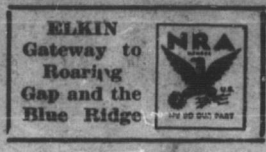


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Necessary Papers Are Signed For Widening Street In North Elkin

PLANS CALL FOR 6 FEET OF CEMENT ON EACH SIDE OF ROAD

Water and Sewerage Estimate Submitted By Franklin

OTHER BUSINESS

Necessary papers have been signed ready for forwarding to the state highway commission at Raleigh for the widening of highway 26 from the end of the wide section of Bridge street extension near the home of Dr. L. C. Couch to the city limits in North Elkin.

The project calls for six feet of hard surfacing on either side of the present highway, the town to stand the expense of removing obstructions along the right of way and to pay all maintenance costs of the street once the job is completed.

Funds for the project are to come from North Carolina's allocation from the public works commission.

The papers were duly signed and attested at the meeting of the town board of commissioners Monday night.

During the meeting the proposed water and sewer project for North Elkin came in for lengthy discussion. An estimate furnished the town by Engineer John Franklin disclosed that to successfully carry out the project the town would have to pay approximately \$8,000 for pipe and other materials while the CWA would pay all other additional costs which would amount to approximately \$15,000 and would go to labor.

Upon receipt of the estimate, J. N. (Buck) Freeman was sent to Raleigh Wednesday to seek better terms from CWA officials, first, to try and get the CWA to furnish all the money required for the project.

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LOCAL BANK SELLS STOCK TO THE RFC

Preferred Stock In Amount Of \$25,000 Is Sold

With the approval of the board of directors and the stockholders of The Bank of Elkin, \$25,000 worth of preferred stock in the local institution have been sold to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, it was learned Wednesday afternoon from Garland Johnson, cashier.

The meeting of the directors approving the sale of the preferred stock to the R. F. C. was held December 21. On December 26 the stockholders met in a called meeting and approved the recommendation of the board of directors that the stock be sold.

The resolutions of the bank were submitted to the R. F. C. January 1, were approved and the bank charter amended for the sale of the stock by Secretary of State Stacy W. Wade at Raleigh.

Negro Burned 2 Years Ago Out of Hospital

Jason Cockerham, 18 year old Jonesville Negro who was severely burned from his ankles to his middle thighs in a gasoline explosion on December 19, 1931, was released from Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital Saturday of last week. Cockerham had been a patient at the hospital since the accident more than two years ago.

The Negro was standing before a fire when a bottle of gasoline in his pocket exploded, and ignited, causing serious and probably permanent injury.

Break In Store

The East Elkin Grocery company was broken into and robbed Saturday night, the thieves entering by way of the front door after smashing the lock. Cigarettes valued at approximately \$12 were taken.

First Lynch Arrest



Anthony Catali, (above) 19 year old farm boy of San Jose, Calif., who was the first arrested, charged with violating the California lynch law by participating in the mob hanging of the confessed kidnapers and slayers of Brooke Hart at San Jose recently.

LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

CAPITAL AWAITS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Washington, Jan. 2.—The eve of Congress found Washington quiet, full of rumors, and wondering whether President Roosevelt's reported decision to deliver his message tomorrow in person presaged a surprise request for some unanticipated legislation.

Government departments held down their usual number of announcements, apparently awaiting the President's message to learn what to announce. Democratic congressional leaders continued to promise support for the President's program, while Republicans unobtrusively conferred with each other over the dark prospects ahead.

MAKES QUICK INEXPENSIVE TRIP

Washington, Jan. 2.—Dr. J. E. Owen, of Asheville, has hung up a new record for cheap air transportation between North Carolina and Washington. Piloting a small two-cylinder plane, Dr. Owen flew from Asheville to Washington in six hours. His gas and oil bill for the trip was only \$3.10.

Dr. Owen believes that small airplanes, selling for less than \$1,000, are going to revolutionize air transportation.

