

SURRY'S GOODS SHOW INCREASE SINCE THE WAR

Gain of \$15,843,000 Reported By Commerce Department

1947 CENSUS IS SHOWN

Most Surry Branches of Manufacturing Show Corresponding Increases

RAPID STRIDES IN N. C.

The value added by manufacture of goods produced in manufacturing establishments of Surry County has increased by approximately \$15,843,000 since before the war, the U. S. Department of Commerce reported today.

C. Parker Persons, Regional Director of the Department, revealed that a Census Bureau report from its 1947 Census of Manufacturers shows that in 1939 the value added by manufacture of goods produced by Surry manufacturers was \$5,749,000, and that in 1947 it was \$21,592,000. The term "value added by manufacture" means the value of manufactured goods in excess of the cost of materials and supplies, the official explained.

Most branches of Surry's manufacturing industries have grown correspondingly in the eight-year period, it was pointed out. The number of establishments engaged in manufacturing operations has increased from 32 in 1939 to 79 in 1947, the number of employees from 4,824 to 6,763, and salaries and wages paid from \$3,531,284 to \$13,624,000.

The Census Bureau report also reflects the rapid strides made by North Carolina industrially since before the war. For example, the value added by manufacture of goods produced in the State as a whole increased by more than a billion dollars since 1939, going from a valuation of \$544,181,000 in that year to \$1,646,673,000 in 1947. Also the number of establishments engaged in manufacturing operations has grown from 3,225 in 1939 to 5,322 in 1947, the number of employees from 294,314 to 381,480, and salaries and wages paid from \$246,834,306 to \$758,895,000.

BEVERAGE TAX SHARES READY

Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes To Receive Combined Amount Of \$61,176.25

SURRY TO GET \$23,689

The tri-counties of Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes will receive \$64,176.25 in beverage taxes for the fiscal year ending last September 30.

Allocations totaling \$2,167,570.58 to the State, municipalities and counties were announced Friday by the Department of Revenue. Revenue officials said that 95 counties are participating in the distribution. Only 74 will share in the next distribution, they added, because of dry election victories since the fiscal year started. Local units participate for 60 days after going dry.

Surry County will receive \$23,689.03; Wilkes, \$27,863.61; and Yadkin, \$12,623.61.

Beer taxes for the past fiscal year totaled \$2,909,210.55, and wine taxes, \$77,360.03. The total for the previous year was \$3,046,329.61. Beer taxes were \$2,959,665.86, and wine, \$86,663.75.

This year's allocation to counties and municipalities totals \$2,123,296.74, and the State's share is \$31,477.64. The sum of \$12,796.20 was held back. It represents the shares of dormant and inactive municipalities, municipalities which failed to submit sufficient information and municipalities in which no officials were qualified to receive funds.

Winston-Salem will receive the second largest sum among the municipalities. Only Charlotte, with \$76,320.30, has a greater allocation.

Mount Airy Market Closing Set Dec. 2

Marshall C. Fowler, sales supervisor of the Mount Airy Tobacco Market, announced today that the market has set December 2 as a tentative date for closing.

Sales will be held as scheduled through Wednesday, but the market will take two days off, Thursday and Friday, for Thanksgiving. The market will resume sales next Monday.

Mr. Fowler said the local market through yesterday had sold 11,146,064 pounds of tobacco, the growers having received \$5,085,290.01, for an average of \$45.63.

Two Persons Found Dead In Automobile

Deaths Termed Accidental, Came From Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Two persons were found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning in an old model Ford near Ronda yesterday morning. Wilkes County Coroner I. M. Myers reported that the deaths were considered accidental.

Will Billings of Traphill Township and Ruth Baugess of Thurmond were found overcome by the poison gas in Billings' car on a side road about two miles north of Ronda by two negroes at 8:30 Sunday morning.

Billings, married and the father of three children, and his companion, who was single, were first seen Saturday night around 9 p.m. on a main road leading out of Ronda. They were warned by a passerby to move the car, which they said was out of gas, to a side road before they were found by law enforcement officers.

Coroner Myers said they obviously had been drinking heavily.

The couple managed to get the car away from the spot and they were not seen again until Sunday morning when the two negroes found them in the car with the windows rolled up and the switch turned on.

Deputy sheriff Jack Hoots was immediately summoned and he confirmed the negroes report that the two were dead.

Billings' body was taken to the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home in North Wilkesboro and the body of the girl was removed to Moody Funeral Home in Mount Airy.

