

Will Ask Town To Back Drive On Rats Here

Increase Seen In Typhus Fever In This State

At a meeting Tuesday evening at the Gilvin Roth YMCA, the Elkin Postwar Planning Board, with the public health committee, unanimously voted to ask the city to sponsor a permanent rat exterminating campaign and to purchase a sanitary, container garbage truck, as well as urge all citizens to purchase standard size garbage cans.

The rat exterminating campaign would be put on largely in the interest of public health and the prevention of typhus fever, but it was also pointed out that rats destroy millions of dollars worth of property each year. E. L. Hinton, of the State Department of Health, Raleigh, who explained the campaign in detail, stated that it is put on by the state in co-operation with local communities. He said that it has been estimated that one rat destroys \$2.00 worth of property each year, and that the rat population in the United States is equal to the human population.

Mr. Hinton also told the planning board that the town would be required to furnish money for the extermination campaign which would be returned to the property owners in services rendered in ridding their places of business of rats. Such a campaign, he said, would be of a continuous nature, with inspections made at intervals.

Mr. Hinton and Dr. E. L. Rice, who is chairman of the public health committee, will present the matter to the board of town commissioners at their meeting Monday, October 1. A meeting of the business men of the city has also been called for that day at 2:00 p. m. for the purpose of explaining the benefits of the campaign to merchants and other interested citizens.

TOBACCO PRICES AVERAGE HIGH

Farmers Are Pleased With Sales On Mount Airy And Winston Markets

TUESDAY OPENING DAY

Moderately heavy sales and average prices for most grades ranging from \$1 to \$4 per hundred higher than last year marked opening sales on the North Carolina and Virginia old belt flue-cured tobacco markets Tuesday, the federal-state market news service reported.

Due to heavy rains that have existed for the last few days, deliveries to all markets were light, but sales in warehouses having first sales were reported heavy. However, most floors were only about half filled and all markets were reported cleared for today's selling.

Practically all lower quality grades were unchanged to \$1 higher when compared with opening day last year. Medium and lower qualities ranged from \$1 to \$7 higher, with low green leaf displaying the greatest gain. The bulk of sales ranged between \$32 and \$45, with a practical top of \$46, the market news report said.

The Mount Airy tobacco market reported that opening sales totaled 291,800 pounds which sold at an official average of \$42.34 per 100 pounds. Farmers were reported pleased with prices offered. All floors were cleared for sales Wednesday.

From Winston-Salem it was reported that sales were slightly more than 1,000,000 pounds, and prices ranged from \$43 to \$47 per hundred pounds.

Junior Chamber Meets Monday

The Junior Chamber of Commerce met in regular session Monday night. The vice-president, R. L. Lankford, presided in the absence of the president. Thirty-five members were present and one new member, Sam McKinney, was enrolled.

The business session was given over to a discussion of committee assignments and their work for the coming Pat Stock Show and Sale which is sponsored by this club.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Selective service tonight announced a new deferment policy for teen-age youths which will permit an estimated 97 per cent of all high school students to graduate before they are called for induction. At the same time, it announced regulations which will permit any college student who enrolled before he was 18 to finish his current quarter or semester unless he ceases to pursue his studies continuously and satisfactorily. Likewise, any high school student who enrolled before he was 18 may be deferred until graduation or until he reaches the age of 20, whichever is earlier. Deferment will be withdrawn, however, if he leaves school or fails to make satisfactory progress in his studies.

