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ELKIN, N. C., THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1947

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SET IN CASES

Elkin Commissioners

Name R. L. Alexander

Town Administrator

CITY ADMINISTRATOR - R.

With Shotgun Blast By

Unknown Assailant

of 50 to 60 feet by an assailant

Mrs. Bowman's body, one of which

pierced her right eye. She was

Hospital in Mount Airy where her

condition was said to be critical.

the road a short distance away

R. H. Sheppard, of Elkin, suf-

fered minor injuries when a pump

struck his head and leg as he was

The pump was being lowered in-

He was treated for injuries to

Lorine Snow, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Roosevelt Snow of Dob-

son, and Sam Taylor, son of Mr.

and Mrs. P. N. Taylor of White

Plains, will enter the district

Miss Snow and Mr. Taylor were

4-H Club health pageant staged in

They will compete with other

The Waynesville Fish Hatchery

Two From Surry To

assist in the case.

No motive could be found for

18 PAGES—THREE SECTIONS

## Quick Action 'Is Sought In Flood Hearing



PASSES - Mrs. Anna Cox Graham, 90, shown above, passed away at her home on Gwyn Avenue, Thursday evening, following a serious illness of six

# **DEATH CLAIMS**

One Of Town's Best Known Women, Dies Thursday

of the city's best known women, come from the business in the are either being conducted or bassed away Thursday evening at 7 p. m. at her home on Gwyn the program. A partial check of in Elkin. Avenue. She had been seriously such taxes in North Wilkesboro The Pilgrim Church school beill six weeks.

"Mother Graham," as she was ity, observed her 90th birthday on her time in a wheel chair since she broke her hip six years ago.

and Emaline Cox of Mouth of Wilson, Va., she was married to William A. Graham, who preceeded her in death 30 years ago.

· Mrs. Graham came to Elkin 25 city until she was injured six years and Anson Counties.' ago. She was a member of the Elkin Methodist Church.

Mrs. L. E. Osborne of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Herbert P., Hardin C., Dixie, best security against flood was French W., Worth A., and Shef- "to get above high water reach." fie, all of this city; Rev. Grover Testifying against the project C. Graham of Statesville and Mrs. were F. J. Beale, F. L. Townsend I. L. Halsey of Mouth of Wilson, and V. D. Guire, of Lenoir; Howgreat grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at of Happy Valley. First Methodist Church, this city, at 11 o'clock Saturday morning North Wilkesboro Chamber of with Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, pas- Commerce, said that only about Poplin, Rich Chatham, George tor, and Rev. L. B. Abernethy of one-third of the land which the Charlotte, officiating. Rev. Mr. dams would cause to be inundated Lankford, Jack Elderton and Yokley, pastor, assisted Mr. Tuttle was cleared, and that the average in services at Potato Creek Meth- v. he of the land was \$30 to \$40 thryn Dobson, Bettie Harris and odist Church in Virginia at 2:30 per acro. p. m., where burial was made in the church cemetery.

## Fred Murphy Begins

Fred Murphy was taken to the state prison in Raleigh last week by Sheriff Sam Paterson to begin serving a seven-year sentence for robbery.

The sentence was imposed at the April term of Surry superior court, but Murphy had filed notice of appeal to the Supreme Court through his counsel. Last week, however, he notified the court that he had abandoned his appeal and he was taken to Raleigh to

begin serving his term. Murphy was arrested in South Dakota several months ago and brought back to Surry county by

#### Two Are Bound Over To Superior Court

and driving after revocation of his the superior term of court by Justice of the Peace J. L. Hall in Magistrate's Court Monday morning. His bond was set at \$600.

John Edward Hollaway, 24, was charges of reckless driving by Justice of the Peace C. A. McNeil.

stop." Voltaire.

#### **Committee Hears Testimony In** Yadkin Project

Proponents of the Yadkin River Flood Control Project, headed by Representatives John H. Folger and C. B. Deane, asked Congress for immediate action on the flood control plan at a hearing before a War Department subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee in Washington last week.

