

AT FARMERS' BANQUET HERE

Photos below were made during the Elkin Farmers' Meeting banquet held at the Y. M. C. A., last Thursday night at which approximately 700 guests were present, including 500 farmers of Surry, Yadkin, Wilkes and Alleghany counties. Upper left photo shows A. L. M. Wiggins, of Hartsville, S. C., president of the American Bankers Association, as he prepared to begin his address following an introduction by Governor J. Melville Broughton, left, who acted as master of ceremonies. Top right shows Word H. Wood, chairman of the board of the American Trust Company, Charlotte, who as a native of Elkin, was guest of honor. At right, leaning over, is Garland Johnson, chairman of the Elkin Agricultural Council, who was in charge of the annual event. Bottom photo, made from the Y. M. C. A. auditorium stage, looks toward the speakers' table and shows a part of the huge crowd which attended.—Tribune Photos.



Red Cross Drive Tops \$10,000 Quota By Over \$700 In This District

Lieut. Gilbert R. Felts Dies In Bomber Crash

Ten Companions Perish As B-24 Hits Mountain

(Crash scene photo on back page, this section)

Second Lieutenant Gilbert Russell Felts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus C. Felts of this city, was killed, along with ten of his companions, in the crash landing of a B-24 bomber near Stuart, Virginia, on Wednesday night of last week. Lieutenant Felts celebrated his twenty-sixth birthday on March 7.

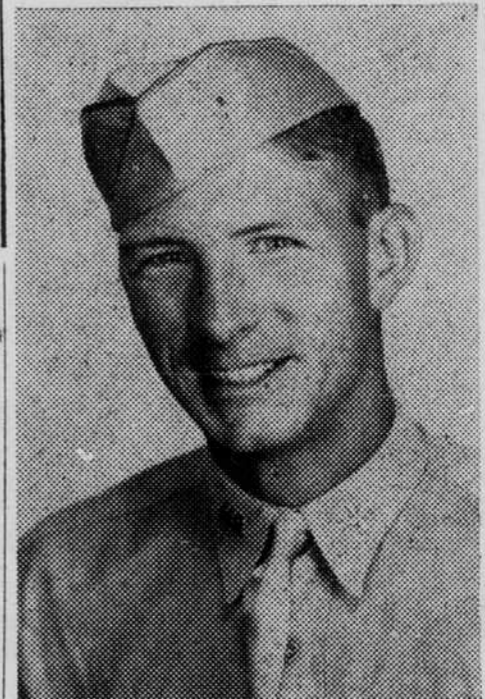
Mr. and Mrs. Felts were notified officially of their son's death Thursday evening, but when the plane crash was reported earlier in the day, giving the home base of the plane, they felt sure that their son was on the fatal ship, as he had told them of the flight and that he would fly over their home. About 9:30 in the evening before the crash the plane flew over the Felts' home here and flashed the lights as a signal to Mr. and Mrs. Felts that he was going over.

The plane, which was piloted by Lieut. Felts, crashed atop the 3,200-foot summit of Bull Mountain, highest peak in Patrick county, Virginia. Investigators said that the big four-engined bomber struck the peak on the south side of the mountain, cutting a swath through the timber, and plunged straight across the summit, coming to rest on the north side. Witnesses several miles away said that the plane was afire before it crashed, and investigators said that it appeared that the ship exploded.

Lieut. Felts was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Felts. He was a graduate of Dobson high school with the class of 1934, and entered the service on December 27, 1941. He was inducted at South Carolina, and graduated in mechanics from LaGuardia Field, N. Y., with the highest honors in his class. He was then sent to Atlantic City, N. J., for further training and from there to air fields at San Angelo and Ballinger, Texas, and was commissioned a second lieutenant with a pilot's rating at Lubbock Field, Texas on November 3, 1943. He was sta-

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Dies In Crash



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RESULTS PROVE GRATIFYING TO LOCAL LEADERS

Reports From Some Sections Not Yet In

THEATRES ARE TO AID

Total Amount Contributed Up to Wednesday Noon Announced At \$10,761.24

THANKS ARE EXPRESSED

Assigned a quota of \$10,000 in the current Red Cross War Fund Drive, the Elkin district had topped this figure by over \$700 up to noon Wednesday, it was announced by local Red Cross officials.

The total amount subscribed to the Red Cross to date was announced at \$10,761.24, with reports from a number of outlying portions of the district as yet unreported. The \$10,000 quota was \$4,000 more than was assigned the district in last year's drive.

The current campaign will continue through March.

Local theatres, cooperating with the Red Cross, will observe a special Red Cross week through March 23-29, with collections to be taken at each show.

Local Red Cross officials expressed pleasure over the success of the drive in this district, and Mrs. J. O. Bivins, Chairman of the Elkin Branch, expressed her thanks to every individual who participated in the campaign.

Special mention was made of the work of Mrs. A. O. Bryan, chairman of the Roll Call committee; Mrs. George E. Royall, vice-chairman; Miss Betty Allen, treasurer; J. H. Beeson, chairman of the Home Service Committee, and C. J. Hyslop, secretary of the Elkin Branch, co-chairman of the local Roll Call Committee, and comptroller of the Surry County Chapter.

Mrs. Bivins stated she especially wished to thank Carl C. Poindexter, as publicity chairman, and The Tribune for the publicity it has given the drive.

It was also announced that excellent results were obtained through the efforts of Glenn Bailey, at the Elkin Furniture Company, and Mr. Hyslop at the Chatham Manufacturing Co.

Miss Ophelia Paul is assistant to Miss Betty Allen, treasurer.

