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FERGUSON GIRL OUTSTANDING IN 4-H CLUB WORK IN ENTIRE STATE



Edith Marie Ferguson, one of North Carolina's outstanding 4-H Club members, is shown here wearing the dress which she made and with which she won first place in the county dress revue. The other photo shows Edith Marie with two baby beef calves which she was grooming for the Elkin Fat Stock Show and Sale.

Miss Edith Marie Ferguson, a lovely and charming daughter of an outstanding farm family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom W. Ferguson of Ferguson, is one of the most active 4-H Club girls in Wilkes county. Not only is this a leading farm family, because their leadership is also recognized in church, school and community projects. Edith Marie has been in 4-H Club work 8 years and has completed 32 projects on her father's 625-acre farm with a total value of \$2,961.60, most of which is in bonds for her college education.

Although a versatile girl, the project which Edith Marie has always liked best is the fitting and showing of Hereford baby beef calves—"I simply love it!" she says—"There is the thrill of winning a blue ribbon, of the utter dejection of winning a red and a secret promise to do better next time." This project has been carried 5 years with feeding costs down when corn was a project. Two calves are being groomed for the fall shows.

Sewing is another of Edith Marie's many projects and she says that she was quite surprised when the white organdy formal she made for the Junior-Senior dance turned out to be the county 4-H Dress Revue winner. At the present time, she is busy sewing in preparation for campus days at Richmond Professional Institute, Richmond, Virginia, where she is enrolled to major in Art.

A complete list of her projects are: baby beef, 5 years; sewing, 2 years; canning, 2 years; frozen foods, 1 year; poultry, 2 years; pigs, 2 years; room improvement, 2 years; gardening, 3 years, corn, 2 years; food preparation, 2 years; wild life, 1 year; safety, 1 year; health, 8 years.

A very artistic and talented person, Edith Marie has studied art 5 years and has taken piano 2 years. She also likes dancing and is active in the recreational programs sponsored by the Grange and PTA. In the 4-H club, school, church, and community, Edith Marie has assumed much leadership and responsibility. She has been 4-H Club president for two years, program chairman 2 years, song leader 3 years, delegate to state 4-H Week, 2 years, 4-H camp 2 years, 2nd best record book in county in 1945, delegate to Wild Life Conservation Camp in Winston-Salem 1 year. In school she was class president in 1944, secretary and treasurer in 1945, newspaper editor and art editor in 1946, picture editor in 1948, member of the voice, glee and beta clubs and assistant librarian for 3 years. She was one of the cast in the junior and senior plays.

In the local and community activities, she is an active member of the Subordinate Grange, member of the Advent Christian church and assistant secretary, member of Missionary Society and Loyal Workers.

She says, "4-H Work means more than learning better farm and home practices—it is sportsmanship, cooperation and leadership and to be both mentally and physically fit. This all leads to higher standards of living for rural America. My projects mean more to me, my family and community. The money I have acquired will mean a better education for myself, a better education means a brighter future. I gained by the unforgettable experience and the growing pride of doing something alone, succeeding, and of having something of my very own."

Scout Troop 34 Enjoys Camping

Boy Scout troop 34 opened the fall camping program with a week-end trip to Perry Lowe's orchard on top of the Brushies. The boys were anxious to pitch two new Canadian army tents which the troop purchased recently.

Scout leaders assisting in the week-end camping trip were: Glenn Andrews, committee chairman; Harold Burke and Gilbert Bare, committee members; Isaac Duncan, Scoutmaster; Buster Bush, assistant Scoutmaster.

Five members of the troop were officially installed as officers: Charles Crook, patrol leader; Kent Sturdivant, patrol leader; Bill Pearson, quartermaster; Wade Foster, scribe; and Bobby Potent, senior patrol leader.

Other troop members and visitors attending the outing were James Wallace, Bobby Church, Bill Hardister, Ernest Barnett, Frank Rhodes, Carly Wellborn, Johnny Wyatt, Brent Wallace and Mr. Ralph Duncan enjoyed a dinner meal with the troop, which was prepared by Harold Burke.

Methodists Attend Annual Conference

The annual conference of the Western North Carolina district of the Methodist church is in session this week at High Point.

Some of those attending from Wilkes charges are: North Wilkesboro—Dr. Gilbert R. Combs and R.B. Johnston; Wilkesboro—Rev. H. M. Wellman; Moravian Falls—W. R. Hubbard, Paul J. Vestal and M. B. Clark; Millers Creek—Rev. J. R. Short.

