

## BELL, LITTERAL PAY WITH LIVES IN GAS CHAMBER

Are Executed Together At  
Central Prison Friday

CONVICTED OF RAPE

Governor Cherry Talks With  
Litteral But Fails To In-  
tervene In Case

BRINGS TOTAL TO 22

Nine months and 27 days after they were found guilty of rape in a Wilkes County Superior Court, Marvin Claude Bell, 24, of Roaring River, and Ralph Vernon Litteral, 35, of Winston-Salem, were strapped into death chairs in the state's gas chamber in Central Prison at Raleigh to pay with their lives for their crimes.

The two men died shortly after 10 o'clock Friday morning after Governor Gregg Cherry declined to intervene in the cases following a last-minute personal trip to the prison Thursday.

An effort had been made to save Litteral's life on the basis of a contention that he did not have sufficient mentality to know right from wrong. Ten psychiatrists had examined the condemned man, but couldn't agree on his sanity. Six said that Litteral was a "psychopathic and did not know right from wrong." Four contended that, while he might be insane, he was capable of distinguishing between right and wrong.

Confronted with these conflicting reports, the state's chief executive went to death row Thursday and talked with Litteral for nearly an hour in order to decide for himself whether the man knew right from wrong.

Following the interview, Governor Cherry said, "If we exact the death penalty for rape, it seems justified in this case."

He described the crime as "one of the most horrible" in the history of North Carolina.

Bell and Litteral were convicted in Wilkesboro January 18 for criminally assaulting Peggy Ruth Shore of the Pleasant Hill section in August, 1946. The two men forced the girl into their car as she was walking home from a bus stop in Pleasant Hill, and carried her into Tennessee after criminally assaulting the young girl.

Litteral had threatened to kill her, she testified at the trial.

The two were convicted and sentenced to die, and the State Supreme Court sustained the verdict. Their execution date was set June 20, but Bell's attorney secured a stay of execution for an appeal to the United States Supreme Court, and Governor Cherry gave Litteral a reprieve pending the outcome of Bell's appeal.

The United States Supreme Court declined to review Bell's case several weeks ago, and the new death date was set for November 14.

Litteral's body was sent to Winston-Salem, where his brain is to

## Military Funeral To Be Held For Soldier

A military funeral for Private Marvin H. Martin, 18, of Mount Airy, who was killed in action in Germany on February 22, 1945, will be held at 10:30 a. m. Sunday at Moody's Funeral Chapel. Rev. Jimmie Hiatt, Chaplain J. Sydney Gardner and members of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts will be in charge. Interment will be in Oakdale cemetery in Mount Airy.

