

Dobson Lions To Entertain Weed Growers

Tobacco Experts To Speak Before Meeting Tuesday

A three-point tobacco program — covering production, prices, and exports — designed to give the grower an over-all picture of the tobacco industry and its problems, will be presented to the tobacco farmers of the Dobson area by a group of experts at the Dobson Farmers' Day, March 30.

Invitations to the closed session during the afternoon have been extended to 200 growers and indications point to a full attendance. This session will stress the importance of a balanced program for the farmer.

John W. Goodman, assistant director, N. C. Extension Service, will open the 3:30 p. m. meeting with a talk on "Keeping a Production Program in Balance on a Tobacco Farm." O. F. McCrary, district Extension Agent, will be the next speaker. His topic is "Building a Foundation for a Livestock Industry in Surry County." "Keeping Tobacco Growers Informed on Tobacco Associates Program Through Field Service," will be discussed by M. A. Morgan, field service director for Tobacco Associates, Inc. L. T. Weeks, secretary of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation, will be the final speaker on the afternoon program, discussing the problems of that organization.

Those attending the afternoon meeting will be the guests of the Dobson Lions club at a fish fry in the gymnasium of the Dobson school at 5:30 p. m.

A night meeting, open to the general public, will start at 7 o'clock with J. Herman Coe, president of the Dobson Lions, speaking on "Lions at Work in the Community." Roy R. Bennett, Extension tobacco specialist, will discuss "How to Produce Cigarette tobacco in the Old Belt." The final speaker for the evening will be J. B. Hutson, president, Tobacco Associates, Inc. He will discuss foreign markets for flue-cured tobacco.

This is the first farmers day to be held in Dobson and is being given this year under the sponsorship of the Dobson Lions Club.

"This program has been designed to teach farmers the importance of improving the quality of tobacco produced in the Old Belt," Neill M. Smith, Surry county agent and chairman of the Lions Club program committee, said.

Assisting Mr. Smith on the program committee are S. N. Hawks, Jr., assistant county agent, Frank Freeman, and J. Lee Thompson.

Return To Raleigh After Session Here

Mrs. Annie Gray Moore, State Health educator, and Miss Ruth Moore, Physical educational advisor, both of the State department in Raleigh, returned yesterday (Wednesday) after a three-day session of discussion and activities with the teachers of the Elkin city schools.

The gymnasium lecture sessions, headed by the state educators, are designed for the purpose of improving the present physical and health program in the schools here. N. H. Carpenter, superintendent of city schools, said, and a return visit from them next fall is anticipated.

Monday's session was in the form of a general teachers meeting, and on Tuesday both discussion and gymnasium activity groups were observed.

Air Patrol Group To Organize Wednesday

The organizational meeting of the Elkin squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will be attended by Col. Robert L. Scott, author of "God Is My Co-Pilot," Capt. Robert E. Church of the local squadron was assured yesterday in a telephone conversation with Air Force officers in Washington.

The meeting will be held at the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A., March 31, at 8 p. m. The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars posts along with other local civic clubs will participate in this meeting to which the public is invited.

Ranking officers of the North Carolina Wing of the C. A. P. will be on hand to explain the purposes and needs of this organization.

All Mixed Up, He Tried To Get Into Jail

Some people just can't be satisfied. Take the case of Ralph Coalsion.

Jailer Johnny Collins arrested him as he attempted to break into the Surry county jail at Dobson last week, charged him with drunkenness, and gave Coalsion what he seemed to want—a nice cell. The jailer didn't even require him to use the ladder which Coalsion had raised to a second floor window. Coalsion was admitted through the front door. He still wasn't satisfied. By noon the following day Coalsion was begging Jailer Collins to let him out.

When Coalsion appeared before Magistrate Frank Collins, who is an accommodating gentleman, he paid "the costs on the charge of drunkenness instead of taking 30 days in the Surry jail, offered by the magistrate as a substitute.

STUDENTS WILL USE LEGION HUT

To Be Opened Tomorrow Night To Youngsters Of Elkin and Jonesville H. S.

IS PART OF PROGRAM

The American Legion hut will be opened tomorrow night to the students of Elkin and Jonesville high schools. The Jonesville students are in charge of the program which will include dancing and other entertainment.

