

P. O. Receipts Set All-Time Record In '44

ELKIN OFFICE SHOULD REACH FIRST CLASS

End of Current Year Should See Advancement

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$41,377

Largest Increase During Past Year Was In Months of April, May, June

EACH QUARTER GAINS

Postal receipts here for 1944 set an all-time record with an annual increase of 21.5 per cent over the year 1943.

The largest increase during the past year was during the months of April, May and June, which showed a 33 per cent gain over the corresponding period in 1943.

The maintenance of the normal percentage of increase in postal receipts, which the local office has consistently shown each year for the past 10 years will result in the advancement to first class at the end of the current year, he pointed out.

Total postal receipts for 1944 amounted to \$41,377.77, as compared with \$34,051.48 in 1943, an increase of 21.5 per cent.

Each quarter of 1944 showed a gain over the corresponding quota of 1943.

CHARTER NIGHT ON JANUARY 16

Lions Complete Plans For Meet; Judge H. G. Hastings To Be Speaker

TO BE LADIES' NIGHT

Completion of plans for the Elkin Lions Club Charter night, which will be held next Tuesday evening, January 16, was made at the regular meeting held Tuesday evening, according to an announcement made by T. L. Parrnell, club secretary.

The highlight of the program will be an address by Judge H. G. Hastings of Winston-Salem, who is active in the state-wide Lions organization and well known throughout this section.

Invitations have been issued to clubs in nearby cities to join the Elkin Lions and their ladies for the Tuesday program. Delegations are expected from Mt. Airy, Spartanburg, North Wilkesboro, Statesville, Winston-Salem, High Point, and Lenoir.

W. J. Graham is president of the newly organized club.

BANQUET DATE IS ANNOUNCED

Annual Employer - Employee Meeting To Be Held At YMCA February 13

SPEAKER IS SECURED

Plans for the annual Employer-Employee Banquet here at which Elkin merchants and other employers are hosts to their employees, were announced by G. L. Hill Tuesday, following a meeting of the board of directors of the Elkin Merchants Association.

Mr. Hill, who is president of the association, stated that the banquet will be held at the Gilvin Roth Y.M.C.A. Tuesday night, February 13, at 7:00 o'clock, and that a speaker had already been secured for the occasion. He did not announce the name of the speaker.

A new feature of the banquet this year, provided it proves possible, will be the marriage at the banquet of any couple of this community who wishes to get married. In event some couple should wish to marry during the banquet, the Merchants Association will provide both the license and the preacher, Mr. Hill said.

YOUR COUNTRY IS STILL AT WAR—ARE YOU?

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Thunderous new B-29 smashes at Tokyo itself and the great Japanese base on the island of Formosa were announced today. The aim apparently was to keep Nippon busy elsewhere while the American forces made their historic return to Luzon in the Philippines. The big bombers thus lent their support to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's amphibious operations, timing their assaults in whip-lash fashion from bases in the Marianas islands and the mainland of China.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—President Roosevelt today sent Congress a "play-safe" budget of \$83,760,000,000 for fiscal 1946—a \$17,802,000,000 drop from current estimated expenditures—but he made it sufficiently flexible so it can be reduced or expanded by \$10,000,000,000, depending upon battlefield developments which he refused to predict. He estimated that the total war program for the fiscal years 1941 through 1946 would amount to \$450,000,000,000 in cumulative appropriations. Unlike last year, he did not propose new taxes. But he served blunt notice that neither is there hope for relief from taxes, rationing or price and material controls so long as there is a war to be fought.

INTERNATIONAL

PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 9.—United States naval fliers, slashed at Japan's sea-air strength within the Luzon defense orbit, sank or damaged 73 ships and destroyed or damaged 262 planes in a three day sweep over the Luzon-Formosa-Okinawa area. A navy communiqué today listed additional damage to the enemy on Luzon in the carrier based strikes of January 5 and 6 and ship-plane casualties in the far ranging raids January 8 on Formosa, Owinawa and other islands in the Formosa area. Hellcat fighters shot down a total of 18 Japanese planes and joined dive-bombers and torpedo planes in destroying 74 more aircraft and damaging 103 on the ground at Luzon in heavy pre-invasion attacks by the Third fleet's carrier forces.

PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 9.—Japan may risk her remaining first line warships in another sea action with the Pacific fleet, now that General MacArthur's invasion of Luzon has opened the Pacific war's most critical campaign. Luzon is more vital to Japan's defense of her empire than was Guadalcanal, Saipan, or Leyte. Every time American amphibious forces have assaulted objectives of key importance to Japan her fleet has joined in major sea action—the second battle of the Philippines after the Leyte landing; first battle of the Philippine seas after Saipan landing in the Marianas; the Solomons surface battles after the Guadalcanal landing. It is not logical to expect that Japanese navy commanders will lie around in empire ports while MacArthur's troops are taking Luzon from Japan's grasp, cutting in two her greater co-prosperity sphere.

