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Report Made *By McElwee In City Case

Says Charge Not Proved By Greenwood

Attorney W. H. McElwee of North Wilkesboro, referee in the case of Andrew Greenwood vs. The Town of Elkin, has submitted a report to the clerk of the superior Creek Road were not, in the eyes of the law, derived from ad valorem taxation because such

Mr. Greenwood had contended in his complaint that funds authorized for the construction of the airport were derived from the same period were \$40,672.25. Willevy of ad valorem taxes and that kes county citizens bought a total such action was illegal inasmuch of \$23,683.75 during the month. as the question had not been submitted to voters.

However, Mr. McElwee's report stated that "the burden of proof is on the plaintiff . . . (and) the plaintiff has failed in his legal duty to carry this burden . . ."

The report stated further that all funds collected by the town were deposited in one common the extent that all identity as to manner of handling the funds, "it is not possible . . . to determine accurately the source of the funds expended by the Town of Elkin in the construction, maintenance and operation of the airport . . .,

Mr. McElwee was appointed as referee in the case in February of last year by Judge Frank M. Armstrong.

Among the questions Mr. McElwee was ordered to determine, in addition to the question of whether the town expended funds derived from ad valorem taxation in the construction of the airport, were these: (1) The amounts expended by the town from any source for the construction, maintenance and operation of the airport; (2) Whether C. C. Myers was a member of the Board of Commissioners of the town of Elkin and was also a stockholder, Ridge Aviation. Inc., at the time for the construction of the air- ans. The chief object of the auxiport and (3) Whether the con- liary organization, as explained by tract between the town and Weldon Weir for the grading and construction of the runways at the airport was entered into in viola-

tion of the law. According to the report, Mr. McElwee found that the total

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Boy Scout Leaders

Scout leaders of the Elkin-Yadkin District were scheduled to meet in the YMCA Wednesday evening at 6:30 for a round table discussion of plans for Boy Scout Week, February 8-15, and the general scouting program for the year, it was announced yesterday by Paul Price, chairman of the

camping and activities committee Expected to attend the meeting were Lester Long of East Bend; Colin Pardue of Ronda; J. D. Hemmings of Mountain Park; Odell Couch of Pleasant Hill Johnny Sears and Watt Deal of Jonesville; and Jimmy Harrell, Buck Hines. Tom Roth and Paul Price of Elkin.

Parking Meters Have Holiday Wednesday P. M.

On Wednesday afternoons, when local stores are closed, it will not be necessary to drop a penny or nickel into the parking meters when you park, Dixie Graham, city clerk, said

yesterday. The parking meter law will not be enforced at any time when Elkin stores are closed, Mr. Graham said.

SURRY SALE OF BONDS \$191,360

W. L. Glancy Announces Figures For County During Month of December

YADKIN SALES \$40,672

W. L. Glancy, county chairman of the U. S. Savings Bonds Comcourt in which he concludes, in mittee for Surry county, aneffect, that funds expended by nounced today that, according to the town for the construction of information received from Allison the municipal airport on Swan James, state director, in Greensboro, sales of Savings Bonds for the period December 1, through December 31 for Surry county charge was not proved by the totaled \$191,360.50. Broken down into the three series the sales were: E Bonds \$136,360.50, and G Bonds \$55,000.00.

Sales in Yadkin county for the

Bond sales for the entire state of North Carolina for the same period were: E Bonds \$6,856,159 .-50: F Bonds \$589,095.50; G Bonds \$1.651 400.00; total \$9.096,655.00. North Carolina's Bond sales for this December were \$600,000 more than sales in December 1946.

"Although a full report on the total year's Savings Bonds sales by counties will not be available collections were "co-mingled to for another week," Mr. Glancy source was lost." Due to such that North Carolina reached over 90% of the \$94,000,000.00 sales quota for 1947 with sales totaling \$85,285,851.25.

> "Leading industrialists and bankers of the nation, meeting with Secretary of the Treasury Snyder in December, urged immediate further vigorous action as an anti-inflation measure to spread the national debt through Savings Bond sales with the Bond-a-Month Plan and the Payroll Savings Plan," Mr. Glancy said, "and a special campaign to increase Bond sales in January and February is now getting underway."

