

Murder Cases Continued At Surry Session

April Term Ends At Dobson Last Week; Try Many

The April term of Surry superior court was concluded last week with three murder cases being continued to later terms. Trial for Robert L. Jessup, Mount Airy man charged with the fatal shooting of Roy Towe on March 15, was continued until the June term of court. The cases of Mrs. Lavora Wood, Crutchfield woman who allegedly shot and killed her husband in January, and James E. Edwards, Jr., of Mount Airy, were also continued.

Fred Murphy, 45-year-old prison escapee, was sentenced to serve seven years in the state prison on charges of breaking and entering and larceny. Murphy also faces trial in Alleghany and Yadkin counties on similar charges. He allegedly robbed the F. W. Day store in Booneville, and will be turned over to the Yadkin county sheriff following disposition of his case in Alleghany county. Murphy escaped from the Alleghany prison camp at Sparta last December and eluded officers until a few weeks ago when he was arrested in South Dakota and brought back by plane by Sheriff Sam Patterson of Surry and Sheriff D. C. Richardson of Alleghany.

Albert Fletcher was sentenced to 30 days in jail after he was convicted of carrying a concealed weapon. William Henry Odum and Arlis Harrell were each sentenced to four years in the state prison upon conviction on robbery charges. James Clarence Wheeling, Carl J. Davis and Walter Troyak, charged with larceny, were given suspended sentences of eight months, 12 months and 18 months, respectively.

Dennis Peele was convicted of operating a vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor and was fined \$50 and costs. He was given a six months sentence which was suspended on good behavior. Roy L. Lawson was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon and received a four month suspended sentence.

Burdette Woodruff, charged with violating the prohibition law, was given an 18-months suspended sentence and a suspended fine of \$300. Prayer for judgment in the case of Grady W. Collins, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was continued.

Arthur Vipperman was convicted of forgery and received an eight months suspended sentence. Hasten Bowman, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was ordered to pay \$87 to the court for the use and benefit of Jim Langford.

The case of Oscar B. Starling, (Continued on page eight, 1st sec.)

LEAGUE WILL OPEN MAY 3

Four Games To Officially Launch Yadkin Valley Baseball Association

PLAY TWICE WEEKLY

Four games scheduled for Saturday, May 3, will officially open the 1947 season for the Yadkin Valley Baseball League, according to an announcement today by Jim Hemmings, secretary of the newly-formed league.

Elkin meets Hamptonville on the latter's field; Jonesville and Shady Grove will play an opener in Jonesville; Clingman meets Rockford at Rockford; and Booneville clashes with North Wilkesboro in the latter town. All games start at 4 p. m.

Eight teams from Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes counties are entered in the league, which was organized here recently at a meeting of managers in the YMCA. Two games per week are being scheduled for each team. Mr. Hemmings said, and play will continue through the summer months. The following games are scheduled for Wednesday, May 7: Clingman at Shady Grove, Elkin at Jonesville, North Wilkesboro at Rockford, and Hamptonville at Booneville.

ELKIN JAYCEES WIN 3 HONORS AT CONVENTION

Win First Award For Second Year In Agriculture IS SECOND IN SPORTS

Over Fifty Jaycee Clubs Entered 139 Projects In The Competition

ELKIN MEN ATTEND

The Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce won honors in three fields of competition at the tenth annual North Carolina Jaycee Convention held at Morehead City, last week-end. The local club was represented by President Robert Lankford, Vice-President V. W. Taylor, Jr., State Director Clyde Carroll, and Delegates Kemp Reece and Hoyle Cranford. Mr. Carroll served on the Awards Committee, and Mr. Cranford was elected to the Resolutions Committee of the State organization.

For the second consecutive year, the Elkin club won first award in the popular and highly competitive field of agriculture. The annual Fat Stock Show and Sale sponsored by Elkin Jaycees has won national as well as state acclaim since it won first award at the national convention last year. The local club placed second in the field of sports and recreation. Winston-Salem won top honors with its Piedmont Bowl football game, and Greensboro's open golf tournament took third place.

The fourth quarterly award was won by the Elkin club for its annual invitational basketball tournament. The Elkin chamber also won consideration in the Lentz Memorial Award given for the most outstanding project by a North Carolina Jaycee club.

