

## STATE SUBMITS BRIEF IN BELL LITTERAL CASE

Attorney General's Office  
Answers Bell Contentions

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Defendant Claims Confession  
Was Unfairly Obtained  
And Trial Not Proper

FACES DEATH CHAIR

The North Carolina Attorney General's office filed a brief last week with the clerk of the United States Supreme Court in answer to the contentions of Marvin C. Bell that his confession of criminal assault against young Peggy Ruth Shore last August was unfairly obtained and that he was not properly tried.

Bell and his companion in crime, Ralph Vernon Litteral, Litteral, were sentenced to die in the state's gas chamber in June after being convicted in Wilkes County last January. Bell's attorney filed a writ of certiorari with the Supreme Court early in July after the North Carolina Supreme Court had rejected an appeal of the case. His execution was thus automatically stayed until the contentions set forth in the writ could be studied by the nation's highest tribunal, which will convene for the fall session October 6.

Although Litteral did not appeal, Governor Gregg Cherry granted him a reprieve until Bell's case is disposed of by the high court.

In answer to Bell's contention that his confession to the crime had not been given voluntarily, the State claims in its brief that the confession was voluntary because no threats were made, no torture administered and no promises made.

Bell also contends that the confession should be ruled out because it was obtained by federal officers before he was taken before a N. S. Commissioner for a hearing. His third contention is that the jury which passed on the case was illegally constituted because it had no women.

The Supreme Court will study Bell's contentions and the State's brief and will announce whether it will review the case after it convenes for the fall session.

## WM. R. VANNOY ENDS OWN LIFE

Wilkes County Business Man  
Fires Bullet Into Forehead;  
Ill Health Said Cause

WRITES HELD WEDNESDAY

William R. Vannoy, 48, Wilkes County businessman, fired a bullet into his forehead that ended his life early Tuesday morning near his home at Miller's Creek.

Despondency over ill health was apparently the cause of the suicide, Coroner I. M. Myers said. Mr. Vannoy left notes indicating that he intended to take his life.

Mrs. Thomas McNeil, mother-in-law of Mr. Vannoy, told authorities she heard a shot about 2 a. m. The man's body was found near her home.

