

Spruill Quits As Principal Ronda School

Resignation Is Asked Monday By Delegation

E. R. Spruill, who for the past nine years has been principal of the Ronda school, last Monday resigned his position there following a protest meeting of a group of citizens of the community. Mr. Spruill, whose home is in Wilkesboro, has been temporarily succeeded by R. O. Poplin, Jr., of this city.

It was reported that on Monday morning, the date set for the opening of Wilkes county schools, a delegation numbering about 100 persons assembled at the Ronda school to protest Mr. Spruill's reassignment of duty as principal. The children were told to leave the school building, and after they had done so, the delegation confronted Mr. Spruill to demand his resignation. A few words were exchanged, it was said, and the principal agreed to accede to the group's demands.

Later Superintendent of Wilkes County Schools C. B. Eller, contacted by The Tribune, stated that Mr. Spruill had deemed it best to resign rather than allow himself to be the cause of dissension and conflict in the community. Efforts to contact Mr. Spruill himself for a statement proved futile.

Following the meeting and the resignation of Mr. Spruill, Leet Poplin, chairman of the Ronda school board, announced that he, too, had resigned, effective immediately. Mr. Poplin declared that he "wished to have nothing more to do with it."

The school board last spring voted to retain the services of Mr. Spruill through the school year of 1946-47. At that time, it was said, no protests were registered, although some dissension was apparent.

A wide diversity of opinion was apparent in the community regarding the resignation of the principal. On one hand there seemed to be a group which declared itself extremely dissatisfied with the manner in which Mr. Spruill was conducting the school.

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TO SEEK FUNDS FOR THE BLIND

First Annual Solicitation Will
Begin Here Sunday By
Elkin Lions Club

DOBSON PLANS DRIVE

First annual solicitation of funds for the N. C. State Association for the Blind, created by North Carolina Lions clubs, will begin here Sunday, August 25, according to Dr. James H. Howard, chairman of the local Lions' White Cane Sale and Membership Enrollment committee. The drive will continue through August 31.

J. Sam Gentry, of the Dobson Lions club, has also announced that a similar drive will take place in Dobson, beginning the first of next week.

In Elkin, Dr. Howard said, collection pots will be placed on several downtown street corners late next week, where members of the local club will be stationed to pass out lapel buttons and membership cards to contributors.

The White Cane buttons are to go to each contributor, while membership cards in the association will go to those persons contributing one dollar or more, Dr. Howard said. Goal set for the local club is slightly more than \$300, or three dollars per member. The state goal is \$18,000.

One-third of all funds derived from the sale of White Cane buttons here will be retained to use for the Elkin Lions blind benefit program. The rest will go to the state organization.

The association expends its funds chiefly in providing eye operations and hospital care in sight conservation cases; for examinations and eyeglasses for school children; for supplies and equipment used in training blind persons for some useful occupation; and for establishing deserving blind persons in business enterprises.

In North Carolina there are approximately 7,000 blind persons for which the association, organized 12 years ago, holds itself responsible.

MANY CASES ON YADKIN DOCKET GWYN PRESIDES

Assault Case Against Dennis
Swain Continued

MANY LIQUOR CASES

Drunken Drivers And Reck-
less Driving Charges
Are Numerous

HALL IS PROSECUTING

Yadkin county superior court for the trial of criminal cases convened at Yadkinville Monday morning with Judge Allen Gwyn presiding, and Solicitor Avalon Hall of Yadkinville prosecuting the docket. Dolphus W. Cheek was selected as foreman of the grand jury and H. T. Cummings was named secretary.

After a brief charge to the grand jury by Judge Gwyn the entire court machinery plunged into the docket of 142 cases, most of them pertaining to violation of the prohibition laws, driving drunk, reckless driving, etc.

One of the important cases scheduled for trial was that of the state against Dennis Swain charged with assaulting J. A. J. Royall when he appeared at Click's Orchard to attend to his bees. This case was continued for a number of reasons.

Another case continued several times was that against Conrad Bell, charged with breaking into the Yadkin Grocery Co., a few days ago. This case was again continued because Bell is in federal prison and will not be out until October when he will be taken into custody and required to give \$3,000 bond. This robbery is the one in which Henry Newman was shot and killed by Deputy Sheriff Ed Wishon when they were surprised in the robbery by the sheriff and deputies, and Bell was shot down by officers before being captured.

A case of unusual interest in this section was that of Newton Luther Shelton, alias Fred Shelton, charged with stealing a gun from Dr. H. A. Brandon, another gun from the car of E. H. Barnard, and some electric drill sets from Loyd Craver of Courtney, making four cases in all. He was sentenced to two years in state prison in each case, but three of them suspended on condition that he pay Barnard, Brandon and Craver for property not recovered.

