

Oil Situation Here Critical Dealers State

Take Dim View Of Immediate Improvement

A survey of local oil dealers yesterday revealed that the supply of fuel oil in Elkin and Jonesville is critically short, and most dealers took a dim view of chances for the situation to improve before January.

One dealer reported that he had been out of oil for 10 days and didn't know when his next shipment would come in. Another said he had no prospects for new deliveries of oil for two months. He stated that he had a small amount on hand and that he hoped to be able to supply his old customers with limited amounts of fuel, however.

A third dealer thought he might have enough to supply his regular customers through December, but didn't see any chances of an increased supply for some time.

A fourth wholesaler oil man reported that he was turning down all orders except those from his oldest customers, and that he saw no hope for the oil situation to improve any time soon.

Allotments of oil to local dealers have been cut from 25 to 55 per cent, and the hardest fuel-short months are yet to come in the opinion of dealers here.

Inadequate transportation fac-

City Schools To Close Friday For Holidays

Elkin City Schools will close Friday for Christmas holidays and will re-open January 5, it was announced yesterday by Superintendent N. H. Carpenter.

The same two-week holiday schedule will be followed by county schools, according to County Schools Superintendent, John W. Comer.

Jonesville schools will be closed only one week. Classes will be dismissed Friday and will be resumed Monday, December 29, it was announced by Principal Watt Deal.

WALL OFFERED BAPTIST POST

Shelby Pastor May Succeed I. G. Greer As Home Superintendent

AFTER RESIGNATION

The post of general superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, including the Mills Home at Thomasville and the Kennedy Home in Goldsboro, was offered to Dr. Zeno Wall of Shelby Tuesday.

Dr. Wall, pastor of the first Baptist Church of Shelby, would succeed I. G. Greer, who resigned effective January 1 to become executive vice-president of the Business Foundation of the University of North Carolina.

The position was tendered Dr. Wall at a meeting of the board of trustees of the orphanage at O. Henry Hotel in Greensboro Tuesday. Resigning as president of the board, Dr. Wall stated that he would give his decision at Shelby Monday.

Greer was elected to head the board of trustees, which had earlier accepted his resignation of the orphanage post with regret.

Dr. Wall told the group that he would give serious consideration to acceptance of the superintendency. Pastor of the Shelby church for 23 years, he attended Mars Hill College, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and received his D. D. degree from Mississippi College in 1916. He was president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention from 1933 to 1936.

"For 15 years I have been superintended of the orphanage," Greer stated in a farewell address to the board. "It has been a very difficult decision to make, but after seeing the picture as a whole, I felt that the opportunity that the business foundation offered was too much of a challenge to turn down."

"The board," he added, "was wise in its choice of Dr. Wall, who has been closely in touch with the orphanage for a number of years."

WILL PRESENT PAGEANT HERE

"A Little Child Shall Lead Them" To Be Staged At Pilgrim Church

SUNDAY EVENING 6:15

Christmas Pantomime-Pageant, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them," by J. H. Kuhlman, will be presented at the Elkin Pilgrim Church Sunday evening, December 21, at 6:15 o'clock.

The Pageant will be presented in eight scenes which will contrast: "The Children of Yesterday" with "The Children of Today"; "The Common People of Yesterday" with "The Common People of Today"; "The Wise Men of Yesterday" with "The Wise Men of Today"; and "The Gift-Bearers of Yesterday" with "The Gift-Bearers of Today." Forty-five characters will participate in the eight scenes.

Preceding the Pageant there will be a Christmas Program presented by the Sunday School Boys and girls.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

New Band To Play For Jaycee Dance

The newly organized orchestra of Maurice Purtil, former drummer with such famous bands as Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey, will play for the annual Jaycee-Junior Woman's Club Christmas dance to be held at The Club Pines, five miles west of Roaring River, on Friday night, December 26 at 9:30 o'clock.

