

## Bond Issue Is Proposed For Surry Schools

**Elkin's Share Would Amount To \$250,000.00**

Elkin would receive \$250,000 for new school buildings under the proposed million-dollar bond issue announced last week by John W. Comer, superintendent of Surry County schools.

Mr. Comer announced that the county board of education plans to hold an election, probably in March, to determine whether Surry County citizens are willing to authorize the issue of \$1,000,000 in bonds for the planned county-wide school building and expansion program. The regular election books will be used, and no new registration of voters is planned. The vote will be on a "yes" or "no" basis, and only the votes cast will be counted.

Under the proposed bond issue Mount Airy would receive \$450,000 for a new high school system, Flat Rock and Copeland would be allocated \$80,000 each, Franklin would get \$40,000 for additional school rooms and White Plains, Westfield and Mountain Park would receive \$30,000 each for more rooms. These sums are in addition to the \$250,000 earmarked for Elkin.

Superintendent Comer has also called for bids to be submitted not later than January 31 for the construction of agricultural shop buildings for the schools of Flat Rock, Beulah, Copeland, Pilot Mountain, Franklin, White Plains, and Mountain Park. A bond issue was voted last year which provides funds for this construction program.

## ELKIN MEN TO ATTEND MEET

Second Annual Session of N. C. Wildlife Association To Be Held 27th

## WILL BE AT RALEIGH

Hugh G. Chatham, president of the local chapter of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, has announced that about a dozen members of the Elkin chapter plan to attend the second annual meeting of the Federation to be held at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh on January 27.

Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, president of the Wildlife Management Institute, Washington, D. C., will be the chief speaker at the meeting. Dr. Gabrielson is considered the nation's foremost authority on the subject of wildlife resources. The largest gathering of sportsmen in the history of the State is expected to attend the sessions.

The Wildlife Federation is sponsoring legislation which would set up a separate Game and Fish department in the State government. At present this department is under the Department of Conservation and Development.

Other speakers on the program are Dr. H. S. Swingle, fish culturist at Alabama Polytechnic Institute; Col Frank Page of Greensboro, first president of the Federation; Rev. Fletcher Nelson of Morganton; Harry B. Caldwell of Greensboro; Hon. John Martin of Atlanta, publisher and editor of "Southern Outdoors," and I. T. Quinn of Richmond, head of the Virginia Game and Inland Fisheries Commission.

## Fire Does Small Damage To Home

Fire, said to have originated in a faulty flue, caused about \$100 damage to the home of R. B. Wood in Jonesville early Tuesday morning.

Fire Chief Ted Brown said that the fire department answered an alarm at about 7:50 a. m. The blaze was extinguished quickly and with no difficulty.

Chief Brown said that the fire broke out in a bedroom, to which most of the damage was confined. Cause of the fire, he said, was a flue, to which was connected a wood stove, that was not lined. Soot fell to the bottom of the flue, caught fire, and ignited work surrounding the chimney.

Tribune Advertising Gets Results

## City License Tags On Sale At City Hall

City Clerk Dixie Graham announced this week that city automobile license are now on sale at the city hall. All local car owners are expected to have tags by February 1. The price is \$1.

## DELAY HEARING ON LOCAL BILL

Recently Introduced In Legislature To Make Elkin Schools Separate Unit

## PRESENTED BY SNOW

Hearing on the bill recently introduced in the State legislature to make Elkin township a separate school administrative unit, originally scheduled to be held before the joint Senate-House education committee this morning, has been postponed several days, it was learned yesterday.

The bill requesting that the separate administrative unit be set up here was introduced by George K. Snow, Surry member of the State House of Representatives, Monday of this week. It provides that administration and supervision of Elkin grade school, Elkin high school, North Elkin elementary school, and the Elkin township colored school be placed under a board of trustees or commissioners named by the governing body of the City of Elkin.

Boundaries of the school district, the bill outlined, will be the same as boundaries of the present Elkin school district, but will be subject to change by action of the Surry County Board of Education and trustees of the school unit.

Mayor Garland Johnson indicated yesterday that the bill has been regarded favorably by State Senator R. P. Jones of Surry County.

Members of the city board of education as designated in Mr. Snow's bill are R. W. Harris and Claude H. Farrell, four years; C. S. Foster and Hugh Royall, three years; and Everett Holbrook, one year. Terms are to start April 1, 1947, if the proposal is carried.

Elkin schools have been under county supervision for about the past 15 years, when residents did not agree to supplement teachers' salaries as had been done in the past, since 1922. Last April, in a special election called by the board of county commissioners, citizens voted to pay a supplementary school tax not to exceed 20 cents per \$100 property valuation. Amount of tax was subsequently set at 17 cents.