V. F. W. Auxiliary Seeks New Members Prominent Citizen Of Near

The V. F. W. auxiliary is featuring this month a membership drive to continue throughout Jandirector or officer of the Blue uary. Eligibles to join in the organization include wives, sisters the town entered into the contract and mothers of over-seas veterofficers of the post, is to assist local veterans and their families when opportunities arise.

> Anyone interested in joining is asked to contact the president, er days he was engaged in the Mrs. Russell Burcham, or secretary, Mrs. J. Livingston Williams, or captains of the membership Speer. He was elected as Yadkin teams, Mrs. Dudley Lloyd or Mrs. Melza Guyer.

be a social meeting, will be held Of District Meet Thursday night of next week, at Martha Thompson, a daughter of 8 o'clock with Mrs. Claude C. Dr. Thompson of Lowgap, who

Tuttle To Speak At

Elkin Methodist Church and him- City, Mexico; one daughter, Miss self a Kiwanian, will speak at this Mary Speer of the home; one evening's meeting (Thursday), of brother, E. P. Speer of Dallas, the Elkin Kiwanis Club, which Texas; five sisters, Mrs. N. C. will be held at the YMCA at 6:30 | C. Dobbins and Mrs. J. L. Mot-

gram was largely devoted to or- N. Royar, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. ganization for the ensuing year's Byron Wilkins, of Plymouth work and the announcement of Michigan. committees and committee chair-

During the session C. C. Poindexter, past president, was presented with a fountain pen and charge. Burial will be in the fampencil set.

Copeland Farm

The Copeland Farm Bureau which includes Rockford and Siloam, will meet in the Copeland or persons interested in raising school Friday night at 7 o'clock, it was announced yesterday.

The program will include a dis- ty Agent's office in Dobson. cussion of ways to improve utilization of land and labor on the in connection with raising the farm. Methods of obtaining max- fowls will be mailed to interested imum yield and higher quality farmers, according to County tobacco will also be discussed. Agent Neill M. Smith.





TO HEAD MARCH OF DIMES DRIVE - John W. Comer, above left, is county chairman of the 1948 March of Dimes Campaign which opens today throughout the nation. Sam Neaves, right, will direct the drive in the Elkin area. A goal of \$5,720 has been set for Surry County, and Elkin is asked to raise at least \$2,000 of this

March Of Dimes To Be Launched Today

Police Car Is **Badly Damaged** In Accident

Elkin's police car was badly damaged Tuesday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock when it ran off the road near Friendship Church on the Dobson road and overturned.

Policeman G. H. Payne, who was driving the car back to Elkin after attending court at Dobson, said the accident occurred when he was blinded by the sun on a curve. The car plunged down an embankment. evidently striking trees or other obstacles. The grill and trunk of the vehicle were crushed, en. Damage was estimated at \$500. No accident insurance was carried by the town.

Raymond Wilmoth and Banner Sparks were returning to Elkin with Mr. Payne when the accident occurred. The occupants were shaken up, but none were injured seriously.

AARON S. SPEER DIES TUESDAY

Boonville Passes After Illness Of Two Weeks

FUNERAL RITES TODAY

Aaron S. Speer, 79, prominent citizen of near Boonville, died at a Winston-Salem hospital at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon, following

Mr. Speer was a well known citizen and farmer. In his youngmanufacture of chewing tobacco with his father, the late J. M. county surveyor for several terms. He was a native of Boonville and The next meeting, which is to had spent his life in that section.

Mr. Speer was married to Miss survives, together with the following children:

Six sons, Paul Speer, James Speer and Albert Speer of Boon-Meeting Of Kiwanis ville; Kim Speer of Winston-Salem; Bill Speer of Ballston Spa. Rev. R. G. Tuttle, pastor of the N. Y., and Felix Speer of Mexico singer of Boonville; Mrs. W. B. At last week's meeting the pro- Howard, Fullerton, Cal.; Mrs. L.

> Funeral services will be held at Boonville Baptist Church this (Thursday) morning at 10:30, with the pastor, Rev. J. I. Kiser in ily graveyard on the Speer plantation near Boonville.

