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## Local Interests Oppose Railway Proposal Here

### Southern Wants To Run One Mixed Train Win- ston-Salem Here

Through medium of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, many local business and agricultural interests are opposing the proposal of the Southern Railway to operate one mixed train between North Wilkesboro and Winston-Salem, instead of passenger and freight trains daily.

Present schedule calls for arrival of a passenger train, with express and mail, from Winston-Salem here at 11 a. m. daily, and for departure to Winston-Salem at two p. m., this train being in addition to freight trains being operated on the line.

The proposal by Southern Railway would have a mixed train leaving here for Winston-Salem at 8:45 a. m. and arrive in Winston-Salem at four p. m. One mixed train from Winston-Salem would be scheduled to arrive here at one p. m.

Two of the principal objections being raised here by the chamber of commerce include the effects on mail service and shipment of agricultural products, particularly poultry, which is one of the county's leading industries.

Hatcherymen who ship large quantities of live chicks state that the proposed schedule would force them to crate their chicks the day before shipment, which would increase shipping fatality rate and result in a direct loss to shippers. The schedule change would eliminate the mail service by the train, and make a delay of almost 24 hours in arrival of mail which is now carried by the passenger train. Mail now arriving by train is delivered by carriers in this city the afternoon of arrival, and this mail service would be nullified.

B. L. Stanfield, of Winston-Salem, superintendent, and J. E. Smither, of Washington, D. C., special representative of Southern Railway, were here this week and explained their proposal to a meeting of chamber of commerce representatives hastily called together. In the meeting were Richard Johnston, chamber president; Tom S. Jenrette, chamber manager; P. W. Eshelman, Governmental Affairs chairman; Ed McIntire, hatcheryman; Joe Darlington, poultry processor; E. P. Hettiger, Jr., hatcheryman and poultry producer; P. E. Brown, manufacturer; J. B. Williams, industrial committee chairman; Maurice Walsh, postmaster; M. F. Bumgarner, Wilkesboro postmaster; and J. R. Hix, manufacturer and banker.

Southern Railway representatives said that the passenger train operated at a loss last year of \$41,173.27, but said figures were not available on operation of the entire line, including both passenger and freight, and it is understood the line has been very profitable in freight business.

The chamber of commerce will request a hearing on the proposal before the North Carolina Utilities Commission. Members are being sent questionnaires about the effect the proposed change would have on their business.

On Wednesday Tom S. Jenrette, chamber manager, and Maurice Walsh, postmaster, visited business men in Elkin, including Eugene Spainhour, president of the Merchants Association, and enlisted support there to fight the railway proposal.

## Canning Is Subject Ferguson 4-H Club

The Ferguson 4-H club held its regular meeting at the Ferguson schoolhouse on April 20. This session was well attended with all officers present. After the business was completed, Mrs. Annie E. Green introduced Miss Thompson, our new 4-H club leader, and assistant home agent.

For some time, we have been looking forward to meeting Miss Thompson. The group of 4-H girls were very interested in the impressive demonstration given by Miss Thompson on "Canning and Use of Tomatoes". We hope the girls will all grow and can tomatoes this year.—Reported by Edith M. Johnson.

A daughter, Betty Jo, was born April 24th to Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Broome at Lexington Memorial hospital. The Broomes are former residents of Wilkesboro.

## Optimist President



E. RICHARD ELLER

## Stray Bullet Hits Youth In Home In North Wilkesboro

### Police Chief Warns About Firing Guns In Corpor- ate Limits This City

Jay Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay H. Johnson, was hit on the arm by a stray bullet Monday while sitting in his home on Trogdon street. Police Chief J. E. Walker said here today while issuing a warning against firing guns in the city of North Wilkesboro.

Jay was seated near a window when a bullet crashed through, clipped his left arm above the elbow and finally stopped after hitting a number of pieces of furniture in the room, including penetration of a metal wastebasket. The bullet made a shallow flesh wound on Jay's arm.

The bullet was so badly battered that its calibre could not be identified, although it was determined that it was from a larger gun than a .22.

## Wilkesboro Wins From Maiden 9

Wilkesboro high school added another (Highlands conference baseball victory by defeating maiden at Wilkesboro nine to four. The game was originally scheduled for Maiden but was changed to Wilkesboro and was played Tuesday afternoon.

Bill Byrd and Bill Whittington divided mound duties for Wilkesboro, with Harold Dancy catching. Triplett and Phillips led the hitting for the Ramblers with three each and Phillips drove in four runs. In defensive play, Whittington was outstanding at third base.