This program was inaugurated March 13 as a part of the Legion's teen-age program and plans call for the gathering every other Friday night.

At the initial program more than 65 students gathered to dance to music from the Legion's collection of records. The snack bar was open to offer refreshments.

Bill Stevenson, Legion commander, welcomed the guests and extended the use of the hut to the students.

"As long as things are kept on the up and up, the hut is yours to do anything you want with it," he said.

Libby Royall, speaking for the students, thanked the commander and assured him that the students would cooperate to the fullest.

ELIMINATIONS WILL BE HELD

Preliminary To Soil Conservation Speaking Contest For Students

AT DOBSON APRIL 2ND

County eliminations in the Soil Conservation speaking contest for high school students will be held in the court house at Dobson, April 2, at 7:30 p. m.

Participants for this contest will be selected by schools throughout the county in contests to be held March 24-26.

Prizes will be awarded to the three top speakers. The first prize of \$25.00 has been offered by the Elkin Kiwanis Club, the second prize of \$15.00 by the Mount Airy Kiwanis Club and a third prize of \$10.00 by the Dobson Lions Club.

The contest, sponsored by the Surry U. S. Department of Agriculture Council, will be judged by members of the Yadkin Council.

The Surry county winner will compete in a 12 county district contest to be held in Lenoir, April 9. District winners will enter the contest in Raleigh, April 16. The state contest is sponsored by the N. C. Bankers Association in cooperation with the state U. S. D. A. Council.

The Council hopes that through this program the high school student will become conscious of the importance of soil conservation.



MONUMENT TO A HOUSE — This monument has been erected to the house which stands in the background by the owner, Miss Roxie Clark, of the Benham community of Wilkes county. Miss Clark has admitted burning a thousand dollars in currency nearby.

Woman Burns \$1,000 In Mother's Memory

Will Determine If Roxie Clark Needs Guardian

Roxie Clark, 70-year-old white woman of the Benham community of Wilkes county, who last week freely admitted burning ten \$100 bills, is scheduled to appear before C. C. Hayes, clerk of court of Wilkes county, Friday, for a hearing to determine whether or not a guardian should be appointed to handle her financial affairs. The hearing was called at the request of the county welfare board.

This is the way she tells the story:

Drawing approximately \$1900 from her account at The Bank of Elkin, she first purchased two monuments costing \$450.00 each. These have since been erected, one marking the grave of her mother, Mrs. Ollie Mastin Clark, in the Cool Springs cemetery, and the other, identical in size and design, standing in front of her home.

One side of the monument at her home bears the two words—"Mastin-Clark."

The inscription on the other side reads:

"THIS MONUMENT IN MEMORY OF THIS HOME AS RECORDED IN WILKESBORO COURT HOUSE FORBIDDEN TO BE SOLD OR IN USE OTHERWISE THROUGH TIME
MARCH 5, 1948
OLLIE CLARK
ROXIE CLARK"

She then destroyed the money. Miss Clark said that she had intended burning the money at the spot where she was to later place the monument, but finding nothing there on which to strike a match, moved to the base of a maple tree, a few feet from her house, where rocks were plentiful, and set fire to ten \$100 bills which she had dipped into a bucket of oil.

"I burned it in memory of my mother—it was her money anyway," Miss Clark explained, as she scraped the earth with a short stick where the ashes of the money lay.

Dairymen To Hear Program Discussed

The operation of an artificial insemination program for dairy cattle will be explained to dairymen and others interested in dairy cattle improvement at an open meeting to be held at the court house at Dobson, March 31.

F. R. Farnham, Dairy Extension Specialist, will participate in the discussion.

This meeting will give dairymen an opportunity to determine the need for and the desire to enter such a program. A committee will be appointed to investigate the possibility of developing this program.

A similar program was recently organized in Yadkin. Fifteen N. C. counties adopted the service in 1947.

The U. S. leather industry uses 50 million goat skins—most of them are imported.

Elkin Stores To Close On Easter Monday

Elkin stores and business firms will observe Easter Monday as a holiday. George W. Isenhour, president of the Elkin Merchants association announced Tuesday.

