

EVENTS of the Past Week

LOCAL

MISS JOYCE BLACK, 18, of Burlington, was crowned Miss North Carolina at Blowing Rock's state-wide beauty contest last Friday night. Miss Hilda Gay Renegar, of Arlington, represented Elkin and this section in the contest as "Miss Elkin, 1939." Second place winner was Miss Sybil King, of Kinston. Third place went to Miss Marie Pons, of Valdese.

THE ELKIN FIRE department was called to the home of Henry Dobson here last Friday when the motor of a wood saw in the back yard blazed up. Operators of the saw were fearful the gas tank would explode and throw blazing gasoline on the house. The firemen made quick work of the blaze.

RUSSELL BURCHAM, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Burcham, of Elkin, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army Reserves and assigned to the Infantry, it has been announced by the War Department at Washington, D. C. Burcham graduated with honors from State College this spring.

WORK OF REPAIRING the sidewalk on East and West Main streets here is under way by WPA forces, a section of the walk in front of Turner Drug Company and Hinshaw Cash Hardware Company having been poured Wednesday afternoon. Other sections include the walk in front of the Home Furniture Company and the walk bordering the Elk Pharmacy and Western Auto Associate Store.

STATE

FOUR NEW STEEL pieces used by foot soldiers at the time of Sir Walter Raleigh's attempted colonization of Roanoke Island in the 1580's arrived at Manteo last week, according to the curator of the Fort Raleigh museum, which is operated in connection with the historical drama "The Lost Colony." A rare collection of Indian relics have also been loaned the museum, as well as a full set of copies of the John White paintings of the flora and fauna of the New World.

WHISKY SALES by ABC stores in the 27 wet counties of North Carolina, dropped to \$6,858,243.30 for the last fiscal year from \$6,968,007.40 for 1937-38. Chairman Cutler Moore, of the state ABC board reported Tuesday. Moore said the decrease of \$109,764.10 did not fully reflect the decrease in sales as retail prices were increased about five per cent. July 1, 1938, when the federal government increased the tax on liquors.

NORTH CAROLINA classroom teachers can expect salary increases totaling about \$275,000 next term. Jule B. Warren, secretary of the state education association, said Tuesday night following an all-day meeting of the salary schedule committee of the school commission.

NATIONAL

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT and Secretary Hull have abandoned their persistent efforts to get action on neutrality legislation at this session of Congress, after a discussion of the situation with both Republican and Democratic leaders of the senate. Other news coming out of the nation's capitol concerned a resolution urging the Roosevelt administration to call a conference of nine nations to pass judgment on Japan's military campaign in China and to recommend "appropriate action." The resolution was introduced by Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Mich.

INTERNATIONAL

CURRENT NEWS reports from Danzig, present sore spot of Europe, are to the effect that expressions of optimism are coming from many parts of Europe in the belief that moves toward negotiations on the future of the free city of the Baltic would be made soon. However, news earlier in the week told of German military trucks, scaled so as to keep their contents secret, had been seen entering Danzig, with their ultimate destination unknown.

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WINSTON MAN BADLY HURT IN ACCIDENT

Given 50-50 Chance for Recovery at Hospital

STRUCK LOCAL MACHINE

Lancaster Gourley Suffers Fractured Skull, Jaw and Other Injuries

RIDING MOTORCYCLE

Lancaster Gourley, 21, of Winston-Salem, is in a very critical condition at Hugh Chatham hospital here as the result of injuries sustained Sunday afternoon when his motorcycle was in collision with a car driven by Dr. T. R. White, Elkin dentist, about two miles west of Brooks Cross Roads. The young man was said to have a 50-50 chance Wednesday afternoon.

Young Gourley, a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Gourley, of Walkertown, suffered a compound fracture of the jaw, a fractured skull, injured shoulder and internal injuries.

The accident was said to have occurred while the machine operated by Dr. White was at a complete standstill, having been brought to a halt after partly entering the highway from a side road. The motorcycle, en route to Winston-Salem from Boone, where, with other cyclists, the young man had been attending a motorcycle meet, was said to have struck the bumper of the Elkin car, tearing it off. The machine was then said to have continued onward, running off the road into the yard of a house nearby where its rider was thrown heavily, landing in a ditch.

Dr. White said he had halted before entering the highway to allow several motorcycles to go by, and did not see Gourley's machine until he had again put his car in motion and was partly on the hard surface.

Immediately following the accident, the young man was put in the first passing car and rushed here, where he remained unconscious until Wednesday morning. It was then he regained consciousness for brief intervals, it was said.

The accident was investigated by Highway Patrolman Lee Phillips, of Elkin.