Pythian Lodge To Meet Monday Night

Knights of Pythias lodge No. 67 will open its fall season Monday evening, October 4, at 7:30. All Pythians are invited to attend and see a number of new candidates takes the first degree. New officers were recently installed and they will deeply appreciate a continued large attendance of members.

Sam Winters and Presley Myers promise plenty of refreshments for Monday night's meeting.

Sunday Promotion Day First Methodist

Promotion Day will be observed in the church school of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church Sunday morning, October 3rd. The entire church school will assemble in the church auditorium at 9:45 for a short devotional period to be given by the children in the junior department, after which the certificates will be presented. All members of the junior department are urged to be in the choir room by 9:40 a. m.

Hospital Proposal Favored By Great Majority

309th QM Service Co. Is Organized In Meet Tuesday

Quite a number of reservists and veterans met in the county courthouse last Tuesday evening at 7:00 p. m., where the retirement program for reservists was discussed by Major Carlos W. Heath, Jr. from Winston-Salem. Major Heath was accompanied by Captain Parham, commanding officer of a similar unit in Winston-Salem, and M. Sergeant Lindoren. First Lt. Edward P. Bell, of Wilkesboro, was assigned to the company.

After the meeting, the following enlisted reservists requested transfers to the 309th QM company: Sgt. 1st Class Ralph Davis, North Wilkesboro; Sgt. Bill Phillips, Wilkesboro; Sgt. Ira H. Vestal, Thurmond; Cpl. Wilson W. Shew, North Wilkesboro; Cpl. Earnest G. Walsh, Purlear; Cpl. William F. Cook, Cricket; Cpl. Edwin R. Sidden, State Road; Pfc. Jack Combs, North Wilkesboro, route 3; Pvt. George Johnson, North Wilkesboro, route 3; Several other veterans expressed their desire to join the company and will be sworn in this week.

The 309th QM Service Co. will have a complement of 181 men and 6 officers, and headquarters will be established in North Wilkesboro just as soon as a suitable building can be procured by the Army Engineers.

Captain Miller announced that any veteran who desires to affiliate with the company should contact him or Lt. Bell and arrangements will be made for their membership. Anyone who is 21 years old or older is eligible to enlist in this reserve company, whether they have had previous military training or not. These persons should contact one of the above officers.

Andrew Ernest Hicks Is Claimed By Death

Funeral service was held on Sunday at Pentecostal Holiness church in this city for Andrew Ernest Hicks, 39, who died Friday.

Mr. Hicks, for many years, had been an employe of the Carolina Mirror Corporation, coming to North Wilkesboro from Mount Airy.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lula Hicks, and the following children: Katherine, Treva Woodrow, James and Carroll Hicks.

Harrison Anderson Family Reunion To Be Sunday, Oct. 10

Reunion of the Harrison M. Anderson family, their relatives and friends, will be held Sunday, October 10, at the home of Mr. Anderson on the gravel road leading from highway 115 near the prison camp to E & S store east of Wilkesboro.

A picnic dinner at noon will be a feature of the day and all are invited to carry baskets of food. Rev. Andrew Call, a grandson of Mr. Anderson, will speak. There will be special music and a number of interesting talks.

LOCALS

Miss Anne Duncen has returned home after spending last week in Washington, D. C. and Roanoke, Va.

Mrs. M. H. Stone is receiving a few days' treatment at the Wilkes Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Parker and small son, Quinton Gudger Parker, returned to Baltimore on Monday after an extensive visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Gudger, in this city, and Mrs. Rufus Parker, of Millers Creek.

Miss Doretta Foster, who holds a position in Greensboro, is expected home this week to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy C. Foster, in Wilkesboro.

Representative R. L. Doughton and daughter, Miss Reba Doughton, of Laurel Springs, visited relatives and friends in the Wilkesboros Tuesday.

COUNTY SHOULD PAY FOR HOSPITAL PROJECT

(An Editorial) In one of the greatest manifestations of the humanitarian spirit ever shown in northwestern North Carolina, the citizenship of North Wilkesboro went through a driving rain here Tuesday to vote for a \$275,000 North Wilkesboro bond issue to finance the local cost of a much needed 100-bed hospital for this community.

Seeing far beyond the dollar mark, 945 people voted their approval of the plan to erect a modern hospital. These people, whose generous action will be long remembered, put human values above all else and made sure that this community can take advantage of the opportunity which now exists, and which later may be withdrawn, to secure an adequate hospital for less than 23 per cent of the total cost.

