

## HOME GROWN WILKES WATERMELONS DEVoured



The crowd shown here fully enjoyed the watermelon feast given Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd M. Jennings at Pores Knob. Mr. Jennings, owner of Valley View nursery, gave ample evidence at the feast that watermelons can be grown commercially in Wilkes. At the head of the table is Mr. Jennings and R. Don Laws, who recited a clever poem as an "Ode To The Watermelon." Also on the program for the gathering were numbers by the Walnut Grove quartet composed of Bentley and Roy Parlier, Plato Hendren and Miss Davis, with Miss Annie Broyhill as accompanist.—(Photo by Stimson).

## Stone Mountain Baptists Group Meet Sept. 26-28

Program For 51st Annual Session Of Association Is Announced

Fifty-first annual session of the Stone Mountain Baptist association will be held with Haymeadow Baptist church Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 26, 27 and 28, J. A. Gilliam, moderator, announced this week. The association will open on Friday morning with devotional by Rev. Woodrow Wilson, introductory sermon by Rev. Watson Bryant, organization and appointment of committees. The Friday afternoon program will be: "Missions," Mrs. W. V. Luffman; "Hospitals," Mrs. Glenn Dancy; "Pastors and Church Relations," Rev. Minter Blevins. Saturday's program will open at ten a. m. with songs and devotional by Rev. Clarence Miller. "Christian Education" will be the topic of Mrs. Beiva Gregory, with "Temperance" to be discussed by Trealy Kilby. C. C. Gambill's subject will be "Orphanages." On Saturday afternoon Mrs. John R. Jones will give the Sunday school report and Mrs. J. E. Dejournette will discuss periodicals. W. M. U. will be the topic of Mrs. Wade Barlow. Selection of time, place and preacher for the 1948 sessions will be on the Saturday afternoon program. Program for the final session on Sunday will be arranged by the program committee.

## Heads Polish Relief



Photo, G. Mallard Lasker  
Colonel Henry T. Blair

Hon. Hugh Gibson, former Ambassador to Poland, and Honorary Chairman of the Greater New York and New Jersey appeal of American Relief for Poland, Inc., has announced that Col. Henry T. Blair, economist and business executive of New York has accepted chairmanship of the organization's coming campaign. Col. Blair served with distinction with the Purchase, Storage and Traffic Division of the General Staff in Washington, as well as in the Far East in World War I, and in the second World War served with the 11th Air Force Command in Western Alaska and the Aleutians. Col. Blair is a brother of Mrs. R. W. Gwyn and W. F. Blair, of this city.

## MEMORIAL PARK LIGHTS WILL BE USED ON FRIDAY

Friday night will make history in North Wilkesboro as the opening of Memorial Park athletic field, located on the old fairgrounds. Unless weather conditions are abnormally bad, the work on the lights will be completed and lights will be on for the game between North Wilkesboro and Sparta. Dedication of Memorial Park in honor of all Wilkes war dead is planned in the near future. The park is the result of contributions made by many people and business firms. Additional funds are needed for grading, fencing and seats, and possibly a grandstand with dressing rooms in the near future. All who have not given and are interested in this great community improvement, as a memorial to fallen heroes are urged to give now. Blair Gwyn is treasurer of the Memorial Park fund.

## BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN POST OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS TO BUILD A LARGE CLUBHOUSE NOW

At a very busy meeting of the local post, V. F. W. Tuesday night, it was decided to go ahead immediately in the erection of a club house. A committee of twelve, including Auxiliary, was named to make plans, and secure a suitable site for the building. Several locations have been offered for this building, and others are expected. Next Tuesday night this committee will meet in the club hall to discuss plans for the building. All citizens, and interested parties are invited to be present at this meeting, and take part in the discussions. Commander S. L. Whitaker stated that he expected to hold the last meeting of the current year (which ends next March) in the new club building. The local post is now at an all time high in membership, and a number of applications are being held until the next financial year starts in a few days, in order to save the applicants one year's dues. The local post stands sixth in percentage of potential members in the state, and is expecting to go to the top in 1948. All men with foreign service records, and good character, are urged to get in line with the V. F. W. now. "The nearly three million members now in the U. S. are proving to the world that the same men that met and crushed stubborn foes on land, sea and in the air, are just as much united in times of peace, as they were in the bitter days, that we all hope will never come again. So boys, your V. F. W. invites you to do your part as well here as you did 'Over There'." Commander Whitaker said.

