

SCOUTS ARE TO TAKE OVER FOR WHILE FRIDAY

Will Climax Observance of National Scout Week

PROGRAM IS PLANNED

Highest Ranking Scout To Serve As Mayor, Others Town Commissioners

PLAN WIENER ROAST

Observance of National Boy Scout Week, February 7 through February 13, will reach a climax here when members of local troops take over the duties of mayor and other town officials on February 14. The highest ranking scout will serve as mayor, with other members acting as commissioners and other officers of town government.

A week-long program has been planned for local troops in keeping with the observance of the 37th anniversary of the Boy Scout organization according to Paul Price, chairman of camping activities for scouts here.

Sunday, February 9, is "Church Day." Local scouts will wear uniforms to church services. Monday, February 10, has been designated as "School Day," and scouts will participate in school programs. Tuesday, February 11, is "Home Day," when scouts will help with work in their homes. Wednesday, February 12, is "Good Turn Day," on which scouts will make an effort to do more than their usual number of good turns.

Thursday, February 13, is "Sponsoring Institution Day." Scout programs will be given for sponsors of local troops at their meetings. Friday, February 14, is "Civic Day," when boy scouts will run the town. Saturday, February 15, is "Rally Day." All troops in the Elkin-Yadkin district are invited to attend a weiner roast in Neaves Park. Following the weiner roast, scouts will be given free passes to a movie at the State theater. On Sunday, February 16, at 2:30 p. m., a special scout service will be held at the Pleasant Hill Baptist church.

There are 11 scout troops in the Elkin-Yadkin district with 285 members, and two cub packs.

GAME BILL IS NOW IN HOPPER

Future Of Fish And Game In This State Now In Hands Of Legislature

SEPARATION IS SOUGHT

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—The future of game and fish in North Carolina and the happiness and confidence of thousands of sportsmen in the State now rest in the hands of the 1947 Legislature.

This week, following an enthusiastic meeting here of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, the game and fish bill went into the hopper.

This is the Federation's measure to separate the Game and Inland Fisheries Division from the Department of Conservation and Development and create a new North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

The bill, the result of a careful two year study by some of the state's ablest legal minds and by men who know wildlife and what is needed in an effective program, is now being considered by the House and Senate Conservation and Development committees.

Signed by 70 representatives and 17 senators, many of them members of the committees, it is a foregone conclusion that it will reach the Assembly floor. Sponsors are confident that it will pass and become law.

P. K. Gravelly of Rocky Mount, one of the State's best beloved sportsmen and who was re-elected president of the Federation, which numbers nearly 20,000 members, said: "If the bill passes, it will be the biggest break the State's wildlife and hunters and fishermen ever had. We can go ahead with a long needed program of conservation."

Each year, the governor of Canada selects a day for Thanksgiving, usually a date in October.



COMMITTED TO ASYLUM — Gene Scales, colored tenant farmer of Yadkin county, is pictured above as he, flanked by Sheriff's officers, was led from the Yadkin county courtroom after Judge Hoyie Sink had ordered him committed to the Negro State Hospital for Insane at Goldsboro. Scales threw his three children into a 75-foot well during a religious frenzy and then jumped in himself. The children drowned.

NAME OFFICERS AT MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

A. L. Butler Re-elected President Of Chatham Co.

CHATHAM IS CHAIRMAN

Report States That Demand For Chatham Products Continues Satisfactory

DIRECTORS ARE NAMED

The annual stockholders meeting of the Chatham Manufacturing Company was held at the company offices here Tuesday afternoon, and the directors of the concern met immediately following the adjournment of the stockholders.

Thurmond Chatham was re-elected chairman of the board of directors, and A. L. Butler was again elected to serve as president.

President Butler reported to the stockholders on operations of the company for 1946, the first full peace-time year of operation since 1940. He stated that the company had enjoyed a successful year in sales and profits.

Chairman Thurmond Chatham and President Butler commented on the business outlook for 1947 and said the demand for Chatham products continued at a satisfactory level.