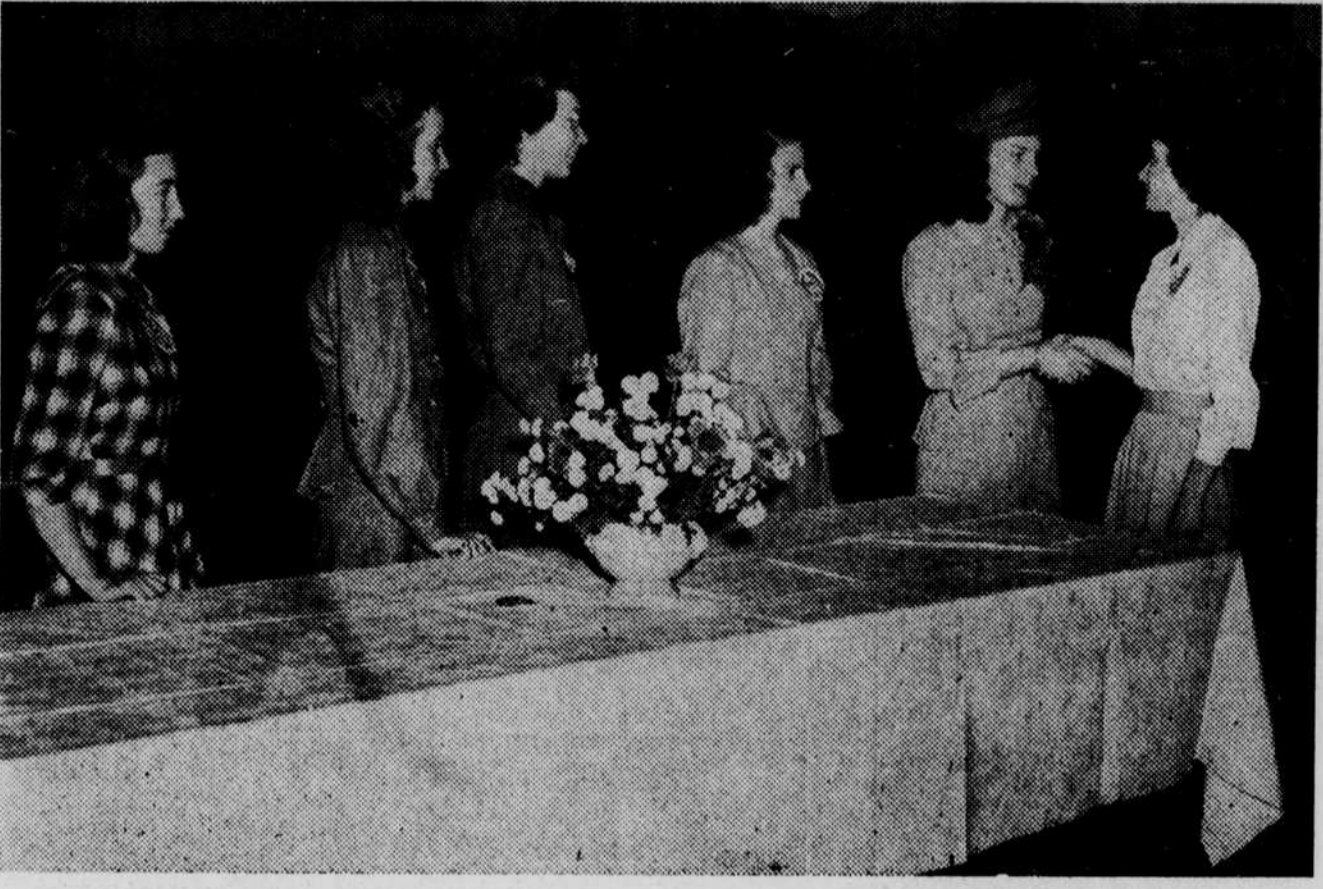
The body arrived at Moody's Funeral Home Wednesday by Government conveyance, accompanied by Thomas B. Adlich, and will remain there until the hour of the funeral.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Eliza Martin of Mount Airy, Route 4; three brothers, George and Raymond Martin of Mount Airy, and Lerry Martin of the home; two sisters, Mrs. W. B. Miller of Mount Airy, and Miss Jean Martin of the home.

## Pardue Pays Fine; Hall Is Continued

C. O. Pardue, Yadkinville merchant, appeared before Roger Russell magistrate, Saturday and paid \$5.00 fine and half the costs for his part in the affray with Solicitor Avalon E. Hall in Johnson's Barber Shop, November 7th. The part against Mr. Hall was continued until another date.

The two engaged in an affray with fists following an argument over closing a street in East Yadkinville where the two men owned property.



FUTURE HOMEMAKERS HOLD RALLY HERE — Miss Anne Brown Lewis, right, who was elected State secretary of the Future Homemakers of America at a district rally in the YMCA here Saturday, is being congratulated by Miss Peggy Essex, presiding officer of the FHA district. Other candidates for the office, from left to right, were Nancy Beamer, Joan Smith and Pat Grant. The fourth girl is unidentified.