Mr. Isenhour also stated that the Wednesday afternoon closing would also be observed as usual next week, thus giving store and office employees a total of a day and one-half holiday for the week.

YADKIN FINALS FRIDAY, APR. 2

Soil Conservation Speaking Contest To Be Held In Yadkin Courthouse

FIRST PRIZE IS \$50.00

County finals for the Soil Conservation speaking contest for high school students will be held at the courthouse in Yadkinville on Friday evening, April 2, at 7:30 p. m., it was announced today.

Representing various schools in the county will be the following students: Ed Hobson, East Bend; Walter Stinson, Boonville; Marie Reavis, Courtney, and Thomas Lee Miller, West Yadkin.

First place winner will receive a prize of \$50.00, with the others receiving \$30.00, \$20.00 and \$15.00 respectively.

Judges for the contest will be Mrs. Grace Pope Brown, Surry Home Agent, S. N. Hawks, Assistant County Agent, Dobson, and Hubert Willis, Soil Conservationist of Elkin.

Winner of the county contest next week will represent Yadkin county in the district contest to be held at Lenoir, April 9. Winner of the district contest will compete in the state finals at Raleigh, April 16.

Prize money for the county contest has been donated by the following organizations within the county: Boonville Grange, \$15.00; Bank of Yadkin, \$15.00; Commercial and Savings Bank of Boonville, \$15.00; Courtney Grange, \$10.00; East Bend Grange, \$15.00; Forbush Grange, \$15.00; Pomona Grange, \$20.00; Yadkin Valley Bank, East Bend, \$10.00.

Yadkin Sends 2,136 Pounds of Clothing

2,136 pounds of desperately needed clothing, shoes, bedding and other supplies, gathered in the "Fill a Ship With Friendship" drive in Yadkin County, arrived last week at the Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Md., according to word just received from Center officials. The contribution was shipped by the Rev. C. Marvin Boggs of Jonesville, county chairman. The report states that it has already been placed for overseas shipment.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE SUNDAY

All Churches Of Elkin To Take Part In Rites In Hollywood Cemetery

TO START AT 6:05 A. M.

Easter sunrise service for Elkin churches will be held in Hollywood cemetery Sunday morning at 6:15 o'clock. Combined choirs of the various churches will lead the musical portion of the service.

The Jonesville sunrise service will be held in the Jonesville cemetery at 6:15 o'clock Sunday morning.

The Easter services are under the auspices of the Elkin-Jonesville Ministerial Association.

Opening the Elkin service will be the singing of "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" by the choir and congregation, followed by the invocation by Rev. J. L. Powers, pastor of the East Elkin Baptist Church. "Up From the Grave He Arose" will be the second hymn and is to be followed by the reading of the Easter scripture by Rev. R. G. Tuttle, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and pastoral prayer by Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Rev. R. V. C. Ritchie, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, will bring the Easter meditation. The choir and congregation will close the services by singing "Crown Him With Many Crowns." Rev. Powers will pronounce the benediction.

Those taking part in the service are asked to meet at the cemetery at 6:05 o'clock Sunday morning.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

Local Men To Speak To Bankers, Farmers

Garland Johnson, executive vice-president of the Bank of Elkin, and Neill M. Smith, Surry county agent, will appear on the program of the Virginia Banker-Farmer Meeting in April.

"A Country Banker Speaks" will be the subject of Mr. Johnson's address. Mr. Smith's topic will be "A County Farm Agent Speaks." Both men are scheduled to appear during the morning of the first day, April 8.

The three-day meeting is being sponsored by the Virginia Bankers Association, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. It will be held at the Natural Bridge Hotel, Natural Bridge, Va., April 8 through 10.

Mother Of L. G. Meed Is Taken By Death

Mrs. Laura E. Meed, 87, of Parkersburg, West Virginia, and mother of L. G. Meed of this city, died at 11 p. m. Saturday in a Parkersburg hospital, where she had been a patient for two weeks, following a stroke of paralysis. She had been in declining health for several years.

Survivors include in addition to Mr. Meed, of this city, two other sons of Parkersburg; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral was held Tuesday at 4 p. m. in Parkersburg, and interment was made in the city cemetery.

