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## Forestry Subject Kiwanis Program Here Friday Noon

Director State Forestry Association And District Ranger Speaker

The North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club through its program at Friday's luncheon meeting learned much about forestry and the tremendous importance of wood products in local economy.

The program was in charge of Dudley Hill, who asked Paul Osborne to present the speakers.

A. D. Williams, of Lenoir, forest ranger for nine counties, was the first speaker. He told of the work being done in Wilkes county under the leadership of Arlie Foster, Wilkes forester, who was presented during the program. Mr. Williams stated that the number of forest fires in Wilkes county has decreased from about 75 per cent to 25 last year. Ten fires this year, he said, burned less than 25 acres.

The speaker stated that Wilkes has the largest forest area of any county in the western half of the state, with 307,000 acres. Fires are detected from two towers within the county and two nearby in other counties. Plans are under way to equip the forest protection service with two-way radios, one of which will be at the Rendezvous Mountain tower in the western part of the county.

William S. Edmonds, executive director of the North Carolina Forestry Association, was the second speaker. He stated that the state has 18,500,000 acres of forest lands, eight per cent of which belongs to comparatively small landowners, while ten per cent is on public lands and ten on holdings of large corporations. In 1947 the state ranked 6th in lumber production. This production, he said, could be increased four times if all forests were protected from fires and if all forest lands were properly aided to produce to capacity. He further explained that forest fires are preventable and that the association through a program of education is seeking to arouse public interest in protection of forests, reforestation and other subjects related to conservation and greater development.

The program provoked much thought and was well received. Guests at Friday's meeting were: P. E. Brown and C. C. Sinden with Paul Osborne; Tom Frazier with J. C. Reins; Max Foster with H. P. Eller; Howard Colvard, Fred Davis, H. C. Roberts, C. C. Tharpe, R. E. Dunn, J. Floyd Woodward, Dwight Nichols, J. H. Whicker, Jr., and H. R. Eller were guests of Tom Jenrette and members of the Wilkes committee to "Keep North Carolina Green".

## Murrell Funeral In Atlanta Friday

Funeral service was held Friday afternoon in Atlanta, Ga., for Alfred H. Murrell, 67, prominent Atlanta business man who was killed in a tragic accident near here Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Murrell was driving a car which proceeded from highway 115 into highway 421 east of Wilkesboro when his car was hit by a tractor-trailer load of cinder blocks from Elizabethton, Tenn. His body was badly mangled and the car was completely demolished.

Mr. Murrell was president of the Wheel and Axle Alignment company, of Atlanta, Ga.

## Wilkesboro Town Election May 3

Wilkesboro town election will be held on Tuesday, May 3, J. R. Henderson, town clerk, has announced.

Mayor W. E. Smithey and all members of the board of commissioners have filed for re-election. The commissioners are Johnson Sanders, Joe H. Pearson, Russell Gray, Jr., and A. A. Triplett.

There will be no contest in the election, which is expected to be routine procedure.

## O. E. S. Meeting

Wilkes chapter number 42, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet Thursday, 7:30. All members are asked to attend.

## To Address Doctors

Dr. W. E. Burnett of the Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, will speak on methods for decreasing the risk of surgery in older patients before North Carolina doctors this week.



Appearing on the programs of the three Postgraduate Courses in Medicine being sponsored by the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and the Extension Division, Dr. Burnett will speak in North Wilkesboro Tuesday, April 26; in Salisbury, Wednesday, and in Raleigh Thursday. Dr. Burnett will conduct a clinic at the Wilkes Hotel in North Wilkesboro Tuesday afternoon at 4 p. m., and address a dinner session there that night beginning at 7 o'clock.

The same schedule will be followed in Salisbury Wednesday with the clinic being held at the King's Daughters Hut and the dinner-lecture at the Yadin Hotel, while the Raleigh sessions will be at the Rex Hospital Nurses Home during the afternoon and at the S. and W. Cafeteria that night.

## Optimist District Governor To Be In City Tuesday

George Fella, of Charlotte, district governor of Optimist International, will be a special guest of the local club at the regular club luncheon to be held at Hotel Wilkes Tuesday, twelve to one o'clock.

District Governor Fella will install new officers of the club at the luncheon meeting. A fine attendance of members is expected to greet Governor Fella, and his visit is awaited with much interest.

## House Of David Here On Tuesday

Flashers Perform Well In Early Exhibitions; At Elkin Tonight

Playing in mid-season form, the flashy Flashers of the Blue Ridge league are having a successful exhibition series, although emphasis has been placed on training and selection rather than winning games.

