

PURCHASE OF METERS HERE IS POSTPONED

Town Commissioners Meet With Various Salesmen

MAKE FURTHER STUDY

Administrator Recommends To Board System Of Fire Alarm Signals For Area

DELEGATION IS HEARD

At its regular meeting in the City Hall Monday evening, Elkin's governing body postponed the purchase of parking meters pending further investigation as to the most desirable type of meter for the town.

Three representatives of parking meter companies were present at the meeting to demonstrate and explain the advantages of their devices, but the board moved to defer a decision on any particular type until a further study can be completed by City Administrator R. Lewis Alexander.

Authorization for the paving of Reeves Street in Sunset Park was also delayed until more complete information could be obtained on paving costs. A delegation of property owners from Sunset Park appeared before the board in behalf of the project.

The issuance of a taxi operator's license to Claude Pardue was authorized at the meeting.

The board heard Administrator Alexander's report on several municipal matters, including his recommendation that a fire alarm system, which would designate the area in which a fire occurs, be established for the town. Mr. Alexander suggested that Elkin and vicinity be divided into five areas with an identifying fire alarm signal for each section. Roughly, the areas would consist of the uptown business district; Jonesville; West Elkin, with Big Elkin Creek as the boundary; North Elkin; and East Elkin, beginning at Gwyn Avenue and including Chatham Manufacturing Company. Mr. Alexander's tentative plan provides for the sounding of a general alarm upon discovery of fire, followed by area-identifying signals at regular intervals. He was authorized to determine the proper equipment for such a system and report his findings at the September meeting of the board.

WILL DISCUSS ELKIN EVENT

Agricultural Leaders And County Agents Will Meet At The Y.M.C.A.

HARRELL IS COMING

Agricultural leaders and county agents from Surry and several neighboring counties will meet in the YMCA Friday, August 8, at 8 p. m. to discuss plans for the Jaycee-sponsored Fat Stock Show and Sale to be staged here September 16 and 17.

Hoyle Cranford, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor Garland Johnson, prominent leader in agricultural events, will participate in the program-planning session.

L. R. Harrell, state 4-H Club leader, has accepted an invitation to speak at the banquet following the show, and Harry Hamilton, Jr., livestock marketing specialist for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, will be auctioneer for the sale.

An educational program for 4-H and FFA club members will be given at 10:30 a. m., September 16, preceding the show, it was announced.

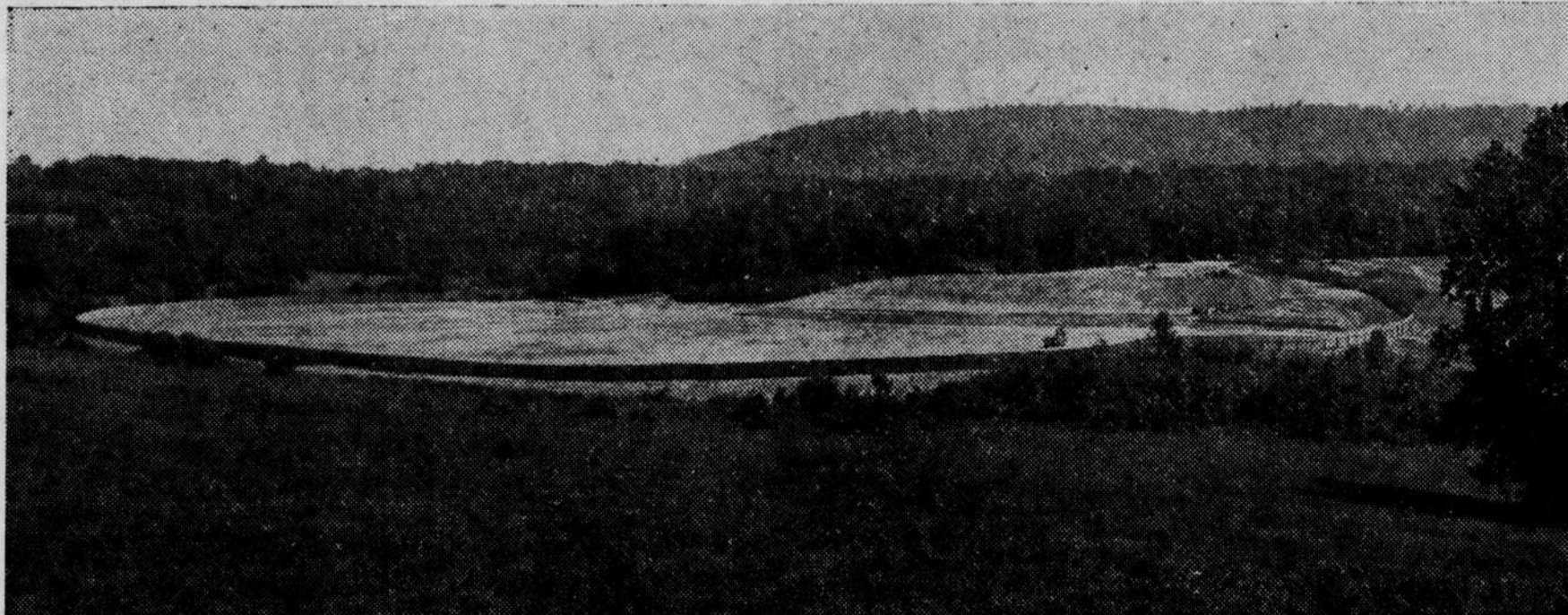
The new exposition building in Memorial Park is expected to be completed by the date of the show and will be used to exhibit entries.

