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## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAKES SURVEY OF OPINION RELATIVE TO CONSOLIDATION 2 SCHOOLS

In response to a request of the board of directors, the Education Committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce is making a study of educational needs in Wilkes county.

At the meeting of the committee Monday night, with Chairman Paul Osborne presiding, the principal topic was the proposed consolidation of Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro high schools into a central unit.

In order to get a cross section of opinion, the chamber of commerce is sending a questionnaire to all members. Various phases of the proposal are explained and the following questions are asked: What are legal angles involved? How can a consolidated high school be brought about? Is this the time to consider consolidation? Why have a consolidated central high school? Where should the central high school be located.

The questionnaires are being mailed this week with the request that members fill them out and return them by November 2.

The committee is encouraging other civic organizations to make similar surveys of public opinion among their respective memberships.

### Heads Scout Drive



REV. HOWARD J. FORD

### Howard Ford Is Campaign Head Of Scout Council

#### Chairman Appointed For Phases of Work In Districts Of Council

Announcement of the appointment of Reverend Howard Ford, pastor of the First Baptist church, Elkin, as general campaign chairman of the Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts of America, financial campaign to raise funds for the 1950-51 Budget, has been made by John Brown, council president.

The campaign is now in progress in the following counties, headed by the following county campaign chairmen: Ashe, Robert D. McNeill; Elkin-Yadkin, Lin Hendren; Stokes, Vance Pepper; Watauga, Alfred Adams; Clyde R. Greene; Wilkes, Joe Barber. (Forsyth and Surry Counties contribute through Community Chests).

### Students Working In Speech Contest

High school students of the Wilkes County high schools are at work on five minute speeches they will give in the "Voice of Democracy" contest that will be held over Radio Station WKBC, beginning Oct. 27 through Nov. 9, it was announced today by John T. Cashion, president Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The contest for high school students is being conducted here as a part of the nationwide "Voice of Democracy" contest sponsored for the second year by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Broadcasters and the Radio Manufacturers Association.

### Scout Campaign Breakfast Well Attended Here

The kick-off breakfast inaugurating the annual general solicitation in the Boy and Girl Scout finance campaign was held Tuesday morning, October 25 at the Carolina Restaurant.

T. E. Story served as chairman of the meeting and introduced the main speaker, Hubert Stuckey, Deputy Regional Director of Atlanta. Mr. Stuckey gave a brief inspirational talk to the members of the canvassing group as they were about to begin their solicitation campaign.

Mr. Lewis Nelson, local chairman of the advance gifts committee reported that over half of the budget had already been raised but that a thorough coverage of the remaining citizens would be necessary to secure the remainder.

A report on the results of the advance gifts campaign through-out the Council was made by W. K. Sturdivant, Council chairman.

Mrs. W. K. Sturdivant and Mrs. Ira Payne represented the Girl Scouts at the meeting. At the close of the breakfast the twenty-six canvassing teams left to launch the final phase of the drive which closes Wednesday night. Canvassers were reminded to emphasize the fact that the drive covered the financial budgets of both the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts.

### Future Of Baseball Here At Stake In Meeting Tonight

With the future of baseball in North Wilkesboro definitely at stake, a mass meeting of all interested in baseball here will be held tonight, 7:30, in the North Wilkesboro town hall.

Every person, man, boy or girl, who wants to see baseball continue here is urged to attend the mass meeting tonight.

### Wilkesboro Men's Club Endorses School Merger

At the regular meeting of the Wilkesboro Business and Professional Men's Club held at the community building in Wilkesboro Tuesday night, unanimous endorsement was given to the proposed consolidation of the high schools in the Wilkesboros. This action followed an informal talk by Representative T. E. Story and a round table discussion by members present.

President William C. Gray opened the meeting by calling on Edward McEntire to pronounce the invocation. Guests present were: Dr. W. C. Hayes with Hadley Hayes; Hal Snyder with George Childers, and President Gray had as his guests Rep. Story and Bob Smoak.