## Good Revival At Oakwoods Church

Revival services are now in progress at Oakwoods Baptist church with Rev. Olate Brown and Rev. Fred Blevins, the pastor, in charge of the services. Everyone is urged to attend the services, which began Sunday evening, September 7. Rev. Mr. Brown has brought some soul stirring messages that have been an inspiration to all who have had the pleasure of hearing him. There has been a good interest in the meeting with a number of conversions and rededications. Services begin each evening at 7:45 with special singing—by visiting quartets.

## Youth Tried Here For \$32 Store Theft

William Bill Parsons, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Parsons, was tried in city court here Monday on charge of breaking into Riverside Grocery, where \$32 cash was taken from the cash register. Police Chief J. E. Walker said that entrance to the building was gained through the rear. The youth, who had no court record, was given a sentence of 12 months suspended on condition that the money be re-imbursed.

## Parking Meters Took In \$1,600 In Past Month

Number Of Meters Installed Increased To 202; More On Tenth St.

Parking meters in North Wilkesboro, installed several weeks ago, are taking in from \$1,500 to \$1,800 monthly, according to information received from W. P. Kelly, city clerk and treasurer. The "take" for July was \$1,527.91 and for August was \$1,606.03. According to the purchase contract made with the city and a meter manufacturing company, three-fourths of the gross taken in goes to pay for the meters at the installed price of \$54.50. There are now 202 meters in operation in North Wilkesboro. Recently a number were added on Tenth street where meters were originally omitted because of objections by businesses located there. Since parking meters were installed in North Wilkesboro and met with little objection on the part of the public, a number of other northwestern North Carolina towns, including Elkin and West Jefferson, have decided to install meters to alleviate parking conditions. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jones and daughter, Miss Margaret Jones, left Monday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Hulcher at Fresno, Ohio, after which they will go to Farmville, Va., where Miss Jones will resume her studies at the State Teachers College as a member of the Senior class. Mr. and Mrs. Jones plan to be away about two weeks.

## DIVISION ENGINEER DESCRIBES YADKIN VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT; SURVEY WORK STARTS

Proposed improvements in the Yadkin-Pee Dee River basin were announced Monday by Colonel G. W. Gillette, CE, Division Engineer for the Corps of Engineers, South Atlantic Division, Atlanta, Georgia, in an address made before the North Carolina Engineer Society summer meeting, being held at Asheville, N. C. Colonel John Hughes, District Engineer at Charleston, South Carolina, who will have charge of the Corps of Engineers program on the Yadkin River was introduced to the convention by Colonel Gillette.

Colonel Gillette stated that in 1936 the Flood Control act authorized a survey of the Yadkin River from the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina, 202 miles away, to the mouth of the Uwharrie River near Badin, where it becomes the Pee Dee River and continues to the Atlantic Ocean through Winyah Bay, South Carolina.

The survey included possible power development and in 1944, after reports had been submitted by the Chief of Engineers and forwarded by the Secretary of War, the Senate Commerce Committee presented a comprehensive plan to develop the Yadkin-Pee Dee Basin, including multiple purpose reservoirs at Wilkesboro, Tuckertown, Junction, Morven, Greater Blewett and Crumps Ford for flood control and hydro-electric power. The total cost at that time was estimated at about \$105,840,000, with the initial project at Wilkesboro to cost about \$10,840,000. Considerable local opposition to the proposed project was manifested by Congressional representatives and citizens of the area, and Congress rejected the comprehensive plan. Additional hearings resulted in a compromise and in July 1946 Congress authorized the building of four dams along the Yadkin River for flood control only.

The four flood control dams as authorized are to be located at Wilkesboro; at Upper Wilkesboro in the vicinity of Ferguson; on the Reddie, River northwest of North Wilkesboro; and on the Reddie River in the vicinity of Mulberry. The Corps of Engineers has reported that the only practicable method of controlling floods in the upper waters of the Yadkin River is a system of detention reservoirs on the Yadkin River and its tributaries above North Wilkesboro. The estimated first cost to the Federal Government in May 1946 for the construction of these four dams was \$7,194,000, with \$25,000 required annually for maintenance and operation.

The Colonel stated that the Corps of Engineers estimated, that if the money were appropriated at one time, the four dams could be constructed in about 3 years. The Corps of Engineers has recommended that this development be the first phase of the development of the river system be developed as a whole. The flat, lowlands along the

upper Yadkin River and its tributaries are flooded frequently. Except for scattered industrial plants, most of them of small capacity, and for the cities of Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro, Elkin and Mount Airy, the area is devoted to farming and lumbering. Most of the industrial establishments at North Wilkesboro, and many at Elkin, are in the flood plain. The need for railroad facilities necessitates that the plants remain there as the steep grades required make location of these plants on higher ground both dangerous and economically infeasible. Many commercial establishments, residences, utilities, highways, bridges and about 6,500 acres of crop land between Wilkesboro and Donnah, and the Southern Railroad between North Wilkesboro and Donnah, are subject to flooding.