Local Committee To Discuss Road Needs Of Area

A committee of Elkin business men will meet at a dinner session in the Gilvin Roth YMCA next Tuesday at 12:15 to discuss the road needs of this section.

Raymond Smith, member of the State Highway Commission, Z. V. Stewart, district engineer, and other highway officials are expected to be present.

All business men who expect to attend the meeting are urged to contact E. W. McDaniel, chairman of the committee, not later than Monday.



ELKIN-JONESVILLE SPEEDWAY TO OPEN SUNDAY — Above is a view of the new Elkin-Jonesville Speedway, which will be opened Sunday for stock car racing under the sanction of the National Championship Stock Car Racing Circuit, with a 75-lap main event being scheduled. The track, said to be the fastest in this section of the country, will provide a grandstand with seating for over 7,000 spectators. The track is located about one-half mile south of the Jonesville high school building. (PHOTO BY BELL)

CERTIFICATE IS REVOKED

N. C. Board of Education Takes Away Teaching Rights of R. L. Fritz, Jr.

CALDWELL CO. TEACHER

The North Carolina Board of Education Tuesday revoked the teaching certificate of R. L. Fritz, Jr., Caldwell County school principal allegedly charged with payroll irregularities in the disposition of school funds.

The board also directed the Caldwell County Board of Education to refund to the state treasurer's office all funds wrongfully paid out by the Hudson schools, of which Fritz is principal, during the 1946-47 school term, and placed the amount at \$1,641.19.

Some observers questioned the legality of the board's action in revoking Fritz's certificate. Attorney General Harry McMullan said he could find no expressed provision in the general statutes giving the state board of education authority to revoke certificates which it alone can issue.

Meanwhile, leaders in the Hudson school community signed a petition asserting that Fritz had conducted the school in an "efficient manner" and that his "loss would be injurious" to the Hudson school system.

President of the North Carolina Education Association, Fritz was an active leader in the drive to increase salaries of teachers during the 1947 General Assembly session.

Two Stills Smashed; Wagoner Is Taken After Liquor Found

Yadkin Sheriff A. F. Moxley reports that he and his forces found and smashed two liquor stills during the month of July, and found two gallons of whiskey at one of them which was destroyed also.

One of the stills was found in East Bend township and the liquor was found with this still. The other one was found in Deep Creek township. No one was found at either place.

Sheriff Moxley reports that he and his deputy Fred Turner were assisting federal officers Tuesday night in looking for a federal law violator when they visited the home of Dollie Wagoner who lives at the old Joe Reavis place in the Lone Hickory section. While searching for their man they found two gallons of whiskey and a new copper still worm in Wagoner's home. He was arrested and carried before U. S. Commissioner M. W. Mackie and bound over to federal court.

Sheriff Moxley states that he has recently received numerous unsigned letters giving the location of stills and when search was made no still found. He states that letters must be signed if they are to receive any attention, although such communications will be kept strictly confidential.

