

Tournament Is Off To Fine Start As First Play Begins

EVENT IS OPENED AS MAYOR THROWS OUT BASKETBALL

Thirty-Three Teams Are Taking Part

REPRESENT 4 COUNTIES

Tournament Will Continue Nightly Until Wednesday of Next Week

FOUR GAMES THIS P. M.

Eight teams, four girls' and four boys', opened the first round of play in the annual Elkin 4-County Basketball Tournament at the Elkin gymnasium Wednesday night after the event had officially been opened by Mayor J. R. Poindexter, who tossed in the ball for the first contest.

Due to the fact that The Tribune went to press before the beginning of play, results of the game are not available.

With 33 teams taking part—nine more than participated in last year's successful event—the tournament will continue each night except Sunday until next Wednesday when the boys' and girls' finals will decide the championships. In addition to the night games, two games will be played Friday afternoon and three Saturday afternoon.

Wednesday's opening games were between Roaring River and Mountain Park girls; Ronda vs. Shoals boys; Yadkinville vs. Dobson girls, and East Bend vs. Roaring River boys.

Tonight's games, and the time of play, are as follows: 7:00—East Bend vs. White Plains girls; 8:00—Mt. Pleasant vs. Boonville

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ARE TO REQUIRE HIGHER STANDARD

Elementary School Here Needs Equipment in Order to Comply

AN INSPECTION IS MADE

Beginning with the 1939-40 school term a new and more rigid standard will be required for accreditation for schools of the state. The local high school will fully meet this standard but additional equipment will be necessary to meet the requirements in the elementary school. While the needs in the elementary school are fairly small it will take a substantial sum to buy the material, which consists of 9 United States maps, 6 desk dictionaries and 70 art prints. It is hoped that before the beginning of the school term in the fall that this material will be on hand.

H. Arnold Perry of the state instructional service was here last week to inspect the schools and lauded all schools in the local group for their splendid showing. Particularly did he commend the libraries, which were standardized last year and which enabled the schools to make such a splendid showing, for without this work having been completed the schools would have fallen far below the revised requirements for accreditation.

Reynolds Proves Hit at Banquet Tuesday Evening

Elkin merchants acted as hosts to their employees at the annual employer-employee banquet held at Hotel Elkin Tuesday evening.

Guest speaker for the event was Henry Reynolds, of Greensboro, clerk of the federal court there. Mr. Reynolds, introduced by Attorney W. M. Allen, made a humorous talk which was thoroughly enjoyed by the hundred or more who attended.

Joe Bivins, president of the Merchants Association, acted as toastmaster. A square dance followed the banquet.

Tourney Fans Welcomed by Elkin Mayor



MAYOR J. R. POINDEXTER

Tournament Is Endorsed As Being Beneficial to Everyone Concerned

HOPES FOR ITS SUCCESS

Players, students, teachers and friends of the seventeen schools of Yadkin, Wilkes, Alleghany and Surry counties, who will be here for the Elkin 4-County Basketball Tournament, were cordially welcomed to Elkin Wednesday in a statement by Mayor J. R. Poindexter in which he expressed the belief that the tournament, an annual event, is of importance not only to Elkin, but to all who participate.

"As mayor of Elkin, for whom I speak, and as a business man, I wish to go on record as heartily endorsing the annual tournament," Mayor Poindexter said. "I believe the tournament is a great thing because, (1), it provides a spirit of friendly competition and healthful recreation; (2), it promotes a more binding friendship among students of the various schools participating and draws the people of our section more closely together, and (3), it creates a warmer feeling between the citizens of Elkin and those citizens who come here as Elkin's guests. We are proud of the tournament; of the many fine schools which are taking part, and hope the event will continue to grow in popularity each year."

"On the behalf of the Town of Elkin, I welcome everyone and sincerely hope that all who attend will find their visit here pleasant in every respect. May the best teams win!"

E. H. DARNELL TAKEN BY DEATH

Passes Away at Home Saturday Following a Brief Critical Illness

Enoch Houston Darnell, 78, died at his home on the Traphill road, four and one-half miles northwest of Elkin Saturday morning following a brief critical illness. Mr. Darnell was the last surviving member of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Darnell.

Mr. Darnell was a retired farmer and an outstanding citizen of his community. He was active in religious work and was one of the founders and charter members of the Benham Baptist church. He served as a member of the board of deacons of the church for a number of years and also a leader of the church choir.

He had no children and his wife, Mrs. Elvina Tucker Darnell, preceded him in death a year ago. His only survivors are nieces and nephews by marriage.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock from Benham Baptist church. The rites were in charge of Rev. Grant Cothren and Rev. Isom Vestal. Interment was in the church cemetery.