Rhoades and Bentley Win Here Saturday night Leslie Rhoades and Lee Bentley, both Wilkes county hurlers, gave the local fans a fine pitching exhibition as they teamed up to hold Rutherfordton to five hits and won 4 to 1. Rhoades hurled six innings and had trouble only in one when the visitors gathered three hits for one run. One of three fast double plays in the game was very helpful in that inning. Lee Bentley showed fine form with speed and curves to hold the visitors to one lucky hit in three innings. The Flashers infield worked without error and with increased speed.

Defeat Yadkinville Sunday afternoon rookies had a field day as the Flashers beat Yadkinville 7 to 5. Long, Cuthbertson and Bentley did the mound work but were not extended in their efforts. Cooper, Winklespeck and Manager Tom Daddino did the heavy hitting. Rookies working in the game included Pescitelli, Childress, Gregory, Proscia, Weatherman, Black, Winklespeck, and Bentley.

House Of David Here A treat in baseball entertainment should be the game here on Tuesday night, 7:45, against the House of David Bearded athletes.

Opening Night Is Planned The Flashers' first home game will be against Mt. Airy here next Tuesday night, which will be promotion night with big cash prizes and season tickets to be given. Special tickets have been printed and admission that one night will be \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children. Attendance prizes will be a \$100.00 bill and a \$50 bill, and three season passes. Season tickets and passes will not be good on opening night. Boy Scouts are selling the tickets on a commission basis.

Use of commercial fertilizer has increased rapidly in Texas since 1934.

## Doctors' Course To Be Held Here Tuesday, 4 and 7

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## Musical Arts Club To Meet Thursday

The Musical Arts Club will meet at the home of Miss Ruby Blackburn Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

A special feature on the program will be musical selections rendered by an accomplished violinist from Elkin, Mrs. Barbara Benson, who will be accompanied at the piano by her mother, Mrs. Benson.

## J. O. Wilcox Dies; Last Rites Today

Funeral service was held today at Flint Hill church for J. O. Wilcox, 58, local citizen who died Saturday. Rev. Ed Hayes conducted the service.

Mr. Wilcox leaves the following sons and daughters: Davis, McKinley, Zeb, Woodrow, Griffin, J. C. and Flossie Wilcox, Mrs. Quincy Clonch and Mrs. Albert Settle, all of North Wilkesboro.

## 2 Banks Sponsor 4-H Corn Projects

(By H. C. Colvard, Assistant County Agent)

The Northwestern Bank and the Bank of North Wilkesboro are sponsoring one hundred and ninety 4-H club corn projects for the boys of Wilkes county by providing hybrid seed for each project. On Saturday of last week each boy was sent a letter in regard to his project. In this letter was a card to be returned to the farm agent's office in case the club member wants seed for his project. No seed will be given except to those who fill out and return these cards. We want all of those cards returned this week as it is now corn planting time. We appreciate the banks providing this hybrid seed and would like for every boy to take advantage of this gift. Every effort will be made to provide the best hybrids available for these 4-H corn projects.

## 4-H CAMP

(By H. C. Colvard, Assistant County Agent)

All boys and girls planning to attend 4-H club camp at Mantoe during the week of July 18 are requested to bring or send their deposit to the farm or home agent's office this week. This is necessary in order that we may make final plans for transportation and camp in general. Forty-five boys and girls have sent in cards signed by their parents stating that they are going to camp.

## Library Here Will Be Closed Thursday

Wilkes Public Library will be closed Thursday, April 28, in order that the library personnel may attend a North Carolina Library association meeting in Durham.

## Girl Scout Notice

A call meeting of the Girl Scout Summer Camp committee will be held at the home of Mrs. Walter Newton, Wednesday, April 27th, at 2 p. m.

# New Laws Change City Court Here

## FORESTRY EDUCATION PROGRAM IS PLANNED FOR THIS COUNTY

Forestry division of the agricultural committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, with the aid of cooperating agencies, will do the work of the "Keep North Carolina Green" organization in Wilkes county, it was decided in a meeting held Friday afternoon in the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce office.

W. K. Sturdivant, chairman of the agricultural committee, opened the meeting and A. B. Johnston, Wilkes "Keep North Carolina Green" chairman, presided. William S. Edmonds, of Wanauch, executive director of the North Carolina Forestry Association, explained the purpose of his organization, which is the branch of "Keep America Green", a voluntary organization sponsored by American Forestry Products, Inc.

The program is principally education, stressing protection of forests from fires, reforestation, timber management and other practices in the interest of forestry and increased forest development.

The work will be carried out by news releases, radio programs, distribution of license plate extensions, pamphlets, talks and movies in the schools. E. G. Finley is chairman of the forestry division of the agricultural committee.

It was pointed out in the meeting that Wilkes has the greatest forest area of any county in the western part of the state.

