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## Education Topic Kiwanis Program Here On Friday

Many phases of education problems were brought before the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club Friday noon.

Program Chairman C. B. Eller addressed the club on "The School Situation in Wilkes county." He enumerated a number of ways in which the club has aided the school program in Wilkes county. Some of the projects sponsored in the schools are: The Good Citizenship award; The Vocational Guidance Program; Other projects by the Boys and Girls Committee; The Dental Clinic; The Securing the Agricultural Teachers for the Wilkesboro high school and one for the Lincoln Heights school.

He stated that during the past year the county authorities had granted funds to erect two school buildings and one addition in another school; and that some 20 odd school buses had been bought.

Kiwanian Eller then stated that a recent survey shows the following: students enrolled in the Wilkes county schools, 10,288; teachers below standard, 30; students poorly housed in inadequate buildings, 3,122; students in buildings without plumbing, 4,637; students in buildings without central heat, 4,406; students in buildings without auditoriums, 3,072; students in buildings without gymnasiums, 4,568. At least 12 of the buildings housing a large number of children would not sell for enough to pay for tearing them down, he said.

The North Wilkesboro elementary children are taught in a building which was erected in 1913-14.

The cost of erecting buildings for basic needs would be \$1,250,000. Cost for other buildings which are essential would be \$2,500,000. Wilkes County has been spending for building costs per child per year about \$3.00; while the average for the state is about \$6.00 per child.

Kiwanian Eller presented Tom Jenrette, secretary-manager of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, who explained the Federal Aid Bill, S 472, which passed the U. S. Senate April 1st and is now in the lower House of Congress for consideration.

Should this bill pass it would appropriate to States the sum of \$300,000,000 per year and North Carolina would receive about \$22,800,000 per year. Mr. Jenrette pointed out a number of the pros and cons that have been given in the discussion of the bill, as follows:

### Federal Aid To Education

- Arguments for Federal Aid:
1. Some states are relatively poor and generally have a limited power of taxation.
  2. The federal government's revenue sources have increased at a much faster rate than have those within the states.
  3. According to U. S. census of 1945 more than 2,000,000 children between the ages of 6-17 are not in school at all. In 1940, 10,000,000 U. S. adults had less than 5 years schooling and the majority were from the poorer states.
  4. In World War II, 8 per cent of the young men (1,200,000) examined by Selective Service were rejected because of educational deficiencies.
  5. 2,000,000 children are being taught by teachers who have no certificates of any kind and who are not qualified by any standards of education.
  6. Adequate educational systems are necessary to improve the economic conditions in the poorer states.
  7. Federal government has an obligation to provide quality of opportunity to the children of the U. S. Great variations exist among the 48 states in their income and, therefore, their ability to provide good schools.
  8. Increased migration caused a nationwide scattering of the under-educated from low standard states. To prevent lowering of national educational levels, federal taxes should be placed on wealth where it is and federal aid to education for children given where they are. Most recent census figures show that 22-1-2 per cent, or over 30 millions, of our citizens were not born in the states in which they are now living.

Arguments Against Federal Aid

1. Education is properly a state responsibility.
2. The increase of state aid for education in the last few years

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## People Asked Not To Pile Trash On Streets In Our City

North Wilkesboro city authorities are requesting residents of the city to refrain from piling grass, leaves and other trash on the streets.

The street force is making special efforts to keep the streets clean by washing them at night, but trash piled into the streets has a tendency to stop up storm sewer drains and make street cleaning next to impossible.

Those who have trash to dispose of are asked to pile it at places other than in the streets and cooperation will be appreciated and will result in a cleaner and more attractive city.

## Musical Playlet Friday Night At School Building

The North Wilkesboro Parent-Teacher association is sponsoring a musical playlet, "The Nutcracker Suite," by Tschaisowsky, Friday evening, April 30, at eight o'clock, in the school auditorium. This playlet, a story in music arranged by Mrs. Ada Rector, will be given by school children. All the children will be in costumes. The cast will include the following: The Narrator, Cella Carter; Nutcracker, Dan Church; Mary, Jean Weyland; The Overture will be played by Martha Gozeal Justice. Dance of Toy Soldiers—Gall Woodward, Jane Gambill, Tim Williams and Tommy Frazier, accompanied by Ann Weaver Starr.