Rep. Story told the club in detail about the many advantages to be derived from the establishment of a central high school for the Wilkesboros with a modern building and equipment for vocational training. He also told of several proposed methods of accomplishing the consolidation and the legal angles involved. Members present expressed much interest in the proposal and entered freely in the discussion of the matter.

### Meeting Hour Changed

The hour of the club's meeting has been changed from 7:00 p. m. to 6:30 p. m. and all members are urged to note change in the meeting hour. The club meeting voted to move up the meeting time by one-half hour at the meeting Tuesday night.

**Contribute To Boy-Girl Scout Fund**

The club voted to contribute the sum of \$25.00 to the current Boy-Girl Scout fund. The campaign is now on to raise the sum of \$5,400 for promoting Scout work in the county and in the Old Hickory council.

### Passenger Train Here Discontinued For Lack Of Coal

The Southern Railway Corporation has announced the discontinuance of several trains during the coal shortage brought about by striking miners.

The passenger train between North Wilkesboro and Winston-Salem was one of several temporarily discontinued, but which will resume operations when the coal strike ends.

### Deacon Ordination At Baptist Service

Six men who were recently elected to the deaconate of the First Baptist church will be installed at a special service Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. O. T. Binkley, professor of Christian Ethics at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, will preach the sermon. Other Baptist ministers will be present and take part in the service. The men who were recently elected deacons are Claude Canter, A. M. Church, Monroe Eller, Joe Godbey, Dr. J. H. Sowder, Wade Wallace and J. H. Whicker. Other men who are now active deacons and will take part in the service are W. O. Absher, chairman, J. Q. Adams, J. E. Caudill, Rufus Church, D. E. Elledge, C. B. Eller, Max Mosler, U. W. Foster, W. R. Harmon, L. E. Harris, Tom Jenrette, C. B. Lomax, R. T. McNeill, W. K. Sturdivant, Maurice Walsh, Clarence Wiles, and J. Floyd Woodward. The public is cordially invited to be present and hear Dr. Binkley.

# FORESTRY FIELD EVENTS SCHEDULED

## Larceny, Forgery Counts Charged Against 4 Men

### One Charged With Entering Newton's Department Store In This City

Police Chief J. E. Walker reported here today that a number of arrests have been made in clearing up some larceny and forgery cases here.

Claude Combs, a local resident for several months, was arrested for breaking and entering Newton's Department Store recently. At the time of the theft, when the store was entered from the back, the management reported missing a number of suits, pants, shirts, socks and other items in a certain size range. When arrested Combs was wearing pants and shoes identified as coming from the store and in his room other items were found that were declared to be among the stolen goods.

Combs has filled bond for trial in Wilkes superior court.

Coy Glenn Vickers and Arvin Davis, of this city, were arrested here on charge of forgery. They are alleged to have forged and cashed checks on Ralph Frazier, local lumber dealer. Six forged checks ranging from \$40 to \$71 dollars were cashed in Lenoir and Elkin. They have also filled bonds for superior court trial.

Grover Gwyn Pennell was arrested at a local bank while trying to cash a check with the name of T. O. Minton forged. Pennell denied the forgery charge, saying he received the check from another person, who has not been taken. Hearing for Pennell will be in city court here Monday, Chief Walker said.

## Attend Meeting Furniture Makers Held In Asheville

Local furniture manufacturing firms were well represented at the annual meeting of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association held at Grove Park Inn in Asheville Monday and Tuesday.

Those attending included: N. O. Smoak and Bob Smoak, of Forest Furniture Co.; J. E. Caudill, of Key City Furniture Co.; John E. Justice, Jr., of Oak Furniture Co., president of the association; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore, of Home Chair Co.

## Dr. Harrison Is Optimist Speaker

Lieutenant Governor Of This District Visits Local Civic Club

Dr. L. G. Harrison, of High Point, Lieutenant governor of the eighteenth Optimist district, delivered an inspiring address on "optimism" at the meeting of the local Optimist club held Tuesday noon at Hotel Wilkes.

