

YANKS MAKE PROGRESS IN MARSHALLS

Surry 4th War Loan Sales In January Total \$576,545

ELKIN DISTRICT SALES \$100,256, CHAIRMAN SAYS

Surry E Bond Sales Are \$192,675, Elkin's \$73,256

BOND AUCTION TONIGHT

Military Band To Be Here Friday Afternoon On Bond Selling Tour

CONCERTS ARE PLANNED

The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Va., has reported that sale of War Bonds in Surry county totals \$576,545 through January 31, it was learned Wednesday from J. F. Yokley, of Mount Airy, county chairman of the Fourth War Loan.

Of this amount, \$192,675 were in E Bonds, the report disclosed. Locally in the Elkin district, the total sale of bonds through February 1 amounts to \$100,256.25. D. G. Smith, district chairman, said Wednesday. Of this amount, \$73,256.25 were in E bonds.

Surry's quota for the drive is \$1,261,000, of which \$648,900 have been assigned as the quota for the sale of E bonds. Two special War Loan Drive features are scheduled for this week, the first, a War Bond Auction, to be held this evening (Thursday), at 8:00 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, and the second, a concert by a military band from Greensboro, being planned for Friday afternoon.

The bond auction has been made possible through the generosity of Elkin merchants and other business firms who have donated desirable articles of merchandise to be sold. Bidding will be in bonds, and the winning bidder will receive both the article and the merchandise he bids in, plus a ticket to the Kiwanis-Jaycee basketball team planned for next week. Rev. Herman F. Duncan, Charlie N. Myers and T. C. McKnight, who alternated as auctioneers in the bond auctions

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ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM 7TH

L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club Leader, to Deliver Address at Dobson

PLAN GOOD PROGRAM

The annual 4-H Club Achievement Program will be held in the courthouse, in Dobson, Monday, February 7th at 10:00 a. m.

L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club leader of Raleigh, will deliver the address. Mr. Harrill is recognized as one of the outstanding 4-H Club leaders of the nation, and is well known to the 4-H Club group.

Medals will be presented to the county 4-H Club winners, and a banner will be presented to the outstanding club in the county.

Skits and demonstrations will be given by Mountain Park, Dobson, Copeland and Siloam clubs. Beulah and Lowgap Glee Clubs will render special numbers.

Bobby Cockerham, of the Mountain Park 4-H Club, will give a report of his poultry project.

Marceline Simmons, of the Pilot Mountain club will tell of her 4-H Club achievements, and Jack Tiley, of the Westfield Club, what 4-H club work has meant to him. A banner will be presented the club having the largest per cent of members present based on miles traveled.

A special invitation is extended to parents and club leaders, and all 4-H club members are urged to attend.

Receives Medal



Pfc. Romie C. Stokes, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stokes, of Cycle, is recovering from wounds he received last September 13, and has been awarded the Purple Heart. Pfc. Stokes entered the army September 9, 1941, and is stationed in North Africa. He has been overseas since May, 1943.

BANQUET HELD HERE TUESDAY

Over 300 Attend Enjoyable Event At Y. M. C. A.; Hear Excellent Talk

SQUARE DANCE STAGED

Over 300 Elkin merchants and their employees and other guests Tuesday evening attended the annual Employer-Employee banquet staged in the gymnasium of the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A.

Guest speaker of the evening was Bob L. Patton, an outstanding humorist, of Morganton, who used as his subject, "What Do You Fear?" Using a large number of jokes and funny stories during the course of his talks, Mr. Patton provided his listeners with real entertainment.

Gaston L. Hill, president of the Elkin Merchants Association presided over the meeting, giving a brief resume of the activities of the group during the past year.

George E. Royall acted as master of ceremonies, and presented the speaker, highlighting his part of the program with a gag in which four men present were induced to step behind a screen and bare their legs, following which their wives, seeing only the bare shanks, were asked to identify their respective husbands. Not a single wife picked the right man.

A musical highlight of the program was a group of songs by a quartette from the Lucy Hanes Chatham Club, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Dorothy Colhard Summey.

H. F. Laffoon, publisher of The Tribune, was recognized during the meeting concerning The Tribune's winning of two first place N. C. Press Association awards.

Following the banquet a square dance was held in the basement of the "Y" building.

Truant Officer Former Deputy

Merlin Robertson, Surry county truant officer, was a deputy under Sheriff Sam Patterson prior to resigning to assume his new duties the first of the year, having served in this capacity from the time Sheriff Patterson took office.