Dance of Candy Fairy by Toby Smith, accompanied by Patsy Morgan; Russian Dancer, Betty Cloe Payne, accompanied by Joan Porter; Arabian dancer, Colleen Moore, accompanied by Joan Porter; Chinese dancer, Patricia Woodward, accompanied by Ann Smith; Dance of the Reed pipes, Abigail Church and Wanda Patrum, accompanied by Ann Smith; Grand Finale will be led by Joan Porter, Ann Smith, Patsy Morgan and Ann Weaver Starr, accompanied by Martha Gozeal Justice.

The first portion of the program will be novelty and piano numbers. This program which promises to be delightful entertainment, is under the direction of Mrs. Andrew Kilby.

Admission will be 50c per adults and 25c for children. School children are selling tickets.

## Tobacco Growers Are Entertained By Farm Bureau

By J. P. CHOPLIN, County Agent  
Wednesday night, April 21, at 6:00 p. m. the Wilkes County Farm Bureau entertained 200 or more Wilkes county tobacco farmers at the Ronda high school gymnasium. C. E. Tharpe, president of the Wilkes County Farm Bureau, was the host and opened the meeting with a speech of welcome.

Roy R. Bennett, tobacco specialist with the N. C. State College Extension Service, gave an instructive talk on the production of fine-cured tobacco. The theme of Mr. Bennett's talk was the production of quality tobacco in the Old Belt.

Lloyd T. Weeks, Secretary-Manager of the Tobacco Stabilization Corporation, gave the tobacco farmers a talk on the operation of the organization and how it was managed to aid the tobacco farmers to get the most for their tobacco.

At 7:30 p. m. a delicious fish supper was served to the group by the ladies of the community. David L. Kelley, Assistant Secretary of the N. C. Farm Bureau, and Mr. George Farthing, Field Representative of the N. C. Farm Bureau, gave talks concerning the activities of the North Carolina and National Farm Bureau.

Lawrence Miller, Secretary of the Wilkes County Farm Bureau, introduced the Farm Bureau speakers.

R. O. Poplin, Principal of the Ronda School, and several 4-H Club boys and girls, assisted the program in many ways. Charles Blackburn operated the movie machine and Robert Dimmette operated the public address system.

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## Tri-County Spring Festival Meeting In Elkin April 29

By MRS. ANNIE H. GREENE, Home Demonstration Agent, and MISS MARGARET C. MORRISON, Assistant Home Demonstration Agent.

The Spring Festival Meeting for the Home Demonstration Club Members from Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes counties will be held in the Elkin Y. M. C. A. on Thursday, April 29th. This meeting will begin at 10:30 a. m. and continue until three in the afternoon, having an hour for lunch.

We feel that the program, which follows, will be a very interesting one:

10:30 a. m.—Song, Hall Club Women Crowned Through Service; Devotional, Mrs. A. T. Whittington, Wilkes County; Welcome, Mr. Linville Hendren, President of Kiwanis Club; Introduction of speaker, Mr. Garland Johnson, Mayor of Elkin; Address of Welcome, Mr. Thurmond Chatham, Chairman of Board, Chatham Manufacturing Co.; Greetings, Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent; Song, The Quilting Party; "The Importance of the Family in the World Today," Mrs. Virginia S. Swain, Extension Specialist in Family Relations.

1:00 p. m.—Song, "My Wild Irish Rose" and "Bells of St. Marys"; Introduction of Speaker, Mrs. Arlie Steelman; "Bigger Things Can Be Ours," Miss Iris Davenport, Editor Woman's Department Southern Agriculturist; Song, "Shortening Bread"; Insect Control, Mr. James T. Conner, Jr., Extension Entomologist; Song, Goodbye Ladies.

The Extension Specialists who are to be present will discuss very timely subjects, which will be of particular interest to all present.

Miss Iris Davenport, who is to speak on "Bigger Things Can Be Ours," is Woman's Editor of Southern Agriculturist. She is a native North Carolinian, a graduate of the University of Georgia and earned her M. A. degree at Columbia University. Miss Davenport brings to the readers of Southern Agriculturist long experience in helping farm women in domestic and economic problems in which she has thorough understanding and genuine interest. She is an accomplished speaker and is in demand on farm programs, college and civic groups. "Again, this year, we are guests of the Kiwanis Club of Elkin and it is hoped that a large number of Wilkes County Home Demonstration members will plan to attend.

