

SURRY COURT DISPOSES OF MANY CASES

In Second Week Before Judge Frank M. Armstrong

GRAND JURY REPORTS

Report That Nine Condemned School Buses Have Been Repaired, Replaced

SWEAR DEPUTY CLERK

Surry County Superior Court convened Monday after having been recessed since Wednesday of last week, and Judge Frank M. Armstrong began proceedings to clear a crowded docket.

Tuesday Mrs. Martha O. Comer of Dobson was sworn in as deputy clerk to clerk of court, Kermit Lawrence.

The grand jury reported that it had inspected the State school garage and found that all nine of the school buses condemned last fall have been satisfactorily repaired or replaced.

The grand jury also reported that it had visited the county jail and the county courthouse. The jail and the State prison camp were found in excellent condition, as was the courthouse with the exception of needed plumbing repairs in the basement.

The county home was said to be in good condition and under able supervision. It at present contains 19 inmates. The jury, however, recommended that the building be painted inside and that a refrigerator unit be added.

It was also suggested that two large doors be placed at either end of the Dobson high school gymnasium, since the present doors are said to be too small to permit safe exit in case of fire.

During the court session, Myra Gentry and Gladys Harris, Elkin Negroes charged with shoplifting, plead nolo contendere. The case was continued.

Other cases were:

Oscar Long warrant, reckless driving, placed on inactive docket.

H. L. Taylor, Jr., same as above, marked off docket.

Ellis and Odell Cassell, robbery, continued.

Claude W. Jones, warrant, abandonment and non-support, placed on inactive docket.

Hubert Williams, warrant, resisting arrest, assault, etc., placed on inactive docket.

Edgar Jones, violating suspended sentence, marked off docket.

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FORMER ELKIN MAN IS KILLED

James G. Hanks Dies Instantly When Truck Is Struck By Train Sunday

FUNERAL HELD MONDAY

James Garfield Hanks, 23, a former employee of Chatham Manufacturing Company, in this city, but more recently of Winston-Salem, was killed instantly early Sunday morning when the Southern Dairies milk truck which he was driving was hit by a train five miles north of Winston-Salem.

Information received stated that Mr. Hanks was substituting on the milk route for the regular driver. He, with his 14-year-old assistant, son of the regular driver, had just delivered milk to Rev. J. H. Kapp, pastor of Oak Grove Church, located just across the tracks, when the accident occurred in front of the church, just off the Walker-town Highway. They were returning to the highway in the truck when their vehicle was struck by a northbound Norfolk and Western passenger train.

Definite circumstances leading to the cause of the accident were unknown, but it was stated that at the time of the accident, about 8:55 a. m., there was a heavy fog in the vicinity.

Mr. Hanks, an employee of Southern Dairies, Inc., for four years, was a native of Allegheny County, a son of James S. and Cora Bell Burgess Hanks.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Dora Alexander; two daughters, Joan and Frances Hanks; and one son, Johnny, all of Winston-Salem; the father and step-mother; one brother, Lonnie Hanks, of Elkin, two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Sidden and Mrs. Ulysess Marshall, both of State Road.

Funeral services were conducted at Volger's Chapel Monday morning and at the Mountain View Baptist Church in Allegheny County Monday afternoon. Interment was made in the church cemetery.



NO MAN'S LAND — Fast, reckless drivers and a general disregard for traffic regulations have made North Bridge Street between the Spring Street and Gwyn Avenue intersections, and Church Street between the Spring Street intersection and the North Bridge intersection the outstanding traffic hazard area of the city. Police records show that the great majority of all accidents occurring in the city take place within this area. Top photo above was taken, looking south, from the scene of two traffic fatalities in recent years. It shows Church Street where it enters North Bridge (from the right) and a portion of the sharp curve leading toward the Gwyn Avenue intersection. Lower photo shows Spring Street, looking east, crossing Church, at second power pole, and North Bridge, just in front of curve in background. Traffic lights hang at each of these crossings, but have proven ineffectual because many motorists ignore them. —Tribune Photos.

Criss-Cross Streets, Reckless Driving Cause Of Death, Injury

Small Area Is Scene Of Many Bad Accidents

By ROGER MARSHALL

Wednesday night of last week, when weather conditions were bad and visibility poor, a car carrying a young sailor, home on furlough, and his girl friend attempted to round a sharp curve on North Bridge Street. The sailor lost control of the machine. It swerved to the left and crashed into a stone wall bordering the sidewalk.