## Thanksgiving Services At Baptist Church

Special Thanksgiving services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Elkin and the First Baptist Church of Jonesville next Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

The brief worship services will be held by the Rev. E. J. Wells in Jonesville, and by the Rev. Robert G. Tuttle in Elkin.

The early hour has been set in order that those who are planning trips on Thanksgiving Day may be able to attend church before leaving town.

## SEAL SALE TO BEGIN MONDAY

Tuberculosis Christmas Stickers To Be Mailed To  
Surry Citizens

BY CO. HEALTH DEPT.

The annual sale of Christmas seals for tuberculosis will get underway Monday when seals will be mailed to Surry County citizens by the Surry County Health Department.

The pins, symbols of the Christmas seal sale, will go on sale in the schools of the county on Monday, also.

Proceeds from the sale will be used for the work carried on against tuberculosis in the county which includes the local health office. It helps defray the expenses incurred in buying x-ray films and fluoroscopic examinations made by the health offices.

Miss Louise Bailey of Mount Airy, is county chairman of the tuberculosis funds in the county and is in charge of the drive. In this city the Junior Woman's Club will help in the promotion of the drive.

Everyone is asked to buy as many Christmas seals as possible to help in the fight against tuberculosis.

## Bell Blames Booze For Fate In Final Letter

Writes From  
Death Row To  
Wilkes Pastor

"I am guilty of wrongs and misdeeds, but I am not guilty of rape in the way I was convicted. . . . That assertion of innocence was written by Marvin Claude Bell as he awaited execution on Death Row, and conveyed by letter to Rev. R. R. Crater, pastor of the Pleasant Grove Church, who conducted funeral services for Bell at the Antioch Baptist Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Crater had written Bell several weeks ago, expressing an interest in the condemned man's soul, and Bell had stated his declaration of innocence in a return letter. He also expressed appreciation for Mr. Crater's interest and requested that he conduct his funeral.

In a letter dated October 22, Bell said that "liquor" was "the evil that led me to this fate. . . . I have drunk and messed with liquor all of my life. Liquor is man's worst

## DISTRICT RALLY HELD SATURDAY

Future Homemakers Of  
America Meet In YMCA  
For Annual Program

MISS HOLLAND HOSTESS

Eight counties and 40 Future Homemakers of America chapters were represented at the annual FHA Rally of District Seven in the Gilvin Roth YMCA here Saturday.

Miss Peggy Essex of Clemmons High School, presiding officer, welcomed the group of about 500 chapter members to the meeting and gave a report on the executive board meeting held recently.

Anne Brown Lewis was elected State FHA secretary after a nominating vote composed of one representative from each county in the district had presented a list of candidates for the office.

Miss Louise Snow, assistant State supervisor of Future Homemakers, spoke briefly on the program.

Following the morning business session, the group was served lunch by the YMCA staff. Miss Louise Highsmith, music instructor of Winston-Salem, led the assembly in group singing as a feature of the afternoon program.

The Spencer FHA chapter outlined the organization's program of work, and a pageant on degrees of membership was presented by the King FHA chapter.

Miss Mary Holland, Elkin High School home economics teacher and leader of the Elkin FHA group, was hostess to the Future Homemakers.

## Elkin Stores To Be Closed Thanksgiving

Elkin stores and business houses will be closed next Thursday in observance of Thanksgiving Day, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Beauford Stanley, secretary of the Merchants Association.

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## Local Girl Is Named School Feature Editor

Miss Betty McNeely, of this city, a student at Flora Macdonald College, Red Springs, has been recently named feature editor of the "Pine and Thistle," the college magazine.

Miss McNeely is the daughter of Mr. Fred McNeely, West Main Street.

## PLAN SPECIAL MEET TUESDAY

Parents Of Students And  
Local Teachers To Gather  
At School

TO LEARN OF ROUTINE

Get-acquainted night for parents of students, and teachers will be observed at the Elkin High school Tuesday night beginning at 8 o'clock. The purpose of the occasion, N. H. Carpenter, superintendent of the city schools explained, is to familiarize the parents to some extent with what their child's day is like during the school hours and to make it possible for the teachers, principal and parents to know each other better.

