

ELKIN SADDENED OVER PASSING OF DR. W. D. TURNER

Veteran Druggist Dies Near
Midnight Saturday

HEALTH HAD BEEN BAD

Pneumonia and Complica-
tions, Plus Heart Ail-
ment, Are Fatal

FUNERAL HELD MONDAY

Elkin was saddened at the passing about midnight Saturday of Dr. Walter Delbert Turner, 59, dean of Elkin druggists, and one of the town's most prominent citizens and business men. Dr. Turner had been in failing health for a number of years. Pneumonia and complications, aggravated by a severe heart ailment was the cause of his death. He had been confined to his bed only a few days and on Thursday afternoon was admitted to the local hospital for treatment.

The deceased was born in Caswell county, a son of the late William A. and Sarah Evans Turner. He was educated in the public schools of Reidsville and later attended Whitsett Preparatory school. He was graduated from Richmond Medical School of Pharmacy with the class of 1901.

Dr. Turner, with his family, came to Elkin in 1916 and since that time had been prominently identified with the civic and business life of the town. He was senior partner of the firm of Turner Drug company. In the practice of his profession and by his kindly manner he endeared himself to the entire citizenship of the surrounding community.

Early in life he united with the Methodist Episcopal church, south, and throughout his life he maintained a high type of Christian character. He was also a member of the Masinic fraternity and of the Order of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

In 1903 Dr. Turner was married to Miss Sophia Elizabeth Kernode of Reidsville, who with one daughter, Mrs. Garland R. Stafford, of Jefferson, and one son, Walter Delbert Turner, Jr., of

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ANNUAL REPORT OF FARM AGENT MADE

Tells Interesting Story of Ac-
tivity of Farmers
During 1936

STATISTICS ARE GIVEN

The annual report of the county farm agent, J. W. Crawford, tells an interesting story of much and useful work that was done in Surry county by his force of workers during the year of 1936.

The report shows that small grain demonstrations were conducted in 39 communities, and 454 farmers planted improved seeds; 375 farmers were assisted with economic information; 744 acres were covered by farm management demonstrations; 955 farmers grew legumes, clover, vetch, soy beans and peas, for the first time in their lives, and 2,500 farmers followed fertilizer recommendations in their tobacco crops, while 350 practiced insect control and 450 dis- ase control under the supervision of the county farm agent.

The report also shows that 4,500 farmers of the county had summer gardens, and 4,050 poultry fowls were blood tested. Over 30 livestock demonstrations were conducted in the county and a large number of fine breed animals were placed on farms.

Over 1,700 farms were covered by farmers' working sheets, and

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MOVE TO END AUTO STRIKE

Washington, Jan. 5.—With President Roosevelt watching every development, the federal government moved today to end the spreading General Motors strike.

James F. Deway, veteran labor department conciliator, notified Secretary Perkins that William S. Knudsen, General Motors vice president, had agreed to meet a committee from the United Automobile Workers tomorrow.

Federal conciliators, he said, were to attend the meeting.

Passes Away



Dr. W. D. Turner, dean of Elkin druggists and a prominent business man, whose death here near midnight Saturday proved a shock to the entire town and to everyone who knew him.

LATENEWS from the State and Nation

FASCISTS CONTINUE TOWARD MADRID

Madrid, Jan. 5.—Fascist insurgents drove toward Madrid tonight from the northwest, apparently in an effort to link the forces outside the city with those which already had gained a foothold within.

The left flank of Gen. Francisco Franco's army operating west of Madrid moved to the El Escorial highway northwest of Madrid, advancing on Aravaca and Pozuelo after the government militiamen retreated from the bombed village of Majadahonda.

In Murcia, three persons were killed and many were wounded when three fascist planes bombed a factory, said word reaching here.

EXPECTING BREAK IN KIDNAP CASE

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 5.—The family of kidnaped Charles Mattson cleared a path again today for dealing with his abductor and indicated it was expecting momentarily a development—possibly payment of the \$28,000 ransom or release of the 10-year-old boy.

Certain officials conceded guardedly they were looking for a "break" at any minute. The government's carefully concealed army of manhunters apparently continued to keep its hands off the case in accordance with the plea of the father, Dr. W. W. Mattson.

Reappearance of a personal advertisement offered the abductor assurance the family had received his messages and that "channels are entirely clear."

