

## Manslaughter Cases Feature Court Session

### Elkin Youth Given Year Suspended Sentence In Death Of Boonville Girl

Hansford Odell Wilhelm, young Elkin man who was driving the car in which Miss Dorothy Mae Cave of Boonville was fatally injured when it overturned on North Bridge Street here last January, was given a one-year suspended sentence in superior court at Dobson this week after he was found guilty of manslaughter.

Wilhelm was also placed on probation and had his driver's license revoked for a period of three years. He was ordered by the court to reimburse the Cave family for hospital and funeral expenses of the late Miss Cave.

Wilhelm had entered a plea of nolo contendere through his attorney, R. Lewis Alexander.

Eugene Childress, Mount Airy taxi driver, was convicted of second degree murder for the pistol slaying of his wife on April 29 and sentenced to serve 17 to 20 years in the state prison. Childress had contended that his wife was killed accidentally when he tossed the loaded weapon toward a bed and it fired as the result of a "faulty" mechanism. He said he

loved his wife very much and that they had never argued.

Witnesses for the state testified that they had gone into the room immediately after the shot was fired and found Childress standing in front of his wife with the pistol pointed at her stomach. One witness said he heard a woman's voice scream, "help, he's killed me," after the fatal shot.

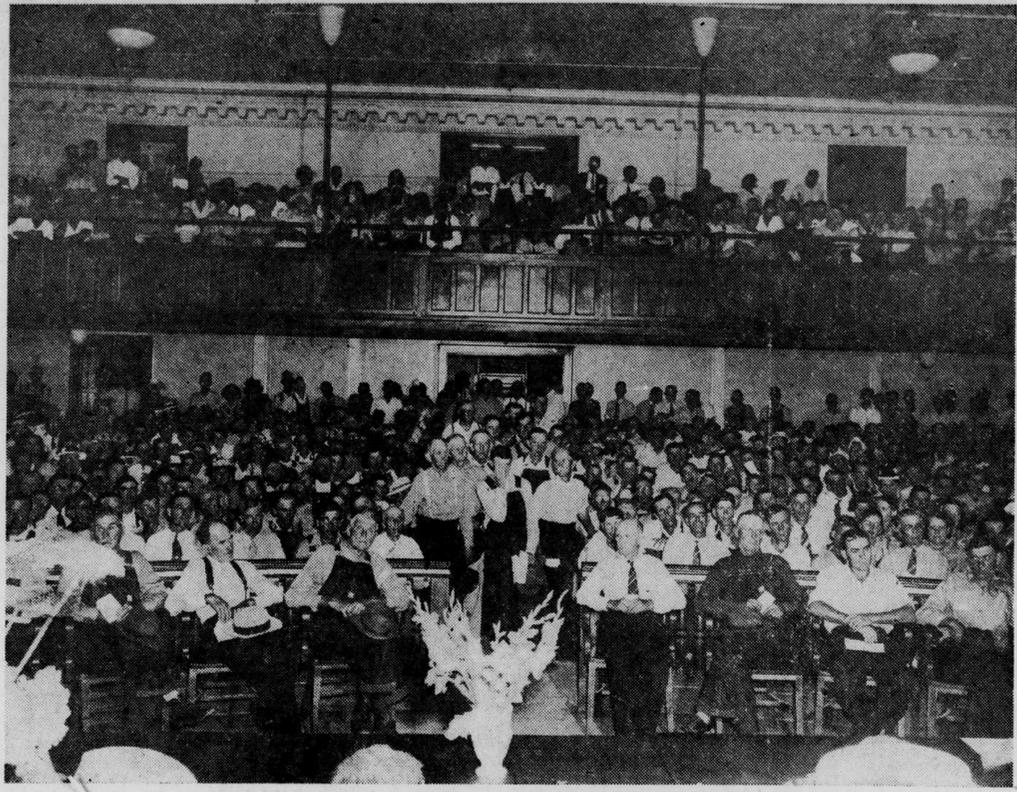
Counsel for Childress gave notice of appeal to the state supreme court. Bond was set at \$4,000.

