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### FORREST JONES IN WASHINGTON BUSINESS CONFERENCE



Forrest E. Jones, president of the newly organized Wilkes Mountain Poultry Products company, is a member of the Conference of American Small Business Organizations and the above picture was made at a table during the ninth annual banquet in Washington, D. C. Around the table, left to right, are: Robert S. Booth, of Wilford, Conn.; Representative Pete Jarman, Livingston, Alabama; W. R. Knudson, Rockingham, Alabama; Forrest E. Jones; Representative C. E. Deane, of Rockingham; Harry Rauscher, of Aurora, Ill.; Representative Ellsworth B. Foote, of North Brankford, Conn.

### Legion Names Committees For Junior Baseball

Preparing for the coming season, the Wilkes post of the American Legion has appointed committees for junior baseball. The central committee is headed by Frank Allen, athletic officer. C. C. Faw, Jr., is manager and the other members are William Gray and Herry Kerley. Jim Sanges has been employed as coach. Procurement and Contact—Henry Landon, chairman, George Childress, T. G. Foster, Harvey Holbrook, W. G. Gabriel, Bill Greer, James Jones, Grady F. Miller, Kenneth Moore, Edmund Robinson.

### Scouters Meeting Held On Tuesday

The regular monthly meeting of the Wilkes District Boy Scout Committee was held at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night. J. B. Carter in his report on advancement stated the committee had decided to hold a Board of Review each month and a Court of Honor quarterly. The Boards of Review will be held on the third Thursday night of each month. The next Court of Honor will be held at the First Presbyterian church, April 11th, at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Nelson stated there was a need for another training course in the District with special emphasis being to get the leadership from the rural troops to participate in this course. Executive explained the new procedure of getting all units registered on time. He stated the council has had a bad record of lapsed units and feels this should be the answer to saving these lapsed troops and packs. The next meeting will be held April 6th, at the Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 p. m.

### Two Wilkes Men Are Found Dead

Funeral service will be held Tuesday, two p. m., at Edgewood Baptist church for M. B. Johnson, 54-year-old resident of the Ferguson community who was found dead near his home Friday. Investigation of his death by county officers revealed no evidence of foul play. Surviving Mr. Johnson are his wife, Mrs. Sallie Beach Johnson, and the following sons and daughters: George W., David A., J. B., and Gertie Johnson, Mrs. Spencer Holder and Mrs. Wesley McCarter. The body of Forrest P. Holcomb, 51, Traphill resident, was found dead in a small creek on Thursday. Investigation revealed no evidence of foul play and death was attributed to a heart attack. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nora Holcomb, and four children Mrs. Faye Billings, Traphill; Miss Olene Holcomb, Winston-Salem; James and Francis Holcomb, Traphill. Rev. Grant Cothren and Rev. G. W. Curry conducted the funeral service Sunday at Roaring Gap Baptist church.

### Support the Y. M. C. A.

### MOUNTAIN VIEW GIRLS AND WILKESBORO BOYS CHAMPIONS

Mountain View girls and the Wilkesboro boys won the Wilkes basketball championship in the county tournament finals Saturday night in the Wilkesboro gymnasium. Mountain View girls won the final game handsly over Mount Pleasant 30 to 18, and the Ramblers had little trouble in winning 33 to 15 over Mountain View boys. Toughest and most decisive game of the tournament in the boys' division was on Friday night when Wilkesboro won over Mount Pleasant by the score of 33 to 30. At the end of the tournament Saturday night trophies were presented the winning teams and runner-ups by C. B. Eller, Wilkes superintendent of schools. Follow are individual scores for all tournament games.

**THURSDAY GAMES—**

**First Game, Girls**

Pos. Mt. View 21	14 M. Creek
F—Sloope 15	4 Snider
F—N. Rhodes 5	2 D. McNeil
F—N. Woodruff 1	2 Robertson
G—P. Woodruff	Riggs
G—A. Rhoades	J. McNeil
G—Harrold	Sebastian

Substitutes: Mtn. View—M. Rhodes, Millers Creek—Carter 5, Cooper 1, Elledge, Deal, C. McNeil.

**Second Game, Boys**

Pos. Mt. Pleasant 49	31 Traphill
F—Church 22	8 R. Warren
F—McGee 4	6 Smith
C—W. Eller 6	14 E. Billings
G—W. Eller 11	1 H. Warren
G—I. Foster	Bryan

Substitutes: Mt. Pleasant—M. Foster 4, D. Foster, Walsh 2, McNeil, Green, C. Eller; Traphill—Wood, Pruitt 2, Sidden, J. Billings, Cox.