Surry Has 9,007 Motor Vehicles

As of July 1, a total of 802,349 vehicles were registered in North Carolina, of which 9,007 are in Surry county, it has been announced by North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

Of the total number registered in the state, 788,769 are autos, trucks, and trailers, while the remaining 23,580 are dealers' and state highway vehicles.

Guilford county leads all vehicle registrations with 42,387. Mecklenburg runs a close second with 41,653. Clay, Tyrrell, Granville and Dare counties are among the lowest.

In this area, Wilkes county has a total of 6,755. Yadkin has 4,989 and Alleghany 1,519.

New Stock Car Race Track Opens Sunday

Speedway Will Feature 100 Laps Of Racing

The South's newest race track, the new Elkin-Jonesville Speedway, will receive its baptism here Sunday afternoon in northwestern North Carolina's greatest sports spectacle—stock car auto racing.

Scheduled under the sanction of the National Championship Stock Car Racing Circuit, the program features 100 laps of racing, including a 75-lap main event. The races will be directed by Bill France, America's No. 1 race promoter.

Built by Chester Shore, of Hamptonville, the same engineer who constructed North Wilkesboro's famous track, the Elkin-Jonesville oval boasts the largest grandstand of any track in the Carolinas and Virginia. The gigantic structure will hold over 7,000 spectators, and plans are under way to increase it in size to hold 10,000. The latter, however, will not be accomplished in time for the first race program.

Heading the crack field which will compete at the Elkin Speedway are Bob Flock, Ed Sumner, Buddy Shuman, Glen Dumaway and Johnnie Rogers, five drivers who can hold their own on the track against anyone. It is also likely that Fonty Flock, leader in national point standings, will be on hand. Fonty holds first place in the standings over brother Bob by just 10 points.

Approximately 30 cars are expected to run for gold and glory on the four-race program. In addition to time trials, there will be two heats, a consolation and the 75-lap feature. Time trials will begin at 12:30 p. m. and the first race will get under way at 3 p. m.

France announced yesterday that over 10 tons of calcium chloride and salt would be spread on the speedway to make it dustproof. And just to make certain that there will be no dust, over 20,000 gallons of oil will be poured on the half-mile dirt oval between now and the day of the race.

Chester Shore is president of Elkin-Jonesville Speedway, Inc., with James Boyd as vice-president and Jimmy Cox as secretary and treasurer. Other stockholders are G. Buck Wall and Fred Chilton. The George Gray Post of the American Legion will have charge of concessions at the opening races.

Iowa's First White Settlement

What now comprises the state of Iowa was first visited by Marquette and Joliet in 1673. The first white settlement in the state was made in 1788, when a party of ten went to work in the lead and zinc mines located near the present site of Des Moines.

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Initial Flood Control Surveys On Yadkin To Begin Next Week

The Tribune learned Wednesday through its Washington Bureau that initial surveys on the proposed Yadkin River Flood Control Project will get under way next week.

A planning fund of \$75,000 has been set aside for the work, and army engineers announced that they would proceed with the surveys on the dam sites sometime next week. It is expected that topographic surveys of the two proposed Reddies River sites will be completed first.

STORM CAUSES CROP DAMAGE

Loss Estimated At Close To \$100,000 In Surry And Adjoining Counties

LEAF DAMAGE \$50,000.00

Damage to crops in Surry and surrounding counties was estimated at close to \$100,000 as a result of the electrical storm in this area early Monday morning.

Tobacco losses alone might exceed \$50,000 according to some observers, and high winds and hail caused extensive damage to corn and other crops. Lightning added to losses by setting fire to farm buildings in several counties.

Many a Surry farmer was thankful for crop insurance as the torrential rains stripped tobacco leaves from stalks and battered down grain almost ready for harvesting.

In Yadkin County, H. M. Lindhorst of the Longtown community lost a tobacco curing barn when lightning struck the building and set it on fire. Thad Carlton, of near Yadkinville, lost a new feed barn as the result of lightning and fire, but managed to save a mule in the building when he was awakened by thunder. Mr. Carlton estimated his loss at \$3,000, only one-third of which was covered by insurance.

