



## Drive Here Is Opened At Red Cross Meeting

### FIELD DIRECTOR MAKES TALK AT DINNER MONDAY

Tells Assembled Workers of Red Cross Work

INTRODUCED BY HALE

Elkin's Quota In War Fund Drive Is Announced At \$10,000

FULL SUPPORT URGED

Members of the Elkin Kiwanis Club, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club and Red Cross workers of Elkin and this area met Monday evening at the Gilvin Roth YMCA to hear a talk by Charles L. Skarren, American Red Cross Field Worker who has just returned from 17 months service in the European theatre of war, and to make final preparation for the Red Cross War Fund drive that is now under way here.

Mr. Skarren made a very interesting and informative talk about the Red Cross and the way it functions to aid the nation's fighting men both at home and overseas, pointing out that this great agency goes with the fighting men practically into the front line. He also recounted a number of his own personal experiences in France, Belgium and Germany during the drive from Normandy into the German homeland.

G. Kellock Hale, Jr., of Mount Airy, chairman of the Surry county chapter of the American Red Cross, introduced Mr. Skarren.

Carl C. Poindexter, publicity chairman of the local drive, acted as master of ceremonies, and introduced various guests and Red Cross officials, including Mrs. Ritter, Red Cross area supervisor of this area.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. A. O. Bryan, who is heading the local drive, made a brief talk in which she thanked everyone connected with the drive for their support and cooperation. Elkin's quota in the drive has been announced as \$10,000. Everyone is urged to give generously.

## YADKIN COUNTY CITIZEN DEAD

Lemuel Edwin Messick, of Jonesville, Passes Away Wednesday, A. M.

FUNERAL RITES TODAY

Funeral services for Lemuel Edwin Messick, 69, of Jonesville, who died Wednesday morning, will be held at 11:00 o'clock this morning from the Island Ford Baptist church, Rev. O. V. Caudill officiating. Burial will follow in the Island Ford cemetery.

Born in Yadkin county, Mr. Messick had lived in Jonesville for the past thirteen years following his return to his native state from Louisiana. He had suffered from heart trouble for the past three and one-half years. Mr. Messick was an Elder in the Presbyterian church.

His wife, the former Eddie Bass, is dead and he is survived by one brother, Robert Messick of Jonesville; and two sisters, Miss Cara Elizabeth Messick of Jonesville, and Mrs. Sallie M. Greenwood of Yadkin county.

## Kiwanis Convention Has Been Cancelled

For the third consecutive year, Kiwanis International voted today to cancel its annual delegate wartime convention in line with Office of Defense Transportation regulations.

More than 2,250 clubs and 140,000 members throughout the United States and Canada will be affected by the decision, according to Ben Dean, Grand Rapids advertising executive and president of Kiwanis International.

Kiwanis was one of the first organizations to comply with an ODT request in 1943 to cancel large meetings and thus conserve travel facilities. Kiwanis conventions attracted 6,000 and 7,000 delegates in ordinary times, Dean said.

## FLOOD CONTROL RESOLUTION IS GIVEN TO BAILEY

Local Delegation Makes Trek to Washington

ALLEN IS SPOKESMAN

Seek Yadkin Dam to Curb Flood Waters, Without Power Projects

FIGURES PRESENTED

Senator Josiah W. Bailey, chairman of the Senate commerce committee, has asked Senator Clyde R. Hoey, and Congressmen John H. Folger, William C. Burgin, and Robert L. Doughton to serve as a committee with him to advise and work on a resolution calling for adequate flood control in the Yadkin-Pee Dee river area and the establishment of the Robert L. Doughton National Forest to be located in the Yadkin valley, which was presented to Senator Bailey in Washington last Thursday by a delegation of twelve citizens from Caldwell, Wilkes and Surry counties.

Bailey further asked the group to act individually to aid him in obtaining information and other necessary data for Congressional consideration. This plan was agreed upon by the committee.

W. M. Allen, Elkin attorney and acting spokesman for the group, told Senator Bailey that it was the opinion of the group that the erection of one central dam or what-ever dams necessary for flood control will save floods along the Yadkin river. He further pointed out that sufficient power for industry was available and that removal of the flood menace would provide conditions conducive to industry in the valley.

Senator Bailey pointed out that the dams proposed by the delegation would cost considerably less

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## R. L. GENTRY PASSES AWAY

Was A Member of the Elkin Police Force Since March, 1943

LAST RITES INCOMPLETE

R. L. Gentry, of Elkin, member of the police force here since March 26, 1943, passed away in a Winston-Salem hospital Wednesday about noon following an illness caused by cancer.

A native of Surry county, Officer Gentry had made his home here for the past three years, and was a diligent and conscientious officer. Prior to moving to Elkin he made his home in Mountain Park. He was a member of the Baptist church, and a member of the Elkin Lions Club.