DEATH TOLL STANDS AT 38

Los Angeles, Jan. 2.—The toll of a New Year's cloudburst disaster in metropolitan Los Angeles stood tonight at 38 known dead and 58 missing, while receding flood waters disclosed the full extent of heavy property damage.

As rescue crews pressed deeper into flooded communities, the list of missing decreased and the list of dead grew in proportion.

WOULD MAKE CHANGES IN NRA

Washington, Jan. 2.—Hopes for further recovery progress and recommendations for alterations in the recovery program were combined by Henry I. Harriman, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, in his annual new year message to the members, made public tonight.

He had high praise for many sides of the administration program.

MUSIC TEACHER IS KILLED

Winston-Salem, Jan. 2.—A. M. Vestal, 61, widely known in North Carolina as a music teacher, died in a local hospital last night at 6:30 o'clock of injuries received Monday in Yadkin county when run over by an automobile.

Mr. Vestal was a native of Yadkin county but for some time had been making his home with his sister, Mrs. W. C. Zigler, on McQuerry street, Winston-Salem.

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GARLAND JOHNSON ELECTED CASHIER OF BANK OF ELKIN

Stockholders Again Name R. C. Lewellyn President

MEETING TUESDAY

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Bank of Elkin, held Tuesday night, Garland Johnson, assistant cashier, was elected cashier to succeed R. C. Lewellyn and was also named to the board of directors. Mr. Johnson's name was placed in nomination for cashier by Mr. Lewellyn.

Miss Gaynell Phillips was elected secretary of the bank. Other officers and members of the board of directors were re-elected, Mr. Lewellyn continuing as president and W. S. Gough as vice-president.

Mr. Lewellyn expressed himself as highly elated over the success of the bank since its opening and stated that he desired to express his sincere appreciation to the people of this section whose confidence in and loyalty to the bank have resulted in such splendid attainment.

He also stated that Commissioner of Banks Guernsey P. Hood has said that not another bank in the state has surpassed the local bank's record and that few have equalled it.

JURY DRAWN FOR FEBRUARY TERM

Superior Court Criminal Session Will Last For Two Weeks

Jurors for the February term of Surry criminal court, which will be in session two weeks at Dobson, were drawn Monday by the county board of commissioners. Other than selecting the jury little other business was transacted.

Those drawn for jury duty follow: First week: J. C. Harris, J. M. Cockerham, C. E. Tate, W. E. Woodruff, Roy Campbell, D. C. Lewis, L. Lewis, M. P. Anthony, O. C. Nance, C. L. Jarvis, Mallory Hudson, J. S. Lewis, B. E. Herman, I. W. Barber, H. D. Transou, George Whitaker, Fred Martin, J. F. Martin, John H. Gwyn, Sid Hamlin, W. B. Hadley, J. D. Holyfield, W. E. Lindsey, W. H. Sneed, Felix Layne, P. R. Beamer, R. B. Midkiff, A. B. McKinney, G. W. Wilcoxon, F. H. Martin, John Banner, Lee Cook, Haywood Reeves, Floyd Riddle, Elbert Bullen, J. H. Jones and Gid Hauser.

Second week: Avery White, R. E. Inman, Dan Calloway, A. D. Southard, Cleve Miller, Z. M. Smith, Bob Williamson, J. B. Eads, B. J. Johnson, H. P. Stewart, G. N. Slaughter, A. D. Key, Harvey Nichols, George A. Bailey, G. O. Branch, F. L. Johnson, G. W. Phillips, J. G. Reece, R. G. Smith, D. M. Whitaker, T. R. Robinson, H. L. Parrish, G. D. Sikes.

PLANS DISCUSSED FOR AIRPORT HERE

CWA Will Put Up Money For Such A Project

At a call meeting of interested citizens held at Hotel Elkin Friday night prospects of obtaining an airport for Elkin through CWA money were discussed and a committee appointed to arrange for an option of a tract of land at State Road which a previous survey had shown to be a likely site.

