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RESCUERS WORK TO FREE VICTIMS OF SATURDAY MORNING ACCIDENT.

Jurors Being Selected In Murray Trial

A venire of some 80 jurors from Granville County was sworn in here before Superior Court Judge Leo Carr Monday and attorneys began selection of the twelve to serve in the case of E. Lee Murray, former county accountant, facing charges of embezzlement.

By late afternoon, three had been chosen and the completion of the selection is expected to come today. Meanwhile 35 more Granville citizens have been ordered to appear today in case more are needed.

Solicitor W. G. Ransdell requested the jury be chosen from a panel outside the county some time ago and Judge Carr granted the request. Because of Murray's popularity in Franklin County, Ransdell said he felt it best to select a jury from another county.

Murray, a former President of the N. C. Association of County Accountants, is charged with six counts of embezzlement totaling \$6,360.48. The

Weather

Generally fair and mild today. Wednesday, clear to partly cloudy and continued mild. Low today, 58; high, near 80.

Fountain Hits House Vote

Washington, D. C. ... Congressman L. H. Fountain Friday deplored a House vote which raised the dollar limit on tax-free industrial development bonds from \$1 million to \$5 million.

"This loophole, adopted by the Senate, was attached to a seemingly innocent bill designed to permit the government to collect overpayments in certain contracts," Fountain said.

"The industrial development bond exemption had nothing whatsoever to do with the bill to which it was attached in the Senate. The House should not have accepted the amendment but should have sent the bill back to conference with instructions to strike the amendment."

Congress earlier this year set a \$1 million maximum for most tax-exempt industrial bond issues in an effort to help smaller communities encourage industrial development.

"The original action to help more needy communities has now been turned into a gaping loophole for the benefit of large industries and a few wealthy individuals," Fountain said.

Fountain sponsored legislation to curb abuses in the industrial bond exemptions because, he said, some companies had been enjoying a "double bonanza at the taxpayers expense."

North Carolina reluctantly adopted a bond exemption statute last year but the state supreme court ruled it unconstitutional.

"North Carolinians in the House voted solidly against this loophole when it was adopted on Thursday," Fountain said.

"unexplained disbursements" reportedly occurred between September 30, 1962 and September 30, 1966, while Murray was in charge of the office here. He resigned in 1966 to accept a position as Wake County Treasurer and is now on leave of absence from that post awaiting the outcome of this week's case.

Employees Get Improved Benefits

Improved fringe benefits have been put into effect for employees of Louisburg Sportswear.

In an announcement by Plant Manager, Donald F. Hartness, "among the benefits are increases in vacation pay, an additional paid holiday, a sick pay benefit and additional life insurance."

Jury List Announced

The following names have been drawn for jury service for the week beginning on the 14th day of October, 1968.

Dunn - Onnie G. Jeffreys, Billy Graham Brantley, Ralph Elwood Winstead, R. E. Privette, S. O. McKee, L. D. Pearce, J. T. Johnson, Jr., G. O. Pippin.

Harris - Elmo Horton, Wesley Horton, Lillian E. Cooke, Mrs. Annie L. Rogers, Irene Talley Young, Mrs. Mary Agnes Carroll, Yates Holmes.

Youngville - Mrs. J. Medlin Cash, Fred Morris Alford, H. M. Harris, Joe Alston, Mrs. Fred Cash, Miss Katherine Cheatham, Joe Lewis Townes, Mrs. Haywood Hill, Fred C. Holmes.

Franklinton - William Thomas Catlett, Clarence W. Garrison, Sarah Ball, Mrs. E. H. Kearney, Mrs. Sam H. Bailey, Jr., Miss Ada Mae Strother, Pauline N. Gales.

Hayesville - Robert Lee Turrentine, Jack Jones.

Sandy Creek - Philip S. Perdue, James C. Medlin, Josh H. Mosely, Mrs. Lizzie S. Tharrington, S. E. Lamm, Mrs. Lucille W. Cardwell, Mrs. S. H. Dickerson.

Gold Mine - Jessie Radford, Vernon Lee Cathron, Mrs. William F. Colbert, Cedar Rock - Douglas F. Williams, Emma Mae Spivey, Robert Alston, J. O. Sledge, E. H. Parrish.

