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## Elkin Tax Rate Is Set At \$1.50; Contract Is Let For Audit of Books

### SEEK TO TRANSFER LOCAL SCHOOL DEBT TO COUNTY'S BACK

Appropriate \$300 For County Health Department

### TO ADVERTISE TAX

Meeting Monday night in monthly session, the board of town commissioners set the tax rate for Elkin at \$1.50 on the hundred dollar valuation for the ensuing fiscal year, an increase of 20 cents over the past year's rate, which was \$1.30.

However, due to a recent 20 percent horizontal reduction in the valuation of real estate in the county, the new tax rate is in reality a slight reduction over last year.

During the meeting County Commissioner M. Q. Snow appeared before the town board with the information that the county health department wants an appropriation of \$300 from Elkin, \$900 from Mount Airy and \$4,000 from the county in order to maintain its present four person unit and to be eligible to participate in the Rockefeller Foundation fund. After discussion it was voted to appropriate \$300 upon condition that Mount Airy appropriates its quota of \$900.

The contract for the semi-annual audit of the town books was let to George G. Scott & Co., of Charlotte.

A petition, requesting that the county take over the debt of the Elkin special charter school district, which amounts to \$34,500, was read and adopted. The petition stated that inasmuch as the entire county school system is now under county administration and under supervision and control of the state school commission, the county should take over the school debt which was incurred in the erection of buildings, purchase of grounds, etc.

The matter of sidewalks on Market and East Main streets also came before the commissioners who ordered that rock dust be put down over the present rocky foundation so that the walks may be fit for pedestrian use, the rock dust to be hauled here from Winston-Salem in Chatham Manufacturing company trucks, the town to stand the expense of hire of extra hands, etc.

Advertising of taxes was ordered for the second Monday in August.

Dr. M. A. Royall, mayor, was elected sanitary officer. J. R. Poindexter was named as mayor pro tem.

During the meeting a suggestion was made that one of the Elkin policemen be discharged in the name of economy and that Dixie Graham, city tax collector, be given the job of day policeman in conjunction with his tax work. However, no decision could be reached as to which of the two present policemen be retained and as a result the matter was dropped.

## ARE REMODELING M. P. INSTITUTE

Expect Full Enrollment When School Opens September 5th

The authorities at Mountain Park Institute are busily engaged on a program of remodeling at the Institute this summer preparatory to opening as a Junior College this fall. The Institute will offer two years of standard college work in addition to the high school curriculum in force heretofore. Besides the literary subjects usually offered in the first two years of Liberal Arts College, Mountain Park will offer courses in Home Economics, Vocational Agriculture and a school of Business Administration at the college level according to an announcement by President L. S. Weaver here today.

The remodeling work during the summer is in charge of Prof. J. A. Wilson, who will head the Agriculture Department this fall. Extensive improvements are being made on

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### Commandant



Lieut.-Colonel Simon B. Buckner, Jr., a graduate at West Point Military Academy in 1908, returns to Uncle Sam's famous school as Commandant. He has been assistant superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds at Washington.

## QUIET FOURTH IS OBSERVED IN CITY

### Cool Wave Upsets Plans Of Many; Stores Close

A quiet, sane and shivery Fourth was observed here Tuesday by a citizenry more concerned with keeping warm than getting out and raising whoopee.

The sensational tail spin of local thermometers which slid a large number of degrees downward Monday made swimming parties and picnics something to be endured rather than a pleasurable event with the result that the majority of folks stayed home or limited their activities to an automobile ride.

Local stores, with the exception of drug stores, were closed for the day, as were the Western Union office and the post office.

Industrial plants continued activities as usual.

### Telephone Service Is Discussed By Barbour

A talk on Modern Communication was given before the Elkin Kiwanis club Friday night by Dan Barbour, local manager of the South East Public Service Co.

In his talk, Mr. Barbour gave several interesting highlights of the telephone industry, comparing its humble origin of a comparatively few years ago until today when telephone wires encompass the earth.

He pointed out the constant effort of the telephone companies to improve their service day by day in order that telephone subscribers may constantly be kept abreast of all that is new in electrical communication.

### Yadkinville Man Fined For Highway Violation

Johnny Clampett, of Yadkinville, tried before Magistrate Joe Williams Monday on a charge of entering a highway without stopping, was fined \$5 and the costs. He was arrested by Corporal W. B. Lentz, of the state highway patrol.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. PYRON ARE HELD AT KLONDIKE

Death of Popular Elkin Woman Is Shock To Community

### DIED ON BIRTHDAY

A pall of sorrow was cast over the entire town Thursday morning by the passing of Mrs. Elizabeth King Pyron, wife of Ruohs Pyron, at a Winston-Salem hospital. Mrs. Pyron had been ill only a short time and submitted to a surgical operation Monday. Her condition became serious only a short time before her death and her passing was a distinct shock to friends here and elsewhere.

During the years of her residence in Elkin Mrs. Pyron had endeared herself to many friends. She was actively identified with the social and civic affairs of the town. For two years she served as president of the Elkin Woman's club and was interested in every movement for the progress and welfare of the town. In her passing Elkin and the community sustains a loss that will be keenly felt.

