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Town Commissioners Discuss Plans For Truck And Building

WOULD HOUSE NEW FIRE TRUCK, JAIL AND TOWN OFFICES

Possibility of Small Increase In Tax Rate For Four Years

ORDINANCE PASSED

Proposed plans for a new and modern fire truck for Elkin, and a building in which to house it, were discussed by the town commissioners at their monthly meeting Monday night.

According to plans discussed, the commissioners are thinking of constructing an unpretentious but adequate building on the town lot located on Market street, just east of Elkin Motors, Inc. In the basement of the building, proposed plans call for a jail, while quarters for a fire truck and several town offices would be located on the street floor.

In discussing this plan, it was said that a small increase in the present town tax rate may have to be made. The present rate is \$1.50 and any additional increase in the rate would probably not be more than five or ten cents.

Although nothing definite has been decided, the commissioners favor such a plan and have already taken steps to learn if the purchase of a new truck would lower existing fire insurance rates.

The new fire truck, if and when purchased, will be of a modern pumper type, which provides its own pressure, and will also be equipped with a booster tank.

In discussing this plan, it was pointed out that the town would save approximately \$200 per year on rent by locating town offices in its own building. The property upon which the present inadequate jail is now located, could also be sold and proceeds used to defray a portion of the cost of a new truck and building.

In case it is necessary to raise the town tax rate to cover the new project, this increase would be necessary for a period of about four years only, it is understood.

Although no definite estimate has been made, it is understood that the total cost of both truck and building would not exceed six or seven thousand dollars.

During their meeting, the commissioners passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale of any produce, including fruits, vegetables, meats, merchandise, etc., on the business streets of the town.

The lot between the F. A. Brendle & Son store and the Cash and Carry Store on the south side of East Main street was designated as a market lot which may be used as a site for the sale of produce.

Violators of the ordinance will be fined \$5.00 for each offense, or confined in jail for 10 days.

FOWLER TO HURL FOR BLANKETEERS

Spring Practice Gets Under Way Latter Part of This Month

Sam Fowler, S. C. pitcher who last summer gave the Blanketeers some anxious moments in the finals of the semi-pro tournament sponsored by a Charlotte Newspaper, has been signed by the Blanketeers for duty on the local mound this spring. It was learned Monday from Hoyt T. Hambright, manager.

Fowler's experience includes a year with the St. Louis Browns, Coach Hambright said, and he possesses a wicked curve ball. He is scheduled to arrive here February 10.

Spring practice will get under way here February 17 for the pitching staff, Coach Hambright stated, with other members of the team going to work March 1.

The first game of the season has been scheduled for March 21 with High Point College.

A 13-pound platinum nugget has been taken from the Isevak mines in the Ural mountains.

Ziegfeld and Rogers



LOS ANGELES . . . Will Rogers, Jr., new owner and publisher of the Beverly Hills newspaper, has hired 18-year-old Patricia Ziegfeld as society and movie columnist. She is still pursuing her college work. Thus do two children forsake the theatrical footsteps of their famous daddies, who also worked together.

LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

SCRAPS PLAN TO RAISE BILLION

Washington, Feb. 4.—As part of a government-wide financial inventory-taking, President Roosevelt today determined to scrap congressional authorizations for the borrowing of more than a billion dollars.

The chief executive made his announcement at a press conference, following a parley with financial advisors and the heads of several federal lending agencies. Quickly he explained to newspapermen, however, that the cancellation of specific authorizations meant only that funds would not have to be borrowed for the purposes mentioned. It did not mean, he said, that these funds would be available to meet other government expenses.

SENATOR BORAH'S HAT IN RING

Washington, Feb. 4.—Senator Borah, of Idaho, formally flung down the gauntlet to the Republican organization late today by announcing he would campaign in Ohio for delegates pledged to his presidential nomination.

BURSTING DAM TAKES TWO LIVES

Murphy, Feb. 4.—Bursting of a dam took two lives near here today as heavy rains of the past 24 hours and melting snow sent rivers and creeks of this section raging from their banks.

Throughout the day, highway and rail traffic to Murphy was cut off by high waters, but tonight the floods were receding with the characteristic swiftness with which mountain streams rise and fall.

AGRICULTURAL ACTS REPEALED

Washington, Feb. 4.—Apparently finding the task altogether agreeable the senate today put into immediate effect the recommendation of the President yesterday to repeal forthwith the Bankhead cotton, the Kerr-Smith tobacco, the Kerr-Smith potato bills. The thing was done by unanimous consent, with a minimum of discussion.

