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SECRET COMMITTEE TO PROBE FIRES

Effort Will Be Made To Blot Out Incendiarism Here and In the Section

NUMBER OF BLAZES DURING PAST YEAR DELIBERATELY SET

Such Is Opinion of Insurance Men Meeting Here Thursday

COULD WITHDRAW

Democratic—G. O. P. Candidates

For the benefit of Democratic and Republican voters of Surry county who may desire to refresh their memory as to the various candidates for whom they will be expected to cast their votes on November 8, the following list of candidates is published:

DEMOCRATIC TICKET
 President—Franklin D. Roosevelt.
 Vice-President—John N. Garner.
 Governor—J. C. B. Ehringhaus.
 U. S. Senate—R. R. Reynolds.
 State Senate—Glimmer Sparger.
 House—C. H. Haynes.
 Sheriff—John D. Thompson.
 Register of Deeds—W. M. Gray.
 Coroner—Dr. R. E. Smith.
 Surveyor—Curtis Harbour.
 County Commissioners—W. J. Swanson, M. Q. Snow, J. W. Lovill.

REPUBLICAN TICKET
 President—Herbert Hoover.
 Vice-President—Charles W. Curtis.
 Governor—Clifford Frazier.
 U. S. Senate—Jake Newell.
 Congress—L. L. Wade.
 State Senate—J. W. Hall.
 House—S. S. Draughn.
 Sheriff—T. W. Davis.
 Register of Deeds—Joe D. Dobson.
 Coroner—E. L. Wolfe.
 County Commissioners—W. A. Jackson, J. H. Beeson, W. Luther Jackson.

REYNOLDS IN FAVOR DROPPING CHARGES

Would Be "Quite Happy" If Cases Squelched Letter Says

Members of the family of Smith Reynolds, who died in Winston-Salem July 6 as the result of a bullet wound in the head, would be "quite happy" if the murder charges against Libby Holman Reynolds, wife of the dead youth, and Ab Walker, close friend, were "dropped" by the state, a letter addressed to Solicitor Carlisle Higgins by W. N. Reynolds, made public Tuesday night, declared.

Reynolds, uncle and guardian of Smith, stated that he nor other members of the family, believed that the youth killed himself, but also expressed the opinion that the state did not have sufficient evidence to reveal that the boy was actually murdered.

"I think that under the circumstances, all of us would be quite happy if it should be your decision to drop the cases. Distressed as we are over Smith's unfortunate death, none of us could find any pleasure in a prosecution that was not fully sustained by the circumstances of his death," the letter read in part.

A copy of the letter was mailed to Judge Stack for his information. The Reynolds letter contained the first public statement from any member of the family, except R. J. Reynolds, Jr., only brother of Smith, who stated that in his belief his brother was murdered.

HIGGINS TO CONSIDER
 Solicitor Carlisle Higgins said at his West Jefferson home Tuesday night that he would take plenty of time to consider the letter stating that the Reynolds family would not oppose dropping of murder charges against Libby Holman Reynolds and Albert Walker should the prosecutor feel he has insufficient evidence.

No School Friday

There will be no school here Friday as all teachers are planning to attend the district meeting of the Northwestern district of the North Carolina Educational Association in Greensboro on that date. It has been learned from Superintendent Walter R. Schaff.

Newly Completed Nurses' Home At Hospital



The above drawing, sketched from an actual photograph, shows the newly completed nurses' home at Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital. Constructed at a cost of over \$20,000, the new building is modern in every way. It is located a short distance southeast of the main hospital building.

LIQUOR, LARCENY CASES FACE JUDGE

Barker Hands Out Number of Sentences In Court Tuesday

Charlie Kimmer, local man, arrested Saturday night when Night Policeman J. L. Darnell found three quarts of whisky in his parked car, was tried in recorder's court Tuesday morning before Judge Harry H. Barker and was fined \$25 and the costs on a charge of possession. Kimmer entered notice of appeal.

The state contended that the whisky belonged to Kimmer, but Kimmer stated that his car had been stolen and the whisky placed in it by someone else. Raymond Miller, Surry man, found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and assault, was given a sentence of six months to the roads suspended for three years provided he remains of good behavior. He was also fined \$25 and the costs.

