

Chatham Buys Virginia Plant From Textron

To Take Over Property On December 17

The first acquisition of properties other than Elkin plants was made by Chatham Manufacturing Company last week when Albert L. Butler, Sr., president, announced the purchase of the Esmond of Virginia plant of Textron, Inc., at Waynesboro, Va.

The contract was agreed upon in New York Wednesday by Mr. Butler and other officials of the Chatham company and officials of Textron. The purchase price was not announced.

Chatham will officially take over the property December 17, Mr. Butler said. This mill manufactures the Bunny Esmond crib blanket and at present employs approximately 300 people.

Mr. Butler said the mill, for the present under Chatham management, will continue to make the Esmond blanket. The blanket will be sold by the Chatham sales organization with offices in New York, Chicago, Boston, San Francisco, Dallas and Atlanta.

M. A. Simons, for the past several years resident manager of the mill, will continue in that capacity, Mr. Butler said.

The Waynesboro mill was constructed between 10 and 15 years ago and is modern in all respects, he added.

Mr. Butler said that the product manufactured at the Waynesboro plant is entirely different from that produced here at Elkin and in no way are the two operations similar.

ABORTION CASE UP NEXT MONTH

Second Trial Of Sparta Physician On Calendar of Surry County Court

WOMAN DIED HERE

The second trial of a Sparta physician for criminal abortion is scheduled for Surry County in January.

K. W. Lawrence, clerk of Surry Superior Court at Dobson, said last week that a case involving Dr. B. O. Choate in the death of Mrs. Annie Mae Anderson, of Charlotte, will be placed on the docket for a criminal term of court beginning January 10.

The doctor was convicted in the same court in September, 1947, and sentenced to one to three years.

The State Supreme Court gave him a new trial February 25, this year, on the basis of the manner in which the State attempted to present some of its evidence.

Mrs. Anderson allegedly went to Sparta one night during the summer of 1946. There, according to State's claims, the doctor performed an abortion on her. She died in an Elkin hotel the following morning.

Dr. Choate also was charged with manslaughter in the case, but the court ruled that he had been acquitted of that charge and it could not be ruled against him again.

An attempt by the State to introduce evidence aimed at showing that the doctor had "committed other like offenses" led to the granting of a new abortion charge trial, the court's opinion said.

The opinion noted that Judge William H. Bobbitt ordered the testimony stricken from the record the day it was introduced, but said it "is calculated to prejudice the defendant in the minds of the jurors and was not subject to correction."

East Bend Legion To Give Dance Sat.

The members of the Joe E. Martin post of the American Legion, East Bend, will sponsor a round and square dance at the high school gymnasium Saturday evening, December 18, from 8 until 12 p.m.

The proceeds from the dance will go to the building fund for an American Legion hut.

IN AGAIN, OUT AGAIN, MARTIN AGAIN JAILED

Summerfield Is Nabbed Near South Boston, Va.

BREAKS OUT, IS PUT IN

Notorious Character Had Been On The Loose Since October Third

TRAFFIC JAM DOWNFALL

Summerfield Martin, who for 20 years has been notorious in this section for break-ins, break-outs and other charges, was arrested near South Boston, Va., Sunday, after being on the loose since October 3 from the Forsyth County jail.

He was arrested about 2:15, broke loose and was re-arrested after a cross-country car and foot race.

Arrested with Martin were Mrs. Clarice Jolly, Winston-Salem, and Joe Stafford, Sparta.

Officers said Martin had three .38 calibre automatics, a .22 calibre rifle and 3,000 rounds of ammunition.

Oddly enough, James L. Penland, 24, Winston-Salem, Martin's coming-out mate, who made his exodus also October 3, was captured in Chicago Saturday by F. B. I. agents.

The arrest grew out of a traffic jam in which Martin with his companions, was recognized by Virginia State Troopers who also were in a line of cars.