The two Congressmen urged subcommittee approval of the \$75,-000 item in President Truman's 1947-48 budget for advance planning of the project and, if possible appropriations of additional funds for other preliminary work. They pointed out that the 79th Congress has already authorized the expenditure of \$7,194,000 for the proposed flood control program in spite of opposition which was repeated before the subcommittee at

Harry H. Hensel and C. A. Mc-Neil, spokesman for Elkin at the hearing, testified that most of the local manufacturing concerns and wholesale houses were in the flood-Mrs. Anna Cox Graham, 90, threatened area, and that 45 miles of railroad along the Yadkin river are threatened constantly by flood

John E. Justice, Jr., of North RITES HELD SATURDAY Wilkesboro, chairman of the Yadkin River Flood Control Commit-Mrs. Anna Cox Graham, 90, one tee, asserted that federal tax inflood area "abundantly justifies" plans are underway by churches alone showed collections of \$447,- gan Monday morning with about

told the subcommittee that nearly in the school by Colleen Gentry, all of the loudest protest against Betty Felts, Mrs. Eugene Badgett, the project comes from those least Mr. and Mrs. Otis Felts, Mrs. Sam affected. "It seems absurd to think Roberts, Naomi Hinshaw, and Mrs. that six miles of land in Caldwell Joseph C. Brown. A daughter of the late Hardin County along the Yadkin is more valuable than 45 miles of the same a two-week period and the theme type of land below there in is, "A Troop School for Christian Wilkes," said Judge Hayes, "to say Soldiers," with the organization nothing of another 100 miles being set up along military plan. along the river in Surry, Yadkin, The classes convene each day from years ago and had been active in Forsyth, Davie, Davidson, Rowan, 9 until 11:30 o'clock. The prothe civic and religious life of the Montgomery, Stanly, Richmond gram is varied and several outdoor

Opponents of the plan had told by the proposed dams and that the being planned. Va., 25 grandchildren and eight ard Ferguson and T. L. Ferguson, of Ferguson; and J. T. Saunders

J. B. Williams, president of the

In a joint statement, Represent-

(Continued on page eight, 1st sec.) ments having a social.

## Seven-Year Sentence LAW-BREAKING

Police Records Show 81 Arrests Made During May By Local Officers

DRUNKENNESS LEADS

Law-breaking is on the increase

According to police records a total of 81 arrests, the highest number of any month so far this year, were made during May by local officers.

Public drunkenness led the list of violations with 37 offenders. Speeding ranked a poor second with 10 cases listed. Seven persons were charged with operating Fred Andrew Collins, 21, Route automobiles under the influence 1, Elkin, charged with operating of liquor, and five were charged

driver's license, was bound over to driving, four; driving without op- five years in the state prison at charged with first degree murder erator's license, four; violating Raleigh in Surry superior court for the fatal shooting of Towe hotel laws, four; engaging in af- last week. frays, two; immoral conduct, two:

Records for previous months He was sentenced to six months said Jessup was standing over the school. "The secret of making one's self show 52 violations in April, 68 in on the roads upon conviction on Towe's body with a pistol in his tiresome is not to know when to March, 44 in February and 46 in a charge of malicious injury to January.



KNIGHT OF THE OPEN ROAD — Richard E. Cook and his horse, Buck, are shown here as they paused in Elkin Monday on the return leg of their 3,200-mile round trip from Midland, Michigan, to Florida. Mr. Cook got tired of "high speed driving" in automobiles and set out to see the country in his home-made, horse-drawn house on wheels. He left Michigan last October, spent the winter in Florida, and plans to reach home again about July 4.

Are Either Under Way Or Being Planned By Various Elkin Churches

ALSO IN JONESVILLE

Daily Vacation Bible Schools

50 children being enrolled. Rev. Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes Joseph C. Brown is being assisted

The school will be conducted for sessions will be held.

Commencement is scheduled for the committee that nearly 10,000 Friday evening, June 20, and on Surviving are nine children, acres of land would be inundated the following Saturday a picnic is

Daily Vacation Bible school at First Methodist Church is already underway with about 65 children enrolled. The classes meet each morning from 9 until 11 o'clock.

Workers in the school are Mesdames Clyde Hall, M. A. Hines, Van Dillon, Jr., Ralph Triplett, W. L. Hine, C. H. Leary, Roscoe Royall, H. L. Johnson, Robert Misses Margaret Click, Anna Ka-Bonnie Jane Hall.

The school will close Friday with each of the three depart-

planning the Methodist School.