Foster Martin of Mount Airy was sentenced to 15 years in prison for the slaying of his stepfather, Rawley McMillian, on June 1. He confessed that he had hit McMillian on the head with the butt of a shotgun after McMillian had threatened him and thrown an axe at him. McMillian's body was found in a stream about three miles north of Mount Airy on June 4. James Goins, another stepson of McMillian, and Mrs. McMillian are under indictment charged with being accessories after the fact. They are at liberty under bond of \$1,000 each.

Houston S. Vestal, Russell Harris, Ruby F. Mastin and Bill Freeman were given suspended sentences of 90 days each and fined \$50 and costs on conviction of operating automobiles under the influence of liquor. George A. Nippon was fined \$100 and costs and received a four-months suspended sentence after being found guilty of operating a car under the influence of liquor.

Divorces were granted in the following cases:

W. R. Willey vs. Lavada Willey, Sallie E. Brown vs. R. C. Brown, Patty Kyle vs. Edward Kyle, Gladys McBride vs. Carl McBride, Katherine Lettwich vs. Aubrey Lettwich, Josie Dean Boyd vs. William B. Boyd, George Franklin vs. Savannah F. Dearman Franklin, Juanita Chilton Yates vs. Samuel D. Yates, Mary F. Carson Cooke vs. Barney S. Cooke, Margaret Reynolds vs. William E. Reynolds, R. E. Finchum vs. Virginia Finchum, Ernest Sam Leonard vs. Thelma Beck Leonard, Mozelle Tucker Shore vs. John W. Shore, Elizabeth Powell Shepherd vs. James Boyd Shepherd, G. W. Slaydon vs. Olivia B. Slaydon, Elizabeth Fleming vs. Arvil Fleming, and Elizabeth Galyean vs. Wayne L. Galyean.



**LARGEST ASSEMBLY IN DOBSON HISTORY** — Shown here are some of the more than 2,000 persons who crowded into the courthouse at Dobson Saturday afternoon for the seventh annual meeting of Surry-Yadkin REA stockholders. Older residents of Dobson estimated that it was the largest gathering in the town's history. The stockholders elected new officers and heard reports on the progress of the rural electric location program in the area served by the Surry-Yadkin Electric Membership Corporation, which has headquarters in Dobson. (Another picture on page eight, first section). (PHOTO BY REDMON)

## LEAF GROWERS FAVOR PROJECT

### Vote Overwhelmingly To Assess Themselves 10 Cents Per Acre On Crop

ONLY 26 VOTE AGAINST

Surry County tobacco growers voted overwhelmingly in favor of a 10 cents per acre assessment on their crops in the referendum held throughout the two Carolinas Saturday to determine whether leaf producers were willing to support the program of Tobacco Associates, Inc., in promoting and expanding export markets for flue-cured tobacco.

Only 26 farmers in the county voted against the proposal. A total of 3,763 votes were cast in favor of the voluntary assessment.

The largest opposition was in Elkin township, where nine of 52 votes cast were against the assessment.

Reports throughout tobacco belts of North and South Carolina indicated that the referendum carried by a 99 per cent majority. A two-thirds vote was required to carry the assessment.

The vote by township in Surry County was as follows:

Elkin, 43 for, nine opposed; Bryan, 156 for, two opposed; Dobson, 938 for, none opposed; Eldora, 193 for, one opposed; Franklin, 27 for, three opposed; Long Hill, 82 for, two opposed; Marsh, 103 for, four opposed; Mount Airy, 226 for, one opposed; Pilot, 180 for, none opposed; Rockford, 362 for, none opposed; Shoals, 448 for, none opposed; Siloam, 258 for, none opposed; Stewart's Creek, 358 for, four opposed; Westfield, 389 for, none opposed.

## GRAND JURORS SUBMIT REPORT

### Appear To Be Quite Satisfied With Most Everything Except Toilet Facilities

### SOME PAINTING NEEDED

Grand Jurors for the July term of Surry superior court at Dobson submitted the following report, signed by J. O. Bivins, foreman, to Presiding Judge William H. Bobbitt last week:

The Grand Jury hereby submits its report as follows:

We took action on all bills of indictment presented to us. All were found true bills except two which were returned to the solicitor for lack of witnesses. The Grand Jury was divided into committees to inspect the various county institutions and properties.