## FLASHERS TO PLAY HERE TONIGHT, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY EXHIBITION

North Wilkesboro Flashers plunged today in the final week of spring training in preparation for their opening game of the Blue Ridge season here Saturday night against Leaksville.

Four exhibition games are scheduled for this week with Newton playing here tonight, Shelbyville Tuesday night and Staley Wednesday night. The exhibition slate will be completed against Shelby by Thursday night. There will be no game by the Flashers Friday as they put finishing touches on practice and arrangements for the big opening game.

The club is well set with first class catching with Mike Brelich, baseball veteran; Johnnie Mercak, of Woonsoket, R. I.; Henry Duncan, experienced catcher from Pulaski; and Bob Collins, hard hitting rookie.

The mound staff looks good with Clayton Goad, Worth Cuthbertson and Paul Pryor experienced hurlers; Michael Arnett, of New York City, rookie right hander; and Ray Blevins, southpaw from Lansing, Ashe county.

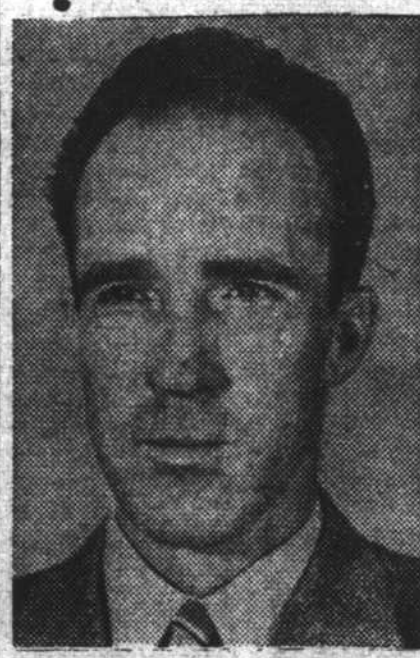
Used on the infield in exhibition games are Tom Daddino, of Delano, N. J., experienced first sacker; Jake Lowe at second, Tom Cumbly at short and Jack Leonard at third, all with some pro experience. Flash Loman, manager, is a third or second baseman, which rounds out the infield with one to spare.

Outfield is still in the experimental stage with Troy Stanley, promising rookie, in right; Douglas Shores in center and Jack Cooper, Fred Lambert, Jimmie Johnson, T. H. Deal, James Ledbetter other outfield candidates.

## Festival Speakers



MISS RUTH CURRENT  
State Home Demonstration Agent



JAMES T. CONNER, JR.  
Extension Entomologist



MISS IRIS DAVENPORT  
Editor Women's Department,  
Southern Agriculturist

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In addition, other outfielders are expected this week.

Lincolnton Takes Game  
Johnnie Allen's team from Lincolnton won a close one from North Wilkesboro here Thursday night with a ninth-inning rally which netted four runs. The visiting Cardinals got two in the first on an outfield error and a triple. In the fifth the Flashers went to work and scored four runs on as many hits, a base on balls and one error, with Cumbly smashing a double. In the seventh another tally was entered on Cumbly's second double and Jimmie Johnson's single. Entering the ninth the score was 7 to 4 for the Flashers. The first Cardinal singled the second was on by error and the bases were filled by a batter whom the umpire ruled was hit by a pitched ball. A line drive missed in the outfield scored three runs and the fourth and winning tally was batted in by a double.

Paul Pryor, class man pitcher from Woonsoket, R. I., went the route in his first exhibition test and was effective despite the cold weather. Brelich caught, Reynolds and Caskie pitched for the visitors with St. George and Campbell catching.

Homer Wins For Newton  
The Newton twins dramatically won in the ninth frame at Newton Friday night when, with the score 6-7, Manager Yount smashed a long homer far over the left field fence. The Flashers went into the lead 6 to 2 in the third inning on six successive hits by Leonard, Lowe, Brelich, Stanley, Daddino and Shores. Another was added in the fourth.

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## New Schedule For Auto Inspection In Area Number 8

Lane Here To May 3; Will Return To This City June 15 to 29

Raleigh.—The Motor Vehicles Department announced today a change in the schedule for Mechanical Inspection Lane No. 8, to cover Wilkes, Alleghany, and Surry counties.

The lane has originally been scheduled to visit Elkin, Mount Airy, Sparta, North Wilkesboro. The new schedule has added Pilot Mountain.

Arthur T. Moore, Director of the Mechanical Inspection Program, said Pilot Mountain had been added to give better service to motorists in that area.