The following directors were elected: Thurmond Chatham, A. L. Butler, Thomas J. Sheehy, W. A. Neaves, R. W. Harris, C. W. Poor, J. W. L. Benson, John D. Eller, John D. Clark, R. M. Hanes, Ralph P. Hanes, James Harrison Lassiter, Hugh G. Chatham, William M. Butler and Earl M. Hodell.

Officers elected at the board of directors meeting were: Thurmond Chatham, chairman of the board; A. L. Butler, president; James Harrison Lassiter, assistant to the president; W. A. Neaves, Thomas J. Sheehy, J. W. L. Benson and Eleanor S. Taylor, vice-presidents; W. R. Hartness, Jr., treasurer; James A. Booher, secretary; N. J. Blackwood, assistant treasurer; Charles F. Dixon, assistant secretary; J. Milton Cooper, general counsel; R. W. Harris, general superintendent; Fred L. Neaves, superintendent; and Earl M. Hodell, Thomas M. Roth and Howard C. Hatch, assistant superintendents.

Local Man Learns His Former Car Up To Bad Tricks

Zeno Dobbins, respected Elkin man who is employed with Butner-McLeod Motor Company here, didn't figure when he sold his automobile several months ago that he would ever hear from it again. So his surprise may well be imagined when it was found wrecked and abandoned late Monday afternoon just off the Lexington-Winston-Salem highway with the remains of 50 to 75 gallons of non-tax paid whiskey found in the wreckage.

Mr. Dobbins would probably have never learned of the sad remains of his former car if investigating officers hadn't found an old registration card, bearing his name, among the debris. However, a telephone call here quickly cleared up the matter and absolved the Elkin man from all suspicion.

MARCH 1 SET AS NEW DATE FOR HEARING

Magistrate Hears Coroner's Testimony In Wood Case

TWO WITNESSES SICK

Dr. Woltz Testifies Bullet Which Killed Harvey Wood Touched Heart

BULLET IS INTRODUCED

Hearing for Mrs. Lavora Marion Wood, of Crutchfield, at liberty under \$2,000 bond for the alleged murder of her husband, Harvey Wood on January 5, 1947, was continued until Saturday, March 1 here last Saturday when it was disclosed that two of the state's leading witnesses were ill and unable to attend.

However, Magistrate C. A. McNeill allowed the testimony of Dr. J. L. Woltz, Surry county coroner, so he heard so that Dr. Woltz would not have to return to Elkin from Mount Airy at the later date.

Dr. Woltz testified that he was called to the home of Mrs. Wood, where the killing allegedly occurred, between 10 and 12 o'clock Sunday night, January 5. The body of Wood, he said, was found lying across the front seat of his car, located five or six steps from the front porch of the home. He said an examination of the body disclosed a bullet hole in the left breast which went straight through, touching the heart. The bullet was lodged at the back just under the skin, and when removed was found to fit an empty .32 calibre shell found in the home. The death weapon, a Smith & Wesson .32 calibre pistol, was placed in evidence and was described as the pistol Mrs. Wood gave to the coroner.

An old rifle, allegedly found in Wood's car, was shown to Dr. Woltz, but he said he had not seen it before as he did not examine the car, only the body.

The coroner also testified he saw the hole in the glass of the front door of the home, through which Wood was allegedly shot as he stood on the porch outside. He said in his opinion the body had not been dead over three or four hours when he made his examination. In response to the question of Wood being able to get back, and into his car after being wounded in such a manner, Dr. Woltz stated that in his opinion he could have.

Mrs. Wood was arrested Sunday night of the day of the shooting after officers had been called to

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Killed Three, Yadkin Negro Found Insane

Young Democrats Postpone Meet Until Later Date

The "kick-off meeting" of the Young Democrats Club, which was originally scheduled for February 8, has been postponed due to the fact that the speaker invited for the meeting will not be available on that date.

Frank Freeman, chairman of the State Organization Committee, stated that March 1 had been set tentatively as the new date for the meeting. Re-organization week, which is scheduled to follow the "kick-off meeting," will be the first week in March if that date is confirmed.

