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The Western Carolinian was founded in Salisbury on 13 June 1820, with Jacob Krider and Lemuel [2] Bingham [2] as editors. The western counties of North Carolina, more sparsely populated than those in the east, had long needed a <u>newspaper</u> [3]to voice its desire for equal representation in the<u>state [4] legislature [4]</u> and otherwise serve its interests. Salisbury, as the region's largest city, was an ideal location for such a paper. In most <u>antebellum [5]</u>political newspapers, national politics received the majority of the editorial attention, but the Western Carolinian was a leader in

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First edition of the Western Carolinian, June 13, 1820. Image from the State Archives of North Carolina. ^[6] the movement to increase coverage of state issues. The obvious determination of western North Carolina-so forcefully confirmed on the pages of the *Carolinian*-led other editors to take sides on these issues, which included the establishment of a <u>public school system</u> [7] and a public college in the west, <u>internal improvements</u> [8], the convening of a constitutional convention, the need for a state penitentiary, the care of the handicapped, and free suffrage for all white males. Although it changed hands and political affiliations several times, the *Western Carolinian* remained a strong advocate of the economic growth and political rights of western counties until it ceased publication in 1844.

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