

CONGRESS APPROVES DEFENSE PLANS

Washington, April 25—Congress signalled the start of the big expansion of the army air corps today when it finally passed along to President Roosevelt a \$68,789,824 appropriation for the war department.

Of this money, \$50,000,000 will be available immediately for beginning the program to raise the air force strength to 6,000 planes. The remainder is to be spent in the next fiscal year for various purposes, such as bolstering Panama Canal and seacoast defenses, improving military posts, and buying such materials as tanks and anti-aircraft artillery.

JOHNSON KEEPS REPORTERS GUESSING

Raleigh, April 25—Today's political note:

Charles M. Johnson opened a drawer in his desk today and showed reporters 150 new newspaper mats—portrait pictures of himself—which he had just had made.

Johnson is mentioned frequently as a candidate to succeed himself as state treasurer, and as a candidate for governor.

"Pretty soon now," he said, "I'm going to call a stenographer and dictate a statement that may interest you boys."

CROSBY CHILD IS THREATENED

Los Angeles, April 25—The Tolosa Lake home of Bing Crosby, film and radio singing star, was under guard tonight, his studio disclosed, because of a kidnap threat against one of his four children.

Crosby refused to discuss the matter and said he had been pledged to secrecy by agents of the federal bureau of investigation. Federal agents, the studio source said, talked with him on a motion picture set there late last week.

Comment on the case also was refused at the office of the federal bureau of investigation here.

WHITE COLLAR WORKERS EXEMPT

Washington, April 25—The House labor committee favorably reported a bill to exempt white-collar workers making \$200 or more a month from benefits of the wage-hour law and to make broad exemptions for agricultural workers.

The amendments, approved by a 16-to-2 vote, were reported after a lengthy session at which agriculture was given considerably more concessions than the committee originally had planned to write into the measure.

SPARTA ROBBERY SUSPECTS HELD

North Wilkesboro, April 25—Two men who officers said were suspected of a Sparta motor company robbery, and their wives, were captured at a tourist camp near here today by county and state police.

Several hundred dollars' worth of merchandise, some of which has been identified as stolen from business firms in Virginia towns, was found in their possession, Wilkes Sheriff C. T. Doughton said.

The men, Aubrey Kitts, 29, and John A. Kitts, 32, half brothers, were carried to Wilkes jail.

JUNIOR ORDER TO ORGANIZE TEAM

Members of the Elkin Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., are urged to be present at a meeting at the Junior hall on the evening of May 5, to organize a debating team among the members and to transact other important business.

There will be no meeting of the fraternity this week due to the district meeting at Mt. Airy. As many members as can be urged to attend this meeting, which will be held the afternoon and evening of April 28.

No man knows how large or small he is until he associates with other people.

Many men need two masters: whither they can serve them or not.

COMPETE Representing Moose lodges from all parts of Southern California, this retinue of beauties is shown competing for the title of Moose Beauty Queen at the Moose Frolic held at Venice, Calif., recently.



FINALS ARE TO START APRIL 30

Commencement Program for Boonville School Is Announced by Martin

ATTORNEY WILL SPEAK

Prof. Albert Martin, principal of Boonville high school, announced today plans for commencement exercises there.

The commencement program will start Sunday afternoon at 8 p.m., April 30, when Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of Sparta Baptist church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. There are 19 members of the senior class that are expected to graduate with the class of 1939.

Friday, May 5 at 2 p.m., the grammar grade exercises will be held. At this time seventh grade certificates or diplomas will be awarded those seventh graders completing their work and therefore earning the right to enter high school. Other awards, such as perfect attendance and reading certificates will be given at this time to children of the elementary school earning them. Friday night, May 5, beginning at 8 p.m., the senior class will present the class day exercises entitled "Alma Mater's Children."

Saturday morning at 11 a.m. J. M. Broughton, prominent Raleigh attorney, will deliver the address to the seniors. Mr. Broughton is a fine speaker. He is a probable gubernatorial candidate for the North Carolina office one year from now. At this time diplomas will be awarded to the members of the graduating class. On Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock a baseball game will be played between Boonville and Yadkinville high school teams. The commencement exercises will come to a close Saturday night, May 6, when the high school will present a three act play, "Wild Ginger." This play is under the direction of Miss Louise Abrams.

