

Virginia Military Institute, for use in its Year book, I think.
(Fred Cotten Elliot born April 13, 1878 in Tallahassee, Florida)
Died Nov. 7, 1963

F. C. ELLIOT - PROFESSIONAL RECORD

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- 1901 Virginia Military Institute, graduated B.S. in Civil Engineering
- 1901-1902 Rapid Transit Subway Construction Company, New York City - Civil Engineering
- 1902-1906 Republic Mining Company, Durango, Mexico - Mining and Civil Engineering
- 1906-1908 Poland Mining Company, Prescott, Arizona - Mining and Civil Engineering
- 1908-1911 Private practice in Florida, Civil Engineering and Surveying
- 1911-1913 Assistant Engineer in the field and in the office, special drainage investigation for Everglades Drainage District and land surveys for Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.
- 1913-1931 Chief Drainage Engineer for Everglades Drainage District. During 1913-1914-1915 in addition to directing drainage work in the Everglades, Special Engineer for Florida Coast Line Canal, presently known as the Intra-Coastal Waterway extending from Saint Johns River to Miami
- 1913 to date, August 1950 Engineer for Board of Drainage Commissioners, State of Florida, personnel same as for Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.
- 1917 Post Graduate Degree of C.E. from V.M.I. and for distinction in engineering work
- 1929 to Date, August 1950 - Chief Engineer and Secretary for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida. During this time, in connection with other duties, acting as State Budget Director 1933 to 1945.

PRINCIPAL WORK:

- Restoration Florida Coast Line Canal, now Florida Intra-Coastal Waterway
- Design and Construction of main drainage canals in Everglades Drainage District.
- Design and construction of St. Lucie Canal for control of Lake Okeechobee.
- Design and construction of various locks and dams in Everglades Canals and various drainage structures.
- Development of survey plan for the unsurveyed Everglades, comprising nearly three million acres.
- Development of plan for survey of Everglades National Park.
- Preparation of many bills which became law affecting the Internal Improvement Fund, the State School Fund, the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, the Budget Commission, Everglades Drainage District, creating Everglades Agricultural Experiment Station, Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, the 1945 Building and Improvement Act under which more than forty million dollars of state buildings have since been constructed. Fellow and Past President, Florida Engineering Society.
- 1950 - Still plugging.

Born Apr. 13, 1878

Jan. 15, 1958 Retired

Died Nov. 7, 1963

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Article in the Florida Engineer April 1950

Glade Drainage Epic Is Retold 19

Fred C. Elliot, engineer who supervised drainage of the Florida Everglades 50 years ago, recalled Tuesday that his first survey trip into the huge swamp missed its mark by about four miles.

He told the story during ceremonies dedicating the new building in the Capitol Center which houses the Internal Improvement Fund office.

Elliot said when he first was sent into the Glades in 1908 to survey a route for a drainage canal from Lake Okeechobee to the coast he found dredges were working from both ends.

He recruited a party of eight to hack the 35 miles through sawgrass swamp and stake out a route for the two dredges to follow. (The recruitment encountered difficulties from two groups, he said, those who never had been in the Glades and were afraid to go and those who had been and didn't want to back.)

10 DAYS REQUIRED

It took the party 10 days to make the 35 miles. They still missed a meeting with the inland dredge by four miles although they followed the line on a map provided in Tallahassee.

Past and present members of the Cabinet board of 11 fund trustees, old friends and associates of Elliot during his half-century of service to the state were present for dedication of the Elliot building.

Governor Bryant presided for the series of short talks and the unveiling of a portrait of Elliot which was given by Mrs. Elliot. The Elliots also presented to the Board for use in the building a silver service which he said was given to him once by an engineering firm he had served as a consultant.

Elliot, of Tallahassee lineage, was graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1901 and practiced civil engineering in New York City and Mexico until 1908 before he returned to Florida to work with the Everglades drainage project as an assistant engineer.

CHIEF ENGINEER

He became chief drainage engineer in 1913 and served in that position until 1931. From 1929 until his retirement in 1958 he was chief engineer and secretary for the II Fund trustees, and for part of that time served also as director of the budget for the Cabinet.

In addition to the Everglades drainage work, he designed the intracoastal waterway from the St. Johns river to Miami, drew the first plans for the Everglades National Park, and generally supervised drainage and waterways developments throughout Florida.

State Treasurer Ed Larson, Attorney General Richard Ervin, Comptroller Ray Green and Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner, all members of the II Board with the Governor, spoke briefly.

Others present included retired State Treasurer W. V. Knott, who was a member of the II Board when Elliot began serving it; Supreme Court Justice Glenn Terrell, who was attorney for the board during the early years of Elliot's service; and retired Secretary of State R. A. Gray, who was on the Budget Commission when Elliot was its chief executive officer.

Deaths

Robert E. Price

Funeral services for Robert E. Price, 70, of Ozark, Ala., who died Friday in Ozark, were held Saturday in Ozark.

Price was the brother of Mrs. Charlie H. Dalton and uncle of Mrs. John Olson, both of Tallahassee.