Impressive funeral services were held from the home at Klondike Farm Friday morning at 11 o'clock by Father Adler, priest of the Mt. Airy Roman Catholic church, and interment was in Hollywood cemetery. A blanket of flowers which covered the grave was evidence of the esteem and devotion of scores of friends.

Mrs. Pyron was born in Boston, Mass., a daughter of Michael F. and Mrs. Mary Druan King, and her death occurred on her forty-third birthday. She is survived by her parents; her husband, Ruohs Pyron, manager of Klondike Farm; two sisters, Mrs. James J. Solheim, of Boston, Mass., and Mrs. Robert Neff Adams, of Booth Bay Harbor, Maine, and one brother, J. F. King, of New Jersey.

Pallbearers were W. A. Neapes, C. C. Poindexter, Alex Chatham, Paul Gwyn, J. R. Poindexter, Dr. Harry L. Johnson, F. L. Poore and Dr. Hugh Parks.

## LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

### Surry Man Killed

Martinsville, Va., July 4.—Fourth of July activities in Henry county today were marked by a serious tragedy, an automobile accident that took a toll of two lives and caused serious injury to two other young men.

Roosevelt V. Gentry, 24, of Mt. Airy, N. C., furniture worker at Bassett, was instantly killed and Stafford Craig, 22, son of David Craig, of Bassett, died in a local hospital.

### 89 Deaths

Americans around the world yesterday celebrated with holiday jubilation this nation's 157th Independence day. From one corner of the United States to the other the reverberations of cannon crackers echoed in salute.

The celebration exacted a high toll in human life. Long before nightfall 89 deaths had been reported.

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## Jeffress States In Letter That He Intends To Include Highway To N. Wilkesboro In Program

### Escaped Convicts Are Captured Here By Night Policeman Darnell

Two escaped Negro convicts, both under sentence for second degree murder, were captured here Sunday by Policeman J. L. Darnell following a search of a wooded section north of town by officers and citizens.

The Negroes, Arthur Mason, who was sent up from Kinston in 1925 under a sentence of 15 to 25 years, and Lonzo Matthews, sent up from Siler City in 1932 under sentence of from 25 to 30 years, escaped from a state prison camp near West Jefferson over a week ago, in company with another Negro who has not been captured. They were seen entering a patch of woods Sunday afternoon and local police were notified.

Search of the woods by a hastily assembled posse had failed to reveal the convicts when word reached the officers that two of the Negroes were in conversation with Bud Martin, local colored man, who was holding them on the pretext of securing shoes and clothing, until officers could arrive.

Officer Darnell immediately went to the scene and by slipping around a house behind which the convicts were talking, got the drop on them and made the arrests.

Following their apprehension, Patrol Corporal W. B. Lentz and Deputy Crawford Hurt, who had been engaged in the hunt arrived on the scene and assisted in escorting the convicts to the Elkin jail where they

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### Farm Peony Wins



Mrs. A. M. Brand, on his farm near Faribault, Minn., went in for peony raising. He developed some remarkable Hansena blooms. He entered them in the Century of Progress world fair at Chicago . . . and his peony won the gold medal as best in the show.

## HOLD FUNERAL FOR MRS. MARY H. LONG

Services Tuesday Afternoon From Center Methodist Church

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Holcomb Long, 63, wife of Jesse B. Long, were held Tuesday afternoon from Center Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. Sharp, assisted by Rev. Miles H. Vestal and Rev. Robert Speer. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Long died at her home Sunday after a year's illness from cancer. She was a member of the Center Methodist church and a woman greatly loved in her community. She was the daughter of the late John B. and Mrs. Mary Holcomb.

Surviving are her husband, Jesse B. Long, one son and two daughters. Two brothers, Dr. Reid Holcomb of Oak Grove, Missouri and Lee Holcomb, of Center, Yadkin county, also survive.

### WILL AID INDUSTRIES

The public works administration predicted Tuesday that more men would be needed in mines and industry to support the needs of road workers than will be used in the actual work of building the roads.

### BUSINESS MUCH BETTER

American business has taken a decidedly upward trend, the New York board of trade reported Tuesday on the basis of a survey of conditions in 100 representative cities.

## Health Department Question Undecided As We Go To Press

No information as to what disposition will be made in the matter of the county health department was forthcoming up until the time The Tribune went to press Wednesday afternoon due to the fact that the board of county commissioners was still in executive session.

Meeting Monday, the commissioners received various delegations favoring the continuance of the health department, but took no action on the question, reserving decision until Wednesday. Although a representative of The Tribune made a special trip to Dobson Wednesday afternoon, he was unable to find out what had been decided in time for publication.

Other than consideration of the health department question at Monday's meeting, only routine matters were disposed of.

## SECOND TERM IS TO BEGIN ON JULY 24

Summer School Going Strong With Fine Attendance

Plans of Catawba College Summer School Division at Elkin have matured to the point that a second term is actually assured. A majority of first term students will return and a goodly number who are not attending the first term will register for the second.