Parents will be directed through the regular routine of the school day, following the students' schedules to the various classrooms where the teachers will be on hand to explain briefly the courses offered in the different rooms.

In conclusion a social hour will be enjoyed in the Home Economics department and refreshments will be served.

To promote good will between the teachers and parents is the purpose of the event, and it is the wishes of the school officials that a large majority of the parents will avail themselves of this opportunity.

## SCOUT WINS EAGLE RANK

Dale Aldridge Wins Highest  
Rank In Scouting; Grand-  
mother Pins On Badge

HAS 22 MERIT BADGES

Dale Aldridge, grandson of Mrs. Janie Smith, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout during services at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Smith pinned the badge of Eagle rank on her grandson at the ceremony, which was equivalent to a scout court of honor.

"Buck" Hines, chairman of the advancement committee for Troop 48, introduced Dale and Mrs. Smith and commended the scout for his attainment of the high honor.

A senior patrol leader in Troop 48, Dale has been in scouting for two years and has earned a total of 22 merit badges. He's treasurer of the sophomore class at Elkin High School, a member of the student council, and an outstanding guard on the varsity football team.

During Boy Scout week here last spring, Dale was elected to serve as scout mayor on the basis of his outstanding record in scouting.

Dick Smith is scoutmaster of Troop 48, and Dr. James Harrell is assistant scoutmaster.

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## FARM BUREAU EXTENDS DRIVE TO NOV. 28TH

To Give Additional Time To  
Meet Quotas

COUNTY GOAL IS 1830

Campaign Workers To Meet  
In Court House In Dobson  
This Afternoon

The Farm Bureau Membership Drive, originally scheduled to be concluded last week, has been extended through November 28 in order to give community organizations additional time to reach their quotas, it was announced today by C. D. Smith of Copeland, treasurer of the campaign for Surry County.

The county's goal is 1830 members. To date 1549 farmers have been enrolled in Surry's 14 Farm Bureau organizations—281 short of the quota.

Only two community bureaus, Marsh and Shoals, have reached their quotas, and efforts are being made to push the drive in sections of the county that are behind in the campaign.

S. H. Atkinson, Surry Farm Bureau president, has called a meeting of drive workers in the court house at Dobson this afternoon (Thursday) at 2 o'clock to receive membership reports from community officers. Delegates to the North Carolina Farm Bureau meeting to be held Saturday at 10 a. m. in the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh will also be elected at the meeting this afternoon.

Membership reports in the Mount Airy section will be turned in at a meeting Friday evening at 7:30 in the city hall at Mt. Airy.

Miss Marianne Mock of Dobson, who recently joined the Surry County Farm Bureau staff in a secretarial capacity, is assisting farm leaders in the membership campaign.

Urging every community Farm Bureau to make a special effort to reach its quota, County Agent Neill M. Smith asserted that farm people must be fully organized in order to make the Farm Bureau program effective in every section of the county.

Membership in individual community Farm Bureaus and quotas assigned (second figure) are as follows: Elkin—96, 100; Copeland—210, 215; Shoals—135, 120; Lowgap—36, 40; Dobson—220, 275; Mount Airy—197, 325; Pilot Mountain—145, 175; Eldora—37, 45; Marsh—68, 35; Bryan—110, 135; Cook—27, 75; Beulah—126, 150; Long Hill—58, 65; and Westfield—82, 75.

## Two Face Charges Of Drunk Driving

J. T. Inskip, Jr., 28, of Roaring Gap, charged with violating prohibition laws and operating a car under the influence of liquor, was bound over to the superior term of court by Justice of the Peace, J. L. Hall at a hearing Sunday night.

Hearing for Raymond Vestal of Jonesville, charged with illegal possession of liquor and operating a car under the influence of liquor, was set for Monday, November 24.