WITH THE 12TH ARMY GROUP, Jan. 9.—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, breaking his silence regarding the German counteroffensive which was aimed at splitting the allied line in his 12th army group sector, said today that the new-thwarted enemy move "may materially affect the Germans' ability to resist." General Bradley, who was awarded the Bronze Star by General Eisenhower today for his part in halting the Germans, stated at a press conference that Germany's ability to prolong the war is being tested.



PASSES—Arthur B. Scroggs, above, well-known Jonesville educator and church leader, passed away Thursday last week at the Elkin hospital following several years' period of declining health. Funeral rites were held Saturday afternoon.

DEATH TAKES A. B. SCROGGS

Well-Known Educator and Church Leader Dies On Thursday Afternoon

rites held Saturday

Arthur B. Scroggs, of Jonesville, well known educator and church leader, passed away last Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital here. Mr. Scroggs had been in declining health for several years and had been seriously ill for some time.

Born on March 26, 1901, he was the son of Mrs. Margaret Lance Scroggs and the late Oscar L. Scroggs, of Hayesville. Mr. Scroggs was a graduate of the University of North Carolina and had taught in various schools for the past 21 years. He had been a science teacher in the Jonesville High School for the past six years. The deceased was a member of the Methodist church, the Masonic Order and the Elkin Kiwanis Club.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Estelle Yarbrough Scroggs, who is also a teacher in the Jonesville schools; one son, E. Pratt Scroggs; his mother; four sisters, Mrs. Alma Moore, Mrs. Henry Martin, and Mrs. Robert Penland of Hayesville; and Mrs. Ernest Boyles of Canton.

Funeral rites were conducted from the Mount Tabor Methodist church, near Winston-Salem, at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, in charge of Rev. A. J. Cox, Rev. C. C. Graham and Dr. C. C. Weaver, Sr. Pallbearers were O. E. Boles, R. W. Boles, E. J. Reece, Watt Deal, Fletcher McBride, and Fred C. Hobson. The beautiful floral tribute was in charge of Jonesville students and teachers.

Interment was in the Mount Tabor cemetery.

CHURCH IS HOST TO PRESBYTERY

Ministers and Ruling Elders Representing 43 Churches Attend Service

CAUDILL ON COMMITTEE

The Elkin Presbyterian church was host to the Presbytery of Winston-Salem at a meeting held Tuesday. Nineteen ministers and 12 ruling elders were present, representing the 43 churches of the Presbytery. Rev. Sidney D. Crane, moderator, of North Wilkesboro presided over the meeting.

Rev. O. V. Caudill of the local church was appointed to the committee of nominations. Included in the many business matters discussed was the appointment of Mrs. W. C. Grier of North Wilkesboro as a trustee of Glade Valley high school in place of E. G. Finley.

Several stewardship rallies were planned for the New Year, the first of which will be held in Elkin on February 12.

The Elkin church entertained those attending the conference with a luncheon at the noon hour at the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A.

Christmas Seal Sale Nets \$274

Mrs. E. F. McNeer, chairman of the Elkin Tuberculosis Seal Sale, has announced that the 1944 sale netted \$274.17. A fourth of the proceeds was sent into headquarters and a portion of the amount was kept for use in Elkin and its surrounding area.

Mrs. McNeer wishes to express sincere appreciation to all persons assisting or contributing in any way to the sale.

POLIO APPEAL TO GET UNDER WAY JAN. 14TH

County Chairman Simmons Stresses Vital Needs

NEAVES IS CHAIRMAN

1944 Epidemic of Disease Was Second Worst In History of United States

DRIVE TO END JAN. 31ST

R. F. Simmons, Dobson attorney, who has been named county chairman of the annual fund appeal and March of Dimes to be conducted January 14-31 in celebration of the President's Birthday by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, has stressed the need to reinforce lines of defense against this insidious enemy of childhood.

In discussing the drive, which will begin Sunday, Mr. Simmons said:

"The 1944 epidemic of infantile paralysis was the second worst outbreak of the disease in its history in the United States. Fortunately, we were on the alert and well prepared to meet that attack in all parts of the nation. More than a million dollars—or ten million dimes—contributed by the American people were spent by your National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to provide the best of modern care and treatment for all victims of the epidemic. Since no one knows where, or how hard, polio may strike in 1945, we must again be ready to meet the attack wherever it may come. Participation in the annual March of Dimes appeal is our assurance that no victim of infantile paralysis will go uncared for, regardless of age, race, creed or color."

Sam Neaves, of Elkin, has been named local chairman in the drive here.

