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Program Of Work For Year 1948

The Wilkes Chamber of Commerce has released a suggested program of work for 1948, and the organization has invited all members and others interested to add projects to the list.

Number 1 objective is the development of an adequate and complete program of flood control in the Yadkin valley, and all this community can agree on the importance of that.

Second on the list is promotion of agricultural interests, and in that opportunities are practically unlimited. Agricultural interests in Wilkes are varied, with excellent climatic and soil conditions.

The Chamber lists the investigation of processing and selling agricultural by products. This is an important move and may result in added income to farmers and processors.

An objective of particular interest is to encourage industrial expansion and establishment of new industries. Some progress has been made along this line and greater accomplishments may be expected within the new year. The next project listed is related to the one above. That being to file with the State Department of Conservation and Development complete data on industrial possibilities in Wilkes.

To promote the Wilkesboros as a retail and wholesale trading center is a worthy objective, and one which will receive much thought and attention during the year.

The seventh on the list has to do with health; and to work for expanded hospital facilities. This is a major project, the importance of which cannot be overemphasized.

Improvement of educational facilities in Wilkes county is highly important and demands immediate attention. One school has already been closed for lack of a building.

Coordination of efforts for development of Memorial Park, horse show and fair grounds and construction of an armory is a worthy endeavor. The people need one great project in which they could all unite, instead of dividing their interests and attention among several related and separate projects for better recreation and athletics.

To encourage wise city planning and services comes very late in development of our city but it "better late than never." Mistakes of the past have aggravated present day problems in traffic, parking and general development.

The Chamber in project listed as number 12 calls for city beautification and sanitation, which are related subjects. Business firms in the downtown area have made great progress in giving the downtown area a better appearance. The immediate objective is to expand the improved area to include all the city.

The Chamber offers assistance in an expanded recreation program for operation the year 'round.

During the year continued study will be made on a community chest proposed to eliminate many calls for donations.

Better safety and fire prevention methods will be studied and instituted during the year.

Number 16 on the list of projects is to maintain as up-to-date information as possible on local housing conditions, which are improving and are expected to become better during the new year.

The Chamber will study effects of pro-

posed legislation on Wilkes county. These objectives give all members of the Chamber of Commerce excellent opportunity to work and correlate their efforts in behalf of welfare and progress of the Wilkesboros and all Wilkes county.

Don't Be a Statistic

Why be a statistic? In 1948, as in the past, a report will record the number of people who died by fire. If there was a fire goddess who could demand 10,000 lives a year to appease her appetite, the slaughter would be no greater than the present toll, although nations would fight wars to prevent it.

Start the New Year right by resolving that you will not be just another statistic at the end of the year. Clean out all the rubbish, rags, and flammable materials from cellar to attic, in your home. Check your automobile and buildings for faulty wiring—garages are often part of the house.

There are now more uses for power and heat than in the days of the open hearth—lamps, electric irons, toasters, heaters, stoves, electric trains, electric clocks, etc. All of them are potential fire starters and should have periodic inspections. Smoking in bed, dry cleaning in the home, curtains by the stove, and countless other things are fire hazards. In each case the individual is responsible for cutting down the fire loss.

Unless these every day items are given greater attention by each and every one of us, the statisticians may include your name among those whose lives were lost in fires during the coming year. Be vigilant and you won't be a statistic.

It is said, says William L. Shirer, that Churchill "has already decided on the subtitle of his fifth and final volume of his war memoirs." It is to read: "In which the Democracies were finally Victorious and so were Able to Resume the Follies which Led Them to the Brink of Disaster." Looks like our permanent residence is "Brink."—Greensboro Daily News.

In Phoenix, Ariz., one Francis Joseph Bressi admitted marrying eight women and asked to be jailed. This looks like an evolution from the pursuit of happiness to the pursuit of freedom.—Greensboro Daily News.

Lynchburg News comments on scarcity of Christmas greens. Which must offer all the more reason why we should strike to prevent any more of the world from turning red.—Greensboro Daily News.

Progress: Something that you don't make in a traffic jam.—Greensboro Daily News.

LIFE'S BETTER WAY
WALTER E. ISENHOUR
High Point, N. C., Route 4

AN UPWARD LIFT
There is so much of sin and crime
Upon the earth today;
So much that lacks the touch sublime
Along life's pilgrim way,
Until we have to seek God's face
Lest we should go adrift,
And trust Him much for keeping grace
And for an upward lift.

Give us, O Lord, an upward lift
In heart and mind and soul,
That we may never go adrift
And miss the heav'nly goal.

Amid the stress and strain of life
We face upon the earth;
Amid the conflicts and the strife
That never make for worth;
Amid the heartaches and the woe,
And things of time that shift,
I'm surely glad that we can know
God gives an upward lift.