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ONE VETERAN IS LEFT IN COUNTY

Pension List of Confederacy
Dwindles To One Name
In Surry

15 WIDOWS ARE LEFT

Pension list of Surry county Confederate veterans has dwindled to one name, Clerk of Court Fred Llewellyn said this week. Fifteen Confederate widows remain.

Alex Cockerham, of Mountain Park, is the sole survivor of the Grand Army of the Confederacy in the county. He, Mr. Llewellyn said, is drawing a pension of \$72 every month. Of the 15 widows, only one, Mrs. Fronie Kirkman, remains in a class B classification. The others are now in class A, indicating total disability under the pension plan. Class A widows that they are now eligible to monthly, while those in class B can draw \$18.33.

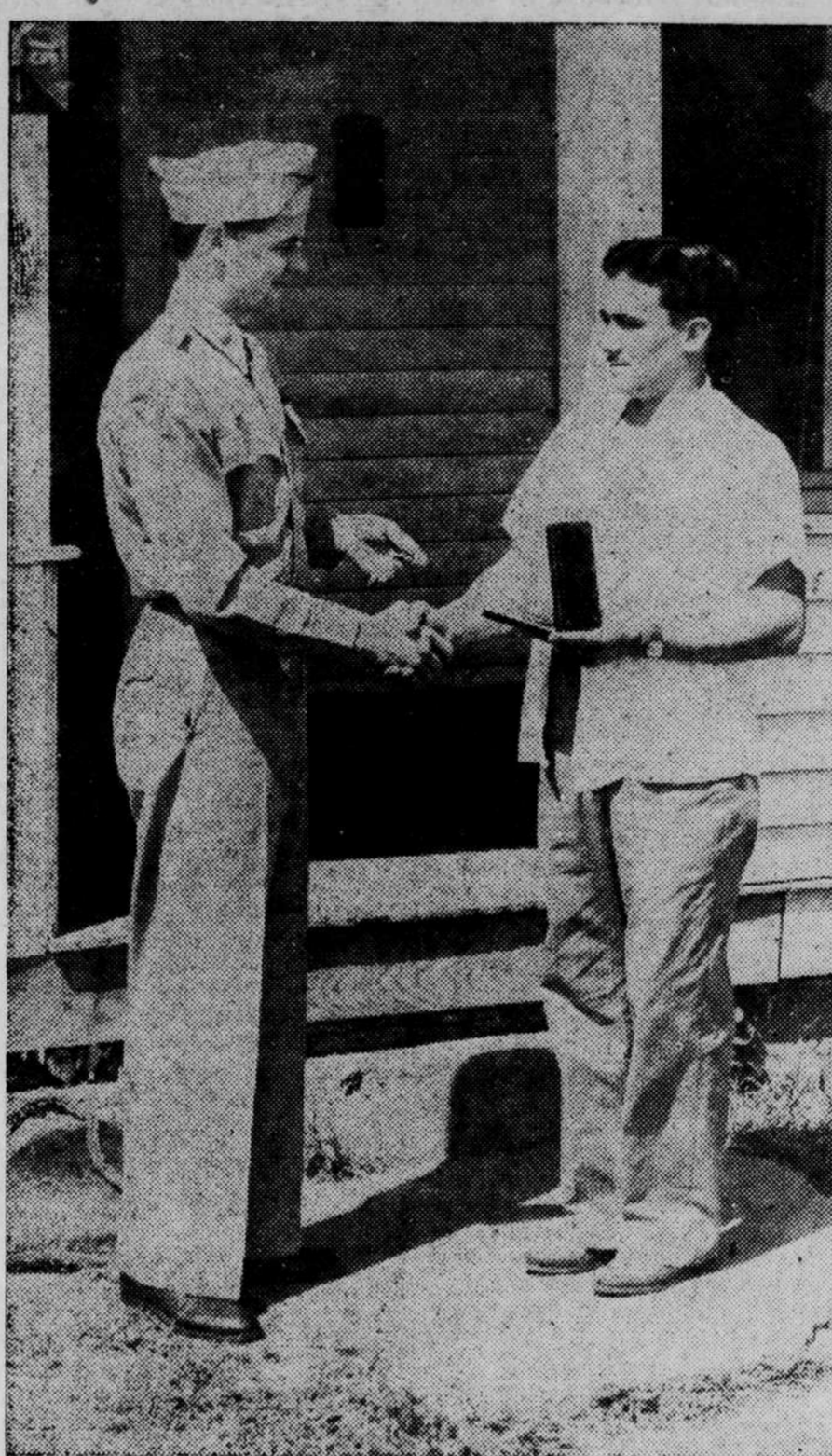
Mr. Llewellyn recently notified several of the Confederate widows that they are now eligible to draw the full allowance, and all of those remaining in the B classification, with the exception of Mrs. Kirkman, were changed to the A group.