SAYS THAT SOUTH AMERICA IS ONLY WAY FOR ATTACK

Germany Would Have to Have Air Bases

VIEWS ARE OFFERED

Remarks Before Senate Committee Are Obtained; Vulnerable Through Air

GERMANY IS EXAMPLE

Washington, Feb. 21.—Maj. Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the army air corps, told the senate military committee that the only way Germany could attack the United States through the air would be to establish airdromes and accumulate supplies in South America.

This was disclosed today when copies of testimony taken by the committee January 24 and 26 were obtained from confidential sources. The committee has not yet released the testimony.

Using Germany as an example General Arnold expressed belief that only by having sympathizers in South America who might establish airdromes and have bombs and gasoline in readiness could the reich air force attack the United States.

"But I do not say that that is anything that is going to happen," Arnold said. "I do not even think such a thing."

In this connection it was disclosed that G. Grant Mason, Jr., member of the civil aeronautics authority, told the committee January 30 that, if the Germans wished to fly to this country a military version of a four-engine passenger plane they now have in South America, they would have available "adequate supplies for military use."

Mason said that he had "no decision or thought whether they will or will not," but pointed out that fuel supplies, parts, replacements and personnel were available because the passenger plane is being operated in airline service in South America.

WARLICK TO HOLD COURT AT YADKIN

Large Part of Criminal Docket Is Made up of Drunken Driving Cases

ROBBERY CASES SLATED

Judge Wilson Warlick of Newton, will hold the criminal term of superior court to begin in Yadkinville next Monday and probably last through the week.

Solicitor Alavon E. Hall of Yadkinville, who took office January 1, will hold his first court here. He has been busy for several days preparing his docket and getting everything in shape for the court.

Drunken Drivers Of the 180 cases scheduled for trial at this term, about 75 of them are for drunken driving, which is an unusual amount.

Featuring the court next in importance is the case of John Cooper and Delbert Walker, charged with attempted robbery of Mrs. Turnie Overby, with firearms, at her home a few miles north of Yadkinville early last fall. Walker is charged with the actual attempt and in his con-

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Youth Is Killed When Struck By Auto Sunday

Struck by an automobile about 3 o'clock Sunday morning on the Fairview-Boonville road, Clinton Hall, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hall, of Fairview, received injuries which resulted fatally. The car which hit him was said to have been operated by Elbert Danley, of Level Cross.

Hall's head and body were badly crushed, and he was identified by papers found in his pockets. He was rushed to the hospital here but had died en route.

Danley was held guiltless by the Hall family, it was said, and officers stated no charge would be lodged against him.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at Mt. Hermon Baptist church. Young Hall is survived by his parents and one sister.

DIDN'T WAIT The flood pictured below at Mid-dlesboro, Ky., didn't wait for a control project, overflowing its banks to transform business streets into swift torrents. The flood came before the town's \$500,000 flood control government project could be completed.



Farmers Are To Vote On Feb. 25

Would Extend Present Soil Conservation District to Include Surry

NAME VOTING PLACES

The referendum to be held in Surry county upon the proposition of expanding the present Tri-Creek Soil Conservation district to include all of Surry, will be voted upon Saturday, February 25.

For the purpose of the referendum, voting places will open as designated below:

Mountain Park Post Office, Mountain Park; Cockerham's Store, Mitchell's River; Gentry's Store, State Road; Martin's Store, Salem Fork; County Agent's Office, Dobson; Snow's Clothing Company, Elkin; H. T. Moore's Store, Union; Porter Lowe's Service Station, Lowgap; Needham's Service Station, Long Hill; Farmer's Seed Store, Mount Airy; P. N. Taylor's Warehouse, Mount Airy; White Plains Post Office, White Plains; E. C. Flynn's Service Station, Fairview; Dockery's Store, Union Cross; W. E. Mathews' Fertilizer Warehouse, Pilot Mountain; Jarvis-Smith's Fertilizer Warehouse, Pilot Mountain; Baker's Service Station, Denny's Service Station; R. M. Clark's Store, Rockford; Roy Harbour's Store, Level Cross; W. S. Simpson's Store, Copeland; Lucy Steele's Store, Stony Knoll; Snow's Store, Quaker Church; Sam Whitaker's Store, Siloam; S. C. Fulk's Store, Near Shoals-Silom Township line; R. E. Truelove's Store, Near Shoals School; Holder's Service Station, Pine Ridge; Sparger's Store, Bottom; J. H. Hunter's Store, Westfield; and E. C. Wood's Store, Woodville.

