

Hearing Held In Greenwood Case Tuesday

Three Witnesses Offer Testimony Before Referee

Andrew Greenwood, Mrs. C. C. Myers and City Clerk Dixie Graham appeared as witnesses at a hearing in the city hall Tuesday in the case of Andrew Greenwood vs. The Town of Elkin.

Attorney W. H. McElwee of North Wilkesboro, who was appointed in February by Judge Frank M. Armstrong as referee in the case, presided at the hearing.

Chief issue involved in the case is the question of whether the town's governing body authorized the expenditure of funds derived from ad valorem taxation in connection with the leasing of lands on the Swan Creek Road for the construction of a municipal airport.

July 26 Date Bond Election

Is Set Tentatively For Vote On Dobson's Proposed Water System

SEEK FIRE EQUIPMENT

Mrs. Myers presented records of the Blue Ridge Aviation, Inc., in support of a contention by the defense that former Commissioner C. C. Myers was not a stockholder in the concern at the time the transactions were carried out.

Mr. Graham offered testimony relative to the town's financial position during the period in which transactions relative to the airport were discussed. He stated that the town's revenue from all sources was placed in a general fund, and that no segregation of funds was made for any specific project. However, he said he advised the board in December, 1945, that town funds on hand at that time were "far in excess of \$10,000," the amount set aside for the construction of the airport.

Mr. Greenwood was questioned by the defense counsel as to his motive for bringing the action. Objections to such questioning by the plaintiff's attorney were sustained by Referee McElwee.

A motion by the defense for a judgment of non suit was overruled by the Referee.

Counsel appearing for the defense included Attorneys W. M. Allen, Hoke Henderson and Milton Cooper of Elkin; Wilson Barber of Mount Airy; and Fred Polger of Dobson. Attorney Roy L. Deal, of Winston-Salem, was counsel for the plaintiff.

Mr. McElwee will present his findings in the case at a term of Surry Superior court, probably in September. He was appointed by Judge Armstrong to determine questions of fact in the case, including the questions of whether the town expended funds derived from ad valorem taxation in the transactions, and whether the "contract, agreement, or arrangement between the Town of Elkin and Weldon Weir for the grading and construction of runways at the airport was entered into in violation of the law."

City Water Tank Is Getting Face Lifted

Repair work and a new paint job on the town's water tank were begun Tuesday by the Water Tank Service Company, of Charlotte, and the structure is expected to be in first class condition again by the first of the week.

Joe Saylor, superintendent of the water department, stated that the tank was being treated and painted inside and out. Pumps are being used to maintain water pressure while the tank is empty, and no disruption of water service is anticipated.

Civil Service Jobs Are Now Available

The Civil Service Commission announces that jobs are now available in foreign fields, in the salary class from \$10,000 a year down to \$1.24 an hour. These positions are in Japan, Bermuda, Greenland, Guam and in Europe. Anyone interested apply at Elkin post office for blanks and any further information desired.

Albert J. Stanley Bound Over Monday

Albert J. Stanley, charged with operating a car under the influence of liquor, was bound over to superior court by Justice of the Peace J. L. Hall in Magistrate's Court Monday morning.

His bond was set at \$250.

Tribune Advertising Gets Results

Injured Man Is Found Beside Road Near Ronda

A man who looked to be about 35 years of age and who mumbled that his name was Robert Shumaker, of Roaring River, was carried to the Elkin hospital by ambulance shortly before 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in a semi-conscious condition after having been found lying in the ditch by the side of the road about one-half mile east of Ronda.

An examination disclosed that he was suffering from a fracture of the skull. Due to his condition attendants were unable to learn how he had sustained his injury.

JULY 26 DATE BOND ELECTION

Is Set Tentatively For Vote On Dobson's Proposed Water System

SEEK FIRE EQUIPMENT

July 26 was set as the tentative date for a bond election on the proposed \$73,000 water system for Dobson at a meeting the town board last week.

The date is expected to be confirmed within the next few days.

