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PRESENT MAYOR AND BOARD TO ASK REELECTION

With Exception Of Commissioner Carl Myers

BURCHAM IS PROPOSED

Veterans Of Foreign Wars Back Commander To Fill Vacated Post

MASS MEETING APR. 4TH

Mayor Garland Johnson and all except one of the present town commissioners have evidenced a willingness to succeed themselves in the town election on May 5. The Tribune learned yesterday.

C. C. Myers, who has served as town commissioner for 14 years, stated that he had decided not to seek re-election.

"In view of my length of service, I feel that someone else should accept the responsibility of the office," he said.

Russell Burcham has been proposed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars as a candidate to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Myers' decision, and has consented to accept the office if nominated and elected.

R. C. Freeman, Charlie N. Myers, J. W. L. Benson and J. O. Bivins are the four other commissioners who will seek election with Mr. Burcham and Mayor Johnson.

The mass meeting for nominating candidates will be held in the elementary school Friday night, April 4, at 7:30. The election is scheduled for May 4.

WOULD WATCH FOR NOTICES

Veterans Receiving "Lapse Notice" Should Contact Representative

DISCREPANCIES OCCUR

Veterans who receive "lapse notices" of their National Service Life Insurance when they have made all of their premium payments, should immediately bring any evidence of payment to the attention of the nearest Veterans Administration contact Representative, the North Wilkesboro VA office said today.

Delay in crediting of payments with premium accounts occurred in some cases because of the heavy volume of work at VA's Richmond Branch Office. As a result, some veterans have received lapse notices although they have made their payments on time.

The Richmond branch office serves NSLI policyholders in North Carolina.

When a discrepancy appears between a veteran's personal records of his payments and VA accounts, the veteran should visit his nearest VA office at once and list dates, amounts and methods of payment, in addition to all numbers appearing on cancelled checks or money order receipts. If payment was made by cash, dates and receipt numbers should be furnished.

In all correspondence with the Veterans Administration relative to NSLI policies, veterans should always include their "N" or "V" numbers, and if they have more than one policy, their "FN" or "FV" numbers. These are NSLI policy or certificate numbers, not service serial numbers.

EXECUTION OF TWO POSTPONED

Fate Of Ralph Vernon Litteral And Marvin Claude Bell Awaits Appeal

TO SUPREME COURT

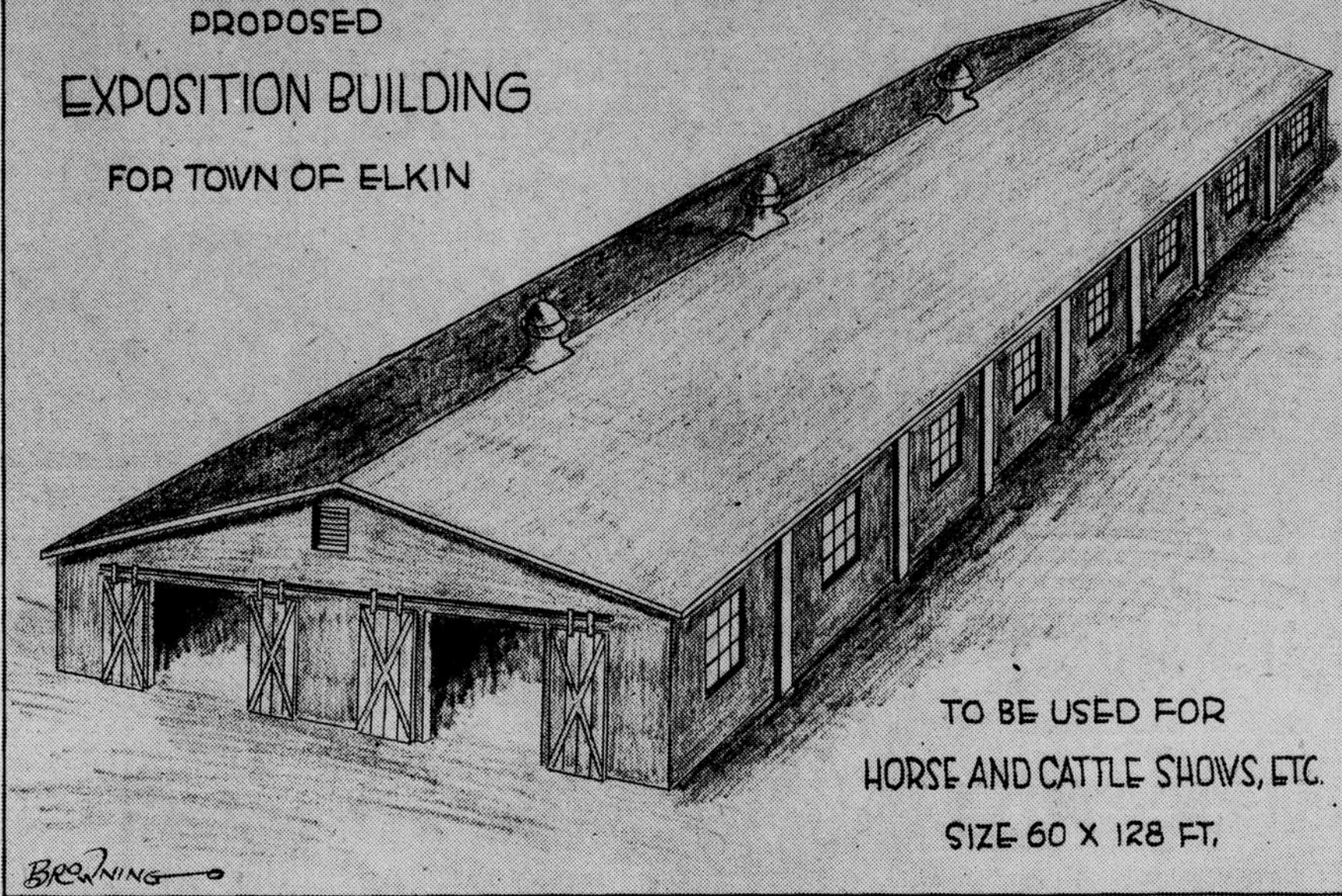
The execution of Ralph Vernon Litteral and Marvin Claude Bell, who were scheduled to die in the gas chamber at Raleigh March 15 for the rape of Peggy Ruth Shore, has been postponed pending the outcome of their appeal to the State Supreme Court.

