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Farmers' Day Is Coming Soon

Thousands in northwestern North Carolina will look forward to October 12 as a gala day of celebration and entertainment.

That is the date set by the Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce for Farmers' Day.

Many remember the very successful event held here last year, when more than 150 units passed thousands of spectators who watched the parade.

The throng of visitors which more than filled the streets also enjoyed other features of the day.

This year Farmers' Day parade will be held in the afternoon, and in the evening in Memorial Park will be a program of entertainment for everybody. This change is being made because the park can accommodate thousands of spectators in comfort while only a part of the crowd could see events uptown at any point.

Preliminary plans indicate that a most successful event will be held. The Farmers' Day occasion is sponsored annually as a day of free entertainment to farmers and their families in appreciation of their highly important part in the economic life of the community.

Figures Given On Highway Slaughter

The rural area was hardest hit by motor vehicles traffic accidents during June, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reported today.

Fifty-one persons were killed and 740 injured in the 1,340 accidents reported in rural areas. There were 968 accidents in rural areas in June, 1949, with 53 persons killed and 608 persons injured. Accidents occurring on U. S. Highways in June of this year totaled 648 with 25 persons killed and 370 injured. Accidents occurring on State Highways totaled 331 with 19 persons killed and 165 injured. County and local roads claimed seven victims and 204 injured.

Urban areas reported 11 deaths and 200 personal injuries in 743 accidents. Nine persons died and 188 were injured in 644 reported accidents in June, 1949. Municipalities reporting fatalities in June of this year were: Lexington, 3; Wilmington, 2; Charlotte, 3; High Point, 1; Raleigh, 1 and Concord, 1.

Sixty-two persons were killed in motor vehicle traffic accidents during June, the same number killed in June of last year. There were 940 persons injured and 2,083 reported accidents. Compared with the same month last year, injuries were up an abated accidents



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counties in pedestrian fatalities with nine killed for the first six months of the year. Charlotte is leading the municipalities in pedestrian fatalities with five pedestrians killed.

Drowning Causes 5 Per Cent Of Accidental Deaths

Drownings account for 5 per cent of all accidental deaths. Nearly 50 per cent of drowning victims are rural people and a majority of all infant drownings occur on farms.

Recent studies by NSC in several states indicate that nearly ninety per cent of farm residents who drowned were non-swimmers and that the majority of all infant drowning occur in such places as stock watering tanks, cisterns, tubs, crocks etc. The studies indicate further that the principal causes of drownings are: lack of knowledge, insufficient skill, poor judgment, and just plain carelessness.

Swimming is fine exercise, but only for those in physical condition to do it without harm. If you are not feeling well, stay out of the water. Wait for a time following meals before entering the water and do not swim if overheated. Avoid exerting beyond your strength and never dive into strange water where the depth and condition of the bottom are unknown.

The National Safety Council recommends the following precautions to reduce the needless loss of life from water sports.

1. Make a thorough investigation regarding the safety of swimming facilities.
2. A boat nearby or a raft anchored in the pond may be useful in emergencies.
3. Don't swim alone — never go into the water when tired, over-heated or immediately after eating.
4. Don't overload a boat. There may be seats for more people than the boat should carry.
5. Always step into the center of the boat — never jump; never stand up in a moving boat; never permit horseplay.
6. Old tubs, boilers, jars, or other containers should not be left around the farmstead. It takes as little as two inches of water to drown an infant.
7. Protect stock watering tanks. If possible, fence them off or cover them.
8. Cisterns and wells should be inspected periodically to make sure coverings are secure.

• LIFE'S BETTER WAY •

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A TROUBLED WORLD

We live in a troubled world. Every way we look there is trouble, except when we look heavenward. Even the devil is trailing along after God's people like a slimy serpent to disturb and vex them as they travel in the footprints of Jesus toward the Celestial City. He is the great, GREAT troublemaker. How mean and hateful he is! It seems that all mankind would turn away from him, despise and hate him, instead of following after him, or allowing him to control their lives and have the mastery over them.

