

COURT BEGINS TRIAL IN CASE OF BOB JESSUP

Mount Airy Man Is Charged With First Degree Murder

HAVE ALL-MALE JURY

Four Women, Listed In Special Venire, Are Disqualified For Jury Duty

TWO CASES CONTINUED

The Surry county superior court began hearing testimony Wednesday morning in the case of the State vs. Robert L. (Bob) Jessup, Mt. Airy man charged with slaying Roy Towe at the Bunker Woods service station in March.

An all-male jury was selected late Tuesday after four women, listed in a special venire of 50 persons, had been disqualified for jury duty. The four, who would have been the first women jurors in the history of North Carolina, were Mrs. Ollie Ashburn and Mrs. Ethel Boaz of Pilot Mountain and Mrs. Betty Anderson and Mrs. Margaret Lewis of Mount Airy.

Mrs. Ashburn was excused because she was nervous. Mrs. Boaz had formed an opinion in the case. Mrs. Anderson didn't believe in capital punishment, and Mrs. Lewis was excused because of illness in her family.

The jurors accepted were Morris W. Monday, Law Brown, John T. Whitaker, P. G. Barker, W. R. Wright, Joe T. Pratt, Monroe S. Simpson, Walter Payne, Clifton A. Chaney, Howard Shelton, S. M. Southard and Kelly F. Ray.

Attorney Fred Folger and the law firm of Woltz and Barber, of Mt. Airy, are defending Jessup in the case. According to evidence presented at the preliminary hearing, Jessup and Towe were at the Bunker Woods service station on the afternoon of March 15, apparently on friendly terms. The two men left the station about 2 p. m. and a short time later Towe was killed.

Officers said Towe had two bullet holes in his body — one in the lower right ribs and another through his right shoulder.

It was the second killing Jessup allegedly committed on the same spot. He had been sentenced to serve 15 to 20 years in the state prison for the fatal shooting of a CCC worker at the same place in 1936. He was released on parole in 1939, however, and his parole was terminated in 1940 because of an "excellent" prison record.

Edwards Acquitted

Tuesday's session of court, James E. Edwards, Mt. Airy railway employee, was acquitted in connection with the killing of Eddie Whitaker. He had been charged with second degree murder when Whitaker was shot to death near the Mt. Airy railroad station last July 5.

The defense counsel had pleaded that Edwards acted in self-defense.