SALE OF PILOT KNOB IS OKEYED

Goes to J. W. Beasley of Pilot Mountain For Sum of \$14,500

TO DEVELOP AFTER WAR

The sale of the famed round-knobbed peak in Surry county, Pilot Mountain, to J. W. Beasley, of the town of Pilot Mountain, has been confirmed, it was learned Wednesday.

Mr. Beasley, Surry automobile dealer, was highest bidder for the mountain at an auction sale in which he offered \$14,500. Confirmation of the sale was held up and the mountain went under the hammer three times. Monday the sale was confirmed in Alamance County superior court.

The sale was made by the Spoon estate. Mr. Beasley said he expected to make the mountain an important resort center but that his plans would naturally be held up until after the war.

The tract sold to Beasley contained 1,066 acres. Most of the acreage on the slope of the mountain, leading to the peak, is covered with timber. There are a few small farming tracts at the beginning of the slope.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, March 21.—American submarines, cutting ever deeper into Japanese supply lines in what Secretary Knox called "one of the most important of all Pacific operations," have sunk another 15 enemy merchant ships, the secretary announced today. "This mode of attack," Knox said, "by and large is one of the most important of all Pacific operations, constantly wearing down Japanese lines of communication, making more difficult the enemy's maintenance of supply lines." His words were underscored by announcement at southwest Pacific allied headquarters of the destruction of 12 more Japanese ships — seven by British submarines and five by American planes which fought a four-day battle with an enemy convoy and finished the job after the ships came in sight of their goal, the beleaguered Wewak stronghold.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Secretary of State Hull tonight laid down a 17-point program of American foreign policy aimed at a postwar world of international cooperation, and called on all liberty-loving peoples to show themselves worthy of freedom by fighting for it. Issued as millions of al-

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Farmers' Meeting Here Proves Great Success

Around 700 Guests Are Present At Event; Governor Is Toastmaster

Approximately 500 farmers and 200 business and professional men of Elkin, and other guests, heard A. L. M. Wiggins, president of the American Bankers Association, express his belief that "the farmers of America have never had a seat at the same table of a fair standard of living at which sat business and industry," at the Second Annual Elkin Farmers' Meeting here last Thursday night at the Gilvin Y. M. C. A.

LARGEST STILL TAKEN IN RAID

Alleghany Officers Destroy Plant With Capacity of 10,000 Gallons

NO ARRESTS ARE MADE

The largest still ever found in Alleghany county was destroyed last week by Sheriff Jesse Mosley and Deputies Glenn Richardson and George Royall near the old Duncan mill on Little River. The outfit had a capacity of 10,000 gallons.

Approximately 4,500 gallons of mash just ready to run was destroyed along with nine pine boxes, and a large double boiler, made with two 55-gallon barrels, was also destroyed.

Inasmuch as the operators were not on the premises at the time of the raid, no arrests were made.

Introduced by Governor J. Melville Broughton, who acted as master of ceremonies, Mr. Wiggins spoke for 20 minutes, his address being carried over radio station WBT, Charlotte. Word H. Wood, chairman of the board of the American Trust Co., Charlotte, and a native of Elkin, was guest of honor.

The banquet meeting, which followed an afternoon program devoted to various topics of interest to farmers, including a natural color agricultural film made available by Lt. Richard J. Reynolds, U. S. N. R., was opened by a brief address of welcome by Mayor J. R. Poindexter, in which he paid tribute to Mr. Wood as a leader in the financial world.

Mr. Wiggins, in his address, pointed out that the farmers have become embittered at the low compensation they receive for their production, asserting that the industrial worker gets four to nine times more for his labor than does the farmer. He went on to say that the only way the farmer can hope to get equal remuneration for his labors is through organization, and that "the salvation of agriculture rests not with the government subsidies but with a strong organized effort of farmers themselves, acting as free and independent men. Political domination and control of agriculture will prove its undoing."

Mr. Wiggins said that bankers had erroneously been represented as opposing federal lending

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Killed In Action



Pfc. Phillip I. Doss, 21, above, brother of Miss Opal Doss, and Mrs. Jim Groce, of this city, was killed in action at Tarawa in the Gilberts on November 20, 1943, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Doss, of Archdale. He had previously been listed as missing in action since that date. Pfc. Doss was with the U. S. Marine Corps and entered the service in December 1941. He had been overseas for more than a year.

Board Asks For ODT Certificates

Eligible users are asked to bring their ODT certificates to the local ration board to obtain their truck gas for the second quarter of 1944, according to ration board officials.

Fuel oil users are also asked to call for their ration coupons for oil for the next six-month period at the ration office.

These coupons can not be mailed as has been the custom heretofore.

IS CANDIDATE FOR STATE JOB

R. L. Lovelace to Seek Republican Nomination For Lieutenant Governor

OTHER CANDIDATES

R. L. Lovelace, of Elkin, active in Republican political circles for a number of years, will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor subject to the coming Republican primary, it has been announced. Mr. Lovelace is faced with opposition from two other Republican candidates for that post, George L. Greene, of Marshall, and A. Harold Morgan, of Smithfield.

It is understood that the Elkin man did not seek the nomination, but inasmuch as friends entered him in the race, plans to carry through. He said that prior to the announcement that his name had been entered a number of friends from the eastern part of the state had urged him to enter the race, but that he had declined.

On the Democratic side, three candidates are also seeking the lieutenant governor nomination. They are: W. I. Halstead, of Elizabeth City; L. Y. Ballentine, Fuquay, and Jamie T. Lydia, of Greensboro.