The election will also include a vote on a \$5,000 bond issue for the purchase of fire-fighting equipment. The funds would be used to secure a fire truck and modern equipment. It was pointed out that the cost of establishing a fire department would be offset by a reduction in fire insurance rates. At present, the town has no facilities to combat fires.

A bond issue for the municipal water system has been under consideration for several weeks, and specifications for the project have already been prepared. An initial advance of \$2,000 for preliminary engineering work has been approved by the Federal Works Agency.

WOMAN, 2 SONS HELD IN CASE

Are Questioned At Mount Airy In Death Of Raw- ley E. McMillian

BODY FOUND IN CREEK

Mrs. Susie McMillian and her two sons, Foster Martin and James Goins, were arrested last week for questioning in the death of Mrs. McMillian's husband, Rawley E. McMillian, 45-year-old furniture worker of Mount Airy whose body was found in a creek near Slate Mountain on June 4.

The late Mr. McMillian was last seen alive on Sunday June 1. He was said to have left his home in Mount Airy in a drunken condition after an argument in which he threatened to hit Foster Martin, his stepson, with an axe.

The body was found three days later by two Flat Rock boys Thomas and Elbert Hicks, who were looking for fish bait and came upon the body in the stream of water.

An autopsy performed by Dr. J. L. Woltz, Surry county coroner indicated that the victim had died of a blow at the base of the skull causing a rupture of the brain.

According to Sam Patterson, Surry county sheriff, the three are being held for "investigation," pending accumulation of more evidence in the case.

Mrs. McMillian and James Goins were released Tuesday under bond of \$1,000 each. Foster Martin is being held without bail.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled to be held Monday morning before Judge Harry Llewellyn in Mount Airy's Recorder's Court.

An Alamance County farmer increased the milk production of his 35 dairy cows from forty-five gallons per day to eighty gallons by grazing them on ladino clover and rye grass.



FLOODWATERS THREATEN ELKIN—The photos above were taken Saturday as the floodwaters of the Yadkin threatened to inundate the town. Top photo was taken from the old Elkin-Jonesville bridge and shows the Elkin Livestock Market flooded to a depth of several feet. Bottom photo shows an automobile plowing through the foot-deep stream flowing across the approach to the old bridge. The river reached a depth of almost 20 feet and destroyed hundreds of acres of crops along the valley. (Another flood picture on page 8, first section).

CHERRY HOLDS FATE OF MEN

Efforts To Commute Bell, Litteral Sentence Under Way Wednesday

PETITIONS PRESENTED

Only hope for Marvin Claude Bell and Ralph Vernon Litteral, convicted rapists and kidnapers who are scheduled to die in the gas chamber at State prison Friday, rested Wednesday afternoon in the hands of Governor R. Gregg Cherry as The Tribune went to press.

A hearing before the governor, seeking commutation of the death sentences against the two, was under way Wednesday afternoon, and a telephone call by The Tribune to John Harden, the governor's secretary, at Raleigh, revealed the hearing would probably not be concluded in time for the governor's decision to be carried in this issue.

Defense counsel for Bell are seeking to have the death sentence commuted to life imprisonment because of the claim that Bell saved the life of the victim of the two men's attack when they abducted Peggy Ruth Shore, of the Pleasant Hill section last August and carried her for a terror-filled ride through the night into Tennessee.

In their petitions for commutation Bell's attorneys point out that Bell is a young man with a wife and two children, and that prior to his present predicament he has no criminal record to speak of other than a reckless driving charge in state court and liquor law violations in federal court. They claim that on the night in which Peggy Shore was kidnapped and attacked four times, Bell was under the influence of Litteral, who it was said wanted to kill the girl, but that Bell objected to murder.

In the commutation effort under way at Raleigh Wednesday afternoon a petition bearing the names of over 200 people was presented, as well as a commutation request by deacons of Antioch Baptist Church in the neighborhood where Bell resided.

Commutation efforts were being made in Litteral's behalf on the grounds that he is insane.

