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## Elkin Commissioners Order Abolishment of Recorder's Court Here

### JONESVILLE TO BE CHARGED \$25 FOR ALARMS ANSWERED

### Fee To Be Taken Up With Jonesville Authorities

### SWEAR IN MEMBERS

At their first meeting, which was held Monday night, the newly elected board of town commissioners voted to abolish the Elkin recorder's court, and instructed that a bill to that effect be drawn up and introduced in the North Carolina general assembly by Representative Cape Haynes.

Inasmuch as the recorder's court here was created by an act of the state legislature it must be abolished by the same body. It is understood that there is no doubt as to the passage of the bill inasmuch as it carries the official sanction of the mayor and commissioners.

In abolishing the court, three positions in connection with the court will automatically be swept away.

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## NEGRO KILLER GETS FIVE TO 15 YEARS

### Enters Plea of Guilty to Charge of Second Degree Murder

Pleading guilty to a charge of murder in the second degree, Talmadge Dowell, Winston-Salem Negro who shot and killed Walter Sale, Elkin man, several weeks ago at a North Elkin filling station, was sentenced Thursday by Judge Hoyle Sink in Surry criminal court to serve not less than five or more than 15 years in the state prison.

The Negro's plea of self defense was partially aided by witnesses who testified that Sale was advancing upon him when he (Dowell) fired the fatal shot. The shooting was said to have grown out of an argument which started when Sale was alleged to have asked the Negro for some whisky as he stopped at the filling station for gasoline.

## PROMINENT WILKES CO. WOMAN IS DEAD

### Mother of Local Woman Is To Be Buried This Morning

Mrs. Sarah Julian Hayes, 77, a member of one of the most prominent families of Wilkes county and mother of Mrs. C. A. McNeil of this city, passed away at the home of her son, J. F. Hayes at Purlair Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, following a serious illness of more than two weeks.

Funeral services will be held this

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### Local Patrolman Said to be Hurt In Reidsville

Although little definite information has been forthcoming, it has been learned that Corporal W. B. Lentz, of the state highway patrol, who is stationed here, was injured Monday near Reidsville and is at present in a hospital there.

It was reported here that Mr. Lentz was run down by a motorist while he was in the act of pursuing a speeding car. It was also learned that immediately after the accident Mrs. Lentz was called and informed that her husband had been injured, "but not seriously." She was said to have immediately left for Reidsville without giving any details.

### On Long Flight



In the typical Lindbergh style, the Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh took to the air for the first transcontinental trip in more than two years. Colonel Lindbergh was on an inspection trip of airports and equipment.

## LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

### Child Kidnapped

Harwichport, Mass., May 2.—Margaret McMath, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neil C. McMath, formerly of Detroit, and granddaughter of Francis C. McMath, wealthy Detroit engineer and industrialist, was kidnapped today.

Dismissed from her fourth grade schoolroom after a telephone call purporting to be from her father had been received there, the girl entered a large blue automobile driven by a man described as a negro.

### Down Minority

Washington, May 2.—The powerful Democratic majority battered down two desperate Republican attempts to block house consideration today of the administration's farm relief-inflation bill and prepared to approve the currency expansion section tomorrow before sending the legislation to conference.

### Ask Safeguards

Raleigh, May 2.—Rowan citizens, relatives and neighbors of the children who were killed in the school truck collision 10 days ago, appeared before the house and senate appropriations committee this afternoon urging the general assembly to throw safeguards about truck transportation in their county.

### New Power

Washington, May 2.—Tremendous new powers for President Roosevelt to reduce federal outlays today were recommended to the house by its appropriations committee, embodied in a supply bill slashing veteran costs nearly half a billion dollars under current figures.

### For Bonus Payment

Washington, May 2.—Representative Hancock, Democrat, North Carolina, today joined house advocates of paying the bonus with the additional currency to be issued under the inflation program.

## FUNERAL SERVICES ARE HELD TUESDAY FOR SAM T. RAY

### Former Elkin Man Dies From Self-Inflicted Bullet Wound

### IS BURIED HERE

Samuel Tilden Ray, 55, passed away at Davis Hospital, Statesville, Sunday evening, at 9:45, from a self-inflicted bullet wound. Mr. Ray had been in ill health for the past several years and this is supposed to be the cause of his rash act, which was committed about seven o'clock at his home in Statesville. The bullet, fired from a .38 caliber revolver, entered his head just back of the left ear. Immediately after the fatal shot was fired he was rushed to the hospital but never regained consciousness.

The deceased was born in Yadkin county, near Jonesville and was a son of the late L. T. and Mrs. Sarah Holcomb Ray. His early manhood was spent in Iowa but greater part of his life had been spent in this immediate community and his many friends here mourn his passing. He was the senior member of the firm of Ray and Gilliam of this city until the business was destroyed by fire, and had resided here for about sixteen years prior to moving to Statesville in January of this year.