Depressions come to hearts of men
That make us weep and sigh,
But sweet it is to know just then
Our God is drawing nigh;
And through the clouds that Satan brings
God sends a timely rift
Until our heart for joy sings
And feels an upward lift.

Praise God for all His holy love
He gives unto His saints,
That lifts them to a clime above
The wickedness that taints;
That makes them feel, whatever the test,
Or all the things that sift,
There is for us a blessed rest
In His great upward lift.

ABNORMAL ABILITIES
By
DWIGHT NICHOLS
et al

MID-WINTER BREEZE

As to the latest news, we haven't heard the latest report from the boy who swallowed the box of firecrackers at Christmas. Gossip has been defined as the art of saying nothing in such a way that nothing is left unsaid. The average person gets a pain in the neck from looking up at someone who has reached the pinnacle of success. Education is wonderful. It enables you to worry about things in all parts of the world. The minister asked all who would give five dollars on the building fund to stand and then asked the choir to sing "The Star Spangled Banner." A man 91 and a woman 87, who had been sweethearts since childhood, broke up their happy relationship by getting married. When man learns how to control the weather he will have learned how to control about everything except man.

FULL DETAILS

Diner—Two eggs, please. Don't fry them a second later after the white is cooked. Don't turn them over. Just a small pinch of salt on each. No pepper. Well, what are you waiting for?
Waitress—The hen that lays these eggs is named Betty. Is that all right, sir?

NO IMPRESSION

The pretty young lady took the pen from its holder on the hotel's desk. But before she could use it, the young clerk shook his head sadly and said, "I'm sorry." "Don't I register with you?" she asked.
"Lady, you sure do," he replied with a gaze of admiration, "but it doesn't matter how I feel. There's still no room."

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Rev. E. D. Lovette Died Wednesday

Funeral service was held Saturday, ten a. m., at Reins-sturdivant chapel for Rev. Emory Dennis Lovette, 84, who died at the Wilkes county home Wednesday.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Thursday Lovette, of Moravian Falls, and the following children: Arthur Lovette, Bristol, Tenn.; Mrs. Mary Williford, Akron, Ohio; George and Floyd Lovette, Bristol; Byron Lovette, Cliff Hill, Va.; Walter Lovette, Muncie, Ind.; John Lovette, Washington, D. C.; Dora Mae Lovette, Cliff Hill, Va.; Morris Johnson, Ira Dennis and Nora Alice Lovette, Moravian Falls.

Mrs. Maude Minton Funeral On Monday

Funeral service was held Monday at Union Church for Mrs. Maude Minton, 55, wife of Frank Minton, who lives west of this city. Mrs. Minton died Sunday.

Surviving Mrs. Minton are her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Vickers, of Wilkesboro route 2; two brothers, Tom and Boone Carlton, of Richmond, Va. Rev. Edd Hayes and Rev. H. M. Wellman, pastor, conducted the funeral service.

Mrs. Johnson Dies

Last rites were held Friday at Liberty Grove church for Mrs. Lucinda Sloop Johnson, 89-year-old resident of Rock Creek township who died Wednesday. Rev. Asa Hayes conducted the service.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by two sons, W. M. Johnson, of North Wilkesboro, and Charlie Johnson, of Traphill.

NOTICE OF SALE OF TIMBER

North Carolina, Wilkes County. Cora Hunt, Admrx., and Cora Hunt as widow of John Hunt, deceased, vs. Mason Hunt, Ada Hunt, et al.
You will hereby take notice that on the 2nd day of February, 1948, the undersigned Commissioner will, pursuant to an order of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Wilkes county in the above entitled action, offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder, at the Courthouse door in Wilkesboro, N. C., at 1 P. M., all of the merchantable timber 8 inches at stump and upward, located on the following tract of land belonging to the heirs of John Hunt, deceased:
Beginning on a pine, P. Howell's corner on the north side of the

Elkin road and runs with said road and the old Wilkesboro road south-westwardly 18 chains 50 links to a small white oak on the north side of said old road; thence crossing the road south 10 deg. west 4 chains 14 links to a Spanish oak on the south side of said branch; thence north 88 1/2 deg. west 1 chain 48 links to a small white oak and sourwood near the branch; thence north 13 deg. west 13 chains 80 links to a gum on the ridge; then north 33 deg. east 12 chains 15 links to the Little Mountain road, and with said road 13 chains 50 links to a pine, Wm. Money's corner on the east side of said road; thence east with said Money's line 22 chains 10 links to a stake in the old Bryant line, Money's corner; thence with said old line and Howell's line south 23 chains 40 links to the beginning, containing 84 acres, more or less.
This 5th day of January, 1948.
J. ALLIE HAYES,
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1-26-48M

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