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Mr. Edward Spanski Surry County Bicentennial P. O. Box 1776 Dobson, North Carolina 27017

Dear Mr. Spanski:

It has been almost a year now since the first Yadkin River Extravaganza was held. Looking back to the week of August 3-ll of last year I believe we would all agree that this celebration was quite a success for a first attempt.

Earlier this year I wrote a letter to some of the sponsors in last year's celebration in order to gauge the interest in sponsoring an Extravaganza II. I am happy to report that the responses I received were overwhelmingly favorable.

As a result, I am writing to all the eight local Bicentennial Chairman who helped make the Extravaganza possible. What I would request of you is to meet with your committees within the next couple of weeks and discuss what possible ideas and involvement you could lend to another river event this August. I have a lot to learn about what was done last year and will be contacting you very shortly to discuss last year's festival with you and learn about any new plans you have made.

In the meantime, if you have any suggestions or questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I hope to see you soon.

Respectfully yours,

Eddie Barham Horizons Consultant

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Mr. Edward Spanski Surry County Bicentennial Surry County Bicentennial College Dobson, North Carolina 27017

Dear Mr. Spanski:

There will be an organizational and planning meeting for the Second Annual Yadkin River Extravanganza on Monday, July 21, at 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Benbow Room of the Yadkin County Library, Main Street, Yadkinville.

Please have one or two people from Surry County there so they may represent your county in any decision making and give everyone else the plans, ideas, projects, etc., of your county for the Extravaganza.

The success of the Yadkin River Extravaganza will ultimately depend on the participation and cooperation of the eight coutnies involved. Please see that Surry County is represented.

I am looking forward to a very productive meeting.

Yours truly,

Debbie Byrd " Assistant Communities Consultant

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June 26, 1975

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Mr. Edward Spanski Surry County Bicentennial Surry County Bicentennial College Dobson, North Carolina 27017

Dear Mr. Spanski:

I apologize for my delay in contacting each of you concerning the Yadkin River Extravaganza. Initially, my plans were to work with each of the eight county committees in an effort to help coordinate this event. Since my last correspondence though I have had to make changes in my plans. I have now become partially responsible for promoting the new American Issues Forum throughout the state. This new development will keep me from working as directly with you and your committees as I had hoped.

Instead, Miss Debbie Byrd who has been actively involved in our Bicentennial College and Communities program will be meeting with you and assisting in coordinating various aspects of this program. I might add that due to the increased demand on this office both Miss Byrd and myself will have some limitations as to the time we will be able to devote to the Extravaganza. I therefore ask your utmost cooperation in sponsoring this event.

Miss Byrd will be contacting you this week in order to schedule some meetings with your interested extravaganza members. We both look forward to working with you and hope you will call upon us if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely.

Eddie Barham Horizons Consultant

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# YADKIN RIVER EXTRAVAGANZA I August 3-11, 1974

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

AUGUST 3:

- 9:30-12:30 CANOE EXCURSION from Rockford to Yadkin River Section, Pilot Mt. State Park (begins at Rockford low water bridge) Sponsor: North Carolina Canoe Club
- 10:00-11:00 BICYCLE RACE from King to Yadkin River Section, Pilot Mt. State Park (begins at King Shopping Center at U.S. 52 and S.R. 1105) Sponsor: Stokes County Bicentennial Commission
- 10:00-11:00 BICYCLE RACE from East Bend to Yadkin River Section, Pilot Mt. State Park (begins at Old East Bend Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Road, East Bend)
  - 1:00-3:00 TOURS OF BEAN SHOALS CANAL, Yadkin River Section, Pilot Mountain State Park (Surry side on railroad near parking lot) Sponsor: Northwest N. C. Historical Association
  - 2:00-3:30 YADKIN RIVER MARATHON (cross country race) from Pilot Mountain to Yadkin River (5 miles) over State Park Corridor (begins at base of mountain in state park) Sponsor: Surry County Bicentennial Commission
  - 2:00-3:30 CANOE DEMONSTRATIONS (at Yadkin River Section, Pilot Mt. State Park, both sides of river) Sponsor: North Carolina Canoe Club
  - 4:00-6:00 CANOE RACE from Yadkin River Section, Pilot Mt. State Park to N.C. 67 bridge (begins at western park boundary, Yadkin side) Sponsor: North Carolina Canoe Club

10:00-5:00 ALL DAY EVENTS

FISHING CONTEST, Yadkin River Section, Pilot Mountain State Park in Yadkin River only (register at 10:00 a.m. on Yadkin or Surry sides) Sponsor: North Carolina Sportman's Club