He was a member of the First Baptist church of Statesville and was a regular attendant at Sunday school

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## COMMENCEMENT AT COPELAND SCHOOL

### To Begin Sunday Afternoon, May 8, At 3:30 o'clock

The commencement exercises of the Copeland consolidated school will begin Sunday afternoon, May 8, at 3:30 and will continue until Saturday evening. The program follows: Sunday afternoon, May 8, at 3:30 Dr. Tom Sykes of High Point will preach the commencement sermon. On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock a play, "Pirate Gold", will be presented. This will be followed by the graduation exercises.

Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, Dr. Chas. E. Brewer, president of Meredith College and National Councilor of the Jr. O. U. A. M., will deliver an address.

The program of the elementary grades will feature Friday's exercises. The exercises will begin at nine o'clock A. M. The 7th grade

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## PROMINENT RONDA WOMAN IS BURIED

### Mrs. Annie Weaver Hickerson Dies Friday Of Pneumonia

Mrs. Annie Weaver Hickerson, 78, widow of Dr. James Hickerson, of Ronda, passed away Friday afternoon at five o'clock, following a brief illness of bronchial pneumonia.

Mrs. Hickerson was a native of Springfield, Mo., and a daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Ripley P. Weaver, of Valley Springs, Arkansas. Colonel Weaver was a veteran of the Confederate army and was later lieutenant governor of Arkansas. During recent years the deceased had spent her winters at Chapel Hill with her son, Prof. Thomas F. Hickerson of the faculty of the University of North Carolina, and the summer months at her home at Ronda.

She is survived by three sons, Lytle N. Hickerson, of Newport, Tenn.; Robert L. Hickerson, of Ronda and Thomas F. Hickerson, of Chapel Hill. One sister, Mrs. R. F. King.

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## Ebenezer-Grassy Creek Meeting To Begin 8th

The Ebenezer-Grassy Creek meeting will begin Monday night at Ebenezer Methodist church with Rev. George F. Hood, of Sandy Ridge, doing the preaching.

The meeting is to be a two-church affair, the scene to be shifted to the Grassy Creek church beginning Sunday night, May 14.

## Commissioners Order Horizontal Cut of 20 Per Cent In Assessed Value of All Surry Real Estate

### Cast Light Vote Here Monday For Mayor and Commissioners

A total of 71 votes were cast in the town election held here Monday, 61 of which were straight ballots and one of which was thrown out due to improper marking.

Due to the fact that there was only one ticket, the election was a mere formality, which accounted for the light vote.

Mayor M. A. Royall, succeeding himself in that office, was given 69 votes. Votes for commissioners were as follows:

H. P. Graham, 65; J. R. Poindexter, 65; Avery Neaves, 69; C. C. Myers, 67 and M. R. Bailey, 66.

Meeting Monday night, the new board re-elected the following town officials:

Clerk and treasurer, Paul Gwyn; City attorney, W. M. Allen; Tax Collector, Dixie Graham; Fire Chief, W. W. Whitaker, and chief of Police, W. G. Church.

### Dr. J. G. Abernethy Will Fill Pulpit In Jonesville

Dr. J. G. Abernethy will fill the pulpit at the Jonesville Methodist church Sunday morning, May 8, at 11 o'clock. Rev. G. R. Stafford, pastor of the church, will deliver the commencement address to the graduating class of the Ronda high school at the same hour.

## ATTEMPT MADE TO HOLD UP LOCAL MEN

### Unknown Men Try To Halt Louis Mitchell's Car

Acting on the theory that discretion is the better part of valor, Louis Mitchell, proprietor of the Lyric theatre, and Graham Newman and Fred Windsor, local young men, stepped on the gas and showed a spouting exhaust pipe to two men Sunday night who attempted to halt their car by wildly brandishing a couple of extremely large pistols.

Mr. Mitchell, in company with the other two young men, were en route to Elkin from Statesville when the attempted holdup occurred. The time was about 10:30 p. m. and they were about three miles north of Brook's Cross Roads. According to Mr. Mitchell's account, the road was partially blocked by an automobile, and as his car drew near, two men, each with a pistol, shouted to them to stop.

However, instead of stopping, the Mitchell car was steered around the obstructing machine under increasing power and the immediate vicinity was rapidly put in the rear.

Upon reaching Elkin, the local men were in the act of reporting the incident to Night Policeman J. L. Darnell, when the men who had attempted to stop them, passed in their machine. In company with the policeman they immediately gave chase but lost their quarry in a cloud of dust on the Traphill road.

### Mad Dog At State Road Bites Three Members Of Family

Fear over the increase of rabies in the community was revived Monday with the report from Raleigh that a pet dog of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Luffman of State Road, was affected with hydrophobia. The dog had bitten three members of the Luffman family. Mr. and Mrs. Luffman were both bitten about eight days ago and they gave little thought to the matter until the dog attacked Mrs. Mary Luffman, elderly mother of Mr. Luffman. Immediately after the last attack the head of the dog was sent to Raleigh for examination.

