

# Farm Meeting Here Attracts Many Hundreds

## Fine Address Delivered By Dr. W. A. Irwin

Nearly 1,000 farmers of Surry, Yadkin, Wilkes and Alleghany counties, were Elkin's guests here last Thursday at the Fourth Annual Farmers' Meeting staged in the Gilvin Roth YMCA.

Starting with a general meeting in the auditorium of the Y, the day's program was broken up into various group meetings and was then climaxed at a banquet which began at 6:30 p. m. in the huge gymnasium banquet hall.

Coming as a fitting end to a program that was hailed as the best yet in the four-year history of the event, was the very fine address by Dr. William A. Irwin, national educational director of the American Institute of Banking, New York City, whose talk on the subject, "The American Way of Life," was one of the most interesting yet delivered at a meeting of this kind.

Introduced by former Governor J. Melville Broughton, of Raleigh, who acted as master of ceremonies, Dr. Irwin told his listeners his impressions of the American Way of Life as seen through the eyes of an immigrant boy who came to this country, via Canada, from Scotland, and although he admitted that it is not perfect, he stressed the fact that it has made the United States both the envy and hope of the world.

Sponsored by the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Elkin Kiwanis Club and the Elkin Lions Club, the program was opened in the afternoon by Neill M. Smith, Surry farm agent, who has been one of the leaders in promoting and staging the event. With Frank H. Jeter, State College agricultural editor presiding, two speakers were heard.

Dr. T. B. Hutcheson, dean of agriculture, VPI, Blacksburg, Va., discussed economical crop production as related to livestock, out-

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## rites Held For Luther Hobson

Passed Away Sunday At His Home Near Richmond Hill After Illness

## WELL-KNOWN FARMER

Funeral services were held at Richmond Hill Baptist church Tuesday afternoon for Luther George Hobson, 72, who died Sunday at his home near Richmond Hill after a lingering illness. Burial was in the church cemetery. Mr. Hobson was a native of that section and had spent his life there. He was a well known farmer until his health failed.

Mr. Hobson is survived by his wife, Emma Brown Hobson; three sons, Worth and Carl Hobson, both of the home, and Joseph Hobson in service in Germany; seven daughters, Mrs. Bill Taylor, Mrs. Germa Hinshaw, Mrs. Ralph Davis, Mrs. Joe Pendry, and Miss Edna Hobson, all of Boonville, Route 1, Mrs. Ronnie Hobson of East Bend and Mrs. Guy Taylor of Raeford; 26 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three brothers, R. J. Hobson and David C. Hobson, both of East Bend and P. E. Hobson of Eldora, Iowa; five sisters: Mrs. Mary Matthews, Mrs. E. C. Norman and Mrs. Eugene Miller all of East Bend, Mrs. R. K. Brown of Yadkinville, Route 1, and Mrs. Harrison Fleming of Monboro, Va.

## Require Permit To Solicit Ads Or Funds Here

The board of directors of the Elkin Merchants Association, meeting Wednesday morning at the City Hall, stressed a ruling that all out-of-town solicitors of advertising or funds, for whatever cause, must be okayed by the Merchants Association committee.

It was pointed out that one or two recent solicitations by people from out of town had been investigated and found to be unworthy.

## FOUR INJURED IN ACCIDENT

Two Require Hospitalization Following Collision Near State Road

## ONE DRIVER ARRESTED

Four persons were injured, two of them seriously enough to require hospitalization, last Saturday night at 8:30 when a car operated by Calvin Coolidge Vestal, 22, of Jonesville, was struck by a machine driven by Talmadge Nixon of State Road. The accident occurred north of Elkin on State Road highway.

The injured persons were all traveling in the Vestal automobile.

Coy Kiger, 21, suffered a broken right leg; Miss Nellie Blackburn, 22, of Elkin, suffered severe facial lacerations; Vestal suffered minor flesh lacerations, and Miss Ruby Holcomb, of Jonesville, sustained slight nerve shock.

Both Kiger and Miss Blackburn, patients in the Elkin hospital, are reported as progressing satisfactorily. Vestal and Miss Holcomb were released from the hospital after receiving first aid Saturday night.

Nixon, who was traveling alone, escaped injury.

The Vestal party was driving toward Elkin, and the position of the cars after the accident indicated a head-on collision had occurred. Both vehicles were badly damaged.