Those named up on the committee were Foley Norman, Walter Combs and J. R. Poindexter. The committee had not obtained the option Wednesday morning, it was learned.

In discussing the airport it was pointed out the CWA would put up approximately \$25,000 or \$30,000 for such a project provided the town would furnish the site.

Have Big Audience

The Student Night program at the First Baptist church of this city on Sunday evening drew a large audience. Various colleges were represented by the students who participated in the program. Dr. M. A. Royall, mayor of Elkin, also made a short talk.

One Is Released As Suspect In Wilkes Murder Mystery; Police Investigating Suicide Theory

GIRL WAS FOUND ON FLOOR NEAR PHONE; WAS SHOT IN HEART

Room Was In Disorder As If Struggle Had Taken Place

RIFLE FOUND NEAR

A bullet hole in her breast slightly above the heart, the body of Oda Childress, one leg doubled under her, lay upon the floor of a front room of the home of her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tilley.

Thus was she found when Nathan Tharpe and Kelly Brown, neighbors, arrived upon the scene in answer to a frantic call over the rural telephone which links the homes of the community.

About the room were signs of disorder and indications that a struggle had taken place. To the left of the girl's body a chair was overturned, and a pane of the north window had been smashed.

As Mr. Tharpe entered he found a .22 rifle laying some distance from the girl's feet. The receiver of the telephone, of the wall type, was dangling at the end of its cord.

Rushing to the girl, Mr. Tharpe listened at her breast for signs of life. He heard the feeble beating of her heart. Immediately a call was put in for Doctor H. C. Salmans of Elkin. But when he arrived there it was extinct.

In one corner of the room a chest of drawers stood. Several of the drawers were open and showed signs that someone had hastily pawed through their contents. And from one of these drawers a small treasure chest, containing \$610 in cash and approximately \$3,000 in valuable papers, was missing.

Other rooms of the house also showed that someone had been searching. Drawers in the kitchen of the home had been gone through. "I answered my telephone," Mr. Tharpe told a Tribune reporter, "and Oda's voice came over the wire in an urgent appeal for help. I heard her say that there are drunk men in the house and they are going

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DEPOSITS OF LOCAL BANK ARE INSURED

Accounts Not In Excess Of \$2,500 Are 100% Protected

The Bank of Elkin Tuesday received certificate No. 5937 of the Federal Deposit Insurance corporation, issued at Washington over the signature of Walter J. Cummings, chairman of the board of directors of that corporation, signifying the bank's membership in the temporary federal deposit insurance fund.

By virtue of such membership, Cashier Garland Johnson stated Wednesday, all deposits in the local bank are now insured 100 per cent in amounts not in excess of \$2,500.

Prior to becoming a member of the temporary deposit insurance fund The Bank of Elkin passed a rigid examination as required under the insured deposit law, Mr. Johnson said.

Meeting Postponed

The meeting for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Auxiliary for Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital in this city, scheduled to be held today has been postponed until Thursday, January 11 and will be held in the school auditorium at 3:30 in the afternoon. All women of Elkin, Jonesville, and surrounding communities, are requested to attend.

To Conduct Services

Rev. Edwin W. Hurst of Mt. Airy will conduct services at Galloway Memorial church in this city Sunday afternoon, January 7, at 3:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Death Is Mystery



ODA CHILDRESS

The above photograph, the first to be published of Oda Childress, was taken several months prior to her death at the home of her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tilley, of near Benham. The young woman was found lying on the floor, a bullet in her heart, shortly after noon Saturday.

SEVERAL TAGLESS MOTORISTS CITED

Magistrate Says He'll Tax Them With Costs Only

Several motorists who did not have 1934 license tags on their cars have been arrested here since Monday by Highway Patrol Corporal W. B. Lentz and cited to appear before Magistrate Julius Hall.