CONGRESS EXPECTED TO CLAMP ON EMBARGO

Washington, Jan. 5.—Congress convened today and combining traditional ceremony with the easy informality of a family reunion, prepared to tackle its first task of 1937—legislation slapping a swift embargo on arms shipments for Spain's savage civil war.

Administration leaders of both houses will introduce tomorrow an administration-approved resolution, have it referred at once to waiting committees and push it through with all possible speed to cut off a \$2,300,000 cargo of airplanes intended for the Madrid loyalists.

MEETING OF BOY SCOUT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD

A meeting of the Scout district committee will be held at the Methodist church this evening, (Thursday) at 7:30. Merit badges will be awarded scouts passing the tests of the last monthly meeting.

The parents and friends of local Scouts are cordially invited to attend. Following the public meeting, examinations will be given boys wishing to pass work for the next court of honor awards.

N. C. LEGISLATURE FACES BIG ISSUES DURING SESSION

Must Enact Revenue-Producing
Legislation

WHISKEY BIG PROBLEM

May Possibly Reduce by \$2-
500,000 Revenue From
Sales Tax

ADDS ANOTHER PROBLEM

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—Apparently intent upon enacting revenue-producing legislation and taking definite action on the mooted liquor, labor and social security problems in the shortest time possible, legislators poured into the city today for the biennial session of the general assembly.

Noon tomorrow will see the first 1937 gathering of the legislators, but active work will not get underway until next week in deference to the inauguration of Governor-elect Clyde R. Hoey and his delivery of a budget message to the joint assemblage.

Dignity will mark the inauguration Thursday morning at 11 o'clock in Memorial auditorium, when a number of state officers, including Lieut.-Gov.-elect W. P. Horton, of Pittsboro, will be inducted into office along with the new governor.

Record appropriations are recommended to the assembly in the report of the advisory budget commission, now being printed. Requests for \$70,000,000 during each year of the biennium, up some \$7,000,000 over current spending, are asked.

Possible reduction by \$2,500,000 annually of revenue from the sales tax may add another problem to the law-makers in their attempt to meet recommended appropriations. The state Democratic party is pledged to remove the levy from "all necessities of life."

PROMINENT RONDA WOMAN SUCCUMBS

Mrs. Joyce Gwyn McBee
Passes Monday Follow-
ing Long Illness

LAST RITES WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Joyce Gwyn McBee, 75 wife of Dr. Vardrey McBee, died Monday night at her home at Ronda, following a lingering incurable illness which had confined her to her home for some time.

Mrs. McBee is the last of a distinguished pioneer family, being a daughter of the late James G. and Mary Anne Lenoir Gwyn, whose home, "Green Hill," was famous in earlier years for its warm hospitality.

Mrs. McBee was a talented artist and her portraits have attracted nation-wide interest. In addition to her paintings she was also a talented musician.

She was a devout member of the All Saints Episcopal Church at Ronda, which was founded by her family.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Rhoda McBee Carter, and two grandsons.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock and interment was in the family plot in the Ronda cemetery.

NEW ASSESSMENT IS AUTHORIZED

To Be Made on All Surry
County Real Estate; to
Name Appraisers

FOR PURPOSE OF TAXES

In the meeting of the county commissioners Monday at the courthouse in Dobson a motion was adopted by that body ordering that an entirely new assessment of all real estate in the county be made for the purpose of the usual collection of taxes.

The tax supervisor is directed to appoint necessary appraisers in the various townships for this work and is to have the job under way by March 1st, 1937.

Proceeding for drawing a jury list for the next term of court, routine matters were the only other business claiming the attention of the commissioners.

Postal Receipts Are Highest In History Of Local Postoffice

Drive To Raise
\$3,000 To Begin
Here This A. M.

A committee made up of representatives from the Elkin Kiwanis club and other civic organizations, and from each church, will meet at Hotel Elkin this morning at 10 o'clock to begin a drive to raise a necessary \$3,000 to go toward erection of a \$45,000 addition to the Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital.

The sum of \$3,000 must be raised not later than January 15 to assure larger outside donations.

An addition to the hospital is badly needed and it is hoped the money sought locally may be raised by that time.

TOTAL IS \$12,290.30

Figures Show Gain of
10 Per Cent in Fi-
nal Quarter

MAIL IS HEAVIEST

Postal receipts for 1936 were the largest in the history of the local postoffice, amounting to a total of \$12,290.30, figures compiled by F. W. Graham, postmaster, show.