Mr. Price was a retired contractor. He was a native of Ozark and had lived most of his life there.

Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Clara Price of Ozark, a son, Charles Robert Price of Atlanta, two grandchildren of Atlanta, another sister, Mrs. Ernest Johnson of Atlanta, and several other nieces and a nephew.

Bradley H. Capps

PERRY — Bradley Henry Capps, 45, died yesterday in St. Vincent's Hospital in Jacksonville after being taken ill Sunday morning.

He was a native of Blountstown and had lived in Perry since 1946 where he owned and operated Capps Amoco Service station on U. S. 19 and was engaged in the lumber business.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lola Traylor Capps, Perry; a daughter, Mrs. Wilda Holley, Perry; a son, William Henry Capps, Perry; a grandson; and his father, S. R. Capps, Sail City; two brothers, Carlos Capps, Lamont, Broward Capps, Starke; two half-brothers, Paul Capps, Albany, Ga., and Randolph Capps, Sail City; two sisters, Mrs. Ada Mills, Perry, and Mrs. Charles Graham, Gainesville; two half-sisters, Mrs. Marion Green, Moultrie, Ga., and Mrs. Lavone Robinson, Ruskin.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church in Perry with the Rev. Harold Comb officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be William King, Bill Bennett, Elmore Louque, Eston Strickland, George Ritch, Jake Holley, Hershel McClellan, and Beclan O'Grady.

Mrs. W. O. Raines

MADISON — Mrs. W. O. Raines, 78, Cherry Lake, died Tuesday in the Madison County Memorial Hospital.

She was a native of Marvel County, S. C., and moved to Madison County in 1908. She was a member of the Pine Grove Baptist church and had been active in church and civic affairs all her life.

Funeral services will be held in the Chapel of the T. J. Beggs Funeral Home in Madison at 3 p. m. tomorrow with the Rev. J. T. Fann, the Rev. Carl Webb, and the Rev. Tom Shaw officiating.

ELLIOT HONORED—Mrs. Fred Elliot watches at the unveiling of her husband's portrait this morning dedicating the new Elliot Building across from the Capitol. Mrs. Elliot gave the painting to the State Internal Improvement Fund. Mr. Elliot and many state officials attended the dedication ceremonies. (Democrat Photo).

Prison Supply Contracts Voted

The Leon County Commission Tuesday authorized contracts for providing the County Road Camp with supplies for the next three months.

The Murphy Corp. was low in a field of seven bidders for providing gasoline. It bid 19.9 cents a gallon. It also was low in a field of six for providing diesel fuel. It bid 10 cents a gallon. Both bids hinged on a one and two per cent discount respectively.

North Florida Gas Co. was low in a field of four for providing propane gas. It bid 12 cents a gallon. The Bannerman Co. was low in a field of two for providing asphalt. It bid 11.3 cents a gallon.

Sinclair Oil Co. submitted the lone bid for kerosene. It bid 13.4 cents a gallon. Capital Concrete Co. was low in a field of three for providing slag. The bid was \$4.65 for one grade and \$4.75 for second grade.

Commissioners also:

1. Assigned one second floor room, front, of the old Courthouse to the Leon County Mental Health Association for office space and assigned two adjacent

offices to the Veterans Bureau, should it decide to accept Court-house space.

2. Referred a complaint on odor from a Mission road pine extracting firm to Frank Branan, county planning and zoning director. T. G. Gandy complained of excessive odors at night. Branan said a previous smoke complaint, registered by Gandy, had been solved.

3. Heard a report from H. Hunter Chalkley Jr. of Acousti Engineering Co., checking excessive noise complaints in the Court-house addition's three courtrooms. He said a monitor showed that noise was excessive in two of the courtrooms and slightly above normal in one.

He said he is working with architect James Stripling and his staff in an attempt to correct the situation.

Tom I. Brown to be absent from the July 24 meeting because of a Babe Ruth baseball tournament in Leesburg. Brown is coach of the Tallahassee entry.

5. Discussed with Guy Winthrop a proposed plat of Betton Hills' Eighth Unit, located partially in the county and in the city and Winthrop's plan to landscape a six-acre tract around a two-acre pond. Winthrop said he hoped the entire area would be annexed by the City after the 1963 Legislature.

6. Accepted a petition for paving of Enterprise, Saratoga and Yorktown streets, and handled several routine letters and reports.

7. Agreed to work with Mrs. Mary Brauner of Adalusia, Ala., about her request for clearing of a designated park at the intersection of Lillian and Curtis streets and Campbell Pond or in seeing that the small park is assigned to her in cooperation with the developers of the area.

Apalachicola News

By CLYDE BROWN

Mrs. Elsie Vaughn, secretary of the Franklin County school board, is attending an area finance officers meeting in DeFuniak Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Wither- spoon have as their guests this week their grandson, Rex Buzzett, and Al Cantey of Port St. Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wolf and children returned Tuesday to their home in Orlando, after vacation- ing at the Wolfman cottage on La-

Grand Ridge

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