The greatest industrial and commercial damages occur in urban communities, but large damage is also done to transportation and communication systems, to growing crops, to farm land by sanding and scouring, to urban and rural residences, and to other classes of property. The direct damage by the 1940 flood was reported as \$1,631,700 and the indirect damage as \$621,000, exclusive of fire losses. All these damages occurred in the reach above Donnah. The foregoing 1940 damages do not include fire losses due indirectly to the flood, conservatively estimated at \$1,000,000.

Of the two large industrial establishments at North Wilkesboro that suffered fire loss, one moved to another locality and the other limited operations to the unburned remainder of the plant. The combined payroll loss was about \$325,000 annually. The Chief of Engineers has allocated an amount of \$70,000 for Fiscal Year 1948 for advance planning in connection with proposed work on the Yadkin-Pee Dee Rivers. The Engineers plan to complete a definite project report on Reddie No. 1 and No. 3 during the fiscal year, and construction will be initiated when funds are provided by Congress for these first two dams. The work scheduled to be accomplished, will be under the direction of the Charleston District Corps of Engineers.

## Executive Board Of P.-T. A. Meets

Executive board of the North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher Association held a meeting yesterday with full attendance of members. The board expressed satisfaction with the splendid start of the North Wilkesboro schools. The annual membership drive will be conducted during the coming week and full details will be announced in the next few days. It is expected that the association membership this year will reach a new high here.

## O. C. Bumgarner Grows Big 'Taters

O. C. Bumgarner, of North Wilkesboro route one, grows large potatoes. In the spring he planted five pecks of Sequoia potatoes and he recently harvested 45 bushels. He brought to The Journal-Patriot office two samples, with weights of two pounds for one and one and three-quarter pounds for the little one. One plant produced 25 potatoes, with the smallest being larger than a hen egg.

## Hinshaw Baptist Members Asked To Be Present Sunday

All members of Hinshaw street Baptist church are asked to attend the service Sunday morning, at which time building plans will be adopted. Rev. W. S. Luck, pastor, will conduct the service and preach at the 11 o'clock hour.

Miss Doris Tulbert, daughter of Mrs. C. H. M. Tulbert, of Millers Creek, N. C., has resigned her position as interviewer with the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina in Hickory, N. C. to enter graduate school at Scarriff College and the Nashville School of Social Work of the Vanderbilt University Center in Nashville, Tennessee this fall. She will enter school September 19.

## New Store Manager

C. M. Brown, Jr., is manager of the new Firestone store which had a most successful preview opening on the corner of Tenth and C streets Wednesday night. Owners of the new store are Mr. Brown, H. F. (Pat) Eller and Cecil Kilby. A large crowd attended the preview opening and were favorably impressed with the establishment. (See story on Sports page).

## Brushy Mountain Baptists to Meet September 23, 24

Two-Day Session Will Be Held with Boiling Springs Baptist Church

Seventy-fourth annual session of the Brushy Mountain Baptist association will be held with Boiling Springs Baptist church Tuesday and Wednesday, September 23 and 24, according to announcement by T. E. Story, moderator, and J. F. Jordan, clerk. Boiling Springs church is located 12 miles west of this city and one mile south of highway 421. Many Baptist leaders will appear on the two-day program, which is as follows:

- Tuesday, September 23
- 10:00 Revotional, Rev. E. C. Hodge.
- 10:10 Roll call of churches; recognition of visitors; introduction of new pastors; adoption of program; appointment of committees; time, place and preacher; nomination of officers; resolutions; order of business.
- Christian Education
- 10:30 Christian Education in the local churches; (1) Sunday School Report, J. F. Jordan; (2) Baptist Training Union Report, Miss Lunda Hendren; (3) Woman's Missionary Union Report, Mrs. G. G. Foster.
- 10:45 Discussions.
- 11:00 Pastoral Education in Association. (1) Conferences and schools report, Rev. A. W. Eller.
- 11:15 Church and Pastoral Relationship, Dr. Avery Church.
- 11:40 Annual Sermon, Rev. J. G. Huffman.
- 12:10 Noon hour recess, dinner on grounds.
- 1:15 Devotional, Dr. John T. Wayland.
- 1:25 Christian Education in State and South. Report, Miss Mildred Kilby; Discussion, M. H. Kendall.
- 1:50 Education Through Christian Literature. Report, James Triplett; Discussion, Dr. L. L. Carpenter.
- Missions
- 2:10 In the Association, report, Miss Madge Lewis; In the State, report, Mrs. R. T. McNeill; In the Home and Foreign Fields, report, Rev. John Wells.
- 2:25 Cooperative Program Report, Rev. W. N. Brookshire; Discussion, M. A. Huggins.
- Social Service and Civic Righteousness
- 3:00 Report, J. Allie Hayes; Discussion, L. A. Martin.
- Wednesday, September 24
- 10:00 Devotional, Rev. L. T. Younger.
- Benevolent Institutions
- 10:10 Orphanage Report, Charles W. Proffit; Discussion, Representative from Orphanage.