SANFORD, Sept. 18.—In the heaviest downpour of rain that Sanford has ever experienced, the entire town is flooded. The great concrete dam at the pumping station broke on both sides at about 5 p. m. today with the fire department called to give assistance to the citizens of the town standing by unable to help. The reservoir was entirely emptied and the dam was swept away. The only water supply for the town is the standpipe. The board of aldermen met to consider putting up a temporary dam.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 18.—Japanese gold totaling an estimated 300 million to two billion dollars will be seized under a reparations policy that will be "tough on Japan," Edwin W. Pauley, American member of the allied reparations commission, said today. Pauley, 43, member and former treasurer of the Democratic national committee, told a news conference he will leave within 30 days for Japan, accompanied by the secretary of the navy and a war department representative, to formulate reparations policies.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—President Truman today backed up Gen. Douglas MacArthur's plan to slash the occupation army in Japan, Mr. Truman thereby pulled the rug from under the state department's consternation at MacArthur's assertion that 200,000 "regular" army men can police Japan. Mr. Truman said he was glad to hear it. And he went further. He said at a news conference that if Japan can be occupied with fewer troops, so, too, probably, can Germany. All this dovetailed with congressional thinking—thinking that may get many men back home and out of uniform sooner than they expect.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—President Truman continued his shuffling of top government posts today naming: 1. Robert P. Patterson, New York Republican, as secretary of war, and 2. Senator Harold H. Burton, Ohio Republican, for the supreme court. He also announced he had received the resignations of John J. McCloy and Robert A. Lovett as assistant secretaries of war, but said he was not accepting them immediately. Both Patterson and Burton succeed Republicans. Patterson moves from undersecretary of war to succeed 77-year-old Henry H. Stimson, whose resignation the President accepted "very reluctantly." He described Stimson as "one of our great public servants."

INTERNATIONAL

TOKYO, Sept. 18.—A typhoon which grounded military planes and ripped at the



OFFICERS OF AMERICAN LEGION — Pictured above are the 1945-46 officers of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion. Commander Victor R. Johnson, Pittsboro, is in the center. Others in the group are: left to right, top row: Department Vice-Commanders E. L. Walker, Forest City; Brown Wilson, Gastonia; J. W. McLennan, Burlington, and Ralph Dowd, Dunn. Second row: Department Historian Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro and Chaplain Lawrence A. Watts, Raleigh. Third row: Department Adjutant James M. Caldwell and Department Judge-Advocate Thad G. Stem, Oxford. Bottom row: National Committeeman Bryan Booe, Winston-Salem; Alternate National Committeeman Ralph Sell, Hickory; Department Service Officer C. A. Pennington, Oteen; and Assistant Service Officer Karl A. Muschette. Johnson and Stem are attorneys; Bain is director of North Carolina Committee - United States Brewers' Foundation; Watts is chaplain, state prison; Pennington and Booe, postmasters; Walker, insurance agent; Wilson, cotton broker; Dowd, railway mail clerk; McLennan, contractor; and Shell, oil dealer.

\$4,469 Is Contributed To Memorial Park Here

All Solicitors In Local Drive Have Not Yet Turned In Reports

A total of \$4,469.29 has been contributed to the Memorial Park Fund, it was learned Wednesday afternoon from Hubert Parker, publicity chairman of the drive.

Mr. Parker said that not all solicitors have made reports yet, and the figure is expected to go higher when all reports are in.

In discussing the fact that not all citizens have as yet been solicited, he stated that any citizen who has not been called on should feel free to make a contribution by making out a check to the Memorial Park Committee, and mailing it in care of The Bank of Elkin.

CHATHAM WINS FINAL CONTEST

Defeats Boonville 5-1 To Wind Up Current Season Saturday Afternoon

WON 23 OF 31 GAMES

The Chatham baseball team, playing its last game of the year to wind up a successful season, defeated Boonville Saturday afternoon there by the score of 5 to 1.

Wendell Steele, pitching, and Ducky Martin, catcher, turned in an outstanding performance for the locals. Brown, on the mound for Boonville, was taken out in the fifth after giving up three triples. He was replaced by Allen Jessup, who allowed only two hits. A Shore, catching for Boonville, turned in an outstanding performance.

Leading the hitting for Chatham was Deal and Mounce, both getting three hits for four times up.

During the season Chatham has played a total of 31 games, losing only eight. The team has defeated, at least once, every team it has played during the season.