TO GIVE EXAM HERE FOR RURAL CARRIER

The United States civil service commission has announced an examination to fill the position of rural carrier at Whitehead, the examination to be held here.

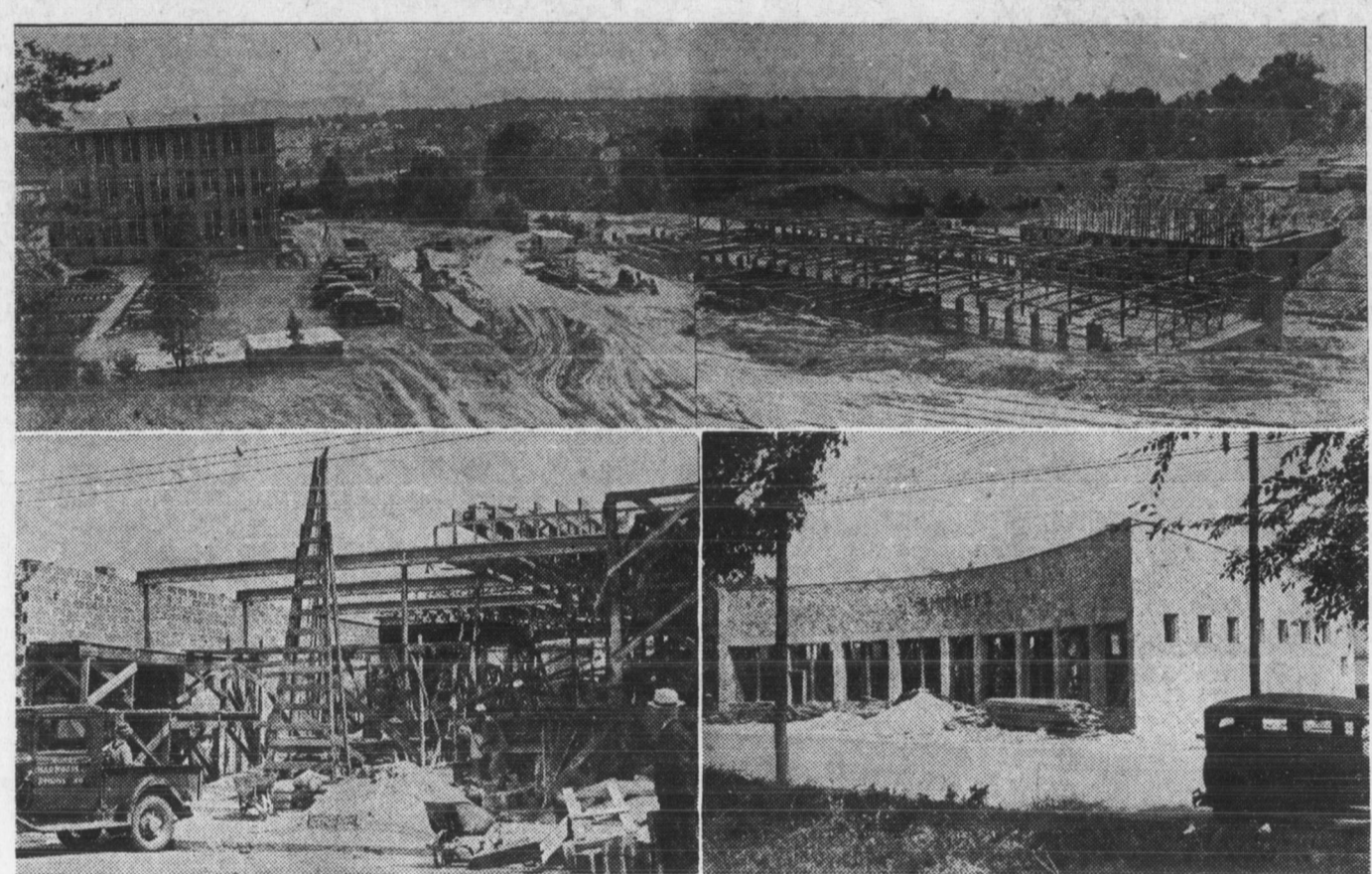
Receipt of applications will close on August 4. The examination will be open only to citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of the postoffice where the vacancy exists, and who have been living there for six months next preceding the closing date for receipt of applications. Further details may be obtained at the postoffice.

Journeys Alone



Mrs. John Shuman, above, although 82 years old, thinks nothing of making the long trip from St. Louis, Mo., to the home of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Darnell, in Pleasant Hill, alone. Mrs. Shuman, known as "Aunt Susan," has made a total of 21 trips. She arrived two weeks ago by train to spend the summer.