Mtn. Park Scout Troop Has Outing

As one of their summer activities the Eagle Patrol, of the Boy Scout Troop 85, of Mountain Park, spent the week-end at Blowing Rock, Endless Caverns and Grandfather Mountain.

The group left their cars at the highway and then hiked to the top of the peaks which were above the clouds, studying the plant and animal life at high altitudes. Rock and mineral formations were observed on the mountains and in the caverns.

Those enjoying the outing were Claude Harris, Troop chairman; Fred Harris, Patrol Leader; Clifton Nixon, Ralph Williams, Edworth Nixon, Howard Calloway, D. C. Cockerham, Jr., and Jack Nixon.



RECEIVES MEDALS — Louis Alvarez, of this city, is shown above as he received from Lt. Col. Ralph E. Keys, of the U. S. Army Recruiting station at Charlotte, the Air Medal for participation in aerial combat over Italy. Alvarez, who holds the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross, was also awarded the Good Conduct medal and the Distinguished Unit badge by Lt. Col. Keys. He served with the 97th bomber group, one of the first units to engage the enemy in combat after America entered the war against Germany, in Europe and Africa.

SCHOOLS WILL DEBATE PEACE

Oratorical Contest In N. C.
Schools To Be Held This
Fall By UNC Extension

MERRITT FATHERS PLAN

An oratorical contest on world peace for North Carolina high schools this fall was announced Saturday by the extension division of the University of North Carolina, which will supervise the program and serve as a clearing house by distributing background material and helping in other ways.

The subject will be: "Is World Government the Path to Peace?" Father of the plan is Oscar K. Merritt, hosiery mill president and civic and religious leader of Mt. Airy, who proposed the program in a conference this week with university officials.

All high schools in the State will be invited to participate in the program, but there will be no elimination contests except within the schools themselves and no State title. Schools may, however, hold intercity contests if they wish.

Sponsors, who will be sought in each county, will be expected to award the winner a gold medal.

Mt. Airy Draft Board To Close On Monday

Monday, August 26, Surry County Draft Board No. 1 in Mount Airy will be closed, and its files transferred to board No. 2 in Dobson, Mrs. Carl Folger, of the Dobson board, announced Tuesday.

It was determined a few weeks ago by State headquarters that all counties still maintaining two or more draft boards would this month have them consolidated into a single unit. Thus, it was said, will office space be conserved and expenses cut down. The volume of the draft, at present, does not necessitate more than one board in each county.

Grid Practice To Start Here Monday

The Elkin high school football squad will begin fall practice in preparation for a 10-game schedule, Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

With eleven lettermen returning this year, prospects for the season look good. In addition to lettermen, a large number of other boys, many of whom are of promising material, are expected to be on hand for the first practice.

Contract Is Let For New School Building

Contract for a new school building at Dobson, to replace the structure that was destroyed by fire several years ago, has been let to the Fowler-Jones construction Company of Winston-Salem, it has been revealed.

The Winston-Salem firm tendered a bid of \$130,700 on the general contract, which bid was accepted by the county board of education and commissioners. Construction is scheduled to begin the first of October. With "good luck," Superintendent John W. Comer said, the building should be completed within six months.

ELKIN CITIZEN DIES SUDDENLY

G. H. Cockerham Suffers
Heart Attack On Main
Street Monday

LAST RITES WEDNESDAY

Grady Hoke Cockerham, 59, well known and highly esteemed native of Elkin, died suddenly Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock, presumably from a heart attack, when stricken on the sidewalk in front of the Bank of Elkin while conversing with a friend.

A member of the United Commercial Travelers' Lodge and of the First Baptist Church here, Mr. Cockerham was a son of the late D. J. Cockerham, pioneer Elkin merchant, and Mrs. Cockerham. He was married October 12, 1916 to Miss Bessie Lewis. A former grocery merchant, Mr. Cockerham was a traveling salesman of this city at the time of his death.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Bessie Lewis Cockerham; one son, Grady Hoke Cockerham Jr., now in Chapel Hill; two sisters, Mrs. H. T. Moore, Mount Airy, and Mrs. C. C. Martin of Charlotte; three brothers, Woodson W. and T. Vern Cockerham of Elkin and Charlie Cockerham of Roaring River.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. yesterday at the Hayes-Speas Funeral Home, with Rev. R. G. Tuttle, Rev. L. B. Abernethy, Rev. Howard J. Ford and Rev. Ralph Ritchie in charge of the rites. Interment was made in the Hollywood cemetery.

