

GERMANS CLAIM TO HAVE SOLVED BOMBING CASE

Was Attempt on Life of Hitler in Munich
SAY BRITAIN IS GUILTY
Men Are Arrested in Alleged Attempt to Flee into Switzerland
OBTAIN CONFESSIONS

Berlin, Nov. 21.—German secret police tonight announced the arrest of a man charged with the November 8 beer cellar bombing attempt on Adolf Hitler's life and the capture of two British intelligence agents accused of plotting German revolution from Netherlands soil.

While the official announcements of Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Gestapo, did not connect the arrest and the capture, they did charge Otto Strasser, one-time Hitler lieutenant but now a leader in the dissident "Black Front" with organizing the bombing plot, and the British intelligence service with furnishing the money.

The man charged with the bombing was named as Georg Elser, 36, of Munich, who was said by the Gestapo to have confessed. He was said to have been arrested November 11—three days after the Munich explosion which took eight lives and injured 62 others—while attempting to escape into Switzerland, and to have confessed on November 14. Several of his accomplices also were declared to have been arrested.

The two British agents were named as "Best" and "Captain Stevens," and were declared to have been captured on November 9 while attempting to escape across the border into the Netherlands at Venloo.

The Nazi report said that "contradictory claims whether they were captured while still in Holland or when in Germany are at present being examined."

QUAIL SEASON OPENS NOV. 30

Gentry Offers \$50 Reward for Arrest of Those Guilty Selling Birds

OTHER LAWS ARE CITED

Surry hunters will take to the field next Thursday with dogs and gun as the quail and rabbit season officially opens, but woe unto those who use a gun capable of holding more than three shells or who are caught selling birds, Conrad Gentry, Surry county game protector, said Wednesday.

Mr. Gentry stated that he is offering a reward of \$50.00 for information leading to the arrest of any person selling, or possessing for sale, quail in Surry county, it being against the law to do so.

All automatic or repeating shot-guns capable of holding more than three shells must be plugged so that it will not take over three shells. It is also unlawful to shoot birds while they are sitting on the ground, Mr. Gentry said.

The quail and rabbit season ends February 15, 1940.

Yadkinville Man Doesn't Travel Much

Troy Pendry, 40, a well informed and highly respected citizen of Yadkinville, has lived in that town all his life, yet last Friday was the first time he had ever been to Mocksville, 20 miles south of Yadkinville, or into Davie county, which adjoins Yadkin only eight miles from Yadkinville.

Mr. Pendry has never been farther east than Winston-Salem, and no farther west than North Wilkesboro. He has been to Mount Airy and to Statesville only once in his entire lifetime.

POSTOFFICE OBSERVING THANKSGIVING TODAY

The Elkin postoffice will observe holiday hours today in observance of Thanksgiving as proclaimed by President Roosevelt. The general delivery window will be open from 11:00 a. m. until 1:00 p. m., F. W. Graham, postmaster, announced.

WAR—AT HOME AND ABROAD

With one Thanksgiving Day already here and another coming next Thursday, Americans may well be doubly thankful that any war which may concern this nation is confined to rats rather than men. The pictures below show war in Europe as compared with war in America. Left photo shows French soldiers erecting a defense network of barbed wire at the front. Right photo shows citizens of Flowery Branch, Ga., beginning an offensive against rats "as big as squirrels" which have invaded the town.



LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

SEVERAL arrests on charges of speeding have been made during the past week by local police, with a fine and suspended sentence being given in one case. Another case is yet to be tried. These arrests were said to show that Elkin police are not fooling in their campaign to curb speeding and reckless driving on Elkin's streets.

WORK OF decorating the streets in Christmas attire was begun Wednesday by the Harris Electric Co. Gay colored lights and evergreen roping will again be used this year.

STATE

RALEIGH, Nov. 22 — The State Department of Conservation and Development reported today its preliminary estimates indicated that 227 known forest fires on state-protected areas in mountain counties burned over more than 25,000 acres and caused loss of at least \$95,500. The figures covered the period from November 1 through the 20th.

NORTH WILKESBORO, Nov. 22—Hearing for George Byrd, Ferguson man who is charged with the murder of S. M. Burchette at his home on the night of November 11, will be held Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at the Wilkesboro court house, before Magistrate A. Cassell, Wilkes officers said today.

BULLETIN!

ONE IS KILLED IN CAR CRASH

Ford Norman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Norman, of near Traphill, was instantly killed, and his brother, Roby, and C. R. Cox, also of near Traphill, were injured when the automobile driven by Cox went out of control and turned over on a curve near State Road shortly after dark Wednesday afternoon.

Young Norman died from a severe skull fracture. His brother and Cox, who was driving the car, received bruises and lacerations but were not seriously hurt.

