



SWEDISH ENGINEER — Ake Nilsson, young technical engineer from the Engel-Fabrikerna Corporation in Motala, Sweden, is shown inspecting a scouring machine at the Chatham Manufacturing Company. Mr. Nilsson will spend about two months here in a study of machinery and processes used in the manufacture of woolen products. —Tribune photo.

MUCH OF QUOTA REACHED HERE IN POLIO DRIVE

Chatham Employees Contribute \$537.35

SOME FUNDS NOT YET IN

Local Theatre Collections Up To Tuesday Night Total \$450, Reeves States

ELKIN'S QUOTA IS \$2,000

Three-fourths of Elkin's \$2,000 quota in the annual March of Dimes campaign has been contributed according to an announcement by Chairman Sam Neaves yesterday.

Employees of the Chatham Manufacturing Company contributed \$537.35 of the total, local merchants and professional offices gave \$397.00, and miscellaneous contributions amounting to about \$70.00 were turned in to Miss Ophelia Paul, treasurer of the committee, at The Bank of Elkin, Mr. Neaves said.

Meanwhile Dr. W. B. Reeves announced that through Tuesday solicitations made in local theaters, the Reeves, State and Lyric, had netted a total of \$450.

Deposits in the dime banks which were placed in store windows have not been added, and funds collected by the local high school have not been reported. Mr. Neaves expressed hope that when these reports are in, Elkin will be over the top in the drive.

The campaign for funds to fight infantile paralysis will continue through Friday, January 31.



PLANS LAID FOR "KICKOFF DINNER" — Plans for a "Kickoff Dinner" February 8 at Sedgefield Inn near Greensboro preceding "Statewide Reorganization Week" February 10-16 of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina were formed by key officials of the organization at a week-end meeting here. The Statewide "Kickoff Dinner" will be followed by local chapter dinners throughout North Carolina. It was also announced following the Gastonia week-end planning meeting that the Young Democrats will actively support legislation now before the 1947 General Assembly to lower the voting age in North Carolina from 21 to 18. Shown here, in a scene snapped during the preliminary conference are Frank Freeman of Dobson, State-wide reorganization chairman of the Young Democrats; Basil L. Whitener of Gastonia, President; and Stewart Atkins, legislative chairman.

Negro Is Held For Murder Of Children

In Insane Fury, Yadkin Colored Man Throws Youngsters In Well

A charge of first degree murder was lodged against Eugene Scales Tuesday at Yadkinville after the 31-year-old Negro killed his three children by throwing them into a well late Monday night in an insane frenzy.

Dorothy Ann, 8, Grace Helen, 6, and Alice Fay, 2, were the victims of their father who went suddenly berserk and almost destroyed the entire family, including himself, Monday night.

Ruth Scales, 20-year-old wife of the negro who is now in custody in the county jail, told investigating officers that her husband, shouting, "Jesus says it's time to go," grabbed the three children and threw them into the well on the back porch of their house and then tried to throw her own body into the well, so she shoved her back onto the porch, she said.

Following this, he climbed up on the box and jumped into the well himself, falling upon the children who lay in the four feet of water at the bottom.

The Negro woman then related that her husband remained quiet momentarily, after which she called down into the well, asking if he was hurt and if he could climb back out.

"When the Lord tells me to come back up I'll come," he answered her. After a minute or two of thrashing around, he called that he was coming back up. His wife lowered the well bucket to him, but the windlass broke within a few seconds. He continued to climb by clutching the

sides of the narrow well and in a short time pulled himself to the top of the well box and outside.

At this point she ran to a neighboring house where she summoned Sheriff A. F. "Bill" Moxley and Deputy Ed Wishon who placed Scales in jail and had the bodies of the three girls removed from the well.

Scales has always been a law-abiding and respectable negro in the community, according to neighbors. The family made their home on the farm lands of Paul P. Davis, adjoining highway 421 in Forbush township. After being confined and charged with murdering his three children, Scales told Sheriff Moxley, "I must have gone crazy."

