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Wilkes Census Figures Show Population Trend

Preliminary figures released on the 1950 census reveal very definite trends in population.

The town of North Wilkesboro showed a slight decrease. There are several reasons why the town population has not grown. Chief among these reasons is the fact that the town limits have not been enlarged, and that a great part of the town's area is filled with houses and has been for the past ten years.

Another reason is the strides made in providing modern modes of living for suburban areas, and which used to be confined to urban dwellers. The rural areas now have paved roads, electricity and in nearby areas, telephones. Water systems are easily purchased and installed.

The town of North Wilkesboro showed a small loss in population and the town of Wilkesboro a small gain. Wilkesboro during the past ten years has had proportionately more building room.

But the surrounding rural areas have the people. In North Wilkesboro township outside of the town are 3,373. Wilkesboro township has 4,738, including 1,361 in Wilkesboro. Reddies River township this year had a count of 3,842, with a great majority of those living within seven miles of this city. Mulberry and Rock Creek showed large increase in population, with many of their people near North Wilkesboro. Moravian Falls showed a substantial increase, with the thickly populated area in a few miles of the Wilkesboros.

The almost unbelievable part of the census has to do with number of dwelling units in Wilkes county. An increase of 2,208 in number of dwelling units is greater than the population increase, which is hard to believe. With the birth rate high and numerous marriages during the past ten years it appears that there would have been a much greater increase in number of people than in number of homes. Meanwhile, the death rate has been decreasing.

The township figures show definite trend to the thickly populated areas outside of the corporate towns. Population losses in the past ten years were recorded in Antioch, Beaver Creek, Brushy Mountain, Elk, Jobs Cabin, Lewis Fork, Lovelace, New Castle, Somers, Stanton, Union and Walnut Grove.

Largest gain for any one township was for Edwards, which jumped from 4,722 to 5,742. However, Edwards township is the county's largest and extends over much of the eastern part of the county, including the suburban part of the town of Elkin. In the corporate limits of the town of Elkin the 1950 population was counted at 2,844, an increase of only 111 over the 1940 figure. There a situation similar to North Wilkesboro exists. The population trend has been to suburban areas.

4-H Clubs Doing Excellent Work

We take this occasion to point out that the 4-H clubs in Wilkes county are doing a wonderful work among rural boys and girls.

This work usually falls in the realm of the assistant county and home agents, and they, too, are to be commended for the splendid activity in Wilkes county.

There are many clubs well organized and with excellent leadership. It is interesting that these clubs will be repre-

held in Raleigh the week of July 23.

In 4-H work boys and girls get training in doing things for themselves on the farm. In most instances they receive profits from their projects. That is teaching them early that profits can be made on the farm and that the farm has advantages, even over the state of full employment with weekly pay check.

Boys and girls who earn with their projects and thus have spending money of their own are not easily led by the lure of pay checks in mills and factories. They get an early lesson that a good livelihood can be earned from the soil, and with that livelihood a life of independence, health and all the freedom that can be found anywhere.

Census figures recently released show that youth should be encouraged to "seek diamonds in their own backyards." Many perhaps have heard the story of the man who heard the rumor there was buried treasure in his garden. He worked long and hard, spading the entire area to a great depth. He found no buried treasure and decided to plant the garden, which was so well tilled that it produced abundantly. He found the treasure in the form of a bumper crops.

Safe And Sane Fourth Asked

If a highway patrolman stops you this week, smiles, salutes and hands you a card, don't think you're being summoned to court.

It's merely a part of an intensive highway safety campaign to be conducted by the Department of Motor Vehicles in an effort to cut down on highway accidents, over the Fourth of July week-end. Beginning Sunday, June 25, patrolmen are handing out 40,000 cards to motorists urging them to drive carefully over the holiday. Thirteen persons were killed over the Fourth last year.

The cards which patrolmen present to motorists carry a picture of a patrolman and a message stating: I am your highway patrolman. I will be on the highways of North Carolina constantly during the Fourth of July week-end to protect you in your holiday travels. Thirteen persons were killed over the Fourth of July last year. You can help me cut down on that tragic toll if you drive safely and sanely this Fourth!"

Each patrolman is scheduled to hand out 10 cards a day. The Department hopes that use of this method will help to cut down on traffic toll over the Fourth, which normally is the year's worst holiday from the standpoint of highway accidents.

All leave for patrolmen has been canceled for the holiday.

A Harvard psychology professor has been teaching pigeons to pick out times on the piano. We don't see what's to stop them from composing popular songs any time now, or at any rate as soon as they learn to spell simple words like "ragg mopp." — Greensboro Daily News.

• LIFE'S BETTER WAY •

WALTER E. ISENHOUR
High Point, N. C., Route 4

IT PAYS TO BE KIND

Sometimes our very souls are tried
By people filled with worldly pride;
Sometimes a neighbor speaks unkind
And shows an ugly state of mind;
Sometimes home problems make us weep
And take us through the waters deep;
Sometimes we're made to wonder why
Someone has told on us a lie;
Sometimes the church where we belong
May seem to deal us out a wrong—
But it pays to be kind.

Sometimes a friend proves quite untrue
That makes the day seem long and blue;
Sometimes in business you may feel
You've had indeed an unjust deal;
Someone may curse you to your face
And try your patience, love and grace;
Somebody may attack your name
To hinder you from gaining fame;
Someone that's far from being great
May hurl at you the stones of hate —
But it pays to be kind.

