

ELKIN HOST TO FARMERS OF THIS SECTION

Comer Approves Plan For Elkin School Change

Says, However, Should Consider Certain Factors

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

The desire of Elkin's school commissioners to make Elkin a separate administrative district received the approval of John W. Comer, superintendent of county schools, at a meeting of the County Board of Education at Dobson Monday night, but Mr. Comer pointed out that certain factors are to be considered before a final decision is made.

In discussing the matter, Mr. Comer stated:

"This movement would not be regarded as the best policy in line with the best of administrative practice as followed by the State Department of Public Construction and the State Board of Education. Larger units are more economically and efficiently administered as a single unit.

"Legal distribution of county funds to administrative units is on a per capita basis. Under the provision, Elkin, as a city unit, would receive and be entitled to considerably less funds from county appropriations than have been received in the past. For all intents and purposes of school administration pertaining to the schools of Elkin, they have been a separate unit in everything except name for the past eleven years. No authority in the selection of teaching personnel, supervision, and general administrative authority has been exercised by any officials of the county unit. It has been the policy and purpose of every official of the Surry county administrative unit to furnish a full measure of cooperation to the school district of Elkin without any intimations of authority."

The board unanimously approved a petition, presented on behalf of Elkin township by N. H. Carpenter and R. W. Harris, to call a special election so that the voters of Elkin township may approve a special school tax levy of 20 cents per one hundred dollar valuation. The election is to be held around the middle of April.

A similar movement is on foot in the county to levy a 20 percent tax on the county as a whole, including Elkin and Mount Airy, it was learned.

This tax would provide funds in addition to the funds already provided by the state and would insure extended educational facilities.

The petition, after having been presented to the board of education was also presented to the board of county commissioners, members of which labeled it a worthy and progressive step forward in education.

Lewellyn Improved Following Attack

R. C. Lewellyn, president of the Bank of Elkin, who was stricken with a heart attack while at his desk Wednesday of last week at the Surry Loan & Trust Company in Mount Airy, of which he is also an officer, was better Wednesday. The Tribune learned Wednesday afternoon.

Following the attack, Mr. Lewellyn was carried to a Mount Airy hospital, where for a while his condition was considered serious.

Chicken Owners Are Asked To Keep Fowls Up

Numerous complaints have been heard by town officials relative to owners of chickens allowing them to run loose. Chief of Police Corbett Wall said Tuesday.

Chief Wall asked that all persons keep their chickens up due to the fact that the planting season is at hand and loose chickens can prove very destructive as well as a nuisance.

STATE

RALEIGH, March 5. — The 144-member state Democratic executive committee was called to order at 8 o'clock tonight by Chairman W. B. Umstead, of Durham, for the main purpose of setting dates for the state convention of the party and for county and precinct meetings this spring. Proposed changes in the party organization plan were on the meeting's agenda for consideration, but the Chairman predicted that the meeting in the house chamber would be a brief affair. Governor Cherry, following long precedent, gave the executive committee members a party pep talk as the top figure in the state's Democratic administration.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, March 5. — Secretary of State James F. Byrnes today accused soviet Russia of trying to violate America's "open door" policy in Manchuria and then sent a message to the soviet government on its failure to evacuate Russian troops from Iran. Byrnes dispatched his message on the Iranian crisis after the Iranian ambassador, Hussein Ala, on instructions from Tehran, appealed to the United States to support Iranian and British protests to Russia for failure to live up to the agreement to remove her troops from Iran last Saturday.

WASHINGTON, March 5. — Winston Churchill's proposal for a virtual British-American military alliance provoked unfavorable reaction among members of Congress today. The former prime minister's call for sharing of bases and military preparations found some support, but most senators said they want no formal alliance because it might arouse suspicion on the part of Russia and because it would link the United States too closely to British.

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FOLGER SAVES SCHOOL LUNCH

Fifth District Representative Pushes Through Amendment In House

LARGE FUND PROVIDED

Congressman John H. Folger, of Mount Airy, pushed through an amendment to the \$65,000,000 school lunch bill in Congress last week and saved the Federal aid "school lunch program" for schools in North Carolina and other states that operate separate schools for white and colored children.

Without the Folger modification many Southern states would have been excluded from Federal aid for their school lunch-rooms. Because of Congressman Folger's stand, the bill now provides that an equal amount of money be spent on lunches for both white and colored children.