The driver in the car ahead of the troopers looked like Martin. As the troopers drew their guns and slipped out of their car, Stafford opened the door of the coach in which he, the woman and Mar-

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YULE PROGRAM WILL BE GIVEN

Elkin Elementary School Will Present Operetta On Friday Evening

AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

A gala pre-Christmas atmosphere will prevail Friday evening, December 17, in the Elkin Elementary School Auditorium when the grammar grades will present the operetta, "The Magic Christmas Bells."

Nicky Shore will play the part of Santa Claus, ably assisted by his two maids, "Wimble" and "Nimble" played by Janice Butler and Pat Windsor.

The colorful and unique choruses will portray "Jack-in-the-Boxes," "Swedish Children," "Scotch Lassies," "Dixie Dolls," "Christmas Carolers," "Chinamen," "Spanish Dancers," "Balloons" and "Puddings."

The operetta is under the direction of Miss Margaret Cole, music teacher, with Mary Martin as piano accompanist.

The public is cordially invited to come to the Elkin Elementary School auditorium at 7:30 p. m. Friday evening, to lend their presence, enthusiasm and Christmas spirit to the occasion.

The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Parent-Teachers Association.

Add international smiles: As respected as the U. N.'s bill of human rights behind the Iron Curtain.

\$500 Goal Set For Elkin Charity Campaign As Contributions Mount

A goal of \$500 was set this week by members of the Christian Charity Committee in the drive to help Elkin's needy.

The Rev. George Farah, chairman of the group, said yesterday that the increasing list of needy persons would be helped through this drive — not only during the Yule season — but at intervals throughout the year.

Meanwhile, at the Tribune office, headquarters for the campaign, contributions came in generously. Some interested citizens responded with names of those thought to be in need.

Boxes of clothing and cash amounting to \$180.50, exactly \$100 over last week's total, came in during the week.

Contributors were:
A friend — \$15.
A friend — \$25.

Spainhour Elected Head of Elkin Merchants' Group

E. S. Spainhour, of Spainhour's Department Store, was elected president of the Elkin Merchants Association yesterday at a meeting in the City Hall.

Mr. Spainhour's term will begin January 1, for the year 1949.

M. L. Gaston was chosen vice-president and Mrs. Beauford Stanley was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Directors were named as follows: Claude Farrell, Luther Eaker, Abe Harris, George Isenhour, Hoyle Cranford, Herman Guyer, George Royall and J. O. Bivins.

BOONVILLE MAN HEADS ALUMNI

Northwest State College Club Elects J. W. Shore President For 1949

DEAN CAMPBELL SPEAKS

J. W. Shore, of Boonville, was elected president of the Northwest State College Club at a meeting in the Gilvin Roth YMCA here Monday night.

Kester Sink, Route 4, Mount Airy, was named vice-president; Ned A. Hood, Yadkinville, secretary; and Hubert Willis, reporter, Malcolm Campbell, dean of the North Carolina State Textile School, addressed the group.

"The purpose of the textile school is to train men in the fundamentals of the textile industry so they should be able to work up the ladder to take positions of responsibility of the textile industry," he declared.

Referring to the textile school, he mentioned three phases of progress which State alumni should be proud.

He said a foundation had been established of over \$1,000,000 for salaries and supplement to salaries of teachers by 430 textile men.

The General Assembly in its last session, he said, appropriated enough to increase floor space 80 per cent in the school.

"Chatham Manufacturing Company helped greatly in securing equipment for working wools," he declared.

Dean Campbell expressed his belief that too much specialization could be harmful without a rounding out of the educational program. "I believe in the ability of men to speak and write the English language," he added, supporting this opinion.

As to the students, he said that State College had more studying textiles than any school in the world. He said that 931 students in textiles are now enrolled.

North Carolina is represented in 72 per cent of the textile students, he explained, while 30 other states are represented and 13 foreign countries.

Raymond Harris was a guest of the club. He accompanied Charles W. Armstrong, Jr., who introduced Dean Campbell.

Dance To Be Given By Legion Friday

The American Legion of Elkin will hold its annual Christmas Dance Friday night at the Legion Hut, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

"Geehee" Robinson, featuring trombone and trumpet with his orchestra will play. Also featured will be Ray Denon and his alto sax.