Because of the length of the case, extra time was allowed for preparing the appeal, thus staying the execution.

The death sentence for Litteral and Bell was passed by Judge Gayle Sink in a special term of court in North Wilkesboro in January after a jury took only 15 minutes to return a verdict of guilty for the two men.

In the course of a year the average adult drinks a ton of water.

PROPOSED EXPOSITION BUILDING FOR TOWN OF ELKIN



TO BE USED FOR HORSE AND CATTLE SHOWS, ETC. SIZE 60 X 128 FT.

PROPOSED EXPOSITION BUILDING — The drawing above, made from plans of a proposed exposition building to be erected here as a part of a three-phase Memorial Park program, shows the structure as it will appear when completed. The structure was discussed at a meeting of civic clubs, held at the YMCA Monday night, and over \$16,000 of the estimated cost of \$18,000 had been raised up until Wednesday noon. The building will be of cinder block and steel construction and will be equipped with removable box stalls for horse shows, cattle shows, etc. A steel fence around the grounds, which are adjacent to the athletic field, and a track, plus lights, are included in the project.

Three Men Are Arrested For Robbery, Assault

Two Released Under \$6,000 Bond; One Held

Charges of larceny, receiving stolen goods and store breaking were filed against Ralph and Thurmond Stanley, Route 1, Elkin, and Edward Wood, Route 2, Dobson, following their arrest Monday afternoon near Crutchfield where they reportedly attempted to steal stolen goods to the Stokes filling station.

Wood is also charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and is being held in the Dobson jail after failing to post \$8,000 bond on the several counts. The Stanley brothers were released after posting \$6,000 bond each.

Hearing for the three men is scheduled to be held in the city hall here Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Investigating officers said the men broke into the Twin Oaks store, near Crutchfield, and took 110 pounds of sugar, 300 pennies, 75 pounds of flour, 12 pairs socks, 19 boxes of candy and a penny coin machine. They were trying to steal the stolen goods to the Stokes station when officers arrived on the scene and arrested the men.

BOARD IS TO SUBMIT PLAN

County School Officials To Meet With Commissioners To Consider Needs

\$1,250,000.00 PROGRAM

Members of the Surry county board of education will present their recommendations on building needs of county schools at a meeting with the county commissioners in the court house in Dobson Monday night.

A school building program involving an expenditure of \$1,250,000 has been proposed for Surry county, but the question of the amount of funds to be allotted to each school has not been fully determined.

John W. Comer, superintendent of Surry county schools, stated that only the immediate building needs of county schools could be met under the proposed bond issue, and that long-range plans would have to be deferred until more funds are available.

The Elkin school board has requested funds for several additional class rooms and other improvements in the local school system. Schools at Mount Airy, Flat Rock, Copeland, Franklin, White Plains, Westfield and Mountain Park will also be included in the building and expansion program if the bond issue is approved.

