

Atkinson Is Nominated As Elkin Mayor

Town Board Named Here At Meeting

Richard J. Atkinson was nominated Mayor of Elkin Friday night at a mass meeting held at the Elementary School auditorium.

The mass gathering, which is tantamount to election, was attended by more than 450 persons.

Atkinson will succeed Mayor Garland Johnson, who declined to seek re-election after serving two terms. The election will be held May 2.



NOMINATED — Richard J. Atkinson was nominated Mayor of Elkin Friday night at the town's biennial mass meeting held at the Elementary School. A native of Elkin, Mr. Atkinson is part owner and manager of the Surry Tractor Company here. He has been associated with this firm for the past three years.

R. C. Freeman and J. W. L. Benson were the only Old Town Commissioners re-nominated. Others nominated for the three remaining posts were J. David Brendle, Hugh a Royall and Albert M. Crater.

Opposition to the winning ticket was presented by Marion Allen, Elkin lawyer, who nominated Herbert P. Graham for mayor. A second ticket of commissioners was composed of J. W. L. Benson, J. David Brendle, Harry Hensel, Dr. Vernon Taylor and Dr. Claude A. McNeil, Jr.

Mr. Atkinson was nominated by George Royall.

Attempt was made at the onset of the session to place two tickets before the people for a vote, but chairman S. O. Maguire ruled the motion out of order.

With both tickets placed before the gathering, a ballot was asked from the floor, but the motion was overruled by Chairman Maguire in favor of a standing vote.

Hubert Parker served as secretary of the meeting.

X-RAYS HERE DURING WEEK

Health Officials Report 393 Free Examinations Given Thus Far

THROUGH SAT. MORNING

Free X-ray examinations were given to 393 residents of the Elkin area through Tuesday and the service will continue through Saturday, Surry County health officials announced yesterday.

Technicians will continue examinations today and tomorrow, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and will remain Saturday from 9 to 11.

The X-ray equipment is being stationed at the Elkin branch of the Health Department located over the Town Hall.

Mrs. Daisy Crouse, local health nurse, said yesterday that all residents of Surry County would be examined free of charge. A 25 cent fee will be asked of out-of-county residents, however.

Miss Mazie Jean Jones, county health educator, said this week that health officials everywhere have advised yearly X-rays for those of 15 years of age and over.

The X-ray machine has been on survey in the county since March 23. Before coming to Elkin it was in operation at Pilot Mountain, and Copeland School. It will be returned to the Mount Airy office, April 11.

Miss Jones reported that since January of this year, 23 cases have been reported in Surry. Of these, 12 were active.

SCHOOL HEADS RENAME BOARD

No Change Made In Surry County School Board For Next Two Years

FEW DISTRICT CHANGES

P. N. Taylor, White Plains, was re-elected Monday to serve as chairman of the Surry County Board of Education for the next two years.

No change in the board itself and few changes in the district committees were made. John W. Comer, superintendent of Surry schools, reported at the close of the group's biennial meeting.

Reappointed to the board were C. A. McNeill, Elkin, Joe Pell, Jr., Pilot Mountain, J. G. Wood, Route 2, Dobson, and J. M. Folger, Dobson.

Committeemen appointed were: Dobson—Charles Folger and Frank Comer. Mountain Park—Herman Thompson. Beulah—Claude Thore. White Plains—Merlin Nichols. Flat Rock—David Hiatt. Westfield—Jonah Cook. Pilot Mountain—Dr. Frank Stone. Shoals—Luke Bowman. Eldora—Robert Simpson.

Blankettes To Be Guests of Kiwanis

The Chatham Blankettes, girls' basketball team of the Chatham Manufacturing Company, which just recently returned from the national tournament at St. Joseph, Mo., will be guests of the Elkin Kiwanis Club at its meeting this evening (Thursday), at the Gilvin Roth YMCA. Kiwanian Charles Armstrong will be in charge of the program.

At last week's meeting the Kiwanians heard a discussion of the stock market and investments, by Phil Thorpe, member of a well-known investment firm.

Two Persons Injured In 2-Car Collision

Two persons were injured, neither seriously, and one car was demolished in a collision Saturday at State Road when the cars of Marion C. Whitener, State Road lumber dealer, and R. E. Black, of Sparta, Alleghany farm agent, crashed.

The crash which demolished Whitener's car and extensively damaged Black's, occurred as Whitener was turning from the highway toward his lumber plant. Black, with L. C. Hampton, Alleghany farmer and Hampton's son, were enroute to Winston-Salem to attend a sheep sale.

