

EVENTS
of the
Past
Week

LOCAL

THE ANNUAL MASONIC picnic, which is expected to feature only Lee's riding devices here this year, will be held probably the third week in July, it was learned Wednesday, although this date is not definite.

ELKIN RESIDENTS are paying an annual bill in excess of \$4,000 for entertaining that most unwelcome guest, the common rat, it has been disclosed by the estimate of the Bureau of Biological Survey, which is pushing a nation-wide anti-rat campaign. Bureau studies show the average town of Elkin's size has at least one rat to each human, which would mean over 2,000 rats for Elkin. The minimum yearly cost of each rat is set at \$2.00.

A GUERNSEY BULL, Klondike Kongo, is now on the high seas en route to Porto Rico aboard the steamer Beatrice, the animal having been purchased from Klondike Farm here by Manuel Sanchez Martinez, of Mayaguez, Porto Rico, for breeding purposes. The vessel sailed June 9, and should by this time be nearing its destination.

STATE

MOTHERS AND BABIES scored a victory in North Carolina last month, according to the May report of Dr. R. T. Stimpson, of the state bureau of vital statistics. During the month there were only 29 maternal deaths, as compared with 51 in May, 1938, the rate dropping from 7.5 to 4.6. Deaths among babies under one year of age totalled 366 as compared with 533 for the previous May, bringing the monthly rate down from 78.6 to 69.4.

THE NORTH CAROLINA Merchants association closed its 37th annual session at Durham Tuesday afternoon with the election of O. A. Swaringer, of Concord, as president, and Willard L. Dowell, of Raleigh, executive secretary.

T. S. JOHNSON, Raleigh, of the department of conservation and development, testified at Yadkinville Tuesday in Yadkin county's suit to stop erection of the High Point hydroelectric project that "arms" will extend off the dam's reservoir and result in a general reduction in the value of lands nearby. Johnson was one of two witnesses to take the stand in the afternoon session featured by numerous arguments over introduction of testimony given at Greensboro when actions to prevent the project were heard.

NATIONAL

NORTHERN COTTON mill owners, employing nearly 100,000 workers, have appealed for a universal minimum wage to "protect" their industry from Southern competition. The recommendation was backed by South Carolinians.

THE COMMANDER of the submarine Squalus, which still is the sunken sepulchre of 26 men, told a naval board of inquiry at Portsmouth, N. H., Tuesday that a recommendation born of a submarine disaster nearly 19 years ago might have prevented the recent tragedy if it was caused by a faulty air induction valve. Lieut. O. F. Naquin, one of the few undersea commanders who has escaped from a sunken craft to tell his story, asserted that improved ventilation equipment might have saved the Squalus and that current devices might prove "fatally defective" in time of war.

INTERNATIONAL

THE SINKING of a French submarine with heavy loss of life featured the international news of the past week, this bringing to a total of three submarine disasters in the past few weeks. Also prominent in the news from abroad is the Jap blockade of English concessions at Tientsin, China, with England and Japan both refusing to back down. Meanwhile, in Europe, the Germans push border fortifications and large scale troop maneuvers throughout the country. Foreign observers believe another crisis to be due in August, with many of the opinion the Germans are responsible for the Jap blockade of British concessions in China.

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BRITISH WOMEN AND CHILDREN LEAVE TIENTSIN

Evacuate Concession Blockaded By Japan

JAPS ARE UNRELENTING

Claim Britain Has Forfeited Rights as Neutral Due to Chinese Stand

DEMANDS ARE PUSHED

Tientsin, June 21.—(Wednesday)—A group of 120 British women and children began an exodus today from Tientsin's besieged British concession as the second week of Japanese blockade began amid signs of unremitting pressure.

General Gen Sugiyama, commander-in-chief of Japan's expeditionary forces in North China, charged Britain had forfeited her rights as neutral by what he called policies designed to assist Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

In a statement issued from his headquarters at Peiping, General Sugiyama declared forces under his command would follow a "resolute" policy toward the Tientsin British concession until Britain recognizes Japan's "new order in east Asia" and cooperates in establishing it.