**Lose To Boone**  
At Boone Wednesday Wilkesboro dropped a game 7 to 6 to Appalachian high school. Wilkesboro was off to an early lead but errors accounted for Boone runs to tie up the score, which Boone untied with hits in the latter frames.

Sparta will play at Wilkesboro at three o'clock, and the Ramblers will go to Maiden on May 3rd.

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

## \$150 CASH, SEASON TICKETS OPENING NIGHT BASEBALL 3RD

Opening home game of the season for the North Wilkesboro Flashers against the Mt. Airy Granters here Tuesday night, eight o'clock, will be promotion night for the North Wilkesboro baseball club, and is planned especially for fans to show their appreciation of baseball in this community.

To encourage attendance at this promotional event, the club will give a \$100 bill, and \$50 bill and three season passes as attendance prizes, with all who buy tickets for the game having an opportunity to win one of the prizes.

Boy Scouts are selling the tickets, which are \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children. Season tickets will not be honored for the promotion night game. Tickets may be secured from the Scouts, from Brame Drug store, from Isaac Duncan, Scoutmaster, or from Larry Moore, business manager for the baseball club. The Flashers will open in Ga-

## E. Richard Eller Heads Optimist For Year '49-50

### District Governor George Fella Installs Officers In Meeting Tuesday

E. Richard Eller, well known local insurance man, will head the Optimist Club of North Wilkesboro for the year 1949-50. He was installed as president of the local club Tuesday by George Fella, governor of the eighteenth district, of which the local Optimist is a member.

Other officers installed at the club luncheon meeting Tuesday were Julius C. Hubbard, vice president; Forrest Tugman, secretary-treasurer; Albert S. Garwood, sergeant of arms; Maurice E. Walsh, retiring president, D. T. Trivette, and Howard Strader, members of the board of directors.

The club was happy to have as guests at the meeting Max Foster and Wayne Foster. Max was the guest of Optimist Richard Eller, and Wayne was the guest of Optimist Walsh.

### District Governor Fella Speaks To Club

District Governor Fella, of Charlotte, delivered an inspiring message to the club. He complimented the membership highly for the fine record made during the club's first year of existence, and predicted growth in membership and influence for the club in the years to come. Governor Fella stressed the boys' work of the club, stating that it was the main objective of the organization. "No movement can be greater than that of teaching the youth of the land to be good citizens", he said.

President Eller announced the following committees to promote activities of the club during the coming year:

**Boys' Work**—Howard Strader, chairman; Lewis Hill Jenkins, Julius C. Hubbard, Maurice E. Walsh, Millard Winecoff, Albert Garwood, A. L. Fincannon, James W. Harvel, Fred Buaguss.

**Membership**—Dave Hall, chairman; Maurice E. Walsh, O. K. Whittington, D. T. Trivette, Forrest Tugman.

**Attendance**—Albert Garwood, chairman; W. R. Harmon, A. L. Fincannon.

**Finance**—Russell Pearson, chairman; Forrest Tugman, Albert Garwood.

**Program**—Maurice E. Walsh, chairman; Julius C. Hubbard, Forrest Tugman.

**Publicity**—Julius C. Hubbard, chairman; Fred Buaguss, Howard Strader.

**Extension**—D. T. Trivette, chairman; Jim Henderson, Tal J. Pearson.

## Two Bound To Court For Theft Of Auto

Harvey Shepherd and Talmadge Anderson in mayor's court here Monday were held for superior court on charge of theft of an automobile from the home of Spencer Wyatt several days ago in this city.

According to evidence in the case, the car, a 1934 model Plymouth, was driven to a point near Vannoy and partially burned in a creek. Shepherd was also held for driving a car after his driver license had been revoked.

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# Wilkes School Bond Election Proposed

## On Welfare Board



Hoyle M. Hutchens, a prominent North Wilkesboro citizen, was elected a member of the Wilkes county board of welfare in meeting Tuesday night. Mr. Hutchens for several years was a member of the North Wilkesboro board of city commissioners, is a director of the North Wilkesboro Building and Loan Association and has held several positions of public trust. On the welfare board he succeeds F. C. Johnson, who served the maximum number of two terms. P. J. Brame, chairman, is the member named by the state board of welfare and C. C. Sidden the member named by the Wilkes board of commissioners. They name the third member, which is Mr. Hutchens.

## Local Youth Is Page In House Representatives

Gordon Forester, Jr., 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Forester, of Wilkesboro, is now a page in the House of Representatives in congress at Washington, D. C.

