



The Elk Trail

Seen Along...

Kitten lazily sunning self, snuggled against boxoffice of local theatre.

Basketball players in men's league at Y showing need of safety pins to keep medium-size trunks on small-size frames.

Max Cooke eating Mrs. Max Cooke's ice cream at kickoff supper for YMCA membership drive.

Pat Graham and Ruthie Click cornering reporter for basketball publicity.

Lady driver making dash across intersection after light turns red.

Don Lambeth looking happy at party given in his honor by students last night.

Martha Mann and Dickie Atkinson dressing up to take in "big people's" party at Mrs. Charles Ashby.

Mrs. C. R. Byrd of Ronda finding a white iris in full bloom in her yard, following large frosts.

Saying she had never seen one bloom for Thanksgiving before.

Dwayne Irwin trying to figure out with pencil and paper how many dozen deer it would take to fill all the hints for venison he has received since killing a 12-point buck recently.

Corner loafer leaning on mail box down at the square, totally unaware of two young ladies waiting patiently for him to move so they could mail letters.

Pedestrian, observing Christmas decorations on Main Street for first time, remarking as how he would have done it this way instead of that way.

Motorist backing through red light into street intersection directly into path of approaching car, which, fortunately, had good brakes.

David Brown, at Spainhour's, always in a hurry but seldom if ever in a bad humor.

Tom Parnell telling coffee companion at drug store that he had heard tramen say Southern would put diesel engines on this run if coal situation becomes more acute.

Miss Leslie Johnson, Donald Halsey and Henry O. Dunbar preparing Christmas decorations for 4-H clubs.

Girl wearing new short hair-do declaring she wishes she'd spared the clippers now that Winter is moving in.

Prospective gift buyers "feeling out" others to find what to buy them for Christmas.

COUNTY PHONE MEETING SET MONDAY AT 7

Gwyn Price To Discuss Telephone Possibilities FOR RURAL RESIDENTS

Plans For Survey May Arise From Gathering At Dobson Courthouse

SMITH LAUDS VENTURE

Gwyn Price, chairman of the State Rural Electrification Administration, will address a county-wide group at the Dobson courthouse Monday night in relation to the possibility of securing telephone service throughout Surry.

Farm leaders from every community who are interested have been urged to attend, Neill M. Smith, county agent, said yesterday. The meeting will begin at 7 p. m.

In making the announcement, Mr. Smith said, "This project will be a long-time program, but we must act quickly." The agent pointed out that Congress has appropriated \$25 million dollars for rural telephone service and that surveys must be taken to determine who wants the service, where they are and the expense involved in installation.

Mr. Smith expressed enthusiasm for the project. He explained that the Surry County Farm Bureau had earlier named this as one of the yearly projects. "Monday night is the best chance farmers will have to get information as to the possibilities of the service," he added.

He listed telephone service as one of the greatest needs of the county at this point toward "developing successful communities." Others included construction of roads which is now under way and artificial breeding promotion, also well under way. New steps are in motion to solve these problems, he said.

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ELECTION SET FOR SOIL HEAD

Voting For County Supervisor For Tri-Creek To Be Held December 5-10

ONE VACANCY EXISTS

The election of a county supervisor for the Tri-Creek Soil Conservation District for a three-year term will be held in Yadkin County during the week of December 5-10 inclusive, it was announced today at the Yadkinville office.

Frank Hobson and James Speer, Booneville citizens, have been nominated by petition for the vacancy that exists on the three-man board.

All persons residing within the county who are qualified to vote in a general election are eligible to vote in this election, it was announced.

Ballot boxes will be located at the following places throughout the county for the voting Monday through Saturday:

W. M. Parks' store, Coy Johnson's store, G. C. Wallace's store, Warren's store, Frank Poindexter's store, D. B. Pardue's store, John Hobson's store, Charlie Poindexter's store, Wiley Reece's store, Walt Brown's store, and Allen Farm Center.

Yadkin Man's Seed Growing Pays

E. R. Crater of Yadkin County sold enough certified tobacco seeds last year to plant 14,400 acres of the crop. And it all came about because seven years ago he discovered that farmers in this section of the state were going out-of-state to buy their seed.

Crater was working with the Yadkin County AAA office when this fact was brought to his attention. And since he was a tobacco grower anyway, he decided to try his hand at raising the seed commercially.