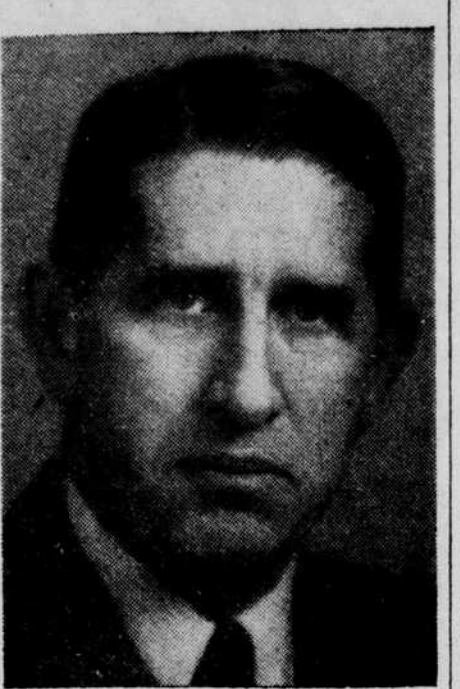
Invitations have been extended to "graduated" Jaycees to attend the event as well as members of the Junior Chamber and the Junior Woman's Club.

Persons without a means of transportation to the dance are asked to contact Haddon Kirk, Jr., at Chatham Manufacturing Company.

Are To Close Two Days Here For Christmas

Elkin stores will be closed Thursday and Friday of next week in observance of Christmas holidays. Mrs. Buford Stanley, secretary of the Merchants Association, has announced.

Stores will reopen Saturday morning at the usual time.



NAMED SCOUT HEAD—R. W. Harris, above, was elected chairman of the Elkin-Yadkin Scout District at a meeting here Tuesday afternoon. He has been active in Boy Scout work for a number of years.

HARRIS NAMED SCOUT LEADER

Committee Chairmen Elect R. W. Harris Chairman Of Elkin-Yadkin District

OTHER OFFICERS NAMED

R. W. Harris was elected to succeed H. C. Hatch as chairman of the Elkin-Yadkin Scout District at a meeting of scout committee chairmen in the YMCA Tuesday afternoon.

Other officers elected were Russell Burcham, vice-chairman; Fred C. Page, Jr., district commissioner; and H. C. Hatch, executive board member at large.

The group heard reports of operating committees and voted to postpone election of new operating committees until a later meeting.

Present at the meeting were C. J. Hyslop, H. C. Hatch, Fred C. Page, Jr., Tom Roth, Buck Hines, R. W. Harris, Fred Neaves, Bob Lanford, Paul Price, Jacques Phelps and Russell Burcham.

DOBSON GYM FIRE HAZARD

Grand Jury Recommends Gymnasium Be Closed Until More Exits Are Installed

REPORT IS SUBMITTED

The Grand Jury for the December term of Surry Superior Court recommended that the Dobson High School gymnasium be closed to the public "until adequate exits can be installed for use in case of fire." The recommendation followed investigation of the building by a Grand Jury committee which found "only one small door from which people can come and go."

Grand Jury committees also recommended that several repairs be made to the county jail and the courthouse, and that markers be placed at the graves of deceased inmates of the county home.

The complete report, signed by F. E. Layne, foreman, and submitted.

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Chatham Employees To Get Bonus, Party

Thousands Invited To Party Saturday; Bonus Largest In History Of Company

The Chatham Manufacturing Company will act as host to its thousands of employees at a gala Christmas party to be held at the Gilvin Roth YMCA Saturday, December 20. During the party Christmas bonus checks will be given out, which, according to President Albert L. Butler, will represent the largest bonus ever to be paid in the history of the company.

The program will get under way at 10 a. m. From 10:00 until 11:00 the bonus checks will be distributed and refreshments served. From 11:00 a. m. until 12 noon, special entertainment will be held in the gymnasium which will be featured by a talk by Thurmond Chatham, chairman of the board, music by the Briarhoppers well-known radio entertainers, and other festivities which will include drawings for valuable attendance prizes.

Those in charge of the Christmas party have promised plenty

of fun for everyone, and it is expected that all employees will attend.

It was stated that the Chatham plant will be closed during Christmas week, according to present plans.

ASSAULT CASE IS BOUND OVER

Yadkinville Man To Be Tried At February Term Of Court On Serious Count

IS VETERAN OF WAR II

Tom Driver, 25, of Yadkinville, was bound over to the February term of Yadkin County Superior Court after Magistrate Roger Russell found probable cause of assault with attempt to rape at a preliminary hearing Friday night.

Driver, World War II veteran, was charged with attempting to assault Lois Holcomb, 15-year-old Yadkinville school girl and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Holcomb, on the evening of November 8.

The alleged assault took place near the north edge of the Yadkinville city limits about dusk.