JESSE COUCH WRECKS JAIL

Is Given Suspended Sentence by Judge Alley in Surry Superior Court

FLOODS OLD BASTILE

Jesse Couch, of Elkin, was the last person to occupy the old Elkin jail and the first to occupy the new jail after he allegedly rendered the old jail unfit for further occupation. It has been learned from local police.

Couch, jailed for public drunkenness last week in the old lock-up, took a violent dislike to the place and wrecked the plumbing, police said, flooding the building to such an extent that the water was running out of the front door when officers took him out and placed him in the new bastille at city hall.

As a result of charges including drunkenness, malicious destruction of public property, and possession of whisky for sale, he was sentenced by Judge Felix Alley to six months in jail, suspended for five years upon payment of the costs and continued good behavior.

The way to keep a secret is never to tell it.

Better not eat a thing you cannot digest.

Wants Sidewalks Cleared of Signs And Merchandise

Sidewalk signs and displaying merchandise on the sidewalk have invoked the displeasure of the local police department. It was learned today from Chief of Police Dixie Graham, who stated that such obstructions must be moved.

Not only does this practice constitute a nuisance to pedestrians, but they are an eyesore as well, Chief Graham said, and have no business being placed on the town's walks.

Chief Graham also stated that bicycle riding on the sidewalks is strictly against the law and that if this practice is not discontinued, arrests will be made.

Jury Finds Jail And Courthouse Need Attention

The Surry county grand jury, reporting to Judge Felix Alley the findings of their inspection of county-owned institutions the first of this week, informed the court that they found the county home to be in excellent condition and the inmates well cared for.

However, when the jury got around to the jail, they found that building to be in need of more bars at the windows, recalling the recent jail breaks which have occurred.

As usual, the courthouse came in for disapproval, it being pointed out that the toilets and cuspidors could stand quite a bit of attention in the way of sanitation.

DOBSON SCHOOL PROGRAM GIVEN

Dr. Frank P. Graham, President U. N. C., to Address Graduating Class

CLASS PLAY TUESDAY

The following program is announced for the commencement exercises at Dobson high school:

Friday evening, April 28, at 8 o'clock certificates of promotion will be awarded students of the seventh grade. Miss Hallie Dockery is valedictorian of the class; Miss Margaret Sparger, salutatorian, and Bobby Bryant, historian.

Saturday evening, April 29, at 8 o'clock a community program, sponsored by the county board of welfare, will be presented.

Rev. Albert S. Hale, pastor of the First Baptist church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening, April 30, at 8 o'clock.

Monday evening the class day exercises will be held in the form of a play, "Wedding of Education and Experience." Miss Irene Freeman is valedictorian of the graduating class and Thad White is salutatorian.

Tuesday morning, May 2, at 9 o'clock a school track tournament will be held and in the afternoon at 1:15 an oratorical contest will be held. Prizes will be awarded the winners. At 2:15 a baseball game will be played between

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WHISKY CASES FEATURE SURRY COUNTY COURT

Regular Session Is Now Under Way at Dobson

JUDGE ALLEY PRESIDES

Murder Trial Scheduled to Get Under Way Today As True Bill Returned

MANY DRAW \$50 FINES

The regular term of Superior Court is now in session at Dobson, with Judge Felix Alley presiding and Ralph J. Scott solicitor.

A majority of the cases that have been disposed of so far have been liquor cases, including illegal possession and driving under the influence.

The following were tried for driving under the influence of liquor, and in practically all the cases were fined \$50.00, had their driving license revoked for a period of twelve months, and some received suspended sentences:

Charley E. Rumley, Chester Maning, Walter Brown, Robert Hatcher, Carl Willis Hawks, Belt White, Tom Frank Hauser, Paul Adams, Charlie Holder.