Gordon left for Washington Monday and reported for duty on Tuesday. He will continue his high school studies in Washington. He had been a student in the North Wilkesboro high school.

The local youth was named as a page by Representative C. B. Deane, of Rockingham, to succeed Johnny Beasley, of Southern Pines, who has returned home after serving in the post since the beginning of this session of Congress.

## Landsberger Elected Vice President Of Carolina Jewelers

Mr. Raymond Landsberger, well known local manager of The Jewel Box, attended the combined North Carolina and Virginia Retail Jewelers' Association convention in Roanoke, Virginia, this week.

The convention met on Sunday, April 24th, and continued in session through Tuesday, April 26th.

Mr. Landsberger was singularly honored by being elected second vice president of the North Carolina Retail Jewelers Association.

## Baseball Schedule Blue Ridge League In This Newspaper

The official schedule of the Blue Ridge baseball league, corrected since Elkin replaced Abingdon, is printed elsewhere in this newspaper.

Baseball fans are asked to clip and save this schedule for future reference. For benefit of those unaccustomed to reading schedules, it is explained that all games to be played here are listed in the vertical column under heading of "At North Wilkesboro," with the teams to be played on given dates listed at left.

## Dance Friday Night

A dance with square and round dancing will be held at Ferguson school Friday night, April 29, beginning at nine o'clock.

## 27 Cases Heard In Mayor's Court Session Monday

Mayor T. S. Kenerly heard a total of 27 cases in North Wilkesboro mayor's court here Monday morning. The number was an accumulation during two weeks. No court was held on April 18, which was Easter Monday and date of the city primary.

In the number of cases tried were 19 for drunkenness, two for driving while intoxicated, one for using profane and indecent language, two for speeding, one for affray, one for larceny, and one for driving after driver license was revoked.

## Foods, Nutrition Training School Friday, April 29

There will be a training school for the foods and nutrition leaders of all Home Demonstration clubs in Wilkes county on Friday, April 29th, at 2 o'clock. This meeting will be conducted in the home demonstration kitchen located in the courthouse.

Miss Addie Malone, of the Duke Power company in Winston-Salem, will give a demonstration on making salads. The foods and nutrition leader of each Home Demonstration club will give the same demonstration at their respective club meeting in June.

The president and food and nutrition leader of each club are urged to attend.

## Hospital Births

During the past week the following births were recorded at The Wilkes Hospital: son, Michael Olan, April 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Olan McKnight Greene, of Purlair; daughter, Kathy Anne, April 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Clay Combs, of North Wilkesboro; daughter, Priscilla Ann, April 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur James Garris, of Roaring River; son, Glenn Marvin, April 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Clanton Anderson, of Roaring River; daughter, Brenda Carol, April 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Mack Rhodes, of North Wilkesboro; a daughter, Rita Anne, April 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Gurnie Norman Greene, of Purlair; son, Tam Spicer, Jr., April 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Tam Spicer Hutchinson, of North Wilkesboro route two.

Daughter, Deborah Kay, April 23, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ervin Triplett, of Traphill; son, Gary Max, April 23, to Mr. and Mrs. David Max Burgess, of Taylorsville; son, Richard Daniel, on April 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Philmore Winger, of North Wilkesboro route two; son, Steve Michael, April 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Edward Eller, of North Wilkesboro; son, Danny Burl, April 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Burl H. Michael, of Oakwoods; son, Paul Robert, April 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walter Gwyn, Jr., of North Wilkesboro.

## W. A. Hudler Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral service was held on Wednesday at the Baptist church at Boomer for W. A. Hudler, 65-year-old citizen of the Boomer community who died Monday. Rev. Roland S. Pruitt conducted the last rites.

Surviving Mr. Hudler are his wife, Mrs. Lura Hudler, and the following sons and daughters: Fred, Paul and Dwight Hudler, of Detroit, Michigan; Thomas Hudler, in New Jersey; Bland and Ambrose Hudler, Bristol, Va.; Miss Myrtle Hudler, of Winston-Salem; and C. H. Hudler, of Boomer.

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## WILKESBORO CLUB TO PROMOTE BIG BOXING BOUT ON MAY 14TH

### Sporting Event For Benefit High School Band; Much Interest Is Shown

The Wilkesboro Business and Professional Men's Club, with R. R. Church as head of the planning committee, will sponsor a big sports event in the Wilkesboro high school gymnasium on Saturday night, May 14th, at 8 o'clock. Net proceeds from this sports attraction will be used for the benefit of the newly organizing high school band which has made much progress under the direction of Mr. Schley.