Bureau To Meet Agent Seeks Names Of Turkey Growers

Turkey raisers of Surry County turkeys are asked to send their names and addresses to the Coun-

Monthly data on developments

\$5,720 Is Set As Goal For **Surry County**

The annual March of Dimes Campaign was officially launched today (Thursday) with \$5,720 set as the goal for Surry County's contribution to the fight against infantile paralysis.

Fifty per cent of the funds collected will be sent to national headquarters, and the remaining half will be retained by the county for local use. John W. Comer superintendent of Surry County Schools, is county chairman for the drive.

Efforts will be made to raise at Neaves has been confined to his final plans for the campaign here held in Asheville next month. had not been completed Wednesday afternoon. However, Mr. Neaves stated that theaters and who assisted in the campaign last year would again be asked to aid in the fund-raising effort.

The Elkin Emergency Squad has by the farm organization. contributions totalling well over Business and Industrial Relations.

The campaign against polio is Surry Poultry To being launched in communities throughout the nation today. The drive this year marks the tenth anniversary of the founding of the lin D. Roosevelt.

John W. Comer, chairman; Bausie city January 20-24. Marion of Dobson, secretary and Byrd, Westfield.

complete tavern in Greece, with decorated cages. all equipment intact - drinking B. C. The excavation was made in | poultry organizations.

\$90,000 Is In **Budget For** Control Plan

President Truman's proposed budget of \$39,669,000,000 for the fiscal year 1948-49 includes \$90,000 for completion of planning work on Reddies River dams Number One and Number Three, which are part of the Yadkin-Pee Dec Flood Control Program, according to Eighth District Representative C. B.

Initial planning work is already under way, \$70,000 having been allocated previously for the two dams to be built above North Wilkesboro. This phase of preliminary planning will be completed next Summer, and the \$90,000 now being sought will cover preparation of working drawings and specifications for actual construc-

Funds to cover actual construction will be included in budget requests to be submitted in January of next year.

TAXI DRIVER **GETS 10-YEAR** PRISON TERM States To Pay Visit

Eugene Childress Pleads Guilty To Manslaughter

Other Cases Are Disposed Of

Of Criminal Court

Eugene Childress, Mount Airy taxi driver on trial for the second time in the fatal shooting of his wife last April, was sentenced to 10 to 14 years by Judge Allen H. Gwyn in Superior Court at Dobson Tuesday. He had entered a plea of guilty to involuntary manslaughter, contending that his wife had been shot accidentally.

Childress was convicted in July of second degree murder and was sentenced to serve 17 to 20 years cording to an announcement by by Judge William H. Bobbitt. The Fred Greene, secretary of the case was appealed to the State North Carolina Bankers Associa-Supreme Court which ordered a tion, which sponsors the contest new trial, saying that Judge Bob- annually in conjunction with the bitt had failed to instruct the jury Soil Conservation Service. that it could return a verdict of manslaughter or second degree als will be a \$100 bond, and the

On the witness stand Monday, a \$50 bond. Childress said the bullet which The winning speaker will also killed his wife had been fired ac- be awarded an expense-paid trip cidentally when he tossed the to the Bankers Association State pistol on the bed in a room of Convention and will present his their home. Former Mount Airy speech at the meeting. Police Chief L. F. Williams testilatch was closed. Ethard Leon-

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Directors Of Farm Bureau Will Meet group winners.

Directors of the Surry County greater interest in conservation of Farm Bureau will meet in the least \$2,000 in Elkin, according to ernoon at 2 o'clock to select com-Sam Neaves, local chairman. Mr. mittees for 1948 and to discusplans for attending the State home by illness this week, and Farm Bureau Convention to be

The chairmen of the committees named will be invited to attend the state meeting, which is other businesses and individuals scheduled for February 2, 3, and 4. The board of directors will also determine what proportion of the delegation's expenses will be met

also agreed to aid in the effort to | Committees are scheduled to be | ing. reach the campaign goal of \$2,000, named for the following: Poultry; Mr. Neaves said. Last year, under Tobacco: Fruits; General Crops; Chairman Neaves' direction, the Dairy and Livestock; Edward A. campaign in Elkin resulted in O'Neal Club; and Agriculture,