A post-mortem was conducted

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ARREST NEGRO ON 4 CHARGES

Albert James Fletcher Sentenced To 90 Days In Jail On Three Counts

BOUND OVER ON FOURTH

At a hearing before Magistrate J. L. Hall Saturday morning, Albert James Fletcher, negro, was found guilty of drunk and disorderly conduct, damage to personal property and violation of a city ordinance which prohibits firing a weapon within the city limits. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail on each of the three counts and bound over to superior court in April on a fourth charge of carrying a concealed weapon. Bond was set at \$500.

Fletcher was arrested Friday night at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital by Police Officer G. H. Payne, who found a .32 automatic pistol in Fletcher's pocket. The weapon was reported stolen.

Mayhew Swaim, taxi operator, stated that he carried Fletcher out to a point near the hospital and that during the ride, Fletcher shot a hole in the floor-board of his cab and fired several shots through the window.

Fletcher accosted the switchboard operator on duty at the hospital, and asked about Superintendent of Nurses Virginia Greenwald. The operator said she told him that Miss Greenwald was out and that Fletcher went up to the second floor and back to the colored ward.

Police arrived on the scene shortly afterwards and arrested Fletcher.

Fletcher, a former employee of the hospital, and recently employed by Hotel Elkin, reportedly held a grudge against personnel at the hospital because of his discharge some time ago.

Pilot Mountain Is Winner Of Contests

Pilot Mountain's boys' basketball cagers won a 39-21 victory over the Elkin boys, while the Pilot Mountain girls defeated the Elkin girls, 34-30, in a double-header game Friday night.

Simmons hit the basket for 24 points to lead the Pilot Mountain girls' scoring, while Parker led the Elkin girls with 15 points.

Gordon scored 15 points, and Patterson and Inman got seven points each for the Pilot Mountain boys. B. Ratledge chalked up six points for Elkin's boys, and F. Ratledge and Shugart accounted for four points each.

Elkin meet Mountain Park at the high school gymnasium here tonight (Thursday) at 7:30. Friday night, the Elkin teams meet Booneville there, and the Winston-Salem Gray high school will come to Elkin for a game Saturday night.

The ancient Spanish fleet which brought Inca treasures from the mines of Bolivia and Peru to be transported across the Isthmus of Panama was called the Plate Fleet from the Spanish word for silver, "Plata."

Ninety per cent of all home fires are preventable.

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Tournament Is To Begin Here Next Tuesday

Elkin Woman Wins Daily Fishing Award

(Special To The Tribune)
West Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 23—A feminine angler from Elkin, N. C., stepped in yesterday to win the daily award on the fourth day of the 10th annual Silver Sailfish Derby of the West Palm Beach Fishing Club during a day that saw 42 "sails" reported caught of which 18 were released.

Mrs. James R. Poindexter, who landed the 7 ft., 9 in., 56-lb., prize winning catch, was fishing the edge of the Gulf Stream here with Capt. Jerry Hazelton as skipper of the cruiser "Aruba."

Included in the party were: Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Glass of Pittsburg, Pa., Dr. Charles B. Willis of Orange, Va., F. A. Haycox of Norfolk, Va., and J. Carter Walker of Woodberry Forest, Va., all of whom caught sails with the exception of Mrs. Glass.

25 High School Teams Entered In Jaycee Event

Twenty-five high school basketball teams have accepted bids to the 1947 annual Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce Basketball Tournament, to begin Tuesday night at the Gilvin Roth YMCA. The tournament will continue through Saturday, February 11.

Dr. Vernon W. Taylor, chairman of the tournament committee, announced this week that final entries total 12 boys' teams and 13 girls' teams from several Northwestern North Carolina counties.

Elimination contests will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Semi-finals will be played Friday and final championship games Saturday.

Winning girls' and boys' teams will receive \$200 each as first prize. Runners-up will each receive \$100. In addition trophies and souvenir basketballs will be awarded.

Pairings announced by Dr. Taylor are as follows:

Tuesday — Brawley girls vs. Elkin girls, 7 p. m.; Gamewell girls vs. Ronda girls, 8 p. m.; Shoals boys vs. Sparta boys, 9 p. m.