FINGERPRINTS LINK ARVID EVANS WITH SPAINHOUR ROBBERY

Recently Arrested On Charge of Assault and Battery

PRINTS IDENTICAL

In jail at Dobson on a charge of assault and battery with a deadly weapon, Arvid Evans, of Elkin, was charged the first of this week with having robbed the Snyder-Spainhour department store, of this city, of a number of suits of clothes some months ago.

Evans, who was arrested here a few weeks ago, together with a negro who was employed at a local cafe, was fingerprinted by Chief of Police Dixie Graham the morning after his arrest. Comparison of the prints with those taken by Sergeant J. W. Jessup, fingerprint expert of the Mount Airy police department, at the scene of the robbery, disclosed that they were the same.

Evans was jailed when he allegedly struck a negro employee of the Nu-Way Cafe over the head with a beer bottle. The negro was arrested a short time later when he allegedly was seeking Evans with a pistol.

The robbery of the local store occurred about four or five months ago, and although numerous fingerprints were obtained the next morning, officers were at a loss as to who was the thief. However, since comparison of Evans' fingerprints with those taken at the scene of the robbery show that they exactly correspond, local officers consider the robbery solved.

Burglarization of the vault at the Chatham Manufacturing company here, which took place about the time of the store robbery, continues a mystery, no connection having been found between it and the Spainhour case.

WOMAN IS INJURED IN SUNDAY WRECK

Trucks Wrecked As They Leave Highway and Crash Into Trees

Several accidents, attributed to slick highways, occurred in the vicinity of Elkin over the past week-end.

The most serious accident occurred Sunday, near Jonesville, when the car occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gaynor, of Parkersburg, W. Va., was wrecked. Mrs. Gaynor was not seriously injured, but was carried to the local hospital where it was said she was suffering from shock. Mr. Gaynor, aside from being shaken up, was not injured. The couple was en route to Florida.

Another accident occurred east of Elkin on the Mount Airy highway when two large trucks, one towing the other, left the highway on what is known as "Death Curve" and crashed down into a sizeable forest. The trucks, in transit from the factory, were badly damaged. The driver, whose name was not learned, was said to have been uninjured.

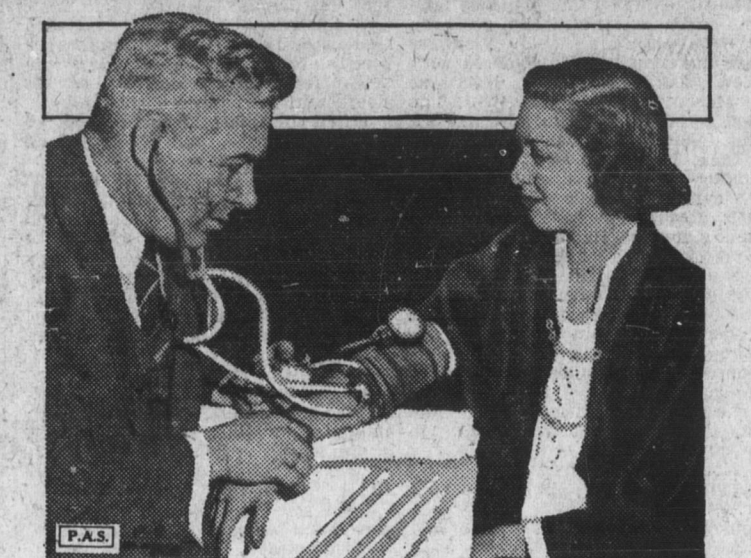
Jurers Are Drawn For Yadkin February Court

Jurers have been drawn for the criminal term of Yadkin superior court which will convene in Yadkinville on February 24, with Judge H. Hoyle Sink presiding. The jurors are as follows: Neal Hauser, T. H. Matthews, M. D. Allred, Delbert Dinkins, C. H. Booe, J. W. Douglas, E. B. Davis, C. G. Reavis, J. R. Finney, W. R. Boaz, W. F. West, J. S. Reavis, J. R. Williams, J. D. Melton, W. O. Hunter, H. M. Burcham, W. J. Vanhoy, J. M. Holbrook, W. C. Messick, Isaac Gough, Charlie Parks, E. M. Rutledge, J. R. Smitherman, C. G. Griffin, T. R. Bean, Roby Shore, E. S. Angell, J. S. Adams, Charlie Bean, E. B. Vestal, V. L. Long, George Myers, R. E. Anthony, C. S. Reece, Weldon Waggoner and E. J. Vestal.

