

# Flood Control Project Faces New Obstacle

## Plan Is Termed "Cold Blooded" By Upper Group

Appearing before the Senate Commerce Committee Tuesday, a group of persons residing in the Upper Yadkin river region opposed the construction of flood control dams on the Yadkin and Reddies rivers. The project was branded by Tom W. Ferguson, of Ferguson, as "an absurd, cold-blooded commercial affair which will achieve no useful purpose."

Ferguson declared that factory owners and small business groups had instigated the flood control plan, and W. H. Strickland, of Lenoir, asserted that "once they drive these people out of the valley, there will be no reason for not converting the dams to power dams."

Declaring that the land below the proposed dams was not as valuable as land above them, Ferguson claimed that the dams would ruin over 11,000 acres of land, dislodge 1,000 homes, and render the area almost useless for roads, schools, and community programs. He added that about 95 per cent of North Wilkesboro and Elkin, cities hardest hit by the 1940 flood, are above reach of flood waters.

W. M. Allen, of Elkin, expressed surprise that Strickland was against the flood control measure, recalling that the Lenoir lawyer had previously expressed approval at a public hearing in 1945. Allen, together with J. W. L. Benson, C. A. McNeil, L. G. Meed, and L. H. Ernst, all of Elkin, made the trip to Washington to appear before the Senate committee in defense of the project. According to Allen, he has received letters endorsing the plan from every civic club in this city, as well as from the Surry Farm Bureau and the American Legion.

Representing Caldwell county landowners, Rufus Jones, who resides about 15 miles above the proposed upper dam on the Yadkin, called the area which will be affected by the dams the "most productive in Caldwell county." Ferguson claimed that the land was worth \$250 to \$300 per acre, although Col. E. G. Herb, of the army engineers, testified the value of the land to be about \$57 per acre. Acting Chairman John H. Overton, Democrat of Louisiana, explained to Ferguson that if the project is approved, values will be determined by juries of people familiar with the lands in the area through regular condemnation procedures.

Strickland asserted that the dams "can serve no useful purpose, but they can be destructive of property values," and he pointed out that several historic landmarks, including two of Daniel Boone's old homes, would have to be removed.

At the conclusion of Tuesday's hearing, army engineers reported that 73 per cent of benefits resulting from the project would be for industrial developments and urban communities along the Yadkin. They said that land will sell for about \$50 an acre for the 7,825 acres required, and that protection would be provided for about 9,000 acres.

The committee is working rapidly on the entire rivers and harbors and flood control measures, totaling over \$900,000,000, in an effort to effect final passage of the bill before June 30. Senator Clyde R. Hoey said that he expects the committee to authorize the Yadkin project but wait until a later date to approve the comprehensive flood control program.

Elkin Stores To Observe Holiday On Fourth July

At a meeting of the Elkin Merchants Association at the City Hall here Tuesday, it was announced that Elkin stores would observe next Thursday, July 4, as a holiday.

Due to the fact that the Fourth falls on Thursday, it was also announced that the stores would forego their usual Wednesday afternoon half-holiday and remain open all day on this particular date. Following the week of the Fourth all stores will close on each Wednesday afternoon as usual.

The announcements were made by Claude Farrell, president of the association.

## JAYCEES HOLD COMMENCEMENT

Organization "Graduates" Twelve "Tired Old Men" In Exercises Here

INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

For the first time since its organization five years ago, the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce released a number of "graduates", men who had reached their 36th birthday and were no longer eligible for membership, at Monday night's meeting at Neaves Park. Also at the meeting, which was officially "Ladies' Night", new club officers were installed.

The graduating class presented the club with a gong and gavel as a farewell gift. Its 12 members were Charles Weaver, Jr., Sam Boose, Ted Brown, Claude Farrell, John Kennedy, Hubert Parker, Charles P. Oplin, Harold Thompson, E. E. Shore, Roy Kane, Sam McKinney, and Julian Elmore.