The original provision, which was backed by the congressman from New York's Harlem district, struck hard at states operating different schools for the two races. The final bill received the approval of the lower house of Congress last Thursday, and it will provide North Carolina schools with more than \$1,500,000.



TO TAKE PART IN FARMERS' DAY PROGRAM—Pictured above are three men who will play, and have played, an important role in the program of the annual Farmers' Meeting here today and tonight. At left is Dr. William A. Irwin, national educational director of the American Institute of Banking, New York City, who will be the principal speaker at the dinner to be held this evening, his address to be broadcast over radio station WSJS, Winston-Salem. Center is Former Governor J. Melville Broughton, who will again act as master of ceremonies, and who has always been an honored guest at the farmers' meetings. Right is Neill M. Smith, Surry county farm agent, who has played a big role in planning this year's meeting, and who has been a mainstay in meetings of past years, and to whom should go a large amount of credit for the success and growth of the annual event.

Elkin Teams Lose In Finals Of Jaycee Sponsored Cage Tourney

West Yadkin, Pilot Mountain Are Winners

Cutting down all opposition to fight their way into the finals of the Jaycee-sponsored Yadkin Valley Basketball Tournament here, the Elkin high school girls team were denied the championship Tuesday night by a West Yadkin team, paced by a six-foot forward, who shot goals with machine-like precision, scoring 30 points of her team's 46 to 30 win.

The Elkin boys' team, which has played good basketball all season and who entered the finals with but six defeats against their season's record, were defeated by a smooth working Pilot Mountain squad of 46-25.

The Elkin girls, defeating Flat Rock Saturday night in a game

All-Tournament

Elkin girls' and boys' basketball teams each placed two members on the All-Tournament team named following the close of the Yadkin Valley Basketball tournament, it was announced Wednesday.

Betty Lou Steelman, forward, and Louise Smith, guard, were the girls making the all-star team. Bob "Cotton" Harris and Brady Osborne were the members named from the boys' team.

The all-tournament boys' team was announced as follows, no positions being designated: Harris, Elkin; Pardue, Yadkinville; Simmons and Gordon, Pilot Mountain; H. Wagoner, West Yadkin; Osborne, Elkin; G. Brown, Booneville; Stone, Franklin; Martin, Franklin; Steelman, Courtney.

Girls' team — forwards: Steelman, Elkin; R. Midkiff, Flat Rock; Casstevens, West Yadkin; Dobbins, Booneville; R. Vestal, Jonesville; Hicks, Franklin; Guards: Burge, Pilot Mountain; Groce, West Yadkin; Key, West Yadkin; Hobson, Booneville; Smith Elkin; Pruitt, Flat Rock.

packed with thrills from start to finish, came back Monday to eliminate Booneville in another thriller 22-18. But despite a brilliant exhibition of basketball in the finals, they were unable to overcome the advantage West Yadkin had in Casstevens, the tall forward, whose height proved a handicap that could not be overcome, and was sure fire for a ringer whenever she was given the ball.

The Elkin girls played on even terms with West Yadkin during the first quarter, the score standing 10-10, but in the second the opposition pulled away and were never headed. Betty Lou Steelman sparked the locals with 18 points, but every member of the team, including Click, substitute, played heads-up basketball.

In the boys' game, Elkin's usually smooth attack appeared to experience trouble in getting going, and as a result the Pilot Mountain

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Are To Hold Open House For Doctor And Wife

Dr. and Mrs. Charles C. Weaver will hold open house Tuesday, March 12, at their home, 142 Hawthorne Road, honoring Dr. and Mrs. Harry L. Johnson on their return to this city from Greensboro.

Dr. and Mrs. Weaver will be at home during the hours of 8:00 to 10:00 o'clock in the evening to welcome the residents of this city and community.

DAIRY PLAN IS TO BE EXTENDED

Production Payment Program To Be Continued Through June 30th This Year

RATE .55 PER HUNDRED

The Dairy Production Payment Program will be continued through June 30, and rates for the April-June period will be the same as those for the corresponding period for last year, J. A. Tilley, chairman, Surry County AAA Committee, announced today.

Under the program, Mr. Tilley said, the milk rate that will be paid to North Carolina farmers for April is 90 cents per hundredweight for whole milk produced and sold and 17 cents per pound for butterfat. For the May-June period, the rates will be 55 cents per hundredweight for milk and ten cents for butterfat.

The AAA chairman pointed out that the payments will be subject to termination or revision in the event of any general increases in price ceilings for milk and its products.