Numerous Cases Heard Before Judge H. Sink

The February term of Yadkin superior court got under way early Monday morning with Judge H. Hoyie Sink of Greensboro presiding and Solicitor Avalon E. Hall prosecuting the docket. First business of the court was selection of a grand jury and Judge Sink's charge to them. Rufus Castevens is foreman of the grand jury and W. B. Brandon is secretary. C. M. Vestal is officer in charge of the grand jury.

The first three days of the court have been busy ones for all court officials and considerable progress has been made.

Scalcs Insane

One of the cases called Monday was that of Gene Scales, negro, 31, charged with killing his three children by throwing them in a well on the back porch of his home on the Paul P. Davis farm east of Yadkinville Monday night of last week. He was charged with first degree murder, but when the case was called his attorney, former solicitor J. Earle McMichael of Winston-Salem, informed the court that Scales was unable to plead to the indictment because he was insane.

The court then ordered a sanity hearing before a jury. The jury heard four witnesses and retired, returning in five minutes with a verdict that the negro was of unsound mind. Judge Sink then ordered him sent to the criminal insane department of the negro state hospital at Goldsboro. Scales sat through the proceedings unmoved and without show of emotion.

Scales went suddenly insane while sitting by the fire in his home on the night of January 27. He began quoting scripture and

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JAYCEES HOST TO GRIDSTERS

Elkin High Teams Are Entertained At Regular Dinner Meeting Of Group

THANKED FOR SUPPORT

Monday night the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce was host to the Elkin high school boys' football and basketball teams at its regular dinner meeting. The meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Dr. Vernon Taylor. The report of the Third Annual Basketball Tournament was given by the chairman, Dr. Taylor. Lewis Alexander, the new Jaycee Bulletin editor who replaces Roger Marshall who left town to assume another position, had a few words to say.

The meeting was then turned over to N. H. Carpenter, a Jaycee and principal of the high school and football coach.

Mr. Carpenter thanked the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce for its fine co-operation in money and support. He stated that through the efforts of the Jaycees, Elkin high school had the best equipment that money could buy, thus giving the squads ample protection on the field and court. Then Mr. Carpenter awarded letters and monograms to the following boys for their athletic ability:

T. M. Eldridge, Fred Hemric, Sam Shugart, Robert McCann, Kitchel Adams, G. Johnson, Hal Stuart, Benny Gross, Paul Blackburn, Bob Ratledge, Claude Eldridge, Gilmer Phillips, Bob Lawrence, Fred Ratledge, Jack Parks, Sam Adams, Bob Harris.

Honorable mention was given to the following boys: Jimmy Crater, Jim Chipman, Bobby James, Alvin Eldridge, Sam Transou.

Kitchel Adams, an outstanding guard on the football and basketball teams represented the boys and thanked the Jaycees for their support. He praised Mr. Carpenter and Coach Abernathy as the two best coaches in the country. He then presented Coach Carpenter and Coach Abernathy with a gift as a token of their appreciation.

Dr. Seth Beale then introduced Toney Webb and Crowell Little, members of the Coaching Staff of the University of North Carolina, two ex-greats in football. Mr. Webb expressed his thanks and appreciation for being invited and congratulated Carpenter and Abernathy on doing a fine job. Mr. Webb and Mr. Little then showed the group the picture of the Sugar Bowl game between North Carolina and Georgia explaining the plays as the picture was shown. 45 Jaycee members were present.

Recover Stolen Truck Near Here

Chief of Police Corbett Wall and Sergeant Mitchell of the State Highway Patrol went to State Road yesterday afternoon to recover a truck which was reported stolen and abandoned in that vicinity.

The truck bore a Virginia license plate and was said to have been stolen on the Lee highway in Virginia. The truck owner's name and other details of the alleged theft were not available when The Tribune went to press yesterday afternoon.