His success at it is now well-known as he is still the only certified seed grower in Yadkin County. Last year he sold 80 to 100 pounds of seed at \$1 an ounce.

Mr. Crater grows four varieties of blue-crested tobacco seeds—Broad Leaf 402; Yellow Special 400; Virginia Bright Leaf and Bottom Special. The Bottom Special is an old variety, but was not certified until last year. All the seeds for his seed plants come from the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association. These are called foundation seeds.



TRUMANS REACH VACATIONLAND — A happy threesome are President Truman, his wife and daughter, Margaret, as they drive toward the "little White House" at the Naval Air Station in Key West, Fla., for a three-week holiday. (International)

Sheriff Warns Against Use Of Fireworks

Fireworks are taboo! Surry's Sheriff Sam C. Patterson emphasized that fact strongly this morning, declaring:

"It's against the law to use fireworks of any kind... even to have them in one's possession. The law will be strictly enforced."

He explained that some persons had already been indicted, but expressed the wish that no further demonstration or violation make it necessary for arrests.

CHOIR TO HOLD YULE PROGRAM

Elkin Methodist Church Chorus Group To Present Music, December 18

MEMBERS ARE LISTED

The choir of the Elkin Methodist Church, which for the past several weeks has been broadcasting a 15-minute program of sacred music over WIPM each Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, will stress Christmas music during the month of December, to be climaxed Sunday, December 18 at 5:00 p. m. with the annual Christmas program.

Members of the choir who are taking part in the weekly broadcasts and who will sing in the Christmas program, are, first sopranos: Mrs. Margaret Poplin, Mrs. Edna Bumgarner, Miss Phyllis Johnson, Miss Mabel Sale, Miss Sterling Browning; second sopranos: Miss Bonnie Jane Hall, Miss Frances Lovelace, Miss Bonnie Jean Moore, Mrs. Addie Kane, Mrs. Jean Royall, Mrs. Mary Crowe, Mrs. Caroline Dillon, Miss Carolyn Fletcher.

First altos: Miss Betty Alice Bowers and Mrs. Zana Mayberry; second altos: Mrs. Lillian Browning, Mrs. Macy Lineback, Mrs.

ROYALL RITES ARE CONDUCTED

Miles Andrew Royall Dies Instantly of Gunshot Wound Here Tuesday

BURIED IN YADKINVILLE

Funeral service for Miles Andrew Royall, 58, was conducted yesterday from the home of his brother, Hugh A. Royall, on West Main Street.

Mr. Royall died instantly Tuesday morning in an Elkin hotel of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He had been in ill health constantly since World War I.

Mr. Royall was a member of Yadkinville Baptist Church, a member of the Masonic Order and a veteran of World War I.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Royall; two sisters, Mrs. Blanche Dunnagan of Willard, and Mrs. Garland Johnson of Elkin; and two brothers, Hugh A. Royall and George Royall, both of Elkin.

The Reverends J. W. Braxton, Howard J. Ford and J. L. Powers officiated. Burial followed in Yadkinville Cemetery.

Cpl. Barr Replaces McKinney In Elkin

Corporal I. R. Barr, formerly stationed in High Point, has been officially transferred to the Elkin state patrol office to replace Corporal W. S. McKinney.

Cpl. Barr received a promotion with the transfer, advancing to the rank of corporal from the status of patrolman.

Cpl. McKinney has been assigned to the Asheboro district.

Whiskey Load Found By Elkin Patrolman

Thirty-six gallons of whiskey were discovered in a '38 Buick coupe enroute from Wilkes County to Mount Airy by patrolman D. J. Caudle Tuesday night and the driver, Armond Combs, 37, of Toast, was booked with a double charge.

Transporting and possession of the whiskey and reckless driving charges were pressed against Combs.

Elkin P.-T. A. Plans Talent Show Dec. 8

A talent show will be presented by the Elkin High School Parent-Teachers Association on Thursday, December 8 at 8 p. m. in the Elementary School Auditorium.

A small admission charge will be made and the proceeds from the show will be used to buy equipment for the high school cafeteria.

Participants on the program will be high school students and prizes will be awarded.

INSPECTION IS SET FOR ELKIN SCHOOL BUSES

Highway Patrolmen To Conduct Surveys of Buses

PLAN MONTHLY EXAMS

Any Defective Buses To Be Taken From Service Until Condition Is Corrected

SEEK MAXIMUM SAFETY

Elkin state highway patrolmen are making plans this week for the inspection of school buses in line with a directive from the state office designed to insure maximum safety for the school children.