Paul "Country" Ferguson, well known in boxing circles for a number of years, and a Wilkes county product, will have personal supervision of the boxing bouts, and will, himself, box a strong contender. Paul has promised to bring to Wilkes county real boxing competition and do all he can to make the event a big occasion. At the meeting of the Wilkesboro club Tuesday night, President William C. Gray named sev-

## Re-Elected Here



J. Floyd Woodward, superintendent of North Wilkesboro schools, was re-elected for a two-year term in a recent meeting of the North Wilkesboro board of education. Mr. Woodward came to North Wilkesboro from Mt. Pleasant school in Rowan county April 15, 1947. During his stay here the school system has made much progress, with numerous improvements being carried out during the past two years in physical equipment of the school and in school curricula and activities. Incidentally, Supt. Woodward has been elected to the faculty of Appalachian college in Boone for the second six-weeks session of the summer school for teachers.

## Scouters To Meet Tuesday Evening

Wilkes Scouters round table and district meeting will be held Tuesday, May 3, 6:30 p. m., at Duke Power company offices on Ninth street.

Attention is called to change in time of the meeting, which will be held at 6:30 to allow time for those attending to see the opening baseball game here.

**Hear Scout Executive**  
Robert S. Gibbs and Gilbert Foster spent Monday in Charlotte, where they attended the annual meeting of the region composed of the Carolinas and part of Georgia. Dr. A. A. Schuck, national Scout executive, delivered an inspiring message during the meeting.

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## Commissioners May Be Requested To Call Election

### Election June 4 Along With State Bond Election Is Now Proposed

Education committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, with other interested citizens in meeting last night recommended that the Wilkes county commissioners be requested to call a school bond election to coincide with the state school bond and road bond election to be held on June 4.

Paul Osborne, chairman of the committee, presided. Other members present were J. B. Williams, Dr. J. S. Deans, C. B. Eller, Ira D. Payne, C. C. Faw, Sr., J. Alie Hayes, T. E. Story, J. H. Whicker, Sr., J. Floyd Woodward, W. K. Sturdivant. Guests included C. C. Sidden, member of the county board of commissioners, and P. E. Brown.

Wilkes Representative T. E. Story told of what the legislature had provided in state aid for school buildings, which is a direct appropriation of \$25,000,000, with \$250,000 to go to each county. He also told of the election to be held June 4 on the proposal to vote \$25,000,000 state bonds to be distributed to counties on basis of need, number of students and other qualifications, under which Wilkes could receive enough to make the state total between \$550,000 and \$560,000.

C. B. Eller, superintendent of schools, gave detailed information about school building needs, which he said would cost about three million dollars to make Wilkes schools equal to the best in the state. He also explained that the law would limit Wilkes to a bond issue of about \$321,000, which would be the maximum that could be submitted.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend that bond election be called, and named a committee of five to recommend an amount to be submitted to the people. On this committee are C. C. Sidden, member of the board of commissioners; J. Alie Hayes, county attorney; Supt. C. B. Eller; J. C. Grayson, county accountant; and Paul Osborne, committee chairman. This group will also confer with the local government commission relative to amount which could be submitted.

A committee will discuss the matter Monday with the Wilkes board of commissioners in session at Wilkesboro.

## Are You Unfair To Mail Carrier?

The week of May 1-7 has been designated as "Rural Mailbox Improvement Week" throughout the nation. By request the following article from the National Rural Letter Carrier Association publication is reproduced:

### Are You Unfair To Your Mail Carrier?

A glance at your mailbox will give you the answer. (Are you treating your mail carrier right? Before you can get that alibi ready, I can tell you that I've an idea that many of you aren't. And to prove it, let's ask a few questions about your own mail box.)

Try to picture it in your mind. If you can't do this on the spur of the moment, make a note to go out and look at it.

Is the support rotting, sagging, or in a state of general disrepair? And what about the box itself. Is it dirty, unpainted, coming apart? Is the door well hinged, or has it fallen off long ago? Is your name plainly painted on it? Is the box at the proper height so that your carrier can reach it easily? Is it on the side of the road recommended by your local postal officials? This usually is on the right side of travel directions. Some of you will notice that the signal device—the little red flag—is long gone.

If your mailbox is guilty of any of these faults, or if it is so built as to have sharp edges that might injure the carrier's hands or clothing, you aren't treating him right or with the respect he so well deserves.

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