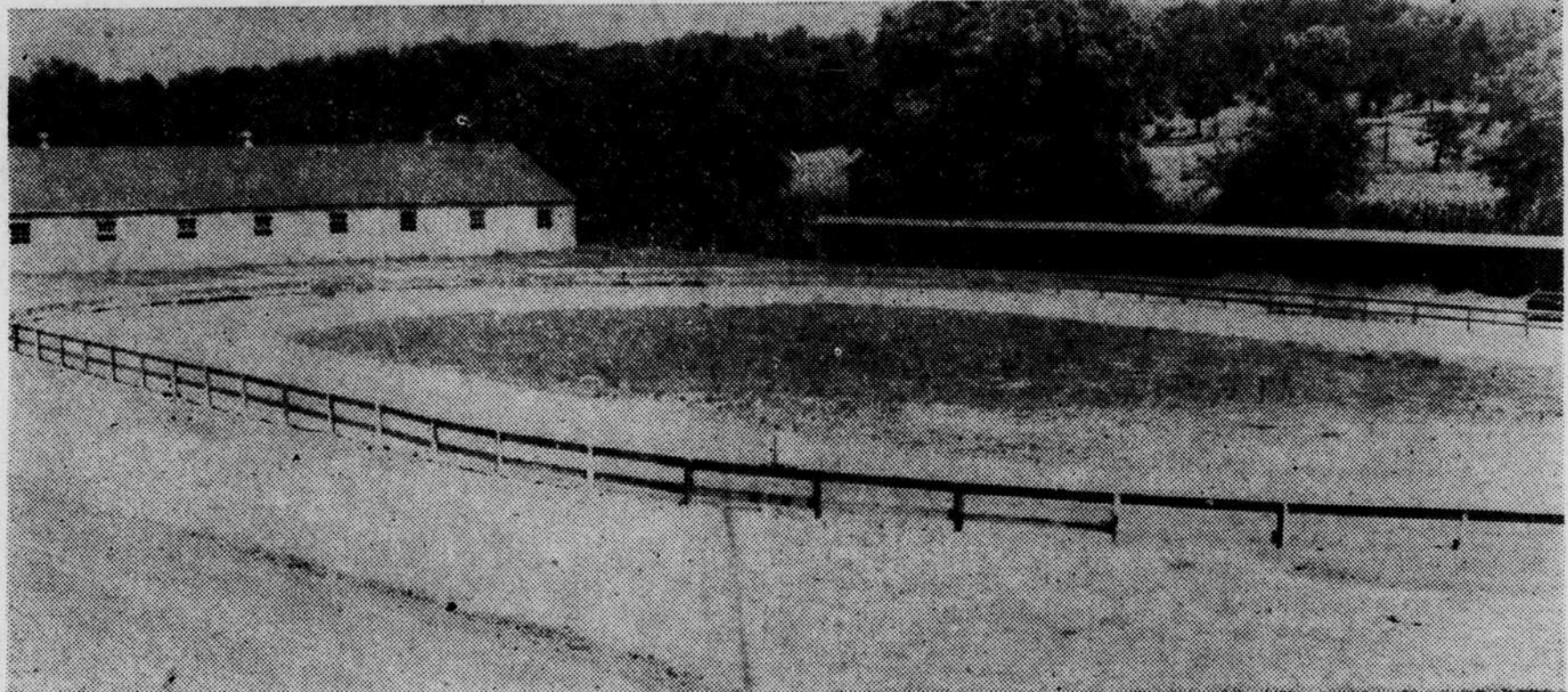
Mr. Vannoy was born at Purlar December 29, 1898, a son of the late James and Cornelia Bumgarner Vannoy. He owned and managed gasoline service stations at North Wilkesboro and recently purchased the Busic Taxi Cab Company there.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lacy McNeil Vannoy; one daughter, Miss Catherine Vannoy; eight brothers, H. R. Vannoy of West Jefferson, J. T. R. G. V. C. J., and Clyde Vannoy of Purlar, J. A. Vannoy of Winston-Salem, and J. C. Vannoy of North Wilkesboro; and four sisters, Mrs. J. H. Davis of Purlar, Mrs. John D. McLean of Cricket, Mrs. Robert Reavis of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Mintie Bumgarner of Purlar.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Pleasant Home Baptist Church. Rev. W. S. Luck and Rev. A. W. Eller were in charge of the services.

## Jonesville Man Bound Over On Two Charges

Mack Ford, of Jonesville, charged with operating a car under the influence of liquor and driving after revocation of license, was bound over to the superior term of court under bond of \$500 by Justice of the Peace C. A. McNeil in Magistrate's Court Monday morning.



**NEW EXPOSITION BUILDING AND SHOW RING** — Here is a view of the recently completed show ring and exposition building at Memorial Park, which will be the scene of the Lions' Horse Show Friday and Saturday. The show ring was constructed under the supervision of Joe Saylor, and is regulation size for stock exhibitions. The exposition building is equipped with 52 removable stalls, which will be used to house the entries. The long shed in the background (right) is partitioned into 20 tie-stalls, where the animals will be kept prior to their entrance into the ring. The show grounds and buildings have been acclaimed as one of the finest in this section.

## Lions Club Horse Show Is To Open Here Friday At 8:00 P. M.

Is To Be Held  
2 Days At New  
Memorial Park

Top personalities of the horse show world and leading exhibitors of the Carolinas will be present at the Elkin Horse Show, which opens Friday night at 8 o'clock at the new show grounds and stables in Memorial Park.

Officials for the show previously announced include Miss Nola E. Minton, of the famed Minton Hickory Farm, Barbourville, Ky., who will judge the gaited and miscellaneous classes; J. B. (Jack) Haynie, of the East Tennessee Walking Horse Stables, Knoxville, judging the walking horses; and Delmar Twyman, of Quail Roost Farm, Rougemont, N. C. Management of the show is in the hands of John L. Bowers, nationally-known horse show promoter from Black Mountain, N. C., who has already completed a highly successful circuit of horse shows in the Carolinas, Florida and Georgia, this season.

Entries indicate that many of the top stables of the Carolinas, Florida, Virginia, and Tennessee, will compete at the Elkin classic, including the stables of Goode M. Watkins, Winston-Salem; J. F. Ludwig, Elkin; Hudson Price, Elkin; Cam Cridlebaugh, Jr., High Point; Cliff Henderson, High Point; W. G. Grantham, Kings Mountain; R. C. Freeman, Elkin; Charles Mitchell, Leaksville; H. G. York, Elkin; Gene Spainhour, Elkin; Ray Pinnix, Elkin; H. A. Johnson, Mount Airy; and many others.

