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TO HOLD STATE FINALS IN SOIL CONTEST TODAY

Will Be Held At YMCA This Afternoon At 1:30

EIGHT CONTESTANTS

Winner Will Receive Expense-Paid Trip To Bankers' Convention

TO BE KIWANIS GUESTS

The state finals of the second annual Soil Conservation speaking contest will be held in the YMCA here this afternoon at 1:30. Savings bonds of \$200, \$100 and \$50 will be awarded winners of the first three places, and the top contestant will receive an expense-paid trip to the North Carolina Bankers' Association convention in Asheville May 29 and 30.

The three top speakers will also be guests of the Elkin Kiwanis Club tonight, and will deliver their winning speeches following a dinner at 6:30.

Eight contestants, representing 45 counties, will compete in the contest this afternoon. They are: Alton Weaver, Ashe county; Leonard Dean, Granville county; Mattie Sue Carpenter, Cleveland county; Boyd Hopkins, Stanly county; William Mitchell, Franklin county; Francis Pressly, Iredell county; Edward Storie, Caldwell county; and Luther Baxter, Randolph county.

W. H. Neal of Winston-Salem, president of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, will preside at the contest and introduce the speakers. Judges will be Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, retired assistant director of the N. C. Agriculture Extension Service, Dr. R. W. Cummings, N. C. State College Agronomy head, Gurney P. Hood, State Commissioner of Banks, and M. G. Mann of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative.

The agricultural committee of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, of which Elkin's Mayor Garland Johnson is chairman, sponsors the contest annually in cooperation with the Soil Conservation Service and the Extension Service of N. C. State College. Contestants are coached by English and vocational agricultural teachers in the various high schools represented by the speakers.

DAY CLARIFIES VFW POSITION

Organization Does Not Endorse Political Candidates, Commander Says

IS NON-POLITICAL GROUP

In a story on candidates for town offices last week, The Tribune reported that Russell Burcham had been proposed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars as a candidate for town commissioner.

Earl Day, retiring commander of the VFW, states that this was in error. Although individual members of the post have backed Mr. Burcham, the VFW is a non-political organization, Mr. Day said, and is not permitted to endorse any candidate for political office.

In clarifying the position of the group, Mr. Day said that, as an organization, the Elkin Post "has at no time discussed the local political situation or proposed or endorsed the candidacy of any person in the coming local election. The Veterans of Foreign Wars is in no wise a political organization, each member being free to enter into, or refrain from entering into politics as he may desire."

R. W. Graeber, in charge of Forestry Extension State College, recently assisted the State Hospital, Goldsboro in selecting, marking and scaling 200,000 board feet of timber for a harvest cutting.

"Cornzapoppin'" To Be Presented By Woman's Club

"Cornzapoppin'", a play featuring home-town talent to be presented by the Junior Woman's Club has been postponed until April 17 and 18, according to an announcement made Wednesday by Miss Erline Mayberry, president.

The original dates, April 10 and 11, would conflict with a program to be presented by Elkin High School, it was said.



EMINENT FARMERS — Henry H. Abild, Wakonda, left, and John Meland, Sisseton, Roberts county, South Dakota, who have been named "Eminent Farmers of 1947." The awards announced by South Dakota State college, are based not only upon efficient farming practices, but contributions to the community and state. By good management, growing legumes for soil fertility and raising pigs on clean ground, Henry Abild has become one of the most successful farmers in Clay county. His daughter is a professor at Yankton high school. Both sons are successful farmers. John Meland has been an ardent supporter of any movement for the betterment of agriculture in his community. He introduced Vikota oats and Mida wheat and Kota flax into the county. He has five children. The daughter teaches the home school and all sons are engaged in agriculture pursuits.

April 14 Is Set Here For Zoning Hearing

Monday, April 14, has been set as the new date for a public hearing relative to zoning Hospital Road and other areas in the city, according to an announcement by Dixie Graham, city clerk.

The hearing was originally scheduled for April 7, but was postponed one week due to the fact that Easter Monday falls on that day.

It has been proposed that the following areas be zoned: Hospital Road, Spring Street Extension and Highway No. 268, Oakland Drive, Church Street, North Bridge Street, Gwyn Avenue and Market Street.

