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1,100 FARMERS ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING HERE

Sixth Farmers' Day Session Said "Best Yet"

FARM TALKS ARE HEARD

Experts From Three States Stress Importance Of Planning, Proper Procedures

REFRESHMENTS SERVED

More than 1,100 farmers from Surry, Wilkes, and Yadkin were guests last Thursday of the Elkin Kiwanis Club and the merchants of Elkin at the sixth annual Farmers Day.

Credit for the day's activities—termed by many as "the best yet"—goes to the three county agents, Neill M. Smith, Surry, J. Paul Choplin, Wilkes, and D. D. Williamson, Yadkin; to Linville Hendren, president of the local Kiwanis club, and to the members of that organization; to Elkin's mayor, Garland Johnson, chairman of the Elkin Agricultural Council; and the merchants and professional men of the community who made the program possible.



LEGION'S NATIONAL COMMANDER SPEAKS HERE — James F. O'Neil, national commander of the American Legion, is pictured, center, top photo, at the dinner held in his honor at the Gilvin Roth YMCA Saturday night, as he presented to approximately 200 legionnaires. Others pictured are, left to right, George Royall, master of ceremonies; Thurmond Chatham, who presented Commander O'Neil as he addressed the legionnaires at a meeting following the dinner; Ray Galloway, State commander of the American Legion, and Kemp Reece, adjutant of the local post. Bottom photo shows Commander O'Neil as he arose to speak at the meeting which followed. Bill Stevenson, commander of the Elkin Post, is standing at his side. (TRIBUNE PHOTOS)

Farming experts from three states stressed the importance of planning and the necessity of applying proved principles if the state is to move forward agriculturally. Prospects and opportunities were pictured as unlimited.

Thurmond Chatham, who was introduced by Neill M. Smith, welcomed the guests and urged that each individually adopt planning in agriculture. Pointing to Russia's five year plan, Mr. Chatham put the question: "If a despotic government, a dictatorship, can make enormous progress by working toward a definite goal, what could we free people do if we used our common sense, our knowledge and our natural and educational advantages to the fullest extent?"

Urging that human and natural resources be maintained and developed, Dean J. J. Hilton, State College, called for the development of a richer and more satisfying rural life and a maximum rural contribution to society.

Dean T. B. Hutcheson, V. P. I. Blacksburg, Va., pointed to a sound system of crop rotation as the vital step to better crops and improved soils. He recommended a careful study of soil contents in various fields, and the wise use of

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COMMISSIONERS NAME 2 GROUPS

Are Appointed To Replace Exposition Building Finance Committee

FINAL REPORT HEARD

The finance committee of the Elkin Agricultural Exposition Building and Grounds was dissolved and two new committees were set up by the Elkin commissioners at their regular monthly meeting at the city hall Monday night.

To replace the old finance committee, which had been set up as a temporary finance group while the project was under construction, the commissioners created a revenue committee to be headed by E. W. McDaniel as chairman, with W. A. Neaves and R. C. Freeman as members. A building and grounds committee was set up to be headed by Russell Burcham. Two additional members of this committee will be named by the commissioners upon the recommendation of the chairman.

Before terminating the finance committee which has served since the beginning of the project, the commissioners accepted a final report from the chairman, E. W. McDaniel. Other members of the terminated committee were Russell Burcham and Glenn York.

The purpose of the newly appointed revenue committee is to stimulate projects to raise funds to retire the indebtedness of the project. The other committee is charged with the upkeep of the property. Mr. Burcham, a commissioner, was absent from the meeting due to illness but is expected to make his recommendations prior to the next meeting.

The commissioners received a letter from Doswell Gentry, secretary of the Elkin high school student council, expressing the appreciation of that body for the prompt action on the part of the town in providing better lighting facilities from Elk Spur street to the high school gymnasium.

Mocksville Woman Buys Cattle Show Champion

Aberdeen-Angus Show And Sale Held At Exposition Grounds

Hundreds of spectators jammed the Elkin Agricultural Building yesterday for the third annual show and sale sponsored by the North Carolina Aberdeen-Angus Association and saw the championship bull, Envious Zar of Elk Hill bred and owned by J. B. Hodges, Forest, Va., sold to Mrs. Margaret C. Woodson of Mocksville at the top price of \$1,050.

Blackbird B. of Elkton, judged the champion cow by Joe Keefe, judge for the show, was sold to Black Gate Farm, owned by W. A. Neaves, Elkin, for \$735. This cow was bred and owned by L. W. Turner, Forest, Va.

Seven bulls were offered at the sale on Wednesday afternoon and brought an average of \$519. The reserve champion bull, Black Bard of Red Gate, which took top honors in the 2nd class for bulls,

was bought by Long Creek Farm, Devotion, for \$755.

The champion bull won first place honors in class I for bulls and the champion cow was named the winner in class I heifer competition.

BURCHAM AGAIN HEADS V. F. W.

Is Re-Elected Commander Of Local Post At Meeting Held At Y.M.C.A.