Surviving in addition to his wife, the former Miss Vernie Boyd, a native of Mount Airy, are two children, Doswell and Lewell; five brothers, M. C. and Nelson Gentry, of Mountain Park; Early Gentry, of Dobson; Darl Gentry, of Mount Airy, and Private Foley Gentry, who is now overseas.

Funeral plans have not been completed.

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## Capt. Dunnagan Listed Dead By War Department



CAPT. CHARLES DUNNAGAN

Captain Charles R. Dunnagan, grandson of Dr. M. A. Royall, of Elkin, and the son of Mrs. Blanche Dunnagan, of Roxboro, has been reported by the War Department, in a letter to Mrs. Dunnagan, as having died in action on September 7, 1944, when the Japanese freighter, on which he was being transferred to another prisoner of war camp, was sunk near the Philippines.

Captain Dunnagan was captured by the Japanese following the fall of Corregidor, but several messages received from him prior to September last year indicated he was in good health and getting along all right. Details of the action in which he presumably lost his life only a short while before possible liberation, are contained in the following letter sent to his mother by the War Department:

"The War Department has now received the official list of prisoners of war on the Japanese freighter, which you were previously informed was sunk on September 7, 1944. It is with deep regret that

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## Plans Complete For 3rd Annual Farmers' Day Session Here On March 15; 600 Farmers Invited

### To Nominate Officials At Mass Meeting Here

#### Town Election Will Be Held On May 7th

The Elkin board of commissioners, meeting Monday night at the City Hall, announced the date for a mass meeting of Elkin citizens for the purpose of nomination a mayor and board of commissioners to be voted upon in the town election of May 7.

Date set for the mass meeting, which will be held in the Elkin elementary school auditorium, is April 6 at 7:30 p. m.

George Chatham was named registrar, and J. L. Lillard and Glenn Bailey, judges.

The commissioners also passed a resolution opposing a bill recently introduced in the state legislature which would extend the jurisdiction of the Mount Airy recorder's court to cover all of Surry county, including Elkin. In event this bill should be passed, local cases involving reckless driving or other charges which cannot be tried by a magistrate, would be tried in Mount Airy.

This bill, No. 309, has been passed by the senate, it is understood, but has not yet been passed by the house. The Elkin board, in opposing it, did so in the belief that the Mount Airy recorder's court should have no jurisdiction over Elkin cases of any kind.

#### Lions Collect 350 Pounds of Waste Fats

Approximately 350 pounds of waste fats was collected here Sunday afternoon by the Elkin Lions club in a townwide canvass.

The next collection by the Lions will be made on the first Sunday afternoon in April. All housewives are urged to save waste grease of all kinds so that it may be collected at that time for use in making medicines and explosives for the armed forces.

## PATTON'S MEN PUSHING AHEAD

Tanks and Armored Troops Race Through Disorganized Resistance

AT MILE-AN-HOUR CLIP

Paris, Wednesday, March 7.—Tanks and armored troop carriers of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's American Third Army raced through disorganized German resistance less than 15 miles from the middle Rhine today in a mile-an-hour flanking sweep that threatened to bring Coblenz under siege by nightfall.

Patton's spectacular end run through the rugged Eifel Mountains covering Coblenz momentarily overshadowed the great Allied victory to the north, where the Rhineland capital of Cologne fell almost without a struggle and three Allied armies were massing for a plunge across the Rhine into the industrial heart of Germany.

Late field dispatches said armored outriders of the American Third Army were in the Montreal area, 17 miles west-southwest of Coblenz and less than 15 miles southwest of the Rhine city of Andernach, nine miles northwest of Coblenz.

Patton's tanks already had covered more than 37 miles since they kicked off from their Kyll River bridgeheads east of Bitburg 48 hours ago and the Germans showed no signs of halting them short of the Rhine.

The speed of the advance left little doubt that the German collapse in the north had forced the Nazi High Command to order a general retreat behind the Rhine all the way from Coblenz to the

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## Final Play To Mark End Of Tournament Tonight

The Elkin Jaycee Invitational Basketball Tournament will wind up in a blaze of glory at the Gilvin Roth YMCA here tonight (Thursday), as finalists battle for the championship.

At this writing the semi-finals are yet to be played. Teams which were scheduled to meet in the semi-finals Wednesday night were West Yadkin vs. Flat Rock girls; Jonesville vs. Pilot Mountain boys; Yadkinville vs. Boonville girls, and Miller's Creek vs. Yadkinville boys. Winners of these games will fight it out in tonight's finals.

Many thrilling games have been played since the tournament opened last week, with a number of hair-raising finishes that had spectators standing in their seats. Large crowds have been in daily attendance and even at this date the tournament is considered an outstanding success.

Among the many excellent games played this week, the game between Miller's Creek boys and Union Grove Monday night prov-

ided a thriller. Union Grove led throughout the contest by a few points until the last quarter when Miller's Creek forged ahead to nose out their opponents by a score of 23-21.

Tuesday night Pilot Mountain boys upset a favored Boonville team to win in another close game 25 to 23, forging ahead in the final quarter.