When an ambulance arrived both occupants, who had been thrown through the left-hand door of the car, were lying on the sidewalk unconscious. The pavement was covered with blood.

Tuesday morning, nearly a week after the accident, the girl died. The boy remains in the hospital in a serious condition.

Investigating police officers, who charged the driver with reckless driving, attribute the accident to the fact that the car was traveling at an unnecessarily high rate of speed.

Wilson Succeeds Marshall On Tribune Staff

Thomas W. Wilson, of Laurinburg, has accepted a position on the news staff of The Tribune, succeeding Roger Marshall, who has resigned to accept a similar position with the Winston-Salem Journal.

Mr. Wilson is a veteran of the last war, having served 40 months in the army air corps, from which he was honorably discharged with the rank of second lieutenant. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism. He arrived in Elkin Tuesday to assume his new duties.

Mr. Marshall, who has been with The Tribune since March 3, 1946, will go to Winston-Salem in about two weeks to assume his duties there.

threw his wife out of the car into the same stone wall.

And these are but two of many accidents, others less serious, which have taken place within the area.

Two cars abreast, racing at break-neck speed around a blind, dangerous curve.

A car containing a man, his wife, and perhaps one or two small children driving casually through a red light at one intersection, proceeding a block, and just as casually crashing a second red light.

A car-load of teen-age youngsters swerving madly around half-way to speed through a red light.

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COUNCIL IS TO MEET JAN. 20

Agricultural Workers Group To Discuss Farm And Home Sanitation

CRUSE TO BE SPEAKER

The Surry County Agriculture Workers Council will meet Monday, January 20, at 3 p. m., at the office of Mrs. Grace P. Brown, home demonstration agent, in Dobson. Farm and home sanitation and nutrition will be topics for discussion.

This meeting, according to County Agent Neill M. Smith, chairman of the council, has been called as a result of a recent conference between Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer, and Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of extension service from Raleigh.

Featured speaker will be John R. Cruse, Surry sanitation officer, who will discuss the county health program.

Ladies of the organization are to map plans for a county-wide nutrition program. Mrs. Brown indicated. Surveys in schools are already underway to determine what school children are eating and whether or not their diet is adequately balanced.

It is expected that a call will be made for action on the construction of sanitary toilets on farms, screening and fly control, and general farm and home sanitation. Mr. Smith stated that there is a strong likelihood of a future rat-control campaign.

The sun travels 175 to 185 miles a second in its orbit.

Tribune Advertising Gets Results

GIRL IS DEAD AFTER WRECK ON BRIDGE ST.

Dorothy Mae Cave, 20, Of Boonville, Is Victim

COMPANION BADLY HURT

Car Strikes Stone Wall In Front Of Poindexter Home; Occupants Thrown Out

rites ON WEDNESDAY

Miss Dorothy Mae Cave, 20, of Boonville, died early Tuesday morning at the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, this city, as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident on North Bridge Street Wednesday night of last week.

Miss Cave, according to Police Officer T. B. Sams, who investigated the accident, was riding as a passenger in a car driven by Hanford Odell Wilhelm, 19, a sailor home on furlough. The accident happened at the sharp curve on North Bridge Street just above the Church Street intersection, when the car, traveling North, failed to make the turn and crashed into a stone wall bordering the sidewalk on the left-hand side of the street.

Both occupants were thrown through the left door of the vehicle. Miss Cave's head, it was conjectured, struck the stone wall causing a critical skull fracture. She remained unconscious until the time of her death.

Wilhelm, who Officer Sams said has been charged with reckless driving, also sustained serious injuries. Until yesterday, hospital officials said, he had only partly regained consciousness.

Funeral for Miss Cave was held at 2 p. m. yesterday at the Boonville Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Boonville cemetery.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brady Cave, Boonville; three brothers, Hubert E. John L. and J. D. Cave, all of the home; six sisters, Mrs. Nettie Donathan of Elkin, Misses Ver-nell, Barbara Jean, Jessie Lee, Judy Carol and Rita Sue Cave, all of the home.