Cox stated that he lost control of the car when he met another machine, running without lights. As he approached the car, he said, it suddenly turned on fog lights, blinding him. His machine left the road, went into a ditch and turned over, spilling its occupants along the concrete. The other machine didn't stop.

The dead youth, in addition to his parents, is survived by four sisters and three brothers, among whom are Mrs. Sheffield Graham and Linville Norman, both of Elkin.

THOMAS MYERS DIES SATURDAY

Pneumonia Proves Fatal to Former Prominent Elkin Business Man

THURMONT ATTENDS RITES

William Thomas Myers, 47, a former prominent merchant of this city, passed away Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at his home west of Jonesville, following an illness of five days from pneumonia. Mr. Myers was a son of the late John F. and Mrs. Emma Armstrong Myers, of Yadkin county. He was engaged in the mercantile business here for a number of years and during that time made his home here. For the past few years he had devoted his time to farming interests and had only recently completed a beautiful new home on his farm near Jonesville. He maintained extensive real estate holdings in Elkin and was almost a daily visitor here prior to his illness.

He was a member of the First Baptist church in this city and a member of the church choir. He was one of the leading factors in the building of the new Swan Creek church, near his boyhood home, where he formerly held membership, which was completed last year.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mattie Mayberry Myers, three daughters, Miss Blanche Myers, a student at Meredith College, Raleigh, and Irene and Tommy Anne Myers, of the home. Two brothers, Mont and Guy Myers, of Jonesville, and two sisters, Mrs. W. C. Bell, of Jonesville, and Mrs. Glenn Swaim, of Ronda, also survive.

The last rites were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Swan Creek Baptist church. The rites were in charge of Rev. N. T. Jarvis, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. Eph Whisenhunt, pastor of the First Baptist church in this city. The body lay in state at the church from 2 o'clock until the hour of the service. Interment was in the family plot in the church cemetery.

The throng of people who attended the last rites and the beautiful and profuse floral offering was evidence of the esteem in which the deceased and his family were held.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED AT DOBSON

Marriage license have been issued to the following couple recently by Kermit Lawrence, Surry county register of deeds: Wade A. Lawrence of Mt. Airy and Lois Haymore of Dobson, S. A. Hennis, Jr., and Myrtle Foy of Mt. Airy, Carson Morefield of Draper, Va., and Edith Reynolds of Draper, Va., and John Nester of Laurel Springs, Va., and Irene Spangler of Laurel Springs, Va.

CLUB IS TO SPONSOR RUMMAGE SALE HERE

The newly organized Junior Department of the Woman's Club will sponsor a rummage sale Saturday of this week. The sale will be held in the building adjoining T. H. Eldson's tin shop on Bridge street. Many bargains will be offered for sale and the public is invited to attend.

The department has taken as a project for the year the improvement of the grounds of the elementary school and proceeds of the sale will be used for this purpose.

Jail Second Suspect in Murder Case

A second suspect, Turner Watson, resident of the Ferguson community of Wilkes county, has been arrested and jailed in connection with the fatal shooting of S. M. Burchette at his home at Ferguson on Saturday night, November 11.

Sheriff C. T. Doughton, who disclosed Friday that Watson is being held, said he would probably be a material witness against George Byrd, who was arrested on the day following the shooting and charged with murder.

Sheriff Doughton returned Friday from Washington, D. C., where he had carried a number of articles for examination by FBI experts. A report is expected sometime before the end of the week.

YADKIN WOMAN PASSES FRIDAY

Mrs. Nannie Stroud Gray, 57, wife of Luther Gray, of Cycle, died Friday afternoon at 2:30 at her home. Mrs. Gray had been ill for a number of years from asthma and complications but her condition became critical only the day before her passing.

She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Stroud and was a loyal member of the Swan Creek Baptist church.

She is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. Solomon Groce, of Marler; Leonard and Alexander Gray, of High Point; Mrs. Conrad Tucker, Lee, Wilson, Baxter Martin ant Misses Vetra and Irene Gray, of Cycle; several grandchildren and two brothers, J. T. Stroud, of Ronda, and J. M. Stroud, of Elkin, and one sister, Mrs. Robert Swaim, of Jonesville.

Funeral services were held Sunday from Pleasant Grove Baptist church. The rites were in charge of Rev. N. T. Jarvis and Rev. J. L. Powers. Interment was in the church cemetery.

NEW SCHOOL TRUCK DESTROYED BY FIRE

A new Surry county school bus supply truck, purchased only last week, was totally destroyed by fire Saturday near Siloam.

The fire occurred while the truck was being operated by R. L. Reeves, the county's head mechanic, and in addition to destroying the machine also destroyed approximately \$150 worth of equipment. Mr. Reeves was en route to Siloam to repair a school bus when the fire occurred.