ALEXANDER CHAPLAIN

Russell Burcham was re-elected commander of the local post of Veterans of Foreign Wars at a meeting held last Thursday at the Y. M. C. A.

Named to assist Mr. Burcham during his second year as head of the organization were: Carl Hinson, senior vice-commander, John Foster, junior vice-commander, Roscoe Poplin, quartermaster, and J. Livingston Williams, post advocate. R. Lewis Alexander was re-named chaplain of the group.

Post leaders are planning an installation banquet to be held in the near future at which time the new officers will assume their duties.

Outgoing officers are David A. Brown, senior vice-commander, Glenn Lewis, junior vice-commander, J. Livingston Williams, quartermaster.

Red Cross Drive To Begin Here Monday

Elkin's Quota Is Set At \$2,900.00; Part Of Funds To Go For Local Use

The drive to raise Elkin's quota of \$2,900 in the annual Red Cross campaign will open Monday, March 15, according to an announcement by the Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of the First Baptist Church and general chairman of the Elkin campaign.

Committee chairmen have been appointed who will assist in the fund-raising campaign which has a quota of \$200 more than that set last year. The chairman has called for full support of this drive that Elkin might continue her record of never having failed to raise her assigned quota.

Of the money raised, only a part goes to the national organization for its program. Each year some of the funds are assigned to be used in this locality. During the past year the local Red Cross contributed \$500 to the Surry county section of the tuberculosis association to help finance the mobile X-ray program. First aid kits and material for first aid programs were furnished to the Elkin and North Elkin schools.

The Red Cross is expanding its program for veterans and their dependents on a nation-wide scale. This program is growing too on a local scale. One of the most important projects of the local

chapter during the past year was to assist through the donation of funds the work being carried on with veterans through the American Legion service officer.

Franklin Folger has accepted the chairmanship of the special gifts committee. Other chairmen named to assist in this year's drive are: business section, Claude Farrell; residential section, Mrs. Eugene Spainhour; North Elkin, Mrs. Paul Smith; State Road, Mrs. W. C. Wolfe; Elkin Furniture Company, Glenn Bailey; Chatham Manufacturing Company, C. J. Hyslop; and Devotion, Mrs. Paul Brown. The colored section will be under the direction of F. M. Kennedy.

The drive is slated to end March 20, at which time committee chairmen are asked to submit their reports to Mr. Ford.

County Agent Has Alfalfa Bulletin

Neill Smith, Surry county agent, has announced that his office now has on display a new bulletin on alfalfa production. Farmers of the county are invited to visit the county agent's office and familiarize themselves with this bulletin.

Commander Of Legion Stresses Vital Need Universal Training

STOKES EDITOR ENTERS CONTEST

Robert Duncan, Of Stokes County, Opposes Chatham In Congress Race

BROUGHTON OPTIMISTIC

Opposition developed last week for Thurmond Chatham, who is making his second bid for the fifth congressional seat now held by John H. Folger of Mount Airy, with the announcement by Robert Duncan, 35-year-old publisher of the Stokes County Record, that he would seek the post.

Mr. Duncan, according to his announcement, has put his hopes of election on a "poor man's campaign" which will appeal to the "working masses."

No comment was forthcoming on Duncan's announcement and political observers seem to be withholding comment until the campaign actually gets under way.

In Surry county no new candidates have appeared in the scene. In county races, candidates have until April 17 to file for the primary so with over five weeks remaining until the deadline other would-be office holders have ample time to qualify. Mrs. Bertha Shinault has announced for re-election to the post of Register of Deeds and Merlin Robertson, White Plains, Surry county school attendance officer, has announced that he too, will seek this post.

U. S. Senatorial aspirant J. Melville Broughton, who addressed the Kiwanis meeting here last week, reported a very great response to his candidacy. In an interview with the Tribune, the former governor declared that he was pleased at the fine support which was evident in Surry County and this section of the state.

"I am confident of the outcome," he said.

Gubernatorial candidate W. Kerr Scott, who resigned recently as Commissioner of Agriculture to enter the race for governor, visited Elkin yesterday to attend the show and sale sponsored by the N. C. Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Breeders Association. Mr.

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Forsyth Jury Holds Fate Of Tommy Phillips

The jury which will decide the fate of Tommy Lee Phillips, of Winston-Salem, 16-year-old killer of his parents, was still out on the case Wednesday afternoon when The Tribune went to press.

The case went to the jury at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday following Judge J. H. Clement's charge.

The trial began Monday morning. Solicitor Walter E. Johnson, Jr., rested his case at 11:15 Tuesday after introducing the boy's two confessions that he shot Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Phillips to death on New Year's Eve. Defense attorneys Roy Deal and Fred Hutchins rested their case at 4 p. m. Tuesday after three psychiatrists had testified that in their opinion Tommy Lee was not mentally responsible for the two killings.

FIND RUSK MAN DEAD IN FIELD

Hasten H. Laster, 66, Is Believed To Have Died Of Heart Attack

BITES HELD WEDNESDAY

Hasten Haywood Laster, 66, of Rusk, was found dead Monday at 1 p. m. in a field about three miles from his home. Mr. Laster reportedly left home early in the day to catch a bus to go to a neighbor's home nearby, and had got off the bus near his friend's house. He was found dead in the field between the bus line and the friend's home.