Those attending the organization meeting of "Keep North Carolina Green" here included: A. B. Johnston, chairman; Paul Osborne, member of the forestry committee; Arlie Foster, Wilkes forester; A. D. Williams, district ranger; C. Arthur Venable, of the education committee; H. C. Colvard, assistant county agent; C. E. Tharpe, president of Farm Bureau; E. R. Eller, newly elected president of the Optimist club; P. E. Brown, lumber manufacturer; Robert Gibbs, Duke Power manager; J. F. Woodward, city schools superintendent; W. K. Sturdivant, agricultural committee chairman; E. G. Finley, forestry committee chairman; R. E. Dunn, of Soil Conservation Service; Richard Johnston, Chamber of Commerce president; Tom Jenrette, Chamber of Commerce manager; C. B. Eller, superintendent Wilkes schools; Paul Church, of the Farm Security Administration; John Cashion, of radio station WKBC; Dwight Nichols, Journal-Patriot editor; H. C. Roberts, Triple A chairman; William Gray, president of the Wilkesboro Business and Professional Men's Club.

## To Speak Here



Mrs. Carl Broome, of Hickory, state president of the American Legion Auxiliary, will address a district meeting to be held here Tuesday.

The 15th district meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, department of North Carolina, will be held Tuesday at 12 o'clock at the Carolina Restaurant with a luncheon meeting. Business is to follow the luncheon, Wilkes County Post No. 125 will be hostess.

Members who expect to attend should make reservation today with Mrs. Richard Finley. Among the state officers and committee women who are expected to attend are Mrs. Griffin-Smith, of Shelby, chairman of the legislative committee; Mrs. Lee Frans, of Hickory, scrap book chairman; Mrs. Carl Broome, of Hickory, state president; Miss Aurelia Adams, of Raleigh, department secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Weaver Mann, of Newton, national security chairman; Mrs. Bessie Smith, of Newton, publicity chairman.

## District Meeting Legion Auxiliary Will Be Held Here

Tuesday Date For District Meeting; State Officers To Participate

Mrs. Wayne Rogers, of Statesville, district committee woman, will be in charge of the meeting. Miss Norma Stevenson, of North Wilkesboro, is alternate. Mrs. R. G. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, is president of the hostess unit. Talks will be made by Mrs. Carl Broome, state president, and Miss Aurelia Adams, secretary-treasurer.

The units represented in the 15th district are Statesville, Taylorsville, Mooresville, West Jefferson, and North Wilkesboro.

## Venable Tire Co In New Quarters

The Venable Tire Company, formerly known as the V. & T. Tire Co., a local concern owned by C. Arthur Venable, in business in North Wilkesboro since 1945, has opened new quarters in the building formerly occupied by the Kaiser-Frazer automobile agency on Highway 115, next door to the state highway garage. The building is 70x100 feet and is partitioned off for offices and show room. The remaining portion of the building contains the stock of U. S. Royal and Hood tires, tubes and accessories and a complete retreading shop.

The Venable Tire Co. is the sole representative in Wilkes county of the nationally known Hawkinson Tread Method of recapping.

The Hawkinson method of tire recapping assures the tire owner of mileage on a recapped tire equal or superior to that of the original new tire. Mr. Venable said that it is not unusual for an owner to have the original tire recapped three or four times and he recounted one instance where the original casing had been recapped a total of nine times. The public is cordially invited to visit and inspect the headquarters of Venable Tire Co., and Mr. Venable, or one of his capable assistants will be happy to show the Hawkinson tire method.

## Girl Scout Camp Will Be Held At Mountain View

Girl Scout Summer Camp will open July 11th and continue through the 15th—which dates are Monday-Friday, inclusive. This summer the camp will be held at Mountain View school and campers will remain in camp overnight.

In the past, the Scout camp has been operated at Moravian Falls as a day camp and it is a step forward to be able to offer Scouts the four-day over-night camping. Mountain View school will afford the needed accommodations and give the added interest of new surroundings.

Each camper, girl or adult, will be responsible for her own sleeping bag or cot. Parents will be asked to get Scouts to camp and bring them back home.

The fee will be \$3.00 and Mrs. Walter Newton is now accepting registration. Detailed information will be mailed to each girl who registers for camp. Volunteer counselors and helpers, who are interested and can possibly give this service to the Scout work, are requested to notify Mrs. Robert Gibbs, camp director.

## Colored Resident Of Wilkesboro Dies

Funeral service was held today at Thankful church for Alma Ona Parsons Matthews, 39, wife of Richard Matthews, colored resident of Wilkesboro. She died Saturday.

Surviving are her husband and one son, Harold Wayne Matthews of Wilkesboro.

## ELKIN REPLACES ABINGDON IN BLUE RIDGE BASEBALL LEAGUE

Elkin, April 24.—Elkin, home of the state semipro champions and runners-up in the national tournament in 1948, tonight entered professional baseball for the first time in its history.