Recently, complaints have been made regarding the condition of many of the buses in the state and in this section. A report made some time ago indicated that many of the buses in Surry and adjoining counties needed repairs.

Under the new plan of action, all of the buses will undergo a thorough initial inspection by a highway patrolman and then will be inspected monthly.

Serious defects are to be corrected before the bus can again be used and a second inspection conducted after the repairs are made, before the bus is put back in action.

Following the inspections, written reports are to be turned in to the county superintendent of the schools or his agent. Any buses found unsafe are to be ordered out.

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YADKIN CIVIL COURT TO END

Several Cases Are Heard As Docket Is Slowly Cleared

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A complicated suit against an insurance company was a featured trial in the second week of Yadkin County Superior Court for the trial of civil cases in Yadkinville.

Hazel Knight, entering suit against Mutual Benefit Health & Accident Association, contended that an insurance policy for the late Thomas H. Knight was in effect at the time of his death.

After the issue was heard, the jury decided in favor of the plaintiff, and awarded the sum of \$3,000 to Mrs. Knight. However, the court ruled later that the verdict be set aside due to insufficient evidence, and stated that the case should not have been submitted to the jury.

In the case of Carl Rose vs. Kenneth Pardue, the court ruled in favor of the plaintiff recovering \$1043.89, and ruled that the defendant obtained the property in question by fraud. Court also granted the amount of \$94.05 to the plaintiff, and ruled that the defendant be committed to jail if the execution against him was found unsatisfied.

In the case of Grady Finney vs. Paul Settle, the court ruled the defendant was negligent in damage of plaintiff's automobile, and awarded him \$450 for damages.

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SHERIFF RAIDS SURRY STILLS

Jim Daniel Wood of Thurmond Section Being Held For Federal Trial

HELD ON BOND OF \$500

A Surry County man was held Tuesday for Federal trial on a liquor charge. But deputies failed to arrest any suspects when they raided another still Sunday night.

Jim Daniel Wood of the Thurmond section was arrested by Surry deputies in cooperation with the Alcohol Tax Unit, Saturday.

Officers testified at a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Charles E. Ader Monday that a dismantled still was found in Wood's home.

He was charged with possessing the still, making mash fit for distillation and possessing the material for making liquor. He pleaded guilty and was bound over to the May term of District Court under \$500 bond.

Surry Sheriff Sam Patterson said he and his men raided another still Sunday night but found no suspects.

He said the latest still—a 300-gallon box-type unit—was located near Old Buck Shoals. He found about 1,200 gallons of spent mash and said that it had been several days since the still was operated.

Helping with the raid were Deputies Barney Venable, Roy Smith, C. E. Needham and Dave Dey and Constable Reuben McCormick.

Brandon Is Champ Yadkin Corn Grower

F. P. Brandon of near Yadkinville has been announced as the 1949 Yadkin County champion corn grower.

Mr. Brandon raised 121.2 bushels of corn on one designated acre this year, according to County Agent Dwight Williamson.

In growing the corn, he used eight tons of manure, 600 pounds of 4-12-4 fertilizer, 300 pounds of 20 per cent super phosphate, 1,000 pounds of A. N. L., which is 25 per cent nitrogen.

The total cost of producing the corn, not figuring the labor, was \$48.36, or 40 cents per bushel. He used N. C. 1032 hybrid corn.

South Dakota's Bad Lands are 5,200 square miles in area.

Methodist Church Changes Services

The Methodist Church will hold evening worship service at 5 p. m. instead of 7:30 p. m., as usual, through the Winter months, it was announced Sunday.

A three-person program has been set up which may be attended in part or whole.

Following the evening worship a fellowship period will be held at 5:45 during which refreshments will be served.

At 6:30 p. m., a forum period for adults will be conducted. Sunday night's topic will be "Our Faith in Christ." Meeting at the same time will be the Youth Fellowship.

The pastor has invited the public to attend any one of the services, or all three.

\$10 Added Today For Charity Fund

Contributions to the Community Christian Charity fund was raised another \$10 today with a contribution from the Senior Women's Club of Elkin. The total now stands at \$45, toward the \$1,000 goal.