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OFFICE SERVES THIS VICINITY

Residents Of Elkin Interested In Federal Old-Age Insurance Have Access

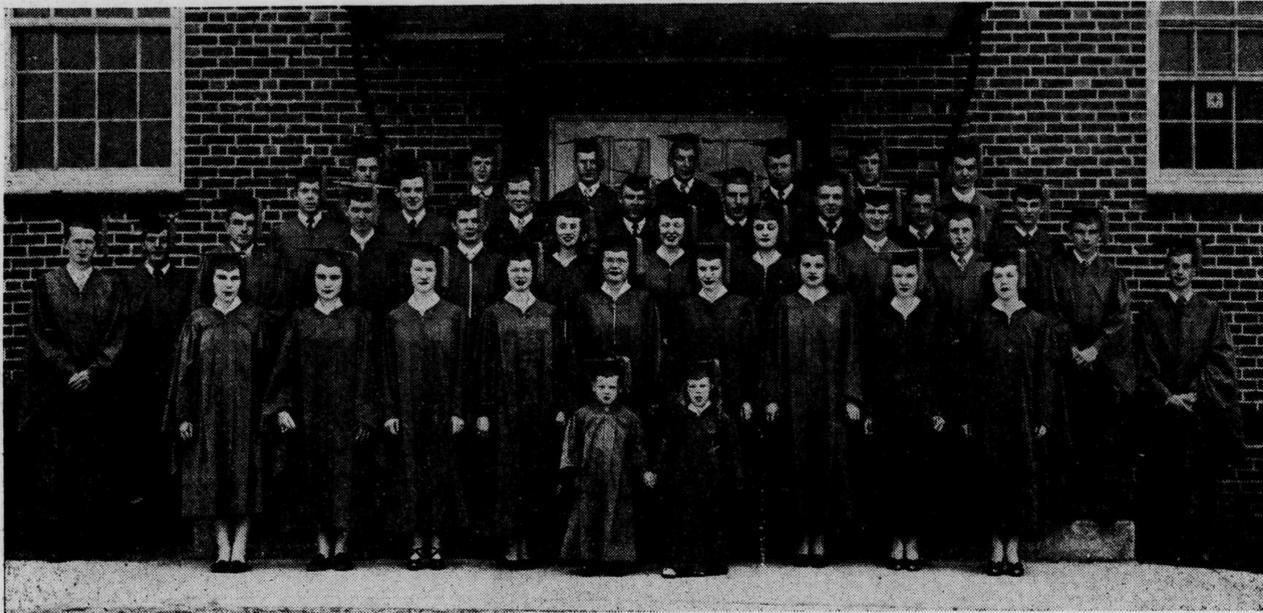
FIRST, THIRD THURSDAY

Residents of the Elkin area who have business or inquiries connected with the operation of the Federal old-age and survivors insurance system have access to a local social security office on a regularly scheduled basis. Mrs. Ruth Duffy, manager of the Winston-Salem office of the Social Security Administration, said today.

Mrs. Duffy will be at the City Hall, second floor, in Elkin at 12:30 p. m. on the first and third Thursday of every month.

The service is to give persons of this area an opportunity to file benefit claims, obtain new and duplicate social security cards, and make inquiries concerning the old-age and survivors insurance program.

Federal family insurance, which covers employees in industry and commerce, provides for the payment of monthly retirement and survivors' benefits to qualified workers and their families. Retirement benefits are payable to the employees and eligible members of his family when the worker reaches 65 and retires. Survivors' benefits are payable to eligible members of the insured person's family on his death at any age. Applications must be filed, at an office of the Social Security Administration, for all benefits paid under the program.



CLASS OF '47 — Shown here are the members of Elkin high school's 1947 graduating class who were awarded diplomas in final exercises Tuesday night. The mascots, standing in front of the group, are Larry Masten and Carolyn Hampton. Front row, from left to right: Irene Johnson, Mary Johnson, Verna Alexander, Betty Jean Collins, Catherine Walls, Marie Parks, Betty Lou Mitchell, Josephine Steele, Mabel Stanley; second row: Herbert Collins, Bennie Gross, Jack Park, Ralph Jennings Jr., Edward Chappell, Gene Click, Ruth Masten, Carolyn Byrd, Claude Eldridge, Fred Ratledge and Bob Park; third row: Jack Walker, Joe Whittington, Eugene Collins, Gilmer Phillips, Bob Ratledge, Ketchel Adams, Jack Shore, Joe Guyer; back row: Dallas DeBorde, Charles Alexander, T. M. Eldridge, Jim Crowe, Bob Harris, Robert McCann and Bob Brownning. The following graduates were not present when the picture was taken: Roland L. Jones, Charles Walls, Jr., John Ipeck, Graham Johnson, Vernon F. Ball, William H. Carter, Thomas Cockerham, James Davis, Alex Dorsett, Joseph Hayes, Bennie Shumate, Charles Royall, George Rumpel and Billy Yarbore.

ELKIN SENIORS GET DIPLOMAS

Special Awards Are Also Presented To Honor Students By Mr. Carpenter

BROUGHTON IS SPEAKER

Forty-nine seniors of Elkin high school received their diplomas from the hands of School Superintendent N. H. Carpenter Tuesday night in the auditorium of the Elkin elementary school, after hearing an interesting address by Former Governor J. Melville Broughton.

Mr. Broughton was introduced by W. M. Allen, of Elkin.

Prior to the award of diplomas to the graduates, various medals and awards to individual students were presented by Mr. Carpenter. The Science Award went to Libby Royall, a junior, who also received another award as the most valuable girl basketball player.

The Social Science award was presented to Carolyn Francis Byrd, class valedictorian.

Ruth Masten received a medal as the most outstanding girl in athletics, and Robert "Cotton" Harris received a similar medal as the most outstanding boy.

The Citizenship medal went to Claude Eldridge, medal for activity went to Ketchel Adams, and the medal for the most outstanding member of the journalism class to Ruth Masten.

Bob Ratledge was awarded medals as being the most valuable player in football and basketball, and Coney Couch received the medal as the most outstanding baseball player.

Medals for the students who were voted the most valuable in their respective fields of athletics were awarded by the student council, and the selection of the players were made by his or her own teammates.

An award for perfect attendance at school for 12 years was presented Herbert Collins. Scholarship medal was awarded to Carolyn Francis Byrd, and the Commercial award went to Katherine Wall, class salutatorian.

Medals for the best declaimer in the freshman - sophomore classes was won by Anna Kathryn Dobson. Anne Harris won a similar award as the best declaimer in the junior-senior group.