J. C. Talley, on a charge of larceny of several packs of cigarettes from a local shop, was found not guilty. On a charge of public drunkenness he was required to appear in court each Tuesday morning and show by his employer that he was working and has turned over all his money to his wife.

Tom Venable, Jonesville man, was given a sentence of 61 days to the roads, suspended for two years upon payment of the court costs, following conviction on a charge of indecent exposure.

Hugh Creed, charged with possession, saw his case continued until next Tuesday.

CONGRESSMAN WILL MAKE TALK TONIGHT

Reynolds to Make Address At Yadkinville October 27th

A large number of voters of Elkin and vicinity are expected to turn out here tonight (Thursday), to hear an address by Hon. Frank Hancock, congressman from this district, who is campaigning for reelection.

Mr. Hancock will speak in the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. Ladies are especially invited to hear him.

One week from the date of tonight's speech, Robert R. Reynolds, Democratic candidate for the United States Senate, will deliver an address at the courthouse in Yadkinville. Mr. Reynolds' speech will get under way at 1 o'clock, J. W. Hudspeath, chairman of the Yadkin county Democratic executive committee, has announced.

J. Bruce Crater of Salisbury, spent Thursday here, attending to business matters.

Yadkin Leaves Banks and Threatens Property Here As Continuous Rain Falls

Yellow Waters Lap Against Side of Bridge Street Filling Station To Set High Flood Mark of Past Several Years. Thousands of Pounds of Wool Are Removed From Old Chatham Mill to Place of Safety. Big Elkin Creek On Rampage

Heavy rains toalling nearly five and one-half inches here from Saturday night until Monday afternoon, aided and abetted by steady downpours in the mountain section north-west, Sunday night sent the Yadkin river rolling out of its banks to a flood stage said to have been the highest in several years, and turned Big-Elkin creek, usually the most submissive of streams, into a surging yellow torrent.

The river began its rise Sunday afternoon and rose rapidly through Sunday night and Monday morning as the rain continued in a steady downpour. Spreading ever outward across the low river bottoms, it soon covered numerous corn crops, causing considerable loss to farmers who had delayed in gathering their harvest.

At 2 o'clock Monday morning a call was sent in to a large number of the employees of the Chatham Manufacturing company to report for duty at the old mill building south

of the railroad, the rising waters even then threatening to flood the lower floors of the building. Thousands of pounds of raw wool were removed from the building to a place of safety.

When day dawned Monday the yellow waters had risen until they reached within a few inches of the Texaco Oil Company storage tanks on the west side of Bridge street. On the east side of the street they were spreading through the bottom, reaching almost to the Gulf Service Station.

East of town the waters spread across the lowlands and lapped against the tracks of the Southern railway, converting Riverside airport into a smooth expanse of water over a foot deep.

Big Elkin creek, not to be outdone, had spread its waters over the banks and into the fields on the west side, flooding the road leading

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ELKIN TO TAKE ON WILKESBORO TODAY

Will Mark Local Grid-dlers' First Game Away From Home Field

Unable to break up a clever passing attack on the part of Harmony gridlers here last Friday, the Elkin high school football team went down to defeat, their second out of three starts by a score of 26-0.

Up against a heavier and more experienced team the local stalwarts nevertheless showed fine form in ground play, registering a great improvement over the game a week prior in which they were defeated by Newton.

Coach Hood has been endeavoring to develop a scoring punch that will give his charges the glory of pushing pigskin over an opponents' goal line, the team having not yet scored since its organization, although coming dangerously near the goal upon several occasions.

Today the yellow clad warriors will meet Wilkesboro at Wilkesboro, which will mark their first game away from home. Both teams are said to be about evenly matched.

G. J. Tucker, of Winston-Salem, was a business visitor in Elkin Tuesday.

FEDERAL RESERVE IS STARTING SUITS

Bank Compelled to Collect On Notes, Spradlin Says

The Federal Reserve bank of Richmond, is beginning a series of suits this week against borrowers from the Elkin National Bank whose notes were transferred to the Federal Reserve in regular and customary course of business, it was learned Wednesday morning from W. H. Spradlin, receiver. These suits, two of which are already instituted, will be followed by others in rapid order against those who failed to make satisfactory arrangements with the Federal Reserve representative when he was here a short time ago, and others who are not living up to their promises.