Some of the British refugees boarded a steamer last night and arrangements were completed for the whole party to leave today.

The women and children were to sail from the British bund aboard a small British river boat for Tangku, port of Tientsin at the mouth of the Hai river. There they were to transfer to the steamers Wingsang and Shengking for Chinwangtao and Peh-taiho, beach resorts about 200 miles north of Tientsin.

Most of them, it was pointed out, had planned previously to go to summer homes there but had been delayed by the blockade imposed by the Japanese eight days ago after British officials had rejected Japanese demands for custody of four Chinese accused of killing a local official.

Baptist Revival Creating Much Interest Here

The interest and attendance in the revival services which are in progress at the First Baptist church exceed any previous revival during his pastorate, according to Rev. Eph Whisenand, pastor of the church. Dr. J. R. Jester, for 13 years pastor of the First Baptist church in Winston-Salem, and who has been doing evangelistic work for the past four years, is conducting the revival. Dr. Jester brings forceful, spiritual messages and at each of the evening services the auditorium has been filled.

Services are held twice daily, at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. There will be a special service for the young people of the town Saturday morning at 9:30, to which the public is invited. There will be no service Saturday evening.

Adding to the interest of the meetings is special music and song direction by George P. Harper, of Greenwood, S. C.

All denominations and people of the town are invited to attend the services, which will continue through Friday of next week.

E. R. YORK PASSES IN DUKE HOSPITAL SUNDAY

Edward Roosevelt York, 36, of Jonesville, died Sunday in Duke hospital, Durham, from a brain tumor.

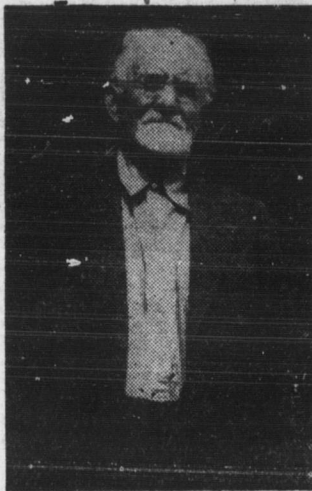
The deceased was a member of the Pleasant Ridge Baptist church and was a son of J. M. York, of Winston-Salem, and the late Mrs. York.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bessie Hemric York, one daughter, Hazel, his father, four brothers, F. W. and M. C. York, of Winston-Salem, Cy York, of Mt. Airy, and Carson York, of Ronda, and four sisters, Mrs. Tyre Felts, of Thomasville, Mrs. Spencer McNeill and Mrs. Thomas Bass, of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Ernest Myers, of Elkin.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from the Pleasant Ridge Baptist church. Interment was in the church cemetery.

CORPORAL'S SQUAD REMAINS

Surry county boasts of the distinction of having the greatest number of surviving Confederate Veterans in the entire state. The Surry veterans shown below are, top row, left to right: John W. Phillips, 95, of near Mount Airy; Squire Byrd J. Snow, 89, of near Mountain Park; Meredith A. Southard, 92, of the Zephyr community; Edward M. Hemric, 93, of State Road. Bottom row, left to right: William H. Wall, 89, of Zephyr; Garland Marshall, of White Plains; Aaron S. Cockerham, of Thurmond, who doesn't know how old he is, and Squire James Odell, 102, of Mount Airy.—(Cut courtesy of Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel. Photos by Luther N. Byrd, Mount Airy.)



SURRY TO GET W.P.A. GRANTS

Plans Call for Renovation of County Jail and the Courthouse

LIST OTHER PROJECTS

Surry county will receive several new WPA grants in the near future, according to M. S. Witherington, Surry WPA supervisor. The grants will be for new buildings and for repairing others.

Plans call for the renovation of the county jail and repairs at the courthouse. An appropriation of \$35,000 has been set aside and approved by WPA headquarters for this work. Mr. Witherington stated that work would start around the 24th of June.

Included in this project are necessary repairs for the county home. Most of the repairs on the courthouse consists of interior work.