Dr. Harrison, who is also president of the High Point club, brought a fine message to the club. He told of the great joy to be derived from doing something for the boy and spoke of the splendid accomplishments of the High Point club which is now establishing a community center for the boys (and girls) of High Point. Dr. Harrison stressed the point to do something for your fellowman. He also referred to "Optimist Week" which will be observed locally the week of November 6-13. Dr. Harrison's visit was thoroughly enjoyed by club members.

Guests present at the meeting included: Dr. Henry Landon with Fred E. Bauguss; Gilbert Dancy with President E. R. Eller. Invocation was spoken by Dr. John T. Wayland, after singing three verses of "America."

## Speaks To Optimists



DR. L. G. HARRISON

## Merchants Meet Friday Morning To Plan Lights

### Holiday Lighting Plan For Streets To Be Adopted At Meeting

Trade Promotion committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce will meet Friday, 9:30 a. m., to make definite plans for holiday lighting of streets in the Wilkesboros.

A sub-committee with W. G. Gabriel as chairman has made a study of suggested changes and additions and these recommendations will be placed before the entire committee Friday morning. With Mr. Gabriel on the committee were Gilbert Bare, Fred Henderson, Russell Gray, Robert S. Gibbs, L. S. Spainhour, Roy Wells and Tom Jenrette.

Some of the changes from last year considered included addition of sockets and lights on streamers, additional fixtures in center of streamers, laurel or metallic roping.

Collection of funds for Christmas lighting is in progress and satisfactory returns have been made from portions of the towns canvassed.

## Sprinkle's Barber Shop Is Now Open

Sprinkle's Barber Shop is now open for business on Ninth street in the Wilkes Drug store building. The shop is owned and operated by P. E. Sprinkle, well known local barber who has had many years' experience in the business. The new shop is modern in every way, and all of the best barber supplies are used. Sprinkle's Barber Shop telephone number is 942.

## Shaw To Address Farm Bureau Nov. First At Ronda

Flake Shaw, of Greensboro, secretary of the North Carolina State Farm Bureau, will address the Wilkes Farm Bureau at a rally to be held at Ronda Tuesday, November 1.

C. E. Tharpe, of Ronda, president of the Farm Bureau in Wilkes, announced the rally and stated that a barbecue supper will be served at seven p. m. All Farm Bureau members and others interested are invited.

## Funeral On Friday For Mr. Hutchens

Funeral service for Commadore Hutchens, 66, well known resident of the Buck community who died Wednesday, will be held Friday, two p. m., at Pleasant Grove Baptist church. Rev. Ed Hayes and Rev. Lee Minton will conduct the service.

Mr. Hutchens was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Hutchens. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Maggie Adams Hutchens; one son, Hoover Hutchens of Wilkesboro; two sisters, Mrs. J. J. Nichols of Wilkesboro and Mrs. Annie Parsons of Buck; five brothers, P. C. John and Eugene Hutchens, of Winston-Salem, J. B. Hutchens of Elkin and Will Hutchens of Buck.

## Three Field Days For School Boys, Veteran Trainees

### November 8-9-10 Dates; Sawmill and Timbermen Field Day Nov. 11

Three days, November 8, 9 and 10, have been set for forestry field days for high school boys, men in veterans farm training and other interested adults in Wilkes county, and a field day for sawmill operators and timbermen will be held on November 11. E. G. Finley, chairman of the Forestry division of the Agricultural committee of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, announced today.

Because of its great importance to the economic welfare of the county, the chamber of commerce devotes much attention to forestry and the field days make up one of the most important agricultural projects in the county.

Howard Colvard, assistant county agent, selected the high school boys who will participate. Selection was based on a test and facilities for forestry work on farms where the boys live.

Timber Thinning, stand improvement and planting will be demonstrated with the boys under supervision of the forestry division of the extension service of State College, headed by R. W. Graeber, extension forester. Co-operating with the extension service and county agent's office will be the Soil Conservation Service, Veterans Farm Training, Triple A and Farm Home Administration.

On November 8 at nine a. m. boys from Roaring River, Ronda, Clingman and Benham schools will attend the demonstration at E. F. Edwards' farm. At nine a. m. on the same date boys from Mountain View, Traphill and Mulberry schools will be at Charlie Harrold's farm. On November 8 at 1:30 p. m. Ronda, Clingman and Mountain View section 2 farm training veterans and other adults will be at the E. F. Edwards' farm.