Nixon, charged with driving while intoxicated, was held under \$500 bond.

## LEGION DRIVE BIG SUCCESS

About Two Hundred Members Enrolled In George Gray Post Here

## BARBECUE IS PLANNED

Officers of the George Gray Post, American Legion, have announced that their membership drive, ending February 28, 1946, netted a total of 200 new members.

The drive began on February 1, 1946. At that time approximately 45 members of the post were divided into two teams, the Reds and the Blues. The team that secured the most new members was to be entertained by the losing team at a dinner meeting of the post at the YMCA. The teams, however, finished in a tie, each having enrolled a hundred members.

The post now plans to have a barbecue at Neaves Park some time during the latter part of this month, with both teams being responsible for the entertainment. Thurmond Chatham is expected to be guest speaker.

Dixie Graham, Post Adjutant, also announced that the post has received its new colors, an American flag and a post flag. The flags, costing about \$80, were paid for by contributions made by local businessmen.

At the monthly meeting at the YMCA on March 6, it was decided by the members that all future meetings would be held the last Wednesday of each month.

The George Gray Post now has a total of 330 members.

## Liquor Runner Taken After Speedy Chase

A 90-mile-an-hour chase ended last Wednesday morning at dawn when officers arrested Robert Pinkney Ferguson, 38, of Ogburn Station for illegally transporting liquor. Alcohol Tax Unit Agent, P. G. Greer and Highway Patrolman, E. L. Smith, caught Ferguson after an eight-mile chase on highway No. 67, near Boonville.

Liquor costing \$500 wholesale was seized along with the Ferguson automobile. U. S. Commissioner M. W. Mackie, of Yadkinville, bound Ferguson over under a \$500 bond. An unidentified occupant of the car escaped.

The only time a real go-getter gets a rest is when he lays flat at the head of the procession but he eventually gets one.



**ANNOUNCES FOR CONGRESS** — Thurmond Chatham, Elkin industrialist and a veteran of World Wars I and II, Wednesday announced his candidacy for Congress from the Fifth North Carolina District. —Redmon Studio Photo.

## Announces Candidacy For Seat In Congress



**NEW MEMBER OF LEGION** — Miss Lucy Gray, a former WAVE, was the first woman to join the local American Legion post.

## LADY VETERANS JOIN POST HERE

Miss Lucy Gray And Miss Alda Sue Hemric Become Members of Legion

## MISS GRAY 1ST WOMAN

Another heretofore exclusively male organization was invaded some days ago by a member of the opposite sex when Miss Lucy Gray, of Elkin, was accepted for membership in the George Gray post of the American Legion.

Miss Gray became the first woman member of the post in its 25 year history. She did not, however, long enjoy the distinction of being the only woman member. A short time after she joined, Miss Alda Sue Hemric, of Jonesville, who served during the war with the Nurse Corps, followed as the second female initiate.

Miss Gray entered the WAVE September 1, 1943, and she was honorably discharged October 15, 1946. She went through boot camp at Hunter's College, New York. After completing training, she was assigned to the records section of the Navy Department in Washington, D. C.

She was discharged with the rating of store-keeper, first-class. The male members of the post are reported as being well pleased with their new acquisitions.

Now that the Germans are on a starvation diet, which is not a matter to pleasure in view of suffering men and women, they know what the Nazi world order meant to millions of helpless people in countries they overran.

Our own opinion is that the British know how to handle the Russian problem but they are too weak to move without assistance.

## CALL SPECIAL ELECTION FOR SCHOOL VOTE

County Commissioners Set Date As April 16

## SPECIAL REGISTRATION

Books To Be Open For Three Weeks Prior To Vote; Gilliam Registrar

## ELKIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Surry county board of commissioners have called a special election in the Elkin school district to be held April 16 for submission to the qualified voters of the district for their approval or disapproval of whether or not to authorize a tax increase of not more than 20 cents on the hundred dollar valuation, real and personal, for the purpose of supplementing funds now provided by the state so as to provide for the Elkin school district a higher standard of education than is now provided.

The commissioners, following the presentation of a petition signed by several hundred citizens of the area, also called for a new registration of voters for the school election, the books to be open from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. each day, except Sundays and holidays, for three weeks, beginning Saturday, March 16. April 13 was designated as challenge day.