The Elkin horse show is sponsored by the Lions Club, with H. Glenn York, Lion president, as general chairman.

Persons interested in securing information, prize lists, and entry forms, or in making entries, may contact John L. Bowers, horse show manager at the Hotel Elkin.

## Brother Of Elkin Woman Passes Away

Ashley S. Roberts, of Marshall, brother of Mrs. Lee Neaves of this city, died Friday night of last week in the Baptist hospital, Winston-Salem, where he had been a patient for several days. Mr. Roberts had been in declining health for over a year, resulting from a heart disease.

A son of Mrs. R. G. Roberts and the late Mr. Roberts, he was connected with the United States Forest Service as a ranger prior to becoming ill.

Survivors include in addition to Mrs. Neaves, his wife and two sons; mother, and four brothers. Funeral service was conducted Monday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church, Hot Springs, and interment was made in the Mars Hill cemetery.

The humming bird is the only bird that can fly backward.

## Are To Stage Appreciation Night On 30th

A "Players Appreciation Night" for the Chatham Blanketeers, Elkin All-Stars and Jonesville Hornets will be held in Memorial Park Saturday, August 30, when the Chatham nine will clash with a combined team of Elkin and Jonesville players.

Gate receipts at the game and cash contributions of local merchants will be divided equally among the players of the three teams. Umpires for the contest will be asked to donate their services, and the Park Commission is expected to cancel the usual fee and gate percentage for use of the Park so that all proceeds may go to players.

The Blanketeers are currently in a good position to win the Winston-Salem City League crown, while Elkin and Jonesville are outstanding teams in the Yadkin Valley loop.

## OFFICERS TAKE 100-GAL. STILL

Sheriff Patterson And Deputies Find 1,200 Gallons Of Mash In Sunday Raid

BEER TAVERN CLOSED

Sheriff Sam Patterson and six deputies captured and destroyed a 100-gallon still in Elkin township Sunday. The officers poured out some 1,200 gallons of mash, but no arrests were made.

Harrell's service station on the old Fancy Gap highway about two miles north of Mount Airy was also raided in the drive against bootleggers. One jug of liquor was found in the station, and seven gallons of "white lightning" were found in some woods back of the station, it was reported.

Monday the officers padlocked a beer tavern owned by Arthur Joyce, Negro, on the Wards Gap highway.

Deputies on the raiding party were Heber Mounce, C. E. Martin, P. S. McCormick, E. C. White, Chester Sprinkle and Barney Venable.

## Tuttles Uninjured In Auto Collision

Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Tuttle and children, Betty, Kitty and Robert, of Elkin, narrowly escaped injury Wednesday of last week when their car was sideswiped and badly damaged by a large truck while en route up the Mount Mitchell highway.

Mr. Tuttle, who is pastor of the Elkin Methodist Church, said the driver of the truck failed to see his car or hear his horn on the curving mountain road, and although he pulled off the highway as far as he could get, the truck crashed into them, practically tearing away the left side of his machine. Luckily, no one was hurt.

The Elkin pastor and his family were on vacation when the accident occurred.

## MURDER TRIAL OPENS MONDAY

Star Witness For State Testifies That Wilkes Men Shot Victim In Back

BULLET PIERCES HEART

Percy and Taft Johnson, Wilkes County cousins charged with killing Lloyd Mayberry of the Windy Gap community on June 14, went on trial for their lives in Wilkes superior court Monday.

Star witness for the state was Mrs. Shirley Johnson, wife of a third Johnson cousin, in front of whose home Mayberry was fatally shot. She testified that Mayberry was shot in the back while running away from Percy and Taft. She said Percy fired the fatal shot while Taft held a shotgun on Mayberry.

Dr. A. J. Eller, Wilkes health officer, testified that Mayberry died from a wound caused by a bullet which entered his back and passed through his heart.

Testifying in their own defense, the Johnson cousins claimed Mayberry was shot in self-defense. Percy said he fired at Mayberry three times because he thought Mayberry was reaching for his gun. Coroner I. M. Myers testified that he found a gun under Mayberry's shirt, but that his shirt was buttoned.