Ida Louise Lynch, Negro, testified as a witness for the state at the hearing, while Howard Morefield and Melvin Dudley testified for the defendant.

PAGEANT TO BE GIVEN SUNDAY

Presbyterians To Present "Good Tidings of Great Joy" Sunday At 7:30 P. M.

MRS. DICKSON DIRECTOR

A Christmas pageant, "Good Tidings of Great Joy" will be presented Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church, this city, under the direction of Mrs. Carter Dickson. Those participating in the pageant are Mrs. John Cloninger, Mrs. Luther Vandell, Mrs. Joe Gwyn Bivins, Mrs. Linville Hendren, Mrs. O. D. Causey, Carter Dickson, John Cloninger, Lewis Alexander, Rev. Ralph V. C. Ritchie, Mary Sue Wagoner, Bettie Jean Combs, Polly Price, Bettie Lou Wall, Edna Dillon, Annette Vandell, Clarabelle Causey, David J. Causey, David Dickson, Joe Price, Johnnie Bell, Bill and Jim Edwards.

Gwen Dickson will accompany at the piano.

On Tuesday night a short service of carol singing will precede the annual visit of Santa Claus with his bundle of presents for the children of the Sunday school. The Christmas party, or treat, will begin at 7 o'clock in the church. A gaily decorated tree and filled stockings will feature the occasion.

FORMER SURRY MAN IS AIDING

Wade B. Hampton Playing Part In Forthcoming Supreme Court Test

IS WASHINGTON LAWYER

Wade B. Hampton, a native of Dobson, but who is now practicing law in Washington, D. C., is playing a part in the forthcoming Supreme Court tests of property covenants, which bar negroes from moving into white residential districts.

Mr. Hampton has filed an "Amici curiae" (friends of the court), brief with the Supreme Court seeking to have the racial covenants upheld. Hampton's belief, filed on behalf of Washington white citizens' associations, is the only such brief to be submitted on that side of the case.

Attorney General Tom C. Clark has ordered the Department of Justice to intervene on the other side, seeking to uphold Negro rights by having the restrictive covenants declared unconstitutional, while several liberal organizations have similarly filed briefs supporting the appellants.

Father George Joseph Camellus found in a China port in the 18th century a flower which he carried to the Queen of Spain. Since then all such flowers have been called Camellias in his honor.

Recruiting Office To Close 15 Days

Sgt. Sherman Colvard, of the army recruiting service for the Elkin district, will close the recruiting service December 21 for 15 days during the Christmas holidays.

Sgt. Colvard, who is stationed in the post office every Monday through Friday at noon, will be back on the job January 6, he said.



POSTMASTER PASSES — French W. Graham, above, postmaster here since 1934, died Monday morning at the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital following a heart attack. He had been in declining health for some time. Funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the Elkin Methodist Church, of which he was a member.

F. W. GRAHAM DIES MONDAY

Postmaster Passes Following Heart Attack; Headed Post Office Since 1934

LEADER CIVIC AFFAIRS

French Wampler Graham, 52, postmaster in this city since July 1934, died at 9 a. m. Monday in Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital here following a heart attack and hemorrhage early Saturday at his home. He had been in declining health for some time from a heart condition.

A native of Mouth-of-Wilson, Va., Mr. Graham was a son of the late William A. and Anna Cox Graham. The family has resided in Elkin since the death of his father.

He was a graduate of Trinity College at Durham, now Duke University. He was a navy veteran of World War I and was a member of the George Gray Post of the American Legion, of which he served as commander; also the Masonic fraternity.

Having served for a number of years as a member of the Surry County Board of Education, Mr. Graham was very active in the educational as well as civic progress of the city and county and in political affairs of the section.

The local postoffice advanced to a first class rating during the administration of Mr. Graham, and his last appointment as postmaster several years ago was for life.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ohna Harris Graham; one son, Dr. Richard H. Graham of Lenoir; one daughter, Patsy Graham of the home; two sisters, Mrs. I. L. Halsey of Mouth-of-Wilson, Va., and Mrs. L. E. Osborne of Pittsburgh, Pa.; six brothers, Herbert P., Hardin C., Dixie, Worth A., and Sheffey Graham, all of Elkin; and Rev. Grover C. Graham of Coleridge; and one grandchild.

