

## MAKES REPORT TO BOARD ON LOCAL AFFAIRS

Field Consultant Offers Suggestions On Many Matters  
IS PURELY INFORMATIVE  
Town Commissioners Study Ways And Means Of Long Range Planning

## METERS ARE DISCUSSED

Lee Wilson, Field Consultant for the North Carolina League of Municipalities who has made a study of municipal affairs in Elkin, reported on his findings to the board of commissioners at an informal meeting in the City Hall Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Wilson offered suggestions relative to street paving, collection of taxes, installation of parking meters, garbage disposal, sewer projects and other municipal matters. Town officials emphasized however, that his discussion was of a purely informative nature and no action was taken on his recommendations.

The town board recently authorized the installation of parking meters for Elkin following an investigation and report by City Administrator Lewis Alexander but no selection as to the type meter to be installed has been made. Mr. Wilson recommended the purchase of double-faced meters, which can be read from both street and sidewalk. He also suggested that the meters be installed at an angle to the street so that violations may be readily noted.

Mr. Wilson stated that most towns found the "land fill," or burial method of garbage disposal most satisfactory. He suggested that the town cooperate with the State Highway Department on street paving projects in order to utilize to the fullest possible extent funds set aside by the state government for paving. He recommended that a more comprehensive speed limit ordinance be enacted for residential and business districts.

## Traphill Youth Is Sent To San Diego

Don W. Cheek, son of Ira Cheek of Traphill, and Daniel H. Carter, son of Thurmond Carter of State Road, were enlisted in the U. S. Navy last week and assigned to the San Diego, California, naval base for preliminary training, it was announced today.

## Two Are Bound Over By Magistrate Court

Leslie W. Carrico, charged with operating a car under the influence of liquor, was bound over to the superior term of court under bond of \$500 in Magistrate's Court Monday morning.

## Expect To Open Jonesville Track On August 10th

The new Jonesville Speedway, located south of Jonesville High School, is expected to be completed by next week, and a championship stock car race is scheduled to feature the formal opening set for Sunday, August 10.



**BEAUTY CONTESTANTS** — Here are three of the approximately 25 young ladies who will compete for the title of "Miss Elkin" in the Jaycee Beauty Pageant next Wednesday. From left to right are Sarah Jones, Christine Ingram and Betty Lou Steelman. Seventeen contestants for the event have already been entered, and the number is expected to reach at least 25 by the deadline next Tuesday.

## Jaycee Beauty Show At YMCA Next Week

Plans for the Jaycee-sponsored Beauty Pageant to be held next Wednesday neared completion today with 17 contestants from Elkin, Jonesville, Yadkinville and East Bend already entered in the contest from which "Miss Elkin of 1947" will be selected.

## 17 Contestants Already Entered In Annual Event

The afternoon water show, originally set for 3 o'clock, will begin at 2:30 in order to allow more time for the evening Beauty Pageant to be held in the YMCA at 8 p. m. Top water performers are expected to be on hand for an exhibition diving and swimming event.

## Speakers Are Club Feature

Local Lions Hear Talks By District Governor And N. C. League Consultant  
HORSE SHOW DISCUSSED

## 41 Persons Killed; 542 Were Injured To Lower June Count

Raleigh, July 26.—Motor Vehicles Commissioner Landon C. Rosser reported today that 41 persons were killed and 542 were injured in 916 traffic accidents in North Carolina during June.

## Yadkinville Racer Is Injured Sunday

Melvin L. Dudley, Yadkinville's auto racer, was painfully injured Sunday afternoon while racing on the new North Wilkesboro track, when three cars were piled together on the back stretch during a race.

## Local Airport Is Keyed For Training

The Elkin Municipal Airport has been approved as a primary flight school for G. I. flight training under the G. I. Bill of Rights, it has been learned, with classes to start immediately for private pilots course.

## BODY OF CHILD IS TAKEN FROM YADKIN RIVER

Billie Miller, of Wilkes, Drowned Over Week Ago  
IS FOUND SATURDAY  
Body Badly Decomposed When Discovered Lodged Against Log Near Bank

## WAS FIVE MILES DOWN

The body of eight-year-old Billie Dean Miller was found lodged against a submerged log in the Yadkin River Saturday morning, three miles east of North Wilkesboro and five miles downstream from Curtis Bridge where he fell into the water July 19 and drowned.

Searching parties, haggard and worn from the week-long effort to find the missing child, discovered the body at 11:30, exactly one week to the hour after the accident occurred.

Hundreds of volunteers participated in the search under the direction of Leonard Harris, of North Wilkesboro.

Members of the searching party who found the body said they would accept the \$100 reward offered by the boy's stepfather, T. R. Parsons, and present it with other donations to the boy's mother, Mrs. Nora Miller Parsons of Cricket.

J. H. Harrison, Roscoe Porter, J. G. Chappell, B. G. Adams, J. L. Porter, L. J. Jennings, C. W. Johnson, E. Harris and Roby Broyhill comprised the party which discovered the badly decomposed body.