Speaker for the evening, George Chandler, of the Winston-Salem club, complimented the Elkin organization on the progress it had made since its organization. He reminded members that the Jaycee organization was one primarily for young men, and in that fact its strength lay. Calling the release of members who had passed beyond an acceptable age somewhat ruthless, he declared that such procedure was necessary in order to retain and encourage young ideas and youthful enthusiasm.

Incoming president Bob Lanford was installed in office by Alex Biggs, retiring president, who thanked members for splendid cooperation afforded him during the past year.

Two of three prizes awarded to the ladies went to Mrs. Clyde Rudd and Mrs. Harry Barker, Jr.

## WILL INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Lions District Governor Foreman To Have Charge Of Installation Rites

FRIDAY EVENING AT 6:30

A special meeting of the Elkin Lions Club will be held at the Gilvin Roth YMCA here Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock at which time Lions District Governor Ben Q. Foreman, of Salisbury, is scheduled to install new officers who will serve during the coming year.

Officers who were recently elected and who will be formally placed in office by Gov. Foreman, are:

President, Jack Caudill; 1st vice-president, Glenn York; 2nd vice-president, Claude Farrell; 3rd vice-president, Roy Kane; treasurer, Fred Eldson; secretary, Tom Parnell; Lion tamer, Graham Greene; tail twister, H. C. Bowman; directors, Glenn Lewis, Luke Stuart, M. C. Whitener.

The protein level of corn tassels, usually discarded in detasseling of hybrid corns for seed, is almost twice that of the corn itself. This factor is important in poultry and livestock feeding.

## McKinney Recovers Stolen Automobile

Automobile belonging to Garvy Phillips, of this city, was stolen from its parking place on Market street Saturday night, and was recovered Sunday near Thurmond by Patrolman J. S. McKinney.

This marks the second time in as many weeks that a car has been taken from a Market street parking place. Friday before last a car belonging to Lloyd Ester, of Roaring River was taken, and it was also recovered near Thurmond a day or so later.

Phillips' machine had been abandoned in a ditch with one flat tire and the gas tank empty. Otherwise it was not greatly damaged.

## Tribune Advertising Gets Results

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## PASTORS HOLD MEET MONDAY

Surry, Wilkes And Yadkin County Conference Held At East Elkin

NEXT MEET IN JULY

The Baptist pastors' conference of Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin counties met last Monday night at East Elkin Baptist church, according to appointment.

Rev. Jess Powers presided over the meeting in the absence of the president, Rev. Elridge. The devotional exercise was conducted by Rev. B. F. Rollins, with prayer by Rev. J. C. Gwaltney.

Rev. J. Howard Ford, Bible teacher, in his address to the group pointed out appropriate and timely texts from the seventeenth chapter of John's writing, designed as food for thought for the ministers present. Following the lesson, Rev. Gwaltney delivered a message, using as his topic, "How Shall We Escape If We Neglect So Great a Salvation," stressing the greatness of salvation and what it is and can do.

The July meeting will be held on Monday night following the 3rd Sunday, and all ministers are cordially invited to attend, according to R. R. Crater, acting secretary.

During the last 30 years prices of cows have doubled, while prices for horses have just about been cut in half.



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## Surry Leaf Growers To Vote On Market Quotas

July 12th Is Date Set For Referendum

Chatham To Play Doubleheader Here July 4th

The Chatham Blanketeers will meet Triangle Hosiery, of High Point here in a double-header baseball game next Thursday, July 4th, at Chatham Park.

The first game will get underway at 2:30 p.m., and the second will follow at about 4:30.

## LEE RIDES HERE ALL NEXT WEEK

Devices To Open Monday And Continue Through Saturday, Orphanage Benefit

SPONSORED BY MASONS

The R. C. Lee Riding Devices will be in Elkin for a full week beginning Monday, July 1 through Saturday, July 6, at the show grounds on South Bridge street near the old Yadkin river bridge.

Sponsored by the Elkin Masonic Lodge, proceeds of the rides will go to the Masonic Orphanage at Oxford.

Thursday, July 4, will witness a Fourth of July celebration with the rides to open at noon instead of in the evening. They will remain open until the usual closing time Thursday night. Rides will also open Saturday in the afternoon.

Lee will bring a number of thrilling rides, including ferris wheel, swings and the old faithful merry-go-round, and several others.