Wednesday — Mooresville girls vs. Shoals girls, 7 p. m.; Mooresville boys vs. Nancy Reynolds boys, 8 p. m.; Taylorsville girls vs. Sparta girls, 9 p. m.

Thursday — Union Grove boys vs. Stony Point boys, 7 p. m.; Harmony girls vs. Stony Point girls, 8 p. m.; Harmony boys vs. Ronda boys, 9 p. m.

Teams drawing byes in the first round were Mount Airy, Brawley, Elkin and Taylorsville boys, and Nancy Reynolds, Union Grove, and Mount Airy girls.

Three North State Collegiate Conference officials will referee the games, each official working two games per evening.

Jaycees serving as chairmen of various committees are John Mayberry, gate; Gilbert Meed, ticket sales; Charles Sasher, timing and scoring; James Shore, ushers; Hoyle Cranford, awards; and Clyde Carroll, advertising and publicity.

Ab Crater is aiding Dr. Taylor as co-chairman of the tournament committee.

The Jaycees plan to sponsor an invitational tournament each year, and the current event is the first of the series. During past seasons the tournament has been more or less confined to the Yadkin Valley Conference.

ELIMINATION CONTEST 6TH

Contestants In Public Speaking Competition To Be Held At Dobson

FIRST PRIZE IS \$25.00

Final elimination speeches in the contest for public speaking on soil conservation will be held in the court house at Dobson on Thursday, February 6, at 7:30 p. m. It was announced by Neill M. Smith, farm agent and chairman of the USDA Agricultural Council for Surry County, and Soil Conservationists J. E. Trevathan and H. M. Willis.

Individual schools have already held elimination contests, and winners from the following schools will compete in the county-wide contest in Dobson: Elkin, Mountain Park, Dobson, Copeland, Shoals, Pilot Mountain, White Plains, Beulah, Franklin and Westfield.

First prize in the contest is \$25, which is being given by the Elkin Jaycees. The Dobson Lions Club is offering the second prize of \$15, and the third prize of \$10 is being given by the Pilot Mountain Lions Club.

Judges of the speeches will come from Yadkin County. At the same time a committee of three judges from Surry County will select the winners in the Yadkin finals.

Neill M. Smith, Surry farm agent, urged that farm people and friends of the contestants attend the program as an indication of their interest in the work of school principals and English teachers who assisted students throughout the county in the preparation of speeches.

Swede, Here To Study Textiles, Likes U. S. A.

Ake Nilsson Is Now At Chatham Co. To Observe Blanket Manufacture

By THOMAS WILSON

Interviewing a Swede who doesn't understand English very well is like trying to work a complicated cross-word puzzle. It's interesting, but it's hard to figure out what words to use. You have to dig up synonyms until you finally hit upon a word he understands, and sometimes you run out of synonyms.

Most foreigners find English difficult to master because of grammatical irregularities, but Ake Nilsson, young Swedish engineer who is studying production methods at the Chatham Manufacturing Company here, thinks the greatest difficulty in understanding American speech is due to the wide variation in Northern and Southern pronunciations.

Mr. Nilsson arrived in New York January 14 after an 11-day voyage from his native Sweden. He came to Elkin by train to begin a study of textile and related industries in the United States. Mr. Nilsson is a technical engineer for the Engel-Fabrikerna corporation in Motala, Sweden, a company which manufactures woolen products similar to the output of the Chatham plant here. He is studying the machinery used in textile manufacturing processes here, and will carry a report of his observations and study to his company in Sweden.

But machinery is not Mr. Nilsson's only interest in this country. "I am studying the American people as well as American machines," he declared.

He expressed appreciation for the cooperation and assistance of Chatham officials who are advising him in his study.

"Americans are friendly people. I like them," he said simply. The standard of living in Sweden compares favorably with that in America, although prices there are considerably lower, Mr. Nilsson said. A system of price control, similar to America's now defunct OPA, keeps prices down in Sweden, he explained.