Over 500 delegates attended the convention as guests of the Morehead City Junior Chamber of Commerce. Ed Ellis, of Charlotte, was elected president of the state organization over candidates Bob Williams, of Asheville, and Hal Love, of Wilmington. Retiring President Odell Lambeth, of Greensboro, presided at the banquet and business sessions of the convention.

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3,500 NAMES ON PETITION

Request County Board To Call Bond Election For School Program

IS PRESENTED MONDAY

More than 3,500 Surry County voters have signed a petition requesting the county commissioners to call a bond election for a million-dollar school building program in Surry County, according to Superintendent of Schools John W. Comer.

The petitions will be presented to the commissioners at a meeting Monday night, and it is expected that a date for the election will be set for the latter part of May or early June.

The Elkin school system would get \$200,000 of the \$1,000,000 in bonds for expansion of local education facilities. Mount Airy is scheduled to receive \$400,000 and the remainder would be apportioned to schools at Dobson, Mountain Park, Beulah, White Plains, Franklin, Flat Rock, Pilot Mountain, Copeland, and Westfield.

"The proposed million-dollar issue does not provide for the complete school building program as planned," Mr. Comer said, "but it will place the county in a favorable position to complete the job in the near future through the issuance of further bonds on the basis of amount of indebtedness reduced the preceding year." He stated that a survey of the county indicated that \$1,600,000 would be required to provide fully for all school needs at the present time.

Report On Jaycee Convention Given

Reports on the tenth annual Jaycee Convention held in Morehead City last week-end were presented at the regular dinner meeting of Elkin Jaycees in the YMCA Monday night.

Dr. V. W. Taylor, Jr., Hoyle Cranford, Kemp Reece, Clyde Carroll and President Bob Lankford, who attended the convention, gave interesting accounts of various phases of the meeting. The local club won honors in three fields of competition at the convention.



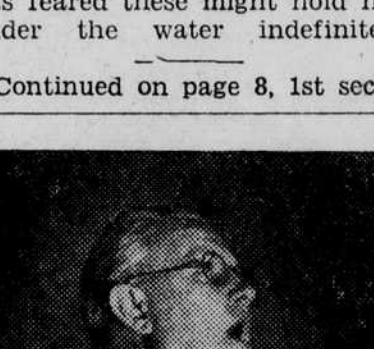
TOOK PART IN SEARCH — Members of the Elkin Emergency Squad spent many hours searching the muddy waters of the Yadkin river in search of the body of D. W. Ireland, who drowned Monday afternoon of last week, and whose body was recovered late last Sunday afternoon by another group of searchers. The photo above, was made last Saturday afternoon as the Elkin crew, assisted by a crew from Roanoke, Va., dragged the river about two miles below the spot in which Mr. Ireland disappeared in the water. Those shown are, left to right, Fred Eidson, H. W. (Chick) Thompson, Roland Lancaster, D. C. Dixon and H. C. Bowman. The body, when found, was floating on the surface of the water. —Tribune Photo.

Body Of D. W. Ireland Is Recovered Sunday

Yadkin Farmer Found Afloat By Searchers

The body of D. Webster (Webb) Ireland, 44, of Hamptonville, who was drowned in the Yadkin river just below Huntsville bridge late Monday afternoon of last week, was recovered Sunday afternoon on heavy rubber hip boots and it was feared these might hold him under the water indefinitely.

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DIRECTOR — Grady Miller, above, will direct the Jonesville-Elkin Civic Music Program to be presented in the YMCA here Tuesday night, May 6, at 8:30. Mr. Miller is minister of music at the First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, and holds a master of arts degree in music from Columbia University. He is widely known for his work in directing various choral groups in the Twin City.

MUSIC EVENT PLANS READY

Jonesville-Elkin Civic Program To Be Held At YMCA Tuesday P. M.

MAY BE ANNUAL AFFAIR

Plans are being completed for the Jonesville-Elkin Civic Music Program to be held in the Gilvin Roth YMCA here Tuesday night, May 6, at 8:30.

In addition to the "Maid of Melody," a 40-voice woman's chorus, and the "Forsyth Singers," a similar male group, the program will feature Allen Stanley, soloist, a girls' trio, and a barber shop quartet. The program will be concluded with a rendition of Lomborg's "Your Land and My Land" by the entire company.

The "Forsyth Singers," an all-male chorus which was organized

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Town Election To Be Held Next Monday

Polling booths in the fire station will be open next Monday, May 5, from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. for the biennial election of town officers.