Mr. Robertson was the deputy who located a watch in Thomasville that resulted in the arrest and conviction of Romey Marsh, Early Marsh and Pedro Johnson for the robbery of J. V. Calloway in February of last year.

It will be remembered that Mr. Calloway, an aged farmer, was beaten, bound and gagged, and robbed, and left tied up by his assailants.

SURRY MEN ARE SENT FOR EXAM ON JANUARY 31

First Group To Go Under New Induction Ruling

ABOLISH SCREEN TEST

Men Will Now Know Whether or Not Physically Fit For Military Duty

SAVES TIME, TROUBLE

The first group of selectees from Surry county, board No. 2, were sent to Camp Croft January 31 for a pre-induction examination under the new ruling doing away with a local exam prior to going to camp.

Heretofore selectees were called up for a local examination, or "screen test," after which they were classified by the draft board. Men placed in 1-A were then sent to camp for induction ignorant of whether or not they would pass or be rejected. Under the present plan, men are called up and sent to camp for the regular army examination, and then are sent home. Those who passed are then subject to call within three weeks or later. However, should a man pass his physical and not be called within the next 90 days, he would have to take another army exam if called thereafter.

Under the new procedure men liable for military service will know whether or not they are physically fit for military duty at least three weeks in advance

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ARE TO AID IN FILING RETURNS

Deputy Collector to Be Here March 6-7 At Mill and At Town Hall 8-15

BLANKS COMPLICATED

In order to spread as much cheer and comfort as possible among the ranks of those who must file income tax returns not later than March 15, a representative of the federal department of internal revenue will be in Elkin March 8 through 15, and in other parts of Surry, Alleghany and Wilkes on other days, to assist in filing the returns.

Inasmuch as this year's blanks are considerably more complicated than somewhat, it is apparent that many taxpayers will need assistance. It was stated that those who have their own private source of aid would be wise to hold on to it, as deputy collectors are expected to have their hands full throughout the filing period.

Places and dates at which deputy collectors will be during the period are as follows:

February 15-16, Sparta courthouse; February 17-19, town hall, Pilot Mountain; February 21-26, Blue Ridge Hotel, Mount Airy; March 1-2, Dobson courthouse; March 3-4, town hall, North Wilkesboro; March 6-7, Chatham Manufacturing Company, Elkin; March 8-15, town hall, Elkin.

Square Dance To Be Held For Polio Fund

A square dance, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club, will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A. All proceeds from the dance will go to the infantile paralysis fund, one-half to remain in this county and the remainder to go to the national fund.

An admission fee of twenty-five cents will be charged. A string band has been engaged to furnish music for the event.

The public is invited to attend.

CHARGED WITH MURDER Mrs. W. E. Dean, wife of the man found dead in a pickup truck near East Bend last December, has been placed in jail to await trial next week on a charge of murder. With Mrs. Dean's arrest, Yadkin officers now hold three under murder charges, the first two suspects arrested being Woodrow Lane and Early Vernon ("Honey") Sears.



Mrs. Dean Is Charged With Murder In Case

Collections In Theatres Amount To Nearly \$500

Dr. W. B. Reeves, manager of the Reeves and Late Theatres here Tuesday announced that collections taken in the two theatres during the past week for the infantile paralysis fund March of Dimes, amounted to a total of \$486.38. The theatre management added \$13.62 to this amount to make it an even \$500, and the check was sent to national headquarters on Wednesday morning.

Dr. Reeves stated that on behalf of both theatres he wished to express appreciation to theatre patrons for their generous donations. He pointed out that of the amount collected, 40 per cent will be returned to Surry county for aid to victims of infantile paralysis.

Mrs. William Everett Dean, Woodrow Lane, and Early Vernon ("Honey") Sears, all charged with the murder of Mrs. Dean's husband, who was found dead in a pickup truck last December near East Bend, will be placed on trial for their lives at next week's term of Yadkin superior court.

Solicitor Avalon E. Hall has said that insofar as he knows the cases would be ready for the court by the time the Yadkin grand jury has acted upon them early next week.

Dean was found early Sunday morning, December 19, in his pickup truck near his home, his head bashed in. It was apparent that he had been dead only a short time when found.