Although donations are coming in slowly, the Rev. George Farah who is heading the drive, expressed belief that more response will be received during December.

Surry's Quota Reached In Annual Membership Drive Of Farm Bureau

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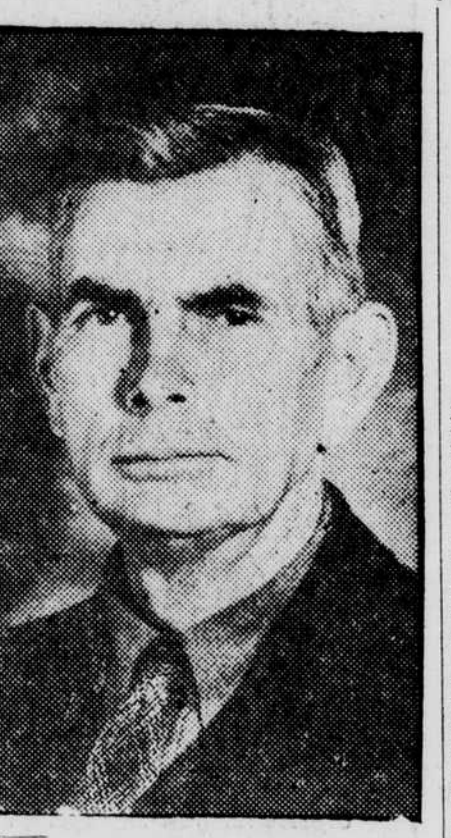
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HIGH MAN—Frank Miller, Elkin farmer, was high man in Surry County's Farm Bureau membership drive which ended this week. Mr. Miller secured 57 members and thus again was qualified for the Edward A. O'Neal Parity Club of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Miller Gets 57 Members For Top Spot

The annual membership drive for Surry County's Farm Bureau Federation reached its quota Wednesday when 1,608 members were gained.

Frank Miller, Elkin farmer, was high man among the go-getters, securing 57 members during the period of the drive, according to Treasurer C. D. Smith's report.

Howard Denny of the Pilot Mountain Farm Bureau secured 51 members and won \$100 toward a trip to Chicago to the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention, as did R. L. Burch, member of the Westfield group.

Boyd Nelson of Pilot Mountain secured 50 members, Jessie F. Atkinson, Mount Airy, 46, and R. S. Johnson, Mount Airy, 41, rounding out the first five top membership solicitors.

Denny and Burch were awarded trips to Chicago as a result of a drawing in Raleigh last week among members who had secured 10 or more members. P. N. Taylor of White Plains, vice-president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, will attend the Chicago meeting, and Claude W. Allen, assistant county agent in tobacco, will represent the Surry County Agent's office at the convention.

The convention will be held December 11-15.

Trains will leave Winston-Salem at 11 a. m., December 10, for Chicago. Members may return on trains leaving Chicago at 7 p. m., December 15, arriving at Winston-Salem at 10:30, December 16.

ROCKFORD F. B. TO BE FORMED

Regular Community Meetings Planned Tomorrow Night At Four Places

ELECTION AT COPELAND

Farm Bureau community meetings over Surry County tomorrow night will feature an organizational meeting at Rockford and the election of officers at Copeland.

Meetings will be held as regularly scheduled at North Elkin and Mountain Park.

The organizational meeting at Rockford will be conducted by Neill M. Smith, county agent, and Henry O. Dunbar, assistant county agent. The meeting will be held at the home of Rome Burrus. Officers will be elected.

At Copeland, D. A. Halsey, assistant county agent, and C. E. Mauney, teacher of agriculture, will conduct the meeting which will include the election of officers.

Walter R. Parham will make his last appearance at Mountain Park until next Spring. He will hold the meeting with Jim Dan Hemmings, teacher of agriculture, on the subject of forestry. Mr. Parham will through the winter conduct demonstrations in the forests.

At North Elkin school, Claude W. Allen, assistant county agent, will show tobacco production slides featuring the latest practices on growing tobacco.

All meetings will be held at 7 p. m.

MUSICAL SHOW CAST IS READY

'Laff It Off,' To Be Staged In Jonesville Tomorrow, Saturday Nights

SPONSORED BY LIONS

A musical comedy, "Laff It Off," will be staged in Jonesville tomorrow and Saturday nights for the benefit of the building of a community hut.