Hayes Re-elected To Head Merchants Assn.

Errol Hayes, president of the Elkin Merchants association for the past year, was re-elected the first of this week to serve as head of the organization during 1936. L. G. Meed was named as vice-president. Directors of the club, who elected the president and vice-president among their own ranks, are as follows: E. S. Spainhour, J. R. Poindexter, E. W. McDaniel, C. N. Myers, J. O. Bivins, H. F. Laffoon and A. L. Griffith.

Asks to Make Lie Detector Test on Hauptmann



TRENTON, N. J. . . . Above is pictured Dr. Wm. H. Marston of New York, inventor of the Systolic Blood-Pressure Deception Test, which he has requested Governor Hoffman to allow him to use on Bruno Hauptmann, convicted murderer of the Lindbergh baby, now under reprieve from death. He is pictured demonstrating the Sphygmomano meter, or lie detector device, on Miss Dorothy Richey.

300 FARMERS MEET AT SURRY CAPITAL

Tri-County Soil Conservation Meeting Is Big Success

Three hundred farmers of Surry, Yadkin and Stokes counties held a tri-county soil conservation meeting at the courthouse in Dobson Thursday under the auspices of the Surry county extension service located at the Surry CCC camp.

An interesting program, beginning at 10:30 a. m., was presented, featuring helpful talks by soil experts.

Following a luncheon prepared by the Ladies' Missionary society at noon, the meeting was continued with an inspection trip, giving the farmers the opportunity of inspecting the CCC camp, and the farms of N. J. Martin and R. S. Johnson so that a practical idea of how the work being carried on by the soil conservation service is being done.

An interesting highlight of the meeting was the increased interest shown by the farmers in the work. When the program was inaugurated about six months ago, 50 farmers attended the initial meeting under favorable weather conditions, while over 300 farmers turned out in inclement weather to attend Thursday's meeting.

In addition to the following speakers, who took part in the program, W. H. Hardy, J. W. Crawford, O. F. McCreary, E. T. Erickson, W. D. Lee, R. H. Veazey, E. R. Raney and F. A. Hodnett, the following officials of the soil conservation service of High Point and Greensboro were also present: H. L. Scott, H. Newland, Guy Kincannon, Mr. Mumcey and Mr. Herman. The delegation of farmers from Stokes was headed by S. J. Kirby, county agent, and his assistant, Mr. Sears. The Yadkin delegation was headed by County Agent Brumfield and his assistant, Mr. McLaughlin.

DEMONSTRATION CLUBS ORGANIZED

Home Demonstration Agent To Be In Surry Until July

Miss Verna Stanton, home demonstration agent from State College, Raleigh, who is located in Surry and Stokes counties, was recently invited by Mrs. Alvin Dockery, of Union Cross, to meet in her home and organize a home demonstration club. Nine women of the community were present for the initial meeting, and were enrolled as members.

Miss Stanton, who has an office in the county courthouse at Dobson, will be in this county until July. It is hoped that clubs organized now under her leadership will continue to function and enlarge their memberships.

The February meeting will be at the home of Mrs. C. W. Dockery near Elkin and will be in the form of an apron party. Each woman is asked to make an apron of some material already on hand. Prizes will be awarded for the most useful apron. No membership dues are attached and it is hoped that all women in the vicinity will take advantage of the opportunity to learn the better methods of housekeeping and home making.

GIANT NEGRO IS UNRULY PRISONER

Is Awaiting Trial On Charge of Throwing Man In Boiling Vat

Clemon Fletcher, giant negro recently arrested in Circleville, Ohio, on a number of charges and returned to Wilkes county to stand trial for assault with intent to kill on Jim Cheek at a still near Traphill about a year ago, is proving by no means a model prisoner.

Officers have found it necessary on one occasion at least to use tear gas to calm down the negro.

While in jail in Circleville, police of that city wired Wilkes officers to make haste and come for him due to the fact that he was unruly. However, upon being brought to the Wilkes jail, the negro was a model prisoner for a while, but during the last few weeks has raised all kinds of disturbances and has attempted to wreck the jail.

On one occasion he wrenched a radiator fixture from his cell with his bare hands and broke all the window panes to his cell.