HIKING, from Pilot Mt. to/from Yadkin River (register and begin at either end of Pilot Mt. State Park Corridor) Sponsor: Surry County Bicentennial Commission

HORSEBACK RIDING at Pilot Mountain St. Park (stables on S.R. 2072 near entrance to Yadkin River Section; rental \$3.00 per hour) Sponsor: Pilot Mountain State Park

OPEN HOUSES at Rockford, Siloam, and Shoals (see posters in each town) pago 2

AUGUST 4:

Time to be set (time and place to be announced at canoe race on August 3) Sponsor: North Carolina Canoe Club

2:00-5:00 "ANYTHING THAT FLOATS" RAFT RACE from N.C. 67 bridge to Old U.S. 421 Bridge (begins at N.C. 67) Sponsor: Winston-Salem/Forsyth Bicentennial Comm.

10:00-5:00 OPEN HOUSE at Huntsville (see posters)

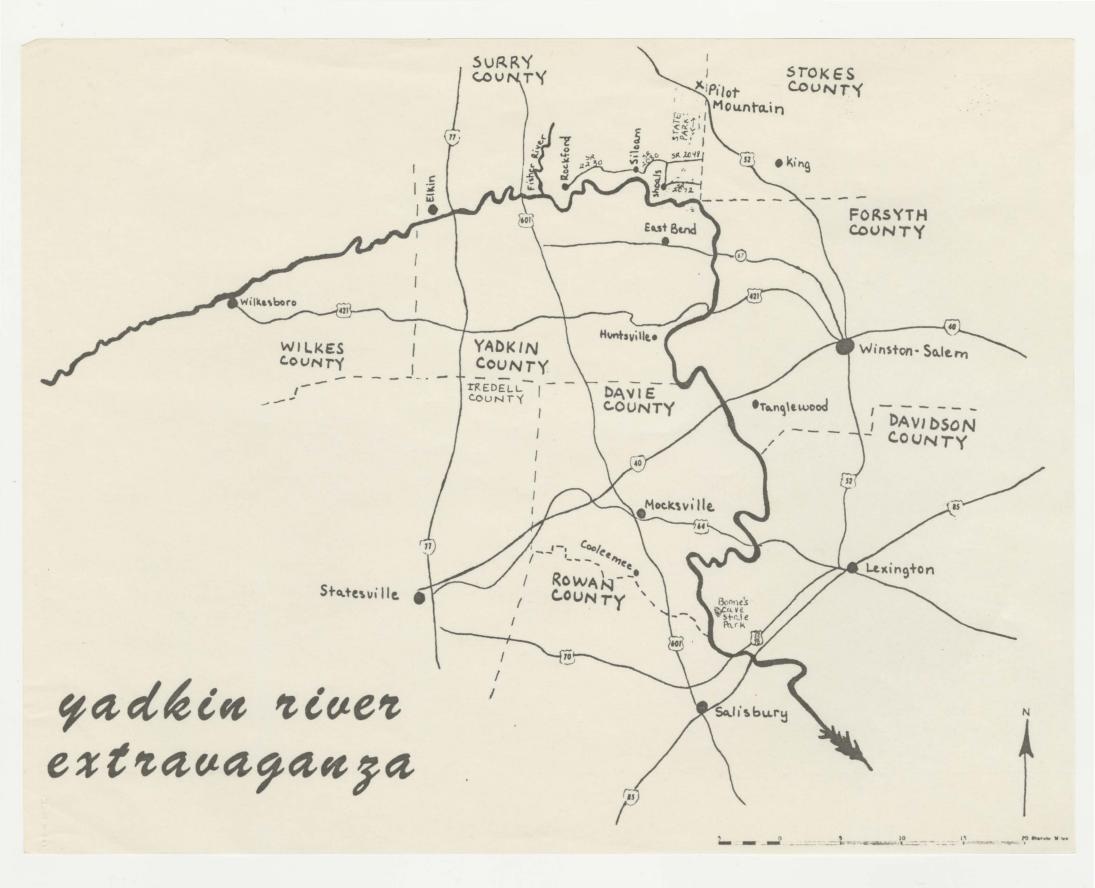
AUGUST 5-11: PROFESSIONAL COLFERS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPION-SHIP TOURNAMENT, Tanglewood Park, Clemmons, N. C. (tickets required for all events) August 5-7: Practice sessions August 8-11: Championship Days

AUGUST 8-10: ROWAN RESOLVES BICENTENNIAL FAIR, Salisbury, N. C. August 8: 8:00 p.m.- Reading of Rowan Resolves, Josephus Hall House, Salisbury, N. C. August 9-10: 2:00-10:00 p.m. Rowan Resolves Fair, Rowan County Fairgrounds Sponsor: Rowan County Bicentennial Commission