After examining the bodies, Coroner Myers reported the deaths as caused by carbon monoxide poisoning and termed it accidental.



HERE TOMORROW—Rear Admiral George Lucius Russell, who has been confirmed for the post of Judge Advocate General of the Navy, will speak to the Elkin Lions Club here Monday night. The meeting will be held at 6:45 at the Gilvin Roth YMCA.

LIONS TO HEAR NAVAL OFFICER

Rear Admiral George L. Russell, To Speak Here Tomorrow At 6:45 P. M.

AT GILVIN ROTH YMCA

Rear Admiral George L. Russell, judge advocate general of the U. S. Navy, will speak at a Lions Club meeting here tomorrow at 6:45 p. m. in the Gilvin Roth YMCA.

Admiral Russell is making a speaking tour as guest of the Statesville Lions Club throughout Piedmont North Carolina.

He will address the Thanksgiving banquet of North Carolina units of the Patriotic Order, Sons of America in Statesville Wednesday. Besides his stops in Elkin and Statesville, Admiral Russell will speak at Sparta, Salisbury and Charlotte.

Admiral Russell became judge advocate of the navy in June, 1948. Immediately prior to that he had been assistant judge advocate and commander of Submarine Squadron 10.

He has had extensive service as a submarine officer, serving for three years as executive officer and navigator of the U.S.S. Bass and as commanding officer of the U.S.S. Plunger.

Previously he had been aide and flag secretary on the staff of the commander in chief, Atlantic Fleet, and on the staff of the commander in chief, U. S. Fleet.

Mrs. Hugh Greenwood Named New Secretary

Mrs. Hugh Greenwood has been named secretary of the Elkin Merchants Association succeeding Mrs. Bueford Stanley. She began her duties today.

Mrs. Stanley resigned recently to accept a full-time position with the Town of Elkin, for whom she had done part-time work prior to this time.

Mrs. Greenwood, who resides in Elkin, is a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College.

CONSIDERATION MADE FOR NEW FLOOD CONTROL

Engineers May Start Project's Construction In 1951

ON YADKIN, REDDIES

New Plans Call for Two Large Dams Instead of Four Small Constructions

HAPPY VALLEY LEFT OUT

Construction work on the long-delayed Yadkin River flood control project may be started by Army engineers in the coming fiscal year 1951 under a compromise which calls for two large dams instead of four small ones, neither of them backing water into the historic Happy Valley of Caldwell County.

A report from Washington this week said that engineers' three-year-old plan for two dams apiece on the Yadkin and its nearby tributary, the Reddies River, has been approved by Congress but no money has been granted for anything but planning. Construction funds have been blocked by the

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TRAILER TRUCK DRIVER KILLED

Ohio Man Dies Under Wreckage of Trailer On Roaring Gap Highway

SATURDAY AT 9:30 P. M.

Frank J. Ziegler, 29, of Toledo, Ohio, was instantly killed Saturday night when a trailer truck he was driving turned over on the Roaring Gap Highway about 15 miles from Elkin.

The accident occurred about 9:30 p. m. on a curve which overlooks a large portion of the Yadkin Valley. Ziegler died beneath the trailer which capsized as the driver leaped from the cab of the truck.

At the time of the wreck, Ziegler was en route to Charlotte from Toledo, carrying 30,000 batteries in the trailer weighing 42,000 pounds. His identity was not learned until yesterday.

Cpl. Sam McKinney, Highway Patrolman, said it took longer than an hour and a half to extricate the body from the wreckage. Removing it required cutting a hole in the side of the trailer at the point where the body was lying. The cab itself was only slightly damaged.

Apparently, officers said, either the brakes failed or Ziegler was unable to make the sharp curve at the overlook. The truck ran across a deep culvert, which doubtlessly kept it from plummeting over the cliff only a few feet away.

The truck was owned by Richard Arna of Toledo, and it had been leased to Roadway Express Company. Ziegler's body is being returned to Toledo for funeral services.

Yule Shopping Season Will Open Here Friday With Santa's Arrival

CHILD KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Jerry Anthony Ellis of McGrady Hit Unavoidably By Auto

HAD DEFECTIVE VISION

Defective vision apparently cost a five-year-old McGrady boy his life Saturday as he darted in front of a car driven by Deputy Marshall Walter M. Irwin of Wilkesboro and was killed instantly.