CHATHAM HAS FINE RECORD

Best Safety Achievement In History Is Made During The Past Year

HYSLUP MAKES REPORT

The best safety record in Chatham Manufacturing Company history was made during 1946, according to a recent report by C. J. Hyslup, safety director of the plant. Only 14 lost-time accidents occurred during the year, as compared to 31 accidents in 1944 and 15 in 1945.

Fourteen departments completed the year with a perfect safety record, and 12 of these have completed two or more years without any lost time due to accidents.

The number of days lost by employees due to accidents was 527 for the year. This figure was reduced from 962 days lost in 1945 and 985 days lost in 1944. The accident frequency rate was the lowest since the safety program was organized five years ago.

In September, the company was presented the Distinguished Service to Safety Award and Flag by the National Safety Council. This award is the highest honor in the safety field that industrial estab-

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Soil Conservation Contest To Be At Dobson Tonight

Wilma Lou Nichols, Elkin high school student, will represent Elkin in the soil conservation speaking contest which will be held in the court house in Dobson tonight at 7:30 p. m.

Speakers from various schools in the county will compete for the honor of representing Surry in the regional contest to be held in North Wilkesboro on February 13. The regional winner will be selected from speakers representing Surry, Alleghany, Ashe, Wilkes and Yadkin counties.

Finals in the contest will be held at the YMCA here on February 20.

Huge Fines Slapped On Liquor Runners

John Hudspeth Pays Total Of \$7,000 In Case

John Hudspeth, of Elkin, and William M. Hanford, of Burlington, were fined \$6,000 each in Yadkin county superior court Monday after conviction on several charges in connection with prohibition law violations. Hudspeth also paid \$1,000 to recover a pick-up truck which had been confiscated at the time of his arrest, and Hanford paid \$1,500 to recover his automobile which was taken by arresting officers at the same time.

Hudspeth and Hanford were arrested December 16 by State Highway Patrolman E. L. Smith, who was accompanied by two Alcohol Tax Unit agents. It was reported that Hudspeth and Hanford were riding in a 1946 car on the Winston-Salem road to spot trouble for the pick-up truck, which was loaded with 252 "fifths" of sealed liquor. The driver of the truck prevented Patrolman Smith from passing several times before he finally stopped the truck and ran away.

Patrolman Smith overtook the car and arrested the two men. Hanford was placed under \$2,000 bond pending trial, and Hudspeth was released under \$500 bond after the arrest.

Hudspeth entered a plea of guilty to the charge of unlawful transportation and possession of liquor.

Hanford was found guilty of violating the prohibition law, transporting liquor, aiding and abetting in the liquor violation, and interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty.

DISCUSS PLANS FOR BUILDING

Agricultural Exposition Building Is Proposed For Near School Ground

COMMITTEE IS NAMED

Plans for the construction of an agricultural exposition building were discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the town commissioners Monday night. Mayor Garland Johnson appointed W. A. Neaves as chairman of a finance committee to raise funds for the building. Other members of the committee are: E. W. McDaniel, E. S. Spainhour, J. D. Brendle and Claude Farrell.

Public donations and subscriptions will be solicited to finance construction of the building. No tax money will be used.

The site of the proposed building is the city property adjoining the athletic field near the high school.

WOULD PERMIT MANUFACTURE

However, Under State Bill, County Boards Could Ban Fireworks Sale

JONES OKEYS PROPOSAL

By MARJORIE RAGAN
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Senator R. Posey Jones of Surry county voted Monday night to accept a committee substitute proposal that would permit the manufacture of fireworks, but would allow county commissioners to ban them within the county's borders.

A bill authored by Senator Weathers of Cleveland county had been reported unfavorably in committee, but the substitute was allowed, when the measure came up in the Senate Monday night.

At the motion of Senator Julian Allsbrook of Halifax county, voting on the measure was postponed at least until next week. This Senator hopes to get a ban on the manufacture of fireworks.

The committee substitute left out a previous provision that would have forced fairs and other shows to obtain special fireworks permits from law-enforcement officers.