Other cases disposed of were: Connie Butcher, violation of the prohibition laws, defendant to pay cost; Elmer Lawson, Marvin Martin, Elbert Lawson, Cephus Payne and Sherman Hazelwood. All plead guilty to jail breaking; T. J. Hatcher, worthless check, case continued; Walter Whitlock, guilty of reckless driving; Jesse Couch, charged with public drunkenness, malicious destruction of public property, and possession, judgment of the court that the defendant pay the costs of the action and that he be imprisoned in the common jail of Surry county for a term of six months, and assigned to do labor under the superintendent of the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

The prison sentence will not go into effect if it shall be made to appear to the judge holding the October term of court in 1939, that the defendant has paid the costs of this action and it shall not go into effect thereafter except on motion of the solicitor at any subsequent term within five years from the using of this court upon satisfactory proof that the defendant has been guilty of any violation of the laws of this state.

The grand jury returned a true bill against Claude Gray Bowman for murder of Elmo Ferguson. Trial for his life will begin Thursday.

Commencement at Mountain Park to Begin with Play

The commencement exercises at Mountain Park will begin with the Junior class play on Saturday, May 6, 8:00 p.m. Eight members of the Junior class are cast in the play "Forever True."

Sunday, May 7, at 8:00 p.m., Rev. James M. Hayes, former pastor of the First Baptist church in Elkin, and at present field secretary for Meredith College, will deliver the commencement sermon. These exercises will also be held in the school auditorium this year.

The senior class day exercises will be held Monday night, May 8. This year the seniors are giving the class day play "Star Dust." All members of the senior class take part in this play, in which they have arrived in an imaginary realm of the stars where all great personages assemble.

Tuesday morning at 10:00, the seventh grade graduation exercises will be held. Perfect attendance certificates will also be awarded at this time.

Tuesday night, 8:00 p.m., Dr. John A. Cook, professor of education, Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, will deliver the commencement address. Superintendent John W. Comer will present diplomas to the twenty-nine members of the graduating class and Principal J. S. Gentry will award medals to five members of the graduating group. The twenty-nine members of the graduating class are as follows: Fairy Elizabeth Dobbins, Sarah Madgelene Southard, Kate Marie Wall, Dollie Maxie Caudill, McCree James Walters.

Preliminaries have already been held in most of the schools and indications are that this will be the best contest of its kind ever held in the county. More interest has been shown every succeeding year, with more and more children competing within the separate schools every year.

**SURRY BAPTIST GROUP
MEET AT DOBSON 30th**

The spring meeting of the Surry Baptist Association will be held at Dobson Baptist church Sunday afternoon, April 30, at 2:30. A. V. West, moderator of the association, has planned an inspiring program. All churches in the association are urged to have representatives present.

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WIN TITLE These North Elkin school youngsters clinched the Surry county spelling title at Dobson last week, compiling a total of 16 points as compared with Copeland, which was second with 11, and Mountain Park and Eldora with 10 points each. They are, left to right: Ervin Guyer, 2nd grade, 1st place; Peggy Walters, 3rd grade, 2nd place; Kathleen Cochran, 7th grade, 3rd place; G. C. Cooper, 4th grade, 2nd place, and Sylvia Ball, 5th grade, 1st place.



Conscription Plan Approved by Great Britain at Meeting

Action Is Taken at Emergency Meeting of Cabinet; Hitler Said to Have Ridiculed Idea That England Can Defend Herself, Saying Her Armed Strength Was Ineffectual; Snubbed Ambassador

London, April 25—The cabinet agreed tonight to call for immediate military conscription bringing more than 750,000 men under arms after learning that Fuehrer Adolf Hitler had ridiculed Britain's ability to defend herself in event of war, it was reported on high authority.

The cabinet's decision, taken in an emergency session and expected to be announced formally tomorrow, followed Berlin reports that Hitler had "snubbed" a British effort to draw a gesture of moderation from him in his reichstag speech Friday noon.

Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, it was understood, is prepared to announce the conscription decision in the house of commons tomorrow and ask for legislation effectuating it.

The announcement will constitute Britain's warning to Hitler that she is bolstering her alignment of European nations in an anti-aggression "peace front" with a great reserve of fighting manpower.

King George was understood to have approved the plan tonight. Only a few hours earlier the government had introduced a \$6,582,859,848 "war budget" in commons, calling for an arms outlay of \$2,949,975,000—a record for peace time—and it was believed that conscription would add millions more to the figure.