Whitener and Hampton were treated at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital for lacerations and bruises and were dismissed. Hampton's son, who was thrown from the car, was uninjured.

Cars Collide Near Pleasant Hill Area

A collision, causing considerable damage to two automobiles occurred on the Pleasant Hill road at the Elkin town limits Tuesday afternoon during a downpour.

A '46 coupe driven by Charles Utley, local theatre manager, collided with a '38 coupe driven by Dan Everette Carter, of Route 1, Elkin.

Patrolman D. L. Caudle estimated damage to the Utley car at \$75 and to the Carter auto at \$150. No charges were made.

Surry Teachers Get \$92,000 In Back Pay Raises

Checks totalling \$92,000 were distributed this week to teachers of Surry County as bonuses brought about through the 20 per cent raise granted by the Legislature recently.

The retroactive payments called for two-thirds of the year's employment.

TOWN TO ASK BIDS STREET PAVING HERE

Papers Are In Order For Spring Street Project

THERE MAY BE MORE

Commissioners Withhold Action To Learn Intentions Of Other Residents

OWNERS TO PAY COSTS

The Elkin Town Council Monday night passed a resolution to advertise for bids at an early date on the paving of at least one street in Elkin and possibly several others.

Papers are in order to accept bids for Spring Street, running east from Gwyn Avenue. Action, however, will be withheld until the next commissioners' meeting in order to give property owners on other unpaved streets an opportunity to indicate their intention to have their streets paved.

It was explained that bids will possibly be quite a sum lower should more than one street in the town be paved.

The policy of the town in the past has been that property owners on one side of the street pay half the cost while those on the other side pay the other half. The Town of Elkin would pay for the grading prior to paving and would pay for intersections except in cases where one's property embraces the end of the intersection. In this case, that half of the street on which the property adjoins must be paid by the owner.

Lewis Alexander, town attorney, said arrangements possibly would be made before the next council meeting for bids to be made on quite a few streets, declaring that two or three more groups expressing desire to have their streets paved would likely promote bids of less per square yard.

JAYCEES PLAN CLEAN-UP WEEK

"Spring Cleaning" To Be Observed During Week of April 18

PROJECTS ARE LISTED

Clean-up week will be observed in Elkin during the week of April 18.

The project, under the sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be headed by James Shore who yesterday suggested the following measures to help give Elkin a "Spring cleaning": (1) Check garbage cans for damage. (2) Inspect and clean alleys especially at the back entrances of stores in the downtown area. (3) Help to clean playgrounds. (4) Clean sidewalks and gutters. (5) Clean yards and basements of dwellings inspecting closely for breeding places for mosquitoes, rats, mice and other disease carrying animals and insects.

Other Jaycees serving on the committee are Ed Royall, Fred Norman, Bob Isbell, Walter Metz and Van Dillon. Boy Scouts also will help with the project.

Mr. Shore said that Mayor Garland Johnson had volunteered the aid of the Town of Elkin in the campaign.

The first Junior High school in the United States is said to have been started in Berkeley, Calif., in 1909.

Surry Magistrate To Face Charges

Weldon D. Inman of Mount Airy will face embezzlement charges in Surry County Superior Court Tuesday, April 26. Clerk of Court K. W. Lawrence said in Dobson yesterday.

The trial of Inman, a Surry magistrate, is listed on the calendar for the criminal term beginning April 25. It was indicated that the trial may be rather lengthy.

Inman was charged with taking funds from his account after a check was made early this year. Judge Hoyle Slink, who was presiding when the magistrate was indicted, is slated to preside over the trial.

Ministers Here Plan Sunrise Ceremonies

Plans for Easter sunrise services for Elkin and Jonesville are under way by the Elkin-Jonesville Ministerial Association.

The group met Monday to discuss the program but as yet plans are incomplete. However, a service for each community will be held. The time and place of each will be announced next week.

Surry Draft Officials Warn Registrants To Report Address Changes Immediately

While it was reported that 3,677 persons had been classified in Surry County since the peacetime draft was enacted, Surry Draft Board officials warned that a large number of registrants were at present out of reach of the board.

Mrs. A. D. Folger, secretary of the board, said yesterday 75 registrants had not given notice of their changes of addresses and were at this time 10 days to two months overdue.

"We wish to impress upon them," Mrs. Folger declared, "that it will be out of our hands if they do not answer within 10 days." She explained that, although the board was at present not sending men for pre-induction, registrants who are delinquent could be sent to camps



MILITARY RITES FOR BROTHERS — Double funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. at Elkin Valley Baptist Church for James E. Robinson, left, and Richard Robinson, only sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson of this city, who were killed in action in Europe in World War II.