Jerry Anthony Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ellis, was the victim when he ran across the road in front of the car about 15 miles north of North Wilkesboro on highway 18 near McGrady.

According to a witness, Mrs. Clarence Painter, grandmother of the boy, Marshal Irwin was entirely blameless for the accident as he did everything in his power to avoid hitting the small boy. In his efforts, the car was turned over and he and Mrs. Irwin were bruised and shaken up.

Wilkes Sheriff C. G. Poindexter, coroner I. M. Myers, and patrolman Clyde R. Shook agreed that the accident was unavoidable and preferred no charges against the driver of the car.

Relatives said the child had no vision in one eye and had defective sight in the other. It was theorized that he could not see the oncoming car when he darted onto the road.

Funeral service was conducted at Reins Sturdivant Chapel in North Wilkesboro today at 10 a. m. with Father Peter Sheraton in charge. Burial was in Mount Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, north of North Wilkesboro.

Marshal Irwin is the father of Dwayne Irwin of Elkin.

GRA-Y CONTEST FINALS SLATED

Elkin, North Elkin, Jonesville, Pleasant Hill Schools Are Represented

SIX TROPHIES OFFERED

The Gra-Y Thanksgiving contest program set for the Gilvin Roth YMCA tonight will have 23 finalists competing for the six miniature silver Oscars to be awarded reading and recitation winners from four schools.

Pleasant Hill, Jonesville, North Elkin and Elkin are the schools to be represented in the finals tonight, beginning at 7:30, and the awards will go to the winners of each grade group.

Winners and runner-ups for three of the schools were announced in the Thursday issue of The Tribune and now the Elkin contestants and their runner-ups have been released.

From the fourth grade, Lawrence Laxton and Nancy Neaves are the winners and their runner-ups are Robert Tatum and Rosa Roth. Fifth grade victors are Jay Braxton and Deanna Marshall with Billy Edson and Tommy Harris, participating as a team, and Phyllis Aden named second.

Farrell Settle and Deanna Stewart will represent the sixth grade and their alternates are Jim Edwards and Louise Laxton. Seventh grade choices of the judges were Lyndon DeBorde and Annie Gray Calhoun with Jimmy Blivins and Alice Braxton placing second.

An 18-page booklet was issued by Elinor Montgomery and Max Cooke, Gra-Y heads, recently and students in each grade in Pleasant Hill, Jonesville, North Elkin, and Elkin elementary schools have

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Boonville Cannery To Be Opened Again

The Boonville Community Cannery will be open again this year for the butchering of hogs. It will be open whenever the weather is suitable for butchering and there is enough business to justify the cannery being open.

Also, lard may be rendered, meat may be ground into sausage and meat may be canned.

Legion Plans Turkey Shoot For Thursday

A turkey shoot will be sponsored Thursday by the Elkin American Legion post on the site of the old shoe factory. Four turkeys will be given away. The event will begin at 9 a. m. and will continue all day.

A square dance at the Legion Hut will be given Thursday night under the joint sponsorship of the Elkin American Legion post and Jonesville's Boyd-Seagraves Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

STATE VARSITY STAGES CLINIC

Coach Everett Case Uses Team To Illustrate Fine Points of Game

VARSAITY TEAM WINS

Coach Everett Case and his North Carolina State basketballers put on a show for fans in the Elkin vicinity at the Gilvin Roth YMCA Saturday night and the spectators went away talking of two great basketball teams and the finer points of the game.

A clinic was the primary objective of the evening and Coach Case used a microphone to describe the drills his players went through. When that was over, the State varsity, led by All-American Dick Dickey, Paul Hovath, and Sam Ranzino whipped a talented freshmen team in a scrimmage game, 72 to 51.

The importance of speed and body control was the main theme of the clinic as Case put his athletes through their paces to demonstrate this. The coach said that being an excellent shot could not make a star basketball player out of a man if he could not handle himself extremely well.

A shifting drill and a pivoting drill were used as examples of this. And in these drills, pointers were given and pivoting on the ball of the foot was emphasized.

Also, Coach Case gave and illustrated warmup drills, ways of variations of shooting a crisp shot, and two methods of the fast break. Ways to work the ball in on a fast break when the offensive team has three men on two or four men on three were explained.

Keeping the feet nimble was another subject and the players showed how they skipped rope, similar to a boxer in training, to maintain this feature. Dribbling and pivoting, the proper way to do it, was also shown by Coach Case and his athletes.

