

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 weeks.

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 the hearing.

Harry H. Hensel and C. A. McNeil, spokesmen for Elkin at the hearing, testified that most of the local manufacturing concerns and wholesale houses were in the flood-threatened area, and that 45 miles of railroad along the Yadkin river are threatened constantly by flood losses.

John E. Justice, Jr., of North Wilkesboro, chairman of the Yadkin River Flood Control Committee, asserted that federal tax income from the business in the flood area "abundantly justifies" the program. A partial check of such taxes in North Wilkesboro alone showed collections of \$447,461 in 1946, he said.

Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes told the subcommittee that nearly all of the loudest protest against the project comes from those least affected. "It seems absurd to think that six miles of land in Caldwell County along the Yadkin is more valuable than 45 miles of the same type of land below there in Wilkes," said Judge Hayes, "to say nothing of another 100 miles along the river in Surry, Yadkin, Forsyth, Davie, Davidson, Rowan, Montgomery, Stanly, Richmond and Anson Counties."

Opponents of the plan had told the committee that nearly 10,000 acres of land would be inundated by the proposed dams and that the best security against flood was "to get above high water reach."

Testifying against the project were F. J. Beale, F. L. Townsend and V. D. Guire, of Lenoir; Howard Ferguson and T. L. Ferguson, of Ferguson; and J. T. Saunders of Happy Valley.

J. B. Williams, president of the North Wilkesboro Chamber of Commerce, said that only about one-third of the land which the dams would cause to be inundated was cleared, and that the average value of the land was \$30 to \$40 per acre.

In a joint statement, Represent-

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DEATH CLAIMS ELKIN WOMAN

Mrs. Anna Cox Graham, 90, One Of Town's Best Known Women, Dies Thursday

rites Held Saturday

Mrs. Anna Cox Graham, 90, one of the city's best known women, passed away Thursday evening at 7 p. m. at her home on Gwyn Avenue. She had been seriously ill six weeks.

"Mother Graham," as she was known to citizens of this community, observed her 90th birthday on April 12. She had spent most of her time in a wheel chair since she broke her hip six years ago.

A daughter of the late Hardin and Emaline Cox of Mouth of Wilson, Va., she was married to William A. Graham, who preceded her in death 30 years ago.

Mrs. Graham came to Elkin 25 years ago and had been active in the civic and religious life of the city until she was injured six years ago. She was a member of the Elkin Methodist Church.

Surviving are nine children, Mrs. L. E. Osborne of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Herbert P. Hardin C., Dixie, French W., Worth A., and Shelia, all of this city; Rev. Grover C. Graham of Statesville and Mrs. I. L. Halsey of Mouth of Wilson, Va.; 25 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at First Methodist Church, this city, at 11 o'clock Saturday morning with Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, pastor, and Rev. L. B. Abernethy of Charlotte, officiating. Rev. Mr. Yokley, pastor, assisted Mr. Tuttle in services at Potato Creek Methodist Church in Virginia at 2:30 p. m., where burial was made in the church cemetery.

Fred Murphy Begins Seven-Year Sentence

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 plane.

Two Are Bound Over To Superior Court

Fred Andrew Collins, 21, Route 1, Elkin, charged with operating a car under the influence of liquor and driving after revocation of his driver's license, was bound over to the superior court by Justice of the Peace J. L. Hall in Magistrate's Court Monday morning. His bond was set at \$600.

LAW-BREAKING ON INCREASE

Police Records Show 81 Arrests Made During May By Local Officers

Law-breaking is on the increase in Elkin. 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 automobiles under the influence of liquor, and five were charged with illegal possession of liquor.

Other violations were reckless driving, four; driving without operator's license, four; violating hotel laws, four; engaging in affairs, two; immoral conduct, two; assault, two; violating prohibition laws, one; resisting arrest, one; driving with improper lights, one; and assault with a deadly weapon, one.

Records for previous months show 52 violations in April, 68 in March, 44 in February and 46 in 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 July 4.

BIBLE SCHOOLS HELD LOCALLY

Are Either Under Way Or Being Planned By Various Elkin Churches

ALSO IN JONESVILLE

Daily Vacation Bible Schools are either being conducted or plans are underway by churches in Elkin.

The Pilgrim Church school began Monday morning with about 50 children being enrolled. Rev. Joseph C. Brown is being assisted in the school by Colleen Gentry, Betty Felts, Mrs. Eugene Badgett, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Felts, Mrs. Sam Roberts, Naomi Hinshaw, and Mrs. Joseph C. Brown.

The school will be conducted for a two-week period and the theme is, "A Troop School for Christian Soldiers," with the organization being set up along military plan. The classes convene each day from 9 until 11:30 o'clock. The program is varied and several outdoor sessions will be held.

Commencement is scheduled for Friday evening, June 20, and on the following Saturday a picnic is being planned.

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 Poplin, Rich Chatham, George Royall, H. L. Johnson, Robert Lankford, Jack Elderton and Misses Margaret Click, Anna Kathryn Dobson, Bettie Harris and Bonnie Jane Hall.

The school will close Friday with each of the three departments having a social.

Mrs. M. B. Lee and Mrs. Mason Lillard have been co-workers in 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 a 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 within the near future.

John Garris, Jr., Is Guilty On 2 Counts

John Garris, Jr., charged with breaking and entering, was given a suspended sentence of three to five years in the state prison at Raleigh in Surry superior court last week.