Pallbearers were J. H. Beeson, Carl Boyles, Enoch Harris, Fred York, David Brendle and C. N. Myers.

The Mason & Dixon Line is like equality. Everybody talks about it, but nobody knows where to find it.

Yadkin Flood Control Faces Postponement; Expenditures Limited

BAPTIST ASS'N. TO MEET 25TH

Flat Rock Baptist Church
Choir Will Provide Special
Music For Event

PROGRAM IS ARRANGED

The Surry Baptist Associational Sunday School meeting is to be held Sunday, August 25, at the Calvary Baptist Church, with services opening at 2:30 p. m.

At 2:45 Rev. Edgar Burrus, of the Copeland church, will deliver a message, "Food for Our Bodies". Harvey C. Baughn, Jr., of Gardner Webb College, will preach on the subject "Spiritual Food at Our-Home church" at 3:20; and at 3:35 Paul Lovingsood, of Mills Home of Thomasville, will speak on "Helping Feed the Starving Abroad."

Special music for the occasion will be offered by the Flat Rock Baptist choir, with worship in song conducted by Chester Thompson of the Flat Rock church.

The service will be adjourned at 4 o'clock. Superintendent A. L. Hiatt will preside.

The annual meeting of the Surry Baptist Association will be held at the Simmons Grove church Thursday, September 26, and at the Gum Orchard church Friday, September 27.

W. T. BOVARD DIES MONDAY

Manager Of Roaring Gap Re-
sort, He Was Well Known
To Many Elkin People

RITES HELD WEDNESDAY

Walter T. Bovard, 44, well-known to many Elkin citizens, died in a Winston-Salem hospital Monday night where he had been a patient since Friday. Manager of the Greystone Inn at Roaring Gap and the Coquina Hotel in Ormand Beach, Fla., Mr. Bovard was born in Beaver, Penn., on August 23, 1902.

Funeral services were conducted at Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, D. C., yesterday afternoon, with Rev. Kelsey Regen, of Durham, a friend of Mr. Bovard, officiating.

Mr. Bovard graduated from Cornell University in 1926, where he took a course in hotel training. He was first president of the Ezra Cornell organization and was a member of Ye Host Society. After graduation he was connected with the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City, the York Beach Hotel at York Beach, Me., and the Greenbrier Hotel at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

He served as vice-president of the Associated Hotel Company with offices in Richmond, Va., for a time. For nine years he spent the summers as manager of the Essolea Inn at Linville. From 1927-1930 Mr. Bovard was manager of the Coquina Hotel and from 1931-1945 he was general manager of the Riomar Club, Vero Beach, Fla. In 1945 he bought the Coquina Hotel. In 1937 he accepted the management of Graystone Inn.

A member of the Community Church of Vero Beach, Mr. Bovard is survived by his wife, the former Miss Edna Flick Kilpatrick; two daughters, Nancy Tomlinson, 11, and Mary Elizabeth Flick, 15; three brothers, Theodore Fleming Bovard, Durham, Alan James Bovard, Lansing, Mich., and Grier Cooper Bovard Jr., of Roaring Gap; and one sister, Mrs. Margaret Bovard Gillette of Kansas City, Mo.

Car Damaged In Crash Into Pole

A power pole was broken off and considerable damage done to the front end of an automobile, reportedly operated by Banner Sparks of this city, Tuesday evening at about 6 o'clock, when the car hit the pole on East Main street.

According to Officer T. B. Sams, who investigated, Sparks claimed that his steering gear locked as he was driving by the Chatham ball park, and he was unable to avoid striking the pole. Sparks, who was riding alone, was uninjured.

Eastern Belt Leaf Average Listed At \$51

North Carolina's Eastern Tobacco belt markets swung into second day sales Tuesday after an opening day which saw a turnover of several million pounds.

The United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture estimated the opening day's average price at \$51 compared with \$42.53 a hundred pounds on opening day last year.

Stronger demand was noted for practically all grades, with increases over last year's prices ranging from \$3 to \$18 per hundred.