## 800 Attend Annual 4-H Achievement Meet In Court House At Dobson

## YADKIN COURT GOING SLOWLY

November Civil Term Con-  
venes Before Judge J. H.  
Clement

TRY 3 DIVORCE CASES

The November term of civil court for Yadkin county convened Monday morning with Judge J. H. Clement of near Winston-Salem presiding. As is usual the term moves along slowly. It will continue the remainder of the week and will convene next Monday for the second week.

The first case on docket for next Monday morning is that of Fannie Groce against Dr. Dwight L. Myers of Harmony, in which the young girl alleges certain charges against Dr. Myers and is asking for heavy damages. The case was tried one time, when it lasted almost a week and resulted in a mistrial. Only two other cases are on docket for next week, both against Bessie R. Duncan, trading as Carolina Chinaware Co., in which she is being sued for damages and charged with being

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## STAGE SHOW HERE TONIGHT

Jr. Women Present "Twelfth  
Night," First of Two Barter  
Theatre Productions

IN SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

The first of two Barter Theatre productions to be staged here this season will be Shakespeare's hilarious love comedy, "Twelfth Night," to play tonight, (Thursday) at the Elkin Elementary school, with the curtain to rise promptly at 8 o'clock.

Shakespeare wrote "Twelfth Night," to celebrate the revels of the Christmas season at the court of Queen Elizabeth and so successfully caught the season's air of fun and jollity that it has delighted audiences ever since.

Sponsored by the Elkin Junior Woman's club, this higher type of entertainment is made possible for this city largely through a patrons' list, comprised of more than 50 professional men, business houses and leading citizens, whose names have appeared in recent issues of the Tribune.

General admission tickets will be on sale at the door Thursday night or can be obtained from Junior Woman's Club members or from the ticket selling center at Harris Electric Company, with Mrs. Clyde Cothren in charge.

## Imagine This City Official's Embarrassment!

Have you received a parking ticket lately? Have you had the experience of finding tied to the door handle of your automobile a little card that says you have violated the parking meter ordinance?

If you have, don't feel too badly. It happens in the best of driving circles. It even happens to the City Administrator.

Last week Lewis Alexander, who advises citizens on the proper operation of the new meters in his official capacity as City Administrator, parked his car and went into his office on Church Street, his mind probably burdened with some weighty legal problem.

A few moments later he suddenly remembered that he had failed to deposit a coin in the meter and rushed back out to attend to the matter. But it was too late. The little card said: "Please call at the City Clerk's office . . . and answer to violation of the Parking Meter Ordinance."

Mr. Alexander hurriedly removed the ticket from his door handle, hoping no one had witnessed his official embarrassment, and went shamefacedly down to the City Hall to pay his penalty.

It's a hard world. Police just don't seem to care who they give tickets to these days.

## DECEMBER 1 IS DEADLINE

For Entering Timber-Thinning  
And Stand Improvement  
Contest

FOR SURRY 4-H BOYS

December 1 has been set as the deadline for entering the timber-thinning and stand improvement contest sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Elkin and Mount Airy for Surry County 4-H boys.

The two clubs are offering a total of \$200 in cash prizes to the top 15 contestants. Projects will be judged at the close of the contest, April 1, 1948, by Farm Forester John E. Ford and a representative from the Forestry Extension office at N. C. State College.

Any 4-H Club boy in the county between the ages of 14 and 18 years, inclusive, is eligible to enter the contest. Each contestant will be required to thin or otherwise improve a stand of young timber, either pine or hardwoods, on one acre of land. Detailed records of the number of hours spent on the project and the results obtained must also be kept.

County Agent Neill M. Smith and Assistant Agent Luther G. Sink, Jr., are assisting contestants in the selection of project areas. Thirteen 4-H boys have entered the contest thus far.