Rumors that the child may have met with foul play were apparently unfounded. Coroner I. M. Myers said the boy's death was caused by accidental drowning.

Two companions, Bryce Carlton, 13, and Donald Vannoy, 13, were with the Miller boy when he reportedly fell into the river while testing to see how cold the water was. The three youths had planned to go for a swim near Curtis Bridge.

Billie Dean was the son of Lawrence Miller of Obids and Mrs. Nora Miller Parsons. He was living with his mother and stepfather, T. R. Parsons.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Yellow Hill Baptist Church near Summit.

## VFW TO BUILD NEW CLUBHOUSE

Organization Cancels Lease On Present Buildings, Plans Purchase Of Property  
AIR SHOW TO BE HELD

## Car Is Recovered, Thief Also Nabbed

Local officers went to Bland, Va., Monday to bring back Robert Brown on a charge of stealing an automobile here Saturday night.

## WKBC To Broadcast From Elkin Friday

The branch studio of Radio Station WKBC, North Wilkesboro, will broadcast its first program here Friday afternoon when Mayor Garland Johnson, Rev. Howard J. Ford and Hoyle Cranford are scheduled to speak briefly at the formal opening.



**BODY OF DROWNED YOUTH RECOVERED AFTER WEEK-LONG SEARCH** — Members of the search party which found the body of young Billie Dean Miller Saturday morning pose for this exclusive photo following a weary, week-long search. The body was found several miles downstream from Curtis Bridge, where the lad fell into the water while testing to see how cold it was. Many of the searchers worked continuously during the week until the body was found. Identified as to order they are J. H. Harrison, Roscoe Porter, J. G. Chappell, B. G. Adams, J. L. Porter, L. J. Jennings, C. W. Johnson, E. Harris and Roby Broyhill. The body of the Miller child is covered by a blanket in left foreground.

## JETER SPEAKS AT JOINT MEET

Agricultural Editor Praises Civic Clubs For Interest In Farm Projects  
ADDRESS IS BROADCAST

Frank H. Jeter, agricultural editor at State College, was guest speaker last Friday evening at the joint meeting of the Elkin and North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Clubs held at Hotel Wilkes in North Wilkesboro, and delivered an interesting address in which he suggested the continuation of agricultural projects which have been carried out by both the Elkin and North Wilkesboro clubs.

The evening's program was in charge of Bob Smith, of the Wilkes club, who introduced the speaker, Dr. G. T. Mitchell, president of the Wilkes club, presided.

Mr. Jeter paid high compliments to the Elkin and North Wilkesboro Kiwanis clubs for the far reaching interest they have taken in recent years to promote the agricultural interests of this surrounding territory. He mentioned the various clubs and projects each has been sponsoring to give impetus to better stock raising, more yield to the farm acres, etc.

He suggested the continuation of these projects as the best means for building a spirit of cooperation between the rural and urban peoples. He thinks this should be a self-supporting agricultural state and predicts it will be as its farmers come to know they can produce their feed and grazing crops sufficient to feed all of their livestock. "Industry can greatly hasten the conclusion of this idea as it proceeds to build plants, to process our own feeds," he said.

The address was broadcast over Station WKBC, of North Wilkesboro.

At the meeting of the Elkin club this evening (Thursday), William Edgerton, professor of languages at Guilford College, and a nephew of Mrs. C. C. Poindexter, of this city, will be the guest speaker.

Prof. Edgerton, who will go to Columbia University, New York City, this fall as an instructor in languages, for more than two years was a representative of the UNRRA and the American Friends' Society in Egypt, Italy, Germany and Poland.

The show will be staged at the municipal airport on Swan Creek Road.

## Mrs. Gentry Takes First Plane Ride

Mrs. J. S. Gentry of Mountain Park, who is 82, and who has been visiting her son, Harvey B. Gentry at Booneville, wanted to go to Norfolk, Va., to see her brother, John W. Hamby, who has lived in Norfolk since 1917.

## Piedmont Quartet To Sing Over WKBC

The Piedmont Quartet, of Elkin, who have been broadcasting weekly over WSJS, Winston-Salem, will sing over radio station WKBC, North Wilkesboro, each Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock.



**TO PLAY** — Rev. Stephen Morrissett, member of the faculty of Gardner-Webb College at Boiling Springs, and a former pastor of the First Baptist Church here, will play a special organ recital Sunday evening at the Elkin Methodist Church during the dedication of the organ recently presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph P. Hanes, of Winston-Salem. Rev. Morrissett is an accomplished musician. —Photo by Redmon.

## ORGANIZATION DRIVE PLANNED

Elkin And Vicinity Included In Plan Of National Home And Property Owners  
BENEFITS EMPHASIZED

The aim of the drive, officials of the Foundation said, is to obtain increased public support for projects designed to safeguard and enhance the rights and interests of property owners.