But the new hospital should be a county project, with all the 50,000 inhabitants of Wilkes county sharing the cost instead of the cost being shouldered by about one-tenth of the population here in the corporate limits of North Wilkesboro.

There are thousands of citizens throughout Wilkes county who favor the hospital project and would be glad of the opportunity to share equally in the cost thereof.

In view of the great need for a hospital and more especially in view of the fact that the citizenship of North Wilkesboro has made this generous move in voting for the project, it is the moral duty of the board of commissioners of Wilkes county to call a special county election on the same proposal as was carried in North Wilkesboro and give the good people of Wilkes county an opportunity to vote their approval and take over the burden of financing on a county-wide basis, which is right and morally fair and just.

TRAINING COURSE TO BE GIVEN FOR LEADERS, ADULT SCOUT WORKERS

A training course for Girl Scout leaders, committee members and all adult scout workers will begin on Monday evening, Oct. 11th, at the Little House in North Wilkesboro.

Mrs. R. S. Gibbs will teach the course, which will be spread over four weeks, beginning on the above date. All leaders and any adults interested in becoming a

Wilkesboro Men Organize Club

On Thursday night, Sept. 23rd, a group of men met in the show room of the Midway Pontiac, Inc., in Wilkesboro and organized a Wilkesboro Business and Professional Men's Club. Attorney Kyle Hayes was elected temporary chairman and R. R. Church was elected temporary secretary, pending election of permanent officers, which will be on Tuesday night, October 5th.

The purpose of the club will be to sponsor business, civic, social, educational and religious interests of the town of Wilkesboro, and back up any program sponsored by the civic groups of the two towns, and especially to work in co-operation with the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in securing sites for, and inducing manufacturing and other business enterprises to come to Wilkes county.

The primary function of the club will be to promote projects affecting the citizens of Wilkesboro and to join wholeheartedly with the Chamber of Commerce and other such organizations dealing with matters of a broader scope and affecting the welfare of both the Wilkesboros and Wilkes County.

Meeting date for the club will be the first Tuesday in each month at 7:00 p. m. with a dinner meeting. All business men living in Wilkesboro are solicited to become members.

Oakwoods Troop To Be Installed

Oakwoods Boy Scout Troop 127 will hold their installation program at Oakwoods Baptist church Friday night, October 1, 7:30. Scouters from Old Hickory Council and civic leaders from North Wilkesboro will talk on the installation program. All parents and citizens interested in the boys of the community are urged to attend.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

(Rev. B. M. Lackey, Rector) Vesper service will be held on St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday afternoon, October 3rd, at four o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend this service.

Stores Will Be Open Wednesday After This Week

Stores which have been closed on Wednesday afternoons will remain open all day on Wednesdays, beginning next week, October 6th. This is in accordance with the holiday schedule arranged early in the summer.

Democrats Lewis Fork Will Meet

Meeting of Democrats of Lewis Fork township has been called at Mount Pleasant schoolhouse for Saturday night, October 2, at 7:30 o'clock. All Democrats in the township are urged to attend the meeting.

Civil Term Court Will Open Monday

October term of Wilkes superior court for trial of civil cases will open Monday morning with Judge Zeb V. Nettle, of Asheville, presiding.

The following jurors have been summoned for the term:

First Week
Ambrose Haynes, Union; Clay Dockery, Moravian Falls; A. A. Triplett, Wilkesboro; T. L. Greene, Elk; H. J. Spicer, Walnut Grove; W. T. Shore, Somers; R. S. Dameron, Traphill; W. E. Yates, Wilkesboro; R. M. Minton, North Wilkesboro; C. W. Carlton, Boomer; Arthur C. Miller, Union; Bessie Brock, Moravian Falls; J. A. Vickers, Wilkesboro; Richard Call, Lovelace; J. W. Casey, Somers; Rex Wood, Rock Creek; C. C. Mikeal, Jobs Cabin; Carl E. Bauguss, North Wilkesboro; W. M. Billings, Rock Creek; Sam Pardue, Antioch; W. R. Williams, North Wilkesboro; C. R. Hall, Mulberry; Glenn Reeves, North Wilkesboro; Marvin Ray Shepherd, Union; E. G. Wyatt, N. Wilkesboro; Monre Parson, Reddies River; W. H. Lovette, Moravian Falls; A. E. Triplett, Lewis Fork; R. L. Pennell, Moravian Falls; Cowles Walker, Beaver Creek; Clyde Sebastian, Rock Creek; J. Mont Marsh, Union; Carl Adams, Reddies River.