The first term closes Friday, July 21. Registration for the second term will take place on Saturday, July 22, and regular work will begin on the following Monday at eight o'clock. Courses for the second term will be announced next week.

Dr. Ethel Abernethy, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Abernethy, of this city, gave an instructive lecture to the summer school students last

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### To Publish Budget

The town budget for the ensuing fiscal year, adopted by the town commissioners at their meeting Monday, will be published in next week's issue of The Tribune, Paul Gwyn, town treasurer, stated Wednesday.

## TO SEND SURVEYORS HERE TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF ROUTE

Road Would Shorten Distance To North Wilkesboro

### IS BADLY NEEDED

It is the intention of the state highway commission to include the proposed Elkin-North Wilkesboro highway in the federal program, a letter from E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the highway commission, to Alex Chatham, states.

The paragraph concerning the new highway is as follows:

"It is our intention to include the Elkin-Wilkesboro road in the Federal program and we will have a surveying party shortly at Elkin to get the refinements made in the line." The letter was signed by Mr. Jeffress.

It is taken that the highway will be constructed and that the work will be begun within the near future, according to the text of the letter and inasmuch as federal funds made available to North Carolina for road building are in the form of immediate relief funds.

If and when this new link is completed it will mean that the distance from Elkin to North Wilkesboro will be cut down to only 19 miles, doing away with the present necessity of traveling by way of Brook's Cross Roads in case hardsurfaced roads are concerned.

Pressure was brought upon the highway commission last summer to build the proposed road from previous federal funds, but due to the clamor for roads from all over the state, efforts failed. However, new funds and Mr. Jeffress' letter indicate that the route may soon become an actuality.

## FACULTY IS NAMED AT GLADE VALLEY

School Is To Open On Tuesday, September 5th

The Glade Valley high school will have the following faculty in charge for the session of 1933-34.

Rev. C. W. Ervin, principal and teacher of English and Bible; Prof. W. Clay Thompson, Science and History; Miss Annie Belle Corry, French and Mathematics; Miss Margaret Dowdle, Home Economics; Mrs. Ellen Guerrant, Music and Dean of Girls; Mrs. E. B. Eldridge, Matron, and E. B. Eldridge, Superintendent and Treasurer.

The regular fees have been reduced on some items and as usual the school is offering the self-help

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## Jurors Are Drawn For Civil Court

The following Surry county citizens have been drawn by the county commissioners to serve as jurors during the July term of civil court, which convenes at Dobson July 10, for a two-weeks' session:

First week: J. H. Coon, J. S. Dezern, Paul Gwyn, C. F. Riddle, L. P. Wrenn, J. W. Hillan, Lindshaw Holcomb, W. A. Whitaker, J. W. Gentry, R. T. Hodge, Frank Dawson, R. B. Gwyn, G. E. Welsh, O. F. Hauser, I. N. Greenwood, W. F. Carter, Jr., W. M. Vernon, C. W. Davis, Eugene Snow, R. E. Freeman, Charles G. Ashby, C. B. Wellborn, D. C. Rector, J. W. Buckley.

Second week: J. O. Bivins, W. T. Myers, G. B. Brindle, Lee Boyd, B. F. Holder, R. D. George, E. B. Galloway, C. W. Whitlock, R. J. Coster, T. M. Brannock, W. O. Atkins, E. H. Kochitzsky, Gray Hardy, E. H. Blodsoe, G. W. Bowman, Robert Bolton, H. C. Lawrence, George B. Reid.

## State Sales Tax Becomes Effective Amid Moans and Groans of Populace

The sales tax, the object of more assorted adjectives of rather doubtful color than anything of displeasing nature that the populace has yet run up against, went into effect Saturday amid the exasperated groans of the merchants and the painful moans of the consumer.

A tour of various business houses Saturday disclosed a variety of expressions upon the faces of owners and employees. In most cases, both owner and clerk was caught looking extremely puzzled as they endeavored to compute the tax on a yard of muslin, two cards of hooks and eyes and a spool of thread, with much muttering to themselves and hasty scrutiny of sales tax brackets. In drug and ten cent stores clerks

were busy handing out little coupons which bore the information that each coupon was good for free tax on any 10 cent purchase, which meant that those who received them had already made a purchase and paid a penny where only a third of a penny was due.

For instance, on a pack of popular cigarettes, the tax is one-third of a cent, but an entire cent must be collected due to the fact that no merchant as yet has designed a satisfactory way in which to slice a cent into thirds. But with the purchase of the cigarettes, the customer, who pays and pays for the glory of the last legislature, gets two coupons allowing him two 10c purchases tax free. So for his next pack of fags

he pays the original purchase price and hands over a coupon if he hasn't lost it.

Where a dollar sale is concerned the stress and strain on the merchant's figuring pencil is less apparent. The consumer merely pays a dollar for his purchase and then hands over three cents more for the state government as pay for all its benefits.

Evidently through oversight of the late and very much lamented general assembly, certain articles of food and a few articles of other merchandise is not taxed. These articles are flour, meal, meat, lard, fresh milk, molasses, sugar, salt, coffee prescriptions, school books, gasoline and commercial fertilizer.