According to the Stabilization Director's announcement of January 29, the general level of returns for milk producers will be maintained during 1946 at the 1945 level, either by subsidy payment or increase in price ceilings should the subsidy be eliminated.

The Dairy Production Payment

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Mount Airy Will Get 25 F H A Houses

Mount Airy, March 5. — Mayor W. F. Carter, Jr., has received a telegram from the Federal Housing Authority which tentatively approves the allocation of 25 housing units for Mount Airy. Final approval and allocation awaits the action of the city in signing the necessary papers to secure the houses.

It is not known yet just what conditions govern the use of the houses, but to get them will be some help in the housing situation in Mount Airy. The city officials and mayor have been very active for several months trying to do something to relieve the housing shortage here.

DRIVE FOR RED CROSS IS NOW IN PROGRESS

Elkin's Quota Has Been Set At \$4,000

NEED IS SAID GREAT

Colonel Robert E. White Is Guest Speaker At Meeting Held Thursday

TELLS OF ROLE PLAYED

The 1946 Red Cross campaign, seeking a goal of \$4,000 in the Elkin district, officially got under way here Thursday. To date no figures in the progress of the drive have been reported.

Red Cross officials and workers in the drive were guests of the Elkin Kiwanis Club at its meeting at the Gilvin Roth YMCA last Thursday afternoon, with Lt. Col. Robert E. White, of Atlanta, Ga., an official of the Red Cross southeastern area, as guest speaker.

In his talk, Col. White recounted some of his experiences overseas during the war and told of the work of the Red Cross in battle areas, emphasizing the fact that although the Red Cross played a vital role then, its work was not nearly finished.

C. J. Hyslop, chairman of the local drive, presided over the program, and introduced out-of-town guests, Robert Smith, of Mount Airy, chairman of the Surry Chapter, and Kellock Hale, also of that city, past chairman.

It is hoped that everyone will contribute generously to the current campaign and again put Elkin over the top in reaching its quota.

N. WILKESBORO HAS BIG BLAZE

Disastrous Fire Wreaks Damage Estimated At \$75,000 Tuesday Night

STARTED IN THEATRE

An estimated damage of \$75,000 in the downtown district of North Wilkesboro was caused Tuesday night when the Liberty Theatre there caught fire and flames spread to adjacent business houses, sweeping quickly through the town's Poindexter Building on Main street.

Six hundred persons quickly filed out of the theatre when alert theatre attendants discovered the blaze as it started in the picture house ceiling. All patrons of the theatre were evacuated quietly without incident before the building was ultimately destroyed.

After two hours fighting the destructive blaze was brought under control by the North Wilkesboro fire department with the aid of some equipment from Lenoir and Wilkesboro which was brought in to help combat the blaze.

A drug store in the building, owned by J. H. Johnson, was damaged badly by smoke and water; a photo shop owned by Ed Vanoy and offices of one doctor and one dentist were destroyed, it was said.

A poolroom, owned by B. J. Robinson, and an automobile accessories firm, were damaged by the flames.

The building, owned by Mrs. C. G. Poindexter, wife of Sheriff C. G. Poindexter of Wilkes County, was one of the largest in town. Whether or not it was covered by insurance, or whether insurance was held by persons whose premises were damaged or burned out, was not ascertainable.

Are Redecorating Reeves Theatre

The Reeves theatre has been closed this week for redecorating and repainting and all pictures originally scheduled are being shown at the State theatre.

New carpets are being laid in the Reeves and all seats are being refinished, so that when completed by this week-end, the interior of the building should prove very attractive.

Management of the Reeves state they hope the theatre will be ready to resume business by Friday night.

Your Red Cross must carry on. Elkin's quota is \$4,000. Give!

Approximately 1,000 Expected To Attend Annual Program



PLAYS BIG PART — Garland Johnson, mayor of Elkin and chairman of the Elkin Agricultural Council, has played one of the leading roles in arranging the annual Farmers' Day Meeting which will be held here today (Thursday), having actively cooperated in the event since it was first inaugurated here four years ago.

COURT RULES AGAINST BONDS

County Commissioners Cannot Issue Bonds For Dobson School

REASON IS EXPLAINED

The State Supreme court ruled Wednesday of last week that the Surry county commissioners could not issue \$55,000 in bonds for the purpose of building a school at Dobson without a vote of the people.