Lee To Return To Elkin Next Week

The Lee riding devices, scheduled to have played here this week, were forced to change their plans due to the high water Monday and Tuesday of the Yadkin river, and have gone to Wilkesboro where they will remain the rest of this week and part of next, it was learned Wednesday. According to present plans, the rides will return here about the middle or latter part of next week and remain for the following week.

Lee was scheduled to play Wilkesboro next week. He will play here under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge.

Flood Waters Of Yadkin River Cause Crop Damage Amounting To Many Thousands Of Dollars

CAR IS WRECKED IN CHASE HERE

State Road Man Is Jailed On Charge of Speeding And Reckless Driving

NEW OFFICER ON FORCE

Robert Bauguss, of State Road, was put in jail, and Jack Smithey, of Thurmond, was treated at Hugh Chatham Hospital here Saturday night for minor injuries sustained when the car driven by Bauguss crashed into a telephone pole in Pleasant Hill after what police stated was a wild and woolly exhibition of speeding and reckless driving.

Policeman T. B. Sams was in pursuit of Bauguss when the accident occurred. Witnesses stated that the State Road man had narrowly escaped wrecking the car earlier in the chase, the machine at one time turned completely around and headed in the opposite direction due to the speed in taking a curve.

Police charged Bauguss with speeding and reckless driving, and he was bound over to superior court after waiving hearing in Magistrate's Court here Monday. No charge was lodged against Smithey, who was a passenger in the car.

Chief of Police Corbett Wall said Wednesday that another policeman has been added to the local force, giving it a strength of five men. The new officer, who is now on the midnight shift, is Gold Payne, who comes from near Lowgap. Officer Sams, Chief Wall said, has been assigned to the enforcement of parking laws and traffic light laws, and that he and Sams together are attempting to curb the speed situation here.

During the past month, Chief Wall reported, approximately 25 motorists have been tried for speeding and running through traffic lights. He said there has been a steady increase in traffic violations since the end of the war.

PROF. DIXON IS STILL TEACHING

Now 81 Years Old, Veteran Elkin School Man Helps Out At High School

HAS HAD LONG CAREER

Prof. Zeno H. Dixon, now 81 years of age, is again teaching school, although he retired ten years ago. His daughter, Miss Alice Dixon, resigned as a teacher in the Elkin high school to take a teaching position at Guilford College, leaving a vacancy which her father is filling.

Classes in English, French and Latin are taught daily by Prof. Dixon and he enjoys his work very much after his long absence from the school room.

Prof. Dixon began teaching at the age of 19 and has had a long teaching career. He came to Elkin from Tennessee and taught in the Elkin schools for 13 years. He was principal of the school in Yadkinville for 20 years, and in Jonesville for 7 years. In the fall of 1942 he substituted in the West Yadkin school for four months.

Ever willing to supply in either the pulpit or schoolroom, Mr. Dixon will continue to teach until a permanent teacher can be found. Born February 29, 1864, he has not had the opportunity to celebrate many birthdays after all. Perhaps that is why he remains so young. He is loved by all who have worked with or under him.

Surry Granite Will Be In Mississippi Bridge

Stone from the North Carolina Granite corporation at Mount Airy will be used in the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi at Memphis, Tenn. This is a highway project of both Tennessee and Arkansas. The stone will be used for piers and approaches.

Surry county granite has been used in other large bridges throughout the United States. The Arlington bridge across the Potomac at Washington, D. C., being one of them.

Firemen To Fill Extinguishers Here Sept. 26

Local business houses and homes which possess fire extinguishers that are in need of refilling have been urged by the Elkin fire department to telephone either Harris Electric Company or the Brown Machine Company, so that extinguishers may be called for, said Wednesday morning.

Mr. Harris stated that the extinguishers would be filled next Wednesday, September 26, but must be collected prior to that time. No charge for the service will be made other than the actual cost of the chemicals used.

Owners of extinguishers who think that they may be okay are warned that in time the chemical tends to evaporate or lose strength, and that it is wise to have them checked periodically.