Compete In Show

The poultry entries of A. L. National Foundation for Infantile Love and Son of Mount Airy will Paralysis, which was started in compete with more than 10,000 1938 by the late President Frank- entries from the United States and Canada at the 100th annual Members of the Surry County Boston Poultry Show to be held at Infantile Paralysis Chapter are the Mechanics Building in that

More than \$55,000 in prize treasurer; and the following mem- money is being offered at the Puckett, 26, and Laura Louise 11 points. Eidson tallied eight bers of the board of directors: event, which will commemorate Burnett, 19, both of Mount Airy; Sam Neaves, Elkin; Wilkerson the centennial of the American Calvin Woodruff, 21, and Lettie Gordon, Pilot Mountain; J. F. poultry industry. Among the prin- Moody, 22, both of Mount Airy; Yokley, Mount Airy; and Luther cipal attractions will be the A and Charlie C. Young, 22, and Vergie Archeologists have unearthed a show will be displayed in specially Mount Airy, and Ethel Iris Phil-

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IN DEATH OF HIS WIFE

In Surry County Term

FINES SENTENCES GIVEN

PRIZES LISTED Winner In Event To Be

SOIL CONTEST

Awarded \$400 Savings Bond: Second Prize \$100

EXPECT MANY ENTRIES

First prize in the Soil Conservation Speaking Contest this year will be a \$400 savings bond, ac-

Second prize in the contest finthird place contestant will receive

This year, for the first time, the fied that the automatic pistol contest will be state-wide in scope. which reportedly had killed Mrs. J. Frank Doggett, extension soil Childress was faulty. He said the conservationist, is contacting weapon would fire when the safety | counties in the eastern part of the state this week which did not have entries last year, and will tour the western section at an early date.

> finals of the contest, awards will be made to school, county and The event is designed to develop

In addition to the prizes for the

Jonesville Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Martin were discharged from the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital Wednesday after receiving treatment for a near-asphyxiated condition sustained when they were over- fifth consecutive victory of the Press Association, is in charge of come by gas fumes in their trailer home in Jonesville Tuesday morn-

The couple was found nearly unconscious by Mrs. W. C. Oliver, topped the Wilkes sextet by a 26mother of Mrs. Martin, when she passed the trailer and heard Varsity copped an easy, 23-9 win moans. The two were taken to the

hospital by ambulance. Mr. Martin and his brother operate a bakery here.

Marriage License **Issued At Dobson**

Marriage license were issued in Dobson during the past week to the following couples by Surry County Register of Deeds Mrs. Bertha M. Shinault;

P Food Stores' Hall of Fame E. Norman, 19, both of Mount where champion birds of the Airy; Sammie R. Overby, 28,

lips, 20, Toast. Listed on the show program are January 17-Oakley M. Walker, cups, games, etc. It was used 200 many meets of nationally known Jr., 21, and Helen Arlene Freeman, 20, both of Mount Airy.

Medals To Be

Qualified Vets

Victory and American De-

fense models will be awarded

to qualified veterans of World

War II at ceremonies in the

American Legion Hut Thursday

evening, January 22, at 7:00

o'elock, by Master Sergeant

Sherman T. Colvard, local re-

vard said. Relatives of deceas-

The program, sponsored by

medals at the meeting.

film, "Food and War."

Awarded To

cruiting officer.

Chatham Again Wins High Safety Award

To Be Presented At Annual Dinner At Y Tuesday

The Distinguished Service to Safety Award of the National Safety Council will be presented to Chatham Manufacturing Company at the annual banquet of the Chatham Safety Council in the Gilvin Roth YMCA Tuesday evening at 6:30, it was announced vetserday by Saftey Director C. J.

The award will be made by Dr. George D. Heaton, pastor of the Myers Park Baptist Church of Charlotte, who will be principal speaker at the meeting. Dr. Heaton, a member of the North Car-

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To Elkin In N. C. Tour

TO SEEK STATE POST -Lieutenant Governor L. Y. Ballentine, above, announced last week that he would seek nomination for the State Agriculture Commissioner's post following W. Kerr Scott's surprise announcement that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself. Mr. Ballentine had been considered as a possible candidate for Governor prior to his announcement. Some abservers

felt that Mr. Scott might be cotemplating becoming a candidate for Governor, although he stated Monday that he believed it was "a little too late to get in the running."