Yes, we live in a troubled world. There is trouble in the majority of the homes of the world. Husbands and wives disagree oftentimes, fuss and quarrel, curse and abuse each other. Men are slaves to drink all about us, and as a consequence they make their homes miserable. Not only that, but women, even wives and mothers, (shame on them!) are enslaved by strong drink. Tens of thousands of young girls, and multitudes of wives and mothers today, are slaves to cigarettes, many of whom have lowered their morals down to the very dust and mire of degradation. They have thrown their womanhood and virtue away. All this means trouble.

There is much trouble in churches of today, and among the church members, many of whom claim to be Christians. Too many professed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ are sinful and wicked. They are not peace-makers, but peacebreakers. Multitudes of them are very worldly and proud. They dress like the world, act like the world, go with the world, talk like the world, and live down on the same evil, sinful, wicked level with the world. All this makes for trouble, trouble, and more trouble.

Then there is national and international trouble throughout the entire world today. Men and nations hate each other. They are envious towards each other, and suspicious of one another. Hence the preparation for war, especially long the line of the atomic and hydrogen bomb, which threatens seriously of wiping humanity from the face of the earth. Oh that men and nations would turn to God! This is our only hope.

GOVERNOR APPOINTS E. Z. JONES STATE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Raleigh, July 24 — Governor Scott today handed to E. Z. (Easy) Jones of Burlington the task of preparing North Carolina's home front for a possible war emergency.

The Governor named the Burlington radio executive as state director of civil defense at a salary of \$8,000 a year.

Jones will be sworn into office tomorrow and will go to work immediately, the Governor said. He has been granted an indefinite leave of absence as manager of Radio Station WBBB at Burlington.

To Round Up Force

Jones said he expected to round up an office force, including an assistant director, and several office workers and to begin organizing the state's civil defense setup within 30 days.

The first task likely will be a campaign of public education, he said.

The appointment, which was authorized by the Council of State last week, was announced by the Governor at a special news conference.

Scott said he asked a committee of national guard and "other army people" last Winter to recommend a civil defense director, and "the first name on their list was Mr. Jones."

No Need To Hoard Sugar, Says Hoey

Washington, July 24—Senator Clyde R. Hoey said today there is absolutely no reason for people to hoard sugar.

After conferring with Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, Senator Hoey said he can assure the public that definite arrangements have been made for an increase of 350,000 tons of sugar from Cuba and other countries over previous quotas.

"The quota already provided for a total of 7,500,000 tons for 1950, which was the largest amount on record," he said.

He added that in addition arrangements have been made for 400,000 additional tons should it be needed.

Small grain yields in Richmond County this spring are much better than had been expected, reports County Agent N. L. Hendrix.

Hits at Hoarders



AGRICULTURE Secretary Charles Brannan tells the House Agriculture Committee in Washington that increased prices and the hoarding of food are entirely unnecessary. Brannan reported to the group on growing Government stocks of surplus food. (International)

Scott To Urge Early Work On Parkway

Raleigh, July 25 — Governor Scott and Highway Chairman Henry W. Jordan are going to Washington Thursday to urge immediate construction of two links in the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Jordan said that he, the Governor and R. Gettys Browning, highway commission location engineer, would confer in Washington with Thomas H. McDonald, director of the federal Public Roads Administration.

He said they would urge McDonald to approve for construction a stretch of the parkway between Wagon Roda Gap and Beech Gap and one from Balsam Gap to Socco Gap.

The Balsam Gap-Socco Gap link, Browning said, would climb to a height of about 6,000 feet and

afford "the best view in the state of the Great Smoky Mountains. Jordan said that construction of the two links would permit tourists to travel the parkway all the way from Virginia to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park except for short stretches where

connecting state highways are available.

About 500 acres of tomatoes are being grown commercially in the Tar Heel State this year, according to preliminary reports from producers.

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