Everyone throughout this section is invited to visit the rides on July 4th and throughout the entire week. The Lee organization, well-known here and throughout this section, is noted for its clean operation and a gala week in prospect for both adults and children while the riding devices are here.

## Negro Charged With Theft Of Auto Rims

Charged with stealing four rims from the automobile of Wilfred Summers, Negro, William Adams, Negro, was placed under \$300 bond Saturday.

The theft occurred late Friday night as the car was parked at Summers' home. Summers fired a gun as Adams was reportedly fleeing with the rims, and when picked up by Deputy Sheriff L. I. Wade early Saturday morning at the local bus terminal, Adams' arms and chest showed the effect of the shots.

## Club To Hear Talk On Problems Of Vets

The Kiwanis club will meet Thursday night at 6:30 in the YMCA for its regular weekly meeting. Featuring the meeting will be addresses by two representatives from the regional office of the veterans' administration who will discuss problems of the returning veterans.

All members are urged to attend this meeting.

## Miss Elkin Beauty Contest Date Postponed To July 10

Date of the Miss Elkin Beauty Contest, originally scheduled for July 3, has been advanced one week to Wednesday, July 10. The contest will be held in conjunction with a water show, both sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, at the YMCA.

Earl Queen, chairman of the sponsoring committee, has announced that several entries have already been made, and that the affair is expected to attract a large number of contestants. Deadline for entry is 12 noon, Friday, July 5. Contestants will fall in the age bracket of between 18 and 28. The winner will receive local and state prizes and will become eligible to compete for the title of "Miss North Carolina."

"Miss North Carolina" will proceed to Atlantic City in September as a contestant for "Miss America," title and for prizes totaling over \$25,000 in scholarships.

It was previously announced that no girl entering could be an employee of the business organization which sponsors her, but this regulation has been revoked, and that employers may now sponsor employees.

Water show and beauty judging will take place at 3:00 p. m. on the announced date, with a talent contest occurring at 8 p. m. Three out-of-town judges will be selected to decide who "Miss Elkin of 1946" will be.

