

EVENTS Of The Week

Local

A BOLT OF LIGHTNING set off 500 sticks of dynamite on the highway three miles from Lowgap last week, blew a man 20 feet in the air, covered an auto with debris and performed a deed for the state highway department yet did no damage. The bolt struck a tree on the construction job, setting off 25 holes of dynamite with 20 sticks in each, which were electrically fused. The man blown sky high was not injured. It took 30 minutes to uncover the automobile, which had three men in it, all unharmed.

APPROXIMATELY \$90,000 have been paid to Surry farmers in soil conservation checks during the past two weeks, J. W. Crawford, county farm agent, has announced, revealing that the soil checks were for the 1938 soil conservation program and that they were distributed to nearly 4,000 farmers who participated in the program.

O. K. RICHARDSON, druggist at Turner Drug Co., local firm, has received a check for \$50.00 as a prize in a recent retailers' contest sponsored by a nationally known manufacturer of toothpaste. Mr. Richardson's entry was selected from among thousands submitted by druggists of this state.

THE EFFECT OF THE DEPRESSION on Elkin will be shown by the extent which its 1940 population is above or below 2,930, according to the formula used by the Census Bureau in computing population. By comparing the figure with the actual count obtained in the 1940 census, Elkin residents are supposed to be able to determine whether the depression hindered or helped the growth of the town. However, those in Washington who use the formula failed to take into consideration the moving of the Chatham Manufacturing company's Winston-Salem plant here, which will probably throw the formula off balance.

WORK OF LAYING ASPHALT surface on Elkin's East Main street, from the square to the new bridge will begin within a short time, T. A. Leeper, district highway engineer, has announced. Asphalt surface on West Main street to Big Elkin Creek bridge will follow later. Wearing of the cement street is given as reason.

State

WHILE NEW YORK has had a lot of "special days" at the World's Fair, the North Carolina Fair Commission is determined to make a big splash when North Carolina Day is staged on June 19. Governor Hoey, state officials and some 5,000 other Tar Heels will be on hand for the festivities, which will include music, parades, color and stunts.

NORTH CAROLINA'S birth-rate showed a noticeable decrease the first four months of this year. So did the death rate, thus putting the law of compensation into effect. Figures released by the State Bureau of Vital Statistics show that 25,435 babies were born during January, February, March and April, 529 fewer than were born in the corresponding period in 1938. There were 575 fewer deaths.

GOV. HOEY Saturday bluntly accused the federal power commission of attempting to invade North Carolina's sovereignty, and instructed Attorney General Harry McMullan to intervene in a suit which may determine whether the state or the commission can control the Yadkin river. The suit was brought by residents of Yadkin county to restrain the city of High Point from construction of a power dam on the Yadkin.

National

NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK was featured by the rescue of 33 men from the crippled submarine Squalus, the rescue of seven of this number being announced in The Tribune of last week, and by the attempted flight of Thomas H. Smith, 27-year-old Los Angeles flier who took off from Old Orchard Beach, Maine, Sunday in a small plane and who hasn't been heard of since, it being believed that he perished in the Atlantic.

SADDEST NEWS of the week came from Tama, Ia., where five small children were burned to death in the two-story frame home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Price. Whimpering and alone on the top floor of the house, the five tots refused to come downstairs through the thick pall of smoke, and died in the charred ruins.

International

THE SEIZURE by German Nazis Tuesday of the palace of Archbishop Sigismund Watz, the Catholic primate of Germany, featured the European news of the past week. The palace was seized by black-shirted Nazi troopers on order of Hitler. Also of interest is the visit of the King and Queen of England to Canada, and their proposed visit to the United States within the near future, plus reported clashes of Russian and Japanese troops along the Manchoukuo frontier.

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DUKE POWER CO. REDUCES RATES IN CAROLINAS

Means Saving of \$1,509,000
Annually to Consumers

EFFECTIVE ON JUNE 1st

Slash Is Approximately One
Million Per Year in North
Carolina Alone

ABOUT \$500,000.00 IN S. C.

Raleigh, May 24—Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne announced today that Duke Power company had agreed to reduce its rates in the Carolinas, saving customers \$1,509,000 a year.

The reductions, most of which will become effective June 1, are the largest in the history of the commission, Winborne said.

Duke rates in North Carolina will be slashed approximately \$1,000,000 a year, and rates in South Carolina approximately \$500,000. The company has 154,275 electric customers in North Carolina and 48,814 in South Carolina, he said.

The immediate effect of the reductions, so far as the average residential consumer is concerned, will be a cut of about 25 cents in monthly Duke electric bills, Winborne added.