SURRY SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 11

Outlook And Prospects For Good Year Are Best Ever, Comer Says

EXPECT 8,000 STUDENTS

Surry County schools are scheduled to open for the 1947-48 term on Thursday, September 11, it was announced today by Superintendent of Schools John W. Comer.

"The outlook and prospects for a good school year are the best we have ever had," Mr. Comer said. "With increased compensation for teachers and full cooperation from county fiscal authorities, we should have an excellent term."

An estimated 7,500 to 8,000 students are expected to be enrolled in the 17 schools in the county system, marking an increase over last year's enrollment of approximately five per cent. Franklin school will have the largest number of students with an expected enrollment of 950. Dobson ranks as the second largest county school with 900 students, and Pilot Mountain is third with an enrollment of 700. Cook school, with 65 students, is the smallest unit in the county system.

Several vacancies in the teaching staffs at Lowgap, Dobson and Shoals have not been filled as yet, Mr. Comer said.

Farmer Cooperation Urged In Campaign

The full co-operation of all farmers in Elkin, Bryan and Marsh townships is requested in the current rat-elimination campaign sponsored by the Surry Farm Bureau with the assistance of the County Agent's office.

County Agent Neill M. Smith pointed out that the drive will lose much of its effectiveness if a few farms fail to co-operate. "The pests will simply desert the poison-treated farms for the non-treated areas," he said.

Rat poison may be obtained at the Elkin Hatchery, Brendies Seed and Feed Store, J. C. Dobbins and the North Elkin Service Station in this area, and at community centers in Bryan and Marsh townships.

Mr. Deane hailed the move as "an opening wedge in our long fight to end the annual Yadkin flood tragedy."

May Establish Leaf Experiment Station In Surry This Fall

19 COMPETE IN BEAUTY SHOW

"Miss Elkin of 1947" Scheduled To Be Chosen At Pageant Wednesday

TO HAVE WATER SHOW

Nineteen beautiful girls had cast their bids for the title of "Miss Elkin of 1947" as The Tribune went to press Wednesday afternoon.

The contestants went through a full rehearsal at the YMCA Tuesday evening that gave promise of a gala show for the capacity throng expected at the beauty pageant Wednesday at 8 p. m. in the "Y."

Gene Aldridge and his 10-piece orchestra, "The Rebels," were set to provide music sweet and hot for the Jaycee-sponsored event. The band was to feature special arrangements by Bob Nicks and Russell Johnson.

The contestants, their sponsors, and their performances in the pageant were as follows:

Betty Jean Pardue, Jonesville, sponsored by Redmon Studio, specialty dance with Ott Boles, Jr.; Elizabeth Hall, Yadkinville, sponsored by Graham-Click, vocal solo; Mrs. W. E. Dobbins, accompanist; Lucy Wolfe, State Road, sponsored by Belk-Doughton Company, piano solo; Mary Brown, Jonesville, sponsored by Elk Pharmacy, reading; Doretta Chappell, Jonesville, sponsored by Bell Photographic Service, specialty dance with Ott Boles, Jr.; Betty Lou Steelman, Elkin, sponsored by Abernethy's, vocal solo; Mrs. H. Oyle Cranford, accompanist; Helen Thompson, East Bend, sponsored by Turner Drug Company, piano solo; Mary Lou Dobbins, Boonville, sponsored by the Bas-

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IMPORTANT POST — Tom L. Parnell, above, member of the Elkin Lions Club, was recently appointed chairman of Zone 1, Lions District 31B, by Lions District Governor Francis E. Walker, of Durham. As Zone chairman, Mr. Parnell's principal duty will be to call and conduct regular meetings of the Lions Advisory Committee of this zone, this committee being composed of various presidents and secretaries within this district. Mr. Parnell is a charter member of the local Lions club and has served for three consecutive years as its secretary. Photo By Redmon Studio.

NEW NURSES TO SERVE YADKIN

Mrs. Dorothy Burchette And Mrs. T. R. White Will Be Named For County

MISS NIBLOCK RESIGNS

Miss Laura Niblock, who has been one of the nurses for Yadkin county for several years, is still a patient at Long's Hospital, Statesville, where her condition does not improve. She has written friends in Yadkin county that she does not expect to ever be in Yadkin again, and she has resigned as a nurse.