Emphasizing the local benefits to be derived from effective organization of the owners of homes, farms and other real property, the drive in Elkin and vicinity will be under the general direction of E. M. Shepherd, of Winston-Salem, a Foundation trustee for the North Carolina district.

Every farmer and home owner is eligible for membership in the Foundation, which already numbers tens of thousands of people in all parts of the country.

## Leaf Growers Study Turkish Tobacco Care

Farmers Of Several Counties View Experimental Work  
NEW CROPS PLANNED  
Experts Believe Turkish Leaf Can Be Adapted To Soils Of This Area  
CURE BY SUN DRYING

Tobacco growers of several northwestern North Carolina counties met on the farm of Blaine Sparks at Traphill Tuesday afternoon to view experimental work being carried on in the planting, cultivation and curing of Turkish tobacco.

## DEDICATION OF ORGAN PLANNED

Rev. Stephen Morrissett To Play At Service To Be Held Sunday Night  
GIFT OF HANES FAMILY

A special service at which the Aeolian pipe organ recently installed in the Elkin Methodist Church as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph P. Hanes, of Winston-Salem, will be dedicated, is to be held at the Methodist Church Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

The organ, given to the church in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugh G. Chatham, parents of Mrs. Hanes, will be played during the dedicatory service by Rev. Stephen Morrissett, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church here, but now a member of the staff of Gardner Webb College at Boiling Springs.

The organ will be formally presented for dedication by George E. Royall, chairman of the board of trustees. Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, pastor, will be in charge of the dedicatory service, using the special organ dedicatory ritual of the Methodist church.

Although the dedicatory service will not begin until 8:00 p. m., a special musical program will start at 7:30, which will feature preliminary music by Miss Mamie Blackwood, church organist, on the organ and chimes. A number of records will also be played on the automatic mechanism of the organ during this period.

During the service a special anthem will be sung by the choir and a recital will be given by Rev. Mr. Morrissett.

The chimes were installed in the organ as a gift of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Royall and family in memory of Mrs. Royall's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John S. Bell, will not be dedicated until September.

It is expected that Mr. and Mrs. Hanes will be present for the service. Mrs. Hanes, the former Miss DeWitt Chatham, was at one time a member of the local church, as were her father and mother.

The public is invited to attend.

## Leaf Prices Hit High Of \$45.49 On Ga.-Fla. Marts

Flue-cured tobacco sales on Georgia-Florida markets reached an average of \$45.49 per 100 pounds Monday, the highest of the season thus far, it was reported yesterday.

Markets in the Georgia-Florida belt opened last week with the flue-cured leaf bringing an average of 43.92 cents per pound. The figure was slightly under the average for the record opening week of last year, but it was the second highest week in the history of the Georgia-Florida belt.

Some decline in averages for lower quality grades was reported Tuesday, but prices for better quality offerings were generally steady.

## LEAF GROWERS STUDY TURKISH TOBACCO CARE

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Roy Crouse, specialist in Turkish tobaccos, discussed various phases of the growing process from planting to curing of the foreign leaf.

The meeting was held under auspices of the Extension Service to acquaint tobacco growers in this area with the progress in the experimental work with the Turkish leaf can be adapted to soils of this area, and are encouraging farmers to undertake experimental work with the leaf. Curing of Turkish tobaccos consists of sun-drying in contrast to the flue-curing of domestic types.

Experimental growing of Turkish tobacco has been carried on in Wilkes and surrounding counties for three years, and a number of new growers are planning to plant crops' next year. Experts believe the Turkish leaf can be adapted to soils of this area, and are encouraging farmers to undertake experimental work with the leaf. Curing of Turkish tobaccos consists of sun-drying in contrast to the flue-curing of domestic types.

## GIVE SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Extension Service Releases 1946 Figures Concerning Farmers In Past Year  
PROGRESS IS NOTED

"A Good Year of Peace and Progress" was realized in 1946 by Tar Heel farmers and homemakers, according to the title and substance of the annual report of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, released this week by Director I. O. Schaub.

As the director's report to the people of the state, it views the Extension Service record in twenty-eight pages of interesting, readable sections on all of the phases of farming, homemaking and youth programs. Thirty-eight photographs, taken in all parts of North Carolina, illustrate the report.

The record for the first year of peacetime farming since 1940 shows that 241,550 farms and 147,656 farm homes made definite changes in practices toward better farming and homemaking. Of the state's 287,989 farms, according to the 1945 census, county or state college personnel visited 150,582 different farmsteads, and answered 648,933 office and telephone inquiries for assistance. More than 286,000 farm families were influenced by some phase of the Extension program.

A total of 369,939 adults attended more than 23,000 method demonstrations while rural youth responded 651,036 strong to swell attendance at more than 18,000 demonstrations for young people.

Total membership in the state's 1,955 4-H Clubs was listed at 95,483 and 56,021 farm women members of 2,221 home demonstration clubs sold farm products valued at \$2,237,465.