Mrs. Lottie Mayberry, mother of the slain man, said the Johnson cousins had come to her home looking for her son the night he was killed. She said they told her Mayberry had been stealing their liquor.

## BOND ELECTION DATE OCT. 11TH

No Opposition To Million Dollar School Expansion Noted At Public Hearing

NO TAX RATE INCREASE

Surry County's million-dollar school bond election will be held October 11, it was announced Monday following a public hearing at the court house in Dobson at which no opposition to the election was registered.

Authorities have indicated that the bonds can be issued with no increase in the present county tax rate of 1.1.

If the election carries, the Elkin school system will receive \$200,000 for expansion of its educational facilities, and Mount Airy schools will get \$400,000. The remaining \$400,000 will be apportioned among schools in the county system.

Registration books for the election will be opened September 30. The vote will be on a "for" or "against" basis, without regard for the number of voters registered.

The USDA announced that a program under which mules will be purchased for the Mexican government will be initiated at an early date.

Washington, Oregon and California are the main prune producing states of this country.

## JURORS DRAWN BY CO. BOARD

To Serve During September Term of Superior Court At Dobson

TWO-WEEKS' SESSION

Jurors whose names were drawn last week for duty during the September term of superior court in Dobson were as follows:

Week of September 15—Hawkins Moore, Dobson, Route 1; J. T. Ring, Elkin, Route 1; Vance S. Davenport, Mount Airy, Route 1; Buford Kirkman, Pilot Mountain; W. R. Snow, Dobson, Route 2; Mrs. Buford Kirkman, Pilot Mountain; W. R. Snow, Dobson, Route 2; Mrs. Cora W. Ipeck, Elkin; Lewis Teague, Elkin; Edgar Beasley, Mount Airy, Route 2; Charles Samuel, Mount Airy; G. Wesley Scott, Pinnacle, Route 2; O. G. Travis, Elkin; Ernest A. Edwards, Toast; Manuel L. Cook, Pilot Mountain, Route 2; Sid Shore, Siloam; John Kennedy, Elkin; Willie H. Eads, Siloam; N. E. Hayes, Elkin, Route 1; Howard Denny, Pilot Mountain; A. P. Turnmyre, Mount Airy; Wesley Draught, Mount Airy, Route 4; C. S. Barber, Mount Airy; H. G. Billings, Elkin; J. R. Venable, Dobson, Route 2; V. D. Jessup, Pilot Mountain; John E. Brown, Dobson, Route 2; C. B. Shelton, Mount Airy; Harvey C. Hiatt, Mount Airy, Route 2; A. L. Stewart, Pilot Mountain; Roger Nichols, Mount Airy, Route 4; F. V. Dearmin, Mount Airy, Route 5; Roger F. Critz, Mount Airy, Route 1; W. H. Carter, Mount Airy; Wesley E. Jones, Pinnacle, Route 2; Hillary L. Goins, Pinnacle, Route 2; Arthur L. Jones, Mount Airy;

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## To Attend Meet Of Home Agents

Mrs. Grace Pope Brown, Surry County home demonstration agent, and Mrs. P. N. Taylor, of White Plains, will attend the meeting of the North Carolina federation of home demonstration clubs at Raleigh next Thursday during the annual Farm and Home Week.

Mrs. Taylor, who is the incoming president of the sixth district federation of home demonstration clubs, will take part on the program at a garden party and luncheon for county council and state officers.

Other home demonstration leaders who plan to attend the meeting are Mrs. Maude Haymore, of Dobson, Mrs. Albert Bunker and Mrs. Chris Bunker, of Mount Airy, and Mrs. Grady Nichols of Pilot Mountain.

## Jersey Enthusiasts Attend Field Day

Several Yadkin County cattle breeders from the Booneville section attended a "Jersey Field Day" held at Cam Morrison's Morrowcroft Farm near Charlotte recently.

The event was a special get-together of Jersey cattle breeders in North Carolina, and a large crowd was present for the affair. A representative from State College spoke on judging and placing cattle while the group toured the farm.

Attending from Yadkin were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reece and children, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fleming, Harold Stinson, Bobby Stinson, Bobby Hobson and Lawrence Stinson.

## COUNTY FARM RULED OUT AS STATION SITE

Soil Said Not Sufficiently  
Representative of Area

ELIMINATE 2ND FARM

Experts Continue To Seek  
Land For Tobacco Experiment  
Work In Surry

20-25 ACRES NEEDED

Surry County's chances of securing the proposed tobacco experiment station that would serve western North Carolina are still pending the location of a suitable farm for experimental work.