In yet another thriller Tuesday Flat Rock girls took an extra session to win over Pilot Mountain 37 to 3.

Outcome of games played since last Wednesday up until Tuesday night of this week are as follows:

Boys — Pilot Mountain, 18; Franklin, 13; Jonesville, 19; Harmony, 18; Union Grove 36, Courtney 21; Shoals 32, Mountain Park 28; Boonville 31, Elkin 22; Ronda 26, Westfield 24; Miller's Creek 33, Flat Rock 18; Yadkinville 21, West Yadkin 17; Jonesville 61, Shoals 17; Miller's Creek 23, Union Grove

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## C. W. BAILEY TO BE SPEAKER AT DINNER SESSION

Former Governor Broughton Is to Be Here

GOV. CHERRY INVITED

Many Prominent Agricultural Leaders of the State Will Be Guests

TO HOLD AT THE YMCA

Plans have been completed for the Third Annual Farmers' Day meeting which is to be held here next Thursday, March 15, at which approximately 600 farmers of Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes counties are expected to be Elkin's guests.

Former Governor J. Melville Broughton, who as governor of the state attended the two previous meetings, will again be present and will act as master of ceremonies. Governor Gregg Cherry has been extended an invitation to come, but at this date he has not definitely accepted, due to the Legislature still being in session, it was learned from Garland Johnson, chairman of the Elkin Agricultural Council, which is arranging the meeting.

Guest of honor and principal speaker will be C. W. Bailey, president of the First National Bank, of Clarksville, Tenn., and chairman of the Food for Freedom committee of the American Bankers Association.

The program, which will be held at the Gilvin Roth YMCA, will get under way in the auditorium at 3:00 p. m., in opening exercises which will bring many outstanding agricultural leaders of North Carolina together. Following this session, the meeting will be broken up into various groups to attend sessions devoted to the special farm topic in which the farmers may be interested.

The annual banquet will be staged in the evening in the auditorium, at which time Mr. Bailey will speak.

Elsewhere in this issue is a special Farmers' Day Meeting section which gives full details as to the various events scheduled.

## PALMER GUEST OF KIWANIS

President of Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Makes Interesting Talk

NO MEETING THIS P. M.

Roy Palmer, merchandising and advertising director of the Duke Power Company, Charlotte, and president of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis club at the Gilvin Roth YMCA last Thursday evening.

Mr. Palmer used as his subject "The Challenge of Scientific Progress," and stated that the country has made tremendous progress toward further advancement along this line in the postwar world. His talk was highly entertaining and enjoyed by all who were present.

D. G. Smith was in charge of the program, President T. C. McKnight presided.

Due to the fact the Kiwanis club met with other civic clubs at a special Red Cross meeting at the YMCA Monday evening, the club will not hold its usual meeting this evening (Thursday).

## GEORGE PAULS PASSES MONDAY

Funeral Rites for Elkin Man Held Tuesday from Funeral Home Here

WAS NATIVE OF GREECE

The funeral of George Pauls, 60, of this city, who died Monday morning, was held Tuesday afternoon in the Hayes-Speas Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. O. V. Caudill conducted the services. Burial followed in the Hollywood cemetery with Masonic rites.

A native of Greece, Mr. Pauls came to Elkin in 1917 after serving in the British navy since his youth. His father operated a merchant vessel plying between Greece and England. He owned and operated Elkin's largest cafe for many years and later moved to Myrtle Beach, S. C., to open a restaurant there.

Last August he returned to Elkin when he learned he was suffering from an incurable heart ailment. He was a member of the Elkin Presbyterian church and Masonic lodge.

## Former Resident Of Elkin Is Dead

Roswell S. Cheves, former resident of this city, died last Friday at his home in Springfield, Mass., following a lengthy illness.

Born in Pulaski, Va., he lived here a number of years during which time he was engaged in the lumber business. His wife is the former Miss Mary Chatham of this city.

Services and burial will take place in Springfield.

Mr. Cheves is survived by his wife, two sons, Tommy and Buddy, two brothers, and his parents, all of Springfield.



MEET IN SEMI-FINALS OF JAYCEE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT—The two girls teams pictured above, were to meet in the semi-finals of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Invitational Basketball tournament at the Gilvin Roth YMCA Wednesday night to fight it out for the privilege of playing for the championship tonight (Thursday), against either Yadkinville or Boonville in the finals. West Yadkin, pictured at left, defeated Jonesville Monday night 23 to 15, while Flat Rock, right, was win-



ner over Pilot Mountain Tuesday night by the close score of 37-36. Members of the team are, West Yadkin, front row, left to right: Robbins, G. Macemore, L. Macemore, Wallace, Vanhoy and Brown. Back row: Church, Johnson, Castevens, Shore, Groce and Chappell. Flat Rock caregivers are, left to right, front row: Puckett, White, Scott and M. Midkiff. Back row: Reynolds, Wilcox, R. Midkiff, Shelton and Allred.—Photos by T. A. Redmon.