TO HOLD RITES FOR BROTHERS

Pfc. Richard Robinson And T-5 James E. Robinson Died In World War II

ELKIN VALLEY CHURCH

Final rites for Pfc. Richard Robinson and T-5 James E. Robinson brothers, who were killed in Europe in World War II will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at Elkin Valley Baptist Church. The Reverends J. C. Gwaltney, pastor, and J. L. Powers will officiate. Graveside service with full military honors will be in charge of the William J. Jones Post of the V. F. W.

Pfc. Richard Robinson was born in Wilkesboro in 1915. He entered the army in 1935 and trained at Fort Monroe, Virginia, Fort Knox, Kentucky and Hawaii. He went overseas and was killed in North Africa December 10, 1942.

T-5 James E. Robinson was born in West Virginia in 1920. He entered the Army in December of 1939 and received training at Camp Bedford, Mass. He went overseas in 1942 and was killed in Germany in March, 1944.

They were the only children of Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson of this city.

PLANS MAPPED FOR FESTIVAL

Surry, Wilkes, Yadkin Counties To Participate In Farm Women's Fest

IN ELKIN, ON APRIL 14

Several prominent speakers, both national and local, will be featured on the annual Farm Women's Spring Festival for Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin counties to be held in Elkin, Thursday April 14.

Mrs. Charles Sewell, of Otterbein, Ind., administrative director of the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will be among the featured speakers.

Others include Dr. Ellen Winston, Raleigh, commissioner of the North Carolina Board of Public Welfare; John Harris, Raleigh, extension landscape specialist, and Mrs. Irby Walker, Raleigh, treasurer of the Associated Women of the North Carolina Farm Bureau.

The event will be sponsored by the Elkin Kiwanis Club and will begin at the Gilvin Roth Y.M.C.A. at 10 a.m., Thursday.

Plans are being made to secure Gov. W. Kerr Scott as a speaker, but his answer will depend on the length of the current legislative session.

Mrs. P. N. Taylor, White Plains, wife of North Carolina's Farm Bureau vice-president, will preside at the meeting. Mrs. Taylor has served for the past two years as president of the eleventh district of the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

'Mother of Year' Ballots Urged To Be In Early

Two weeks remain in the Junior Woman's Club's "Mother of the Year" nominations. Mrs. Ed Snyder, chairman of the committee of nominations, yesterday urged nominations to be placed early so that sufficient time will be allowed for reviewing the merits of the nominees.

Mrs. Snyder emphasized that it is not necessary to list the merits of the nominees, but the ballot may consist only of the name of the person whom others think is the best "Mother of the Year." It is not necessary for those submitting nominations to sign their name to the ballot.

\$130,000 Construction On Elkin High School Annex Building Begun

CHATHAM VOTES AGAINST BILL

Measure Would Remove Federal Tax, Allow Coloring Of Oleomargarine

WAS FAVORED IN PART

Congressman Thurmond Chatham of Elkin last week voted against the Granger-Anderson bill even though supporting it in part.

The measure would remove Federal tax on oleomargarine. To this Mr. Chatham was in favor. On the other hand, an amendment to the bill would allow Federal regulation on oleomargarine and would permit the use of yellow coloring in its manufacture. To this Mr. Chatham was opposed.

The Congressman vigorously supported the removal of tax on the inter-state sale of oleomargarine, but declared that "any color counterfeiting" of oleo would unfairly harm butter.

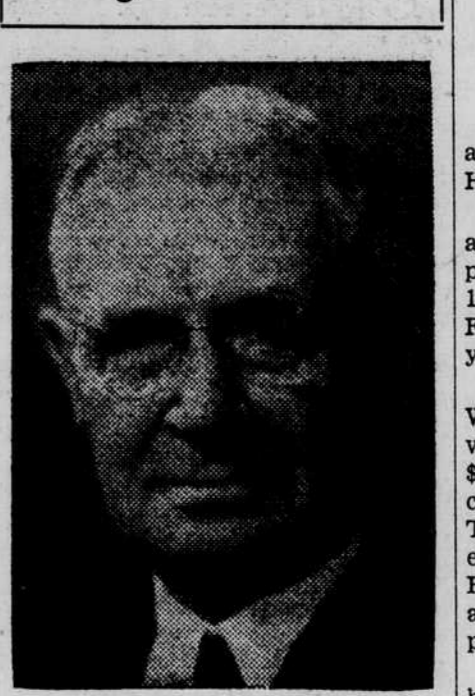
Mr. Chatham said that the measure would yield tax which would be beneficial to North Carolina and other states, certainly, but that the harm competition of colored oleomargarine would do to North Carolina dairymen in the sale of butter would more than offset the bill's advantages.