COUNTY-WIDE MEETING 18TH

Farm Bureau To Review Tobacco Price Situation, And Name Delegates

TO NAME COMMITTEES

A county-wide Farm Bureau meeting will be held in the courtroom in Dobson on Saturday, January 18, at 2 p. m., according to S. H. Atkinson, president of the Surry County Farm Bureau. The tobacco price situation will be reviewed at the meeting, and 12 official delegates to the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation's convention will be elected. The delegates will attend the Federation convention to be held at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem on February 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Eleven committees will be selected as follows: poultry, tobacco, fruits and vegetables, general crops, dairy and livestock, Edward O'Neal club, agriculture, business and industrial relations, and nominations.

The meeting is expected to cover the question of whether to reduce next year's tobacco acreage and the tobacco quota penalty. New provisions of the penalty provide that tax on over-planting shall be increased from 10 cents per pound to 40 per cent of the 1947 selling price. A resolution will be presented to ask for measurement of the 1947 tobacco acres. The Stabilization Corporation program will also be explained at the meeting. A large attendance is expected.

At the Farm Bureau meeting last week, the proceedings of the Winston-Salem meeting were discussed.

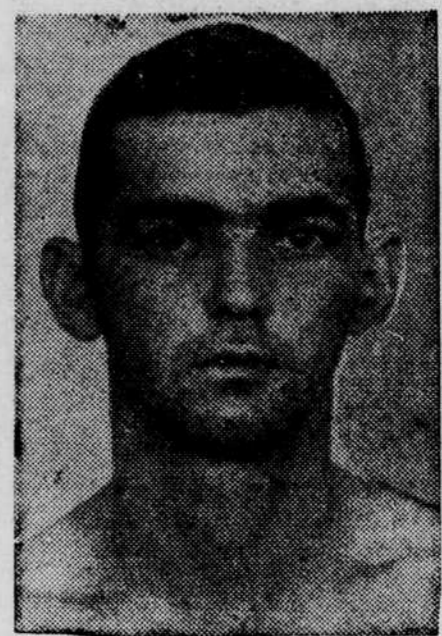
Lions Club Holds Regular Meeting

The regular dinner meeting of Elkin Lion's Club was held Monday evening at Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A. Jack Caudill, president, was in the chair.

A program of interest featured the session. Films of the horse show and air show, recent projects of the club, were presented by Fred Eidson. Pictures of local football games were also shown. About fifty members attended the meeting.

The 1946 corn crop of the U. S. is 12 per cent larger than last year and is of better quality.

Star Witness Tells A Shocking Story As Assault Case Opens



ON TRIAL FOR LIFE — Marvin C. Bell, left, of Roaring River, Route 2, and Ralph Vernon Litteral, of Winston-Salem, went on trial for their lives in Wilkes county superior court at Wilkesboro Wednesday morning on a charge of criminal assault upon Peggy Shore, 'teen age daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shore, of the Pleasant Hill section.

Bell, Litteral On Trial For Life In Wilkes

Peggy Shore, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shore of the Pleasant Hill community, yesterday morning took the stand as star witness for the State against Ralph Vernon Litteral, 34, of Winston-Salem, and Marvin Claude Bell, 23, of Roaring River, Route 2. The two men are being tried for their lives in Wilkes County Superior Court, charged with the rape of Miss Shore last August.

During her testimony the young girl showed frequent signs of great emotional stress. At one point Judge Hoyie Sink asked Mrs. Shore to stand beside her daughter in the witness box, and sometime later her testimony was broken when she broke down completely, necessitating her removal from the court room until she had regained composure.

Direct questioning of the witness was conducted by Solicitor Avalon E. Hall. Miss Shore was the only witness to take the stand during the morning session, being placed in the box when court convened at 9:30 a. m.

The girl said that she became 16 years old October 20 of last year, making her age 15 at the time the crime was allegedly committed. She is a 10th grade student at the Ronda school.

She testified that on August 23, 1946, she attended a watermelon feast at the home of Grady Harris in Elkin. At the conclusion of the party, she said, she and two other young girls, Jo Ann Johnson and Patsy Ruth Myers, attempted to catch the 9:30 p. m. bus for Pleasant Hill, but arriving at the bus stop too late, missed it. They attended a movie at the Reeves Theater while waiting for the next bus.