Funeral was held at 3 p. m. Tuesday at Elkin Methodist Church, of which he was a member. Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, pastor, was in charge of the rites, assisted by Rev. L. B. Abernethy, of Charlotte, a former pastor; and Dr. J. S. Hiatt, general superintendent of Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital. Interment was made in the Hollywood cemetery.

Court Disposes Of Many Cases As Term Ends

Tribune To Be Published Day Early Next Week

The Tribune will roll off the press a day early next week due to the fact that Christmas Eve falls on Wednesday, the regular printing date.

Country correspondents and those who have social or other items for next week's issue are urged to bear the earlier deadline in mind, and advertisers are asked to cooperate by having their copy ready early.

The Tribune office will be closed all day Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 25, 26 and 27, so that employees may have a brief vacation from work during the Christmas season.

Murder Trial Continued To Later Session

The December term of Surry Superior Court in Dobson was concluded Wednesday with the court calendar being cleared of a number of minor cases. Drunk driving charges accounted for a large portion of the docket. Most of the defendants in these cases entered pleas of guilty and Judge William H. Bobbitt let nearly all offenders off with fines and suspended sentences.

Trial for Eugene Childress, Mount Airy taxi operator charged with the fatal shooting of his wife, was continued.

John H. Murphy, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was given a 12-months road sentence.

The following persons pleaded guilty to charges of operating cars under the influence of liquor and were fined \$100 and costs. Each was also given a 90-day suspended sentence: Crede K. Johnson, George P. Brooks, Harvey H. Finney, J. T. Inskip, Jr., Homer Alexander, Kermit T. Cockerham, Paul Cockerham and Paul E. Shaw.

B. K. Mullis, pleading guilty to charges of hit and run driving and operating a car under the influence of liquor, was fined \$50 and costs and given a 90-day suspended sentence.

Ed Wagoner entered pleas of guilty to charges of violating prohibition laws, reckless driving and driving after revocation of license. He was fined \$200 and costs and given a six-months suspended sentence.

Charlie A. Cockerham pleaded guilty to a charge of driving after revocation of license and was fined \$200 and costs. He also received a four-months suspended sentence.

Harry Jackson pleaded guilty to charges of driving after revocation of license and driving under the influence of liquor. He was fined \$250 and costs and given a six-months suspended sentence.

The case of Robert Childress, charged with reckless driving and damage to property, was continued to the January term of court.

Robert H. Jones, charged with driving without operator's license

KIWANIS WILL STAGE AUCTION

Annual Christmas Event To Be Held At Meeting This Evening At YMCA

MONEY TO SCOUT FUND

The Elkin Kiwanis Club will hold its annual Christmas Auction at the Gilvin Roth YMCA this evening (Thursday), at 6:30 p. m.

According to time-honored custom, each Kiwanian brings an article to be sold to the highest bidder, and each year proceeds of the sale run up into several hundreds of dollars. Proceeds will go to Scout activities sponsored by the club.

At last week's meeting Mrs. Livingston Williams was a guest of the club, playing a number of violin solos, accompanied by Mrs. Henry Beeson at the piano. Mrs. Beeson also aided in conducting a singing program on the part of the members. Both ladies were presented with Chatham blankets at the conclusion of the meeting.

CONSTRUCTION PLANNED SOON

Specifications For Two New Agricultural Buildings Are About Complete

PILOT AND FRANKLIN

Plans and specifications for new agricultural buildings at Pilot Mountain and Franklin schools are expected to be completed at an early date, and it is hoped that construction can be started soon next year, Superintendent of Surry County Schools John W. Comer said yesterday.

Plans are being drawn for new high school buildings at Flat Rock, Copeland and White Plains, Mr. Comer said.

Funds for the school expansion program were provided by the recent million-dollar school bond issue which Surry voters passed by a large majority.

The school building program included plans for eight new buildings for the instruction of agriculture at various high schools in the county, and for new school buildings at Copeland, Beulah, Flat Rock and White Plains.

New agriculture buildings at Copeland and White Plains are already under construction and are expected to be completed by Christmas. Construction work is also advancing on agriculture buildings at Flat Rock and Beulah.

Legion To Give Dance In New Hut Tuesday

The local American Legion post will sponsor a dance at the new Legion Hut in Memorial Park Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock.

"The Rebels," local orchestra, will provide music for the event, which will mark the first social activity sponsored by the post since the building was completed.