Whatever comes, whatever goes,
Be kind to friends, be kind to foes;
For none regret kind words they speak,
Nor kindness shown to strong or weak.
True kindness that we should impart
Will soften up the hardest heart;
Will bring us through with banners spread
And victory's laurels on our head;
Will give us that we'll not bemoan
When we shall meet at God's great throne—

Marriage License

The following license to wed were issued during the past week by Register of Deeds Troy C. Foster: C. Wayne Huffman and Etta Jane McNeill, both of Purlear; Harrison P. Shew and Mae White, both of Pores Knob; Lester Boyd Spicer and Lillie Jane Spicer, both of Traphill; James Albert Hincer, State Road, and Lona Irwin, Sparta; Burette Brown and Edith Marie Brown, both of North Wilkesboro; Bruce Clonch, Lenoir, and Callie Mae Anderson, North Wilkesboro; Estle C. Woodie, Hays, and Louise

STROUD JOINS HAMMARY PLANT

Vernon Stroud, for 12 years Sample Man for Barnhardt Furniture Co., at Lenoir has begun his duties as Superintendent of Hammery Mfg. Corp., President Hamilton Bruce announced. Mr. Stroud succeeds Russ Austin, who resigned the position after 18 month of service. Mr. Austin has not disclosed his future plan's.

Johnson, Wilbar; Comas Gray Groce, Cycle, and Addie Lucille Cheek, State Road.

Polio Treatment Costs A Great Deal

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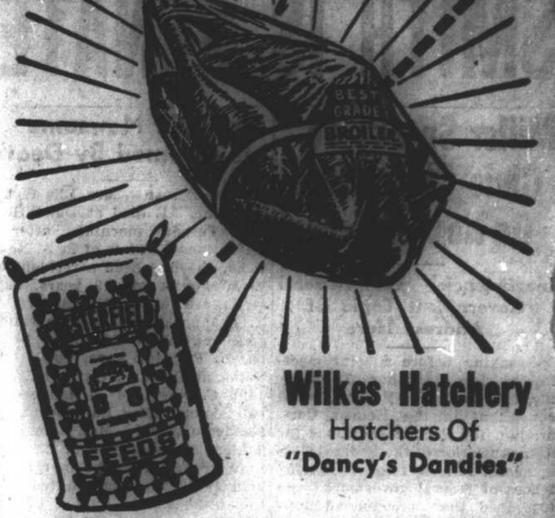
Polio Insurance Costs Very Little

A policy paying all expenses up to \$5,000 cost only \$5.00 a year for one child and \$10.00 a year for two or more children. The policy also covers accidental death and eight other common children's diseases.

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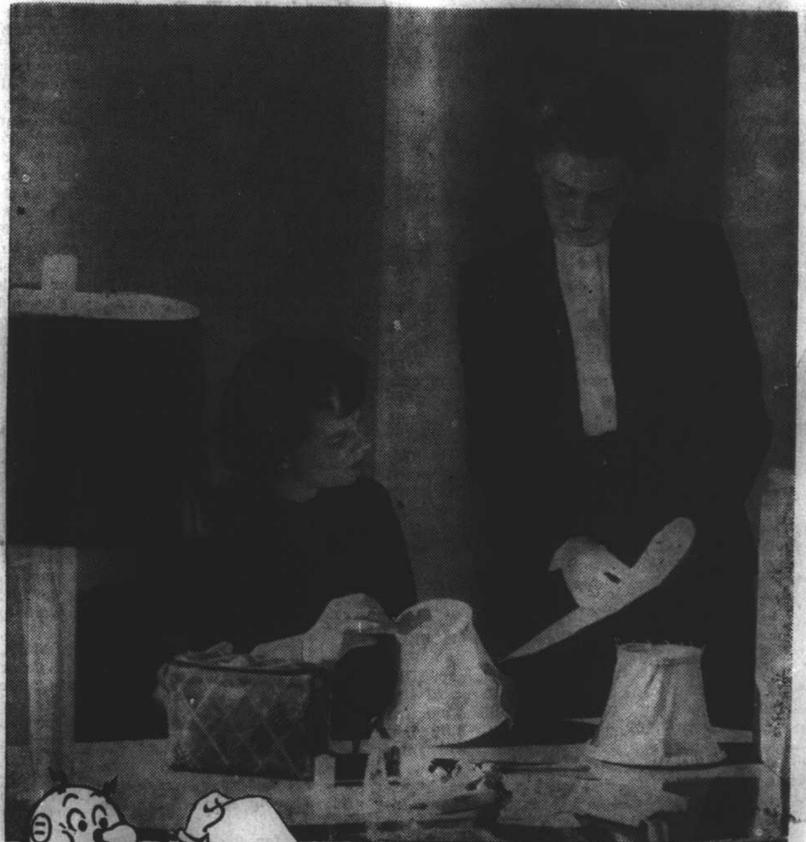
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Seated, a housewife is re-covering her own lamp shades by following directions on the chart shown in the hand of the Duke Power Company Specialist (standing).

When Spring Fever Strikes the Homemaker . . .

One sure symptom is the longing for something new and bright instead of the same dull interiors that have grown monotonous through long winter months.

One tested prescription is Light, and it grows more effective every season, as new ways of turning drabness into beauty are revealed by lighting experts.

Why not, they ask, use some of your drape or curtain material to re-cover your shades.

How about getting thirty per cent more light without buying a single new lamp? Just "do over" the shades you have, making sure

that the renovated shades are lined with white.

Before women's clubs, 4 - H groups, and home demonstration meetings, our Home Service Specialists are demonstrating answers to these and other questions to help make Electricity more useful, in more ways, in more Piedmont homes.

Or, why not, MAKE YOUR OWN LAMP? The handy man around the house can make a beautiful table study lamp in one evening. You will be surprised how simple it is. Several models are on display in our office now.

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