**WEDNESDAY GAMES—**

**First Game, Girls**

Pos. Mt. Pleasant 22	18 Ronda
F—Wallace 8	8 Lankford
F—Dunne 12	Pardue
F—Church 2	4 Myers
G—C. Foster	Hamm
G—Minton	6 Parks
G—Walsh	Walker

Substitutes: Mt. Pleasant—Eller, K. Foster, Ronda—Hager.

**Second Game, Girls**

Pos. Wilkesboro 30	26 R. River
F—Long 19	T. Alexander
F—Williams 6	13 Elmore
F—Garwood 5	13 Ward
G—Mathis	Smith
G—Stone	Blackburn
G—Vaught	S. Alexander

Substitutes: Wilkesboro—Minton; Roaring River—Shumate, Staley.

**Third Game, Boys**

Pos. Mt. View 34	33 M. Creek
F—Baugus 17	9 Vannoy
F—Johnson 5	12 Benton
C—Mayberry 2	9 Watkins
G—Yale 10	1 Crysel
G—Blevins	2 Snyder

Substitutes: Mountain View—Felts; Millers Creek—McGlamery, Pierce, Whittington.

**FRIDAY GAMES—**

**First Game, Girls**

Pos. Mtn. View 31	14 Traphill
F—Sloope 15	2 Wheeling
F—M. Woodruff 2	J. Holbrook
F—N. Rhodes 13	Brown
G—P. Woodruff	A. Billings
G—Harrold	R. Billings
G—A. Rhoades	Harrold

Half-time score: M. V. 16, Traphill 10.

Substitutes: M. V.—Wiles 1, Traphill—L. Billings, C. Billings 1.

**Second Game, Boys**

Pos. Mtn. View 31	23 R. River
F—Baugus 15	3 Tharpe
F—Dobson 7	5 Alexander
C—Mayberry	4 Jordan
G—C. Gardner	

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### 12,000 Born This Year To Be Accident Victims In Childhood

#### Week's Schedule For Wilkes H. D. Clubs

Wednesday, March 10—Mtn. View HD club will meet with Mrs. J. P. Hutchinson at 2 p. m. Benham 4-H club will meet at 9:30 a. m. Thursday, March 11—Ferguson HD club will meet at Ferguson schoolhouse at 8 p. m.; Wilkesboro 4-H will meet at 10:30 a. m.; Moravian Falls 4-H club will meet at 9:15 p. m. Friday, March 12—Pores Knob HD club will meet at the Community House at 2 p. m. Monday, March 15—Boomer HD club will meet at Mrs. John Andrews' at 2 p. m. Tuesday, March 16—Mulberry HD club will meet with Mrs. Coyd Elledge at 7:30 p. m.

#### Speaker At Safety Council Meeting Here Friday Cites Dangers

At present accident rates 12,000 children born this year will not live to be 14 years old, Charles Ray, director of safety engineering for Markel's Service, Richmond, Va., told the Western Piedmont Safety Council meeting here Friday night. Representatives of several northwestern North Carolina counties were present for the meeting at the city hall, which was presided over by Cecil F. Adamson, of Wilkes Hosiery Mills company, council president. Prior to the feature address the North Wilkesboro high school glee club under direction of Mrs. A. F. Kilby entertained the audience with delightful numbers. Jack Wyson, vice president of the council and program chairman for the evening, presented the speaker.

### Excessive Speed Accident Cause, Specialist Says

"Excessive speed is the greatest single cause of motor vehicle accidents," Harry M. Pontius, safety director of Farm Bureau Insurance companies, said Monday when he addressed students of North Wilkesboro and Wilkesboro schools prior to safety demonstrations.

A pertinent fact brought out in his address and the demonstrations which followed was that stopping distances for motor vehicles is usually much greater than the driver estimates. Street demonstrations were given at driving speeds of 20, 30 and 40 miles per hour. At Wilkesboro drivers participating in the tests were Bobby Parker and Dianne Vestal, students; Eddie Adelman, teacher; and R. D. Fennell, highway patrolman. At North Wilkesboro Gordon Finley and Margaret Hutchens, students; Howard Bowers, teacher; and Sgt. Carlyle Staley, of the city police force.