Turkey and beef are the Scandinavian's favorite American foods. Fish is the meat served most frequently in Sweden, he said.

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Jonesville Splits 2 With Yadkinville

Jonesville high school girl cagers Friday of last week downed the Yadkinville girls by a lopsided 29 to 11 score, while the Yadkinville boys squeaked by the Jonesville boys 27 to 26.

Vestal and Fisher were top scorers for the Jonesville girls, while Wood sparked the Yadkinville team.

Davis led the Yadkinville boys to victory while Bob Vestal and Rose were the big men for Jonesville.

Jonesville plays Courtney Friday night at the Jonesville gymnasium, the girls' game getting underway at 7:30.

Elkin Splits Games With Mountain Park

Elkin High School split a doubleheader basketball game with Mountain Park last Wednesday night, the girls of Mountain Park defeated the Elkin girls 21-11, while the Elkin boys' team won over the Mountain Park boys 22-18.

White was the high scorer for the Mountain Park girls, and Thompson, with seven points, led the boys' scoring. Osborne scored 11 points for the Elkin boys. "Cotton" Harris injured his left ankle in the game.

H. H. WELLMAN CLUB SPEAKER

District Governor Of Lions Is Guest At Meeting Held At YMCA Monday

OTHER GUESTS PRESENT

H. H. Wellman of Concord, deputy district governor, was guest speaker at the regular dinner meeting of Elkin Lions Club at the Gilvin Roth YMCA Monday evening.

Mr. Wellman, introduced by Lion Fred Eidson, gave an informative history of Lions International and traced its progress during past years. He pointed out that there were 85,000 separate cases of community service recorded during the year of 1946.

Ben Q. Foreman, district governor, and Sam Stone, Jr., secretary, both of Concord, were present and participated in the program on Lions' education.

Lions Mark Goforth and J. L. Thompson of the Dobson Club were present to give the outlined plans for the Fiddlers' Convention which is being sponsored on January 31. The proceeds will be used for building a Legion hut.

Thirty-five Elkin Lions attended the meeting. Lion Claude Farrell presided. Mr. Wellman was presented a Chatham blanket by the club.

THREE INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

Mrs. Miles D. Shore And Twin Daughters Are Hurt In Collision

CAR STRUCK IN REAR

Mrs. Miles D. Shore, 37, and her twin daughters, Pauline and Lorene, 18, of Route 1, Elkin, received treatment at the Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital as a result of injuries received in an automobile collision Saturday night north of State Road.

The accident occurred when a car driven by Miles D. Shore, 43, and occupied by his wife and three daughters, entered Highway 21 from a side road and was struck in the rear by a car driven by Earle Harris, 29, of Mountain Park, according to Corporal W. S. McKinney, State Highway Patrolman who investigated the accident.

The Shores were taken to the hospital here for treatment. Mrs. Shore received cuts on the leg and a broken collar bone. Lorene Shore suffered shock, and Pauline Shore received head injuries. Dorothy Shore, 13, was released after being treated for head lacerations. Shore and Harris received minor injuries.

No date has been set for a hearing to determine the cause of the accident. Both cars were badly damaged.

POLICE HEARING SET FOR TODAY

Officer Hugh Laffoon Is Charged With Assault And Forcible Trespass

TO TRY HOLCOMB BOYS

Hearing for Officer Hugh Laffoon of the Elkin police force will be held at 7:30 p. m. this evening (Thursday) at the city hall before Justice of the Peace Julius Hall. Officer Laffoon was charged last week with assault and forcible trespass with Mac Shaw Holcomb, local man arrested by the officer in December on an interfering with arrest count.

The hearing was originally scheduled for Monday morning, but was postponed on a motion by the plaintiff.

At the same time a hearing for Mac Shaw and Bill Holcomb, brothers, will be held. The latter is charged with possession of liquor, being drunk and disorderly, and resisting arrest. He was arrested by Officer Laffoon with the plaintiff on the night of December 4, 1946, after an alleged affray on Main Street.

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