Forestry Meetings Concluded In Wilkes

Between 300 and 400 Wilkes County farmers and farm boys participated in the forestry meetings which have just been concluded in Wilkes County, J. P. Choplin, Wilkes Farm Agent, said Saturday.

Five meetings in which demonstrations were held for men and boys attracted an attendance of about 200. Three afternoon meetings for men alone were attended by about 150. John Gray and Walter Keller, extension foresters, and the county agent and his assistant, Howard Colvard, assisted.

The demonstrations featured timberland improvement, selective cutting and tree planting. The series was climaxed with a demonstration for sawmill operators.

Several of Area To Get Diplomas

Twenty-seven students will complete requirements for a bachelor of science degree at Appalachian State Teachers College Wednesday.

Among those from this vicinity finishing and their fields of specialization are Mrs. Watt Deal, Jonesville, grammar grade education; Evelyn Staton, Flat Rock, Home Economics and science; and Eleanor Wagoner, Yadkinville, English and social studies.

An average freight car will carry 52.26 tons.

Movie Party Is Planned For Kiddies

Old Saint Nick himself will usher in Elkin's Christmas Shopping season Friday morning with an appearance at 10 a. m. here.

Yuletide shopping will be officially opened at that time, following the turning on of Christmas lights in the downtown area Thursday night.

Santa will not come in by train as in the past but will be taken by a fire truck directly to the State Theatre on Church Street where his hundreds of young admirers will await him at a blocked off area.

Here a program will be conducted which will include treats for the children, movies and cartoons and a song festival. Santa will preside.

Christmas lights this year will bear a different flavor. Brilliant lights of varied colors will be strung across the streets with lighted wreaths adorning the center. At the intersections brightly lighted lanterns will trim the pattern of the cross-street ropes and wreaths.

Elkin merchants have worked extensively for the past several weeks in order to make the Christmas appearance in the downtown area an attractive and merry one.

The lighting, Santa Claus's appearance and the children's treats are being provided by the merchants as usual.

FARM BUREAU'S GOAL IS 1,600

Federation Reports 1,306 Members Gained In 1950 Membership Drive

100 MORE EXPECTED

The Surry Farm Bureau Federation today reported that 1,306 members of its 1950 membership goal of 1,600 had been received.

Pilot Mountain, White Plains and Franklin are leading in the membership enlistments as Surry's number grows to what Farm Bureau officers say will make the group one of the largest in Western North Carolina—by far the largest in Northwestern North Carolina.

Officers point out that another 100 will be turned in by the time returns are to be filed with the state office Wednesday. Members who have enlisted 10 or more members may qualify for membership in the Edward A. O'Neal Party Club.

The campaign will continue until November 30 at which time memberships must be certified from the North Carolina Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Enlistments by townships are as follows: Bannertown 5, Beulah 70, Cook School 28, Copeland 89, Dobson 94, Eldora 28, Elkin 98, Flat Rock 50, Franklin 131, Long Hill 21, Lowgap 12, Marsh 40, Mountain Park 87, Pilot Mountain 44, Shoals 102, Siloam 101, Westfield 6 and White Plains 136.

Passenger Train Resumes Running Beginning Today

Operations were resumed this morning on the Southern Railway passenger train connecting Elkin with North Wilkesboro and Winston-Salem. This train was discontinued during the recent critical coal strike.

The train arrives in Elkin at 10.10 a. m. headed for North Wilkesboro and comes back through at 2:45 p. m. with the destination of Winston-Salem.

This run was ordered stopped by the Interstate Commerce Commission as a fuel-saving measure while the strike was on. All of the other 27 trains operated by the Southern Railway Co., which were cut off by the ICC, are slated to be continued beginning today or tomorrow.



EMERALD MAY BRING FARMER \$3,000 — A. F. "Bub" Holcomb, 70, Iredell County farmer and mineralogist who recently found a 3½ karat emerald valued by three experts at between \$2,400 and \$3,000, examines one of the stones of his collection, above, at his home near Hamptonville. He has found traces of gold and other valuable minerals in explorations of Iredell, Alexander and Surry counties. He says this is part of a rich streak that produced the Hiddenite mining discoveries of the 1880's and the first emerald mine in the United States in 1875 at Stony Point where a nine-ounce emerald was once uncovered. Many museums have specimens from these old mines and geologists maintain this section has "immense underdeveloped mineral wealth." Holcomb won't reveal where he found his gem which is now in a lock box ready to be cut. (Max Tharpe Photo)