## MORSE IS TO DISCUSS PARK

County Agent Neill Smith To Attend Session At Winston-Salem January 24

## SAYS DEFINITE NEED

Thomas Morse, in charge of North Carolina State Parks, will speak at a meeting in Winston-Salem Friday, January 24 at 1 p. m. in the Chamber of Commerce office.

Mr. Morse will discuss plans under way for the development of Hanging Rock Park, near Danbury, and the general program of public parks development. The Hanging Rock park was used as a camping site last year by 4-H clubs of Surry, Stokes, Rockingham, Davidson and Guilford counties.

County Agent Neill M. Smith, who will attend the meeting, expressed appreciation for the interest in improving Hanging Rock as a recreation center.

"There is a definite need for such a park," Mr. Smith said. "Formerly, 4-H clubs of northwest North Carolina used Camp Millstone, in Richmond county, as a camping site. Often the camp there was not available to 4-H clubs of this area."

Hanging Rock Park was first used as a camping site by Stokes county 4-H clubs in 1945.

## MISS PAUL IS TREASURER OF POLIO DRIVE

Will Accept Local Contributions At Bank of Elkin

ELKIN'S QUOTA \$2,000.00

Governor Cherry Appeals For All-Out Support; Will Close January 31

## MUST MEET CHALLENGE

Miss Ophelia Paul has been appointed treasurer of the local committee for the March of Dimes campaign which began last week, according to an announcement by Sam Neaves, chairman of the committee.

Miss Paul will accept contributions at The Bank of Elkin from citizens not contacted by other members of the committee.

Dime banks will be placed in down-town stores this week for the convenience of shoppers who wish to contribute to the campaign, it was announced.

Thursday through Saturday a special drive will be conducted at the Chatham Manufacturing Company for the collection of funds.

A campaign in the county schools, under the direction of John W. Comer, school superintendent and county chairman of the March of Dimes committee, is under way.

Elkin's quota in the campaign is \$2,000.

An appeal from Governor R. Gregg Cherry for all-out support of the current Infantile Paralysis Campaign, which closes January 31, has been received here.

"I am counting on every community in the State to do its share in raising adequate funds to continue the fight against this dread disease," the Governor said.

"It is an obligation which all men of goodwill will be glad to recognize. We must be prepared to meet the challenge of polio in the summer of 1947. We must have sufficient funds on hand to insure ourselves against another epidemic such as we have just experienced."

Governor Cherry said that "it is quite evident that comparatively few families can hope to meet the financial obligations involved in treatment of infantile paralysis."

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## NEW OFFICERS NAMED MONDAY

Neill M. Smith Is Again Named Chairman Of Agricultural Council

## SURVEY REPORT GIVEN

New officers for the Agricultural Workers' Council were elected at a meeting in the court house in Dobson Monday afternoon.

Neill M. Smith was re-elected chairman of the group; C. E. Mauney, agriculture teacher at the Copeland school, was named vice-chairman; and Mrs. D. C. Davenport, assistant home demonstration agent, was elected secretary.

Results of a recent nutrition survey were discussed by Mrs. Grace Brown, home demonstration agent. The survey indicated that the greatest deficiencies in Surry County diets were in citrus fruits and green and yellow vegetables. Out of 152 school children included in the survey, only 34% listed tomatoes or citrus fruits in their meals for a three-day period. Only 51% ate vegetables during the period. Miss Minnie Ruth McNeill, elementary school supervisor, conducted the survey with the assistance of Surry County teachers. The results were tabulated by Mrs. Brown.

A more comprehensive nutrition survey is expected to be completed during good health week, February 2 to 9.

## Elkin Man Guest On Shakedown Cruise

R. G. Smith, of this city, left Wednesday for Norfolk, Va., to board the new aircraft carrier, the USS Valley Forge, as guest and civilian observer of a week of naval air maneuvers in the Caribbean Sea.

The trip will mark the shakedown cruise of the new carrier.

Tribune Advertising Gets Results



**YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RESTORED HER HEALTH**—Your contributions of dollars and dimes last year made it possible for this young lady to recover from an attack of the dread infantile paralysis. She and her doll (at left) were admitted to the State Orthopedic Hospital at Gastonia several months ago. She is Mimi Eve Elliott, daughter of John W. Elliott, R. F. D. No. 2, Shelby. You can help many other such youngsters regain their health by contributing to the annual March of Dimes campaign which gets underway Thursday of this week, January 16, and continues through the month.

## Recalls Early Days Western Union Here



## Mrs. Whitener, First Operator, Resigns Post

By THOMAS WILSON

Mrs. Willie (M. C.) Whitener, Elkin's first Western Union operator and manager of the local telegraph office for nearly 20 years, has resigned.