Dr. John L. Woltz, Surry County coroner, investigated the death and pronounced it as due to natural causes. Mr. Laster had reportedly suffered a heart ailment for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Edmonds Laster; one son, Quiller Laster of the home; one brother, Houston Laster of Rusk; one sister, Mrs. Riley Simmons of Elkin, and one grandchild.

Funeral was held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Gum Orchard Baptist Church near Rusk. Rev. Jesse Woodruff and Rev. Walter Calloway were in charge of the rites, and interment was made in the church cemetery.

BANK PROVIDES NEEDED SERVICE

Night Depository Is Installed For Convenience Of Patrons Here

ON A RENTAL BASIS

A new service for patrons of The Bank of Elkin will be put into use this week-end with the completion of a night depository, according to an announcement by Franklin Folger, cashier.

The depository consists of a vault installed just to the right of the main entrance through which deposits can be made after the bank has closed. Offering this service on a rental basis, the bank furnishes keys and bags which are used to drop the money through the opening provided for the public. Bank employees remove the funds from the other side.

"We are happy to be able to offer this addition service for which we feel there is a real need," Mr. Folger said.

The equipment, installed by the Guardian Burglar-Proof Safe Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, is set in reinforced concrete.

North Carolina farmers were paying an average of \$81 per month for hired labor without board on January 1 of this year. This is almost \$5 more than they paid a year earlier and \$16 more than they paid on the same date 2 years ago.

Says Military Plan Keystone Of Security

James F. O'Neil, national commander of the American Legion who addressed approximately 200 members of Legion posts throughout this section of the state at a meeting at the Gilvin Roth YMCA here Saturday night, stressed the fact that the Legion has a recipe for peace, and that it feels that the adoption of universal military training is the cornerstone of U. S. security.

"We have no quarrel with those whose opposition to universal military training is motivated by the heart, but we do have a quarrel with pacifists, isolationists and others who would weaken our nation for the benefit of an aggressor, and who misrepresent the military training program," he said.

"Until the United Nations becomes an effective police body, it will be necessary for the United States to remain and continue strong. The only way to obtain strength is through universal military training."

Not only do the pacifists, isolationists, dreamers and those with communistic leanings weaken the nation's defense program in order to aid an aggressor, they would have everyone believe the universal military training program is something it is not, Commander O'Neil stated. The training program under universal military training would be no more compulsory than going to public school is compulsory, and trainees would not become members of the armed forces and could not be considered as conscripts any more than our school children are considered school under law, he said.

Today there are 66 other organizations working with us for the adoption of universal military training," he continued, "and a recent poll of the people of the United States showed that they favored the program by two to one."

Legislation on the subject has been "snafued by a little clique,"

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MT. AIRY GROUP SEEK PETITION

World Federalists Launch Drive To Ask Congress To Pass Special Measure

TO STRENGTHEN U. N.

The World Federalists of Mt. Airy are launching a petition drive to ask Congress to pass Senate Concurrent Resolution 24 and House Concurrent Resolution 59. These resolutions ask the President of the United States to strengthen the United Nations by giving it the power to make and enforce law for the prevention of war.

The petition, signed by 24 leading citizens of this city, will be presented to the churches, civic organizations and schools beginning Sunday and continuing through March 21, Mrs. Joe Fowler, chairman of the drive, said today.

The petition says: "We the undersigned citizens of Mt. Airy, North Carolina, and vicinity hereby declare ourselves in favor of limited world government with enough power to maintain peace.

"We therefore urge the President of the United States to take the lead in calling a General Conference of the United Nations for the purpose of making the United Nations strong enough to enact, interpret, and enforce world law to prevent war.

"We also urge our Representatives and Senators in Congress to work and vote for Senate Concurrent Resolution 24 and House Concurrent Resolution 59 and all other similar resolutions before Congress calling for the strengthening of the United Nations so that it will be able to enact, interpret, and enforce world law to prevent war."



FARMERS DAY SPEAKERS — On the speakers' stand at the sixth annual Farmers Day held in the auditorium of the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A. are left to right: Thurmond Chatham, chairman of the board of Chatham Manufacturing Company, who welcomed the guests; C. G. Cushman, in charge of dairy extension at Clemson College, who spoke on "Dairying in a Balanced Farm Program"; Neill M. Smith, Surry county agent, who arranged the program and presided; Linville Hendren, president of the Elkin Kiwanis Club which sponsored the meeting; Garland Johnson, mayor of Elkin and chairman of the Elkin Agricultural Council, which co-operated with other groups in making the program possible; and Dr. T. B. Hutchinson, Dean of Agriculture, V. P. I., Blacksburg, Va., who spoke on "Soil Management for Maximum Production." Dr. J. H. Hilton, Dean of Agriculture, State College is shown as he delivered an address on "Using All the Resources of the Farm for Maximum Income and Better Living." Lower photo shows hundreds of farmers who attended the meeting. (PHOTOS BY ANONIM)