"I Dare You" books, the winning of which required certain scholastic achievements, were won by Mary Johnson and Jack Shore.

Contest Winners Guests Of Club

Misses Anne Harris and Anna Katherine Dobson, winners of declaimer contests at the Elkin high school, were guests of the Elkin Kiwanis Club at its meeting last Thursday evening, each repeating her winning address.

The program this evening (Thursday), will be in charge of D. G. Smith, details of which have not been announced. Kiwanis Division No. 3 will meet at the Lexington country club next Monday. DuPre Rhame, of Greenville, S. C., will be the speaker. A large number of Elkin Kiwanians are expected to attend.

County Board Calls Off Bond Election

Million-Dollar School Fund Matter Set Back Due To Number Of Causes

As the result of technical errors on the part of the New York bond attorneys in drawing up the bond order, Superintendent of Schools John W. Comer stated that the order was drawn up without regard for distribution of funds as agreed upon by the county school board and the board of county commissioners.

In addition, the Mt. Airy school board had submitted a resolution requesting \$500,000 for its school expansion program, whereas only \$400,000 had been allotted in previous agreements.

A third factor in the situation was that the Elkin school system, as a separate administrative unit, had not submitted the required resolution requesting funds. Mr. Comer said he had received no notification as to the effective date of Elkin's status as a separate unit and had presumed Elkin schools would continue as a part of the county school system until July 1. It was disclosed that the Elkin school district became a separate administrative unit as of the date of ratification of the bill in March, however.

The county board of commissioners is expected to meet again next Monday night to discuss further possible action in the matter. It is expected that a new bond ordinance will be drawn up setting forth the specific agreements as to the amount of funds to be designated for each school, and that a new election date will be set at a later time.

ARE TO ATTEND FLOOD HEARING

Harry Hensel And C. A. McNeill Go To Washington; To Show Evidence

WOULD COST \$7,194,000.00

Harry Hensel and C. A. McNeill left today for Washington to attend a congressional hearing on appropriations for the proposed Yadkin river flood control project. They will present photographs and other evidence portraying the disaster resulting from the floods of 1916 and 1940.

The hearing, originally set for June 11 and 12, was moved to Friday, June 6. John H. Folger, fifth district representative, notified local members of the Yadkin River Flood Control Project of the change in dates, and Mr. Hensel and Mr. McNeill agreed to appear at the hearing in behalf of the flood control plan.

Wilkes county witnesses for and against the project were notified by Representative C. B. Deane of the eighth congressional district. Several delegates from Caldwell county in the ninth district, represented by Robert L. Doughton, are expected to present testimony in opposition to the plan. Each side will have half an hour to present its case, Representative Deane said.

The 1948 fiscal year budget of Army engineers includes a planning fund of \$75,000 for starting preliminary work on the development, it was reported.

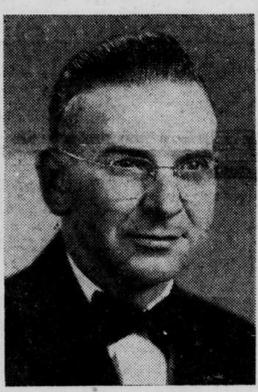
The Yadkin flood control plan, which would include four dams on the upper sections of the river, would cost \$7,194,000. The expenditure was authorized by the 79th Congress, but no appropriations have been made as yet.

Fire Damages Home At Boonville Monday

Damage estimated at \$3,000 resulted from a blaze in the Tommie Chipman home at Boonville late Monday morning. The fire originated from an oil stove in the kitchen, it was reported.

Boonville's volunteer fire department extinguished the flames and saved most of the home except the kitchen and an adjoining room. About half of the furniture was saved. Mr. Chipman had no insurance.

H. Glenn York Installed As Lion President



H. Glenn York was installed as president of the Elkin Lions Club at the organization's regular dinner meeting in the YMCA Monday night. He succeeds Jack Caudill.

The meeting was designated as ladies' night, and wives and friends of Lions were guests at the installation program.

Other officers installed were E. E. Shore, Jr., first vice-president; Fred Eldson, second vice-president; Hoyle B. Cranford, third vice-president; Claude H. Farrell, secretary; Davis Reece, treasurer; Charles R. Alexander, tail twister; and David A. Brown, lion tamer.