A special meeting of the Junior Order will be held here Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock for the induction of a number of new members. It was announced Wednesday.

All members of the Order are urged to attend this session.

The largest pipe organ in the world is in the Royal Albert Hall, London. It weighs 175 tons and contains 10,491 pipes.

To Erect Exposition Building As Part Of Local Park Project

SPECIAL MEET CALLED FRIDAY

To Determine What Progress Made In Fund Raising For Tobacco Program

SURRY QUOTA IS \$1,400

S. H. Atkinson, president of the Surry County Farm Bureau, has called a meeting for tomorrow night at 7:30 in the court house in Dobson to determine what progress has been made in raising funds for the program sponsored by Tobacco Associates, Inc. Approximately \$1,400 has been assigned as the quota for Surry county farmers in the organization's program to expand and improve export markets for flue-cured tobacco.

C. D. Smith, treasurer of the drive for Surry county, stated at a meeting last week that about one half the quota had been reached.

The drive to raise funds in the Elkin area will be launched at a meeting in the North Elkin school Friday night, April 4.

Voluntary leaders who are heading the drive in their respective communities are Claude W. Thore, Spoffard Cave and J. A. Long, of Dobson; R. E. Snow, Route 1, Elkin; J. Kyle Thompson, Mountain Park; A. K. Scott, Route 1, Elkin; S. H. Atkinson, Sliam; F. E. Layne, Copeland; Gray Layne, Shoals; Garland Denny, Pilot Mountain; P. N. Taylor, White Plains; S. A. Holder, Beulah; and Glenn Payne, Westfield.

Rev. Howard J. Ford, chairman of the local Red Cross campaign, stated yesterday that a total of \$3,606.13 had been contributed in the annual fund-raising drive, with several communities still unreported.

According to this figure, Elkin citizens have oversubscribed their quota of \$2,700 by more than \$900.

Mr. Ford requests that workers who have not turned in their reports to do so as soon as possible in order that the drive may be concluded.

YADKIN GIRL WINS CONTEST

Helen Margaret Wishon To Represent 4-County District In Finals

DIVISIONAL DISTRICT

Helen Margaret Wishon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wishon of Yadkinville, will represent the four-county district composed of Surry, Yadkin, Forsyth and Davie counties in the divisional finals of the American Legion-sponsored oratorical contest in Hickory tomorrow.

Miss Wishon, representing Yadkin county, was judged winner of the district finals held in the elementary school here last Friday, and will compete with contestants from other districts for the right to enter the State finals in Statesville on March 31.

Second place in the district contest here went to Ann Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Harris of Elkin, who represented Surry county, Douglas Carter of Winston-Salem, representing Forsyth county, was third place winner, and Nancy Durham of Mocksville, representing Davie county, won fourth place.

Each contestant gave a prepared speech on some phase of the American Constitution and an extemporaneous talk on one of the first 10 amendments.

J. Milton Cooper, commander of the George Gray American Legion Post here, introduced the speakers and presented Miss Wishon with a Chatham blanket as first prize. Judges were Rev. Ralph Ritchie and Mrs. Gwyn B. Franklin of Elkin, and Rev. C. Marvin Boggs of Jonesville.

The contest is sponsored annually by the American Legion to promote interest in the Constitution and public speaking among high school students of the nation. The national winner will receive a \$4,000 scholarship to the college of his choice.

ELKS TO OPEN SEASON FRIDAY

Will Play First Baseball Game Of Year With Gray High At Winston-Salem

20 ARE OUT FOR TEAM

Elkin High's Bucking Elks will open their season against Gray High at Winston-Salem Friday afternoon at 4 p. m.

This year's Bucking Elk team will be centered around nine returning lettermen, including four veterans from the armed forces — T. M. Eldridge, Claude Eldridge, Fred Hemic, Coney Couch.

There are some 20 boys out for baseball this year. Pitchers — Bill Jurney, Coney Couch, Jim Chipman, Bob Lawrence.

Catchers — Sam Adams and Jim Parker.

Infielders — Ketchel Adams, Bob Harris, Bradie Osborne, T. M. Eldridge, Jack Pardue, Bob James.

Outfielders — Rufus Snead, Jim Chipman, R. E. Wilmoth, Robert McCann, Jack Park, Ivan Byrd, Alvin Eldridge.

Elkin High will meet Mount Airy here on their own soil April 2, at 4 p. m.

Three-Phase Program Will Take \$40,000

Plans for the development of a three-phase park program that will involve an estimated expenditure of nearly \$40,000 were discussed at a joint dinner meeting of Elkin civic clubs in the YMCA Monday night.