"Anything that hurts butter hurts the dairy industry," he said, "and anything that hurts the dairy industry hurts North Carolina and the South."

The nation's 2,500,000 dairy farmers make the country much happier and healthier, he said, and any drastic harm done to this large group would be reflected in a general lowering of prosperity.

Chatham said he was not particularly concerned over the fact that prohibition of interstate shipments of colored oleo would tend to de-centralize the oleo manufacturing industry. He said that five corporations now produce about 75 per cent of all the oleo sold in the United States, and indicated that some decentralization of this industry might be beneficial.

Dr. Ownbey To Conduct 'Holy Week'



DR. R. L. OWNBEY

Dr. Richard L. Ownbey will be guest minister at Elkin Methodist Church's Holy Week which begins with the morning worship Sunday. Services will continue through Friday.

Dr. Ownbey will preach at the evening services at 7:30, Monday through Friday and each morning will hold service for children and young people at 8:05 until 8:25.

The Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, pastor of the Elkin church, announced yesterday that Dr. Ownbey's topics would be as follows. Sunday morning, "The Christian Hazard of Life"; Sunday evening, "The Christian Fulfillment of Life"; Monday evening, "The Tragedy of Spiritual Immaturity"; Tuesday evening, "The Essence of Personal Religion"; Wednesday evening, "On Making Our Religion Real"; Thursday evening, "Religion and Healthy Living"; and Friday evening, "Christians in an Unchristian Society."

Completion Expected In Early Fall

Construction began this week on a \$130,000 addition to the Elkin High School building.

The annex, which will contain a basement and three floors, will probably be completed before the 1949-50 school term begins, John Franklin, Elkin architect, said yesterday.

Bids were let this week to G. L. Wilson Building Company, Statesville, for general construction at \$110,602. Plumbing and heating contracts was given to Parlier and Tomlinson, Lenoir, at \$12,723. The electrical contract was awarded Harris Electric Company, Elkin, at \$6,768.24. The total amount presently totals \$130,093.24.

Alterations to the existing building will be included in the construction.

The new building will consist of a vocational shop which will be housed in a basement, 33 x 60 feet. On the ground floor a cafeteria is planned for the entire floor, 100 x 57 feet. This includes a kitchen, storage room, dining room and toilets. The first floor will house a teachers' lounge, and commercial department (typing room, bookkeeping room and five class rooms). The second and top floor will consist of a science laboratory, science lecture room.

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STATE OF TOWN IS REVIEWED

Progress of Present Council Reviewed With List of Accomplishments

AT TOWN MASS MEETING

"Never before have the commissioners of Elkin been confronted with the terrifying challenge and the great responsibility which the present board faced during the past two years," Mayor Garland Johnson told an assembly of town citizens Friday night, while reviewing the biennial mayor's report.

He listed improvements made during the present council's stay in office and reported that the town is in good financial position.

"During the war the demands for public improvements were as great or greater than at any other time, but these demands could not be met for lack of personnel and materials," he continued. "At the close to the war, materials were still scarce and their cost was almost doubled. Our town was suffering from growing pains—more public services were necessary and the Elkin Council took cognizance of these pressing needs.

"While other towns and cities were striving to meet the demands and necessities of the public, some of them almost doubled their tax rate and still found themselves behind the proverbial 'eight ball' in a financial way.

"The Federal and State Governments were encouraging deficit

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Meeting Held Here To Form Reserve Group

An organizational meeting of Elkin's first World War II army reserve unit was held last week here.

A station complement (small) was formed by a group of reserve officers who will be under the command of Russell Burcham, reserve Lieutenant colonel.

Here to complete plans for the reserve organization were Captain Richard J. McInery and M-Sgt. T. K. Lancaster, of the Winston-Salem recruiting office.

Mr. Burcham explained yesterday that the unit will begin functioning regularly soon and that enlisted personnel would be recruited to build the group.

Boonville Endorses Town Administration

The Boonville Board of Trade at its regular meeting Monday night unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing the present town administration for re-election. The administration consists of Mayor T. W. Martin and Aldermen Frank Steelman, J. A. Speas and F. R. Matthews.

Reports on the new community building, the baseball team and the street improvement project were given at the meeting, at which a color film depicting Boonville school life was also shown.

The board voted to purchase new uniforms for the Boonville community baseball team.

E. E. Hood, president of the Board of Trade, presided at the meeting.

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