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ELKIN, N. C., THURSDAY

## Oscar Hawks On Trial For Murder At Dobson; Frazier Case Put Off

SET FOR MONDAY

Grand Jury Returns A True Bill In Floyd Stanley Case

### SHOT BILL JENKINS

Oscar Hawks, 22, of the Round Peak community of Surry county, was on trial for his life in superior court at Dobson late Wednesday afternoon on a charge of the murder of Greely Holder in November, 1931.

Hawks, a small, pale-faced youth, was subjected to a rigid cross examination by Solicitor Carlyle Higgins as the afternoon session dragged to a close.

According to his evidence, he (Hawks), had had trouble with Holder upon several occasions prior to the killing. He stated that Holder, who was said to have been a man weighing approximately 180 pounds, had struck him upon one occasion at the home of his sister, and that he had gotten a pistol and fired at the man several times. For the shooting he was given four months on the roads, but he escaped

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## BANK DOORS REMAIN CLOSED FEW WEEKS

Spradlin Wants to See Depositors At Any Time, However

Although declining to comment on prospects of the Elkin National Bank opening again, W. H. Spradlin, of Winston-Salem, who has been appointed receiver to liquidate the institution, stated Tuesday that it would be necessary to keep the doors locked for the next three or four weeks while he and his assistants cleared up a multitude of detail work necessary in carrying out his office.

He stated that the public had no idea of the multitudinous amount of detail work necessary, including copies of which must go to the office of the comptroller at Washington.

However, Mr. Spradlin wished it made clear that he is handling his job in a spirit of sympathy and wants no one to feel hesitant about

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## Appoint E. S. Spainhour As Town Commissioner

At the monthly meeting of the town commissioners held Monday night, E. S. Spainhour, manager of Spainhour's Department store here, was appointed as commissioner to succeed the late A. G. Click, it was learned Tuesday. Aside from Mr. Spainhour's appointment, no other business of importance was transacted.

## Church Going Thief Swipes Hats During Service Hour Here

It would seem that times are getting pretty hard when thieves turn their attention to churches and pilfer hats during services.

Last Sunday a week ago two church members attended services at the Baptist church here, only to return home bareheaded. Sunday night, a Baptist minister from Wilkesboro, who was here as a guest, was also made a hatless victim.

According to information gained from various and sundry sources, the church doors were locked Sunday night after the service was under way in an effort to protect all unsuspecting headgear, but without avail. The missing hat left upon a strange head.

And now it looks as if the Baptists are going to be forced to attend services bareheaded if the unknown thief isn't soon apprehended.

## For R. R. Wage Cut



Daniel Willard, president of the B. & O. Railway, asked all railroad men to accept a 10 per cent cut so the roads could live.

## BANK OF ELKIN HAS STOCKHOLDERS MEET

Satisfactory Report Is Given By Cashier J. H. Beeson

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Elkin, which was held Saturday, a satisfactory report was submitted by J. H. Beeson, cashier, for the year. Considering business conditions which have prevailed, the stockholders were more than pleased, and prospects for 1932 were bright. A considerable increase in deposits in recent weeks was shown.

T. J. Byerly, of Winston-Salem, was elected president to succeed W. J. Byerly, who is retiring from the presidency because of a press of other business affairs which are proving a strain upon his health. The newly elected president has spent the majority of his time here since the recent failure of the Elkin National Bank.

H. F. Gray was elected vice-president, and Mr. Beeson succeeded himself as cashier. Directors elected were J. R. Poindexter, W. J. Byerly, H. F. Gray, W. E. Jones, J. H. Beeson, and T. J. Byerly.

The new president will divide his time between the bank here and the Planter's Bank of Walnut Cove, with which he is connected.

## THIEVES TAKE \$200 LOOT FROM EXPRESS

Force Door Of Local Office and Depart With Tobaccos

Thieves of unknown identity broke into the local express office at the depot here Wednesday night, January 27, and departed with loot valued at over \$200, it has been learned from W. E. Jones, express agent. No trace of the offending party or parties has been found.

Probably using a heavy iron bar, those responsible for the theft forced the office door, Mr. Jones said, twenty thousand cigarettes, a large quantity of tobacco, and an overcoat, were taken.

A special agent of the express company, who has been investigating the theft, has as yet found no clue, it was learned. Usually, in a case of this sort, the thieves have a ready market for their pilfered loot, in some cases having already arranged for its disposal before the actual crime is committed, it was said.

The overcoat which was taken was the property of one of the employees of the express company, Mr. Jones said.

## Direct Line Being Built To Mt. Airy

Work is now under way upon a direct telephone line between this city and Mt. Airy, it has been learned, the new line going by way of Dobson.

In the past, all phone calls have been routed by way of Winston-Salem.

## RUMORS THAT LOCAL HOSPITAL TO CLOSE BRANDED AS UNTRUE

Institution Offering To Accept Farm Produce As Pay

## IS CREDIT TO TOWN

Widely circulated rumors that the Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital will be forced to close because funds are tied up in the defunct Elkin National Bank, were pronounced absolutely without foundation Wednesday by Dr. H. Johnson, Rev. L. B. Abernethy and Mason Lillard, hospital officials.

Due to the fact that many portions of the hospital have been unable to pay their obligations, the institution is generously offering to accept produce at market price payment for services rendered. This will enable the hospital to continue its valuable service to suffering humanity, and at the same time will help those owing the institution meet their obligations.

The Hugh Chatham hospital has rendered a valuable service since it was opened last spring, caring for a great number of charity patients who otherwise would have been unable to have hospital aid, in addition to providing for local emergencies.

## MUCH INTEREST IS SHOWN IN SCHOOLS

Students Also Being Taught Care of The Body

Much enthusiasm is being shown in the local adult night school sponsored by the Woman's Club in this city, according to a statement made Tuesday by Miss Eva Edgerton, director of this work. Miss Edgerton, together with Mrs. W. Whitaker, Mrs. H. T. Brown, Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson and Mrs. W. Sparger are conducting these classes here Monday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 and Misses Edgerton and Anderson have classes at Little Richmond on Tuesday and Friday evenings. They are also having day classes at Jenkinstown on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9 to 11:30. In addition to the rudiments of reading and writing, students are being taught the care of the body and a varied diet with the hope of producing a more healthy as well as intelligent citizenship.

A list of health rules will be published next week.

## Member of Committee

R. L. Lovelace, of this city, has been appointed a member of the Republican executive committee for Surry county, it was learned Monday. Mr. Lovelace, who succeeded F. Carter, of Elkin, will represent Elkin township.

Complete Reconstruction Board Wilson McCarthy, Salt Lake Democrat, was named by President Hoover on Friday as the seventh member of the board governing the \$2,000,000,000 Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The \$500,000,000 National Credit Corporation will cease operations and turn its assets over to the new corporation.

## Jap - Chinese Conflict Continues At Propose

A major battle between the Japanese and Chinese was believed imminent Wednesday following Japanese balk at a peace proposal submitted by the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy in which it was stipulated that there must be a cessation of violence, no more war preparations, the withdrawal of combatants from points of contact and the establishment of neutral zones to protect the international settlement and prompt advancement of all outstanding controversies between her and China in the spirit of the Kellogg anti-war pact and the League of Nations resolutions of December 9, without

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