MAKES REPORT ON CONVENTION

Lion Jim Crowe Tells Group Of 25th Silver Jubilee At Asheville

CHAIRMEN ARE NAMED

Feature of the Elkin Lions Club dinner meeting in the YMCA Monday night was a report by Jim Crowe on the twenty-fifth Silver Jubilee Convention of Lions in Asheville last month. Mr. Crowe and Jack Caudill attended the convention as delegates of the local club.

New committee chairmen were appointed to serve for the coming year as follows: Russell Burcham, publicity director and bulletin editor; R. H. Abernathy, boys' and girls' work; Jack Caudill, citizenship and patriotism; Joe Saylor, civic improvement; Glenn Lewis, community betterment; Paul Lewis, education; Philip Poats, health and welfare; H. C. Bowman, safety; Jim Crowe, sight conservation and blind; Glenn York, horse show; Dwayne Irwin, reception; David Brown, attendance; Jim Crowe, constitution and by-laws; Clyde Gregg, convention; Clyde Walker, finance; Tom Parnell, Lions education; Charlie Alexander, membership; and Lewis Alexander, program and entertainment.

Paul Gilliam, of Gastonia, was an out-of-town guest at the meeting.

Homecoming Sunday At Wesley's Chapel

Home coming will be held at Wesley's Chapel Sunday beginning with Sunday School at 10 a. m. with the pastor, Rev. F. A. Wright bringing the message at the 11 o'clock worship service. Special music will be furnished by the Longtown trio.

In the afternoon Rev. Nathan Trivette will preach in the afternoon. A program of music will be presented by the Piedmont quartet and other singers.

A revival meeting will begin Sunday at 8 p. m. with Rev. Forest R. Loflin of Mocksville, guest minister, bringing the messages. Services will be held daily and will continue through the week.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

STILL HELD IN JAIL

In a habeas corpus hearing before Judge Felix A. Alley at Concord Monday afternoon, bond was set for Millard and Glenn Bell at \$12,000 each — \$6,000 for Yadkin County and \$6,000 for Wilkes County offenses.

Both men are charged, together with Burton Key, with highway robbery in both Yadkin and Wilkes Counties. Key is not charged with any offense in Wilkes County and he did not figure in the proceedings before Judge Alley.

Attorneys of the Bell brothers, F. D. B. Harding of Yadkinville and Eugene Trivette of North Wilkesboro and Solicitor A. E. Hall attended the hearing at Concord. Sheriff Moxley of Yadkin and Sheriff Gray Poindexter of Wilkes County carried the two prisoners to the hearing, which was attended also by Patrolmen Williamson, McKinney and Carter.

After bond was set at this figure for the Bell brothers, Sheriff Moxley states that bond for Key will be accepted at the same rate, which will be \$6,000 as he is only charged in one county.

Millard Bell will not ask for bond, inasmuch as Sheriff Moxley has a detainer for him for violation of a parole and he would automatically go back to the county roads where he is said to have 32 months more to serve on a former highway robbery charge, according to the detainer. He also has a hearing coming up in federal court on charges of transporting whiskey. In this case he was arrested near Mocksville a few weeks before the highway robbery charge was lodged and was scheduled to appear May 3, in federal court at Winston-Salem, but was in jail here.

Glenn Bell furnished bond here yesterday afternoon in the amount of \$12,000 for his appearance at the next term of criminal court at Yadkinville September 1, and Wilkesboro next term.

No meeting of the club was held last week as a number of members attended a district meeting at Lexington.

BELL BROTHERS BOND \$12,000

Habeas Corpus Hearing Is Held Before Judge Felix A. Alley Monday

TWO ARRESTED HERE

An inspection tour of the flooded Yadkin river Sunday by State Game Warden William A. White, of Mount Airy, and George Barr, of King, resulted in 10 arrests for violations of state fishing laws.

The two wardens confiscated several illegally caught fish after serving warrants on the violators.

Two Jonesville men, Junior Mathis and Buel Adams, were among those charged with violations of game laws. Mathis was issued a warrant for attempting to take fish with firearms and having gun off premises on Sunday. Adams was charged with grappling fish.