The special election will be held at the Elkin City Hall. Reece Gilliam was named as registrar and Joe Bivins and Herbert Cochrane judges.

At recent meetings here, both the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary approved plans for making the Elkin school district a local administrative unit, whereby all schools of the district, which includes the Elkin schools and North Elkin school, will benefit by a much higher standard of education than is now provided.

## Eight Surry Men Go To Fort Bragg

Eight Surry county men left Dobson Tuesday of this week bound for the Induction Station, Fort Bragg, the county draft board has announced.

The eight men, departing from Dobson by bus, were placed in the charge of Rex Jerry Hall.

The list included: Rex Jerry Hall, John Alfred McDaniel, Jack Doby, Charlie Raymond Reece, Roger Green Whitaker, Harold James Collins, Alvin Richard Reid and Isaac Oscar Wright.

## Pleasant Hill P-T. A. To Meet

The Parent Teachers Association of Pleasant Hill school will meet Tuesday, March 19, at 7 o'clock p. m., at the school, according to an announcement by Mrs. Roger Harpe, president.

The predominant theme for the month of March, "Building for Physical Fitness," will be discussed. All parents of pre-school children are urged to attend this meeting.

# Neaves' Entry Is Top Animal Here In First Annual Cattle Event

## SCOTT WILL BE SURRY SPEAKER

Will Address Membership Of Farm Bureau At Dobson On March 22

## ATKINSON TO PRESIDE

W. Kerr Scott, North Carolina's Commissioner of Agriculture, of Raleigh, has accepted the invitation of County Agent Neill M. Smith, to address the membership of the Surry Farm Bureau in a meeting to be held in the court house in Dobson on Friday, March 22, at 7:30 p. m. The commissioner will be introduced by Marion Allen, Elkin attorney and civic leader.

Hugh Atkinson, of Siloam, president of the Surry Farm Bureau, will preside at this county-wide membership monthly gathering. Atkinson is to report to the membership the work that the board of directors has been doing in behalf of better roads in Surry county.

A special feature of the program will be the recognition of all Farm Bureau leaders who secured more than 10 members in the 1945 membership drive.

Smith stated that this program is one of a monthly series planned by the directors of the County Farm Bureau to assist the farmers of the county in becoming better acquainted with the state's agricultural leadership and the work now conducted by the state and federal governments for the benefit of cooperating farmers.

## SCARCITY EGGS IS PREDICTED

Believe Poultry Will Also Be Scarce For State Next Fall, Winter

## BLAME FEED SHORTAGE

Government authorities are predicting a serious shortage of poultry and eggs for North Carolina next Fall and Winter.

This warning comes at a time when state marketing people are making a special effort to help poultrymen sell broilers and fryers.

The reasons for the present surplus and predicted shortage are the same — scarcity of feed. Farmers have been urged to sell poultry recently because it has been felt that the price of chickens, even with periodic raises, will not compensate for the indicated future cost of feed. This will deplete flocks and bring about a scarcity within a few months.

One specialist has stated that the price of eggs next Winter may be as high as a dollar a dozen.



**SPEAKER** — W. Kerr Scott, North Carolina commissioner of agriculture, Raleigh, will be guest speaker at the Surry county Farm Bureau meeting at Dobson on March 22. Mr. Scott will be introduced by W. M. Allen, of this city.

## POLITICAL POT BEGINS TO BOIL

Numerous Candidates To Be In The Field For Various Offices

## PRIMARY ON MAY 25TH

The Surry county political pot began to boil this week when Thurmond Chatham announced that he will be a candidate from the Fifth District for the House of Representatives, but the Congressional post will not be the only one for which elections are soon to be held. Every public office in the county, except that of Register of Deeds, will be thrown open in the coming Democratic primary on May 25.

It is Surry's turn to choose a state senator for this next term in Raleigh. W. F. Marshall, of Walnut Cove, served during the last session. Mentioned for this office are: Oscar Smith, Pilot Mountain, G. K. Snow, Mount Airy, and Fred Folger, also of Mount Airy.

Henry Dobson, of Elkin, said Wednesday he will again be a candidate for the State House of Representatives.

The race for sheriff promises some excitement. Sheriff Sam Patterson is almost certain to seek re-nomination, and he will be challenged by Morris W. Monday. Other likely candidates include former Sheriff H. S. Boyd, Weldon Inman and Neal Thompson.