Through her hands have passed tens of thousands of telegrams in the last two decades — telegrams bearing messages of happiness and sorrow, hope and disappointment, joy and grief. The most heart-breaking ones, Mrs. Whitener thinks, were those the war department sent to so many parents during the war: "We regret to inform you that your son was killed in action..." Yet the happiest messages — those which told of a soldier's safe return — also came out of the war.

Reviewing the highlights of her career with Western Union, Mrs. Whitener recalled the early days of her telegraph duties. The modern teletype machine had not been invented when she began work for the company. Messages were sent by key in code.

"Morse code had always fascinated me," she explained, "so I went to a telegraph school in Newnan, Ga., to learn telegraphy." After five months there she passed a Morse code speed test and took her first job as telegraph operator in Monroe, Ga.

Later she completed a course of training for Western Union managers in Rome, Ga., and then went to Florida to work. She was transferred to the telegraph office in Mount Airy in March, 1928.

When the Elkin Western Union office was opened in June, 1928, Mrs. Whitener came from Mount Airy to be manager. She was on temporary assignment and planned to stay only a few months.

"But I liked the town and the people so well that I just stayed on," Mrs. Whitener said. She commented on the friendliness of Elkin people and expressed gratification for the congenial business relations with the people here.

"It has been a pleasure to serve Elkin," she said.

Mrs. Whitener was studying a cook book when the Tribune reporter arrived at her home for an interview Monday. Having worked seven days a week for the last 20 years, she has had little time to devote to the culinary arts. She explained that she was trying to master the "very complicated art of cooking."

Mrs. Whitener's experiences as telegraph operator included detective work on one occasion several years ago. She told how a boy in New York wired a local man for money and signed the name of the Elkin man's son to the wire. Mrs. Whitener telephoned the message to the boy's father, who requested that she

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## FREE SHERIFF PATTERSON IN ASSAULT CASE

Is Acquitted By Superior Court At Dobson

EVIDENCE INSUFFICIENT

Other Cases Are Disposed Of In Final Session Latter Part Of Last Week

## NUMEROUS BOOZE CASES

Sheriff Sam C. Patterson was acquitted of an assault charge lodged last September by Samuel J. Clement, 70, of White Plains, by a superior court jury last week before Judge Frank M. Armstrong. The jury reported finding insufficient evidence for conviction.

Clement said that the Sheriff struck him when he protested the removal of his wife to the hospital for the insane at Morganton, where she had previously been an inmate. The Surry county officer maintained that he had been acting on verbal orders of Clerk of Superior Court Fred Llewellyn when the alleged incident took place.

Other cases tried before Judge Armstrong Wednesday and Thursday of last week, prior to adjournment, were as follows:

Troy Nun, assault, two years suspended, ordered to pay cost of action and to pay into clerk's office the sum of \$100 for disbursement to his wife and her dependent children, and to pay into clerk's office \$30 monthly for the same purpose.

Robert Freeman, operating a car intoxicated, 12 months suspended on good behavior.

L. D. Shaw, reckless driving, six months suspended, fined \$50 and cost.

Bud Pike, crime against nature, sentenced to State penitentiary from five to 25 years.

Richard Butcher, violation of prohibition laws, six months suspended and fined \$50 and cost.

Luther Lee Mathews, hit and run, no drivers' permit, and operating a car intoxicated; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost of action and \$50 damages.

James Whitlock, non-support of illegitimate child, ordered to pay \$1,000 through clerk's office to one Margaret Hughes.

Swanson Branson, violation of prohibition laws, 18 months suspended, fined \$1,000 and cost.

Roy Guard, appeal, reckless.

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## CHARGE POLICE WITH ASSAULT

Mac Shaw Holcomb, Arrested In Dec. By Hugh Laffoon, Counter Charges

## HEARING SET MONDAY

A warrant charging Hugh Laffoon, Elkin police officer, with assault and forcible trespass was sworn out Monday morning before Magistrate C. A. McNeil by Mac Shaw Holcomb, Elkin man arrested by Officer Laffoon last December and charged with interfering with an officer in line of duty.

The warrant was sworn as a counter-charge by Holcomb, whose hearing was scheduled Monday in the magistrate's court at the city hall.

The police officer allegedly arrested Mac Holcomb and Bill Holcomb the night of December 4th near the Bon Ton Grill on Main Street. Bill Holcomb was charged with possession of liquor; being drunk and disorderly, and resisting arrest. It was said that both men offered resistance when apprehended by Laffoon, and that the officer used force in making the arrests.

Acting upon a motion made by the plaintiff's attorney, Parks G. Hampton, Magistrate McNeil removed the case to the jurisdiction of Justice of the Peace Julius Hall, and set next Monday morning for the hearing on all charges.

## Farm Bureau Calls Special Meeting

S. H. Atkinson, president of the Surry County Farm Bureau, has called a meeting of the officers, directors and convention delegates of the Farm Bureau to be held at the court house in Dobson on Saturday, January 25, at 10 a. m.