The lights on Dean's car were burning and the car was in gear. The vehicle apparently had been allowed to roll off the carriage-way of the road of its own momentum or else had been pushed. The truck was undamaged and there was nothing to indicate

CYCLE MAN IS HURT IN WRECK

Fred Turner Flirts With The Law Again and As Usual Comes Out Loser

Fred Turner, Jr., (called June) of Cycle, had another brush with the law Saturday night and as usual came out loser. He wrecked his car, landed in the hospital and was bound over to superior court for reckless driving.

Turner was at Brooks Cross Roads about midnight when deputy sheriffs came along. He turned around on two wheels, ac-

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Swarm Ashore Under Protective Fire Of Great Naval Force

The Question Is, Did The Ground Hog See Shadow?

The question is, did the ground hog see his shadow Wednesday?

Some say yes and some say no. Those saying yes point out that early Wednesday morning the sun came up in a great red ball before being obscured later by clouds. This, they maintain, was sufficient to frighten the ground hog back into his den.

But others say that the sun wasn't strong enough to cast a shadow, and that the ground hog is scared of nothing but shadows, and as a result stayed out all day long, and spring will soon be here, tra la.

Time will perhaps tell who is right. If the weather goes hog wild during the next 40 days, it will be conclusive proof the little animal did see his shadow and retired to his den. If the weather is good, then won't that be proof that he didn't see nothin'?

FOOTHOLDS ARE GAINED ON TEN KEY BEACHES

Japs Stunned By Shelling, Offer Small Resistance

LOSSES ARE SAID LIGHT

Counterattack By Enemy Reported In Nip Broadcast From Tokyo

18 PLANES SHOT DOWN

Pearl Harbor, T. H., Feb. 2.—Upwards of 30,000 U. S. Marines and Army troops, in a 500-mile amphibious jump along the invasion route to Tokyo, have seized 10 islet beachheads in the Marshalls and begun major assaults on the main strongholds of Kwajalein, Roi and Namur Islands, front dispatches revealed today.

Swarming ashore under the protective fire of the largest naval striking force ever assembled, assault troops quickly established their footholds in the Kwajalein atoll Monday against light or non-existent resistance. More than 40 Japanese were slain and a number captured, while American casualties were extremely light.

The Japanese, stunned and decimated by a record 14,495-ton aerial and naval bombardment, rallied all available forces and began a desperate defense, however, as the Americans turned their full might against the Kwajalein Island naval base at the southern end of the 66-mile long atoll and the Roi-Namur air base at the northern end.

(A Japanese communique broadcast by the Tokyo radio and recorded by CBS said Japanese

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ZURA E. LONG PASSES AWAY

Well-Known Elkin Citizen Had Been In Declining Health Several Years

FINAL RITES TODAY

Zura E. Long, 58, well known Elkin citizen, and for many years an employee of Elkin Furniture Company, died at the local hospital at one o'clock Wednesday morning, following a critical illness of two weeks. He had been in declining health for several years.

Mr. Long was a native of Wilkes county and a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Shade Long. He had been a resident of Elkin for 33 years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bessie Mickle Long, five daughters, Mrs. Herman Royall, Mrs. Albert Lewis, Mrs. Harold Templeton and Misses Betty and Frances Long, all of this city; five sisters, Mrs. Amanda Walker of Reddies River; Mrs. Irene Dancy and Mrs. Alvy Winger of North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Maggie Wyatt of Hays and Mrs. Wilby Kilby of Reddies River; one half-sister, Mrs. Betty Elledge of North Wilkesboro and two half-brothers, John A. Long of Jonesville and Edward Long of this city.

Funeral rites will be held this afternoon (Thursday) at 3:30 at the home on Spring street, in charge of Rev. O. V. Caudill, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Interment will be in the family plot in Hollywood cemetery. The deceased was a member, will be in charge of the graveside rites.

Armentrout Veneer Company Is Sold

C. W. Grubb, of High Point, has purchased the equipment of the Armentrout Veneer Company here from C. H. Armentrout, and will operate it under the name of Elkin Veneer Company, it was learned Wednesday.

The plant manufactures single ply veneer, and employs 25 people.

Mr. Armentrout has returned to High Point where he will be engaged in the veneer business there.

Red Cross Quota Here Is \$10,000

A quota of \$10,000 has been assigned to Elkin in the annual Red Cross War Fund drive, which will be held during March, according to an announcement Tuesday by C. J. Hyslop, controller of the Surry County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The Surry county quota is \$25,000.

Mrs. A. O. Bryan will serve as chairman of the war fund drive in the up-town area and Mr. Hyslop for the Chatham Manufacturing Company.

Plans are being formulated for the drive locally and further plans will be announced.