WILDCATS ARE TO MEET HERE

Reunion of Famous 81st Division To Hold Reunion September 30th

MEET AT HOTEL ELKIN

Veterans of the historic 81st or Wildcat Division will hold an all day reunion for ten counties of Northwest North Carolina in Elkin, Sunday, September 30.

The reunion will open with registration at the Hotel Elkin beginning at 9:00 a. m. At 11:00 a. m. the business meeting will be held. The veterans and their ladies, civic, fraternal, and patriotic organizations and the general public will meet at 3:00 p. m. to hold an impressive Memorial Service at one of the churches, and a beautiful musical program will be rendered. W. M. Allen, local attorney, will make the Memorial address.

The veterans will enjoy a chicken dinner following the Memorial service.

Victor L. Johnson, of Pittsboro, state commander of the American Legion, who is also a wildcat veteran, will attend. John Tucker Day, of Walkertown, the District Commander of the Legion, who is a wildcat, will also attend. Banks Arendell, national commander of the wildcat veterans from Raleigh will be the morning speaker.

James E. Cahall, national adjutant of the wildcats, from Washington, D. C., is in Elkin to work with the local committee, headed by Lonnie F. Walker, and G. E. Wagoner.

Headquarters will be at Hotel Elkin.

Homecoming At Mountain View

Will Be Held At Baptist Church Near Brooks Cross Roads

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

A home coming will be held Sunday, September 30, at the Mountain View Baptist church, near Brooks Cross Roads.

The meeting will begin with Sunday school at 10 o'clock followed by the regular worship service with the pastor, Rev. Lloyd Pardue, bringing the message.

Dinner will be served on the grounds in picnic style with a talk by a former pastor, Rev. J. L. Powers, at that hour.

At the afternoon service there will be singing by the Mountain View choir, a Winston-Salem quartet, the friendly girls' quartet of Yadkinville, a church quartet from Winston-Salem, with solos by Gerry Holcomb. Other singers are especially invited to attend, and all are asked to come and bring baskets.

A new water-holding cotton firehose has been developed. The new fabric may prove very useful as tent cloth, tarpaulin, and other rain resisting clothing.

SURRY BAPTISTS MEET SEPT. 27

Association Will Hold Forty-Third Session With Mt. Carmel Church

PROMINENT SPEAKERS

The Surry Baptist Association will hold its forty-third annual session at Mount Carmel church on the Fancy Gap highway on Thursday, September 27.

Distinguished speakers from other Baptist Associations who will appear on the program are Dr. I. G. Greer, Rev. J. A. McMillan, and Rev. E. C. Parker.

There will be morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. Music will be directed by Mrs. C. E. Otey. Beginning at 9:45 a. m., the morning program is as follows: devotional, Rev. Fred Journey; roll call churches; recognition of pastors and visitors; report of Woman's Missionary Union followed by discussion, Miss Elizabeth Norman; report of Missions—state, home, and foreign—Carl Snow; address, M. A. Huggins; report on Christian Literature, Rev. A. Finch; report on Centennial Crusade, Rev. R. K. Redwine; announcements; sermon, Dr. I. G. Greer.

The afternoon session will begin at 2 p. m. with the following program: devotional, Rev. Richard Day; report, Ministerial Relief and Annuity, J. E. Trevathan; report, orphanage, Rev. Brady Snow; report, hospitals, Rev. L. A. Fleming; address, Rev. J. A. McMillan; address, Rev. C. E. Parker; memorial service, Rev. J. H. Hall; report, executive committee, H. M. Finch; report, Christian education, W. E. Woodruff; report of the treasurer, R. W. Key; report of committees; election; appointment of committees.

At the evening service beginning at 7:30 p. m. the devotional will be led by Rev. L. M. Cook, followed by special music by a men's chorus of Mount Airy. After the sermon by Rev. J. W. Calloway reports will be given on Baptist training union, Rev. Felix Wagoner; on Sunday schools, Rev. C. A. Simmons. The final address will be on temperance by Rev. C. E. Otey.

