

Farm Meeting Here Attracts Many Hundreds

Chester Davis Is Speaker At Annual Banquet

Chester C. Davis, Sr., president of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, addressed a banquet session of more than 1,000 farmers in the Gilvin Roth YMCA here last Thursday night to climax the largest Farmers' Day Program in the five-year history of the event.

Praising farmers for their record wartime production, Mr. Davis declared that the nation's farm segment had the stamina and resources for a successful period ahead if the rest of the economy would "behave itself."

"Farming and industry are inseparably intertwined, and genuine teamwork is needed" if the nation is to prosper, he said.

Pointing to the nation's high level of employment, high national income, and high volume of production, Mr. Davis declared that a period of depression was not inevitable if labor would realize that it must increase production in order to increase wages, and if business management would cooperate with labor and strive to lower prices.

Advocating a high level of production in both industry and agriculture, the speaker said that the goods and services of non-agricultural groups must be increased to parallel greater farm production, and that both would prosper in such an expanding economy.

Mr. Davis was introduced by former Governor J. Melville Broughton, who commented on previous Farmers' Day events and praised Mayor Garland Johnson and other leaders who planned the program. Mr. Broughton termed the annual program the "greatest single agricultural event in North Carolina."

Carl C. Poindexter, president of the Elkin Kiwanis Club which sponsored the program, presided at the banquet session, and Thurmond Chatham, chairman of the board of directors of the Chatham Manufacturing Company, welcomed guests and farmers. R. E. Snow, route 1, Elkin, made the response to the welcome, and Rev. Robert G. Tuttle pronounced the invocation. The music was led by Rev. Ralph Ritchie, and Mayor Johnson recognized special guests.

On the afternoon program, farmers heard addresses by Dr. Hugh H. Bennett, chief of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, and Edward A. Wayne, vice-president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, following which group sessions were held under the direction of specialists from the extension service.

Dr. Bennett, suffering a sore throat, spoke only briefly on the urgent need for conserving the soil resource. His address was read by Glenn K. Rule, executive assistant to Dr. Bennett. Declaring that America is losing a half million acres of farm land yearly through

To Nominate Mayor, Board On April 4th

Candidates for Elkin's five commissioners and mayor will be nominated at a mass meeting in the elementary school auditorium Tuesday night, April 4, at 7:30. The date was set at a meeting of the board of commissioners in the city hall Monday night.

The biennial election of town officers will be held on the first Monday in May at the city hall. Thus far none of the present officers have committed themselves as to whether they will seek re-election.



BANQUET SESSION SCENE — Part of the crowd attending the fifth annual Farmers' Day Program here last Thursday is shown above during the banquet session. No official count was made, but estimates for the event ranged from 1,000 to 1,200. (Another picture on page 5, this section). —Tribune Photo

Robbers Sentenced To Roads 15 Years



NEW VFW COMMANDER—The Elkin VFW post elected new officers at a meeting last week, naming Russell Burcham, above, Post Commander. He succeeds Earl C. Day, and will take office April 1.

Wilkes Poker Game Case Is Ended Friday

Carl Keaton of Greensboro and his brother, Cola M. Keaton of Kannapolis, were sentenced to serve 15 to 20 years in prison at hard labor by Judge Hoyle H. Sink in Wilkes county superior court last Friday. The brothers were found guilty of holding up and robbing a poker game of \$28,000 at the home of Jim Foster near North Wilkesboro last July 6.

Witnesses identified the brothers as the men who entered the Foster home at 1 a. m. with an automatic pistol and submachine gun, robbed the poker players of \$11,000 and then forced Foster to open a safe in the bedroom from which they took \$17,000.

Jim Foster, Charlie Combs, Dobe Powell and Joe Holland, the four players in the high-priced poker game, were sentenced to serve one year each on the roads at hard labor after entering pleas of guilty to the charge of gambling.

Calvin M. Spillman, Cooleeeme man who was indicted with the Keaton brothers and who was alleged to have been the "inside man" in the robbery plot, was not tried last week. A physician's



DR. JOE H. CARTER, above pastor of Newton First Presbyterian Church, will be guest speaker at the annual Stewardship Dinner of Elkin Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, March 19. Dr. Carter served as pastor of the local church from 1923 to 1926.

Howard Key Held For Drunk Driving

Bond for Howard Key, of Winston-Salem, charged with drunken driving, was set at \$150 at a hearing before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hall Monday morning, and his case was bound over to the superior term of court.

Home At Mountain Park Is Destroyed

The frame dwelling of Gray Norman, located about one mile north of Mountain Park, was destroyed by fire about eight o'clock Wednesday morning. Contents of the house were also said to be a total loss.

The blaze, which spread so fast that the three Norman children found it necessary to escape, with the aid of their mother, through a window, was thought to have originated from a faulty flue.