A group of some 30-40 local citizens approved submission of the town's application for membership in the Blue Ridge League at a gathering of sportsmen. Judge E. C. Bivins of Mt. Airy, president of the Blue Ridge League, immediately accepted the application and awarded the franchise. Arrangements had been made previously with the minor league office for such action.

Elkin thus joins its neighboring towns of Mt. Airy and North Wilkesboro in the league and at the same time the Class D loop acquires its sixth club, permitting it to operate as planned before Abingdon's withdrawal several days ago. An advisory committee of George Royal, Dr. Seth Beal and Dick Freeman was named to

## Oakwoods Troop Has Camping Trip

Boy Scout Troop 127 of Oakwoods, enjoyed a camping trip in the Brushy Mountains over the week-end. There were 17 boys present under the leadership of Scoutmaster Frank Walker and Committee man Archie Anderson. The following boys took part in cooking, hiking, trailing and other camp activities: Hayden Cleary, Larry Baily, James Reins, Cecil Hayes, Tracy Walker, Chas. Walker, Howard Moore, Robert Jones, Ray Jones, Ray Smith, Bill Gentry, Jay Gentle and Jerry McNeill.

## Martha Jane Brown Last Rites Sunday

Funeral service will be held Sunday, 11 a. m., at Mt. Zion church near Scottville in Alleghany county for Mrs. Martha Jane Brown, 83, who died Friday near this city.

Mrs. Brown is survived by the following sons and daughters: C. B., Thomas and A. J. Brown, and Mrs. Nannie Moxley, of North Wilkesboro route one; and Mrs. Jennie Parish, of Bel Camp, Md.

## Griffin Child Dies

Funeral service was held today at the family cemetery near Wilbar for Katy Sue Griffin, three-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Griffin, of Wilbar. The child died Sunday. Rev. Quincy Yates conducted the funeral service.

## Commissioners Will Name Judge And Set Salary

Mayor Will Not Be Judge; Salary of Mayor is Fixed At \$150 Monthly

Bills passed in the final week of the legislative session at Raleigh changed the framework of the North Wilkesboro city court. The bill which became law and went into full force upon its ratification, eliminates the mayor as judge of the court and provides for appointment of a judge by the North Wilkesboro board of commissioners. The bill set June 7, regular June meeting date of the board, as the date for appointment of the judge and solicitor of the court and provided that the judge may be an attorney but the judge cannot hold any elective office of the state, county or town. The judge must be an elector of Wilkes county but the bill does not state that he must be a resident of North Wilkesboro.

Under the new law the judge of the city court will receive no fees, but will receive a salary. The solicitor and clerk are also taken off the fee system. Under the present set-up, mayor, solicitor and clerk receive fees in cases where cost is paid by defendants.

New Bill Sets Salaries A separate bill was passed in the legislature setting the salary of the mayor of North Wilkesboro at \$150 per month, although the mayor will not be judge because of the provisions in the court bill which prohibits one holding an elective office from being judge. Under the city charter before passage of this bill the mayor received a salary of \$50 per month.

The salary bill sets a limit on salary of the city court judge at \$2,400 per year and the salary of the solicitor at not more than \$1,800. The amount of salary, within the maximum, will be set by the city board of commissioners. The bill sets no salary or limit for the clerk of the court.

Both the court and salary bill were introduced in the legislature by request, through Wilkes Representative T. E. Story. The court bill was temporarily held up in the senate and sent back to committee, but was reported out favorably and passed after the salary bill became law.

## V.F.W. To Sponsor Huge Carnival Here

Blue Ridge Mountain Post 1142, Veterans of Foreign Wars, is sponsoring the Mighty Page Shows this week starting Monday evening and continuing through Saturday night.

The Mighty Page Shows is one of the outstanding carnivals playing through the south. There are attractions to appeal to every one of all ages. Rides galore for both young and old including a Merry-go-round, ferris wheel, tiltwhirl, octopus, chair plane, roll-plane and two rides for the small children.

Several shows for the entertainment of the public will be available including the Arless Wonder Girl, a minstrel with a cast of fifteen people and a circus side show.

The feature attraction of the Carnival will be Captain Shen Songer who does a daring high dive act from a 110 foot tower into a tank of water set on fire with gasoline. This dive into fire is a thrilling sight to see and it is an attraction provided free of charge by the V. F. W. and the Mighty Page Shows.

The Blue Ridge Mountain Post 1142, V. F. W. cordially invites the public to attend this mammoth carnival. A percentage of the profits from this carnival goes to the local post and the officers of the post are anxious to add as much as possible to the building fund. All proceeds going to the post will go into the building fund.

## Business Club To Meet Tuesday Night

The Wilkesboro Business and Professional Men's Club will meet Tuesday night at seven o'clock at the Woman's club building. All members are urged to be present.