Members of the family are under the care of a physician.

### Ishbel Gets Thrill



Miss Ishbel MacDonald, daughter of the British Premier, Ramsey MacDonald, who accompanied her father to Washington, both being White House guests, found her Washington stay "most interesting and quite thrilling."

### Hold Meeting Here In Connection With Opening Local Bank

A meeting of local citizens interested in opening the Bank of Elkin, with C. T. Doughton, cashier of the Deposit and Savings bank of North Wilkesboro, and Edwin Duncan, cashier of the Bank of Sparta, and their attorney, was under way here Wednesday afternoon when The Tribune went to press.

It was understood that Mr. Doughton and Mr. Duncan were to submit in tentative form their plan for opening the local bank and the amount of money they will be willing to put in bank stock, the remainder of the stock to be subscribed by Elkin citizens.

Although it is not known what the outcome of the meeting will be, it was learned reliably that prospects for opening the local bank appear more hopeful than they have at any time since it was closed by the president's proclamation.

## HOLD FUNERAL FOR JONESVILLE WOMAN

### Mrs. Margaret Payne Sheppard Dies At Local Hospital

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon for Mrs. Margaret Payne Sheppard, 52, who passed away at Hugh Chatham Hospital early Thursday afternoon, following a brief illness. The rites were in charge of Rev. J. L. Powers and Rev. Correll.

Mrs. Sheppard is survived by her aged mother, Mrs. Malinda Payne, of Jonesville, and five sisters: Miss Zada Payne, Jonesville; Mrs. S. G. Spicer, Lenoir; Mrs. W. A. Feltz, Hamptonville; Mrs. John Dancy, North Wilkesboro and Mrs. A. J. Ballard, McGrady. Two sons, Boyd and Foy Sheppard, of Jonesville, and one brother, George Payne, of Elkin.

The deceased was a native of Wilkes county, and had made her home in Jonesville for the past thirteen years. She was a member of the Walnut Grove Baptist church in Wilkes county.

### TRAFFIC LEAGUE TO MEET

The North Carolina Traffic League will hold its annual meeting in Winston-Salem June 6, according to announcement by the secretary-treasurer, W. S. Creighton, of Charlotte.

## TOTAL OF 25 BEER LICENSES GRANTED IN SURRY COUNTY

### Bill In General Assembly Would Eliminate Tax Penalties

### SURRY IS INCLUDED

A horizontal reduction of 20 per cent in assessed value of all real estate in Surry county over which the board of county commissioners has jurisdiction, was ordered by the board during their meeting in Dobson Monday.

In ordering the cut the commissioners took into consideration that there may be exceptions where the present tax assessment may be either too high or too low as compared with the assessed value of such class of property and ordered that the tax supervisor be directed to adjust the assessment with the individual owner, in all cases giving the owner full

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## WILKES WOMAN IS VICTIM OF CANCER

### Mrs. Mary Gilliam Wall Is Buried Friday Morning

Mrs. Mary Gilliam Wall, 66, wife of M. H. Wall, passed away at her home near Benham, Wilkes county, Wednesday night, following an illness of more than a year of cancer. The deceased had been a member of the Little Elkin Baptist church for more than half a century and was beloved among a wide circle of friends.

She is survived by her husband, M. H. Wall, six sons and two daughters: Marvin W., Thomas J., Colon E. and Mrs. E. H. Blackburn, all of Ronda; James A. Wall, of Bel Air, Md.; Mrs. J. F. Vanhoy and Charlie C. Wall, of Elkin and Clarence M. Wall, of Jonesville. Two sisters, Miss Willie Killiam, of Albemarle, and Mrs. Julia Davis, of Marshville, and two brothers: G. R. Gilliam, of Fayetteville and Charlie Gilliam, of Rockingham, and fourteen grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Friday morning from Little Elkin Baptist church in charge of Rev. Miller and interment was in the church cemetery.

### Chatham Officials Hold Banquet Here

A semi-annual banquet and get-together meeting of superintendents and foremen of the Elkin and Winston-Salem plants of the Chatham Manufacturing company was held Tuesday night in the banquet hall at Hotel Elkin, the banquet being followed by a business meeting at the office of the local Chatham plant.

Talks were made by W. A. Neaves, general superintendent, and R. W. Harris, superintendent of the Winston-Salem plant, which was followed by a general discussion by those present.

The meeting was said to have been one of the most successful yet held.

### Local Postoffice Gets Counterfeit \$10 Bill

A counterfeit ten-dollar bill, of such perfect workmanship that its one defect—smutty coloring—was not noticed at the time, was accepted last week by the local postoffice.

Discovery that the bill was counterfeit was said to have been made in Winston-Salem, where postal money was sent, and it was returned to local postoffice officials.

For protection of local merchants the serial number of the bill was B 31372245 A.

The generous citizen may soon be asked to contribute a stray dime to the poor bootlegger.—Indianapolis Star.