The hearing will start at 7:30 p. m. in the city hall.

REGISTRATION BOOKS TO OPEN

L. I. Wade Is Named Registrar By Town Board For Coming Election

VOTING DAY ON MAY 5

Two election judges and a registrar for the town election of May 5 were appointed at a called meeting of the mayor and board of commissioners in the city hall Monday afternoon.

L. I. Wade was named registrar, and N. J. Blackwood and R. G. Franklin, Jr. were appointed election judges. J. L. Lillard and S. O. Maguire were designated as alternate judges.

Registration books will be open for two weeks beginning Saturday, April 12, and continuing through Saturday, April 26.

The books will be at the city hall on Saturdays, and at the home of Mr. Wade, 628 Elk Spur Street, on week days.

May 3 was set as challenge day at the meeting.

The polls, located at the fire station in the city hall, will be open on election day, May 5, from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

MANY ATTEND MEETING HERE

"Family Life Training" Session Is Held At YMCA Tuesday Afternoon

A large number of family life leaders from home demonstration clubs in Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes counties attended a "Family Life Training" meeting in the YMCA here Tuesday.

Mrs. Virginia Swain, extension specialist in family relations, was the chief speaker for the meeting.

DRAFT LAW IS DEAD AND GONE

No More Letters With "Greetings" To Be Sent To Potential Soldiers

DRAFT BOARDS MEET

There will be no more letters with "greetings" from the President of the United States to potential soldiers.

The draft law died Monday at midnight.

Fred McKinley Shores of Thurmond, who registered with the draft board in Dobson Monday, was the last of more than 12,000 Surry county men to register in the selective service system that took 10,020,637 men for military service in World War II.

Of Surry county's 12,000 registrants, approximately 4,300 were either inducted or enlisted for service with the armed forces.

But Surry county's two draft boards, like thousands of others across the nation, held their final meetings Monday afternoon. At 12:01 a. m. Tuesday, draft board offices became "Office of Selective Service Records." They will perform the mammoth task of preparing files of registrants for shipment to some central depot in the state where they will be kept for possible future emergencies.

Mrs. Florence Folger, co-ordinator of the two Surry county boards, said she had no definite information as to where or when the files would be shipped, but estimated that the work of arranging the voluminous data in compact form for shipment would require several weeks.

Two members of the Surry county draft board number two, C. A. McNeil of Elkin and J. G. Wood of Dobson, have served continuously since September 16, 1940, when the original draft act was passed. W. B. White of Dobson, the third member, has served more than three years. Other men who served on the board during the six and one-half years of selective service were Walter Matthews of Pilot Mountain, T. N. Woodruff of Lowgap, G. W. Scott of Shoals, and J. E. Trevathan of Dobson.

In tribute to the citizens all over the nation who served on local draft boards, President Truman said Monday that the "selective service system has rendered the nation a service of incalculable value. Those who made possible its accomplishments during the emergency — the vast majority of whom served without compensation — deserve the country's gratitude . . ."

From now on the army will attempt to maintain its strength of about a million men with voluntary enlistments alone, although a universal military training program has been under consideration by Congressmen.

No draft calls have been issued since last October when military leaders said they had enough volunteers to declare a draft holiday for the rest of the year.

Mount Airy Man Is Held Without Bond

R. L. (Bob) Jessup, charged with the murder of Roy Towse near the Bunker Woods Service Station on March 15, was bound over to superior court without bond at a hearing before Judge Harry Lewellyn in the Mount Airy Recorder's Court Monday afternoon.

The case will be placed on the docket for the April term of Surry superior court, which will convene in Dobson April 21.

Elkin Stores To Close On Easter Monday

Elkin stores will be closed all day Easter Monday, April 7, according to an announcement by Mrs. Beauford Stanley, secretary of the Elkin Merchants Association.

Local merchants have followed the custom of closing their business establishments on this day for several years in observance of the Easter season.