Senator Jones says that he will introduce legislation designating that Surry county forbid pyrotechnics if the Senate bill fails to pass. Monday night, Senator Jones asked that Solicitor Ralph Scott of the 21st district be extended courtesies of the Senate lobby. Lieutenant Governor L. Y. Ballentine recognized Solicitor Scott as a visitor to the session.

Blaze Razes Stock Barn, Kills 2 Mules

A blaze of undetermined origin destroyed two mules and a seed and stock barn last week on the farm of Vance Brown, three miles north of Boonville. The fire started after Mr. Brown had retired, and had gained too much headway to be extinguished when he discovered it.

The loss was estimated at about \$2,000 and included a quantity of hay and farming tools, as well as the two mules. The property was not covered by insurance.

FREE POLICE OF CHARGES

Officer Hugh Laffoon Found Not Guilty In Hearing Last Thursday

HEAR MANY WITNESSES

Hugh Laffoon, local police officer, was cleared of a charge of assault and forcible trespass at a hearing before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hall Thursday night in the city hall.

The warrant had been filed as a counter-charge against the officer by Mac Shaw Holcomb, who was arrested by Officer Laffoon in December and charged with interfering with the arrest of Bill Holcomb, brother of Mac Shaw.

Hearing for the Holcomb brothers was held at the same time. Bill Holcomb was found guilty of illegal possession of liquor, engaging in an affray, and public drunkenness. He was fined \$5 and costs on each of the three counts. Mac Shaw was fined \$5 and costs upon conviction on the charge of engaging in an affray. The count against Mac Shaw of interfering with an officer acting in the line of duty was dismissed, and Bill was cleared of the charge of resisting arrest.

Officer Laffoon had arrested the Holcomb brothers about midnight on December 4 near the Bon Ton Grill on Main Street. It was alleged that Bill had been drinking and that Mac Shaw and a friend were leading him out of the cafe to take him home. According to testimony, a scuffle was in progress when Officer Laffoon arrived on the scene. The Holcomb brothers were arrested and placed in jail on the several charges. At the hearing they stated that Officer Laffoon had struck Bill in making the arrest. Bill Holcomb testified that he had had a drink and admitted having liquor in his possession, but he denied that he was drunk or that there had been a fight. He was

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Coble Dairies May Erect New Plant

The Coble Dairies, Inc., of Lexington, may erect a large dairy processing plant in Boonville if an adequate milk supply can be assured, it was reported yesterday.

The Boonville Business Men's Club, which was recently organizing to encourage new Boonville industries, was informed by Gaylord Hancock, general manager of Coble Dairies, that the town was a logical location for a Coble Dairy plant.

Machinery for the plant is already available, and the dairy could be put into operation in 90 days, according to Mr. Hancock.

Jaycee Tourney Is Off To Good Start At YMCA

The Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce Invitational Basketball Tournament got off to a good start Tuesday night with a larger-than-usual crowd for the opening games.

Three teams clashed on the YMCA court in the opening matches. The Elkin girls defeated the Brawley girl cagers, 22-9; Gamewell won a 28-21 decision over Ronda in the second girls' contest of the evening; and the Sparta boys winning on a forfeit from Shoals, rode over the Junior "Y" team, 21-4.

Games scheduled for last night were: Mooresville girls vs. Shoals girls; Mooresville boys vs. Nancy Reynolds boys; and Taylorsville girls vs. Sparta girls.

Tonight (Thursday), the Union Grove boys meet the Stony Point boys at 7 p. m.; the Harmony girls clash with the Stony Point girls' six at 8 p. m.; and the Harmony boys play the Ronda boys at 9 p. m.

Twenty-five teams are entered in the Jaycee Tournament, which will continue through Tuesday, February 11. Prizes of \$200 in cash will go to the champion boys' and girls' teams, and runners-up in both divisions will be awarded \$100 cash prizes.

The Jaycees recently voted to sponsor the tournament as an annual affair in the interest of improving athletics and good sportsmanship.