The arms costs for 1939-40 amount to 12.6 per cent. of the national income and amount to \$60.87 for every person in the United Kingdom.

The cabinet's decision appeared to have been speeded up by a disclosure that Hitler, in conferring last week in Berlin with Rumanian Foreign Minister Grigore Gafencu, rejected Britain's armed strength as ineffectual.

CHATHAM SOFT BALL TOURNEY CONTINUES

Games played in the Chatham Manufacturing company soft ball tournament since Wednesday of last week, follow:

Wednesday (last week): Lap Dogs 7, Cur Dogs 4; last Thursday: Lap Dogs 24, Bull Dogs 4; Cur Dogs 5, Hot Dogs 17; Tuesday: Hound Dogs 7, Bird Dogs 4. Other games scheduled for Tuesday were rained out.

The change in working hours made it necessary to combine the four teams in the Cat league to form two teams which play Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m., it was announced.

CHARTER IS GRANTED ACL OIL COMPANY HERE

Among four North Carolina firms to receive charters Tuesday from Thad Eure, secretary of state, was the ACL Oil Co., Inc., of Elkin, to deal in petroleum and its products under 7,000 shares of authorized capital. Five-sevenths of those shares were \$10-par-value, the remainder \$25-par-value. C. F. Lineberry, W. M. Allen, W. H. Combs and Zilphia Lineberry, all of this city, subscribed \$4,000 stock.

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RULE BY FORCE IS ASSAILED BY HULL IN SPEECH

Talk Before Red Cross Seen as Warning to Hitler

AMPLE ROOM ON EARTH

Declares No Room for Nations That Are Seeking to Enslave Others

REMARKS ARE WARNING

Washington, April 25—Secretary Hull, speaking three days before Adolf Hitler's scheduled reply to President Roosevelt's appeal for peace, declared tonight there was "not room on this earth" for a nation or group of nations that would enslave all the others.

The secretary of state addressed the 75th anniversary dinner of the American Red Cross. Some observers interpreted his remarks as both a warning and an appeal to Chancellor Hitler. The state department sent the major parts of his speech to all American diplomats in Europe and South America.

"There is ample room on this earth for the two billion human beings who inhabit it," Hull said. "There are ample known resources of materials and skill to enable all nations to enjoy a high level of economic prosperity and to face a future of continued plenty."

"But there has never been, and there is not today, room on this earth for a political organization of mankind under which a single nation or a group of nations will enslave and dominate all the others."

A moment before, Hull had said that there was no controversy between nations that could not be settled "with far greater benefits to all concerned, by the peaceful processes of friendly adjustment than by resort to armed force."

"Terrible as are the realities and consequence of war," he added, "sooner or later conditions arise in which peaceful and peace loving nations prefer armed defense to subjection and slavery."

TOWN ELECTION MONDAY, MAY 1

Will Be Held in Elkin's New Municipal Building on East Market Street

VOTE ON MAYOR, BOARD

Elkin's new city hall, occupied last week by the town tax office, will see its first town election next Monday.

Although the election will be more or less a formality, due to the fact that only one ticket is to be voted upon, it will give Elkin voters an opportunity to look over the new municipal building.

To be voted upon Monday are a mayor and board of commissioners. The ticket, all nominated to succeed themselves at the recent mass meeting here, is as follows: for mayor, J. R. Poindexter; for commissioners, C. C. Poindexter, C. C. Myers, C. C. Fulp, H. P. Graham and R. C. Freeman.

Caudill Speaker At Kiwanis Club Meeting Thursday

Rev. O. V. Caudill, pastor of the Elkin Presbyterian church, made an interesting talk before the Elkin Kiwanis club, meeting at Hotel Elkin last Thursday evening. Rev. Mr. Caudill spoke on Rural Youth.

One of the highlights of the program was an instrumental number rendered by Rev. D. B. Mullis, of Jonesville, and Frank Miller, of Grassy Creek Dairy, each playing the violin. Mrs. Mullis accompanied at the piano. The number was greatly enjoyed.

This evening's meeting of the club will be with the Mount Airy club at Hotel Elkin. An interesting program has been arranged for this inter-club meeting.

There are always 2,000,000 people sick in the United States.