HEARING HELD FOR THREE MEN

Charges Of Larceny, Store Breaking, Etc., To Be Heard Next Monday

GUILTY OF NUISANCE

Ralph and Thurmond Stanley, route 1, Elkin, and Edward Wood, route 2, Dobson, were found guilty on public nuisance charges and fined \$25 each by Justice of the Peace C. A. McNeil in Magistrate's Court Monday morning. Wood also paid a \$10 fine for simple assault after being cleared of the original charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Judgment on charges of larceny, receiving stolen goods, and store breaking, which had also been lodged against the three men, was deferred until next Monday when the hearing will be continued.

The men allegedly broke into the Twin Oaks store near Crutchfield and took merchandise valued at \$75 to \$100. Officers said they were trying to sell the goods to the Stokes filling station at Crutchfield.

Wood had been charged with assault against R. F. Creed, of East Bend, who ran out of gas near the filling station and reportedly got into an argument with the three men.

FARM MEETINGS WILL BE HELD

Schedule Of Sessions Released By Smith To Discuss Hybrid Corn

NORTH ELKIN APRIL 4TH

County Agent Neill M. Smith has released a schedule of Farm Bureau meetings to be held in the interest of stimulating hybrid corn production in Surry county. Slides on the best corn-growing practices will be shown at the meetings, with particular emphasis being placed on fertilization, cultivation, spacing and soil improvement.

The meetings are expected to increase interest in the county-wide corn growing contest sponsored by the Surry county Farm Bureau. A total of \$90 in cash prizes will be awarded contestants with the highest corn yields per acre.

The meetings are scheduled as follows: Pilot Mountain, April 3; North Elkin, April 4; White Plains, April 7; Franklin, April 8; Mount-Airy Park and Lowgap, April 9; Flat Rock, April 10; Beulah, April 11; Little Richmond, April 14; and Long Hill, April 16.

Wives To Be Guests Of Y's Men's Group

Members of the Elkin Y's Men's Club will have wives and friends as their guests at the dinner meeting of the group in the YMCA Tuesday night, April 8, at 6:30.

Featured on the Ladies' night program will be a trio of Jonesville high school girls who will sing several numbers. Walter Safrin will discuss the functions of Y's Men's Clubs, and Carl C. Poindexter will conduct a phase of the program.

Kemp Reese, chairman of the club's activities committee, arranged the program for Tuesday night.

Annual YMCA Camp On June 19 To 26

The annual YMCA camp will be held at Camp Hanes, near Pilot Mountain, this summer, and reservations have been made for 115 boys and girls of Elkin and vicinity for the week of July 19-26, it was announced today.

The Winston-Salem YMCA maintains Camp Hanes for the use of its members and other YMCA groups in this area and furnishes personnel for directing summer activities.

Local young people who wish to attend the camp this summer should contact their YMCA leaders here. The cost for a week's stay at the camp is \$15.

WINE AND BEER BILL WILL NOT SOLVE PROBLEM

Pilot Mountain Cannot Vote On Wet-Dry Status

HAS TOO FEW RESIDENTS

Bill Provides 15 Per Cent Of Voters In County May Call For Referendum

ONCE EVERY 3 YEARS

By MARJORIE RAGAN
Tribune Raleigh Bureau

The much-applauded wine and beer bill worked out by a finance sub-committee will not solve the problem in Surry County.

And so it remains for Surry representative George Snow to try to get his local bill, to ban the sale of alcoholic beverages in the town of Pilot Mountain, through the General Assembly.

Snow was disappointed to learn early in the week that Pilot Mountain has only 925 citizens, as counted in the 1940 census. The committee substitute provides that only municipalities with as many as 1,000 residents can vote on the question.

And there's another catch that prevents Pilot from having an out in the statewide legislation. Municipalities may vote on the question ONLY after the county at large has voted dry, in respect to wine and beer. And Surry county is not expected to go dry.

However, the substitute has been enthusiastically received by the house. In fact, Dan Tompkins of Jackson County, author of other statewide anti-alcohol legislation, says it's the best bill of its kind since the beer and wine bill of 1933.

The bill seems to please both the wets and drys. Actually, it provides local option in a manner similar to the ABC system, except that the counties will not handle the products.