Varsity And Junior Varsity the coast to the mountains. Have Narrow Escape Boys and Girls Win From North Wilkesboro

PLAY BOONVILLE NEXT

Elkin High's cagers won their season with a 45-31 conquest of arrangements for the proposed North Wilkesboro Tuesday night on the latter's court. The girls 10 count, and the Elkin Junior to give the locals three victories for the night.

Brady Osborne led Elkin's scoring with 16 points, while Bill Jurney was close behind with 10 counters. Paul Blackburn was oustanding on defense for the Elks. Eller led the losers with 11

Transou sparked the Jayvee attack with seven points. Roberts scored five tallies and Johnson

Sara Parker led the offensive for the girls, hitting the hoop for and Royall, five. Dameron led the defensive play of the locals. The Elks meet Boonville Friday night in their seventh test of the cage season.

Former Elkin Man Is Given New Job

James K. Paul, son of Mrs. W E. Paul of this city, was named vice-president of the First National Bank of Winston-Salem at the annual meeting of the bank's stockholders Tuesday morning. Mr. Paul has served as cashier of the bank since going to Winston-Salem from Wilmington two years ago. He will continue in that position and will also serve on the board of directors.

Mr. Paul has had extensive experience in banks in Elkin, Greensboro, High Point and Wilmington. He is a member of the executive committee of the North Carolina Bankers Association.

H. S. Stokes was elected president of the banking house to succeed Charles M. Norfleet. In his annual report to stockholders, the retiring president said that 1947 was the best year since the bank's organization from the standpoint of earnings.

A satisfactory brooder, plenty of Veterans should bring their hopper space from which to feed original discharge certificates suitable and ample number of to the meeting, Sergeant Colwaterers, range shelters, adequate nesting facilities, roosting racks, ed veterans may also receive catching hooks, nets, or screens, and incinerators with which to dispose of all dead birds, when the American Legion Post, will properly used, make for better also include a showing of the health and higher production of the farm poultry flock.

Convention Of NEA Set For May 6-8

More than 400 newspaper publishers from 44 states are expected to visit Elkin in May as part of a week-long tour of North Carolina following the 1948 National Editorial Association convention at Pinehurst on May 6, 7 and 8.

The group is scheduled to arrive in Elkin at 11 a. m. on May 12. Following a tour of the Chatham Manufacturing Company plant, the publishers will be entertained by the Elkin Kiwanis Club at a luncheon meeting in the Gilvin Roth YMCA, to which all civic clubs of the city will be invited. From Elkin, the newspapermen will continue their tour of the state with visits to Charlotte, Asheville, Waynesville and Brevard. The tour will be climaxed by an all-day visit in the Great Smoky Mountains.

The three-day business session in Pinehurst will mark the first time in history that the National Editorial Association has held its convention in North Carolina. The association members, representing 5,600 weekly, semi-weekly and small daily newspapers throughout the nation, will be guests of the North Carolina Press Association. The North Carolina Department of Conservation and De-

tour, which is designed to dis play the state's advantages from The convention was held in Texas last year and brought that state an estimated half million

velopment is assisting in making

arrangements for the extensive

dollars worth of publicity. Miss Beatrice Cobb, publisher of the Morganton News-Herald and chairman of the entertainment committee of the North Carolina state tour. H. F. Laffoon, publisher of The Tribune and a member of the committee, has made arrangements for the group's entertainment in Elkin.

Young War Veteran **Attempts Suicide** Here Wednesday

James Davis, veteran of World War II who was reportedly discharged for a neurotic condition, slashed his throat and wrist with a razor blade in the City Lunch on Main Street about 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, evidently in an attempt to end his life.

Witnesses said he went back to the men's rest room and called a waitress several moments later to tell her that he had cut his throat. An ambulance was called and he was taken to the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital for emergency treatment. Officials there said his condition was apparently critical as The Tribune went to press.

Mr. Davis had spent some time in veterans' hospitals since his discharge from the army, it was reported, and application had been made to have him readmitted. Witnesses said he knew this and preferred to attempt suicide rather than return to a hospital. He had reportedly attempted to end his life on several other occasions.

