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## RING OF POLIO DRAWS TIGHTER AROUND ELKIN

No New Cases Are Reported  
In Town

### OUTBREAK IN YADKIN

Seven New Cases In Surry  
Pushes County Total For  
Year To 23 Cases

### YADKIN CHILD DIES

The ring of infantile paralysis  
this week drew tighter around  
Elkin but no new cases were re-  
ported and the 1948 mark re-  
mained at one.

In other parts of Surry county,  
reports of seven new cases pushed  
the county total for the year to  
23, ten more than the previous  
high of 13 reached during the ep-  
idemic of 1944.

Yadkin county, where last week  
only one case was reported this  
week counted seven cases, includ-  
ing one death from the disease.

Through last Saturday Wilkes  
county reported six cases.

New cases in Surry county were  
reported from the Mount Airy and  
Pilot Mountain sections. Closer  
was the report of a new Yadkin  
county case approximately one  
mile from Jonesville.

Mary Ellen Crater, six-year-old  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ab  
Crater, remained the lone polio  
victim in Elkin during the current  
outbreak. The onset of this case  
is listed as June 29.

Trudy Pardue, four-year-old  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lake  
Pardue of Hamptonville, died  
Tuesday night at a Gastonia  
hospital, six days after being  
stricken with poliomyelitis.

New cases in Surry county were  
reported as follows:

Patricia Sue Cox, two-year-old  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H.  
Cox, route 1, Pinnacle, hospital-  
ized at Baptist Hospital, Winston-  
Salem;

Ruby Cox, eight-year-old  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H.  
Cox, route 1, Pinnacle, hospital-  
ized at Baptist Hospital, Winston-  
Salem;

Douglas Griffin, seven-year-old  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Griffin,  
Mount Airy, hospitalized at  
Asheville Orthopedic Hospital;

Peggy Bowen, six-year-old  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther  
Bowen, route 2, Pinnacle, hospital-  
ized at Baptist Hospital, Winston-  
Salem;

Jimmie Hodges, two-year-old  
son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hodges,  
route 3, Mount Airy, hospitalized  
at Baptist Hospital, Winston-  
Salem;

Avery Michael Shore, five-year-old  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Avery C.  
Shore, Pilot Mountain, hospital-  
ized at Greensboro ORD.

The report on the seventh case  
was incomplete at the Surry  
County Health Department when  
The Tribune went to press. Officials  
said that the victim was a girl,  
surname Venable, of Pilot  
Mountain, who was hospitalized  
Tuesday night at Winston-Salem's  
Baptist Hospital. The mother of  
this victim was reported to be the  
sister of the father of the two  
Cox children who were reported  
this week from route 1, Pinnacle,  
as polio victims.

In addition to the case reported  
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## TEXAS TRIPLETS, 20 MONTHS OLD, VICTIMS OF POLIO

Triplet girls, 20 months old,  
were in serious condition, all  
three stricken by infantile paral-  
ysis, in the Edinburg, Texas,  
polio clinic Sunday.

Two of the blonde little sis-  
ters were brought to the clinic  
of the National Foundation for  
Infantile Paralysis Friday night  
and Sunday night, the grief-  
stricken parents brought the  
third little girl to the hospital  
in the family automobile.

Nurses at first were unable  
to tell the babies apart. They  
printed their names on adhe-  
sive tape and pasted the tape  
to their bodies. However, at-  
tendants now can tell the babies  
apart by their varying symp-  
toms.

One of the little girls was  
said to be in the "acute" ward  
and the other two in the "ser-  
ious" ward. None of the child-  
ren yet have been placed in an  
iron lung or oxygen tent.

Dr. William Kitto and Dr.  
Wayne Hart, heads of the clinic,  
said they believed this was the  
first case in medical history in  
which a set of triplets con-  
tracted polio. The clinic has 62  
patients, most of them under  
three months old.



**GATHERING OF R.E.A. STOCKHOLDERS** — Stockholders of the Surry-Yadkin Membership Corporation, which operates hundreds of miles of R.E.A. powerlines in four counties, are shown on the lawn of the Surry County court house at Dobson during a recent meeting. Election of officers and distribution of prizes highlighted the annual meeting. (PHOTO BY QUENTIN DAVIS STUDIO)

## Jaycees Report Loss On Baseball Tourney

Lack More Than \$600 With Which  
To Meet All Obligations In Event

The Elkin Junior Chamber of  
Commerce this week reported a  
loss of more than \$600 in con-  
nection with their sponsorship of  
the district semipro baseball tour-  
nament held here recently.