Actual tests were conducted in a popular make car which has three guns, loaded with yellow marker bullets, mounted on the front bumper. Mr. Pontius rides in the car with the driver and when the car is traveling at a given speed the first gun is fired. This is a signal for the driver to apply the brakes, at which time the second gun is fired automatically. The third gun is fired when the car is actually stopped. This leaves three yellow marks on the street—one where the signal to apply the brakes was given, one where they were actually applied, and one where the car was stopped.

Mr. Pontius asked students to stand on the marks so that all present could see clearly the reaction distance, which is the measurement between the first and second bullet marks, and the braking distance, the space between the second and third yellow marks. The distances were measured by the two students and the records announced over the public address system with which the car is equipped. While many think of excessive speed in terms of 60, 70 and 80 miles per hour, the safety director clearly demonstrated that even 20, 30 and 40 miles per hour can be excessive under many conditions and circumstances.

### Gym Fund Here Is Now \$3,354.73

North Wilkesboro school gymnasium improvement fund has reached \$3,354.73, J. Floyd Woodward, school superintendent, reported today. This amount exceeds the original goal of \$3,000 set for heating facilities and dressing rooms, but plans have been changed to include four dressing rooms with showers instead of two and construction costs will be higher. Over \$50 was added to the fund by the square dance and since the last published report the following have made donations: T. S. Kenerly, Winnie McLean, Blanche Irvin, D. Penney and Mrs. E. S. Cooper, J. C. Penney company, H. D. Burke, and E. F. Gardner.

### Several Players Under Contract "Flashers" Nine

Manager Flash Loman has been busy during the past week signing up additional manpower for the North Wilkesboro "Flashers" in the Blue Ridge League this season. The season will open May 1 with Leaksville here, but spring training will begin on Memorial Park field April 5 and there will be several exhibition games prior to May 1. The name of Harry Pete Hendershot, of Summerville, N. J., 175-pound, six-foot catcher and outfielder, has been received on a contract. He is a limited service player with two successful years in the Coastal Plain league. Richard Gordon is a splendid rookie pitcher prospect with his six feet-four inches and 180 pounds. He hails from Brown Summit, where he won 18 and lost 2 games in a county league last year. Bill Robinson, 23, is a first baseman with a height of six feet and 170 pounds. His home is at Snow Camp and he was with the Sanford team early last year. He had class man opposition at first base and there was no place for him on the club. A seasoned veteran is Tom Daddino, left handed first baseman from Delano, N. J. He is 27 and stands an even six feet. He has played with Salisbury in the Eastern Shore league and with Shreveport, La. Negotiations are under way for several other players and the invite has gone out for all players in this area to try out, beginning April 5.

### Delegates Named To International Convention In Los Angeles, Calif.

North Wilkesboro high school band rendered a most enjoyable program Friday noon at the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club meeting. The band had 44 members and Miss Eva Bingham was director. The organization by the splendid performance showed much progress and the program was enthusiastically received. The number given were "Blue Devil Mounties" march, "Coronation," "Old Gray Mare" march, "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor," "New Colonial March" and "Star Spangled Banner." Joe Barber, R. R. Church and P. E. Forester were named by the club as delegates to the Kiwanis International convention to be held in Los Angeles, California, June 4. Arthur Venable reported that the goal of \$3,000 for the gymnasium fund had been reached and thanked members for their assistance. Guests Friday were as follows: J. Floyd Woodward with J. H. Whicker, Miss Blanche Sidden with C. C. Sidden, Sam Dobson and Howard Colvard with Paul Choplin.

### Band At Lions' Meeting

The North Wilkesboro high school band also furnished the program for the Lions Club meeting Friday evening. Lions club members were high in their praise of the performance and the great improvement of the band over last year. At the Lions meeting members were given tickets to sell for the Lions sponsored play to be put on tonight, eight o'clock, at the North Wilkesboro school auditorium by the Playeractors of A. S. T. C. of Boone.

### Raymond Elledge Is Arrested Here

Raymond Elledge, wanted by officers in several counties for note forgeries, was arrested by officers Sunday at the home of relative, on North Wilkesboro route two. He was placed in jail to await trial of forgery charges here, in Winston-Salem, Thomasville and other points. April 26 and 27. Negotiations are under way for a game with the class AA team of the New York Yankees at Binghamton, N. Y., and Utica, N. Y., also in the Eastern League. The famed Lefty Gomez is Binghamton manager. Other teams being considered are Wes Ferrell's team at Marion, N. C., Chatham Blaketeers, Appalachian college and possibly other college teams in the state if their schedules are not completed. Exhibition Games Two exhibition games with Statesville of the North State league have been scheduled for

### Serving In Guam



Pfc. William A. Wyatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roe M. Wyatt, of North Wilkesboro, is now stationed with an army fire department in Guam. Pfc. Wyatt has an excellent record.