The county garage committee reports 59 school buses on hand, 25 of which have been repaired since school closed. Others are being repaired and we are advised they will be in first class condition when school opens. We find housing and sanitary facilities are inadequate and we recommend

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## ONLY \$20,000 WILL BE SPENT

### Flood Control Planning On Yadkin To Suffer If Congress Cuts Funds

### FIRST OF FOUR DAMS

Army engineers disclosed last week that only \$20,000 will be spent in planning work for the Yadkin River Flood Control Project if Congress votes only the sharply reduced appropriations passed by the House.

The engineers had requested \$75,000 for planning the Yadkin project, but when the House trimmed the total advance planning fund in the civil functions bill from \$4 million to \$2 million, a tentative allocation of \$20,000 was made for the planning work.

Unless the Senate restores the House cuts, the \$20,000 will be used in planning the first of four proposed dams on the upper Yadkin and Reddies rivers; and the remaining three reservoirs must wait until additional funds are made available.

Money to start actual construction will be sought in next year's bill. Their outlays will cost an estimated \$7,194,000, and opponents of the project are expected to put up a hot fight against flood control of the Yadkin.

## Rev. J. C. Mitchell To Conduct Services

Youth revival will begin at the First Baptist Church the first week in August, lasting Monday through Friday. Rev. J. C. Mitchell, president of BSU his second semester at Mars Hill College, will be in charge of the series of services.

All the young people of the town are extended a hearty invitation to attend these services especially designed to interest younger groups.

## Over 2,000 Attend Meeting Electric Membership Group

### S. A. Holder Re-Elected To Head Corporation At Saturday Session

A throng estimated at more than 2,000 persons jammed the court house in Dobson Saturday afternoon for the seventh annual stockholders' meeting of the Surry-Yadkin Electric Membership Corporation.

S. A. Holder, Route 1, Mount Airy, was re-elected president of the organization. Stockholders also re-elected W. L. Smith, Route

additional 212 miles of lines that will serve 750 more families are expected to be let next month.

The goal of the organization is to provide electricity for 6,000 potential consumers in rural areas that could not otherwise be served. R. E. Burrus, manager of the cooperative since 1941, said that the critical shortage of wire hampered operations, but that crews are installing additional lines and extensions as fast as materials become available.

REA operations were curtailed drastically during the war, Mr. Burrus explained, but the installation of new lines and expansion of service are expected to go forward rapidly in the next few years. A total of 329 miles of lines have been energized since the end of the war, and poles have already been set up for the 212 miles of lines expected to be in use by the end of the year.

He urged members of the organization to give their full support to the Co-op board of directors and management to the end that "all rural people in your area can enjoy the same benefits of electricity which you have secured for yourselves. . . . We in REA stand ready to assist you to the best of our ability."

2. Mount Airy, vice-president; Johnnie Collins, Dobson, treasurer; and Joe Pendry, Route 1, Boonville, secretary. Re-elected to serve on the board of directors were H. W. Doub, East Bend; G. T. Dorse, Route 1, Lewisville; J. S. Key, Route 4, Mount Airy; W. T. White, Route 1, Elkin; and Eugene Shore, Yadkinville.

Sixty prizes ranging from radios and other electrical appliances to light bulbs and donated by merchants in the area, were presented to stockholders at the meeting. Howard Comer, Route 1, Elkin won a vacuum cleaner as first prize.

The stockholders heard reports of officers and directors which indicated a highly successful year of operations. Secretary Joe Pendry reported that the REA had approved the allotment of \$449,000 during the year for the construction of new power lines and service extensions in Surry, Yadkin, Wilkes, Stokes and Forsyth counties, the area served by the cooperative. The treasurer's report showed a substantial income for the year.

Organized in 1940, the Surry-Yadkin "Co-op" serves 2,391 members in five counties with 611 miles of power lines. Contracts for an

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## To Install Cooper As Order Councillor

G. Cline Cooper will be installed as councillor of the Elkin Council Number 96 of the Jr. O. U. A. M. at the organization's regular meeting in the lodge hall tomorrow evening, July 18.