The bill provides that 15 per cent of the qualified voters of a county may call for a referendum on wine or beer, or both, as often as once every three years. If a county votes dry, any municipality in it having as many as a thousand residents may call for a separate election the following year.

Under the bill, counties retaining beer and wine would receive additional profits from sales.

Taxes on wine and beer would be exactly doubled, and according to Representative Gene Bost of Cabarrus county, chairman of the subcommittee which drew the bill, this would mean an additional \$4,000,000 for the state treasury.

The \$4,000,000 would be distributed to counties and municipalities on a population basis, about \$1 per person.

One of the few Republicans in

SCOUTS ARE TO HOLD CAMPOREE

Annual Event Of Elkin-Yadkin District To Be Staged At Neaves Park

ON MAY 3RD AND 4TH

Boy Scouts of the Elkin-Yadkin District will hold their annual camporee in Neaves Park on the week-end of May 3 and 4 with two days of scouting activities planned for the event.

Patrols wishing to participate in the camporee must apply to their district commissioners not later than April 29, and individual scouts must have had a physical examination within three months preceding the camporee.

Pennants will be awarded patrols on the basis of number of points scored in use of camp sites, personal appearance of Scouts, camping equipment, food, safety and sanitation, program and activities, patrol organization and leadership and new camp ideas.

Patrols with more than 738 of a possible 820 points will be awarded blue pennants, and lesser scores will receive red, yellow or green pennants.

The program begins at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, May 3, with registration and drawings for camp sites. The patrols are scheduled to set up their camps in the morning, and group games and other activities will be held in the afternoon.

An assembly at the flagpole is scheduled for Sunday morning following reveille and breakfast. Church call is at 8:35, and the camps will be judged at 10:15. Following lunch, the Scouts will break camp and prepare for final inspection.

EASTER GREETINGS



CARD DESIGNS REFLECT THE JOYOUS MOOD OF THE HAPPY EASTER SEASON.

Mass Meeting To Be Held Here Friday

Elkin voters are reminded that the mass meeting for nominating candidates for town offices will be held in the elementary school auditorium tomorrow night, April 4, at 7:30.

Mayor Garland Johnson and Commissioners J. O. Bivins, J. W. L. Benson, R. C. Freeman and Charlie N. Myers are seeking re-nominations, and Russell Burcham has been proposed as a candidate to replace Commissioner C. C. Myers, who stated last week that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself. The election will be held in the fire station at the city hall on Monday, May 5.

BUILDING FUND TO \$20,000.00

Promissory Notes Totalling That Amount Have Been Signed To Date

\$24,000 IS REQUIRED

A total of \$20,000 in promissory notes, to be used as collateral for a loan to finance the proposed agricultural exposition building, had been signed up to Wednesday noon, according to E. W. McDaniel, chairman of the drive.

With \$24,000 in notes required to back the estimated \$18,000 loan \$4,000 remain to be collected. Mr. McDaniel stated that his committee expected to complete the drive next week.

T. F. Cooley and Russell Burcham are other members of the exposition committee which is asking Elkin business men to sign promissory notes in \$100 denominations for the loan to finance the building.

The proposed exposition building is the third phase of a three-point park program that includes development of the high school athletic field and the elementary school playground. Funds for the two latter projects are already available.

TOWN MEETING AT DOBSON 4TH

Citizens Will Discuss Proposed Bond Election For Water, Sewage System

WILL HEAR ENGINEER

A second town meeting of Dobson citizens will be held at 7:30 tomorrow night, April 4, in the court house to discuss the proposed bond election for municipal water and sewage facilities.

A consultant engineer from Dixon and Stillwell, Charlotte engineering firm, will present the completed plans for the water system and tentative estimates for the sewage disposal facilities.

Mayor Frank Freeman stated that the election on a bond issue to finance the \$73,000 water system would definitely be held, and the meeting tomorrow night will determine whether Dobson citizens wish to include funds for the sewage disposal facilities.

A meeting was held last Friday night relative to the proposed election, but detailed information on engineering costs was lacking and no conclusive decisions were reached. According to Mayor Freeman, however, the consensus of opinion among those present seemed to be that funds for both the water and sewage projects should be included in the bond issue.