Director Chris Longhill described the play, which will be made up of local talent, as a colorful presentation featuring the pages of a newspaper.

It is being sponsored by the Jonesville Lions Club.

The most picturesque scene was described as a frontier days celebration in which an impersonation of Gene Autry by Bob Swaringen will be featured as master of ceremonies. He will introduce Judy Canova (Mrs. Tat Davis), Rochester, (Jesse Hutchinson), and Pappy Chiselefinger (Arthur Huthens).

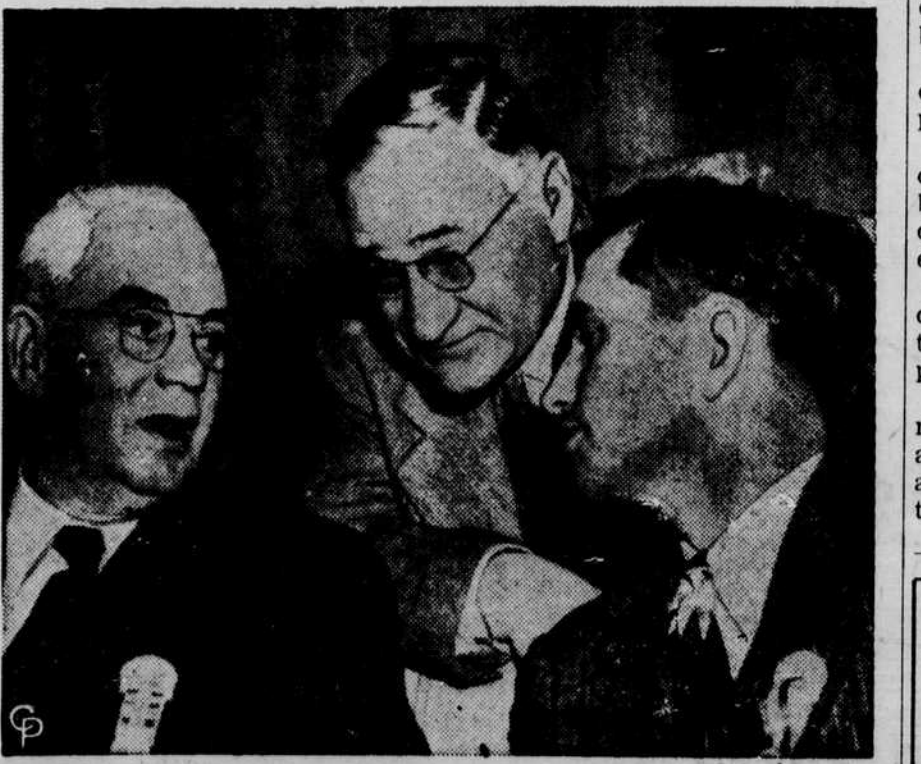
An impersonation of Dorothy Dix (Watt Deal) will feature the demonstration of a baby being bathed by a deserted father.

Chorus girls, made up of a group of high school students, will take part in a wedding scene.

The finale will show the entire cast who will demonstrate world brotherhood in which all the colors of all nations will be displayed by chorus girls.

Trophies will be awarded Saturday night of winning children in the baby contest. They will be presented loving cups.

Two changes in the cast as announced last week are Red Rose as Blondie, and Herbert Johnson as the inquiring reporter, taking the place of Wayne Byrd.



MURRAY RAPS REDS AT CONVENTION — At the founding convention in Philadelphia of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, Philip Murray, CIO president, confers with two labor leaders. They are Emil Rieve (center), president of the Textile Workers of America and James B. Carey, executive committee chairman of the new union. The organization is the anti-Communist successor to the leftist UEW. Murray attacked the Communists as a chief enemy of organized labor. (International Soundphoto)

Corn Contest Winners To Be Awarded Tonight

Winners of the Surry County hybrid corn contest will be announced tonight at a meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis Club.

Neill M. Smith, county agent, said today that a record number of participants had entered this year in the contest sponsored by the Elkin Merchants Association.

Four Games Are Set In Men's Cage Loop

The men's basketball league at the Gilvin Roth YMCA swings into its second night of action tonight with four games slated.

The schedule for tonight pits Wool Room-Dye House vs. Binding at 7, Wet Finish vs. Jonesville at 7:45; Shipping-Cloth vs. Griffin at 8:30, and Brooks Cross roads vs. Elkin Tribune at 9.