CLUB OFFICERS ARE INDUCTED

T. C. McKnight Succeeds Garland Johnson As President of Kiwanis

BUNDY CHIEF SPEAKER

In a ladies' night program held at the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A. last Thursday evening, T. C. McKnight was installed as president of the Elkin Kiwanis Club for 1945, succeeding Garland Johnson, the retiring president.

Other Kiwanis officials were also installed, with Sam D. Bundy, of Tarboro, governor of the Carolinas District, officiating. New officials are: Hoke Henderson, vice president; J. L. Hall, treasurer for his eighth consecutive year, and the following directors: C. C. Poindexter, R. W. Harris, W. M. Allen, C. N. Myers, C. H. Leary, D. G. Smith, and Dr. E. L. Rice.

Governor Bundy was the principal speaker, but brief talks were made by other prominent out-of-town Kiwanians, including Dr. Rice.

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E. ELKIN WOMAN PASSES MONDAY

Mrs. Ada McCain Burcham, 74, Dies Suddenly At Her Home Tuesday Morning

FUNERAL RITES TODAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Ada McCain Burcham, about 74, who died suddenly at her home in East Elkin Tuesday morning will be conducted this afternoon (Thursday) at two o'clock at the Pleasant Hill church, with Rev. J. L. Fowers, Rev. E. F. Rollins, and Rev. L. J. Pardue in charge of the rites. Interment will be made in the family plot.

Mrs. Burcham was born February 2, 1871. She was preceded in death by her husband, the late S. J. Burcham.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Glenn Cooke and Mrs. Philip McIndis of this city; and Mack Burcham of Radford, Virginia; seven sisters and one brother, Mrs. Yallie Hayes, Mrs. Cella Adams, Miss Mary McCain, Mrs. Estia Lewis, and Jessie McCain, all of State Road; Mrs. Pearl Simmons of Elkin; Mrs. Bessie Crisman of Vass; and Mrs. Elizabeth Wilcoxson of Mount Airy. Five step-children survive: Celia Collins of Cycle; John Burcham of Washington, D. C.; Harrison Burcham; Linda Sharrs; and Edna Burcham of this city. Several grandchildren survive.

Huge American Army Pushes On Toward Manila; Nazis Retreat At West End Of Ardennes Line

NINE SWELL REASONS Pictured below are nine swell reasons for the March of Dimes, which will be a part of the fund-raising appeal January 14-31 of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. These youngsters walking out of Miami's Jackson Memorial Hospital, won their battle over infantile paralysis last year, thanks to dollars and dimes contributed during previous appeals. R. F. Simmons, Dobson attorney, is Surry chairman for the drive this month. Sam Neaves, of Elkin, is local chairman.



(Miami Herald Photo)

Sixteen Graduate Here In Nurses' Aide Class

Dinner And Graduating Exercises Held At Y.M.C.A. Friday Evening

The second class of Red Cross Nurses' Aides to be graduated following training at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital here, received their caps at impressive graduation exercises held at the Gilvin Roth Y.M.C.A. Friday evening. The class, which contained 16 members, was instructed by Mrs. A. R. Plaster, who also was instructor for the first class of 16 members which graduated in September, 1943.

Dinner, in honor of both classes was given by Hugh Chatham hospital the evening of the graduation exercises, with Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Weaver, the former superintendent of the hospital, as hosts, and was attended by a number of invited guests in addition to the graduates.

The graduation address was by Dr. Weaver, with the presentation of caps by Mrs. Plaster. Presentation of certificates was by Miss Roxie Bowen, chairman of the Red Cross Nurses' Aid committee.

Mrs. Joe Bivins presented the class to Hugh Chatham Hospital, with acceptance by Dr. E. L. Rice, who expressed his appreciation for the very fine service all of the Red Cross Nurses' Aides have given to the hospital. "At times it would have been impossible to stay open without their help," Dr. Rice stated. He also thanked Mrs. Plaster for giving so generously of her time and energy to instruct the classes, and thanked the Red Cross for the assistance given the hospital.

Dr. Weaver spoke to the class on the opportunity for service, stating that the training they

JAYCEES PLAN FOR TOURNEY

Group Volunteers To Assist At Local Hospital Beginning Monday

CONTEST IS PLANNED

The Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce met Monday evening at the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A. with President Hubert Parker presiding.

Plans were discussed in regard to the basketball tournament which the Jaycees plan to sponsor here in cooperation with the Yadkin Valley High School conference. The tournament is scheduled to begin on February 26. Tentative plans for the games are printed elsewhere in the Tribune.

Due to the shortage of help, the group volunteered to assist at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, beginning next Monday, in any way possible. Four men will serve at the hospital daily, two during the day and two at night. The Jaycees plan to hold an attendance contest within the near future.