Kermit Lawrence is expected to file as opponent to present Clerk of Court, Fred Llewellyn. Neither of these two have announced their candidacy as yet, but are expected to do so shortly. Lawrence was formerly Register of Deeds. He gave up that post to enter the armed service, and was recently discharged.

The recent illness of Cleve Llewellyn, Democratic party chairman, has delayed proceedings somewhat, but Mr. Llewellyn is reported to be recovering. Party activities should soon be in full swing.

A. P. Fulk, of Pilot Mountain, is serving as Chairman of the Board of Elections.

## Need Fishing Permit If Use Fancy Baits

Frank W. Mackie, Yadkinville, game protector of Surry and Yadkin counties, states that persons wishing to fish with artificial bait or lures will be required to buy licenses. This does not apply to those fishing with poles in small streams.

Licenses will be on sale here at the Surry Hardware company.

## Hoke Henderson Is Lions Club Speaker

Hoke Henderson, local attorney, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Elkin Lions Club at the Gilvin Roth YMCA Monday night, using as his subject the importance of wills.

It was also decided during the meeting that the club will stage a minstrel show at some date in the near future.

Just about the month that ny-lons become plentiful the women will decide to go bare-legged.

## Aberdeen-Angus Show And Sale Is Big Success

A magnificent black bull consigned by W. A. Neaves, of Elkin, Black Gate Big Boy, and a heifer, Princess Pearl, owned by L. W. Turner, of Forest, Va., were awarded the grand prizes Wednesday at the first annual show and sale of the North Carolina Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Association. The show was held at the Gilvin Roth YMCA in Elkin.

After winning first prize in its class, the Black Gate bull was chosen by the judges as the grand champion of all bulls shown. Princess Pearl, winner of the first class heifer competition, was judged the finest female.

The show was held on the front lawn of the YMCA. At the sale, which was held during the afternoon in the gymnasium, the Neaves bull sold for \$1,600, and Turner received \$750 for the heifer.

Prize winners according to classes among the bulls were:

First class (born between December 13, 1943, and March 25, 1944): Black Gate Big Boy, first; Rock Butte, owned by Clark Ranch, Warrenton, Va., second; Black Man, of Little River Farm, Oatlands, Va., third.

Second class (born between June 19, 1944, and September 2, 1944): Epponian Eric of Elkton, owned by L. W. Turner, of Forest, Va., first; Anfield Eagle, owned by W. B. Watkins, Berryville, Va., second.

Third class (born between December 9, 1944 and December 16, 1944): Esquire, of Chapel Hill Farm, Berryville, Va., first; Bandler, of Falling Waters Farm, Tryon, second.

The heifers fell into six classes. First class (born on July 1, 1943): K. Pride of Red Gate, owned by Edward Jenkins, Millwood, Va., first; Barbara 4th of Red Gate, second.

Second class (born between March 15 and June 28, 1944): Roundabout Blackbird, owned by Thurmond Chatham, Elkin, first;

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## PUSH RED CROSS CAMPAIGN HERE

Complete Report To Date Unavailable; Chatham Drive Nets \$1,866

## DRIVE ENDS THIS WEEK

Although a complete report of the amount having been collected thus far in the 1946 Red Cross campaign is unavailable, workers are somewhat reluctant in expressing optimism regarding the outcome of the drive, with an assigned goal of \$4,000 for the Elkin district.

To date, the Chatham Manufacturing Company reports a total of \$1,866.04 having been donated by its employees, and Mrs. Clyde Long, co-chairman, reports that approximately \$750 has been turned in from the residential sections. The business district figures were unobtainable Wednesday afternoon.