Fletcher will be tried during the March term of court for inflicting serious injury on Cheek by throwing him into a vat of boiling still slop. Cheek, it will be remembered, remained in the local hospital for months and is perhaps permanently disabled.

VETERANS TO MEET AT HOTEL TONIGHT

Application Blanks For Bonus Have Been Received; Joint Meeting

A joint meeting of the George Grey post of the American Legion and the Legion auxiliary will be held in the Kiwanis room at Hotel Elkin tonight (Thursday), it was announced Tuesday afternoon by George E. Royall, commander of the local post.

Application blanks for bonus payments have been received here and will be filled out during the meeting, Mr. Royall said. He urged that all veterans attending bring their discharge and pink slip.

Captain D. L. Hardee, commander of the Clyde Bolling post, of Winston-Salem, will be present as guest speaker.

Every ex-service man of this entire section, Mr. Royall stated, is invited to be present. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Wilkes County Man Instantly Killed

Charlie Crabb, 29, native of the Lomax community, Wilkes county, was instantly killed last week while riding on a sleigh near the present home of the family at Bel Air, Md. The remains arrived here Sunday and were conveyed to Rachel church in Wilkes county, for final rites and interment.

The accident occurred when a sleigh on which he was riding veered from its course and crashed into a tree. He sustained a broken neck and other injuries. The deceased was a son of the late Mrs. Lydia Crabb.

WAGONER CLEARED OF SUSPICION IN ALLEGED ROBBERY

Witnesses Prove That He Was At Home On Night of Crime

WOMEN ARE HELD

Rufus Wagoner, arrested the first of last week on suspicion of being involved in the alleged robbery of Spurgeon Johnson, near Doughton, Saturday night, January 25, has been cleared of the charge and released, his attorney, Judge H. H. Barker, stated following a hearing held at Wilkesboro Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

When arrested, Wagoner was released under \$1,000 bond as related in The Tribune of last week. However, at the hearing Saturday before Justice of the Peace P. L. Lenderman, of Wilkesboro, Wagoner proved by numerous witnesses that he was at home the entire night of the alleged robbery.

Johnson, who says he was robbed of \$236, failed to identify Wagoner as one of the robbers.

Mozelle Owens and Mrs. Sally Vestal Holbrook Murphy, arrested shortly after the alleged robbery, are still being held. Mrs. Murphy is at liberty under \$800 bond while the Owens woman continues to remain in jail. Sheriff W. B. Somers, of Wilkes county, stated Wednesday afternoon.

It is believed that two local men, whom officers are seeking, were responsible for the crime.

DR. DOUGHERTY IS KIWANIS SPEAKER

A.S.T.C. President Uses As Subject "School Philosophy"

Speaking before the Elkin Kiwanis club at Hotel Elkin Friday evening, Dr. B. B. Dougherty, president of Appalachian State Teachers College and one of the state's foremost educators, discussed "School Philosophy," pointing out that the men who drafted the U. S. Constitution back in 1776 never dreamed of a system of education as it is today.

Discussing education of earlier times, Dr. Dougherty briefly reviewed the history of education in North Carolina during the past hundred years. He commended the state control system which equalizes the burden of upkeep and gives equal educational opportunities to children of the poorer counties.

The speaker also lauded the state system of school buses, stating it is the greatest system in the world today. Not a child has been killed on a school bus in this state during the past 18 months, he pointed out.

Dr. Dougherty also stated that the state should have at least 500 more teachers than it now has.

During his talk, the educator paid tribute to Elkin as a town of fine homes, churches and business houses and expressed his pleasure at again having the opportunity of being a visitor here. He addressed the Kiwanis club once before, March 22, 1935.

Julius Hall, local justice of the peace, was welcomed into the club as a new member. W. D. Wilkinson, of Charlotte, was the guest of Kiwanian H. P. Graham.

Unusual Weather Does Damage to Dobson Road

Due to the severe freezing and thawing of the Elkin-Dobson road the surfacing has given away in many places and driving will be somewhat hazardous if proper precautions are not taken over the broken places. Warning signs have been placed at many places along the road, and the broken pavement is being repaired as rapidly as possible.

Roads are reported to be damaged severely throughout the state also as a result of the prevailing weather conditions.

Elkin Cagers Defeat Sparta By Score 29-15

Led by the points scored by Powers and Collins, the local high school team defeated Sparta high school by 29-15 Tuesday evening there. Royal scored a total of eight points for the scrappy Sparta team, with Richardson bringing in five.