The lane has been operating in North Wilkesboro since April 15. It will move on May 3 to Elkin with this schedule:

Elkin—May 4-12.  
Pilot Mountain—May 14-20.  
Mount Airy—May 22-June 3.  
Sparta—June 5-12.  
North Wilkesboro—June 15-20.  
Elkin—July 1—

## Committees Wilkes Chamber Will Meet

Membership committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight, 7:30, at the Chamber of Commerce office. Vernon Deal is chairman of the committee.

On Tuesday afternoon at four p. m. the Safety and Fire Prevention committee, of which Cecil F. Adamson is chairman, will meet at the chamber office. Fire protection and highway safety measures will be discussed.

The industrial committee, with a number of other interested citizens, will meet Friday, 7:30 p. m., in the ballroom of Hotel Wilkes to discuss ways and means of industrial expansion in Wilkes county. This is considered a highly important meeting. J. B. Williams is chairman of the committee and will preside.

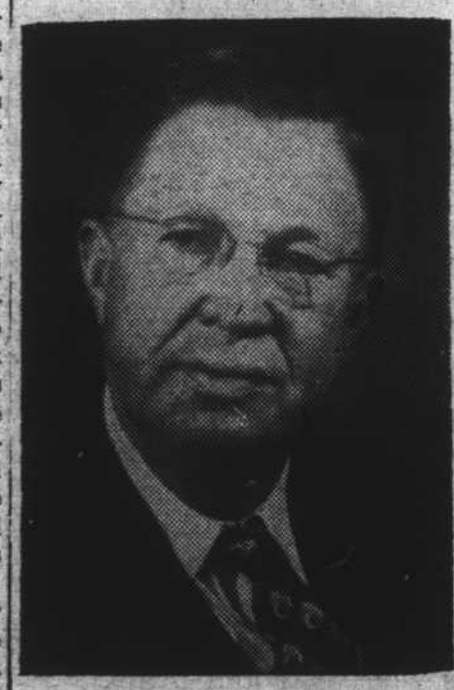
## Commencement Of Elementary Units Wilkesboro 29th

Elementary grades of Wilkesboro school will present their commencement program Thursday night, eight p. m., in the school gymnasium.

The commencement will be a musical program entitled "Spring Frolic" and will have about 400 children in the cast. The program will be carried out on the gym floor and spectators will occupy the gymnasium seats, which will accommodate more than 1,000 people.

Much work has gone into preparation of the program, which is expected to be an outstanding event at the large school.

## In Revival



Rev. H. A. Forester yesterday began preaching in a revival now in progress at Union Methodist church, of which Rev. H. M. Wellman is pastor. Services are held each night at 7:30 and everybody invited. Rev. Mr. Forester is a former Wilkes resident and has many friends in the county who will welcome the opportunity to hear him.

Demand for farm products probably will not be as strong in 1948 as last year but will remain higher than in 1946.

## Local Students Rated Highly In Music Contest

Miss Ellen Robinson, instructor in piano and voice at North Wilkesboro school, entered ten students in the district contest of the North Carolina Federation of Junior Music clubs at Hickory April 17.

Participating pupils were Jessica Marlow, Virginia Brame, Nancy Sturdivant, Patricia Caldwell, Teddie Sue Adams, Loraine Shumate, Doris Anne Godbey, Christine Godbey, Betty Wells and Martha Jane Gilreath. The pupils received high ratings, including three superior for piano, three excellent, three very good and two received rating of good.

Miss Robinson, Mrs. Jack Brame and Mrs. W. K. Sturdivant accompanied the pupils to the contest.

## Wilkes Chamber Commerce Urges Road Improvement

Delegation From Ferguson Community Pledged Aid Toward Road Needs

Board of directors of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce in April meeting heard a delegation from the Ferguson community ask the aid of the organization in their efforts to secure road improvement in that part of the county.

In the delegation were Mrs. Eugene Shepherd, Glenn Williams, Genio Walsh and Fayette Matherly. They asked cooperation of the chamber in their request to highway authorities to construct roads, particularly highway 268 through the Ferguson community to the Caldwell county line.

The directors went on record to aid the Ferguson people in improving the road situation. The first step necessary, it was brought out, will be to determine the Bureau of Roads exact policy and plans relative to highway 268.