The figures were contained in  
the financial report of District  
Commissioner Sam Atkinson in  
which club officials made public.

Total gate receipts, the report  
showed, amounted to \$1,137.25. Of  
this amount, \$193.33 were paid out

## LAUREL BLUFF MAN ARRESTED

Alex L. Nichols Alleged To  
Have Had Carnal Rela-  
tions With Child

BOND SET AT \$2,000.00

Alex L. Nichols, 53, of Laurel  
Bluff, was bound over to the  
September term of Superior Court  
on a charge of carnal knowledge  
of a female under the age of 16  
in Mount Airy earlier this week.

He is being held in the Surry  
County Jail at Dobson in lieu  
of \$2,000 bond.

Nichols, who missed a hearing  
last week because he "stopped off  
for a few beers," was charged  
with having carnal knowledge of  
Betty Lou Atkinson, 14-year-old  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde  
Atkinson of Laurel Bluff.

According to Solicitor Robert  
J. Lovell Jr., the Atkinson girl  
was the only witness to testify  
against Nichols. He said she told  
the court of having had intimate  
relations with Nichols for a period  
of more than a year and a half  
in the woods near her home. She  
said they had been intimate for  
the first time when she was 12  
years old.

The last time, she said, had  
been when Nichols went to Graham,  
where she had been sent by her  
parents to keep her from  
Nichols, to bring her home. She  
said the accused told her that her  
mother was very ill. She refused  
to go at first, she added, but  
couldn't tell if he was lying or not.

According to police, Nichols had  
been bothering the girl for some  
time and her parents had sent  
her to live with an aunt in Graham.  
Nichols wrote her several  
letters which the aunt intercepted,  
they said.

Nichols was arrested in Graham  
on a charge of kidnaping, the  
Solicitor said, but was released  
under bond and returned home.  
He was arrested at Mount Airy on  
June 21, on a carnal knowledge  
charge by Sheriff Sam Paterson.  
He was released under \$2,000 bond,  
which was posted by Fred Jarrell.  
He was a nightwatchman at Laurel  
Bluff Mills.

## V.F.W. Plans Special Meeting Friday Night

A special meeting of the V.F.W.  
has been called for Friday night  
at 7 p. m. at the Gilvin Roth  
Y.M.C.A. by Russell Burcham,  
post commander.

Delegates and alternates to the  
National Encampment will be  
elected at the meeting. Com-  
mander Burcham has urged a full  
attendance.

## SURRY-YADKIN R. E. A. MEETS

Estimated \$800 Worth Of  
Prizes Distributed  
Among Stockholders

### GWYN B. PRICE SPEAKS

The annual stockholders' meet-  
ing of the Surry-Yadkin Member-  
ship Corporation, which operates  
hundreds of miles of R.E.A. power  
lines in Surry, Yadkin, Forsyth  
and Stokes counties, met recently  
at Dobson. Directors were elected  
and prizes were given.

All the old board of directors  
were re-elected. They are: S. A.  
Holder, president; W. L. Smith,  
vice-president; Joe Pendry, secre-  
tary; and Johnny Collins, treas-  
urer. Other members of the board  
are Eugene Shore, W. T. White,  
J. S. Key, G. T. Dorse, and H. H.  
Doub.

There were a number of prizes  
given. Jim Doss won an electric  
stove; R. E. Gordon, a washing  
machine; Mrs. Daisy Edmonds, a  
floor lamp; T. R. Nelson, a radio;  
and Mrs. Bertha Shinault, a fan.  
Other prize winners were R. L.  
Herman and L. G. Dugan. An  
estimated \$800 worth of prizes  
were given away.

Gwyn B. Price, who is chair-  
man of the North Carolina Elec-  
tric Authority, made the principal  
address. The administrator of the  
REA in Washington, D. C., sent  
him greetings by letter. In the  
message, the administrator, Wick-  
ard, stated that the REA could  
"take pride in the knowledge that  
by building a strong electric co-  
op you are helping to build a bet-  
ter and stronger rural America."

The Surry-Yadkin Membership  
Corporation is now operating 818  
miles of rural lines serving al-  
most 32,600 farm homes in Surry,  
Yadkin, Forsyth and Stokes coun-  
ties.

## Farmers Urged To File Soil Reports

Surry county farmers who filled  
out 1948 Farm Plans with in-  
tentions of carrying out soil im-  
provement practices were urged  
this week to file performance re-  
ports by Hal E. Collins, manager  
of the county AAA office.