On November 9, nine a. m. boys from Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro and Ferguson schools will meet at the B. S. Call farm. At 1:30 in the afternoon of the same date farm training veterans and other adults will meet at the same site.

On November 10 boys from Millers Creek and Mount Pleasant schools will meet at nine a. m. at W. O. Huffman's farm.

Also at nine a. m. on November 10 will be the demonstration at Dien Harris farm in the Edgewood community for boys of Lincoln Heights school and farm training veterans under supervision of George Corbett.

At 1:30 p. m. November 10 farm training veterans and other adults will attend the demonstration at Shelmer D. Blackburn's farm (former Bob Eller farm). This is for Millers Creek, Mulberry divisions of veterans farm training and all other adults.

Attention is called to the fact that all adults are invited to the demonstrations set for veteran trainees and adults and all timberland owners are especially invited.

School boys selected for the field days are asked to go directly to the farms selected, where attendance will be checked. Following the field day demonstrations they will proceed to their schools in time to get to school by noon.

**Sawmill, Timbermen Day**

Site will be selected soon for the field day demonstrations for sawmill operators and timbermen. The morning part of the day will be spent at a sawmill. J. P. Choplin, county agent, will open the program and the first item will be a log scaling demonstration and demonstration of log grading rules. Actual sawing demonstrations will follow. Dinner will be served and greetings will be extended by Chamber of Commerce officials.

The afternoon will be spent in the woods in timber demonstrations. Saw and axe companies will conduct demonstrations and there will be chopping and sawing contests.

## Cranberry Church To Be Dedicated Sunday, Oct. 30th

Dedication service of Cranberry Baptist church, located near Roaring River, will be held on Sunday, October 30.

In the program of the dedication service will be presentation of key, by Millard Mathis, chairman of the Building committee in charge of erecting the new brick structure. Mrs. Lois J. Roberts, church clerk, will give the history of the church, which is one of the oldest in the county.

Following the act of dedication by the minister and the people Rev. L. T. Younger, pastor, will lead the prayer of dedication.

Dr. John T. Wayland, pastor of the First Baptist church in North Wilkesboro, will deliver the dedicatory sermon.

After the lunch period will be singing by Pleasant Hill male choir and by other visiting singers.

## Food Sale Saturday

The Woman's Union of Christian Service of Union Methodist church will sponsor a food sale at Belk's Department store Saturday, Oct. 28th, beginning 9:00 a. m. Proceeds will go to the church.

## Notice To Members Millers Creek Club

All members of the Millers Creek Home Demonstration club who will help serve refreshments at the Halloween party at Millers Creek school Friday evening are asked to be at the school at 6:30.

## APPALACHIAN AND CATAWBA B TEAMS TO PLAY HERE NOV. 10

First college football game in the history of North Wilkesboro will be played in Memorial Park here on the night of November 10 when the Baby Mountaineers of Appalachian College play the Catawba college B team.

Sponsoring this college B team game will be the North Wilkesboro Quarterback club. Jack Swofford, Quarterback club president, said today that arrangements for the game have been completed and that the game is expected to draw a capacity crowd. Memorial Park here will seat approximately 3,000, with standing room for more.

The Appalachian B team is undefeated to date and the Catawba B team is also power-laden this season. It is predicted that the B squads will put on a game equal in thrills to the big show of the varsities.

Of particular interest in this area will be the appearance of former high school stars from Wilkesboro on the Appalachian team. Jack Groce, Wilkesboro backfield star this year, started out on the Baby Mountaineers team but was too valuable with that eleven and was quickly moved up to the varsity, where he has romped to three touchdowns in two crucial games. It is expected that Jack may be used to some extent in the game here.

Bill Whittington, Wilkesboro high school quarterback during the long unbeaten record of the Wilkesboro eleven, will see action in the game for Appalachian. Bill injured a knee in early training and has been out of action for weeks but is expected to be ready in time for the game here.

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