When questioned about the matter Wednesday morning, Mr. Hall stated that when the trials come up he expects to tax the offenders with the costs of the case only, inasmuch as a ruling handed down by Attorney General Dennis G. Brummit Tuesday gave all magistrates and other trial officers that privilege rather than imposing a fine of \$10 and the cost which has been customary.

Numerous citizens who did not have their tags January 1 have secured them since that date and local police have had little to occupy their time in the enforcement of this law.

ALLEN CHAIRMAN OF "ROOSEVELT BALL"

To Be Staged Here On President Roosevelt's Birthday

W. M. Allen has been appointed as chairman of the local "President Roosevelt ball" to be held here on January 30 in conjunction with 5,000 other cities and towns of the United States on that date.

The object of the ball, scrip of which will be \$1.00 for each couple, will be to raise funds for the Warm Springs Foundation, which was organized by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to give aid to sufferers of infantile paralysis.

The ball is to be staged on President Roosevelt's birthday.

H. F. Laffoon, who appointed Mr. Allen as chairman of the local ball at the request of the national committee sponsoring the event that a leading citizen of the community be awarded the honor, appeared before the board of commissioners Monday night and asked that the town tax of \$250 levied on scrip dances be lifted in this particular case. The commissioners gladly complied.

Mr. Allen's appointment as chairman has been wired in to the national committee and he is awaiting detailed instructions.

Schools Start Monday

Public schools in the Elkin school district will resume classes on Monday morning, January 8, according to Walter R. Schaff, superintendent.

THINK NOTE FOUND IN APRON A BLIND; IS PUZZLING CASE

Blaine Norman Is Released When He Establishes Alibi

FUNERAL SUNDAY

There were no new developments in the Childress murder case a few minutes before The Tribune went to press, a long distance telephone call to the Sheriff's office at Wilkesboro revealed. Despite reports to the contrary, only one suspect, Blaine Norman, has been released from custody, it was learned.

Blaine Norman, a suspect in the death of Oda Childress who met death in a mysterious manner Saturday shortly after noon at the home of her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tilley, near Benham, has been released by Wilkes authorities, it was learned late Tuesday afternoon. Taft and Porter Norman and Jesse Brewer were still in custody Wednesday although their release was not unexpected.

Blaine Norman was freed when he established an iron clad alibi in High Point.

Officers Wednesday were working upon the possibility that the 20-year-old girl committed suicide and that the note which was left by her, and other evidence tending to show she was murdered, was a blind.

They believe that Andrew, referred to in the note, was Andrew Smoot, a married man and former neighbor of the Tilley's who is now employed in Danville, Va. According to evidence revealed, Smoot was separated from his wife but had not obtained a divorce although he had promised the girl that he would do so. It is believed that the information that Smoot was again living with his wife, which was revealed to her Christmas, provided a motive for suicide if such was the case.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilley stated that Oda had eaten very little for two or three days prior to her death, and said that she did not eat a bite of breakfast on the morning of the day of the tragedy. Urged to accompany the family to Elkin as was her custom, she was said to have refused upon the plea that she was not feeling well.

Members of the family stated that the girl's health was not of the best.

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Receive Word of Death Of Mrs. Joseph Bryant

Word was received here Wednesday morning of the death in Independence, Va., of Mrs. Joseph Bryant, 75, an aunt of Dixie Graham and brothers. According to the message Mrs. Bryant passed away following a long illness from stomach disorders. Relatives here are expected to attend the funeral of the deceased today.

Adams To Preach

Rev. R. E. Adams will occupy the pulpit of the Jonesville Baptist church at the regular meeting on the second Sunday in January. Rev. Mr. Adams will preach at both the morning and evening service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Tribune Is Printed In New News Type: Is Easier to Read

With this issue The Tribune comes to its readers printed in a new news type.

Although there's only a very slight difference in the size of the new, as compared with the old type, the new is far more legible, being of a different and bolder type.

It is the same style type as is used by the Greensboro Daily News, being but one point larger. The News using 6 1/2 point while The Tribune uses 7 1/2.