AUGUST 10-11: YADKIN RIVER EXPEDITION from Pilot Mt. State Park to Salisbury, N. C. (begin 9:00 a.m., Aug. 10, at Yadkin River Section; encampment in evening in Davie County; conclude 6:00 p.m., Aug. 11, at Pump Station, So. Yadkin River, near Salisbury) Sponsor: N. C. Bicentennial Office; Hugh Whitted, expedition leader

JULY 27-AUGUST 30: YADKIN RIVER PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST for amateur and professional photographers to interpret the Yadkin River; entries due by 12:00 noon, Aug. 30 Sponsor: Arts and Crafts Association of Winston-Salem, 610 Coliseum Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C. and Winston-Salem/Forsyth Bicentennial Comm.

NOTE ON EVENTS: All of the events of the Yadkin River Extravaganza are open to the general public: No prior registration is necessary for compatitions until thirty minutes before the event is scheduled: Awards will be presented to age and class winners in the bicycle races, marathon, cance race, fishing contest, raft races, and photography contest: Rules will be announced at the onset of each event: Rules for the photography contest must be procured from the sponsor. Certificates will be presented to all participants in all events, competitive and otherwise: While all precautions will be taken to avoid injuries, none of the sponsors or sponsoring agencies can be responsible for any accidental injuries which may occur:



On August 23 and 24 the Davidson County Bicentennial Committee and the local Canoe Club are sponsoring an overnight canoe trip down the Yadkin River. The trip is Davidson County's part of the Yadkin River Extravaganza, in which 8 counties in this area of the Yadkin River Valley are sponsoring recreational/educational activities focused on the river.

The canoe trip is scheduled to begin on Saturday, August 23 at 9:00 a.m. at the N. C. 67 bridge over the river, at Tanglewood Park. The first day's trip will end at Boone's Cave State Park, probably around 4:00 p.m. Saturday. Anyone wishing to, may bring their own camping equipment, supplies, and food with them and camp at Boone's Cave Saturday night, after canoeing down from Tanglewood.

People who are not able to stay with the trip for more than one day can leave from Boone's Cave Saturday evening or join the group there for the trip's second leg on Sunday. Departure time from Boone's Cave will be 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning, August 24. Take-out Sunday will probably be around 2:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon at I-85.

The Bicentennial Committee is sponsoring a cookout at the Riverhouse for those participating in the canoe trip. The cook-out will be at 5:00 p.m. Sunday at the Riverhouse, off Riverhouse Road.

Participants must supply their own transportation to and from the points of departure on the river, and must bring their own canoe or kayak, food for all lunches, Sunday breakfast and Saturday supper. Everything will be provided for the Sunday evening cook-out.

At this point, the group will be limited to approximately 20 people and 10 to 12 canoes. There will be some flexibility as to the number depending on the number of experienced canoeists who express interest in the trip.

An age limit of sorts will be in effect, for the participants. An age limit of 15 will be in effect for those without an adult accompanying them, and an age limit of 12 for those with an adult.

Should it be raining on Saturday the 23rd, a rain date has been set for Sept. 6-7, with all the same activities.

On August 19 at 7:00 p.m., at the Old Davidson County Courthouse, there will be a meeting of those people planning to go on the canoe trip. If you are interested please call the Davidson County Bicentennial Headquarters at 249-6770 before 5:00 p.m. weekdays and register for the trip.

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A Cooperative Venture of the North Carolina Bicentennial and the County Bicentennial Commission of Davidson, Forsyth, Surry, Wilkes, and Yadkin.

August 22-24, 1975

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### YADKIN RIVER EXTRAVAGANZA

The Yadkin River Extravaganza for 1975 is a cooperative program of the North Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Office and five county bicentennial commissions as follows: Wilkes, Surry, Yadkin, Forsyth, and Davidson. The Extravaganza is the end product of several months of planning by a special Yadkin River Development Committee with representatives from each of the foregoing county commissions.

As an expression of the concerns and programs of the North Carolina Bicentennial Office, the Yadkin River Extravaganza and the associated programs of the Development Committee could not be more appropriate. The themes of bicentennial planning are three Heritage '76 (history), Festival U.S.A. (celebrations), and Horizons '76 (planning for the future). Although the Extravaganza is heavily-laden with recreational events celebrating and drawing attention to the resources of the Yadkin River, it is only one focus of the broad-ranging program of the Development Committee. The Committee is sponsoring other projects to recover the history of the Yadkin River and to point out the environmental needs of the river if it is to remain a valuable recreational resource. Hence the Development Committee's program draws in the past, the present, and the future of the Yadkin River.