The high court upheld the decision of Judge Allen H. Gwyn of Superior court, who ruled that the issuance of bonds by the Surry board would violate article five, section four, of the state constitution. This section prohibits issuance of bonds in excess of two thirds of the amount by which the outstanding debt of the county was reduced during the preceding fiscal year without the approval of the voters.

Surry county made a payment on its outstanding debt on June 20, 1945, in an amount adequate to cover the proposed bond issue. Although this payment was not due until July 1, 1945, the beginning of the current fiscal year, the county officials believed that the

PLAN RELIGIOUS CENSUS SUNDAY

Will Contact All Families of Community For Necessary Information

COOPERATIVE DRIVE

A religious census of Elkin will be taken Sunday, March 10, beginning at 2:30 in the afternoon. All the churches of Elkin are earnestly requesting that families living within the city limits of Elkin remain at home until they have been contacted for information.

The town has been divided into ten zones, each under a captain. The census will be taken throughout the ten divisions.

In this census the information desired will be as follows: (1) names of every member of the family and others who may be residing in the home; (2) where each member of the family has his or her membership, and (3) if any member of the family is not a church member, which local church does he or she prefer.

The census cards will be filed with the Elkin-Jonesville Area Ministers' Association where the information will be available to all ministers.

Big Banquet To Climax Event This Evening

Almost 1,000 farmers from four North Carolina counties are expected to attend the Fourth Annual Farmers' Day Program and Banquet to be held today in the Gilvin Roth Y.M.C.A. here. Neill M. Smith, Surry County Agent, will conduct the official opening at 2:30 P. M., and Frank H. Jeter, Agricultural Editor of State College, will take over as presiding officer.

Farmers from Surry, Wilkes, Yadkin, and Alleghany counties will have an opportunity to hear prominent representatives of the two Agricultural Colleges of North Carolina and Virginia. Mr. Jeter will open the first program, explaining what Elkin has done for agriculture in this area and throughout the state. Dr. T. B. Hutcheson, Dean of Agriculture of V.P.I., at Blacksburg, will speak at 3 P. M. on Economical Crop Production as Relates to Livestock Production. He will be followed at 3:30 by Dr. J. H. Hilton, Head, Department of Animal Industry, State College, Raleigh, whose subject will be Essentials in a Livestock Development Program for the Elkin Area.

The second program, beginning at 4:10 P. M., will consist of three separate instruction and discussion groups. Farmers will be divided among these three groups, and they will be presided over by Stator McIver, District Soil Conservationist of North Wilkesboro, Tal H. Stafford, District Supervisor of Vocational Education of Asheville, and O. F. McCrary, District Agent of the Extension Service of Raleigh.

Discussion leaders for the first period will be: T. L. Copley on the subject of Soil Conservation as Relates to Tobacco Production, R. W. Graeber on the subject of Forestry and A. C. Kimrey on the subject of Dairying.

During the second period, J. Earl Teague will lead the discussion on Saving Soil Through Water Control, A. D. Stuart on Hybrid Corn Production and Dr. John E. Foster on Beef Cattle.

Subjects and discussion leaders for the third period, beginning at 5:30 P. M., are: Pastures by Dr. Roy L. Lovorn, Farm Management by H. Brooks James and Poultry by Dr. Roy S. Dearsteyne.

There will be an hour's intermission before the third part of the program—the banquet — gets under way at 7 P. M.

An address by Dr. William A. Irwin, National Educational Director of the American Institute of Banking, New York City, will climax the evening program. Former Governor J. Melville Broughton will act as master of ceremonies. Elkin's Mayor Garland Johnson, who is the Chairman of the Elkin Agricultural Council, will recognize distinguished citizens from Surry and surrounding counties and from over the state. A part of the banquet program will be broadcast over WSJS, Winston-Salem.

March 4 Proves To Be Hottest In Many Years

North Carolinians were led to expect an early Spring Monday when, according to the record, that day became the hottest March 4 in almost 50 years, with Elkin no exception.

Temperatures ranging as high as 79 degrees were reported in various portions of the state. Weathermen in Raleigh and Durham reported that their thermometers reached the 79 degree mark, and Charlotte reported a maximum reading of 78 degrees. The previous record for a March 4 in Charlotte was recorded in 1899. That day the mercury tipped 76.

The freak "heat wave" was not confined to North Carolina. In Richmond, Va., for example, the weather bureau recorded a reading of 80 degrees, the hottest March 4 since the weather bureau was established in 1843.