Claude H. Farrell, chairman of the Park Commission, gave a detailed report on the status of the program, which includes construction of an agricultural exposition building, costing approximately \$18,000; development of the high school athletic field with night lighting facilities; and improvements and additions to the elementary school playground.

Funds for the athletic field and playground are already available, and Elkin business men are signing promissory notes in \$100 denominations to back the exposition building. The notes will be used as collateral for a bank loan to finance the building. Income from horse and cattle shows and other exhibitions are expected to make the project self-liquidating.

A total of \$24,000 in promissory notes is required to back the estimated \$18,000 loan. E. W. McDaniel, chairman of the committee in charge of the exposition building and grounds, stated yesterday that \$16,200 of this amount had already been subscribed. Business men not yet contacted are expected to sign the remaining notes necessary for the loan within a short time. Russell Burcham and T. F. Cooley are assisting Mr. McDaniel on the exposition committee.

No work was attempted on the elementary school area during 1946 because of the acute material and labor shortages. Mr. Farrell reported that funds amounting to \$5,665.49 were turned over to the Park Commission for the project by the Memorial Park Committee, and that this amount was on deposit in The Bank of Elkin. The funds are earmarked for construction of a foot bridge across Elkin Creek to join the two schools, a foot path from the elementary school to the bridge, and improvements on the elementary school grounds. Engineering work on the bridge and path projects are under the direction of J. M. Franklin, and work is expected to be completed in about 90 days, or at

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WOULD REDUCE FIRE HAZARDS

Jones Introduces Bill To Have Tobacco Curers Bear Label Of Approval

IS BEFORE COMMITTEE

By MARJORIE RAGAN
Raleigh Tribune Bureau

A bill to provide for the reduction of fire hazard in tobacco curing barns has been introduced in the legislature by Senator R. Posey Jones.

The bill provides that all heating units and curing assemblies offered for sale or sold in this state, intended for use in curing flue-cured tobacco shall bear a label or seal of approval authorized by the national underwriters laboratory or some other authority acceptable to the board of agriculture.

It also makes mandatory that these units shall be accompanied by a statement, including drawings and instructions and signed by the manufacturer specifying how the heating units shall be installed, operated and used, so as to reduce to a minimum the fire hazard involved.

The expense would be borne by the manufacturer or distributor.

In introducing the bill, Jones points out that 1412 tobacco barns were destroyed by fire in North Carolina during the past curing season, at a loss of two million dollars. He says the "economic welfare of the farmer is being jeopardized, which definitely affects the financial interest of the state. This is unreasonable, and can be greatly reduced."

The bill has been referred to the agriculture committee for approval.

Henderson Is Named To Post In Presbytery

Blair Gwyn of North Wilkesboro Named Vice-Chairman Of The Group



HOKE F. HENDERSON

Hoke F. Henderson local attorney and superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school, was elected chairman of the Sunday school superintendents of Winston-Salem Presbytery at an organizational meeting in Winston-Salem last Friday.

Blair Gwyn of North Wilkesboro was named vice-chairman of the group. Rev. Hardin A. King of Lexington presided at the meeting, which was held in the George W. Lee Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Alex Batchelor of Richmond, Va., director of Sunday school administration in the General Assembly, addressed the superintendents of the Presbytery, which includes Surry, Wilkes, Stokes, Davie, Forsyth and Davidson counties.

The delegation attending the meeting from the Elkin Presbyterian Church included Rev. Ralph Ritchie, pastor; R. Lewis Alexander, assistant Sunday school superintendent; and Rev. R. L. Buchanan, superintendent of home missions for the Presbytery.

ELKIN SCHOOL BILL RATIFIED

Separate City School Administration Unit Approved By Assembly

TRUSTEES ARE NAMED

A bill to give Elkin a separate city school administrative unit was ratified in the General Assembly Tuesday.

R. W. Harris and Claude Farrell were named in the bill as members of the city school board of trustees for four years; C. S. Foster and Hugh A. Royall were listed for three-year terms; and Everett Holbrook for one year.

The bill, recently passed by the House and Senate, declared Elkin to be a city school administrative unit with the same boundaries as the Elkin school district. Any change of boundaries will be made through recommendations of the Surry county school board and the Elkin city school board to the State Board of Education, the final approving body.

Successors to the present trustees, to be named by the governing body of Elkin, will serve four-year terms.

According to the bill, any special tax already approved for the Elkin school district is to remain in force.

Truck And School Bus In Collision

Damage Estimated At \$2,000 Resulted From Collision Between A School Bus And A Lumber Truck On The Old State Road Highway Near Mountain Park Tuesday Morning

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