## SHORE WINNER YADKIN RACE

Defeats John E. Brendle For State Legislature Nomination Saturday

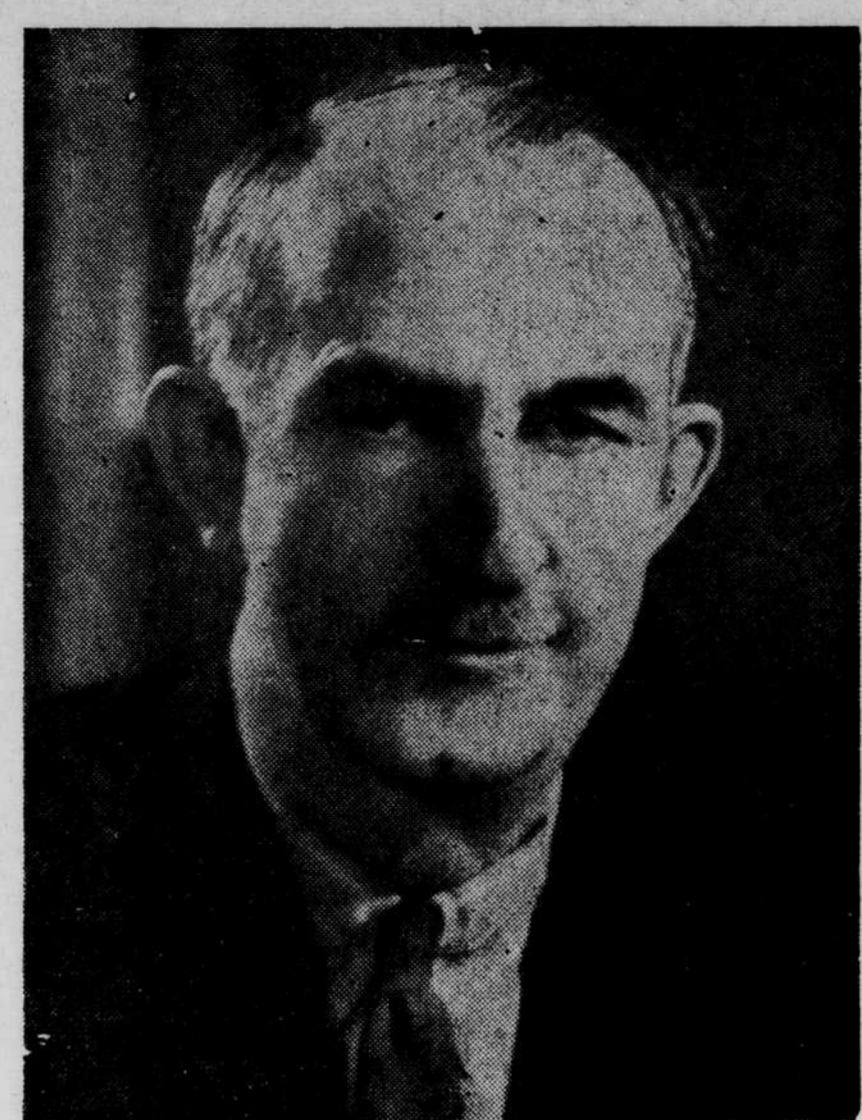
VOTE COUNT IS 913 TO 637

Henry (Ted) Shore, of the Knobs section of Yadkin county, defeated John E. Brendle, prominent Booneville businessman and farmer, in the second primary race for the State legislature Saturday. Balloting was light, with Shore polling 913 votes to Brendle's 637, according to unofficial returns.

In the first primary, Brendle led Shore by 20 votes. A breakdown of Saturday's figures show Brendle lost a total of 52 votes and Shore picked up 244 as compared to the first primary.

Grover Williams, well-known Booneville farmer, businessman and a long-time leader of the Democratic party in Yadkin county, will oppose Shore for the legislative post in the general election this fall.

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## CHARGES FILED BEFORE SURRY COUNTY BOARD

Chatham Forces Ask Removal Of Mt. Airy Registrar

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

Stokes County Board Of Elections Hears Numerous Complaints Tuesday

TO GO TO STATE GROUP

The Surry County Board of Elections, meeting Tuesday to make an official tabulation of votes cast in the second primary run-off between John Folger and Thurmond Chatham, candidates for the Fifth District's Congressional post, received from Milton Cooper, Chatham attorney, a protest regarding the conduct of balloting in Mount Airy precinct No. 1, and requested the removal of the precinct's Registrar, Gray Hogan.

Otherwise no protests were filed nor charges made by rival candidates before the board. The official count was tabulated and released in less than one-half hour, giving Folger a 2,692 vote advantage over Chatham in Surry county. Final count: Folger — 5,875; Chatham — 3,183. Proceedings today contrasted strongly with the board meeting following the May 25 primary, at which time both candidates hurled charges at each other concerning the conduct of the voting, and the board was in session three days before the official count could be tabulated.

The protest filed by Cooper had to do with the conduct of Harry Llewellyn, Judge of Mount Airy's Recorders Court, who, it was alleged, remained illegally in the voting arena at Mount Airy precinct No. 1.

According to Cooper's statement: "—before noon on June 22, 1946, Harry Llewellyn, Judge of the Municipal Court for the town of Mount Airy, came into the voting place, seated himself at the table with the election officials and proceeded to dominate the conduct of the election until approximately 4:30 in the afternoon of June 22, at which time he left the precinct due to complaint being made by a representative of this candidate."

The statement went on to allege that Judge Llewellyn, who was suggested as an election official for the said precinct but was turned down on the advice of W. T. Joyner, Chairman of the State Board of Elections, returned to the voting arena prior to the closing of the polls and again took up his previous position. The statement requested the removal of Hogan for allowing Judge Llewellyn to remain at the polls.

Arthur Fulk, chairman of the Surry board, notified Cooper that the protest would receive the board's consideration, but that action will be delayed for several days.