The company's present rates, and the new rates, are identical in North Carolina and South Carolina.

The new residential electric scale follows: Minimum of 80 cents for the first 10 kilowatt hours; three and a half cents per kilowatt hour for the next 40; two cents for each kilowatt hour over 50.

The old scale was: Minimum of 80 cents for the first 10 kilowatt hours; four cents per kilowatt hour for the next 40; two and a half cents per kilowatt hour for the next 80; and two cents per kilowatt hour for all in excess of 130.

The special residential electric rate for hot water heaters on separate meters will not be changed. The rate is: One and a half cents per kilowatt hour for the first 100 and one cent for each additional kilowatt hour.

POSTAL INCOME REGISTERS GAIN

Totals \$15,759 in 1938 as
Compared with \$14,180
in Year 1937

WAS BUSINESS MAIL

Washington, D. C., May 30—(WNS)—Postal officials today got around to figuring out the salary of Elkin's postmaster for the fiscal year starting July 1, and discovered he misses a raise in pay by only \$906 of postoffice business.

Postmaster's salaries are based on receipts at the postoffices in their charge. Elkin's postal business showed a substantial increase last year, totalling \$15,759.33, as compared with \$14,180.10 in 1937.

As long as gross receipts at the Elkin postoffice stay between \$13,333 and \$16,666, the postmaster will continue to draw \$2,500 yearly. Another \$906 of income last year would have moved the office into the next highest grade for purposes of salary classification, and the postmaster's pay would have gone up to \$2,600.

The increase in postal business in Elkin last year was due not so much to increased private mailings, as to a greater volume of business mail, and for this reason was a definite indication of improved economic conditions in the city, officials of the postoffice department said.

Notice to Correspondents

While The Tribune appreciates the fine efforts of its correspondents in writing and sending in the news of their communities, it wishes to stress again the importance of getting the news in not later than Tuesday of each week. Correspondence of this nature received on Wednesday often delays publication of the paper. Cooperation in this matter will be sincerely appreciated.

Local Man Is Named Head of W.O.W. District



S. E. Newman, above, of Elkin, was elected district president at the semi-annual meeting of the Woodmen of the World, held in Durham, Saturday. He served as vice president of the group last year. During the meeting, the delegates heard a speech by J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, who is widely considered a candidate for governor.

Grants to Widows After Transferred Will Remain Same

The requirements that widows of Confederate veterans eligible for public assistance payments be transferred from the pension rolls by July 1 will not prevent other pensioners from receiving their payments on that date, Mrs. W. T. Bost, State Welfare Commissioner, said in answer to queries from county departments on the new legislation.

"Beginning July 1 in accordance with chapter 187 of the public laws of 1939, all pensioners remaining on the pension lists will receive their checks from the State Auditor's office each month instead of twice a year," the commissioner said.

"The transfer of eligible widows and the change in method of payment of remaining pensioners were two separate acts of the Assembly and no hardship or delay will result when the laws take effect," she announced.

All widows of Confederate soldiers, Mrs. Bost said, will be transferred to the public assistance rolls on July 1 if they are eligible for that type of government assistance, while those not eligible will remain on the pension rolls and be paid entirely from State funds.

Checks going to those transferred will be paid jointly by the State and the Federal government resulting in a saving to North Carolina of approximately a quarter million dollars which will be used to further the public assistance program for other needy aged in the State.

All payments to those transferred will be equal annually to the amount they are now receiving under their pension, while even though those remaining on the pension rolls will receive their checks monthly, the yearly total will not be affected, the commissioner stated.

Class A Confederate widows now receive \$300 a year and their old age assistance grant will be equal to \$25 a month under the new system of payments, and larger if sufficient need is shown. No grants will be more than \$30 however. They will not be required to sign application blanks for the grants, the transfer of those eligible being automatic when the law goes into effect on July 1.

JUDGE ALLEY TO SPEAK AT DOBSON

Hon. Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, judge of the Superior Court of North Carolina, will lecture at the Surry county court house at Dobson on the evening of Sunday, June 4, at 7:30, on the "Divinity of Christ."

The public is extended a cordial invitation to hear Judge Alley, who is one of the most able speakers and jurists in the state.

432 ARE DEAD AS RESULT OF U. S. ACCIDENTS

North Carolina Adds Two to
Death Toll

AUTOMOBILES CLAIM 175

68 Persons Are Drowned in
Four-Day Period; New
York State Leads

TOLL HIGHER THIS YEAR

Memorial day brought its customary budget of violent deaths Tuesday, augmented by the four-day "week-end" from Saturday through Tuesday.