Mayor Garland Johnson and the five candidates for the board of commissioners are unopposed. Mayor Johnson, Commissioners J. O. Bivins, J. W. L. Benson, R. C. Freeman and Charlie N. Myers were nominated to succeed themselves in office at a mass meeting here April 4, and Russell Burcham was nominated to succeed Commissioner Carl C. Myers, who did not seek renomination.

Election judges are N. J. Blackwood and R. G. Franklin, and J. L. Lillard and S. O. Maguire are alternate judges.

ASK FOR BIDS ON BUILDINGS

Surry Board Of Education To Construct 7 Agricultural Shop Buildings

HAVE UNTIL MAY 9TH

The Surry County Board of Education has issued a call for bids for the construction of seven agricultural shop buildings at Flat Rock, Beulah, Copeland, Pilot Mountain, Franklin, Mountain Park and White Plains.

Bids will be received until 3 p. m. on May 9, and must be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of not less than five per cent of the base bid.

The shop buildings will constitute part of a proposed million-dollar school building program in Surry county. A bond election date is expected to be set next Monday at a meeting of the County Commissioners and the Board of Education.

Four Men Jailed On Charges Of Robbery

Four men have been jailed on charges of highway robbery with firearms and impersonating an officer in three separate cases, two in Yadkin county and one in Wilkes county.

Burton Key of Brooks Cross Roads and Glenn and Millard Bell of Wilkes county were still in jail last night, being held on bonds of \$10,000.00 each. Gaither Key of Brooks Cross Roads, who was placed in jail Sunday, was released Tuesday night after officers had checked his alibi and other circumstances which pointed to his innocence.

First arrested Sunday were Gaither Key and Glen Bell. On Tuesday Bell gave bond of \$5,000, but was arrested again yesterday on an additional charge. Burton Key was arrested Tuesday afternoon and Millard Bell yesterday, after Burton Key confessed his part of the holdups and implicated Millard Bell. Burton Key also said that his brother, Gaither Key, had no part in the crimes.



GOES TO BIGGER JOB — L. S. Weaver, above, has resigned his post as head of the Statesville city schools to accept a position as superintendent of the city school system of Durham. Mr. Weaver is a former principal of the Jonesville school, and has made an enviable record in his six years as head of the Statesville schools.

Dobson Student Is Selected For Honor

Gray Bolick, Jr., Dobson high school student, has been selected by the Dobson American Legion Post 320 to attend a citizenship training course at the University of North Carolina during the week of June 5-12.

The course is sponsored by the University's Institute of Government in the interest of better citizenship. Participants are selected by Legion Posts in various sections of the state on the basis of scholastic standing and other qualifications.

Persons desiring to enter new businesses that require the use of sugar may make initial application in writing immediately to Sugar Rationing Administration Branch Offices, the USDA has announced.

Seagle-Choate Case Is To Be Tried In Surry

Cancer Drive To Continue Until End This Week

Glenn Lewis, chairman of the local cancer drive, stated yesterday that the campaign would be continued through the end of the week and urged those who have not yet contributed to do so as soon as possible.

The drive is being sponsored in Elkin by the Lions Club, and a goal of \$1,000 has been set as a minimum quota. Funds contributed in the campaign will be used by the American Cancer Society in a research program to determine the cause and cure of the deadly disease.

Alleghany Jury Returns True Bill At Sparta

Dr. B. O. Choate, Sparta physician, and C. W. Seagle, of Charlotte, both of whom face manslaughter and abortion charges in connection with the death of Mrs. Annie Mae Anderson in a local hotel here last summer, are scheduled to be tried in Surry County as the result of an order issued by Judge J. H. Clement in Alleghany superior court Tuesday afternoon.

The cases were originally transferred to Alleghany County last October on the basis of a ruling by Judge Wilson Warlick to the effect that Alleghany was the proper county for trial of the two men because the alleged abortion was committed there, and evidence had failed to show any offense committed in Surry county.

However, Judge Clement ordered the cases again transferred to Surry County after Solicitor Walter E. Johnson moved that the transfer be made on the grounds that Dr. Choate's wide practice and acquaintance in Alleghany County might prove a hindrance to a fair trial.

Both men entered pleas of not guilty through their counsel after an Alleghany grand jury returned true bills of indictment which found cause for action against the defendants on charges of manslaughter and abortion.