Flood Control Plan Is Endorsed At Meet By Important Group

POLITICAL POT REACHING BOIL

Deadline For The Filing Of Entries Nearing As Interest Rises

NUMEROUS CANDIDATES

As the dead-line for the filing of entries draws near, political interest is rising.

George K. Snow, Surry county representative in the State House of Representatives, is expected to seek re-election to this post. Henry Dobson, Elkin, a former representative, is understood to be interested in the race although he declined to comment on his possible candidacy.

The three county commissioners — Marshall C. Fowler, Sam M. Smith, and M. Quillar Snow — have indicated that they will be candidates for re-election.

The next state senator for this district will come from Stokes and it is not known at this time who will be in the race.

Two candidates have announced for Register of Deeds — Mrs. Bertha M. Shinnault, incumbent, and Merlin Robertson.

H. O. Woltz, Surry county campaign manager for J. M. Broughton, candidate for the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate, has announced the following staff to assist him: Frank Freeman, Dobson; Joe Pell, Pilot Mountain; and Marion W. Allen, Elkin.

In the fifth district, the race for the Democratic nomination for the congressional seat now held by John H. Folger will be limited to two candidates, Thurmond Chatham, chairman of the board of the Chatham Manufacturing Company and a candidate

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YADKIN DRIVE IN FINAL WEEK

Red Cross Campaign Nearing \$1,000 Mark This Week; Success Reported

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The Red Cross fund drive now in progress in Yadkin County is nearing the \$1,000 mark this week, with Yadkinville, West Yadkin, and Courtney having over-subscribed their quotas county chairman Nelson Ireland said yesterday.

Yadkinville, under Prof. R. P. Buchanan, and Forbush, under Woodrow Jennings, have raised \$375.00.

West Yadkin, under Prof. C. C. Wright, has reported collections totaling \$370.00. New contributions have been Longtown Holiness Church, \$15.00, and Hanes Grove Church, \$9.11.

Courtney, under Prof. Bruce Matthews, Charlie Groce, and a few county workers have raised \$203.00.

Miss Irene Brown, club chairman for the drive, has reported contributions from the North Oak Ridge club of \$3.00 and from the Charity club of \$2.00.

D. D. Williamson, Grange chairman, reports contributions of \$4.65 from the Forbush Grange and \$10.00 from the Boonville Grange.

J. E. Shew, manager of the Yadkin Theatre, has promised to donate the proceeds from one of his motion pictures to the fund drive.

Mr. Ireland said marvelous co-operation has been given by the school principals, their teachers, community workers, and churches during the drive. It is expected, Chairman Ireland said, that the part of the school districts of Yadkinville West Yadkin, Courtney and Forbush will reach the \$1,000 mark when the final count is made.

The other section of the county composed of the school districts of Jonesville, Boonville, East Bend and Fall Creek have not reported, but everything is progressing, Mr. Ireland said.

It is planned to make a final report on all districts by the end of March.

Local Passenger Train Is Victim Of Coal Strike

Elkin's lone passenger train — which runs between Winston-Salem and North Wilkesboro one train in each direction daily — has fallen victim of the coal strike.

The train made its final run Sunday. It has been discontinued in a move by the nation's railroads to conserve coal.

This will in no way effect mail service. A star route has been established between the two railroad terminals which runs on the same schedule as the trains did. A postal clerk handles the mail en route.

MT. AIRY MAN FACES MURDER

Lonnie A. Jordan To Be Charged With Killing Of Two Women

FAILED IN SUICIDE TRY

Lonnie A. Jordan, 50-year-old Mount Airy barber, will face two charges of murder in Recorder's court on Monday.

Jordan is charged with first degree murder in the fatal shootings of Mrs. Blanche Roupe and her 18-year-old daughter, Arleda, at Mount Airy Sunday night. He has been released from the hospital where he was admitted after suffering facial wounds in a suicide attempt.

Jordan will be given a preliminary hearing Monday morning in Mount Airy Recorder's Court on two charges of first degree murder.

In a statement given police Monday, Mrs. Roupe's 15-year-old daughter, Margaret, said that Jordan shot her mother three times in the chest with a 45 automatic pistol, then shot Arleda in the back as she tried to escape from the Roupe home.