ARE TO FORM VFW AUXILIARY

Veterans Of Foreign Wars Hold Meeting Here Last Thursday Night

BLOOD BANK PLANNED

At its regular meeting last Thursday night, the Elkin VFW post voted to organize a Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW. Miss Mae Cook of Winston-Salem, chief of staff of the national Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW, has been invited to appear at a meeting of the local post and present organization plans, Commander Russell Burcham stated.

The post is also in the process of establishing a blood bank. Mr. Burcham said, Dr. Moir Hall, who was recently elected as post surgeon, is in charge of the project and plans to secure a complete file containing the names and addresses of donors and their blood types. The file will be available at the first aid room at Chatham Manufacturing Company, or in Dr. Hall's office.

Donations to the blood bank will go to the VFW national home in Michigan for the benefit of deceased veterans' widows and children.

There were approximately 358,682,000 laying hens on U. S. farms during April, 1947.

SURRY ROADS GET TREATMENT

Contracts Let By Highway Office To Blacktop Highways In Section

IS TO COST \$150,701.20

Contracts let by the State Highway Commission in 1947 to date have included two projects for re-treatment of 19.53 miles of roadway in Surry and Wilkes Counties at a cost of \$150,701.20.

At the March 25 letting, contract for bituminous surface treatment of 3.85 miles of roadway from U. S. 21 to Mountain Park went to W. E. Graham & Sons of Cleveland, who submitted the low bid of \$87,152 for the job.

On May 20, at the regular Highway Commission letting, contract for bituminous surfacing of 15.68 miles of roadway on seven sections of county road went to the P & P Construction Company of Concord, low bidders on the project at \$63,549.20.

During 1947, according to Highway Commission plans, \$1,422,660 worth of work on 64.07 miles of roadway in Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin Counties is contemplated. At present, \$150,701.20 worth of work on 19.53 miles of roadway has already been let to contract.

In addition to the specific projects being planned, the Highway Commission expects to spend approximately \$155,000 during 1947 for stabilization work on 251 miles of roadway in the three counties.

For 1946, the Highway Commission spent a total of \$1,158,454.80 for 475.79 miles of road work in Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin Counties.

Sudden Windstorm Does Damage Here

A sudden windstorm, accompanied by rain and lightning, struck Elkin last Thursday afternoon, uprooting several trees and smashing two plate glass windows.

The wind lasted less than a minute, but during that time blew over a large tree on the grounds of the Methodist Church and in the yard of P. G. Walker on Gwyn Avenue. The top of a large tree was also blown off to land on and damage an automobile owned by James Cockerham, of Jonesville, Route 1, as it was parked near the Chatham Manufacturing Co.

Plate glass windows were smashed at Casstevens Hardware Store and Mayberry-Hart Motors.

Yadkin Students Win Citizenship Awards

Seven Yadkin County students have received the 1947 Citizenship Award, given by the Yadkin Civic Club to a student of each school in the county, it has been announced.

The winners are: Margaret Wishon, Yadkinville; Iva Ireland, West Yadkin; Carlyle Hall, Jonesville; Herbert Bryant, Boonville; Ray Shore, East Bend; Helen Hepler, Courtney; Juanita Thompson, Yadkin High School (Negro).

These awards are made each year by the club to a student in each school showing the best attributes of good citizenship.

Action Delayed By Town Board On Beer Matter

Junior Order To Hold Election Of New Officers

Elkin Council 96 of the Junior Order of UAM will hold its semi-annual election of new officers at a meeting tomorrow night, June 6, in the Council hall on Bridge Street. It was announced today by G. C. Cooper, councillor, and Paul Newman, recording secretary. Degree work will also be carried out at the meeting. All council members are urged to attend.

As Applied To Pool Room Here; Hold 2 Sessions

At a lengthy session in the city hall Monday night, Elkin's board of commissioners postponed action on the question of issuing license for the sale of beer in local pool rooms after a delegation of approximately 15 citizens had presented a request that such license be denied.

Spokesmen for the group of citizens were James Randleman, Rev. Howard J. Ford and Rev. Joseph Brown, who contended that the combination of beer and pool hall created an atmosphere that was detrimental to the best interests of the community.

Mr. Randleman read sections from the Statutes of North Carolina with reference to the authority of local municipal boards to grant or to deny pool room operators license for the sale of beer.

John Hudspeth, owner of the Lucky Break Pool room here who had filed a request for renewal of his beer license, stated that it was the policy of his establishment not to sell beer to persons under the influence of liquor and to deny persons who could not produce social security cards access to the pool tables. He conceded that some profanity was used in the pool hall but asserted that it was controlled insofar as possible.