Mr. Norman is a son of L. A. Norman. It is understood that the loss of household furnishings was partly covered by insurance.



WINTER WONDERLAND — Snow which began falling here about 10 o'clock last Friday night by morning had transformed fields and woods, lawns and homes, into a beautiful fairland. Clinging to every bush and twig, to trees and shrubs, to power and telephone lines, drab winter landscapes presented a breathtaking spectacle of beauty. The words of the poem, "Each fir and elm and hemlock were crumpled too dear for an Earl, while the poorest twig on the pine tree was ridged inch deep in pearl," form a perfect description. The photo above, made in a wood located within the city limits, is but one small view of the winter wonderland that was Elkin. The snow, which stopped falling about 10:30 a. m. Saturday, reached a depth of six inches, but quickly began to melt. Due to its weight some telephone and power lines were down, but traffic experienced little difficulty. —Tribune Photo

Grand Champ Honors In Cattle Show Won By Forest, Va., Entry

MANY BONDS SOLD IN N. C.

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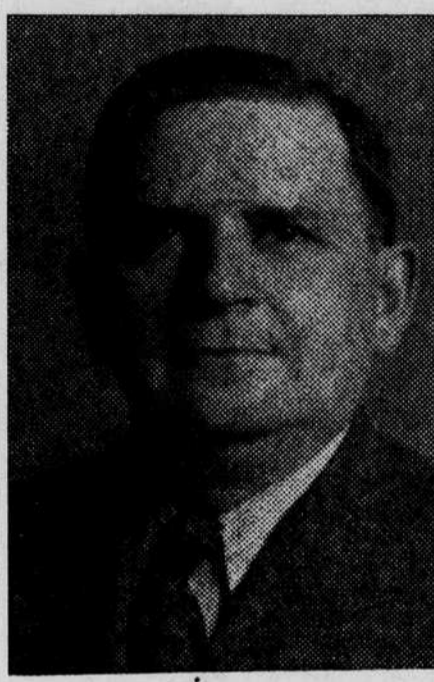
North Carolinians, in February, invested \$8,545,675.75 in U. S. Savings Bonds, Series E, F and G, according to an announcement today by W. L. Glancy, of Mount Airy, Savings Bonds chairman for Surry County.

Of this amount \$5,199,696.25 was in Series E Bonds, \$616,179.50 in Series F Bonds, and \$2,729,800.00 in Series G Bonds. The Series E Bond sales exceeded those of February a year ago by \$415,459.50 and the combined E, F and G sales exceeded those of a year ago by \$930,992.50.

Savings Bonds sales in Surry County for February were as follows: Series E \$31,700.75, Series F \$2,220.00, Series G \$22,000; total \$55,920.75.

Total bond sales for Yadkin County were \$10,169.50, and Wilkes County citizens bought \$26,088.25 in bonds during February.

"We have been pointing with pride to our fine Savings Bonds sales record of 1946, but if the present upward trend continues, we will do even better in the year 1947," Mr. Glancy stated. "The continued increase in sales is evidence of the wisdom of our people in saving for their future security with the world's safest investment," he concluded.



PASSES—John Walter Darnell, 62, above, died unexpectedly at his home here Saturday night at 11:30 o'clock from a sudden heart attack. Funeral services were held Monday at 2:30 p. m. at the First Baptist Church.

J. W. DARNELL DIES SUDDENLY

Prominent Elkin Business Man Suffers Heart Attack Saturday Night

FUNERAL HELD MONDAY

John Walter Darnell, 62, highly esteemed Elkin businessman, died unexpectedly Saturday night at 11:30 at his home on Gwyn Avenue of a heart attack. He apparently had been in good health until the attack.

A son of Rufus and Emma Harp Darnell, he was for a time engaged in the mercantile business at Concord. Later he became a real estate man, and for four years he worked with the Federal Government's revenue department. He resigned that profession to open a furniture business in Elkin 12 years ago.

He was a member of the Concord Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Colie Burcham Darnell; one brother, J. L. Darnell of this city; and one half brother, Hugh Lyons, also of Elkin.

Funeral was held at 2:30 p. m. Monday at the Elkin First Baptist Church. Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor, was in charge of the rites, and was assisted by Rev. R. E. Adams of Winston-Salem and Rev. J. C. Gwaltney, of Elkin. Interment was made in the Elkin Valley Baptist Church cemetery.

Annual Show and Sale Held At "Y" Wednesday

Epionian of Elkton, 22-month old bull belonging to L. W. Turner of Forest, Va., was named grand champion bull in the second annual show of the North Carolina Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association held in the YMCA here yesterday. Grand champion honors in the heifer class went to Esthonia of Highlands, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Fox, of Round Hill, Va.

The grand champion heifer brought a top price of \$825 in the auction sale, while \$670 was the top bid for the number one bull. Highlands Bandolier, a bull also belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Fox, brought \$1,025, the highest bid of the sale.