Figures for the year 1935 show receipts of \$11,956.66. The second highest year, back in 1923, when the Chatham Manufacturing company and the Elkin Shoe company were making large shipments by parcel post, showed receipts of \$12,189.10, close upon the 1936 figure.

Growth of the local postoffice, and a reflection of the growth of the town, is shown in receipts for the year 1900, when receipts amounted to \$1,640. E. D. Harris was postmaster at that time. In 1906, receipts had grown to \$2,572 under Postmaster J. F. Walsh.

The largest 1936 gain over the corresponding period of 1935 was shown during the December quarter, which reflected a 10 per cent increase.

The heaviest out-going mail in the office history was dispatched from Elkin during the two-weeks period preceding Christmas.

All indications point to continued increase in receipts and growth of the office, Mr. Graham said.

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Bank of Elkin Completes
Year Which Proved Grat-
ifying in Every Way

OFFICIALS ARE NAMED

A report which showed much improvement over the similar report of a year ago was given a representative stockholders' group of The Bank of Elkin Tuesday night at the annual stockholders' meeting held in the lobby of the bank.

Both the report of earnings and the report of the condition of the bank, given by R. C. Lewellyn, president, proved very gratifying, and the outlook for the ensuing year appears very bright, it was learned following the meeting.

A board of directors was named by the stockholders to conduct affairs of the bank during 1937, following which the stockholders' meeting adjourned. Those elected were as follows: J. R. Poindexter, chairman; C. S. Foster, R. C. Freeman, W. A. Neaves, Thomas Roth, W. S. Gough, R. C. Lewellyn and Garland Johnson.

Following its election the newly named board appointed the following committees and officers: Executive committee: J. R. Poindexter, chairman; C. S. Foster, R. C. Freeman, R. C. Lewellyn and Garland Johnson.

Examining committee: R. C. Freeman, chairman; Thomas Roth and Mason Lillard.

Officers: R. C. Lewellyn, president; W. S. Gough, vice-president; Garland Johnson, active vice-president; Franklin Folger, cashier; Mrs. Gaynell Phillips Jones, assistant cashier, and Jake Jones, assistant cashier.

Officials of the bank expressed appreciation for the confidence of its patrons during the past year and expressed the hope that the bank may continue to serve all even better during the ensuing year.

KIWANIANS ARE TO INDUCT OFFICIALS

W. B. Lankford to Succeed
L. G. Meed as President
of Club

IS ALSO LADIES' NIGHT

Installation of officers of the Elkin Kiwanis club, to serve during 1937, will take place at the regular meeting of the club at Hotel Elkin this evening (Thursday), at 6:30 o'clock. The meeting will also be observed as ladies' night.

W. B. Lankford, retiring vice-president, will succeed L. G. Meed as president. Wilbur Carter, secretary-treasurer for 1936, will take office as vice-president. Garland Johnson will be inducted as secretary-treasurer.

A simple but impressive program has been planned for the occasion, Kiwanian Earl C. James being in charge.

Newly elected directors, who will also take office are: Paul Gray, Errol E. Hayes, Dr. C. L. Haywood, Jr., E. S. Spainhour, H. M. Hudson and Julius E. Hill. Mr. Meed, as retiring president, honorarily becomes a member of the board for the year.

Dies Saturday



S. Porter Graves, of Mount Airy, distinguished Surry county citizen, who passed away Saturday. Mr. Graves served for 28 consecutive years as solicitor of the 11th judicial district, of which Surry county is a part.

CONTRACT IS LET FOR FINAL LINK

Lakes - to - Florida Highway
Was Dream of Group
of Elkin Men

ROARING GAP TO SPARTA

The last link in the long dreamed-of Lakes-to-Florida highway, soon to be a completely paved national highway, was let last week when contracts were awarded for widening and surfacing the present highway from Roaring Gap to Sparta, a distance of 9.8 miles.

Grading and structural contracts were awarded the Grannis Construction company with the surfacing contract going to Aulbert Brothers, of Salem, Va.

The Lakes-to-Florida highway, providing a straight and direct route from the Great Lake region to Florida, passing through Elkin, was for years the dream of a number of Elkin citizens, several of whom did not live to see this great national route become a fact.

Prominent among the numerous local men who launched the idea and worked untiringly to make it materialize were A. G. Click, Frank Carter and R. L. Hubbard, all who have since passed away, and R. M. Chatham, Alex Chatham, H. P. Graham, E. F. McNeer and others.