All persons, firms and corporations who shall hold title to, or shall have contracted to purchase any lands lying within Surry county, are eligible to vote. City and town lots are excepted, it was announced.

YADKIN'S NEW PAPER COMES FROM PRESS

The Renfro Herald, Yadkin county's new newspaper, made its first appearance Wednesday.

The new paper, which will appear weekly, is published by the Williams Printing Co., of Yadkinville.

The initial issue, containing 10 pages, presents an attractive appearance and contains a large amount of Yadkin county news. Mrs. Kate Mackie Waynick, of Yadkinville, is society editor.

Purpose of the paper, as stated in a front page box, is to advance the economic, civic, educational, religious and social opportunities of Yadkin county, in addition to printing the news fairly and impartially at all times.

TIME IS SET FOR THE MASONIC CELEBRATION

The second week in July has been designated as the week of the annual Masonic celebration here for the benefit of the Oxford Orphanage, it has been learned following a recent meeting of local Masons.

This year's event was set at an earlier date than that of last year so as to avoid conflict between it and the Elkin Fair by having the two events too close together.

Correspondents Asked to Get Copy in Tuesday

Although The Tribune deeply appreciates the excellent work being done by its correspondents throughout Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin counties, it must insist that hereafter all copy reach this office not later than Tuesday.

Due to the great amount of live last minute copy which must be set on Wednesday, publication day, it is impossible to set the correspondence also without missing the mail. The Tribune hopes that its correspondents will cooperate by getting their copy in not later than Tuesday afternoon.

SURRY FARMER IS DEAD OF SUICIDE

Manuel Marion, of Near Dobson, Ends Own Life by Shot Through Heart

SAID SECOND ATTEMPT

Unsuccessfully attempting to drown himself about two weeks ago when he was said to have jumped off of Fisher's River bridge, near Dobson, Manuel Marion, 32-year-old farmer succeeded in ending his life about 8 o'clock Sunday morning by shooting himself through the heart with a shotgun.

Marion, a well-known farmer who lived about two miles from Dobson, was found sitting on the bank of the river after his jump from the bridge. For his second, and successful attempt at self destruction, he had purchased a shotgun Saturday and hid it at the barn until he used it Sunday morning.

Marion was the son of the late William Marion, a former county commissioner. He is survived by his wife and four sons, Jimmy, Clyde, Jay and Hobert.

Funeral services were held at Piney Grove church. Rev. L. W. McFarland, of White Plains, officiated.

Garris Home Is Destroyed About Noon Wednesday

A three room house owned by Chatham Manufacturing company and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Garris, was completely destroyed by fire about noon Wednesday. The house was located near the old shoe factory, northwest of Elkin.

Mr. Garris, an employee of Chatham Manufacturing company, was at home when the blaze was discovered, and with the aid of neighbors saved most of the furnishings of the home.

Due to the lack of a water supply and the headway gained by the fire before discovery they were unable to save the building. The origin of the fire is unknown.

STATE BUDGET IS PLACED AT TOTAL OF 154 MILLION

Appropriations Reduced in Attempt to Balance

VOCATIONAL FUND HIT

Spending Bill Expected to Reach Floor of Legislature by Today

COURT EXPENSES CUT

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—One-half of North Carolina's record-setting budget for 1939-41—a \$154,371,332 spending program—was formally approved today by the joint appropriations committee, and will be reported favorably on the floor of the general assembly Thursday.

The favorable report marked the passage of a major milestone by the committeemen, who have been considering the appropriations bill for almost seven weeks.

The other half of the budget—a tax measure designed to yield sufficient revenue to finance the expenditures—remained in committee for further discussion of such controversial proposals as an increased tax on liquor and application of the sales tax to building materials.

Following to the letter the recommendations of a compromise sub-group, the appropriations committee sliced \$200,473 from previously approved allotments, and then gave the spending bill a favorable report by a 37 to 11 vote.

As the measure now stands, it is \$143,567 below the \$164,514,899 biennial spending program drafted by the advisory budget commission, and follows rather closely the commission's recommendations.

Reductions in appropriations, recommended by the sub-committee and adopted by the committee, were:

Supreme court expenses, cut from \$64,000 to \$56,000 for the biennium; governor's office, \$62,266 to \$61,266; division of purchase and contract, \$62,930 to \$61,230; secretary of state, \$50,697 to \$49,297; state auditor, \$112,250 to \$107,100; state treasurer, \$101,220 to \$95,140; attorney general, \$73,536 to \$65,611; commercial fisheries, \$43,800 to \$37,800; state advertising program, \$200,000 to \$180,000; local government commission, \$66,478 to \$62,478; rural electrification authority, \$26,480 to \$23,080; vocational education, \$753,000 to \$630,000; adult education, \$60,000 to \$50,000.