Farm Forester Ford, who serves Surry, Yadkin, Wilkes and Alexander counties, has prepared two sheets of instructions for contestants: "The Ten Commandments of Timber-Thinning" and "How to Thin the Forest for Fuel Wood." Each boy entering the contest is supplied with these pamphlets along with the "Forestry Manual and Record Book for 4-H Club Members."

## Dr. Greer Speaker At Kiwanis Meeting

Dr. I. G. Greer, superintendent of the Mills Home at Thomasville, was speaker at the Kiwanis Club's annual father and son meeting at the Gilvin Roth YMCA last Thursday evening.

Dr. Greer made an interesting talk, of interest to both father and son groups.

The usual Thursday evening meeting of the club will not be held this week, the Kiwanians having met Wednesday evening with other Elkin civic groups to hear Robert Lee Humber, of Greenville, N. C., explain the program of the United World Federalists.

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## Beulah Club Named Most Outstanding

Approximately 800 4-H boys and girls from 21 clubs throughout Surry County attended the annual 4-H Achievement Program in the court house at Dobson Monday.

The two-hour program included election of new officers for the 4-H County Council, talks by 4-H achievement winners, and presentation of awards and prizes for accomplishments during the year.

The Beulah 4-H Club was awarded a prize of \$20, donated by the Surry Farm Bureau, as the most outstanding club in the county. S. H. Atkinson, president of the farm organization, presented the check and praised the Beulah club for its outstanding record. He declared that farm leaders of the future would come from the ranks of 4-H members, and called on the young farm workers to prepare themselves for the responsibilities of leadership.

A second-place prize of \$10, contributed by county home demonstration clubs, was awarded to the Copeland 4-H group. Mrs. Paul Brown, community home demonstration chairman, presented the runner-up prize.

Wilma Frances Broome of the Franklin club was elected president of the 4-H County Council to succeed Miss Ivylyn Sparger, who presided at the program. Bobby Lee Cockerham of Mountain Park was named vice-president. Other officers elected were Evelyn Waugh, White Plains, secretary; Peggy Terrell, Copeland, assistant secretary; Ivylyn Sparger, Beulah, pianist; Josefa Jarrell, Beulah, song leader; and Bonnie Lou Livengood, Flat Rock, reporter.

Mrs. Grace Pope Brown, Surry County home demonstration agent, presented the "4-H Award of the Gold Clover" to seven 4-H

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## CHATHAM WINS SAFETY AWARD

National Safety Council Hon-  
ors Company Second Con-  
secutive Year

ONE OF TWO IN NATION

Chatham Manufacturing Company has won the National Safety Council's Distinguished Service to Safety Award for the second consecutive year, officials of the company were informed this week.

The company is one of only two textile manufacturing establishments in the nation to be awarded the honor twice.

A representative of the National Safety Council will present the award in ceremonies here in January. The company will receive a hand-engraved scroll and a safety flag with a star to designate the firm as a two-time winner.

In a letter to Safety Director C. J. Hyslop, Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council said, "Your company has demonstrated its eligibility to receive this second award by maintaining frequency rates substantially below the most recent averages for similar organizations and by showing marked improvement in comparison with the previous year."

"The award," Mr. Dearborn wrote, "is given only to those organizations which have achieved an outstanding safety record."

So far this year only 12 lost-time accidents have been reported in all departments at the plant, Mr. Hyslop said. The figure is two less than the record set in 1946.

Fifteen departments have perfect records for 1947, and most of these have operated from two to three years with no lost-time accidents.

As an example of the outstanding records made at the plant, Mr. Hyslop pointed out that the napping department had operated 1,240,608 man-hours over a four-year period with no lost-time accidents. The binding department has a record of nearly three years and 1,138,401 man-hours without lost time due to accidents.



DALE ALDRIDGE AWARDED EAGLE SCOUT RANK — Mrs. Janie Smith is shown here as she pinned the badge of Eagle rank on her grandson, Dale Aldridge, at services in the Methodist Church Sunday morning. The rank is the highest attainable in scouting. (TRIBUNE PHOTO)