilkesboro the next day to testify.

### Work On Reddies River Dam Survey Is Slated To Begin

#### War Department Engineers Have Funds For Topographical Surveys

Initial surveys on the proposed Yadkin Valley flood control project are slated to begin this week.

The work to be done now will include topographical surveys of dam sites in anticipation of actual construction when an appropriation can be obtained through a future session of congress.

A planning fund of \$75,000 has been set aside for the work, and army engineers announced that they would proceed with the surveys on the dam sites sometime next week. It is expected that topographic surveys of the two proposed Reddies River sites will be completed first.

The flood control plan envisions the construction of four dams on the Yadkin and Reddies rivers at an estimated cost of \$7,194,000. This sum was authorized by the 79th Congress for the project, but the appropriation of funds has not been obtained despite prolonged efforts of Congressmen C. B. Deane and John H. Folger.

However, news that planning work is to be initiated after long years of inaction marks an encouraging forecast that the dream of flood control will one day be realized.

Following the June flood that left a wake of damage estimated at \$1,000,000, Congressman Deane requested an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for immediate construction work on the proposed dams. This proposal was defeated, but a committee did recommend a blanket appropriation for flood control projects throughout the nation, and left the appointment of funds to Army engineers.

Mr. Deane hailed the move as "an opening wedge in our long fight to end the annual Yadkin flood tragedy."

## North Wilkesboro Beats Statesville In Softball Game

North Wilkesboro softball team, practicing for the state tournament in Greensboro August 21, defeated Statesville ten to four in Statesville Saturday night in a well played game.

Crews hurled effectively for North Wilkesboro and received a good lead from North Wilkesboro batters.

Meeting Called The North Wilkesboro softball players and all others interested in the team are asked to meet at Dixie Home store Tuesday evening, 7:30, to organize for the state tournament. Those who have uniforms and who do not expect to play this year are requested to turn them in at this meeting.

North Wilkesboro will play again at Statesville Wednesday night.

Kindergarten Notes Wilkesboro Kindergarten will open on September 1 and will be conducted by Mrs. Robert L. Foster.

## Fire Department Give \$500 Check To Memorial Park

### Donkey Baseball, Rides and Concessions Used To Raise Large Gift

The North Wilkesboro fire department on Friday presented the Memorial Park fund with a check of \$500.

The fire department raised the money by sponsoring a donkey baseball game and a week of rides on the fairgrounds.

This substantial gift was greatly needed by the Memorial Park committee, because work is slated to begin on erection of athletic field lights in Memorial Park within the next few days.

The action on the part of the fire department reflects credit on the members, who always have been willing to put forth effort to obtain needed improvements for the community.

## Mimosa House Has A Splendid Opening

The Mimosa House Restaurant, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Darlington at Moravian Falls, had a splendid opening last week. The Mimosa House is on the Taylorsville highway only a short distance from the center of Moravian Falls, and is located in the rock building which Mr. Darlington recently purchased from Mr. T. J. Frazier.

The Mimosa features fine foods of all kinds, cooked in the very finest manner, and served in the most up-to-date fashion, amid surroundings that have been made most attractive by complete remodeling and redecorating.

Mr. and Mrs. Darlington are both experienced in operating a high class restaurant, having been engaged in this line of business in New York City for a number of years.

The Mimosa House Restaurant, through its operators, cordially invites the patronage of the public throughout this part of the state.

## Choir Practice At Moravian Falls 12

### Announcement Has Been Made Of Choir Practice Tuesday Evening, 7:30, at Moravian Falls Baptist Church.

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## V. F. W. Meeting

All members of the local post of Veterans of Foreign Wars are urged by Commander S. L. Whitaker to attend a meeting at the club rooms on C Street, Tuesday evening, 8 o'clock. The meeting is being called to check up and to hear reports on the successful air show held here yesterday.

Do you like ball games? Give to the Memorial Park fund now.