Two other WPA projects were approved for the county. These two projects go to the town of Pilot Mountain and call for a total expenditure of \$75,000. Of this, \$34,000 is to be spent for the erection of a new gymnasium which will be large enough to take care of the overflow of crowds that flock to that town for basketball games. It will be modern in every respect, with heat and water facilities. The other project calls for an expenditure of \$41,000 on the streets and other improvements in Pilot Mountain. These projects are expected to start around the ninth of July.

EDWARD WALL HURT BY FALLING GLASS

Edward Wall, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wall, and Hal Martin Stuart, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Stuart, narrowly escaped serious injury Monday morning when a plate glass in the front of The Basketeria Store here suddenly fell from the window in front of which they were standing, showering them with glass.

Young Wall sustained a gash upon the side of his face which necessitated 15 stitches to close, and another cut upon his head. Young Stuart escaped injury, but the falling glass clipped the sleeve from his shirt, it was said.

BRYANT REUNION TO BE HELD ON JULY 9

The Bryant family reunion will be held at the home of Andrew Bryant near Fall Creek church, Sunday, July 9. The public is cordially invited to attend and bring a basket lunch for the picnic dinner.

Eight Men Left In Surry Of Hundreds Who Fought In War

Surviving Confederate Veterans Make Up Exactly One Corporal's Squad. Surry Boasts Distinction of Having the Most Living Veterans of Any County in the State

By LUTHER N. BYRD
Mount Airy, June 17—Eight grand old men are yet living in the rugged hills of Surry county who marched and fought in the armies of Dixie more than three-quarters of a century ago.

They make up exactly one corporal's squad surviving from the hundreds of Surry hillmen who left their native mountains to follow the "bonnie blue flag" of the Old South.

No other county in North Carolina can boast today so many living Confederate veterans, for almost all of the grey-clad host have heard the last "taps" and gone to their eternal rest.

These eight old soldiers of Surry, however, are still fighting Father Time with the same gallant courage that carried them from Bethel to Gettysburg and back to Appomattox and "the surrender."

Their ranks today include Squire James Odell, of Mount Airy; John W. Phillips, of Mount Airy; Garland C. Marshall, of White Plains; William H. Wall, of Zephyr; Meredith A. Southard, of Zephyr; Squire Byrd Snow, of Mountain Park; Aaron S. Cockerham, of Thurmond; and Edward M. Hemrick, of State Road. There's One Centenarian

One of the most gallant soldiers of them all is Squire James Odell, who has watched more than a hundred summers come and go. He was 101 years old last October, and he hopes to reach another milestone of a long life's journey this coming autumn. He was honored by a great gathering of relatives and friends at his home in the Toast community west of Mount Airy on each of his last two birthdays.

Squire Odell, who was a babe in arms when Martin Van Buren was president, declares that "there is nothing glorious about war," and he gained plenty of background for expressing an opinion during the four years that he followed Lee and Jackson and other southern leaders.

He was a member of Company G, 53rd Regiment of North Carolina volunteers, and he recalls today the 15 long days that he lay wounded on the muddy battlefield at Gettysburg, his left leg broken by a rifle ball. It was only his own strenuous

SEEKING TO OUST JAILER

Yadkin Sheriff Files Suit in Endeavor to Remove Jailer D. N. Vestal

UNCONSTITUTIONAL?

A suit in which it is alleged that the recent act of the state legislature in regard to Yadkin county is unconstitutional, was filed Monday in Yadkinville, by the "state of North Carolina, on relation of Sheriff A. L. Inscore," of Yadkin.

Sheriff Inscore is said to be endeavoring to oust Jailer D. N. Vestal, appointed by the act, alleging that the statute is unconstitutional because its caption fails to say that it repealed former laws, a matter specifically set out as necessary in such a statute.

It is further claimed that the act did not stop the sheriff's responsibility for the jail upon his bond, and he is still liable for its conduct, the suit claims.