The directors were presented with a statement of policy to be used by the Solicitations Control committee, which will be a yardstick for rejection or approval of applications to do soliciting in the community. A copy of this statement of policy has been mailed to each chamber member. They are urged to read it, analyze its contents and to make any suggestions as to desired changes. These suggestions should be made prior to the next meeting May 18. At the present rate, applications for the chamber's approval to solicit funds, sell ads, etc., are averaging about 12 per month.

The board voted to support a request that representatives and senators be urged to support a bill now pending in congress, which would limit power of any radio station to 50,000 watts.

R. M. Brame, Jr., chamber president, presided at the meeting.

## Fire Prevention In Forests Being Taught In School

All teachers of Wilkes county are being asked to discuss with the pupils ways and means to keep fires out of forests during May at a time when an anticipated dry season will take the place of the past rainy months, it was stated here Friday by W. L. Shaddix, of the Southern States Forestfire Commission, Inc., who was in the county to offer forest booklets, posters, film, and wild life charts to teachers who aid in forest conservation education.

County Superintendent C. B. Eller has sent a letter to each of the 240 teachers requesting their active help during remainder of the school term, and also listing valuable material made available to them in cooperation with the Commission and other agencies interested in timber and wild life protection.

## "Socially Ambitious" At Ferguson School

Senior class of Ferguson high school will present "Socially Ambitious," a three-act play, at the school on the night of Friday, April 30, eight p. m. All are urged to attend and are assured of ample entertainment.

## Poultrymen Will Have Important Meet Thursday

Poultry Specialist, Broiler Report and Exhibit Plans To Be Discussed

Agricultural committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the county agent's office, has planned an important meeting of poultry growers, hatcherymen and poultry processors to be held at the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce Thursday, April 29, 7:30 p. m., W. K. Sturdivant, Agricultural committee chairman, said today.

Several matters pertaining to future progress of the large poultry industry in Wilkes will be taken up.

One of the important proposals will be whether or not the poultrymen wish to have a full time poultry specialist for the county.

Another question will be whether or not the poultrymen desire a weekly broiler report for this area by the statistical division of the State Department of Agriculture.

The third important question will be plans for a Wilkes poultry exhibit at the Carolina Poultry Exposition to be held later this year in Asheville.

## Sebastian Infant Funeral Was Today

Last rites were held today at Rock Creek church for Jerry Spurgeon Sebastian, week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sebastian, of North Wilkesboro, route two. The child died Sunday. Rev. Cager Dillard conducted the service. Surviving are the father and mother and one sister, Judy Anne Sebastian.

## North Wilkesboro Is To Play Elkin

North Wilkesboro high school baseball team will play its first home game of the season Friday night, eight o'clock, in Memorial Park, and opposing team of the Mountain Lions will be their arch rivals from down the river, the Buckin' Elks of Elkin high.

On Wednesday North Wilkesboro lost to Elkin at Elkin 6 to 2 and the Mountain Lions will be out for revenge. The Mountain Lions lost to Boone at Boone 6 to 1.

This week North Wilkesboro high school will play two games away—at Taylorsville Tuesday and at Mount Airy Thursday.

## Wilkesboro High Beats Taylorsville

Wilkesboro high school won a thrilling baseball game from Taylorsville Friday afternoon at Wilkesboro 2 to 0.

Jack Groce went the route for the Ramblers on the mound and allowed only three hits. Craig and Groce hit doubles in the third for the first run and the second was scored on four bunts in the eighth. Only one error was chalked against the Ramblers and two for Taylorsville. Wilkesboro had four hits.

On Wednesday Wilkesboro lost to Sparta 7 to 1 at Sparta.

Two games are scheduled this week with Wilkesboro going to Granite Falls for a game at eight o'clock Tuesday night and to Boone for a game Saturday afternoon. Boone high will return the game here next week in a night contest.

## Optimist Head In Hickory

Lucien L. Renart, of Miami, Fla., president of Optimist International, was guest of honor at the First Anniversary Party of the Hickory Optimist club on Wednesday evening of last week at Hotel Hickory. The occasion was also ladies' night for the local club, and more than one hundred people attended the party.

Those going from North Wilkesboro were Mr. and Mrs. Millard Winecoff, Miss Selenia Henson, Mr. and Mrs. Julius C. Hubbard and daughter, Miss Nell Hubbard. Messrs. Winecoff and Hubbard are charter members of the Optimist Club of North Wilkesboro.

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