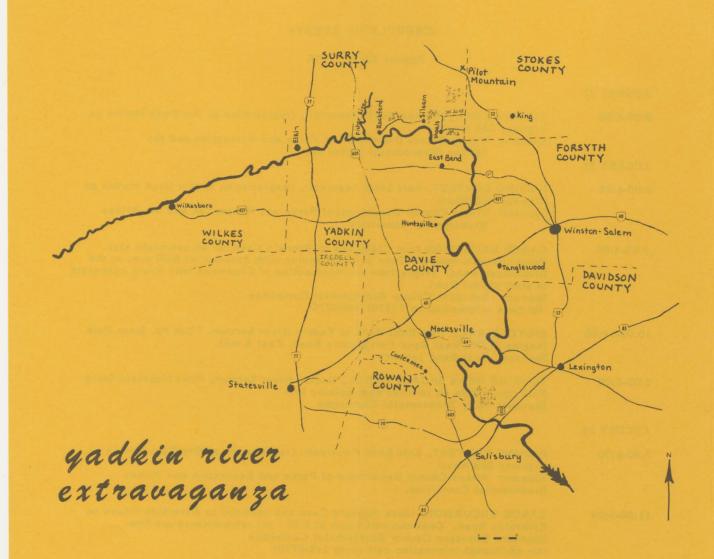
## YADKIN RIVER ASSOCIATION

The primary purpose of launching what will hopefully become a grand occasion annually throughout the Yadkin River valley is to make North Carolinians aware that the Yadkin River is an irreplaceable historical. recreational, and environmental resource and to encourage interest in the formation of a permanent Yadkin River association which will study and preserve the history of the river, organize and plan for recreational events and facilities, and evaluate the environmental needs of the river. While the Development Committee has felt that it is beyond the scope of its expertise to deal with the problems of water quality and park acquisition. the Committee thinks that there is much a permanent association could achieve.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### August 22-24, 1975

AUGUST 22	
8:00-6:00	FISHING CONTEST, Kerr Scott Reservoir, (registration at Dry Dock Marina on Highway 268 West). Sponsor: Wilkes County Department of Parks and Recreation and the Wilkes Bicentennial Committee
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9:00-4:00	CANOE EXCURSION from Clemmons to Boone's Cave for an overnight stay. Departure from Boone's Cave at 10:00 ending with cook-out at 5:00 p.m. at the Riverhouse Road. (Signs from the intersection of Clemmons will direct canoeists to start at Idol Dam). Sponsor: Davidson County Bicentennial Committee. for more information call (919) 249-6770
10:00-11:00	BICYCLE RACE from East Bend to Yadkin River Section, Pilot Mt. State Park (begins at Old East Bend Fairgrounds Road, East Bend). Sponsor: East Bend Jaycees
2:00-5:00	TOUR OF BEAN SHOALS CANAL, Yadkin River Section, Pilot Mountain State Park (Surry Side on railroad near parking lot) Sponsor: Surry Bicentennial Committee
AUGUST 24	
8:00-6:00	FISHING CONTEST, Kerr Scott Reservoir, (registration at Dry Dock Marina on Highway 268 West) Sponsor: Wilkes County Department of Parks and Recreation and Wilkes Bicentennial Committee.
11:00-5:00	CANOE EXCURSION, leave Boone's Cave and continue to Riverside House on Riverside Road. Cook-out will begin at 5:00 - all refreshments are free. Sponsor: Davidson County Bicentennial Committee (for additional information call (919) 249-6770)
1:00-4:00	BIKE TOUR AND PICNIC at Rockford, leave from the top of Pilot Mt. (meet in parking lot - bring your own food.) Sponsor: Surry County Bicentennial Committee
2:00-5:00	"ANYTHING THAT FLOATS RAFT RACE" from N.C. 67 to old U.S. 421 bridge (begins at N.C. 67) Sponsor: Winston-Salem/Forsyth Bicentennial Committee
3:00-5:00	TOUR OF POPLAR TREE AND SHALLOW FORD (meet at Boone Harding's picnic shelter, ending at Shallow Ford). Sponsor: Yadkin County Bicentennial Committee.
3:00-6:00	HIKE ALONG THE YADKIN. Take business N.C. 67 to East Bend, turn on County Road #1538 for one mile, turn right on County Road 1546 for two miles and look for parking signs. Hike will begin in the parking lot. Sponsor: Northwest Economic Development Commission.



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Yadkin River Association

Wouldn't you like to take stock in the future of the Yadkin River? Become a member of the Yadkin River Association by completing this certificate and returning it to the Yadkin River Association, % Northwest North Carolina Historical Association, Government Center, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27101