LIONS COLLECT 300 POUNDS FAT

Amount Collected On Sunday, However, Failed To Come Up To Expectation

NEXT DRIVE FEBRUARY 4

The Lions Club sponsored the first of a series of drives for the collection of salvage fats here last Sunday afternoon.

It has been announced that between 300 and 400 pounds of fat was collected during the past week's drive, but that the response by the citizens of Elkin was not as wholehearted as anticipated. The need for the waste fat is urgent in the war effort, but despite this fact, only about 50 per cent of the Elkin homes responded to the request to place the containers of fat on the front walks for collection by the Lions members.

The Club wishes to express its appreciation to those who did cooperate and to remind the public that the next drive is scheduled for Sunday, February 4. Not only is the salvage fat going for a patriotic cause, but the money obtained from the sale of it goes into the Lions Club Fund for the aid of blind children.

BUDGET FIGURE IS \$220,081,434

North Carolina Advisory Budget Commission Recommends Huge Figure

INCREASE FOR HIGHWAY

Raleigh, Jan. 10.—The Advisory Budget Commission recommended today that the record sum of \$220,081,434 be appropriated for the next biennium, and broke tradition by directing that teacher salary schedules be embodied in the general appropriations bill. The recommended appropriation, which is exclusive of \$51,585,079 to be set aside for retirement of the State's general indebtedness, was greatly in excess of the \$178,505,823 in actual and estimated expenditures for 1943-45. A large part of the recommended increase would go for highways.

Here, briefly, are the comparative figures, with the 1943-45 biennium first and recommended appropriations for 1945-47 second: General fund: \$121,020,166 and \$128,407,908; agriculture fund: \$1,271,593 and \$1,462,269; highway fund: \$56,214,070 and \$90,211,257.

Teachers' and State employees' bonuses were incorporated into the salary figures. The commission generally followed Governor Cherry's teacher salary recommendations, among others, but took an unusual step of placing it in the bill, thus removing it from the hands of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education. It provided a starting salary for A-grade certificate holders of \$125 a month. Teachers would be paid nine months and principals for nine and one-half months.

Of the 116 men who have served as governor of Virginia, 59 were born within the State, 46 were born in England, one was born at sea, one in Africa, four in Scotland, three in New York State, three in West Virginia, and one each in Kansas and Penn.

JAP RESISTANCE FEEBLE; REPORT FEW CASUALTIES

Fall Back Under Impact of Invasion Blows

100,000 MEN IN FORCE

German Panzer Divisions Break Off Contact With British and Flee

DEFENSES SHOW CRACK

With General MacArthur on Luzon, Jan. 10.—An American invasion army—100,000 strong—today drove down the highway toward Manila, 100 miles away, overrunning San Fabian and other Lingayen Gulf towns against feeble Japanese resistance which cost our forces virtually no beach-head casualties.

Light Japanese forces fell back under the impact of the American blow. So far there has been little Japanese air reaction and advancing American vanguards found the Japanese had only made half-hearted efforts to wreck bridges as they fell back in confusion.

From a 1,000-ship armada—800 of them transports—standing along the curving Lingayen Gulf coast American troops, artillery, tanks, transports and munitions poured ashore in a continuous stream.

By this morning one thing was apparent—we have come to Luzon to stay.

Protected by a screen of heavy naval artillery fire which fingered inland as far as the line of the Agno River, roughly 13 miles inland and only 88 miles from Manila, American troops were advancing rapidly.

They had firm ground to advance across at the northern end of the curving beachhead which is already 15 miles long between San Fabian and Lingayen.

At the southern end of the beachhead the initial obstacle was the sluggish Calmay River, connecting the Agno and Dagupan rivers, running parallel to the beachhead about two miles inland. But there were no appreciable

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OKEY HEALTH SURVEY HERE

Town Commissioners Name Committee To Arrange Check of Elkin's Needs

BOTH NOW AND FUTURE

At the meeting of the Elkin board of commissioners at the City Hall here Monday evening, Dr. E. L. Rice, representing the Elkin Post-War Planning committee, appeared before the board and recommended that a survey be made to ascertain the sanitation and health needs of the community.

The commissioners, in agreement with Dr. Rice's recommendation, appointed a committee made up of Dr. Rice, Commissioner H. P. Graham, and Dr. H. G. Baily, professor of engineering at Chapel Hill, and authorized the committee to employ a sanitation engineer to make such a survey to ascertain needs of the town both now and in the future.

Other important business was taken up by the board, the nature of which was not announced. Routine business was also transacted.

Harold H. Couch Is In Belgium Hospital

A message has been received here from the War Department stating that Pfc. Harold H. Couch was wounded in Germany on December 3, 1944.

Pfc. Couch has been in the service since July 14, 1943 and has been serving overseas with an infantry division for about four months. He is now in a hospital in Belgium.

His mother, Mrs. Ida Carter resides in Elkin.