ORGANIZATION IS FORMED MONDAY

Delegates from Surry and Yadkin High School Hold Meeting in Boonville

FIELD DAY MARCH 25th

Delegates from the agricultural departments of the high schools of Surry and Yadkin met at Boonville Monday and organized a Federation of Future Farmers of America. The following officers were elected: William Myers, president, West Yadkin school; Harold Stinson, secretary, Boonville school; Billy Wall, treasurer, Yadkinville school; McCree Walters, reporter, Mountain Park school; Alvin Fulk, watch dog, Courtney school; J. R. Walker, adviser, teacher of Agriculture of the Boonville school.

Mr. R. J. Peeler, state director of the Future Farmers work was present and helped to organize the Federation and the planning of a program of work for the remainder of the year.

It was decided to have a field day at Boonville on March 25th. The field day will consist of tournaments in horse shoe pitching, volley ball and soft ball.

The Federation also voted to have a livestock judging contest and a public speaking contest at Boonville on April 19th.

WILL AID INCOME TAXPAYERS TODAY

J. S. Atkinson, deputy collector of internal revenue, will be at Hotel Elkin all day today to assist local taxpayers in filing their income tax returns. This is a free service on the part of the government, and everyone needing such aid is invited to see Mr. Atkinson.

FRENCH ARE TO RECOGNIZE FRANCO

Paris, Feb. 21.—The French government was reported tonight to have decided to accord unconditional recognition to the Spanish nationalist regime and to send a French general as its first ambassador to Burgos.

STATE GAINS CHEER BAILEY

Washington, Feb. 21.—Senator Josiah Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, has been gratified to discover, upon a study of business charts and trends, that North Carolina is the only state in which agricultural income was greater in 1938 than in 1937. Equally gratifying was his discovery that employment in the state was 20 per cent. greater in 1938 than in the boom year of 1929.

ARMS PROGRAM SPLITS HOUSE

Washington, Feb. 21.—The house began debate today on the \$53,800,000 naval air base program, and critics of administration foreign policy immediately centered their fire on a proposal to establish a naval seaplane outpost on far-away Guam.

Party lines were disregarded. Some Democrats and some Republicans denounced the \$5,000,000 project as fraught with the danger of leading the nation into war, while other members of both parties supported it.

TWO DIE AS PLANES CRASH

Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 21.—Two deaths and eight crushed naval planes were charged today to a gulf-born fog which swiftly blacked out landing fields and broke up a routine, 12-ship training flight last night.

Nearly back to the naval training base here when the shroud enveloped them, three instructors, following radio orders, drove north out of the gray blanket and landed safely in southern Alabama. One student flier in his single seater followed them to safety. A passenger flew with each of the instructors.

The other eight, flying planes without radio and apparently unable to keep in sight of the leaders, flew along divergent courses until their gasoline supplies failed.

TORNADO STRIKES NEAR WINDSOR

Windsor, Feb. 21.—A tornado dipped into the rural community of Green's Cross Roads near here late today, killed one elderly farmer, injured a score or more and indirectly caused the death of Police Chief John W. Brown, 58, of Colerain.

Robert Laurence, 90, died late tonight of injuries suffered when the tornado demolished about 15 dwellings in the Green's Cross Roads area.

Police Chief Brown was killed when his automobile collided with a bus immediately after the storm passed. State Highway patrolmen said the bus had been halted by a tree which had blown down across a highway.

CAPTURE LARGE STILL IN WILKES SATURDAY

Federal alcohol tax investigators worked until late in the night Saturday to capture a large illicit still in New Castle township of Wilkes county.

Cooper Fardus, David M. Hamby and Robert Mathis, residents of the eastern part of Wilkes, were arrested, and given a preliminary hearing about midnight following the raid before U. S. Commissioner J. W. Dula in Wilkesboro.

Officers taking part in the raid of the still, which was one of the largest found in recent months in this section, were: Roy Reece, C. S. Felts, N. E. Bailey, G. W. Willard, L. J. White and Leon Poore.

THREE WEDDING PERMITS ISSUED

Marriage licenses have been issued at Dobson during the past week to the following couples: R. E. Martin to Miss Lydia Black, both of Dobson; A. F. Pastor to Miss Mabel L. Cregger, both of Wytheville, Va.; Dewey Melton to Miss Nervie Laster, both of Elkin.