No meetings will be held thru-  
out the county, as in the past,  
Collins stated, necessitating farm-  
ers visiting the Dobson office  
where trained assistance is avail-  
able in completing the reports.

Farmers are required to turn  
in all receipts and bills for lime,  
phosphate and seed for perman-  
ent pasture purchased under this  
program.

## Cutouts Or Whistles Prohibited On Cars

Motorists who have fixed their  
exhausts or mufflers on their cars  
so sound like a "wolf whistle" are  
violating the motor vehicle laws,  
Patrolman Dwight Caudle, of the  
State Highway Patrol cautioned  
today.

Patrolman Caudle said the  
whistles have often been mistaken  
for a siren and have confused  
other drivers. Section 20-128 of  
the Motor Vehicle laws of North  
Carolina prohibits any type of  
muffler cutout on a car.

## Were The Fish Biting?

Great snakes alive!  
Except this one was dead.

What's more, it was a rattler,  
fully 11 years old, and as it basked  
in the sun and dust of the  
Mountain Park-Devotion road, it  
lacked just one inch of being four  
feet long, with a mid-section fully  
as big around as a man's fore-  
arm.

This particular rattlesnake was  
run over and killed by Robert  
Nicks and Gene Aldridge, both  
local young men. Nicks, driving a  
Jeep and accompanied by Charles  
Colhard, was returning from a  
fishing trip last Sunday when he  
spotted the large rattler in the  
road, and ran over it before it  
could get out of the way. Gene  
Aldridge, accompanied by his

brother, Dale, was in a car direct-  
ly behind, and he too, hit the  
snake.

Even a big tough rattler couldn't  
stand up under such treatment  
as that, but even though badly  
crushed, it took some extra-cur-  
ricular activity to kill it.

The snake's triangular-shaped  
head was nearly two inches across  
at the widest part, with long,  
needle-like curving fangs. Ald-  
ridge said it ejected at least a  
teaspoonful of venom when they  
exerted pressure upon its head  
with a stick. It's tail was capped  
with 11 rattles.

Oldtimers here said it was the  
biggest rattle snake they had  
ever seen in this section.

## DISCUSS WAYS AND MEANS OF FIGHTING POLIO

Doctors And Public Officials  
Meet In Mt. Airy

### SPRAYING UNDER WAY

Mayor Johnson Appeals To  
Elkin Residents For  
Cooperation

### BAD SPOTS REPORTED

Officials of Elkin and Surry  
county this week continued their  
drive to halt the spread of infan-  
tile paralysis as residents of the  
county found themselves on the  
northern edge of an epidemic area  
where the disease was reported  
spreading rapidly.

Tuesday night, doctors, public  
officials and officers of the Surry  
county chapter of the National  
Foundation for Infantile Paral-  
ysis met at the invitation of Mayor  
Frank Carter, of Mount Airy, to  
discuss ways in which the county  
can cooperate during the current  
outbreak.

R. Lewis Alexander, Elkin's  
town administrator, reported that  
the job of spraying unsanitary

areas within the Elkin town limits  
with DDT was progressing satisfac-  
torily after having been delayed  
several days by rain.

Mayor Garland Johnson, in an  
appeal to all Elkin residents, ask-  
ed for full cooperation at this time  
in an attempt to prevent a local  
outbreak.

"Too much can not be done for  
the health of our community,"  
the Mayor added.

Citizens were asked to obtain  
DDT for domestic use as assis-  
tance to the municipal program  
to stamp out flies and disease-  
bearing insects.

Local residents have reported  
numerous spots to town officials  
to receive the DDT spray.

Alexander, who is directing the  
program with the sanitation offi-  
cer of the Surry County Health  
Department, promised that all re-  
ported areas would be investigat-  
ed.

Municipal officials and health  
department employees will meet  
in Mount Airy Sunday to discuss  
with a Greensboro expert further  
steps to be taken in Surry county.  
John W. Comer, president of the  
Surry unit of the Infantile

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## AMATEUR AIR SHOW PLANNED

To Be Staged At Rendezvous  
Airport August 1; Civil  
Air Patrol Sponsors

### TO SHOW NEW PLANES

Plans were going forward this  
week for the amateur air show to  
be staged August 1 at Rendezvous  
Airport, officials of the Elkin  
squadron, Civil Air Patrol, spon-  
sors of the event, announced.

Several local pilots have in-  
dicated that they will participate  
and invitations have been extend-  
ed to local and visiting pilots to  
enter.