## MRS. REYNOLDS GIVEN DIVORCE

Circuit Court Judge In Florida Grants Petition For Separation

LARGE SUM IS INVOLVED

Miami, Fla., June 24. — Mrs. Elizabeth Dillard Reynolds was granted a divorce today from her husband Richard Joshua Reynolds, III, who she charged had a "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" personality which left her "crushed in mind, body and spirit."

The attractive black-haired woman wept through most of the hour and 15 minute hearing before Circuit Judge George E. Holt as she listened first to her husband's petition for divorce and then carefully and quietly related her reasons for filing a cross complaint.

Reynolds alleged that his wife had an unmanageable temper and flew into fits of rage, but she said, "I'm afraid he has confused unmanageable temper with just indignation."

When her attorney inquired as to Reynolds' marital behavior before he entered the navy in 1942, she replied: "Never when he was in a normal condition did he show any desire to separate."

Reynolds was placed on inactive duty in September, 1945, and Mrs. Reynolds said he told her in a telephone conversation that he was going to divorce her.

"He said he was going to marry another woman," she murmured in a barely audible voice.

Mrs. Reynolds' attorneys presented in evidence a number of letters written by her husband while he was in the navy. Excerpts of these read to the court included such statements as:

"On my heart I promise not to take a drink until after the war is over \* \* \* I will give you a check for \$5,000 for each drink I take."

"I think I'll just stay home and help you raise the boys. If anyone can point out the pitfalls of life to them, I can. I've got the finest woman in all the world."

He addressed his wife in the letters as "Blitz darling," "sweetheart," and "angel."

Reynolds, former treasurer of the Democratic national committee, sat three chairs away from his wife shaking his head "No," but his attorneys did not question Mrs. Reynolds.

A separate maintenance agreement approved in a North Carolina court earlier this month awarded custody of their four children to Mrs. Reynolds and provided an undisclosed amount of money for them.

Although not a part of the public record, the Miami Herald said it learned terms of the settlement gave Mrs. Reynolds an outright gift of \$3,042,000; the Reynolds' \$500,000 home and 11,000-acre farm near Winston-Salem, and a trust providing annual expenditure of \$20,000 on the couple's four sons.

## HOUSE GRANTS OPA EXTENSION

Compromise Bill, Extending Agency For One Year Is Passed 265 To 105

SOME PRICES ARE UPPED

The House voted approval, 265 to 105, on the compromise OPA bill, which came up for a vote Tuesday. Legislators blocked a last-minute effort to lift all price controls on meat and dairy products, but allowed price increases on many items. The bill provides for continued controls on major market basket commodities and on rents.

The bill extends war-time price control for another year, but reduces many of its powers. It next goes to the Senate for a last vote before being placed before President Truman, who, observers predict, will sign it.

Chester Bowles denounced the bill as being full of "booby traps," while Speaker Sam Rayburn took the floor to tell colleagues that unless the bill was passed, there would be no price control at all. OPA officials are reported to be preparing to recommend that the president veto the bill, objecting to it on grounds that it merely legalizes inflation.

A hot battle is expected in the Senate, where the bill was originally passed with exemptions on meat, poultry, and dairy products price control. Senator Wherry, Republican of Nebraska, said that a passage of the bill would vindicate everything Chester Bowles has done, and would allow a continuance of the black market in meat.

## THIEVES BREAK INTO WEST ELKIN GROCERY

Thieves Broke Into the Luffman Brothers Grocery in West Elkin sometime late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, taking a 38 calibre Smith and Wesson revolver and several cartons of cigarettes.

Entry was gained by way of a front window, the glass of which had been shattered and the lock forced. Corp. J. S. McKinney, of the State Highway Patrol, who investigated, reported that the robbery seemed to have been committed by juvenile delinquents, judging from the method of entry and the size of fingerprints found in the interior of the building.

## SS Representative To Be Here July 3

The Social Security Board representative, who usually visits this city the first Thursday of each month, will be here Wednesday, July 3, instead of Thursday, July 4, which is a legal holiday.

The representative will be at the post office at 12:30 p. m. on day date to take claims of any individuals eligible to receive benefits under old-age and survivors insurance provisions of the Social Security Act.

## ELKIN GIVES BIG MAJORITY FOR INDUSTRIALIST

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