Registration at First Baptist Church will be held Friday, June 13, at 9 a. m. Mrs. Adrian Nixon and Mrs. Livingston Williams are

superintendents for the school. Workers are Misses Emma Cooke and Ruth Masten and Mesdames Leslie Reinhardt, Fred Harris, G. H. Tatum and Mrs. John A. Sears.

The school will continue throughout the week of June 16. Tentative plans are being made by Elkin Presbyterian Church for Bible School to be held in July. Churches in Jonesville and surrounding communities have schools in progress at present and others are making plans to begin

#### John Garris, Jr., Is **Guilty On 2 Counts**

within the near future.

John Garris, Jr., charged with a car under the influence of liquor | with illegal possession of liquor. | breaking and entering, was given appeal to the State Supreme Court, Other violations were reckless a suspended sentence of three to The Mt. Airy man had been Flat Rock Bible

Conditions on which the sen- station in March. According to

property.

## BIBLE SCHOOLS 3,200 Mile Trip Fails HELD LOCALLY To Bother Man And Nag their plea the bonds. Ed Shore

#### In No Hurry, **Make About 25 Miles Daily**

BY THOMAS WILSON

When Richard E. Cook heard the call of the open road last October, he responded by giving up his job as driver of a livery truck and setting out on a 3,200-mile trip from his home in Midland, Michigan, to Florida and return. But his means of transportation

isn't exactly what the gasoline advertisers have in mind when they urge people to travel. It is a horse-drawn, home-made house on wheels, and the only resemblance it bears to an automobile lies in the fact that it rolls on

It rolls only "about 25 miles a day," but that's fast enough for Mr. Cook. He set out to see the country, and at that rate of travel the scenery doesn't whiz by so fast that he misses much

Mr. Cook passed through Elkin Monday on the homeward leg of his journey, and stopped just outside the city limits to cook dinner and let Buck, his white Perchion

"I never really saw the country until I took this trip," said Mr. Cook. "I've traveled a lot in automobiles, but they're too fast. You can't see the country from an automobile."

The unique traveler got out a stove that he had built from an old gasoline tank, lighted a fire,

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### Mrs. M. B. Lee and Mrs. Mason Lillard have been co-workers in JESSUP APPEALS TO HIGH COURT

Convicted Of Second Degree to participate in the program. Murder, Mt. Airy Man Released On \$15,000 Bond

IS GIVEN THIRTY YEARS

Robert L. (Bob) Jessup of Mt. Airy was released under bond of \$15,000 Saturday following his conviction Friday of second degree murder in the killing of Roy Towe on March 15. The bond was signed by W. E.

Gillispie, Fred R. Jarrell, B. J. Rattie and Nannie J. Rattie. Jessup was sentenced to serve 29 to 30 years in the state prison at Raleigh last Friday by Judge Frank M. Armstrong when the

jury brought in its verdict after

deliberating for nearly nine hours. Jessup's counsel filed notice of near the Bunker Woods service

(Continued on page eight, 1st sec.) they can."-Dryden.

#### **Local Red Cross** Donates \$500 To Co. Health Dept.

The local Red Cross Chapter has presented a check for \$500 the Surry County Health Department for the purchase of x-ray films, it was announced today by C. J. Hyslup, chairman of the Elkin Chapter.

The films will be used in the Health Department's campaign to x-ray every person in Elkin and surrounding communities in the fight against tubercu-

### **LOVVORN IS TO SPEAK AT MEET**

Agronomy Extension Specialist To Attend Session At **Dobson Courthouse** 

ON NEXT WEDNESDAY

Dr. R. L. Lovvorn, agronomy exmanent pasture work, will be the facing execution at the same time. the Surry U. S. D. A. Council in them a new trial. the court house in Dobson next Wednesday, June 18, at 2 p. m.