During the afternoon several  
new models of airplanes, some of  
which have never before been dis-  
played in Elkin, will be shown.  
Some of the new planes will be  
available for sight-seeing flights.

Jake Brown, local model plane  
flying enthusiast, will have on  
display and will fly the first jet  
propelled plane to be flown in this  
vicinity.

Squadron officials said that a  
series of quiz contests will be con-  
ducted and practical and comical  
prizes awarded to participants.

## Legion Ladies Night To Be Held Tomorrow

The American Legion Ladies  
Night will take place Friday  
night at a supper meeting of the  
organization to be held at the  
Legion Hut at 7:30, Raymond Vest-  
al, post adjutant, announced this  
week.

As an added feature, a movie  
released by the United States  
Army will be shown.

# Town Board Approves Budget For 1948-49; Increase Of \$22,069



**MISS NORTH CAROLINA** — Miss Patty Osborne, 18-year-old blue-eyed brunette from Shelby, who won the title of Miss North Carolina Saturday night at Wrightsville Beach, relaxes on the beach with a friendly Dalmatian. A voice student at Limestone College, Gaffney, S. C., Miss Osborne will represent North Carolina at the national beauty contest at Atlantic City, N. J.

## Estimate Of Valuation Is \$5,370,000

The town commissioners Mon-  
day approved a budget for the  
fiscal year 1948-49, calling for  
expenditures of \$127,296, an in-  
crease of \$22,069 over last year.

Included in the increased ap-  
propriations are raises for certain  
municipal employees, additional  
permanent improvements and  
slight increases for supplies nec-  
essitated by rising costs generally.

The commissioners took under  
consideration the request of a  
delegation from Victoria street for  
the construction of a sewerage  
line and approved a request of  
Percy Barker to reimburse him as  
new homes are constructed for a  
700-foot water line in the Elkin  
Land Development off Elk Spur  
Street.

The budget showed that esti-  
mated assessed valuation for this  
year has been set at \$5,370,000, a  
net gain of \$418,000 over 1947-48.  
The rate of \$1.40 on \$100 valua-  
tion is being maintained.

For contingencies, the commis-  
sioners appropriated the largest  
single increase, \$8,634.80, to bring  
this figure to \$16,340, as compared  
to \$7,705.20 for the past year. In-  
cluded in this appropriation is  
funds for permanent improve-  
ments, such as a new water tank,  
additional sewerage lines, and  
transit pipe. It is estimated that  
these three items will necessitate  
expenditures amounting to \$32,-  
500, the balance which will be  
provided from surplus of approx-  
imately \$30,000 now on hand.

Only one unit of the local gov-  
ernment will operate on less funds  
this year than last. The ceme-  
tery is being cut from approxi-  
mately \$1,100 to \$900. The care-  
taker bears this and more as the  
only municipal employee receiving  
a salary cut. His annual wage  
has been decreased \$320.

Salary raises for city employees  
amount to approximately \$4,000.  
Police department personnel and  
the town clerk received salary in-  
creases of \$25 monthly. This  
raises patrolmen to \$175 monthly,  
and the police chief and town  
clerk to \$275 monthly.

The street department, with an  
increased appropriation of approx-  
imately \$6,000, tops all other  
departments for additional funds.  
The police department was in-  
creased \$4,000, the water depart-  
ment \$2,000, and the fire depart-  
ment \$400. The administrative  
department benefited from a de-  
crease in attorney fees from \$1,-  
800 to \$500.

Appropriations for operating  
expenses and supplies were based  
on expenditures during the first  
six months of 1948.

L. F. Mathis was the spokesman  
for the Victoria street delegation.  
A number of new houses are being  
constructed along this street which  
runs between Elk Spur and West  
Main streets. Action was post-  
poned until the cost of the pro-  
ject could be ascertained.

Barker, in his request, pointed  
out that he was constructing a  
house 700 feet from the existing  
water main. The line to his house  
is to be laid at his expense and  
as new houses are built along the  
line the town will reimburse him.  
Ownership of the line will pass to  
the town when the total cost has  
been met.

## REGISTRATION PLANS TOLD

Cherry Calls On County Offi-  
cials To Recommend Draft  
Board Personnel

### STARTS AUGUST 30

Male residents of the United  
States between the ages of 18 and  
25 will start registering for com-  
pulsory military service begin-  
ning August 30, it was announced  
this week.