Other officers to be installed for six-months terms are J. J. Myers, Junior Past Councillor; R. E. Smith, Vice Councillor; Murl Newman, Recording Secretary; Paul Newman, Assistant Recording Secretary; Seamon Dobbins, Financial Secretary; J. C. Martin, Treasurer; Arthur Newman, Chaplain; Eugene Cleary, Conductor; Walter Blackburn, Warden; Bill Casey, Inside Sentinel; and John T. Conrad, Outside Sentinel.

All members are urged to be present at the meeting.

## Navy Recruiter To Be At Post Office

Chief H. A. Connor of the U. S. Navy Recruiting Department will be at the Elkin Post Office each Wednesday and Thursday to interview interested applicants. The Navy recruiter was previously stationed at the Post Office on Tuesdays.

Tribune Advertising Gets Results

## BOND ELECTION IS TO BE HELD

### New Bond Ordinance Passed For Million-Dollar School Expansion Program

### \$200,000 ELKIN'S SHARE

The county commissioners passed a new bond ordinance at a meeting in Dobson Monday for the proposed million-dollar school expansion program in Surry County.

An election on the bond issue was originally scheduled for June 28, but was called off when certain misunderstanding arose over the agreement as to distribution of funds for the various schools.

If the election carries, Elkin will get \$200,000 for additional class rooms and other improvements of school facilities; Mount

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## History Is Made At Kiwanis Meet

### International President Inducts Son

Kiwanis history was made here last Thursday night when Dr. Charles W. Armstrong, of Salisbury, newly elected president of Kiwanis International, inducted his son, Charles W. Armstrong, Jr., into the Elkin club as his first official act since taking office.

According to C. C. Poindexter, president of the Elkin club, this marks the first time in history that an international president has had the privilege of inducting his son into a Kiwanis club.

Kiwanian Armstrong, Jr., was recently employed by Chatham Manufacturing Company here.

The meeting, at which wives and friends of Kiwanians were guests, was presided over by President Poindexter, who, following a brief musical program by the Chatham String Band, introduced Dr. Armstrong.

In inducting his son into the club, the international president informed his listeners that his words, although directed to his son, should be heeded by every Kiwanis present. He then charged his son with being loyal to his employer, his club, his community and his church, and stressed the importance of taking his place in

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**PRESIDENT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL INDUCTS SON** — Dr. Charles W. Armstrong of Salisbury, right, newly-elected president of Kiwanis International, is shown inducting his son, Charles Armstrong, Jr., a certificate of membership in the Elkin Kiwanis club at a meeting here last Thursday night. The ceremony marked the first time in history that an international president has inducted his son into a Kiwanis club. (PHOTO BY REDMON)

## Advantages Of Town Combine Are Revealed

### License Examiner To Be In Elkin On Mon., Tues., Sat.

T. A. Stewart, State Driver's License Examiner, will be in Elkin on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday of each week to examine applicants for driver's license, it was announced today.

All drivers whose surnames begin with A or B must apply for license by December 31, and Mr. Stewart urges such persons to make application early in order to avoid the anticipated rush later in the year.

Mr. Stewart will be in Room 6 at the City Hall from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. and from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. on Monday and Tuesday. Saturday office hours are from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m.

The examination will consist of an eye test, a road sign test, a written law test and a road test. Those who fail to pass the first time may have a second try, Mr. Stewart said.

The examiner will be in Yadkinville on Thursday and Friday of each week, and in Mocksville on Wednesdays.

### Suggestion Is Causing Much Pro-Con Talk

The Tribune's survey last week on a possible merger of Elkin and Jonesville has instigated both criticism and favorable comment.

Reaction to the idea of consolidation was largely favorable, but a few citizens have denounced a union of the two towns as undesirable.

In an effort to determine the possible advantages and disadvantages that could result from a merger, The Tribune contacted W. E. Horner, publisher of The Sanford Herald, whose observations in connection with the consolidation of Sanford and Jonesboro, it was felt, could be of value in pointing out the effects of a merger of adjoining towns.

While having no knowledge of the situation in Jonesville and Elkin, Mr. Horner asserted that the merger of Sanford and Jonesboro was a step forward.