The county farm near Dobson, which was originally proposed as a possible site for the new station, was ruled out on the basis of a survey which disclosed that soil conditions were not sufficiently representative of this area. Much of the county farm's acreage is in bottom land, which is not typical of soil in which tobacco is grown.

A second farm which was offered as a possible location was eliminated because it was not readily accessible by good roads.

The surveys were conducted by a committee composed of Dr. W. E. Colwel, research professor of N. C. State College, Dr. G. B. Lucas, extension pathologist, and Roy R. Bennett, extension tobacco specialist. The group is expected to survey two additional sites in the eastern section of the county at an early date in an effort to find a suitable location for the station.

The farm selected for experimental work must have 20 to 25 acres of land that is typical of this section and suitable for the production of tobacco. Approximately four acres of tobacco will be grown for experimental purposes each year, and the crop will be rotated. The farm must also have a dwelling house, a tobacco-curing barn, a pack house, and facilities for housing work stock and farm machinery.

Farmers who own lands meeting these requirements and who are willing to lease or rent them for the experimental work are urged to contact a member of the committee or the county agent's office.

In the event that no suitable site is found in the county, the experiment station will probably be located in some other section.

## MAYOR PRAISES ELKIN JAYCEES

Johnson and Miss Helen Tomlinson, Beauty Contest Winner, Guests At Meeting

AT YMCA MONDAY P. M.

Mayor Garland Johnson and Miss Helen Tomlinson, who represented Elkin Jaycees in the State Beauty Pageant at Wrightsville Beach last week, were guests of the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce at its dinner meeting in the YMCA Monday evening.

Mayor Johnson praised the Junior Chamber for its sponsorship of the annual Pat Stock Show and Sale and other Jaycee projects which have helped "turn the eyes of North Carolina upon Elkin." He predicted success for the 1947 Show and Sale, which will be staged here next month.

Miss Tomlinson, who tied for second place in the "Miss North Carolina" contest, spoke briefly and expressed pleasure at having represented Elkin Jaycees in the state event.

Dr. V. W. Taylor, Kemp Reece, Clyde Carroll, Ed Royall and "Tat" Davis, who attended the State Beauty Pageant and the quarterly board meeting at Wrightsville Beach, reported

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## Dr. Levering To Lead Discussion On Peace

Dr. Samuel Levering, of Mount Airy, will lead an informal discussion on "Peace Among Nations and How It May Be Obtained," Sunday at the Methodist Church. Dr. Levering, executive chairman of the World Federalist, an organization working to promote peace among nations, will lead an informal discussion at Sunday School general assembly and will also speak at the 11 o'clock worship hour.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend both services.



**WINS BEAUTY HONORS** — Miss Helen Tomlinson, who represented the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce in the State Beauty Pageant at Wrightsville Beach Sunday, is shown here with the loving cup she was awarded as one of the runners-up in the event. Miss Tomlinson and Miss Patsy Parrish of Rocky Mount tied for second place in the contest.

## "MISS ELKIN" IN 2ND PLACE

Helen Tomlinson Selected To Share Runner-Up Honors In State Beauty Pageant

VIVIAN WHITE WINNER

Miss Helen Tomlinson, the shapely 1947 version of "Miss Elkin," was selected to share runner-up honors with Miss Patsy Parrish of Rocky Mount in the State Beauty Pageant at Wrightsville Beach Sunday.

Miss Vivian White of Fayetteville won the title of "Miss North Carolina" in the contest, which is sponsored annually by the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The beauty winners were selected from a field of 26 contestants, who represented individual Junior Chambers throughout the state.

Local Jaycees and their wives who attended the event were Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Cranford, Dr. and Mrs. V. W. Taylor, Kemp Reece, Ed Royall, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rudd, "Tat" Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Carroll.

The delegation also attended the quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the state club, which was held in conjunction with the beauty pageant.

Miss Tomlinson was named as Elkin's queen of beauty at the Junior Chamber's Beauty Pageant here August 6. Speaking in behalf of the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce, President Hoyle Cranford said, "We are very proud of Miss Tomlinson. She did a splendid job of representing Elkin and the Elkin Junior Chamber."