Work on the Virginia link between Wytheville and Independence is already under way, and the widening of the Roaring Gap-Sparta link marks the elimination of the last unimproved stretch in the entire route, giving tourists from the Great Lakes region and the north a straight, surfaced highway all the way to Florida by way of Sparta, Elkin, Statesville and Charlotte.

It is believed this national route, upon completion, will become one of the nation's main arteries of travel.

FORMER OFFICIAL OF SURRY PASSES

Well-Known G. O. P. Leader
Dies Following Para-
lytic Stroke

HELD OFFICE 12 YEARS

Mt. Airy, Jan. 5.—Magistrate T. Warren Davis, 76, Republican leader in Surry county for nearly half a century, died about 4 o'clock this morning in the Martin Memorial Hospital here. He suffered a paralytic stroke about two weeks ago and his condition had been critical since that time.

Mr. Davis was Surry county register of deeds for 12 years and served two terms as sheriff, closing his period in office in 1914. He dictated policies of the Republican party in Surry for many years, and despite his age, remained actively associated with political affairs until the time of his death.

Funeral services will be held at Central Methodist Church at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. M. T. Swathers, pastor, and Rev. C. C. Brown, will conduct the funeral, followed by interment in Oakdale Cemetery.

S. PORTER GRAVES PROMINENT SURRY COUNTY MAN DIES

Served District for 28 Years
As Solicitor

HAD LENGTHY ILLNESS

Funeral Services Held Sunday
at 2:30 O'clock at
Mt. Airy

DISTINGUISHED FAMILY

S. Porter Graves, of Mount Airy, 71, for twenty-eight consecutive years solicitor of the eleventh judicial district, retiring to private practice of law in 1930, passed away at his home in Mount Airy at 2:30 o'clock Saturday morning following a prolonged period of declining health.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Mount Airy.

Mr. Graves probably was esteemed as highly as any man who ever held the office of solicitor in this district. He went into office in 1902 following a long line of Republican solicitors. At the time Wilkes county was a part of the eleventh judicial district, but a short time later, was displaced by Ashe county. Stokes county was also in the district, but later was switched into the district with Guilford county.

Near the close of his prolonged period of service as solicitor, Mr. Graves was insistently urged by many of his friends to stand for the office of congressman, then held by the aged Charles M. Stedman, the last remaining Confederate veteran in Congress. However, in announcing plans for his retirement about the middle of

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SUPERIOR COURT TO BEGIN MONDAY

Judge Frank S. Hill to Pre-
sides; Will Also Hear
Civil Cases

JURY LIST IS DRAWN

The February term of Superior court will convene on Monday, February 15th at 10:00 a. m. for the hearing of criminal and civil cases, most of which will be criminal.

Judge Frank S. Hill will be the presiding judge, and Hon. Allen H. Gwyn, solicitor for this district will prosecute the docket.

Following is the jury list which was drawn Monday.

First week: L. T. Roberts, J. O. Bivins, D. H. Cook, Edgar R. Lowry, M. N. Snow, Ellis Hardy, C. H. Brewer, A. R. Whetstone, C. W. Byrd, J. F. Yokley, J. W. Barber, Oscar K. Merritt, J. L. Powers, Frank Jackson, E. D. Thompson, R. B. Greenwood, W. F. Boyles, M. R. Bailey, A. J. Snow, W. S. Harris, E. S. Burrus, S. M. Flippin, Roy Lyons, A. G. Webb, L. H. Odell, Sam R. Pruitt, S. R. Reeves, W. B. Edmonds, Reid Gammons, J. S. Brown, C. L. White, M. H. Collins, J. S. Greenwood, J. A. McKimney, F. P. Johns and W. R. Taylor.

Second week: L. A. Fell, J. H. Johnson, A. M. Short, A. R. Hayes, J. C. Richards, Paul Atkins, L. M. Key, J. E. Shelton, E. S. Crawford, W. V. Holder, O. I. Bowman, James Blivins, W. F. Fulk, D. H. Sparger, H. L. Key, E. P. Edwards, J. C. Fry, W. M. McCoy, Claude Edgett, E. A. Hill, Phil Combs, Benton Moody, C. G. Adams and R. J. Hamby.

ICE CREAM
BUSINESS
SUCCESS
IF ALL
WORK BY
THE HEAD