The animals entered in the show, which began at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, were judged by Paul Swaffer, of Richmond, Va. Tom McCord conducted the auction sale which was held in the gymnasium of the YMCA.

Black Gate Epionian, belonging to W. A. Neaves, of Elkin, won reserve champion honors among the bulls, and Elba Erica, owned by L. W. Turner, was named reserve champion cow.

Six classes of heifers and three classes of bulls were entered in the show. Victoryon, owned by Robert N. Golding of Tryon, took first place in the second class of bulls (born between July 21, 1945 and August 29, 1945). In the third class (bulls born between October 29, 1945 and January 15, 1946), top place went to Black Gate Epionian, reserve champion cow.

Winners in the heifer classes, and their owners were as follows: First class (born between August 13, 1944 and January 29, 1945)—Boxwood Pridemare, owned by

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MAGICIAN WILL FEATURE EVENT

Employer-Employee Banquet To Be Held At YMCA Next Tuesday Evening

TO HOLD SQUARE DANCE

Feature of the annual employer-employee banquet next Tuesday evening in the YMCA will be a performance by J. Coke Cecil, noted magician of High Point. Following the dinner, a square dance will be held under the direction of J. O. Bivins.

Sponsored by the Elkin Merchants' Association, the program will begin at 7 p. m. Alan Browning, Jr., of the Tribune staff, will serve as master of ceremonies, and T. C. McKnight, YMCA director, will lead the singing. W. H. Combs will pronounce the invocation and, following the dinner, Hoyle B. Cranford, president of the Merchants' Association, and Claude H. Farrell, past president, are scheduled to speak briefly.

Mrs. Willie Mae Stanley, secretary of the Merchants' Association, stated that tickets would be on sale through noon Saturday at Turner's and Abernethy's drug stores, and at the Merchants' Association office in the city hall. The price is \$1.50 each.

A full evening of entertainment has been planned for the event, and the public is invited to attend.

ARRANGE FOR ALUMNI GROUP

Plans For Davidson College Alumni Reorganization In This Area Completed

MEETING MARCH 14TH

Plans for a Davidson College Alumni reorganization meeting to be held in the North Wilkesboro-Elkin area have been completed, according to W. Blair Gwyn, chairman of arrangements. The meeting has been set for Friday night, March 14, at 6:30 at Hotel Wilkes, North Wilkesboro.

Representatives from the Davidson campus will attend the meeting. Dr. Frontis W. Johnston, professor of History, will be the principal speaker. John L. Payne, Alumni Secretary and Director of Public Relations, will bring a report on athletic prospects for next year and will show color movies of one of last fall's football games.

According to Mr. Gwyn, through whom all reservations are being made, the area covered at this meeting will include, in addition to North Wilkesboro and Elkin, Sparta, Boons, West Jefferson, Jefferson, Blowing Rock and Banner Elk. The only business on the program is the election of officers for the coming year. "Wives, sweethearts, dates, and parents of students now at Davidson are included in the invitation," said Mr. Gwyn. Richard G. Finley, leading business man of North Wilkesboro, member of the Davidson class of 1916, will act as toastmaster.

Famed Organist To Appear Here In Concert 21st

Paul Weber, nationally famous organist, will appear in a concert in the YMCA here, on Friday night, March 21, at 7:30, under the sponsorship of the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Elkin Lions Club.

Mr. Weber is a recognized expert with the Hammond Electric Organ, and has appeared in leading cities throughout the nation. He recently returned from an engagement at Hotel Sheridan in New York City.

Tickets for the concert, at \$1 each, will be on sale at the Music Box.

LAWYER HERE TO AID VETS

J. Livingston Williams Authorized To Prepare Claims And Represent Men

ATTY. FOR THIS AREA

J. Livingston Williams, young local attorney, was recently appointed by the Veterans Administration to assist veterans of Elkin and vicinity in prosecuting claims for pension and insurance benefits, and other claims in connection with their military service.

Mr. Williams is authorized to prepare claims and appear before VA boards as attorney for veterans filing claims. He stated that he would work in conjunction with E. P. Robinson, of the veterans' office here, in helping ex-service men of this area with their claims. Funds have been set up by the Veterans Administration for such legal service. Mr. Williams said, and no charge is made for filing claims.

J. H. Killian, acting chief attorney for the Veterans Administration of Charlotte, appointed Mr. Williams as veterans' attorney for this area.

Sunrise Service Planned Here By Association

The Elkin-Jonesville Ministerial Association is planning Easter sunrise services for both Elkin and Jonesville, it was announced this week by R. J. Hogan, secretary of the association.

Services are to begin promptly at 6:10 a. m. in the cemetery of the respective communities, with church choirs leading the singing.

Further details of the services will be announced in a later issue of The Tribune.