Forty-one states and the District of Columbia reported 175 automobile fatalities and 68 drownings. Air crashes, shootings and miscellaneous forms of accidents raised the total of deaths to 432. Two deaths occurred in North Carolina.

Last year, on the three-day holiday, upwards of 250 were killed, and in 1937 more than 350.

New York had 19 motor deaths, and 32 violent deaths in all; 13 were killed by automobiles in Ohio; 16 in California; and nine each in Illinois and New Jersey including last night.

At least eight persons were shot to death, two in Kentucky. Several were hunters.

One of the most spectacular accidents of the day was the three-car pileup at the Indianapolis speedway, where the veteran Driver Floyd Roberts was killed.

Arizona 1, Alabama 2, Arkansas 5, California 22, Colorado 8, Connecticut 7, Florida 4, Georgia 12, Idaho 2, Illinois 17, Indiana 12, Iowa 9, Kansas 3, Kentucky 12, Louisiana 1, Maine 5, Maryland 2, Massachusetts 8, Michigan 16, Minnesota 9, Mississippi 1, Missouri 13, Montana 1, Nebraska 1, New Hampshire 3, New Jersey 13, New York 32, North Carolina 2, North Dakota 4, Ohio 20, Oklahoma 7, Oregon 3, Pennsylvania 1, South Carolina, none, South Dakota 2, Tennessee, none, Utah 2, Virginia, 10, Washington 9, West Virginia 14, Wisconsin 11, District of Columbia 2.

SAYS AGENCIES AID RECOVERY

Congressman Lon Folger Ad-
dresses Postoffice Work-
ers at Convention

PRAISES HOME LOAN

Madison, May 30—Representative A. D. (Lon) Folger, of Mt. Airy, asserted here today before joint annual convention of the state unit of the United National Association of Postoffice Clerks, the auxiliary of that organization, and the fifth district of North Carolina Association of Postmasters, that three government agencies—the Reconstruction Finance corporation, the federal housing administration and the Federal Home Loan bank—constitute the "spark plug of our recovery."

A member of the important banking and currency committee, Mr. Folger said that three important items having to do with the public at large have come under the general study of that body. They are labor, recovery and foreign policy.

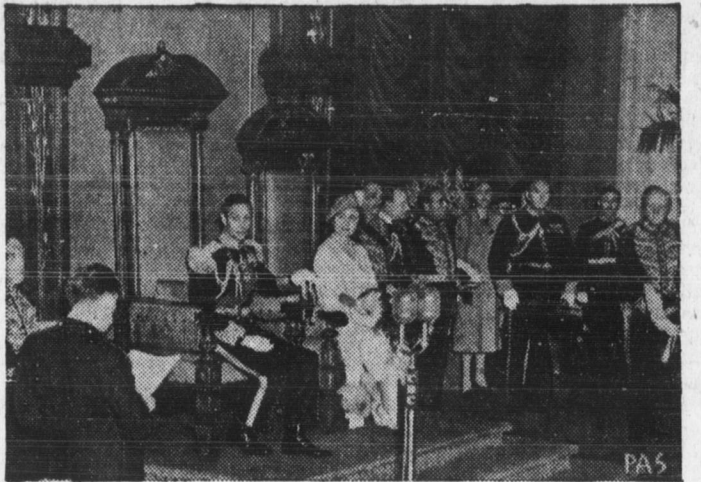
Attention specifically has been turned on three government agencies by the committee, he said—the Reconstruction Finance corporation, the federal housing administration and the Federal Home Loan bank.

The representative cited the part the R. F. C. played in reviving confidence in banks and in promoting recovery during the dark period of the depression when emergency was a question mark. He then pointed to the opportunities afforded by the other two agencies for a huge building program and its subsequent major part in recovery by providing a great amount of employment.

SURRY SUPERIOR COURT ON JUNE 5

The regular term of Surry county superior court will begin Monday, June 5, at Dobson, before Judge Felix Alley, of Waynesville. It is hoped that the docket may be cleared for the summer, there being only minor cases to be disposed of.

WELCOME! King George and Queen Elizabeth are pictured here on thrones in Canada's Parliament as they were formally welcomed to the Dominion. They are scheduled to visit the United States within the immediate future.



Elkin's Main Street Flows With Whisky

Elkin's Main street was literally flowing with whisky Tuesday night.

Highway Patrolman Lee Phillips captured a negro, an automobile and 45 gallons of whisky near Booneville earlier in the evening. Bringing his haul here, he put the negro, whose name was not learned, in jail and poured out the whisky in a drain at the rear of the new town hall.