Cypress Creek - Julian Arthur Wilkins.

Louisburg - P. R. Hudson, A. B. Incoe, Joseph E. Smith, Otis Lee Perry, Judith Wrenn, Ralph Lester, Maxine Mary Leonard, Mrs. I. M. Cooke, Wilbert Perry, Mrs. Annie W. Sherron, John H. Scarboro, Roland P. Gupton, Jr., Mrs. Albert Wheless, Mrs. A. G. Catlette, Kenneth Davis, Annie Bell Edgerton, Floyd Hight, L. C. Ayscue, Fannie Y. Munford, William W. Freeman.

Murray reimbursed the county the \$6,360.48 in January of this year. At the time he stated, "This difference is disputed and I deny any responsibility for it, however, the affairs of this office were my responsibility during the period covered by the audit. He asked in his prepared statement that "if in the future it should be found that no difference existed", the money would be returned to him.

Murray has maintained his innocence from the first report of the "unexplained disbursements" in October, 1967. The trial is expected to take the remainder of the week. Louisburg attorneys E. F. Yarborough and Hill Yarborough and District Judge-elect Claude Allen of Creedmoor are representing Murray.

Highway Meeting Held

A meeting to discuss plans for pushing a proposed interstate highway connector strip to run through Franklin County was held here last Thursday. The meeting, called by Industrial Development Director Kenneth Schibart, brought civic and governmental leaders from several communities along the proposed route of the strip.

Among those attending and adding support to the plan were Wake County Commission Chairman Hal Trentman and four other Wake Commissioners, Garland Jones Wake County Manager; William C. Marshburn, Mayor of the Town of Dunn and John E. Wooten, President of the Industrial Development Corp., of Wake Forest. Rep.

Somers Hits Ervin Record In Speech Here

Robert V. Somers, Republican candidate for the United States Senate, speaking in the Louisburg Armory last Thursday night said U.S. Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. is "lying to the people." "Sam Ervin," said Somers, "says one thing in North Carolina and something else in Washington."

The youthful Rowan County attorney, speaking to a crowd of thirty GOP faithful, hit at Ervin's vote on gun legislation, the prayer amendment and on appropriations which Somers said provides the money for HEW to "come down here and run our schools."

Spending much of his time campaigning for GOP Congressman Jim Gardner, Somers stated his own positions on the issues mentioned in the slap at Ervin. "I'm against the civil rights bill. There never has been a civil rights bill I'd vote for and I don't expect there'll be one in the next twenty years."

He said he would never vote for any gun legislation and that he supports prayer in schools and opposes federal control of schools. On the gun question, Somers said, "When a government

Two Youths Killed In Saturday Crash

A Louisburg College student and a Castalia youth were killed instantly early Saturday morning when the car in which they were riding left the road and ramed into a tree near Stallings Crossroads on N. C. 56, nine miles east of Louisburg. A third youth escaped with only minor injuries.

Dead are Kevin Robert Hanrahan, 19, of West Chester, Pa., a second-year student at Louisburg College and Gary Hugh Lamm, 17, of Castalia. Alfred T. Sturges, III, 19, of Wood, reportedly driving the car at the time of the accident, escaped with only minor injuries. Sturges was treated at the scene by the Louisburg Rescue Service, transported to Franklin Memorial Hospital and later transferred to Wake Memorial in Raleigh and released.

State Trooper D. C. Day says his investigation is continuing and that Sturges will be charged with two counts of manslaughter. Day said his investigation indicated that "speed was the contributing factor in the accident."

The accident occurred around 12:50 A.M. Saturday according to Trooper Day. The scene is a few hundred yards east of the Edward Best High School. The car crossed over the left lane, ran down an embankment and became wrapped around a tree. Rescuers worked an hour and twenty minutes to free the victims, according to Rescue Chief W. D. Morton. The aid of a Louisburg wrecker was needed to free the victims. The late model GTO was completely demolished.

A tragic aftermath of the accident occurred when a switch in the bodies of Hanrahan and Lamm took place and Lamm's body was flown to Wilmington, Delaware for funeral services for Hanrahan. Hanrahan's body remained here for funeral services for Lamm. Coroner James Edwards said the similarity of the features of both men contributed to the mixup. Edwards had collected identification belongings at the scene from Lamm's body and Trooper Day had the Hanrahan-identification.