### Smithy's Store At Damascus Burns

Smithy's Department store, one of many in the Smithy chain of stores owned by N. B. Smithy, of Wilkesboro, was totally destroyed by fire in Damascus, Va., Friday night. The fire, of undetermined origin, destroyed the large frame building and a large stock of merchandise. It was a complete department store and was well stocked. Some insurance was carried on the property but the loss was only partially covered.

### Band Concert Is Enjoyed Friday By Kiwanis Club

### Two Men With 45 Automatic Get \$35 At Service Station Friday

Two men with a 45 calibre automatic entered the Esso station near the Reddies River bridge Friday night, eight o'clock, and held up the station attendant, Jasper Hayes. Hayes said the robbers cleaned the cash register of about \$35 but failed to search him. He had about \$75 cash in his pockets. The station is owned by Charlie Johnson and operated by Wake Eller. Police and highway patrol officers are continuing their investigation of the robbery.

### Committee Will Serve Veterans On Employment

Connelly C. Gamble, assistant state service officer, William McElwee, local service officer, local Post No. 125, have been named Veterans' Re-employment Rights Committee for Wilkes county, according to an announcement made today by Hugh W. Bradley, field representative, VRRD, United States Department of Labor. Certificates of appointment have been issued to these committeemen and they are now prepared to aid veterans in obtaining reemployment and seniority rights to which they are entitled under the selective Service Act. These Committeemen will all serve voluntarily in giving advice and assistance to veterans who feel that they have reemployment problems involving restoration in their old jobs or seniority and accrued benefits on the job and to those who have been laid off or discharged without cause before completing one year of employment to which they are entitled. "Every effort will be made to adjust all cases amicably," Mr. Bradley said. "This is in keeping with the policy declared by Secretary of Labor Schwelbenbach, and Robert K. Salyers, director of the Department's Veterans' Reemployment Rights Division. Litigation will be resorted to only when there appears to be a violation of the veterans' rights which cannot be resolved otherwise. It is believed, however, that such cases will be rare."

### Education Study Mar. 10 at North Wilkesboro High

#### School To Close At Least Large Group Parents Wanted at Conference

By J. FLOYD WOODWARD The North Wilkesboro school system has been selected as one of the seventeen administrative units in our state to cooperate with the Education Commission appointed by the governor to make a comprehensive study of education in North Carolina. I am sure that all of us want to do our best to make this study thorough, practical, and helpful in every way.

On Wednesday, March 10, our school will close at 12:00 in order that the afternoon may be used to discuss and to fill out a detailed questionnaire on secondary education. Beginning at 1:00 p. m. three groups of people are to meet simultaneously to discuss the "Imperative Needs of Youth." One group will consist of high school pupils; another groups will be made up of parents and patrons; the third group will include our teachers. The school will need at least thirty or more parents and patrons who will be willing to sit down and discuss for three hours or more our urgent needs in education. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to express themselves concerning the high school curriculum and organization. This is a challenge to fathers and mothers to take time out to evaluate what we are teaching in our high schools and what should be taught. All parents and patrons who can arrange to do so, are asked to meet at 1:00 p. m., March 10, in the high school library. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

### Service Station Here Is Held Up

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### Minton Case Is In Wilkes Court

Trial of Ching Minton for fatal shooting of Atwell Wilson Parsons at Boomer in December, 1946, was begun in Wilkes court today. In the March term of court last year, Minton was convicted and sentenced when the jury returned a manslaughter verdict. Appeal to the supreme court won a new trial. Parsons was killed at a place of business operated by Minton. Results of minor cases, tried Thursday will be carried in a later issue of this newspaper. Trial of Johnny Correll, of Lenoir, for death of Charles C. Baker has been continued for the term due to illness of a principal witness.

### District Governor Of Kiwanis Coming

Dr. Eugene J. Coltrane, president of Brovar college and governor of Carolinas district of Kiwanis International, will address the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon, March 12. H. P. Eller will be program chairman and subject to be used by Dr. Coltrane will be "Ideals Of Kiwanis."