10:35 World Relief Report, Rev. W. S. Luck; Discussion.

10:50 Hospital Report, Miss Nora McGee; Discussion, Dr. W. K. McGee.

11:20 Report of the Nominating Committee and the Election of Officers.

11:35 Sermon, Rev. Charles J. Pool.

12:05 Noon hour recess, dinner on grounds.

1:15 Devotional, Rev. Clate Brown.

1:25 Report of Committees: 1. Time, place and preacher; 2. Resolutions; 3. Order of Business.

1:35 History of the Boiling Springs Baptist Church and Brushy Mountain Baptist Association, Dr. H. G. Duncan.

## City Commissioners In Regular Session

Mayor T. S. Kenerly, Commissioner G. T. Bare, C. J. Swoford, J. C. Reins, Max Foster and F. H. Crow, and Clerk W. P. Kelly met in regular meeting September 2 and transacted routine matters for the town of North Wilkesboro. Several minor requests were made to the board by various parties but no action was taken. M. L. Hendren was hired as a garbage collector at \$105 per week, with him furnishing truck and labor. Mr. Hendren will use his own truck, which will be in addition to the city's truck.

## Ramblers Signed For Farmers Day Here October 1st

Splendid Program Of Entertainment Will Await Farmers Here Oct. 1

The Tennessee Ramblers, popular hill billies of radio, stage and screen, will help entertain the crowds expected here for Farmers Day, October 1. The Ramblers were here last year and provided the center of entertainment for the day's festivities, including the street dance at night. This year the Farmers Day committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce is planning many entertainment features for the big day, which will also be the opening day of the Wilkes Agricultural fair to be held by the Kiwanis Club. Further announcements relative to Farmers Day and the fair are expected next week. The current outlook for North Carolina's commercial peanut crop is exceptionally good.

## Wilkes Man Dies From Accident Tuesday Night

Otis Armstrong Pardue Killed In Crash at Cycle On Highway 421

Otis Armstrong Pardue, a young man of the Ronda community, was killed just after midnight Tuesday night when his car crashed into a service station on highway 421 at the intersection of highway 421 and the Swan Creek-Jonesville road.

Mr. Pardue was alleged to have been driving the car, which entered highway 421 from the direction of Swan Creek. The car failed to make the curve into the highway, crossed the pavement and crashed into Mrs. Bessie Myers' service station. Mr. Pardue died on the way to the hospital in Elkin. William D. Rumble, who was with him, was not seriously hurt. Yadkin County Sheriff Inscore conducted investigation of the accident.

Funeral for Mr. Pardue will be held Friday, two p. m., at Pleasant Grove Baptist church, with Rev. R. R. Crater in charge of the service.

Surviving Mr. Pardue are his father and mother, M. J. and Julia Brannon Pardue, and the following brothers and sisters: Thomas Pardue, Oycle; Joseph and Arvil Pardue, Ronda; Mrs. Garnie Pruitt and Mrs. Harold Bell, Elkin; Mrs. Kermit Pardue, Oycle; Miss Kate Pardue, Ronda.

## Welcome Service For Dr. Wayland

Churches of the Wilkesborsos will unite in a union service Sunday night, 7:45, at the First Baptist church here to welcome Dr. John T. Wayland, new First Baptist pastor, to this community. Rev. Gilbert R. Combs, First Methodist pastor and president of the Ministerial Association, will preside. Rev. Watt M. Cooper, First Presbyterian pastor; Rev. H. M. Wellman, pastor of Wilkesboro Methodist, and Rev. W. N. Brookshire, Wilkesboro Baptist pastor, will participate in the service, to which everybody is invited. Dr. Wayland recently assumed his duties as First Baptist pastor, coming here from Baltimore. He is widely recognized as an outstanding minister in the Baptist denomination. Tobacco should be hung at least 4-12 feet above the ground level in the tobacco barn.