Mrs. Roupe, estranged from her husband, Archie—a broom factory employee at Asheboro—and Jordan reportedly had been seeing each other for about a year.

Mr. Roupe went to Mount Airy Tuesday to arrange for the burial of his wife and daughter. Double funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Thorne Springs Methodist Church, near Pulaski, Va., with burial in the church cemetery.

DRIVE HERE IS SHORT OF GOAL

Approximately \$2,000 Contributed Thus Far In Red Cross Campaign

LOCAL QUOTA IS \$2,900

Elkin was almost \$1,000 short of the quota of \$2,900.00 in the annual fund-raising campaign of the Red Cross, tabulation of the committee reports showed yesterday.

Rev. Howard J. Ford, general chairman of the campaign, reported that a total of \$1,994.66 had been received with a few committees yet to report.

C. J. Hyslop, Red Cross chairman for the Elkin area, said that in past campaigns Elkin has never come short of the quota.

"Indications are that the people are not giving as freely as they did during the war years," Mr. Hyslop said. "If everyone took the same attitude towards this campaign as the boys who were in combat and concentration camps we would have no trouble going over," he added.

Mr. Ford expressed the opinion that the goal could be reached with full cooperation and called on the citizens of Elkin to join the committees in the hard work that reaching the set quota will demand.

Prices of all important dairy items at the beginning of 1948 were higher than a year earlier.

Delegation Is Present From This Section

The Yadkin-Pee Dee river basin flood control program was endorsed by the 38th annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington last week as part of the over-all planning program of this non-federal group.

This endorsement—which had been backed by a delegation of a dozen men from Surry, Yadkin, Wilkes and Forsyth counties—means that the Congress believes that prompt construction of the enterprise is in the public interest. This was the only North Carolina project endorsed at the meeting which approved 12 projects in the nation.

H. H. Hensel, Elkin business man and member of the Yadkin Valley Flood Control Committee, who attended the Washington meeting was highly pleased over the outcome and labeled the approval a "step forward."

"We hope that this approval will result in the immediate appropriation of more funds by the national Congress," Mr. Hensel said.

This project calls for the construction of four dams in Wilkes county, two on the Upper Yadkin and two on the Reddies river. The plans as drawn call for an expenditure of seven million dollars, of which \$75,000 was appropriated last year to cover the cost of plans for one of the dams.

Permanent lakes would not be created under the plan, but it would be possible to close the dams in case of a threatened flood and release the water gradually to prevent flash floods. Under the present plan, the federal government would purchase the land required for the lake beds and in turn lease it for grazing lands and similar purposes.

Rep. C. B. Deane, Rockingham, 8th district representative, was

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Members of Election Boards Re-appointed

The State Board of Elections Saturday re-appointed members of election boards in North Carolina's 100 counties. In only one county, Johnston, was there a controversy. After hearing speakers representing two groups, the board unanimously refused to make any change.

Renamed in this area were: Surry—A. P. Fulk, Pilot Mountain; R. C. Freeman, Elkin, and Warren F. Alberty, Dobson.

Yadkin—J. S. Reavis, Hamptonville; Fred J. Brandon and S. W. Vestal, Yadkinville.

Wilkes—C. J. Jones, Millers Creek; M. B. McNeil, North Wilkesboro; and P. E. Brown, Wilkesboro.

Air Meet To Be Held At Rendezvous Field

The Elkin Flying Club is sponsoring an air meet at Rendezvous Airpark Monday to which more than 100 flyers from the western section of the state have been invited. A barbecue dinner will be served from 10:30 a. m. This is the first in a planned series of air meets to be held at the local field.

The local flying group was chartered March 19 and has 12 members.

Marriage License Issued At Dobson

Five marriage licenses were issued during the week ending March 22, according to Mrs. Bertha M. Shinnault, Register of Deeds for Surry county.

March 20—Jonas G. Slate, 37, and Nannie V. Gunter, 33; Bernie Stephens 21, and Ellen Lawson, 18, and Thomas Davis, 21, and Elizabeth Dearman, 20, all of Mount Airy.

March 20—Glenn Kirkman, 22, and Treva A. Riddle, 21, both of Mount Airy.

March 22—C. L. Murphy, 23, Thomasville, and Lois L. Kiple, 21, Lexington.