Plans are being made to develop a permanent pasture improvement program for Surry County livestock producers, and the meeting will be an attempt to coordinate the recommendations of various agricultural agencies on the subject of establishing and maintain-

ing permanent pastures. Soil conservation personnel, agriculture teachers, instructors in veterans' farm classes, AAA representatives, FHA supervisors and leading farmers have been invited

Neill M. Smith, chairman of the Surry Agricultural Workers' Council, asserted that rapid strides have been made in the past few years by Surry County farmers in improving pastures, but declared that "much work remains to be done." He said the use of lime and phosphate and the distribution of pasture seed through the AAA program last year had resulted in considerable improvement, but that hundreds of farmers still have "broom sage pas-

tures.' Mr. Smith stated that best results could be obtained by seeding permanent pastures in the fall but that most farmers were too busy marketing their crops during that season to attend to their

## School To Start

The Daily Vacation Bible School assault, two; violating prohibition tence was suspended were that testimony, Towe had started to of Flat Rock Baptist Church will laws, one; resisting arrest, one; Garris pay the cost of the action, leave the station when Jessup begin Monday morning, June 16, bound over under bond of \$300 on driving with improper lights, one; show good behavior and not go asked him to wait. Towe was according to an announcement and assault with a deadly weapon, about the home of his sister, Mrs. found a few minutes later with made today by Mrs. Jack Brown, Mary Colbert, for three years. | two bullets in his body. Witnesses | who will act as superintendent of | He said that a feeder sale has al-

"They can conquer who believe

#### Bell Brothers And Two Other Men Are Charged With **Bilking Motorists** SEEK TO LOWER BOND Attorneys appeared before Judge Felix A. Alley in superior court at Concord Monday afternoon where they obtained a writ of habaes corpus for Millard and Glenn Bell, who have been held in Yadkin County jail for several

\$100,000 to cover several cases Lewis Alexander, above, was apagainst the two brothers. pointed as City Administrator by Elkin's board of commission-The writ was signed by Judge ers at a special meeting last Alley and Sheriff A. F. (Bill) Moxweek. He will serve on a partley is directed to produce the two time basis in the new post to prisoners in court at Concord at facilitate the administration of 2 o'clock today (Thursday) when municipal affairs. His appointthe judge will hear evidence on ment was effective June 10. their plea to lower the amount of

Ed Shore, who was charged with the Bell brothers was released on bond of \$2,500 for his appearance at superior court first Monday in September. Burton Key is in jail also in the same cases but has no part in the bond hearing today. The defendants claim the bonds Mrs. Peggy Bowman Hit required by the magistrate who committed them to jail are excessive and are asking they be lowered.

weeks on charges of highway rob-

bery and impersonating an offi-

cer. Bonds have been set at about

Attorneys appearing before MOTIVE UNDETERMINED throughout. Judge Alley Monday were F. D. B Harding of Yadkinville and W. M. Allen of Elkin. Attorney Eugene Trivette of North Wilkesboro will join them in the hearing today the garden of her home near Sadand the state will be represented dle Mountain Tuesday. by Solicitor Avalon E. Hall of Yad-

Both Millard and Glenn Bell Burton Key and Ed Shore are charged specifically with holding lurking in the woods at the edge up motorists between the Yadkin of the garden. river and Wilkesboro on highway 421 and relieving them of money In some cases they represented themselves as officers, claiming the victims had violated some law and the money taken was for bonds. Key has admitted his part in the holdups and implicated the

The two Bell boys are brothers of Marvin Bell, who is scheduled to die in the gas chamber at Raleigh next week, June 20th, after being convicted of raping Peggy Shore, Elkin girl. Vernon Litteral tension specialist in charge of per- was convicted with him and is principal speaker at a meeting of The supreme court has denied

## 170 ENTRIES ARE EXPECTED Receives Injury In Well M

County Agent Neill M. Smith Expects Large Increase At Fat Stock Show

TO PLAN FOR EVENT Road Monday about noon.

Agent Neill M. Smith indicates the hooks holding it broke. Mr. Claude Bell and Ralph Vernon that a total of 170 entries from 11 counties may be expected in the and possible death when he dodged June 20 for the rape of Peggy Elkin Fat Stock Show and Sale the pump as it fell.

The entries from each county his leg and head. as shown by the survey are as follows: Surry, 36; Wilkes, 22; Catawba, 22; Yadkin, 20; Alleghany, 20; Iredell, 20; Forsyth, 12; Ashe, eight; Caldwell, six; Alexander, two; and Stokes, two.