The public has been invited. Admission will be \$1.25 per couple.



YOUNG REFUGEES — Forced to flee before the warfare ravaging the Holy Land, Arab refugees and their mothers line up before the tent of the International Refugee Organization to get their rations of milk. The Jerico area has been selected for the site of a huge refugee settlement where all Arab refugees from the Holy Land war will be concentrated. The area was selected because of its warmth during the winter season.

DRIVERS URGED TO GET PERMIT

E. F. or G. Initials Told To Visit Nearest Driving Examiner Now

DEADLINE DECEMBER 31

If your last name is either Edwards, Fuller, Green, or anything else beginning with E, F, or G, you'd better visit your nearest driving license examiner right away.

You have only until midnight of December 31 to take a new driving examination, according to the Motor Vehicle Department, and if you don't get it now, along with your Christmas shopping, you may find that the lines get awfully long near the end of December.

That was the word of warning this week from Motor Vehicle Commissioner L. C. Rosser, who said the E, F, and G, group of drivers had been slow to report to the examining stations. This group began taking their examinations on July 1 and will be given through December 31.

After that date, if any E, F, or G, driver is caught driving on an old license, he will be found guilty of a misdemeanor and will be fined not less than \$25, or imprisoned for 30 days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Commissioner Rosser said that the examining station at Elkin would be closed Saturday and

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Crater Named New Yadkinville Mayor

Rufus H. Crater was this week named mayor of Yadkinville to take the place of Frank Daniel Boone Harding, who resigned recently because of his election to the State Legislature.

Crater, part owner of the Crater-Hoots Furniture Company, Yadkinville, had been serving recently as a member of the town board.

The board of commissioners made the selection and also named E. C. Adams to fill the vacancy caused by Crater's elevation.

Friendship Train In Surry Disappointment

\$2,782.83 Given By Surry County In TB Seal Drive

Surry County citizens had given \$2,782.83 to the annual Tuberculosis Association Christmas Seal campaign through noon Tuesday, Mrs. Daisy Crouse, health nurse, reported yesterday.

She said that the drive appeared to be going better than this time last year.

The goal for the county has been set at \$6,000.

Small Amount Is Contributed In County Drive

Surry County's version of the Friendship Train this week looked like something not dressed up with somewhere to go.

Neill M. Smith, county agent, chairman of the Surry Christian Overseas Program which is sponsoring a campaign to send farm foods from North Carolina to Europe's starving, expressed keen disappointment at the response in the county.

The box car, loading at Mount Airy, appears very empty, he said, but we hope that farmers and others over the county will make up the deficit by the end of the week.

The car will be loading at the A and Y depot through this week from 8 a.m., to 4 p.m. Helpers will be stationed at the car to take the donations to the car.

Mr. Smith said that Early Combs, of the Combs Produce Company, Elkin, had volunteered to transport any commodities from Elkin donors to Mount Airy.

Those who wish to give to the Train from the Elkin area may contact Mr. Combs anytime from now through Friday.

"If the box car is to be sealed, more cooperation is needed," the county agent said. "The results are disappointing and gifts have been unusually small. We don't want to be ashamed of Surry County when the goods are collected for the whole state," he added.

Again listing the commodities that can be used, Mr. Smith said that shelled corn, soy beans, wheat, canned goods in tin, sugar and lard were among the perishable foods that could be given.

Money, which is also an encouraged gift, may be mailed or delivered personally to Mrs. Frances G. Scott, county treasurer for CROP, at the Surry County Loan and Trust Company, Dobson.

PILOT REPORTS SAFE BURGLARS

Pilferers Abandon Auto, Make Getaway On Foot As Officers Pursue

ANOTHER IN SERIES

The safe-breaking epidemic, in vogue in this section for the past several weeks, this week moved to the northeast section of Surry County when attempt was made to pilfer safes at Pilot Mountain.

The burglars, presumably traveling by foot at the last report, abandoned their 1949 club coupe at the Town Tire Service about 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, when Pilot Mountain policemen found them removing a small safe from the building.