BUILDINGS PROGRESS With a large amount of construction under way here, the structures pictured below are rapidly taking form. The top photo shows the progress made thus far on the new Chatham Manufacturing company finishing plant, which will house the finishing department to be moved here from Winston-Salem when the building is complete. At the left of the picture may be seen one end of the present plant, with the new construction at the right. Photo at left, bottom, is the new store building being constructed on East Main street next to J. C. Penney Co. This large store building will house Rose 5 and 10-Cent Store, it is understood, and is of brick, cement and steel construction. Lower right is view of the Smithy building on East Main street, a large structure of stone with unique curved front. Reports that construction on this building has been halted due to lack of steel supports and girders, could not be confirmed.—(Tribune Photos.)



Seek Continued Cooperation in Clean-up Week

The continued cooperation of the citizens of the town is requested in the Clean-up program which is being sponsored by the Woman's Club, Kiwanis Club and Garden Club, with the aid of town officials. A special truck has been placed at the disposal of citizens for clearing away rubbish and will be sent anywhere in town by calling the City Hall. Much has been accomplished since the program was inaugurated but there remains a number of unsightly places that demand attention, if Elkin is to merit the coveted title of the "cleanest town in the state."

SURRY COURT COMES TO END

Number of Cases of Local Interest Disposed of Before Judge Nettles

DIVORCE IS GRANTED

The Surry county term of civil court closed last week, with Judge Zeb W. Nettles, presiding. The following cases of local interest were disposed of: Greenwood Auto company vs. R. W. Cummings, continued; Blendon Byrd vs. C. B. Franklin and wife, continued; J. W. Wall vs. J. F. Booker, judgment for plaintiff for \$392.75; O. J. and J. C. Boles vs. W. J. Tucker, judgment for plaintiff for \$298.00; Town of Elkin vs. Dr. R. R. Garvey, Town of Elkin to recover \$52.25 from Garvey; P. H. Rhodes vs. Pearl Rhodes, divorce granted. The following cases were non-suited: A. B. Carter vs. Travelers' Insurance company, and Gray & Creech vs. Elkin Laundry. Cases of L. F. Walker vs. Ella Holyfield and Greenwood Auto company vs. Gladstone Carter were dismissed.

Many of the cases disposed of at this term of court had been on record for years and due to age were not tried.

ANSWER FILED IN JAIL CASE

D. N. Vestal, of Yadkin, Denies Charges of Sheriff A. L. Inscore

WOULD OUST JAILER

Jailer D. N. Vestal, of Yadkin county, whose removal from that position is being sought by Sheriff A. L. Inscore through an action filed June 19, this year, Saturday filed an answer to the complaint, denying that he is illegally occupying the position of jailer of the county, as alleged by Sheriff Inscore.

The reply further states that Vestal was legally appointed jailer by House Bill No. 244 which was ratified by the legislature of North Carolina on the 13th of March, 1939, and went into full force and effect on the first day of the month following its ratification. It denies that the defendant holds office "without any legal warrant," or that he has "intruded into or usurped the duties of said office."

Sheriff Inscore alleges that Vestal is "unlawfully receiving the fees and emoluments of jailer, thereby depriving him of said fees and emoluments of said office," while he is still liable on his bond for the care and custody of the jail.

YOUTH INJURED IN ACCIDENT WEDNESDAY

Harold Lloyd, 17, a truck driver, received first aid at Hugh Chatham Hospital Wednesday afternoon for abrasions of the right arm and hand as the result of an accident in which his truck turned over on the Elkin-Dobson road near Fairview. He was not badly hurt.

Yadkin Man Is Badly Hurt by Fall in Woods

John Oaks, 58, of Boonville, is in a serious condition at the local hospital following an injury late last Friday afternoon when he stumbled and fell against a sharp, shoulder-high sprout, inflicting a bad wound in his neck near the jugular vein.

The man was brought to the hospital in a semi-conscious condition, being found by Sinclair Morrison near Mr. Morrison's home as the latter was cutting wood. It was said that Mr. Oaks, after being injured, walked toward the Morrison home until he became too weak from loss of blood. He then crawled through the woods until he reached an open space where he was found, covered with blood and too near spent to talk.

G. N. STEELE DIES SATURDAY

Well-Known Surry Farmer Had Been in Bad Health for Several Years

FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY

Giles Newton Steele, 79, well known farmer, died Saturday morning at his home near here following a critical illness of three days. He had been in declining health for the past four years.

The deceased was a native of Surry county and had spent his entire life in the county.