The delegates chosen to attend the State Farm Bureau convention in Asheville will be confirmed. Mr. Atkinson urged all delegates, officers and directors to attend.

## Litteral And Bell To Die For Assault



## Appeal Notice Is Filed To Supreme Court

Found guilty of rape by a jury of Caldwell county men in Wilkes County Superior Court Saturday of last week, Ralph Vernon Litteral and Marvin Claude Bell were sentenced to die in the gas chamber at Raleigh March 15.

Judge H. Hoyle Sink handed down the verdict at 6:35 p. m. Saturday, after the trial had occupied most of last week in the historic old Wilkesboro court-house.

The men were charged with the rape of Peggy Ruth Shore, then 15, of the Pleasant Hill community, last August.

"The manner of performance of your duty is in keeping with the dignity of the manhood of the state of North Carolina," Judge Sink told the jury, following the verdict. "If the virtue of womanhood and the sacredness of the home are destroyed, there is nothing left to live for."

Jury Foreman L. H. Jessup first announced: "We find the defendant guilty as charged in the bill of indictment." Judge Sink ordered the jury to return to their room, and accepted the second verdict of "Guilty of rape as charged in the bill of indictment."

The 12 men, selected from a venire of 150 persons from Caldwell county, took but 15 minutes to reach a decision.

Counsel for both defendants made motions to set aside the verdict and for a new trial, which were denied. Notices of appeal to the Supreme Court were posted.

Bell sobbed audibly when his sentence was passed, leaning on his wife's shoulder. Litteral, who had pleaded insanity, remained calm, chatting with his mother and wife who had testified earlier in his behalf.

Miss Shore, whose testimony of a wild night ride in the company of the two men was never contradicted, waited in the Wilkes Health Department office while verdict and sentence were announced. "I am relieved," was her only remark.

## LOCAL POLICE ATTEND SCHOOL

Special Police School Being Held At Mount Airy; To Discuss Accidents

## OFFICERS TO LECTURE

Chief of Police Corbett Wall and members of the local police force are attending a police school in Mount Airy this week. The school began Tuesday and will continue through February 18. Classes are held from 2 to 4 p. m. each day and from 7 to 9 p. m. each evening, the same subjects being covered at both sessions so that officers on night duty and those on day duty receive the same instruction.

Walter F. Anderson, director of the State Bureau of Investigation, and agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are lecturing at the meetings. "Public Relations Courtesy" is the subject of Mr. Anderson's lecture. State Attorney General Harry McMullen and Albert Coates, director of the law institute of the University of North Carolina, have also been invited to lecture at the sessions.

Traffic accidents, investigation, traffic and accident prevention will be discussed at the meetings. Law enforcement officers of Surry County and the Mount Airy vicinity have been invited to attend the school at no expense.

## STOCKHOLDERS TO HOLD MEET

Cedarbrook Country Club Session To Be Held At Y This Evening At 7:30

## TO NAME NEW OFFICERS

Stockholders of the Cedarbrook Country Club will hold their first annual meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at the Gilvin Roth YMCA.

The program, according to Dr. Vernon Taylor, president of the organization, is designed to bring members up to date on what has been done on the construction of the new golf course, what needs to be done, and what plans for the future are.

New officers and two new directors, to serve for the next two years, are to be elected at the meeting.

Dr. Taylor reports that very satisfactory progress has been made since the club was organized less than a year ago. He urges that all stockholders attend tonight's meeting, which is said to be very important.

Dr. Taylor has also revealed that a full-time caretaker, Bill Bryant has been employed to care for the grounds. By late next summer it is expected that the course will be ready for play, and that a professional golf instructor will be added to the staff.

## Jonesville Splits W. Yadin Contest

The Jonesville high school girls lost to a strong West Yadin team 29-28, while the Jonesville boys defeated the West Yadin boys 40-23 in a double-header basketball game Monday night.

Fisher and Owens were outstanding for Jonesville, and Castevens was the biggest threat for West Yadin. Dick Vestal of Jonesville was high scorer with 20 points.

The Jonesville cagers meet Yadinville Friday night at 7:30 in the Jonesville high school gym.


## S. S. Group To Meet Jan. 28th

The Surry Baptist Sunday School association will meet at Haymore Baptist Church, Mount Airy, on Sunday, January 26 at 2:30 p. m.

Speakers for the occasion will be Rev. C. E. Oley, Dr. R. K. Redwine, and Rev. H. L. Baurham. Special singing will be presented by a girls' quartette.

Eighty-one per cent of Glacier National Park in Minnesota is accessible only by trail.

**MARCH OF DIMES**



**FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS**

**JANUARY 15-30**