Policemen S. C. Patton and Bryant Sams said they heard a noise at the back of the building and, upon investigation, saw the man lugging a safe from the building. The two men dropped the safe and ran, leaving their car.

Further investigation showed that they had entered the Ford Motor Company, next door, and had succeeded in opening a large safe there. No money was in the safe, however.

The abandoned coupe, bearing a Norfolk, Va., license, was checked later and found to be owned by Kenneth Schweets of Norfolk, according to reports from Pilot Mountain, officers said.

YMCA To Be Closed Dec. 23 Through 28

The Gilvin Roth YMCA will be closed from noon Thursday, Dec. 23, to Tuesday, Dec. 28.

T. C. McKnight, general secretary, said yesterday that the reason for the closing would be to allow a brief Christmas vacation for Y workers. Also, since the Chatham steam plant will not be operating, there will be no heat in the building during this time.

Cool Springs Church To Present Cantata

A Christmas program will be presented Thursday evening, December 23, at 7 o'clock at Cool Springs Baptist Church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

KIWANIANS TO HOLD ANNUAL AUCTION SALE

Proceeds To Go Toward Support of School Band

HEAR DURHAM EDITOR

Dr. Sylvester Green Addresses Combined Groups Of N. Wilkesboro, Elkin

MAKES EXCELLENT TALK

The Elkin Kiwanis Club will hold its annual Christmas Auction Sale this evening (Thursday), with the proceeds to be used to finance the local high school band.

The Kiwanis auction is an annual event, always held the last meeting before Christmas. Members bring items of merchandise to be auctioned off to the highest bidders among the Kiwanians. At the close of the bidding the auction log is customarily auctioned off, and if the president of the club fails to be high bidder, tradition calls for him delivering the log, via wheelbarrow, to the home of the member bidding it in.

At last week's meeting the Kiwanis Club of North Wilkesboro met with the local club to hear Dr. Sylvester Green, editor of the Durham Herald. The Mount Airy club was also scheduled to attend, but was absent due to conflicting commitments.

Dr. Green made an excellent address, using as his subject, "Problems and Panaceas." He discussed the problems now confronting the world both in their local governments, nationally and internationally.

At home, he said, our biggest problems are health, highways and education, while nationally health, soil conservation and defense are the biggest problems. Internationally, Dr. Green said the rehabilitation of foreign countries; the necessity of developing a working basis of international cooperation, and competition with anti-democratic ideas, are our greatest problems.

In discussing panaceas for these problems, the speaker said we must be practical, giving as an example the Marshall Plan. "We must prepare our souls, minds and hands to the realization that we are face to face with a long, long cold war that could become a shooting war at any time. We must have the will to peace; we must not let it make any difference how much we are provoked, we must put peace first and not go to war until the last effort for peace is made. "In other words," Dr. Green said, "we must keep our guns loaded and our powder dry, but not jump too hastily to fire that gun."

The speaker was introduced by Vice-president Elect Howard Ford. Another enjoyable feature of the program was a group of Christmas songs by the Elkin high school glee club, under the direction of Miss Margaret Cole.

At the conclusion of the meeting Dr. Green was presented with two Chatham Blankets in behalf of the club by Dr. E. G. Click.

BAPTISTS GIVE YULE PROGRAM

Christmas Music To Be Given 7:30 Sunday Night Under Mrs. H. J. Ford

METHODISTS TO ASSIST

A program of Christmas music will be presented 7:30 Sunday night at the Elkin Baptist Church, under the direction of Mrs. Howard J. Ford.

The program will feature anthems from "Tidings of Joy," by Louise E. Stairs.

Soloists from the choral groups, which is given by the Baptist choir with the assistance of the Baptist Male Chorus, Baptist Junior Choir, and members of the Methodist choir, will be Mrs. James Eldson, soprano, Mrs. G. H. Tatum, soprano, Peggy Lineberry, soprano, Mildred Freeman, alto, Ellen Daniel, alto, John Sagar, tenor, and Cortez Lowery, bass.

Miss Effie Crater is the organist and Mrs. J. Livingston Williams, violinist.

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