## Altar Set Honors Mrs. E. F. McNeer

Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Harrell recently presented a brass altar set consisting of a cross, two candlesticks and two vases, to the First Methodist Church inscribed with a dedication which reads, "In appreciation of her work with youth — Mrs. E. F. McNeer."

Mrs. McNeer has been a worker in the Sunday School for 45 years and is a member of the church choir. For many years she was superintendent of the Junior department and had charge of the Young People's Missionary Society, the Junior League and planned Rally Day programs. Mrs. McNeer is not only active in church affairs, but in civic affairs, as well.

Panama honey creepers are beautiful, small, deep blue birds that cling tightly to the stems of plants while they sip nectar from the flowers.

## ELKIN SCHOOLS TO GET UNDER WAY SEPT. 4TH

Slight Increase In Enrollment  
Is Expected

ONE FACULTY VACANCY

Rumors Pleasant Hill Children Not Eligible Is Unfounded, Carpenter Says

FACULTY MEETS 3RD

Elkin City Schools will open for the 1947-48 term on Thursday, September 4, it was announced today by Superintendent N. H. Carpenter.

Complete enrollment figures were not available, but a slight increase over the number enrolled last year is anticipated.

Rumors that school children living in Pleasant Hill are not eligible to attend Elkin High School are unfounded, Mr. Carpenter stated. School buses will operate over the same routes as in previous years, and the schedule will include daily trips to Pleasant Hill and vicinity. Students from that section will not be charged tuition, Mr. Carpenter said.

A general faculty meeting will be held at the high school at 10:30 a. m., September 3, preceding the beginning of the new term.

State law provides that children entering school for the first time must have been born on or before October 1, 1941. Parents of children in the first grade are requested to send birth certificates if they are available.

Mr. Carpenter pointed out that students are also required to have vaccinations for smallpox and whooping cough before entering school.

Five new teachers have been added to the faculty this year. They are Miss Clairene Oliver, Miss Virginia Smith, George Watts, Miss Margaret Cole and Miss Mildred Wagoner. Mr. Watts succeeds R. H. Abernathy as athletic director and will coach football, basketball and baseball teams. Miss Smith will teach Bible in both the Elkin and Jonesville schools.

Teachers for all courses except Science have been secured, Mr. Carpenter said, and this vacancy is expected to be filled by the opening date.

Complete instructions as to where classes will report for the first days activities will be released in the next issue of The Tribune.

Members of the faculty are: N. H. Carpenter, superintendent of Elkin City Schools; Denver Holcomb, Elkin Elementary School principal; Paul Lewis, North Elkin principal.

Elkin high school—Miss Mary E. Holland, Miss Clairene Oliver, Mrs. Adrain Nixon, Miss Virginia Smith, Miss Ethel J. Whitley, Miss Emma E. Cooke, Mrs. Reece Gilliam and George Watts.

Elkin elementary school—Miss Mary Hendren, Mrs. Fred Harris, Mrs. Sam Atkinson, Miss Bettie Allen, Mrs. Henry Wolfe, Miss Margaret Cole, Miss Betty Harris, Mrs. Mary Thompson Brown, Mrs. Dallas Martin, Miss Blanche Dixon, Mrs. Lois Rhinehardt, Mrs. Ruth Spence, Mrs. Lee Neaves, Mrs. Van Dillon, Mrs. Hortense Bankston and Mrs. Della Carter.

North Elkin school—Miss Sallie Woodruff, Mrs. Ethel L. DeJournette, Miss Mildred Wagoner, Mrs. B. G. Steele, Mrs. Hampton Payne, Miss Mary Bet Haymore and Mrs. Ester E. Click.

## Abortion Case In Wilkes Is Postponed

The trial of Hugh West, North Wilkesboro drug store clerk charged with manslaughter and abortion in the July 31 death of Pearl Jenkins, will not be tried during the current term of Wilkes superior court, District Solicitor Avalon Hall said this week.

Mr. Hall said he expected to ask Wilkes County commissioners for a special term of court prior to the regular term in December, and that West will probably go on trial then.

Older cases have priority on the crowded docket at the current term of court, the solicitor indicated.

West is at liberty under bond of \$10,000 pending trial.

## Police Here Receive New Ford Patrol Car

Elkin's police force, which has been on foot for several months, has finally received a patrol car. The new vehicle, a 1947 Ford, was delivered to the department Wednesday at noon.