Revival Services At Goshen Church

Revival services will begin on Sunday, October 3, at Goshen Baptist church located nine miles west of Wilkesboro. Rev. Clate Brown, pastor, will be assisted by Rev. Fred Blevins. All who will attend will receive a cordial welcome.

Harold Riley, St. Louis, Talks To Optimist Club

Harold Z. Riley, an outstanding Y.M.C.A. leader in St. Louis, Mo., addressed the Optimist club of North Wilkesboro at its regular luncheon meeting held Tuesday noon at Hotel Wilkes. Julius C. Hubbard was program chairman for the day and he presented Mr. Riley to the club.

Mr. Riley is actively connected with the Downtown Y. M. C. A. in St. Louis, being chairman of the Industrial committee which sponsors an executives' forum and brings to that city some of the most eminent speakers in the country, all outstanding authorities on human relations.

Mr. Riley told local Optimists of the great work that the Downtown Y. M. C. A. is doing in St. Louis, and his remarks were listened to with much interest as this city is looking toward the construction of a Y. building here in the near future. Mr. Riley told in detail of the various Y. activities carried on by his association in St. Louis, which operates on a yearly budget of approximately \$500,000.

In addition to being an active leader in Y. work in St. Louis, Mr. Riley is a member of the Downtown Kiwanis club, and is chairman of that club's public relations committee. He is vice president of the White-Rodgers Electric Co., in charge of his company's personnel relations, and is a graduate of the Yale engineering department.

Guests at the luncheon Tuesday were: Dr. John T. Wayland with President M. E. Walsh; Mr. Riley and T. E. Story with Julius C. Hubbard; R. M. Brame, Jr., with Tom Jenrette.

The next meeting of the Optimist club will be held on October 12th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Slater Prevette, of Hays, on September 18, a son, Henry Slater, Jr.

80.5 Per Cent Of Registration Votes Affirmative

Actual Ratio Votes Cast Nine To One For Erection Hospital

Voters of North Wilkesboro in special election Tuesday voted overwhelmingly in favor of a bond issue of \$275,000 for erection of a modern, 100-bed hospital.

With 80.5 per cent of the registration of 1,173 registering their approval at the ballot box, the vote for the bond issue totaled 945 with only an even hundred voters in opposition to the proposal.

On the second proposal on the ballot, which was voting to approve a city tax levy to finance a deficit, if any, in operation and maintenance of the proposed hospital, the vote was 926 "yes" and 108 "no."

Rain fell steadily throughout the day but did not dampen the enthusiasm of the voters and workers who wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to secure a much needed hospital for only 22.6 per cent of the total cost. Voting was heavy as soon as the polls opened at 6:30 a. m. It soon became evident by the number of votes being cast that the hospital proposal would be approved, because those who were registered and were opposed to the proposal did not have to vote in order to be counted in opposition.

James M. Anderson was registrar and Hyde Waller and Geo. McT. Miller were election judges.

Under the proposal as voted on, state and federal governments under provisions of the federal Hill-Burton Act and the North Carolina Medical Care Plan will put up 77.4 per cent of the total cost of the \$275,000 hospital.

Elkin Host To District Meet Of Junior Order

District number 7 of Jr. O. U. A. M. convened with Elkin council Monday night with Bradley Dancy, district councilor, of North Wilkesboro, presiding.

A number of state officials were present and helped lay plans for a large Thanksgiving initiation class and torchlight parade in Elkin on the night of November 19, at which time the North Wilkesboro degree team will put on the initiation. This is expected to be an outstanding event for the fraternity and will be largely attended by Juniors from several counties.

Pfc. Wm. R. Harrold Funeral Held Today

Funeral service and military burial was held today at Zion church for Pfc. William Robert Harrold, who was killed in action in France July 20, 1944. Rev. R. F. Harrold conducted the funeral service.

Pfc. Harrold is survived by one daughter, Barbara Ann Harrold; his father and mother, James and Ethel Hayes Harrold, three brothers and three sisters, Buford, Lawrence, E. T., Walsie, Mary Grace and Frances Harrold, all of Hays.

Asheboro Here On Friday Night

Mountain Lions Primed For Hard Contest With Conference Foe

Asheboro high school football team was kicked around the conference last year, but this is another year and the team will come to North Wilkesboro Friday night ready to play a bang-up ball game.

The Asheboro boys grew tired of being in the cellar and have been winning games already this year.

Coach Jack Sparks has the Mountain Lions in good shape for Friday night's contest, which will open at eight o'clock. The team got through the tough game with Spencer Friday with no serious injuries and the starting eleven will be ready to go against the Randolph county squad.