LOCAL OFFICERS TO ATTEND MEET

26th Annual Welfare Institute To Be Held In Raleigh Oct. 30-31

CHERRY IS SPEAKER

Announcement was made this week by Dr. Ellen Winston, commissioner of Public Welfare, that the 26th annual Public Welfare Institute for North Carolina social workers, will be held in Carolina Hotel, Raleigh, October 30-31. The theme for discussion is "Current Developments in Public Welfare," with such topics as changing practice in social case work, changing philosophy of the public assistance program, current developments in social work training, and parliamentary procedure, to be discussed.

The state association of County Superintendents of Public Welfare will meet prior to the institute with a dinner and business meeting on October 29. Governor Cherry will be the speaker. Representatives from this area at the meeting will be Mrs. A. T. Banks, Yadkin county; Bessie Marion, Surry county; and Charles C. McNeill, Wilkes county.

The institute has been held without a break since 1919. Earlier this year it was announced there would be no meeting due to travel restrictions, but a decision to hold a shortened meeting was made soon after ODT restrictions were removed.

Rod, Gun Meeting

The Elkin Rod and Gun Club will meet Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A.

Some 7 million workers in manufacturing industries are now being served food in the plants where they work. In some plants absenteeism and accidents have been materially reduced.

River Highest Here Since Flood Of 1940

The Yadkin River, fed by continuous rains which began falling steadily here Saturday night following periodic showers Thursday, Friday and Saturday, reached the highest flood stage Tuesday morning that has been recorded here since the record flood of August 14, 1940.

The river, which began to snake out of its banks early Monday morning, is estimated to have caused damage to corn and hay crops amounting to a half million dollars in Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin counties alone, in addition to the damage it has done in the washing away of valuable top soil and erosion.

Properly damage here wasn't high, due to the fact that the waters rose slowly; and those with property in the path of the flood were able to move out. A majority of the business firms here located on South Bridge street, took

John E. Justice, of North Wilkesboro, chairman of the Yadkin Valley Flood Control Committee, has called a mass meeting of the citizens of towns and communities lying along the Yadkin in Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes counties, and all other persons interested in flood control, to be held at the Town Hall in North Wilkesboro Friday, September 21, at 7:00 p. m.

Garland Johnson, Mayor of Elkin, has urged that all citizens possible attend this meeting, which will be devoted to ways and means of getting action on a flood control program which will put a stop to the disastrous floods which have plagued the valley for years.

No chances, but moved Monday afternoon and Tuesday night. However, the water failed to reach the high mark expected and would have done little damage in some cases had things been left as they were.

The flood reached its crest early Tuesday afternoon and began to recede about 3:00 p. m. The water came high enough to overflow South Bridge street to a depth of about 10 inches, and followed the lowland to enter the machine shop of Bryan's flooding this building to a depth of several inches. The Elkin Livestock Market was flooded to a depth of four or five feet.

Down river the water was back-

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ELKS ANNOUNCE GRID SCHEDULE

Will Meet Mineral Springs Here Friday, September 28, At Four o'Clock

ARE WEAK IN RESERVES

With their third week of practice behind them, the Buckin' Elks of Elkin high school, forced indoors by the recent heavy rains, have plenty of hard work ahead of them in preparation for their first grid game of the season September 28, with Mineral Springs.

The Mineral Springs team is reported strong with many lettermen returning, and will have a one-game advantage on the Elks when they play here as they will open their schedule Friday night at Winston-Salem when they play Draper.

Lack of reserves is the big problem facing the local team this year, it was said.

The football schedule for the season has been announced as follows:

Sept. 28, Mineral Springs, here; October 5, Mount Airy, there (night); October 12, Mocksville, here; October 19, Sparta, here; October 26, North Wilkesboro, here; November 2, Mocksville, there; November 9, Boonville (pending); November 16, Hickory, there (night); November 22, Sparta, there.

Other games may be added to this schedule at a later date, it was said.