Mr. Spradlin said the Federal Reserve bank has been very lenient and has waited nine months before starting action, allowing people time to refinance themselves or to begin to realize something from money crops, but he further pointed out that it must be borne in mind that the Federal Reserve does not lend money to individuals and, therefore cannot continue these notes.

"I want the people to know", the receiver said, "that these suits are not a personal matter. I shall find

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IMPRESSIVE RITES ARE HELD MONDAY FOR J. F. McNEELY

Victim of Accident Is Buried Here In Hollywood Cemetery

HIGHLY ESTEEMED

Simple and impressive funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of Mrs. R. G. Franklin on West Main street, for James Fred McNeely, 40, who lost his life early Thursday afternoon in an automobile accident on highway 18, eighteen miles from North Wilkesboro.

The accident, which cost the life of this widely esteemed former citizen, is deplored here and elsewhere where he was known. The body of Mr. McNeely was discovered early Saturday morning by a resident of McGrady and was removed to Wilkesboro to be prepared for burial and later to the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Franklin, to await the burial services.

Mr. McNeely was general salesman for the Standard Oil Company with headquarters at Marion. He had been connected with this company for the past thirteen years and until recently had made his home here.

He was a veteran of the world war, having volunteered early in the conflict and served 18 months overseas, with the 113th Field Artillery. He was a member of the Marion Presbyterian church, the American Legion and a charter member of the Mooresville Kiwanis club.

In 1919 he was married to Miss Mary Franklin of this city, who with one little daughter, Betty Ann, survive him. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McNeely, of Mooresville, seven sisters, Mrs. Frank Ketchie,

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LATE ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM NATIONAL NEWS

TRYING TO FRIGHTEN
 President Hoover, termed the "super-salesman of all time," has abandoned his policy of persuasion, to which he adhered in the 1928 campaign and is now seeking to frighten the voters into electing him for another term of office, United States Senator, James F. Byrnes, of Spartanburg, S. C., charged in an address delivered Tuesday night at the Guilford county courthouse under the auspices of the Democratic county executive committee.

MARONED ON ROCK
 Richmond, Va., Oct. 18.—Four hoboes clung to a small rock on an island tonight while a swirling James river flood separated them from the city's hobo haunts, known to them as the "Jungle." Flood waters, angered by a record-breaking overflow from upland streams, swirled around them and crept dangerously near to their peak of safety.

CALLS UPON LABOR
 Cleveland, Oct. 18.—Senator George W. Norris called upon labor tonight to oppose the re-election of President Hoover in an address which vigorously criticized "unrelenting administration opposition" to the Norris anti-injunction bill and accused the "Republican machine" of falsely claiming for the chief executive credit for its enactment.

CRISES NOW OVER
 New York, Oct. 18.—Standard Statistics company presents as a composite expression of opinion of 530 representative business concerns throughout the United States, the belief that "the crisis of the depression and the low point of business activity were passed early last summer."

HIGH WATERS CONTINUE
 Charlotte, Oct. 18.—Heavy rains that drenched the Carolinas for three days apparently had gone today but swollen creeks and rivers rumble on, causing damage to textile mills, crops and highways and forcing evacuation of many lowlands.

Schaff Makes Address Before Surry Teachers

Speaking before more than 200 Surry county school teachers at Dobson Saturday morning, who were attending the first of a series of county-wide teacher meetings called by E. S. Hendren, county superintendent of schools, Walter R. Schaff, superintendent of the Elkin school, built his address around the theme of "The Need of a More Progressive Attitude on the Part of Teachers Toward the Profession."

The next teacher meeting of county-wide extent will be held at Mount Airy.

Episcopal Services Sunday Afternoon

Rev. Edwin W. Hurst, of Mt. Airy, will conduct services at the Galloway Memorial church in this city, Sunday afternoon, October 23, at 3:30. The public is most cordially invited to attend.

School Foot-Bridge Swept Away By Flood Of Big Elkin Creek

The newly constructed foot-bridge which had been providing a short cut across Big Elkin creek for local school students who live in the western part of the city, and providing means of access to the school football practice field, fell prey to the rushing waters of the creek early Sunday morning.

Of the bridge, which was supported by two railroad irons serving as sleepers, nothing remains but the irons, which were bent into a curved shape by the mighty force of the water.