The new hut will be adequately heated and plenty of parking space will be available, according to Kemp Rees, chairman of the Legion Hut committee. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

Both stags and couples will be admitted. A small admission charge will be made.

Seven Families Here Face Empty Christmas

Most families this year are looking forward to the brightest and merriest Christmas they have ever known. Dinner tables on December 25 will be loaded with good things to eat. Gifts will be piled in profusion under gaily decorated trees. Children's stockings will be filled to overflowing. It will be a time of happiness and good cheer for nearly every home in the city.

But at least seven families living in and near Elkin face the prospect of a Christmas that will be empty and sad. They have little or no funds with which to buy the things that make the Christmas season happy. They need help.

Believing that the heart of Elkin is generous enough to provide for these in need, The Tribune asks that citizens bring or send donations of food, clothing, money, or whatever they wish to give, to the newspaper office, and someone will see that they are delivered.

The families in need are described here. None of them know that this appeal is being made. Some of them might be embarrassed if they did know. But their

happiness this Christmas will depend on the response of their more fortunate neighbors in Elkin to this request for aid. However small your contribution may be, it will be appreciated. The need is urgent, and the time is short. Give to one, or two, or as many families as you like. But give.

To head the list, The Tribune is donating \$3 to each of the seven families in need. All contributions will be recognized in next week's issue of the paper.

Family Number One consists of a mother, a father and their nine-year-old son. The father became completely disabled last May and has been unable to work. The mother took a job in order to provide for the family, but now she is expecting a child and has been forced to give up her work. Without your help, this family's Christmas will not be bright.

Family Number Two is an elderly couple with an income of only \$10 per month. They have no relatives close by to whom they can look for aid. Their subsistence depends almost entirely on the contributions of friends. The

husband, 63 years old, is in poor health and has little hope of regaining a normal, healthy life.

Family Number Three is receiving a small amount of aid from the state, but it is not enough to provide even for the necessities of life. There are only a husband and wife, both in their 60's. The husband is not able to work.

The appeal for Family Number Four is for children. The father is said to be a heavy drinker and does not provide adequately for his family. The mother is neglectful of the welfare of her children. There are two girls, ages 13 and 7, and two boys, 10 and 8. Santa Claus will probably pass them by. Toys, fruits or candies would be appreciated.

The father of Family Number Five faces trial on a serious law violation charge and probably will be serving time on the road this Christmas. The mother has her hands full with four small children to care for, including an eight-months-old baby. The oldest child, a boy, is seven. There are two girls, 4 and 6 years of age. Christmas looks gloomy to these small children.

Family Number Six has been so

burdened with hospital and medical expenses that there are no funds left for even a meager Christmas celebration. The father is seriously ill and may not live through the holidays. The mother was recently hospitalized, incurring heavy medical costs. A nine-year-old daughter had a serious operation several months ago which required an outlay of several hundred dollars. In addition to the daughter, there are three other small children, a 20-months-old baby, a three-year-old boy, and a 12-year-old boy.

There are seven children, ranging in age from 11 to one and one-half years, in Family Number Seven. The father is ill and unable to work. The mother stays busy caring for her small children. Food, clothing and toys are needed if they are to have a happy Christmas. There are six boys and one four-year-old girl. In addition to the 18-months-old baby, there are boys 11, 9, 6, 5, and 2 year old.

There may be other families in need this Christmas, but these have come to the attention of The Tribune. Won't you help make their Christmas happy?

Surry County Sale Of Seals Totals \$3,441

A total of \$3,441.83 of Tuberculosis Christmas seals have been sold in Surry County to date, according to Miss Louise Bailey, of Mount Airy, county chairman.

The quota for the county is \$6,000, which indicates that sales have passed the half-way mark. Miss Bailey wishes to express her appreciation to Surry County citizens who have contributed and urges those who have not purchased seals to do so as soon as possible.

Elkin citizens who wish to buy seals or to make contributions may do so through the Junior Woman's Club, which is sponsoring the sale of seals in this city.

The campaign will be continued through December.

City Tags For '48 Now On Sale Here

City automobile license for 1948 are now on sale at the City Hall, according to an announcement by Dixie Graham, city clerk. As in previous years, the price is \$1.

All motorists who live within the city limits are required to have tags on their cars by January 1.

Tribune Advertising Gets Results