Wint Holbrook and J. C. Combs, of Ronda, were charged with attempting to take fish with guns and having guns off premises on Sunday. James W. Carter, also of Ronda, was charged with attempting to take fish with a gun.

N. A. Roberts, of Westfield, was charged with possessing illegally caught fish.

Other warrants were served for aiding and abetting in seining during closed season.

Tribune Advertising Gets Results

Yadkin River Claims Heavy Toll Of Crops, Property In Valley

PLANNING MEET IS TO BE HELD

Session At Dobson Tonight For Mount Airy Livestock Show On July 4

IS SPONSORED BY VETS

A county-wide planning meeting for the Livestock Show to be staged in Mount Airy's Memorial Park July 4 will be held at the court house in Dobson tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock, it was announced today by Neill M. Smith county agent.

Horse and mule dealers of Surry County are especially urged to attend the meeting to assist in selecting stock to be shown at the show, and to arrange transportation for the animals.

Mr. Smith said the county agent's office was highly encouraged at the cooperation promised by horse and mule dealers. He stated that several dealers had agreed to provide trucks for transporting work stock for the show, including Bub Price and DeWitt Hudson, of Elkin; John G. Llewellyn, D. W. Hemmings and Buck O'Neal, of Dobson; P. G. Lowe, of Lowgap; R. C. Simmons, Guy Sparger, Perry Kriger, A. M. Smith and Marvin Key, of Mount Airy.

Other dealers in the county who have been issued invitations to cooperate in the show are Will Matthews, R. J. Harris and Paul Wilson, of Pilot Mountain; Ford Cockerham, of Mountain Park; P. S. McCormick, Dick Hamlin and Buck O'Neal, of Dobson; P. G. Lowe, of Lowgap; R. C. Simmons, Guy Sparger, Perry Kriger, A. M. Smith and Marvin Key, of Mount Airy.

The Livestock Show is being sponsored by the American Legion and VFW posts of Mount Airy. County Agent Smith and Frank Jones, commander of the Mount Airy VFW post, are co-managers of the event.

Assistant County Agents Mark Goforth and Luther G. Sink have secured about 25 baby beeves for 4-H and FFA members to enter in the show, and from 50 to 60 horses and mules will be shown. Mount Airy merchants have agreed to enter at least 15 floats in the parade preceding the show.

Are Installing Lighting System

The lighting system for the Elkin Park Commission's athletic field is being installed this week and the field is expected to be ready for night games by the end of the month.

The first contest to be played under light is scheduled for July 2 when the Chatham Blanketeers meet Asheboro's McCrary Mills team in an exhibition game.

ASK ESTIMATE FLOOD DAMAGE

Farmers Of Surry Urged To Submit Figures On Crop Losses From Water

HAPPENED AT BAD TIME

The district office of the U. S. Engineering Service in Charleston, S. C., has requested the farm agent's office in Dobson to compile a complete report on crop losses incurred by farmers of this area as a result of Saturday's flood.

County Agent Neill M. Smith urges all Surry County farmers whose crops and soils were damaged by the floodwaters to mail reports to him as soon as possible. The information should include the total number of acres inundated, the estimated dollar value of crops lost and damaged, the extent to which soil was washed away or damaged by erosion and the type crops lost.

Mr. Smith will summarize and tabulate the reports and forward them to the district office.

Preliminary estimates of flood damage indicate that the total may run into hundreds of thousands of dollars. P. N. Taylor, of White Plains, reported that damage resulting from heavy soil erosion and water damage to crops on his farm alone was estimated at \$10,000. W. H. Hardy, prominent Siloam farmer who had 10 acres of tobacco covered by the flood, estimated his loss at \$4,500.

It was pointed out that the flood came at the worst possible time for farmers. The growing season was just getting under way and crops had not had time to become sufficiently rooted to resist the floodwaters to any appreciable extent. Many crops were washed entirely away.