To Present Colors At Clingman School

There will be a presentation of National Colors at Clingman school, Sunday, April 13, at 2 p. m. The program will be sponsored by Dennyville Woodmen of the World Camp No. 806.

S. O. Maguire of Elkin will deliver the address and Boy Scout Troop No. 91 of Ronda will assist in the program.

Chinese tallow trees, found in the U. S. from South Carolina to Southern Texas, are ornamental shade trees, which have no known insect enemies and whose foliage not even goats will eat.

FARM WOMEN TO HOLD ALL-DAY PROGRAM HERE

Will Represent Surry, Wilkes And Yadkin Counties

YMCA ON APRIL 22ND

Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, Pioneer Leader In Home Demonstration, Speaker

KIWANIS CLUB SPONSOR

Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, pioneer leader of home demonstration work in North Carolina, will be the principal speaker at an all-day program for farm women of Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin counties in the Gilvin Roth YMCA here April 22.

Miss Iris Davenport, Woman's Editor of The Southern Agriculturist, will speak to the afternoon session following Dr. McKimmon's luncheon address.

The event is the first of its kind to be staged in this area, and large delegations of home demonstration club members from the three counties are expected to attend.

Sponsored by the Elkin Kiwanis Club, the program will feature speeches by home demonstration leaders and Extension Service specialists on topics relating to farm life.

The program will get under way at 10 a. m. Mayor Garland Johnson will welcome the women to the meeting in behalf of Kiwanians, and Mrs. A. T. Whittingham, chairman of Wilkes county home demonstration clubs, will give the response. A. C. Kimrey, Extension specialist in dairying, will discuss "Production of Clean Milk for the Home," and John Harris, landscaping specialist of the Extension Service, will speak on "Beautifying Home Grounds."

Lunch will be served from 12:30 until 2 p. m., following which Dr. McKimmon will address the group. She will be introduced by Mrs. Foy Norman, president of Yadkin county home demonstration clubs.

Miss Verna Stanton, assistant state home demonstration agent, will introduce Miss Davenport at the afternoon meeting. Her topic will be "Distinctive Dress."

Mrs. P. N. Taylor, president of the Surry county home demonstration council, will preside on the program.

Surry county's home demonstration agent, Mrs. Grace Pope Brown, is largely responsible for carrying out the work of planning the program and arranging invitations. The event is patterned somewhat after the Farmer's Day programs held in Elkin each Spring and will probably become an annual affair.

The theme of the program will be the slogan of home demonstration clubs, "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World." The official name for the event is the "Spring Festival of Home Demonstration Clubs."

Wilkes Pair Charged With Operating Still

Possessing and operating an unregistered still was charged against Burnett Cheek and Charlie E. Cox, Wilkes County, in arrests reported yesterday by the office of Marshall Edney Ridge, at Greensboro.

Taken before Ralph Davis, commissioner at Wilkesboro, the two were committed to Yadkin County jail at Yadkinville in default of \$500 bond each and will be tried at the May term of District Court of Wilkesboro.

The marshal's office also reported that B. R. Burke, escaped prisoner from the United States Public Health Institution at Lexington, Ky., was arrested in Mount Airy Saturday and is now being held in Yadkin County jail pending orders for his removal.

Two books in the Bible are named for women, 37 for men.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES HERE

Will Be Held In Both Elkin And Jonesville Cemeteries At 6:10 A. M.

ALL WILL TAKE PART

Easter sunrise services will be held in both the Elkin and Jonesville cemeteries, R. J. Hogan, secretary of the ministerial association of this area, has announced.

Services will begin promptly at 6:10 a. m., and choirs from the combined churches will have charge of the music.

The program at the Hollywood cemetery will consist of the invocation by J. C. Gwaltney; music, Ralph Ritchie; scripture, Joseph C. Brown; prayer, J. L. Powers; message, Robert G. Tuttle; and benediction, Howard J. Ford.

C. Francis Noble, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, will deliver the message at the Jonesville sunrise service. The music will be in charge of Arthur Martin; scripture, C. Marvin Boggs; prayer, Clifford Vestal; and benediction, R. J. Hogan.

The churches in the association extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend the service closest to them Easter morning.