The Louisburg Rescue Service

transported the bodies to the funeral home where the mixup occurred, which caused a postponement of the Lamm funeral here Sunday. The error was discovered, according to reports, when Hanrahan's father called to say the body at Wilmington was not that of his son.

Funeral services for the Pennsylvania youth were held this morning at 9:30 A.M. from the Chandler Funeral Home in Wilmington. Burial followed there. Hanrahan is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanrahan and two brothers. The body was flown to Delaware from Raleigh-Durham airport Monday morning at 7 A.M. Lamm's body left Wilmington by plane shortly thereafter for Raleigh-Durham.

Funeral services for Lamm were held today at 4 p.m. from White

Funeral Home Chapel here, conducted by Rev. Lawrence W. Avent. Burial followed in the Spring Hope cemetery.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Ovie Lamm; five sisters, Mrs. Helen Kingram of Lilesville, Mrs. Venus Finch of Wilson, Mrs. Thelma Melsi of Williamsburg, Va., Mrs. Billie Hildreth of Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. Linda Dupree of Louisburg; and four brothers, Adrian Lamm of Oak Ridge, Tenn., Bobby Lamm of Grison Air Force Base in Indiana, Frederick Lamm of Los Angeles, Calif., and E. C. Lamm of Rt. 1, Castalia.

The twin-deaths brought to seven, the number of persons killed on Franklin highways thus far this year. The last fatality occurred on July 29. Seven persons lost their lives on county highways last year with the final fatality coming on October 7,

Franklin Man, Shot With 22 Rifle, Dies

From The Oxford (N. C.) Ledger

A Franklin County white man, John Watson, Jr., 25, died in a Durham hospital Sunday afternoon of a rifle-shot wound sustained about 3 a.m. Sunday at the home of his father-in-law where he had allegedly threatened to kill his wife, Virginia Dean Watson.

Thebert Dean on Sunday posted bond of \$500 for appearance in court after a justice of the peace here had issued a warrant charging manslaughter.

Deputy Allen Thomerson is engaged in the investigation of facts related to the shooting and he had not on Monday completed his inquiry.

It was learned from Thomerson, who was detained in court in Louisburg, that he had gotten a call about 3:30 a.m. Sunday with reference to the shooting and that he was joined in his investigation by Deputy H. T. Brame of Creedmoor.

Watson, who had fallen behind his automobile with a bullet wound in the head, was taken first to Louisburg Hospital by a Franklin County rescue unit and thereafter moved to Duke Medical Center, where death occurred Sunday afternoon.

Deputy Thomerson said Watson was armed with a bolt action .410 gauge shotgun.

Mrs. Watson came here Saturday and made inquiry about a warrant for her husband, charging that he had

assaulted her with a bottle. After the warrant had been prepared, it was determined that the alleged offense had been committed in Franklin County and the issuing magistrate withdrew the paper and destroyed it.

Mrs. Dean thereafter obtained a warrant in Franklin County and it had been served on her estranged husband prior to the post-midnight visit which he made to the home of Dean, father of Mrs. Watson, Sunday.

According to information given authorities, Watson parked in the back yard of the Dean home and called for his wife, allegedly threatening her life. Lights in the home, except a porch light, were extinguished.

Dean, who has a crippled arm and hand, told officers he observed Watson on the far side of the hood of his automobile, with the barrel of a gun resting on the car and pointed in the direction of the Dean home. Dean told officers that he at that point fired through the screen. The .22 calibre rifle bullet struck Watson a little above the eye near the center of the forehead.

Dean said he pleaded for 15 minutes with his son-in-law to leave the premises and not further bother the wife and her two small sons.

Mrs. Watson and her two children recently had been residing in the home of her parents, near the Franklin-Granville line, on the old Franklinton road.



GOP Officials

Pictured above, left to right, are: Bob Somers, GOP candidate for the U. S. Senate, Mrs. Jo Anne Long, Chairman Second GOP Congressional District, and Richard Alston, Franklin GOP Chairman. All three participated in a meeting here last Thursday. Somers was the principal speaker. Staff photo by Clint Fuller.