Elkin Merchants To Hold Christmas Opening Dec. 1

Next week The Tribune will present its annual Christmas Shoppers edition carrying news of the gala Christmas opening on the part of Elkin stores Friday, December 1.

THURMONT BOY KILLED BY BUS

DeWitt Chipman Meets Instant Death When Crushed by School Bus

DRIVER IS BLAMELESS

DeWitt Chipman, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Chipman, of Thurmond, was instantly killed Thursday afternoon when he was crushed to death by a school bus from which he had just been safely unloaded upon his return from school.

According to reports, the child, after alighting from the bus, along with several other children, ran playfully alongside the bus as it moved away, stumbling and falling between the front and rear wheels, the latter passing over his head and body and causing instant death.

The bus was operated by Carl Harris, reputed to be a careful and experienced driver, to whom no blame was attached for the tragedy.

The child is survived by his parents, one brother and two sisters.

The child was a student at Mountain Park school. This is the first serious accident ever to occur in the fleet of buses operated by the school and the second bus accident of the year in Surry county.

The accident was thoroughly investigated by John W. Comer, superintendent of Surry county schools, and J. Sam Gentry, principal of Mountain Park school, who found the driver blameless.

Hiatt Speaker At Meeting Of Kiwanis Club

A talk by Rev. James S. Hiatt, superintendent of the new Elkin district of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference, featured the meeting last Thursday evening of the Elkin Kiwanis club.

Presented by Kiwanian Stacey Weaver, program director, Rev. Mr. Hiatt spoke from the theme "Fellowship," explaining in the outset that fellowship, friendship and comradeship composed the big three in the blessings which come to man. His talk was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The business session of the meeting was presided over by Earl C. James, president.

Bombs Dropped On Shetland Isles In Six-Plane Raid

Lack of Rainfall During Past Few Months Is Record

Official figures, released by Mrs. C. N. Bodenheimer, who has kept the government weather report here for several years, records the following rainfall here for the ten months from January 1, 1939, through October 31, 1939: January, 3.40; February, 7.78; March, 2.48; April, 3.05; May, 1.71; June, 7.45; July, 8.18; August, 5.45; September, .35; October, 1.51, a total of 41.36 inches for the first ten months of the year. The average rainfall for this section is 48 inches per year. The rainfall recorded in the almost three calendar months from August 21, until November 19, of 1.86, was one of the slightest on record in this section for a similar period.

NAZI BOMBERS FAIL TO SCORE HITS, FOES SAY

Great Britain Plans Unrestricted Blockade

CAPTURE GERMAN SHIP

Large Italian Freighter Falls Victim to Mines Off the British Coast

THREE FLIERS SAVED

London, Nov. 22 — German planes today dropped bombs in a raid over the Shetland Islands off the northern coast of Scotland.

Air raid alarms in one of the island towns were followed quickly by the "all clear" signal. Tracer bullets were fired as the planes circled, dropping the bombs.

Six planes took part in the raid, but failed to score any hits, British sources announced.

Warfare between Great Britain and Germany entered an intensified phase today as Great Britain planned an unrestricted blockade on German export trade in reprisal for recent shipping losses.

The admiralty announced that a British warship had captured the 4,110-ton German freighter Bertha Fisser off Iceland's coast, stating the crew started to sink the ship, took to their boats, and were then picked up by the warship. (A dispatch from Reykjavik, Iceland, indicated the German ship may have been shelled.)

The 6,660-ton Italian freighter Pianova was added to the list of mine victims off England's southeast coast. Although she was badly damaged by an explosion last night, she was still afloat today. She was the sixteenth victim of mine and torpedo warfare off the British Isles in the last five days.

A German plane flew over villages along the mouth of the Thames in Southeast England.

The plane was beset by anti-aircraft fire and Royal Air Force fighters. It dived and hedged-hopped to shake off the pursuers. No air raid warning was sounded.

The government announced that three German fliers who had piloted a reconnaissance plane to the eastern outskirts of London Monday had been rescued from a rubber boat in the North Sea and taken prisoners by the British. Two were said to be badly wounded. Previously it had been reported simply that the craft had been driven out to sea. Yesterday a German plane was shot down over the east coast.

STORES, BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE

All stores and business houses will be closed Thursday, November 30, in observance of Thanksgiving Day, according to Mrs. Franklin Folger, secretary of the Merchants Association. Drug stores and cafes will remain open as usual.

P. O. S. OF A. TO HOLD IMPORTANT MEETING

An important business meeting for the nomination and election of officers for the P. O. S. of A., will be held Monday evening, November 27, at 7:30 at the Junior hall on Bridge street. All members are urged to attend.

PLEASE

Local merchants who are planning advertisements in next week's annual Christmas edition of The Tribune, are urged to cooperate with The Tribune by releasing their advertising copy at the earliest moment possible. Such cooperation will be sincerely appreciated.