Judge Clement overruled a motion to dismiss the bills on the basis of "irregularities and errors," which was presented by Allen and Henderson, of Elkin, and W. H. Childs, of Lincolnton, attorneys for Seagle.

Appearing for Dr. Choate were Attorneys R. F. Crouse, R. J. Randolph, and Folger and Folger, of Mount Airy.

Seagle and Dr. Choate will probably face trial at the September term of Surry superior court in Dobson. Dr. Choate is under a \$15,000 bond and Seagle is at liberty under bond totaling \$8,000.

Mrs. Anderson was found dead in a hotel room here on Sunday morning, August 25, 1946, presumably from loss of blood resulting from the alleged abortion. Seagle was said to have brought the woman here from Charlotte and registered at the hotel with her under the names of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Webster. He allegedly carried Mrs. Anderson to Sparta for treatment by Dr. Choate, on August 23, returned to Elkin to spend the night, and made another trip to Sparta the next day when he became worried about the woman's condition. He is reported to have said that the woman was bleeding on the trip back to Elkin and during the night. Seagle, who occupied a room adjoining Mrs. Anderson's said he had gone to find a doctor Sunday morning and found Mrs. Anderson dead when he returned about 8 o'clock.

WEAVER WILL GO TO DURHAM

Former Jonesville School Superintendent To Take Over City School System

NOW IN STATESVILLE

L. S. Weaver, former Jonesville school principal and a past president of the Elkin Kiwanis Club, resigned his position as superintendent of the Statesville schools Monday to accept a similar position as head of the Durham city school system. His resignation becomes effective July 1.

Mr. Weaver left Jonesville in 1941 to accept the superintendency of the Statesville schools, and has made an enviable record during his six years there. He introduced vocational and trade classes to the Statesville schools and saw a new Senior high school built during his period of service.

Under Mr. Weaver's guidance the Statesville school term was increased from eight to nine months and a twelfth grade was added. Health and physical education classes were begun in the Statesville Junior high school under Mr. Weaver, and the high school commercial course was expanded.

Mr. Weaver has been active in education circles in North Carolina for many years and at one time was president of the South Piedmont district of the North Carolina Education association.

His new position as superintendent of the Durham schools will provide him with greater opportunity to utilize his talents and experience in the field of education.

Mr. Weaver is a son of the late C. C. Weaver, Sr., of this city, and a brother of Charles C. Weaver, also of Elkin.

WILL HOLD 4-H EVENT MAY 4

Annual Health Pageant And Style Revue To Be Staged At Dobson Courthouse

CROWN HEALTH CHAMPS

The annual Health Pageant and Style Revue for 4-H Club members of Surry county will be held at the court house in Dobson Monday, May 5, according to an announcement by Luther G. Sink, assistant county agent in charge of 4-H work.

Highlight of the program will be the crowning of kings and queens of health, who were selected recently by Dr. B. C. Franklin, county health officer. Lorine Snow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Snow of Dobson, and Sam Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Taylor of White Plains, will be crowned queen and king of the Senior Clubs. Darrol Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Simpson of Copeland, and Marie Hunter, daughter of Mrs. A. H. Hunter of North Elkin, have been selected as the Junior king and queen.

Neill M. Smith, Surry county agent, will welcome the club members to the event, which is scheduled to begin at 10 a. m. Following the opening song and

ELKS WINNER OF 3 GAMES

Defeat Flat Rock Twice And Yadkinville Once During Week's Period

Elkin High chalked up three victories on the diamond during the week — two over Flat Rock and one over Yadkinville. The Elks defeated Flat Rock 15-4 on Wednesday last week, scoring seven runs in the third inning. Bill Jurney pitched a three-hit ball game, while Sam Adams performed well behind the plate.

On Thursday of last week, the Elks battered two Yadkinville hurlers for 16 hits in racking up a 11-7 victory. Flat Rock lost a return match to the local team on Monday, 11-22. Couch slugged out two home runs and a triple in four times at the plate to lead the Elks. Parker brought in three runs on a triple and then came home to score on an error. Bob Lawrence was also credited with a triple that brought in three men; Sam Adams clouted a homer in the fourth inning; and Jack Park slugged another homer in the seventh.

Elkin plays North Wilkesboro tomorrow, May 2, in North Wilkesboro.

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