GAME WARDENS SPOIL FISH FUN

Ten Arrests For Violations Of State Fishing Laws On Yadkin Sunday

Seventeen Marriage License Are Issued

Cupid was working overtime last week to justify the designation of June as the traditional wedding month. Seventeen marriage licenses were issued during the period by Mrs. Bertha M. Shinault, Surry County Register of Deeds.

Couples who were issued license to wed were as follows:

June 10 — W. Loyd Smith, 23, and May Aline Harris, 17, both of Thurmond; Porter M. Hughes, 25, and Mable Thompson, 19, (Colored), both of Mount Airy.

June 12 — James W. Wall, 21, and Mildred Blackburn, 18, both of Toast; Hunter F. McHone, 23, and Caponala Collins, 20, both of Toast; James Nester, 21, and Betty Mae Bowman, 19, both of Mount Airy; James Aubrey Almond, 22, of Pilot Mountain, and Hazel J. McGee, 24, of Winston-Salem; William Ernest Shields, 27, of Summerfield, and Ariene Seal Johnson, 22, of Mount Airy.

June 13 — Edgar Benton Norman, 29, of East Bend, and Addie Mildred Coe, 21, of Dobson.

June 14 — Jack W. Badgett, 22, of Ararat, and Betty Nester, 18, of Mount Airy; Harlie Woltz Vernon, 33, and Virginia Creed, 28, both of Mount Airy; Johnnie Shelton, 22, of Pinnacle, and Dorothy Wall, 23, of Ararat; Hacy C. Doss, 28, and Lillian Hall, 23, both of Mount Airy; James Spencer, 22, and Claudia Gunnell, 23, both of Mount Airy; Stack G. Adams, 24, of Boonville, and Annie Mae McCormick, 18, of Rockford; Roy Thomas George, 22, and Mary J. Hall, 17, both of Mount Airy.

June 16 — William Maynard Beemer, 28, and Christine Webb, 22, both of Mount Airy.

On Okinawa, the village of Ichuma was the first place in all the Orient where women were given equal rights with men.

WATERS RISE Swiftly After Record Rain

Fear of a repetition of 1940's disastrous flood gripped Elkin Saturday as the Yadkin river, fed by torrential rains, rode out of its channel and engulfed hundreds of acres of unharvested crops along the valley.

Rain fell almost continuously during Friday night and Saturday morning in Surry and Wilkes Counties, and the flood failed to reach the proportions of 1940's disaster only because rainfall in the Blowing Rock area, wellspring of the Yadkin, was relatively light.

Farmers suffered the heaviest losses from the week-end flood as the swollen waters of the river swept away crops valued at more than a half million dollars. But the river's rampage also resulted in considerable damage to property in the low bottom lands.

The White Brothers Concrete Block Company, located below the Pure Oil plant near the old bridge, incurred a loss of \$2,000 as a result of the flood, officials of the concern said. A large supply of building blocks were stained by the muddy waters and will have to be sold at reduced prices, they stated, and a considerable amount of cement used in the construction of the blocks was lost.

Lumber yards of the Goodman-Ernst Lumber Company were heavily hit as the floodwaters swirled through thousands of feet of lumber stacked near the river's edge. Most of the lumber swept down the stream was recovered, but H. H. Hensel, owner of the business, estimated that damage resulting from the water and mud would run into several thousand dollars.

Woodrow Marsh, 20, Admits Stealing Meat

Woodrow Marsh, 20, was placed in Yadkin jail last week, charged with stealing a ham from Wesley Winters of the North Oak Ridge section. Marsh admitted taking the meat after he broke a window in the house where the meat was stored. Marsh says he sold the meat to Charlie Day, an Elkin taxi driver. Day told Sheriff A. F. Moxley he bought the ham from Marsh and sold it to Bill Long, West Jefferson produce dealer. The ham has never been found.

Bond for Marsh has been set at \$500 by Magistrate M. W. Mackie, but no date set for a hearing. Marsh has been indicted before for the same offense, according to Sheriff Moxley.

Sheriff Moxley and Deputy C. Russell spent long hours trying to find Marsh after he was linked with the theft, and he was finally located in Mt. Airy.