The figures indicate that this year's show and sale will be the argest ever staged here. Elkin civic leaders and Surry

County Farm Agents are expected to meet at an early date to lay plans for the event. Neill M. Smith, county agent, stated that a large number of interested persons had expressed the opinion that better prices could be obtain- and king of health at the annual June 20. ed by staging the sale approximately 30 days earlier than last Dobson last month. year's dates of October 9 and 10.

"Another advantage of having since feeder sales are generally week, August 18-23, in Raleigh. held during the latter part of September," Mr. Smith declared. of rearing ponds. ready been announced for September 23 at Jefferson.

### Poolrooms Are **Licensed With** Restrictions

appointed R. Lewis Alexander to fill a newly-created municipal post of City Administrator at a special meeting in the city hall Thursday night. The new office is designed to serve a function of liaison between the public and the

The board also voted to authorize the issuance of beer license to local pool room operators at the called meeting, but stipulated that licensees must prohibit gambling, profanity and drunkenness in their places of business, and that pool rooms which are unkempt in physical appearance must make improvements.

The vote was unanimous on both proceedings. Commissioners R. C. Freeman, J. O. Bivins, Russell Burcham and J. W. L. Benson, and Mayor Garland Johnson were present at the special session.

Dan Hudspeth, appearing before the board in behalf of his application for license to sell beer, declared himself eligible under existing statutes to receive license and assured members of the board that he would comply with provisions of the four-point program to eliminate objectionable conditions at the pool room under his management.

He stated that plans were under way to remodel the pool room

The new City Administrator's post was established to relieve the Mrs. Peggy Bowman, 47, of board of commissioners of the Sparta, was shot from ambush as she was picking strawberries in considerable amount of detailed work involved in the administration of town affairs, and to serve as a medium through which the According to G. D. Richardson, public may obtain more efficient Alleghany county sheriff, she was and more effective action on the hit with a shotgun blast at a range

part of the board. Citizens with problems of a municipal nature will be referred to the Administrator, who will in-More than 100 pellets lodged in vestigate and analyze them and recommendations he deems neces taken to the Martin Memorial sary to the town board for action.

Mr. Alexander, whose appointment became effective Tuesday June 10, will serve in the new post the shooting. Officers brought on a part-time basis, and emphabloodhounds to the scene, but they sized that his duties in the capawere unable to trace the assailant. city of City Administrator would Sheriff Richardson said the in- not interfere with his practice of vestigators found the spot where law. However, he will be availthe ambusher lay in wait for Mrs. able at his office at regular hours Bowman, but the trail led only to to citizens who have municipal

where the gunman presumably en- (Continued on page eight, 1st sec.)

#### tered an automobile and made his Sheriff Richardson indicated court upholds the SBI might be called to that the SBI might be called to **DEATH VERDICT**

In Well Mishap June 20th Set As Date Of Execution Of Marvin Bell, Ralph Litteral

working in an open well at the HAVE LONG RECORDS home of Ralph Gentry near State

The Supreme Court of North Carolina last week sustained a A preliminary survey by County to the well, it was reported, when judgment that will send Marvin Sheppard averted serious injury Litteral to the gas chamber on Shore last August.

Bell and Litteral had appealed their cases in January after a Wilkes county superior court jury had found them guilty of the crime and Judge Hoyle Sink had Compete In Contest passed the death sentence.

According to the opinion handed down by the supreme tribunal, "the defendants were accorded a fair trial, free of prejudicial error . . . Litteral had contended that he

was of such low mentality that he health contest to be held at did not know right from wrong. Chapel Hill next Thursday, June Bell offered no testimony. Unless Governor Cherry inter-

venes, the two men will be executcrowned as Surry County, queen ed in the state's gas chamber on Both Litteral and Bell have

long crime records. They were arrested last September 2 on county health winners for the charges of kidnapping and assaultan earlier show would be that honor of representing the North- ing Miss Shore, of the Pleasant participants in the 1948 show western district in the State con- Hill community, who was then could purchase more small stock, test to be held during 4-H Club only 15 years of age. Miss Shore testified that the men forced her into their car on the night of August 23 and that both men assaulted her following a wild autoof the N. C. Division of Game and | mobile ride. The two ex-convicts Inland Fisheries has a capacity were given death sentences after Tribune Advertising Gets Results for annual production of 25,000 a jury, deliberating only 15 minutes, returned a verdict of guilty.