Jonesville School Faculty Announced

The faculty of Jonesville school has been announced as follows: elementary school, Mrs. Fred Key, Miss Ruby Bray, Miss Hazel Phillips, Mrs. Johnnie Canipe, Mrs. Harvey Hemric, Miss Katherine Boles, Miss Beulah Fleming, Mrs. Margaret Pickett, Mrs. Ina Holcomb, Mrs. L. K. Keever, Mrs. Lee Neaves, Mrs. Ruth Roland, Miss Thelma Shore, T. S. Hobson, J. C. Folger, Harvey Madison and Chy J. Rash.

High school: Stacey Weaver, superintendent, J. B. Swaringen, A. B. Scroggs and Mrs. A. B. Scroggs.

Based on last year's attendance a new teacher was earned in both the elementary and high school. These are to be elected later.

BOARD HEARS TAX COMPLAINTS MONDAY

Meeting of a board of equalization Monday at Dobson, the Surry county commissioners spent the entire session hearing numerous complaints concerning property valuations by different taxpayers over the county.

Due to the number of taxpayers appearing before the board, the commissioners transacted no other business. The county tax rate for the coming fiscal year was not announced.

JONESVILLE IS RESTRAINED IN SCHOOL ISSUE

Temporary Order Signed by Judge Warlick

HALTS ISSUING BONDS

Opponents Claim Election Was Not Conducted in Conformity with Laws

TO FIGHT MATTER OUT

Signed by Superior Court Judge Wilson Warlick, a temporary order has been filed in Yadkin county court restraining the town of Jonesville from issuing \$40,000 in school bonds.

The order, which was signed Tuesday, will be returnable on July 1 in Wilkesboro before Superior Court Judge J. A. Rousseau.

The order was issued at the request of six Jonesville taxpayers, J. S. Hinson, Carl Rose, John Colbert, R. S. Walters, H. L. Evans and J. A. Lyons, who allege the bond issue election was not conducted in conformity with North Carolina laws.

The election was held to determine whether Jonesville should issue the bonds to erect an addition to the Jonesville school.

The order alleges the Yadkin board of education failed to give the county board of commissioners sufficient information on the taxable value of the Jonesville property. According to it, the board of education did not give the commissioners a correct account of the increase in taxation that would be necessitated by a bond issuance.

It was claimed some officials appointed to assist in the election were neither residents, free holders, taxpayers nor qualified voters of the district.

Hampton and Barker, of Elkin, and J. H. Folger, of Mount Airy, have been engaged as counsel for opponents of the bond issue. Yadkin County Attorney D. L. Kelly, of Yadkinville, will be assisted by W. M. Allen, of Elkin, in representing Jonesville.

The election, which was held on June 13, was carried by a vote of 635 to 355 with a total of 993 voting out of a registration of 1,078.

BULL DOGS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Take Measure of Hounds in Final Game Monday by Score of 4 to 3

ARE GIVEN SUPPER

The Chatham Manufacturing company soft ball tournament came to a close Monday afternoon with the final game of the championship series between the Hound Dogs and the Bull Dogs to decide the tourney winner.

The Bull Dogs won the final game to cop the championship, defeating the hounds 4 to 3.

The Bull Dogs represented the office and card room, and the Hounds the Spinning department.

During the tournament, indications were that the Hound Dogs would win the championship, they having won first place in both the first and last half of the tournament.

Gold soft balls were awarded members of the winning team at a chicken supper held Monday evening.

New Serial Starting in This Issue

A new serial, "Into the Sunset," one of the finest novels ever to come from the pen of Jackson Gregory, who knows both the old and the new West as few writers do, begins in this issue of The Tribune.

The story is a thrilling one from start to finish, portraying in the Haveril family one of the old ruling families that for years dominated the cattle ranges of the Southwest.

The characters in this new novel are all sharply drawn and portrayed in a manner to make Tribune readers live with them the thrilling episodes that Jackson Gregory narrates.

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LEAGUE PLAY HOUR IS TO CLOSE FRIDAY

The "Play Hour," sponsored by the Epworth League of the Methodist church, will close Friday afternoon.

Many children have attended this program which has been held each afternoon at the local church for about two weeks.

The League wishes to thank all the parents of the community who have helped make the "Play Hour" a success.

Proceeds will go for the Lake Junaluska fund.