This leaves Yadkin without any nurses, as Mrs. Messick resigned several weeks ago, and the work of selecting two new nurses has been underway for several days.

Mrs. Dorothy Burchette, wife of Charles Burchette of East Bend, will be one of the new nurses and she will have charge of one half the territory of the county and her office will be at Boonville. Mrs. T. R. White of Elkin has been named as the second nurse for the county and she will also have charge of half the county. Mrs. White is the widow of Dr. T. R. White, who died several years ago, and she is well known in the western part of the county. Both new nurses will enter on their work August 15th. Both these ladies come highly recommended in their line of work.

Kiwanis Meet Is To Feature Discussion

Elkin Kiwanians heard an excellent talk at their meeting at the Gilvin Roth YMCA last Thursday night when Professor William Edgerton, of Guilford College, recounted his experiences while serving as a representative of the UNRRA and American Friends' society in Germany and Poland.

Present at the meeting as a guest was former member of the local club, Charlie Brewer, now of Oxford.

The program for this evening's Kiwanis meeting will feature a round table discussion of the new driving laws for the State of North Carolina, which will be led by J. W. (Red) Williamson, a member of the State Highway Patrol. Another feature of the program will be the presence as guests of the Kiwanis Knee-Pants baseball team.

Ministerial Ass'n. To Meet At Y.M.C.A.

Elkin-Jonesville Ministerial Association will meet at noon Monday at the Gilvin Roth YMCA for their regular monthly luncheon meeting. Every member is urged to be present.

To Make Survey To Find Land That Is Suitable

A new tobacco experiment station that would serve growers throughout western North Carolina may be established in Surry County this fall if a suitable location for experimental work can be obtained.

Dr. W. E. Colwell, research professor of N. C. State College, indicated at a recent conference of farm leaders that Surry could be designated as the location for the new station if the county would provide funds for the purchase or lease of a farm for experimental work. The problem was presented to the board of county commissioners at a meeting in Dobson Monday but no action was taken in view of the question as to whether the county possessed legal authority to appropriate funds for such a purpose.

However, the board authorized a committee composed of County Agent Neill M. Smith, State Senator R. P. Jones, P. N. Taylor, S. H. Atkinson and S. N. Smith to investigate the possibility of using the county home farm as a location for the experiment station. The committee has requested Dr. L. D. Bayer, state director of experiment stations in Raleigh, to have a survey made of the county farm to determine whether the soil is suitable for experimental work in tobacco.

The survey will also include other farm lands in the county that are available as a location for the station in the event that the county farm proves impractical. Farmers who have four or five acres of land that they are willing to offer as a possible location should contact County Agent Neill M. Smith in order that such areas may be included in the survey. Mr. Smith stated that tobacco acreage used by the experiment station would not be deducted from the regular allotments. The farm selected for experimental work must have, in addition to typical soil conditions, a dwelling house and facilities for curing tobacco.

Salaries of the experimental staff will be met with state and federal funds appropriated for such work, but no funds are provided.

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Thieves Steal Money, Bus In Robbery Here

Officers Wednesday had still not uncovered the identity of the thief, or thieves, who entered the City Transit Company offices on West Main Street early Saturday morning, robbed a metal cabinet of some \$300 and then made a getaway in a passenger bus.

Police officers discovered the abandoned bus in Charlotte Sunday, but no trace of the burglar or money was found. The culprit evidently ran out of gas and deserted the vehicle.

Entrance to the bus company office was apparently gained by forcing open a window in the rear of the building.

Hoke Henderson Resigns As City Attorney Here

Hoke F. Henderson has resigned as town attorney for Elkin, effective immediately, he informed The Tribune yesterday.

In his letter of resignation to Mayor Garland Johnson and the board of commissioners, Mr. Henderson stated that the demands of his private law practice made the move necessary. Mr. Henderson's resignation will not affect the defense of the town of Elkin by the law firm of Allen and Henderson in pending litigation.

No successor to the post of town attorney has been named. Mr. Henderson's letter of resignation follows: "It is necessary for Mr. Allen and I to devote our entire time to our private practice; therefore, I hereby resign as town attorney for the Town of Elkin, effective immediately."