It is believed by officials of the

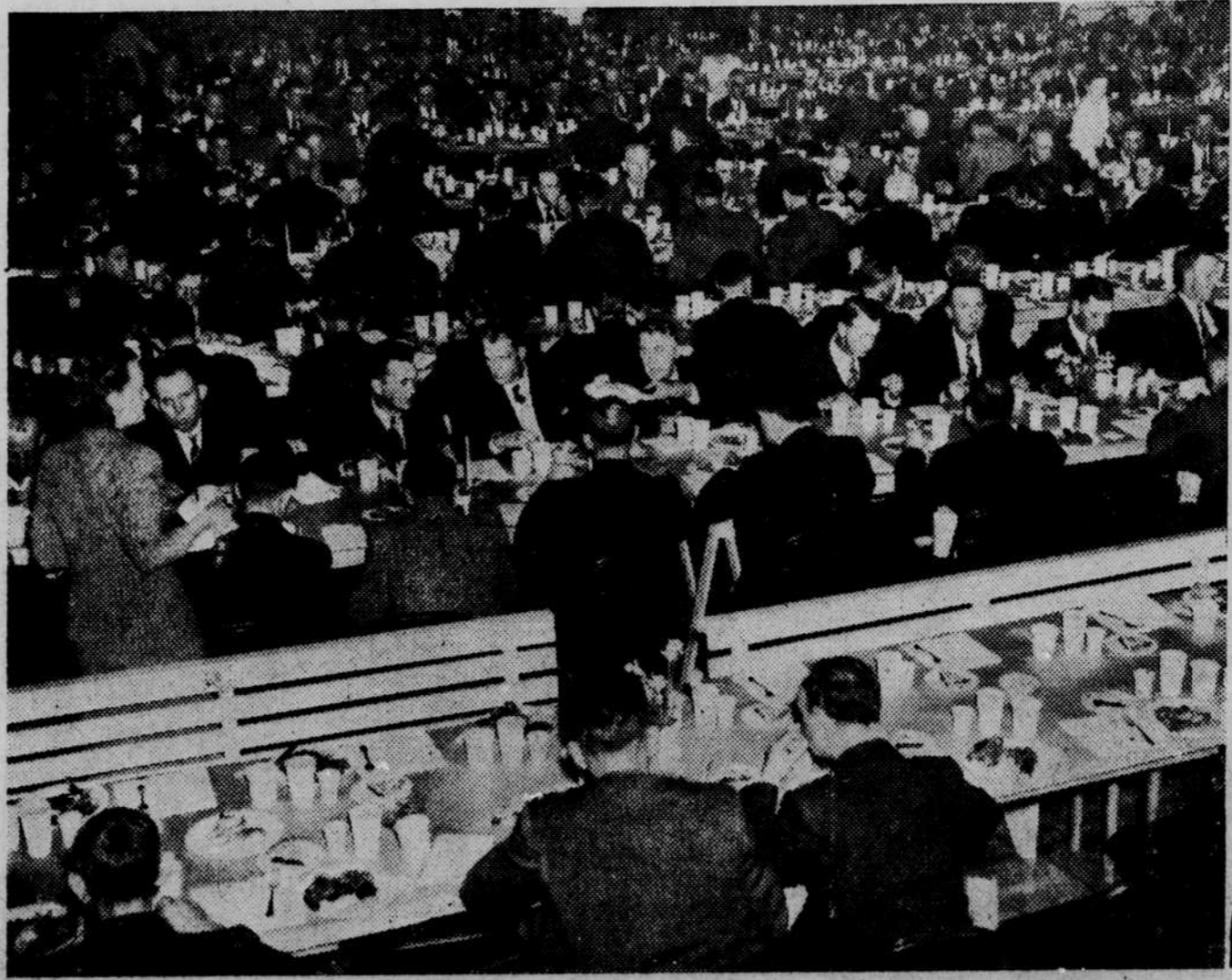
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## To Reorganize Surry Young Democrats Club

The Surry County Young Democrats club, inactive during the war months due to the absence of a large number of members who were serving in the armed forces, will be reorganized at a meeting to be held at the courthouse in Dobson Monday night beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

Present officers of the group are A. B. Carter, Mount Airy, president; Frank Freeman, Dobson, vice-president, and John Lewelyn, Dobson, secretary-treasurer.

All Democrats, young and old are urged to attend the reorganizational meeting, and ladies are especially invited.



**NEARLY 1,000 FARMERS ATTEND BANQUET** — The photo above will give an idea of the size of the crowd which attended the farmers' banquet held at the Gilvin Roth YMCA last Thursday night as the climax of Elkin's fourth annual Farmers' Day Meeting. T. C. McKnight, YMCA secretary, said that places were set in the large auditorium for 1,002 guests. Although all plates were not taken, the number of farmers and other guests more than lived up to expectations. Other pictures of the Farmers' meeting will be found on page 8, this section. —Photos by Bell