ARE TO PLAN FOR CAMPAIGN

Surry Agriculture Workers
Council To Seek To Up
Food Production

SMITH WILL PRESIDE

Men of the Agriculture Workers Council of Surry county will meet Monday at 2 p. m. at the courthouse in Dobson to lay plans for a feed production campaign. County Agent Neill M. Smith has announced.

Mr. Smith, as chairman of the council, will preside. The program is as follows:

H. M. Willis, of the Tri-Creek Soil Conservation Department, will discuss feed production as related to soil conservation. J. E. Trevathan, of the Dobson soil conservation sector, will discuss feed production as related to crop rotation. Animal and farm feed requirements will be discussed by G. Mark Goforth, Jr., assistant county agent in charge of livestock, and Hugh D. Barden, assistant county agent, will discuss amounts of permanent and temporary pasture and hay needed to meet livestock requirements in Surry county.

Mr. Smith is to follow a talk on crop varieties and fertilization practices.

The group is to begin to lay plans for increased feed production in the county, and seed dealers are to be invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

ANOTHER CAR STOLEN HERE

Machine Owned By Kenneth
Kimber Is Recovered Near
State Road Thursday

WAS SIXTH IN SERIES

The recent series of car thefts was continued last week when an automobile owned by Kenneth Kimber was taken from the Chatham company parking lot Wednesday night. The car was recovered about two miles above State Road Thursday morning.

Kimber's machine was the sixth to disappear within the last month from the city streets and parking lots, and the fifth to be found in the State Road-Thurmond area. All of the stolen cars have been recovered.

The only thing to have been found missing from many of the "borrowed" automobiles, Chief of Police Corbett Wall said, was the back seat cushion of Kimber's car. Otherwise all six of the cars, found abandoned, were undamaged and contained all parts and equipment.

Chief Wall has expressed the opinion that a group of youngsters who take the cars for "brief joy rides, is responsible for the thefts.

Rev. W. E. Burrus To Preach At Mtn. Park

Rev. W. E. Burrus of Mount Airy, will preach at Mountain Park Baptist Church, Sunday, September 1, at the 11 o'clock worship service.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Steelman Issues Edict Against Such Structures

The Yadkin flood control project, authorized by Congress just before the summer recess, faces another postponement, Lieut. Gen. R. A. Wheeler's office of army engineers in Washington indicated Tuesday.

A curtailment of river and harbor construction programs throughout the country, requested by President Truman, will necessarily postpone the Yadkin development, the engineer spokesman stated. Congress last June authorized the appropriation of funds for the projects, but the actual appropriation will be left up to the next Congress gathering in January.

Two recent developments are blamed indirectly for the delay of the North Carolina program; OWMR Director John Steelman's edict against constructions of this type, and the president's letter to Secretary of War Patterson limiting Federal expenditures to \$95,000,000 for flood control and \$90,000,000 for river and harbor projects.

The chief engineer's office could name no estimate as to the relative importance of the Yadkin project in comparison to other projects included in the same bill. It was termed a good project and the office said that it would be defended on a basis of merit.

V. F. W. IS FAST GROWING GROUP

Commander Hayes States Or-
ganization Has Shown
Rising Membership

NOW 132 POSTS IN STATE

According to James M. Hayes, Jr., Winston-Salem, attorney and commander of the Department of North Carolina, VFW, the Veterans of Foreign Wars has become the state's fastest growing organization during the past 12 months.

The following figures were released this week by departmental headquarters located in High Point:

On July 1 the department consisted of 55 posts with 4,838 members. As of August 8 of this year there are 132 posts and 17,640 members, an all time high. This represents a growth of 364 per cent in slightly more than 13 months. In July, 1942, after seven months of war, the department had only 30 posts and 1,086 members.

This growth the commander stated, compares favorably with any organization in North Carolina. It indicates, he said, that the wide variety of services offered by the VFW is attracting the newly discharged veterans, creating an unusual response.

The state department seeks a membership of over 50,000, and, Hayes said, has every expectancy of meeting this goal.

COURT TERM TO OPEN SEPT. 23

Week Of Court Scheduled For
September 16 Has Been
Cancelled

MOSTLY CRIMINAL CASES

The week of Surry County Superior Court, scheduled to begin September 16, has been cancelled, Clerk of Court Fred Llewellyn announced this week. Court will open September 23.

Calendar for the week will be made up mostly of criminal cases, Mr. Llewellyn said, but some civil cases will be included, several being uncontested. The bar association has not yet revealed its intentions concerning a civil calendar, he stated, but the docket will include mixed cases.

A jurors list of persons scheduled to be summoned for a session to begin September 30 has been drawn, but it has not yet been determined whether or not court will be held that week.