Conditions on which the sentence was suspended were that Garris pay the cost of the action, show good behavior and not go about the home of his sister, Mrs. Mary Colbert, for three years.

He was sentenced to six months on the roads upon conviction on a charge of malicious injury to property.

Elkin Commissioners Name R. L. Alexander Town Administrator

\$100,000 BOND SET IN CASES

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 habeas corpus for Millard and Glenn Bell, who have been held in Yadkin County jail for several weeks on charges of highway robbery and impersonating an officer. Bonds have been set at about \$100,000 to cover several cases against the two brothers.

The writ was signed by Judge Alley and Sheriff A. F. (Bill) Moxley is directed to produce the two prisoners in court at Concord at 2 o'clock today (Thursday) when the judge will hear evidence on their plea to lower the amount of the bonds.

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 required by the magistrate who committed them to jail are excessive and are asking they be lowered.

Attorneys appearing before 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 and the state will be represented by Solicitor Avaion E. Hall of Yadkinville.

Both Millard and Glenn Bell Burton Key and Ed Shore are charged specifically with holding up motorists between the Yadkin 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 others.

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 was convicted with him and is facing execution at the same time. The supreme court has denied them a new trial.

170 ENTRIES ARE EXPECTED

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

TO PLAN FOR EVENT

A preliminary survey by County Agent Neill M. Smith indicates that a total of 170 entries from 11 counties may be expected in the Elkin Fat Stock Show and Sale this fall.

The entries from each county 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 largest 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 obtained by staging the sale approximately 30 days earlier than last year's dates of October 9 and 10.

"Another advantage of having an earlier show would be that participants in the 1948 show could purchase more small stock, since feeder sales are generally held during the latter part of September," Mr. Smith declared. He said that a feeder sale has already been announced for September 23 at Jefferson.

Tribune Advertising Gets Results

SPARTA WOMAN SHOT TUESDAY

Mrs. Peggy Bowman Hit With Shotgun Blast By Unknown Assailant

MOTIVE UNDETERMINED

Mrs. Peggy Bowman, 47, of Sparta, was shot from ambush as she was picking strawberries in the garden of her home near Saddle Mountain Tuesday.

According to G. D. Richardson, Alleghany county sheriff, she was hit with a shotgun blast at a range of 50 to 60 feet by an assailant lurking in the woods at the edge of the garden.

More than 100 pellets lodged in Mrs. Bowman's body, one of which pierced her right eye. She was taken to the Martin Memorial Hospital in Mount Airy where her condition was said to be critical.

No motive could be found for the shooting. Officers brought bloodhounds to the scene, but they were unable to trace the assailant. Sheriff Richardson said the investigators found the spot where the ambusher lay in wait for Mrs. Bowman, but the trail led only to the road a short distance away where the gunman presumably entered an automobile and made his escape.

Sheriff Richardson indicated that the SBI might be called to assist in the case.

Receives Injury In Well Mishap

R. H. Sheppard, of Elkin, suffered minor injuries when a pump struck his head and leg as he was working in an open well at the home of Ralph Gentry near State Road Monday about noon.

The pump was being lowered into the well, it was reported, when the hooks holding it broke. Mr. Sheppard averted serious injury and possible death when he dodged the pump as it fell.

He was treated for injuries to his leg and head.

Two From Surry To Compete In Contest

Lorine Snow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Snow of Dobson, and Sam Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Taylor of White Plains, will enter the district health contest to be held at Chapel Hill next Thursday, June 19.

Miss Snow and Mr. Taylor were crowned as Surry County, queen and king of health at the annual 4-H Club health pageant staged in Dobson last month.

They will compete with other county health winners for the honor of representing the North-western district in the State contest to be held during 4-H Club week, August 18-23, in Raleigh.

The Waynesville Fish Hatchery of the N. C. Division of Game and Inland Fisheries has a capacity for annual production of 25,000 trout 7 to 10 inches in length.

Poolrooms Are Licensed With Restrictions

Elkin's board of commissioners 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 town's governing body.

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 Hudspeh, 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 throughout.

The new City Administrator's post was established to relieve the board of commissioners of the considerable amount of detailed work involved in the administration of town affairs, and to serve as a medium through which the public may obtain more efficient and more effective action on the part of the board.

Citizens with problems of a municipal nature will be referred to the Administrator, who will investigate and analyze them and present them with whatever recommendations he deems necessary to the town board for action.

Mr. Alexander, whose appointment became effective Tuesday, June 10, will serve in the new post on a part-time basis, and emphasized that his duties in the capacity of City Administrator would not interfere with his practice of law. However, he will be available at his office at regular hours to citizens who have municipal

COURT UPHOLDS DEATH VERDICT

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

HAVE LONG RECORDS

The Supreme Court of North Carolina last week sustained a judgment that will send Marvin Claude Bell and Ralph Vernon Litteral to the gas chamber on June 20 for the rape of Peggy 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 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 did not know right from wrong. Bell offered no testimony. Unless Governor Cherry intervenes, the two men will be executed in the state's gas chamber on June 20.

Both Litteral and Bell have long crime records. They were arrested last September 2 on charges of kidnapping and assaulting Miss Shore, of the Pleasant Hill community, who was then 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 automobile ride. The two ex-convicts were given death sentences after a jury, deliberating only 15 minutes, returned a verdict of guilty.

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"They can conquer who believe they can." — Dryden.