At 11:05, she told the jury, selected from a venire of 150 Caldwell county men, all three girls got on a bus and started home. During the ride, she said, they noticed a car without lights following the bus. Jo Ann and

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Growers May Have Seed Cleaned Free

Tobacco growers desiring to have their seed cleaned before sowing it in beds may have the job done free of charge at the county agent's office in Dobson, S. N. Hawks, assistant county agent, announced this week.

Mr. Hawks said that seed will be cleaned between the hours of 8 and 10 each weekday morning, Monday through Saturday. He explains that the office is equipped to clean any amount of seed, from one ounce up to several pounds, and that the process will take but a few minutes.

Advantages of clean seed, experts say, is that it rids seed of trash and weak, unhealthy seed and enables farmers to be assured of even distribution in plant beds.

POLIO FUNDS BADLY NEEDED

Appeal Is Made To Double Contributions Of Drive During Past Year

USED IN EPIDEMICS

An appeal to the community to double contributions to the 1947 March of Dimes — annual fund-raising drive of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis — so the \$24,000,000 national goal will be met, was made today by Sam Neaves, chairman of the local campaign committee here.

Mr. Neaves urged everyone to redouble efforts following receipt of a letter from Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation, stressing the crucial importance of the 1947 March of Dimes. The need to replenish funds drained in fighting last summer's epidemic which affected more than 25,000 persons and was the worst in the Foundation's history is more urgent than ever before, according to Mr. O'Connor.

To assure continuing care of patients and build up adequate chapter reserves for future epidemics, \$12,000,000 is needed, Mr. O'Connor said. The other half of the \$24,000,000 minimum is required on the national level as follows: Epidemic aid reserve fund, \$5,000,000; Research and education, \$5,000,000; General Working Fund, \$2,000,000.

"During the 1946 epidemic," Mr. Neaves said, "the \$4,000,000 epidemic reserve fund of the National Foundation, previously considered adequate, was wiped out completely by November in aiding chapters. By the end of the year approximately an additional \$1,500,000 earmarked for research had to be diverted for emergency aid to fulfill the pledge that "no one stricken by polio need go without care for lack of funds."

Pointing out that this community as every other in the nation must be adequately prepared for any emergency the future may bring, Mr. Neaves concluded: "Let us double our contributions now so we can be prepared. We cannot gamble with the safety of our children. By giving generously now we will avoid future self-reproach that we gave too little and too late when next summer's epidemics strike."

Melvin Resigns Position At Y

Neil Melvin, physical director of the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A. since 1944, has recently accepted a position in a supervisory capacity in the shipping room of Chatham Manufacturing Company, under the supervision of C. H. Leary, T. C. McKnight, general manager of the local organization, has announced.

Prior to coming to Elkin, Mr. Melvin, of Jackson Springs, was physical director of the YMCA in Corbin, Kentucky.

Boys' Work Secretary, Walter M. Safrit, will assume additional duties as program secretary and director of physical training.

CIVIC CLUBS HEAR JONAS

Prominent Attorney Points Out Need Of Better Health For State

GIVES FACTS, FIGURES

Col. Charles R. Jonas, of Lenoir, an official of the North Carolina Good Health Committee discussed the Good Health program which is to be placed before the General Assembly at its current session, at a joint meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis club, Lions club and Junior Chamber of Commerce last Thursday evening at the YMCA.

Col. Jonas, presented to the group by Hoke Henderson, went into the need for better health in North Carolina in a thorough manner, pointing out many facts and figures which have placed this state practically at the bottom of the list of all the 48 states in health matters.

The speaker pointed out, among other things, that in 1943, over a period of eight months in this state, 49 per cent of the white men and 71 per cent of the colored men who were given a pre-induction medical examination for the armed services, were rejected because of physical defects. However, during this same period, 1,860 boys from five North Carolina orphanages were examined and only 16 rejected. He stated that these boys were subjected to periodic checks by physicians and given any medical care needed. Such medical care would be available to other North Carolina youth under an adequate medical program as is now proposed.

The speaker also pointed out that now, while the General Assembly is in session, the citizens of this state should use their influence to see that immediate action is taken on this outstanding issue. The Federal government, through the Hill-Burton Act, has

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