What Patrolman Phillips didn't know was that the drain emptied on East Main street. Soon 45 gallons of the stuff was gurgling along the gutter.

The negro was turned over to federal officers Wednesday morning. He was from Winston-Salem.

Talk on Visit To Bermuda Is Feature of Meet

A talk by Dr. C. L. Haywood, Jr., chief surgeon of Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital here, on Bermuda, was a feature of the Kiwanis club meeting at Hotel Elkin last Thursday evening.

Dr. Haywood, who was a member of the recent cruise of North Carolina physicians to that island, described the location of Bermuda as directly east of here, being only 500 miles off the North Carolina coast and 800 miles from Elkin.

He related the history of the islands which are of volcanic origin and coral formation, and which were first discovered in 1515 and named for the Spaniards, Bermudez.

Dr. Haywood told of the government, the politics, and the excellent climate which attracts so many visitors.

INDIANAPOLIS RACE CLAIMS LIFE OF ONE

Indianapolis, Ind., May 30—Leaving death, wreckage and blasted hopes behind in his perilous ride, Wilbur Shaw, veteran Indianapolis driver, won the 500-mile automobile race over the Indianapolis motor speedway today in a dramatic finish.

Floyd Roberts, 39-year-old driver from Van Nuys, Calif., lost his life as Shaw, winner of the 1937 race, rode to triumph.

A few minutes before the finish, Roberts, critically injured in a smash-up of three cars, died of brain concussion in a hospital. Two other drivers, Chet Miller, of Detroit, and Bob Swanson, of Los Angeles, were injured but not seriously. Two women spectators were also hurt.

MIAMI, PITTSBURG BUSES ON ROUTE 21

The Greyhound Bus Co., has inaugurated bus service through Elkin on the Lakes to Florida highway, giving de luxe bus service from Miami, Fla., to Pittsburg, Pa. The first buses to make the run passed through here Sunday, and are of the latest model limited type. The north bound bus leaves Elkin daily at 9:40 a. m., going through to Pittsburg without change. The south bound bus leaves here at 4:10 p. m. Travelers en route to Miami have to change at Charlotte.

JOHN B. HUDSON PASSES FRIDAY

Prominent Citizen of North
Elkin Community Victim
of Heart Ailment

FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY

John Bilson Hudson, 63, widely known farmer and prominent citizen of the North Elkin community, died at his home early Friday morning following a serious illness of eight months from a heart ailment.

Mr. Hudson was a son of the late William Hudson and Mrs. Leah Howell Hudson and was a native of Yadkin county but had resided near Elkin for a number of years.

He was a charter member of Elkin Valley Baptist church and served as a member of the board of deacons of the church for a number of years. He was also a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the P. O. S. of A. for a number of years before his decline in health.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carrie Lyons Hudson, eight children, Mrs. A. F. Yarbrough, Elkin; Mrs. L. W. Holcomb, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Felix Layne, Elkin; Mrs. B. E. Wellborn, State Road; Mrs. H. E. Parks, Mrs. James Teague, Miss Louise Hudson and DeWitt Hudson, Elkin; eight grandchildren; three brothers, J. M. Hudson, Winston-Salem; L. F. Hudson, Elkin; William Hudson, Hamptonville; and one sister, Mrs. John Smith, Morganton.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from Elkin Valley Baptist church. The rites were in charge of the pastor, Rev. R. E. Adams, of Mayodan, assisted by Rev. Grant Cothren. Interment was in the family plot in the church cemetery.

Dick Smith, Jr., Wins Reader's Digest Award

J. Mark McAdams, superintendent of Elkin city schools, announces that the coveted Reader's Digest Award for scholastic achievement has been won by Dick Smith, Jr., Gwyn Avenue, this city, valedictorian of the class of 1939, Elkin high school. He received an engrossed parchment certificate upon graduation.

The Reader's Digest confers this annual award as encouragement to young men and women throughout the nation who, by their scholastic achievement, give promise of growing into leadership in their communities.

MRS. FANNIE JENKINS PASSES LATE SUNDAY

Mrs. Fannie Mitchell Jenkins, 36, wife of Johnny Jenkins of Jonesville, died at her home late Sunday following a protracted illness from pellagra.

She is survived by her husband and three children, Hattie, Pernie and Helen Jenkins, and four sisters, Mrs. C. A. Watson, Mrs. A. A. Myers and Mrs. Cletus Bass, all of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. C. P. Williams of Yadkin county.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at 11 o'clock from the Church of God in Jonesville, of which she was a member. The rites were in charge of Rev. J. L. Powers of Elkin and Rev. Carson Triplett. Interment was in the Fall Creek cemetery.