He is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Mollie Turner, three sons, Dock, Henry and Thurmond Steele, and three daughters, Mrs. A. A. Cave, Mrs. C. J. Jackson and Mrs. J. W. Wells, all of the vicinity of Elkin. A number of grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Betty Chaney of Clebourne, Texas, and Mrs. Nancy Holt, of near Dobson, also survive.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday morning at 11 o'clock from Popular Springs church. The rites were in charge of Rev. J. L. Powers and Rev. Johnny Weatherman. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Husband: "The shares I paid so much for last week are now only worth five shillings each!" "Then isn't it a good thing you've got so many of them?"

CAN SEINE IN YADKIN RIVER

However, for Coarse Fish Only; Season Closes on August 31st

It has been announced by Conrad Gentry, Surry county game protector, that the Yadkin river in Surry county is open for seining coarse fish, such as catfish, carp, suckers and gars, until August 31. This rule holds good each year from July 1 to August 31.

Due to the fact that there appears to be some confusion in regard to fishing regulations in the county, Mr. Gentry pointed out that fish may be taken only with hook and line, rod and reel, or by casting. The closed season dates from April 1 to May 8 each year. No license is required of residents of Surry county to fish in Surry county, although such residents are not allowed to fish in other counties without a license. Residents of other counties coming into Surry to fish are also required to have a license.

FURNITURE TEAM DROPS A COUPLE

The thirteenth, combined with playing by artificial light for the first time and several errors cost the Elkin Furniture team the game to the defending champions of Roanoke Rapids at High Point Thursday evening. The score was 10-0.

Sunday, July 16, the local team lost the second game to Hanes Hosiery 4-1, in the High Point semi-pro tournament. In the last game the local boys outthit their opponents 13-7 but base running proved their downfall.

Receives Degree



Jeter L. Haynes, of Jonesville, has received the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in history, at the close of the first term of summer school at Catawba College. He is a member of the Roaring River high school faculty.

SURRY IS IN LIST OF COUNTIES TO RECEIVE LOANS

Designed to Help Farm Tenants Become Owners

MANY HAVE BEEN AIDED

Yadkin and Alleghany Are Also Eligible for Tenant Purchase Loans

FOR 40-YEAR PERIOD

Surry, Yadkin and Alleghany counties are included in the list of counties in North Carolina which will receive loans to help farm tenants become owners under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, according to information received from FSA County Supervisor C. O. Pickle. Every county in the state is eligible to receive such loans.

Blanketing the entire state, Surry, Yadkin and Alleghany were among fifty new counties designated by Henry A. Wallace, secretary of agriculture, upon advice of the state advisory committee.

"The FSA has helped 389 tenants in North Carolina to become landowners during the past two years," Mr. Pickle said. "Congress, in its battle to keep the American farmer on his farm, appropriated \$40,000,000 recently to be used under the provisions of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Act to help stop the alarming trend from farm ownership to tenancy."

These loans are made for a 40-year period at three per cent. interest. However, the act provides that after five years payment in full can be made at any time. Under a variable payment plan farmers may make larger payments in good years with smaller payments due in years of partial crop failure or low prices.

Mr. Pickle said repayment of these loans all over the United States is remarkable with the borrowers repaying 135 per cent. of maturities. Further information about how to apply for these loans will be given by the County Supervisor whose office is located in the court house at Dobson, N. C.

A three-farmer advisory committee will assist the supervisor, examine the applications, appraise farm applicants who wish to buy and recommend tenants for successful farm ownership. Borrowers will have the help and guidance of the Farm Security Administration in building or repairing their homes and in making plans to do better farming.

Although land purchase loans are limited, Mr. Pickle said the regular rehabilitation loans for items such as feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock and farm equipment are available to eligible farmers unable to secure adequate credit elsewhere.

SEVERE STORM VISITS ELKIN

Bolt Hits Near Chatham Plant; Two Men Are Reported Killed Near Here

NO DETAILS LEARNED

A brief but severe electrical storm, accompanied by a hard downpour of rain, swept over Elkin about 3 p. m. Wednesday afternoon, the lightning striking a tree near the Chatham Manufacturing company and causing an electrical display over the steelwork of the Chatham finishing plant now under construction. No one was injured.

It was reported here after the storm that two men were killed by lightning "about two miles down the road," while working in a tobacco field. This report was said to have been brought in by a truck driver engaged in hauling stone from Mount Airy to Elkin. The Tribune, seeking to verify the report and to get details, was later informed that the men were killed near Level Cross. However, up until the time The Tribune went to press, no further details could be learned, and it is not known whether or not there was any truth in the report.

Time Flies; Watch Buns
Tenderfoot: "I don't see how a watch can keep accurate time."
Fist Class: "Why not?"
Tenderfoot: "Well, time flies, but a watch only runs."