In executive session, the town board moved to postpone action in the matter until a full board meeting could be had. Commissioner R. C. Freeman was not present at Monday night's meeting. At a previous session with four members present, action on the question had been stalled by a 2-2 deadlock vote.

The board also heard a request from citizens of North Elkin for the paving of Oakland Drive. The group was advised to secure signed petitions from the paving property owners on the street. J. O. Bivins, commissioner of streets, indicated that he would inquire further into the matter with a view toward obtaining possible aid from the state in financing the project.

Consideration was also given to the question of paving certain streets in Sunset Park, but no definite action was taken.

In a move to alleviate congested traffic conditions on East Main Street, the board voted to amend the town parking ordinances to prohibit parking on the north side of the street from the intersection at Gwyn Avenue to the railroad siding at the entrance to Chatham Manufacturing Company's new finishing plant.

Deeds were accepted by the board in behalf of the town for Neaves Lane and for a road 30 feet wide from the intersection at Harris and Elk Spur Streets to the west line of Alan Browning's property in West Elkin.

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MAN KILLED IN CAVE-IN HERE

Josephus Lyons, 64, Of Benham, Meets Instant Death Saturday P. M.

OTHERS ARE INJURED

Josephus Lyons, 64, of Benham, was killed instantly about one o'clock Saturday afternoon when a ditch in which he was working caved in and crushed his body. Three others were injured.

The four men were employed by the Frank L. Blum Company of Winston-Salem in excavating a drainage ditch near the new storage buildings being constructed for Chatham Manufacturing Company.

The excavation was only about four and one-half feet deep, and supervisors of the job had not considered it necessary to install braces. The mass of dirt and rock buried the bodies of the men up to their necks.

Members of the Elkin Emergency Squad were on the scene almost immediately and assisted in removing the men from the ditch. Bill Freeman, Fred Eldson, Francis Jarvis and Henry Clay Bowman were among those who responded to the emergency.

Reuben Redmond, negro, 46, of Ronda, one of the three injured, suffered two broken ribs and internal injuries. He is receiving treatment at the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital. Romeo Campbell, negro, 32, of Benham, and Lonnie Reavis, 48, of Jonesville, were treated for bruises and abrasions.

Surviving Mr. Lyons are his wife, Mrs. Alice Lester Lyons; seven daughters, Mrs. Clarence Smith, Mrs. Robert Luffman, Miss Essie Lyons, all of Benham, Mrs. Grover Barber, Mrs. Paul Swaim, Mrs. Joe Cockerham, of Yadkin County, and Mrs. Gertrude Curry of Traphill; 12 grandchildren, three sisters, Mrs. George Evans of Benham, and Mrs. S. Simmons of Maryland, Mrs. Lloyd West of Elkin; and four brothers, James and Williams Lyons of Boone, Henry Lyons of Jonesville and John Lyons of Stoneville.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Charity Methodist Church, of which Mr. Lyons was a member. Officiating were Rev. Grant Cotren and Rev. George Curry. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Girls Are Asked To Meet At "Y" Tuesday

Girls from Elkin and Jonesville who are interested in basketball and soft ball practice are asked to meet at the YMCA Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, according to an announcement by Betty Lou Steelman, who is in charge of physical education at the Y for girls during the summer months.

All girls interested in these sports and others are urged to be present.

Fillders' Meet To Be Held On June 6

An old time Fiddlers' Convention, sponsored by the Dobson Lions Club, will be held in the Dobson school auditorium tomorrow night, June 6, at 8 o'clock.

Several cash prizes are being offered to winners in the contests. The public is invited to attend. A small admission fee will be charged.

NEW CEMETERY IS NOW OPEN

"Forest Lawn" Is Located On West Main Street Here By Errol E. Hayes

CARE IS GUARANTEED

Announcement of the opening of the new Forest Lawn cemetery, located just off West Main street, has been announced by E. E. Hayes, owner of Hayes & Speas Furniture Company, here.

The new cemetery, which is centrally located yet remote enough to provide the privacy and seclusion so much to be desired, has been under construction for a number of months.

Mr. Hayes stated that perpetual care of all graves and plots is guaranteed under the supervision of the State of North Carolina. This means, he said, that families of those interred there need not worry over possible neglect, as constant care will be provided at all times.

Plots in the new cemetery have been mapped and complete information as to purchase price and other details may be obtained from Mr. Hayes or Miss Mildred Ingram at Hayes & Speas Furniture Co.