As the state's part in setting up  
the draft machinery, Governor R.  
Gregg Cherry has called on the  
clerk of court, the chairman of  
the board of elections, and the  
county school superintendent in  
Surry county to submit recom-  
mendations for draft board mem-  
bers. This is the same method  
used in 1940.

The state director will call on  
this committee for names which  
will be submitted to the president  
for appointment. No time has  
been set for submitting the  
recommendations.

The roll call will start with 25-  
year-olds and proceed downward  
by age groups until September 18,  
when youths who turned 18 on or  
before that date will register.

Youths who become 18 after  
September 19 will be required to  
register within five days after  
their birthdays.

Under the law, only those 19-  
through-25 may be inducted for  
21 months of military service.  
Eighteen-year-olds may escape  
the 21-month hitch by volunteer-  
ing for 12 months service and  
thereafter signing up with an ac-  
tive reserve.

Ten age classifications were  
(Continued on page four)

## Hamptonville Girl Succumbs To Polio

Funeral service for little Trudy  
Pardue, four-year-old daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Lake Pardue of  
Hamptonville, will be held in the  
home today (Thursday) at 3 p.m.  
with Rev. F. A. Wright in charge.  
Burial will follow at Asbury  
Church cemetery.

Little Trudy died late Tuesday  
night, the first polio fatality, of  
the year for Yadkin County. She  
was stricken last week with infan-  
tile paralysis and was carried to  
Gastonia Orthopedic Hospital,  
where she had been for six days  
prior to her death there at 11:15  
p.m. Tuesday night.

She was born April 22, 1944, at  
Hamptonville, daughter of Lake  
and Maydonna Messick Pardue.  
Surviving besides the parents are  
one brother, Jerry, and three sis-  
ters, Misses Evelyn, Linda, and  
Vivian Pardue, all of Hampton-  
ville, who have been quarantined  
after being in contact with the  
victim in their family.

## Service Honor Roll In Elkin Torn Down

The Honor Roll bearing the  
names of the men of Elkin Town-  
ship who served during World  
War II, which stood on the Meth-  
odist Church lawn, was torn down  
the latter part of the week.

The Junior Woman's Club erected  
the service roll to honor the  
local members of the Armed  
forces. No plans have been made  
to preserve the names.

## BAPTISTS PLAN YOUTH REVIVAL

J. C. Mitchell And Neil Ellis,  
Future Ministers, To  
Conduct Services

### TO CONTINUE ONE WEEK

The First Baptist Church of  
Elkin will hold its annual Youth  
Revival during the week of July  
25 to July 31, with J. C. Mitchell  
and Neil Ellis conducting the ser-  
vices.

Both of these young men are  
graduates of Mars Hill College  
and are now attending senior col-  
leges in furthering their prepara-  
tion for the ministry. Mr. Mitch-  
ell was present last year at the  
initial Youth Revival services at  
the Baptist Church and his mes-  
sages were well received. He is  
now attending Wake Forest Col-  
lege.

Mr. Ellis, from Roanoke, Vir-  
ginia, is at present the State Pres-  
ident of the Baptist Student Union  
of Virginia. While attending col-  
lege in Virginia he has made an  
impressive record in religious  
activities.

Neil Ellis will be present Sunday  
morning for the opening service  
and the theme "Christ For Me"  
will be carried out throughout the  
week. Ketchel Adams is chairman  
for this year's revival and the  
music is under the direction of  
Miss Mildred Freeman. The mem-  
bers of the church and people  
throughout the city are looking  
forward to a week of prayer and  
inspiration in furthering God's  
Kingdom on earth.

## State College Alumni Meet Here Tonight

The Northwestern Club of the  
State College Alumni Association  
will meet here tonight at 7 p.m.  
at the Gilvin Roth Y.M.C.A., ac-  
cording to an announcement by  
James A. Graham, Laurel Springs,  
president.

Allan Nelms, field secretary of  
the Wolfpack Club and Beattie  
Feathers, head football coach, will  
attend.

Nelms will explain the func-  
tions of the Wolfpack Club and  
Feathers will discuss prospects  
for this fall.

## Children Banned At All Gatherings In Yadkin County

The Yadkin County Health  
Authorities issued an edict yes-  
terday afternoon forbidding the  
gathering in public or private  
places of all children under 16  
years of age, in Yadkin county.

The health order includes  
Sunday School, swimming  
pools, picture shows, reunions,  
or any other gathering where  
children may congregate. The  
health officers stated that  
drastic action would be taken  
when the order was violated,  
and it is done as a safeguard  
to the public, as more cases of  
polio are reported in the coun-  
ty.