"I don't know of any important disadvantages," he declared. "The advantages are more or less obvious: one government instead of two, unified water and fire departments; long range planning to be done for the benefit of the community as a whole instead of for two component parts, each working separately and independently of each other and often duplicating efforts or even working at cross purposes. Union fosters community spirit and loyalty, and the bigger a town's population, the more it is respected on the outside."

Other excerpts from Mr. Horner's statement follow:

"Talk of merging Sanford and Jonesboro went on for some years without any action being taken. This year the Sanford city limits were extended prior to the merger and they almost touched the Jonesboro limits. Jonesboro in the meantime was buying water from Sanford and retailing it to her citizens, and when they had a fire down there had to call the Sanford department. The telephone company served both towns on the same exchange. After, or about the time the city limits were extended, we again started a campaign for consolidation. . . . believing that Jonesboro would get better police and fire protection at no added tax expense. . . . I believe it will turn out that way.

" . . . The major opposition was in Sanford, a group of taxpayers here believing that Jonesboro had too little to offer in the way of taxable valuation for the amount of money that eventually would have to be expended for services, such as police and fire and for extension of streets and sidewalks, and paving of the same. Finally they were overcome by a majority who believed in a bigger town even if it did cost Sanford something. All Sanford gained was population

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## GREYHOUND CO. LOSES APPEAL

### Lower Court Judgment Awarding \$20,750 Damages To Hunt Family Upheld

### ACCIDENT NEAR RONDA

The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the fourth district has sustained a decision of a lower court that the Atlantic Greyhound Bus Company to pay \$20,750 in damages to the family of Walter Hunt, Negro, as the result of an accident near Ronda in 1945, it was learned here yesterday.

The accident occurred when a car driven by Hunt reportedly moved onto the highway near Ronda Baptist Church in the path of the bus. A five-month-old daughter of Hunt, Mary Ellen, was fatally injured in the crash. Three other Hunt children, Bobby Warren, Josephine and Leroy, were seriously injured.

Hunt brought suit against the bus company and won a judgment of \$20,750 in the Middle District Court last January. The bus com-

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## BOARD NAMES ADVISORY BODY

### E. C. Bivins, Of Mount Airy, Is Made Chairman; To Study Law Procedures

### LOCAL MEN ARE NAMED

An advisory committee appointed last week by the Surry County Commissioners to study court and law procedures in the county was set up on a permanent basis at a meeting in Dobson Monday.

E. C. Bivins, Mount Airy attorney, was named chairman of the group, which will meet with the county commissioners and law enforcement officers from time to time to make recommendations and offer criticisms in an advisory capacity.

J. O. Bivins, of Elkin, was appointed secretary of the organization. Other members are W. M. Allen, Elkin attorney; H. O. Woltz and Fred Folger, Mount Airy attorneys; Sam Smith, Pilot Mountain; Marshall Fowler and John Frank, Mount Airy; M. Q. Snow, Elkin; Charles Fowler, Pilot Mountain; State Senator R. P. Jones; Representative George K. Snow; Clerk of the Court Kermit Lawrence; Solicitor Ralph Scott, Danbury; Sheriff Sam Patterson; Elkin Police Chief Corbett Wall; Mount Airy Police Chief L. E. Williams; Pilot Mountain Police Chief S. C. Patton; and John Llewellyn, Dobson.

The group discussed the law enacted by the last legislature authorizing five deputy sheriffs for Surry County, but Sheriff Patterson recommended that no new paid deputies be appointed before September 1.

## CONTRACT LET FOR SCHOOLS

### Pleasant Hill And Pleasant Ridge, In Wilkes County, To Get 4-Room Buildings

### LOW BIDS ABOUT \$30,000

Contract has been let for erection of school buildings for Pleasant Ridge and Pleasant Hill schools in the eastern part of Wilkes county.

C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, said the contracts were awarded on low bids submitted by Elliot Building Company, of Hickory.

Contracts call for erection of identical buildings with four class rooms, office and teachers room, toilets, etc. Low bids on the buildings were approximately \$30,000 each and the structures are to be erected in 90 days.

On July 18 Wilkes county will let contract for a two-room addition to the Ferguson school building and for erection of a four-room building for the Ronda school.

The Ronda building is to be of block construction and will be used as additional classrooms to alleviate crowded conditions. The building is ultimately planned as a vocational agriculture plant for the school.