

## LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

**LOCAL**  
ALTHOUGH all main highways in this section of the state are reported clear, people have been asked to do as little traveling as possible, and to use extreme care.

THE announcement that local schools, as well as schools throughout the county, will not re-open until Monday due to the slippery condition of roads, was the occasion of much glee among Elkin school children Wednesday, many of whom have taken to the hills with sleds to enjoy the first real snow that has fallen here within the past several years.

## STATE

**MRS. JAMES CHURCH**, Wilkes county woman, is alleged to have used a shotgun and blackberry juice to fool her husband into the belief that she had committed suicide Tuesday night, but didn't get away with the hoax. She and her husband were in jail at last reports. The woman was said, after a row with her husband, to have fired a shotgun, smeared her breast with red blackberry juice, and sprawled upon the floor. When her husband, upon hearing the gun, rushed to the scene, he immediately hurried to North Wilkesboro to summon the coroner. The fact that he was intoxicated made him easy to fool, it was said. The man and his wife were jailed on an affray charge.

## NATIONAL

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 25**—The Senate immigration committee has jockeyed Senator Robert R. Reynolds into having to oppose a bill bearing his own name. The North Carolina senator has several bills pending before the committee dealing with immigration. The committee has combined a number of these into one bill and including other provisions to which Reynolds is opposed. "I appreciate the committee placing my name on the bill but there are some provisions in it which make it more harmful than good," the North Carolina senator said. He will deliver a speech in the Senate this week in opposition to the "Reynolds bill."

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 23**—The United States today informed Japan that after Friday night when the 1911 treaty of commerce expires, trade between the two nations will be conducted on a day-to-day basis, without any temporary agreement of *modus vivendi*. This was interpreted as a tacit warning that future commercial relations will depend upon the extent to which Japan ceases interference with the rights of American business interests and nationals in China.

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 23**—There was further indication today that Representative Robert L. Doughton will heed the pressure that is coming from North Carolina to run for re-election. The veteran House member has agreed to see a delegation which will come here from the state Friday to urge him to change his mind about retiring at the end of his present term January 3, 1941.

**NEW YORK, Jan. 23**—Earl Browder, the Communist leader under four-year sentence for passport fraud, filed notice of appeal today while his comrades took up the cry that his conviction was brought about by the Roosevelt administration to silence a party that once had supported the new deal. The legal proceeding was substantially routine in nature. It contended merely that some of the testimony was inadmissible, that certain rulings from the bench and the court's charge were unfair and that Browder should be treated as a citizen.

## "Miss America" Of 1939 Soon To Wed Player



**DETROIT**—Miss Patricia Donnelly, who won the "Miss America" trophy at Atlantic City last Summer, has announced her engagement to Frank Bradford, Jr., 21-year-old half-back at the University of Alabama. Miss Donnelly is 19 years old.

## LOCAL MEN ARE ARRESTED HERE

Taken to Taylorsville in Connection with Alleged Store Break

## SURPRISED IN THE ACT

Henry Newman and Graham Newman, both of Elkin, were arrested here Tuesday by Officer Corbett Wall and turned over to Alexander county authorities Tuesday afternoon in connection with the attempted robbery of a store near Taylorsville last Saturday night.

**Raeford Price**, of Jonesville, was also arrested later by Jonesville Policeman Hugh Madison and released under \$1,000 bond in connection with the same case, Mr. Wall said.

According to Elkin policeman, three young men were surprised in the act of robbing the store by the Alexander county sheriff. They ran, leaving a pick-up truck standing in front of the store.

Officer Wall said that Graham Newman came to him the first of this week and reported that his pick-up truck had been stolen at Traphill. Later the Alexander sheriff called him, Mr. Wall said, giving a description of the three men and describing the truck they left behind. It corresponded with the two Newman youths.

Arresting them and placing them in the local jail, the officer notified the Alexander county sheriff. The sheriff, he said, identified the two as having run away from the scene of the attempted robbery, and carried them back to Taylorsville. Price was later arrested, but due to the snow and dangerous condition of the highways, the sheriff requested that Price be released under bond.

Henry Newman is under bond in another case growing out of the robbery of a store in Yadkin county, Mr. Wall said.

## RECORDS

Henderson county growers are showing a steadily increasing interest in farm records, with the total keeping account books mounting each year since 1936.

## Hunger, Cold Said Cause of Death of Man

Calvin Brooks, 74, passed away Thursday night in Wilkes county near Swan Creek from illness said to have been aggravated by insufficient food and the severely cold weather.

Living in an old barn, he and his wife and several children were reported to have had no food and no furniture, and had to build a fire on the dirt floor of the barn in order to keep warm. Fallets on a sheet of tin served as a bed, with scant bed covering.

Funeral rites for the deceased were held Friday, according to all available information.

## U. S. PROTESTS ANSWERED BY GREAT BRITAIN

Stands in Defense of War Blockade Practices

## RELATIONS STRAINED

Hull Is Mad About Way U. S. Ships Have Been Held up By English

## FOUR REASONS GIVEN

**London, Jan. 23**—The British government stood adamant tonight in defense of its war blockade practices in an increasingly serious conflict with United States interests, even at the risk of new strain on Anglo-American friendship.

Britannia, confident it "rules the waves," indicated sympathy with American annoyance at lengthy delays of ships and partial seizure of cargoes, especially at Gibraltar, just as it did on the questions of the Pan-American neutrality belt and interference with United States ocean-going mails. Again, however, it had a ready and uncompromising reply.

In this case an official British spokesman replied to an aide memoire given to Lord Lothian, the British ambassador at Washington, last Saturday, by Secretary of State Cordell Hull. This diplomatic document, a formal reminder of preceding oral representations, objected to "discriminatory" treatment of United States shipping in the Mediterranean and expressed the United States government's "serious concern."

The British spokesman, on behalf of the ministry of economic warfare, gave four reasons why United States ships were delayed at contraband control stations three times as long as those of Italy, which, incidentally is the object of intensive British diplomatic courtship:

- (1)—Failure to supply advance information concerning their cargoes.
- (2)—The mixed nature of these cargoes, often including as many as 300 items, thus requiring a longer time for examination than those of Italian ships, which are largely bulk.
- (3)—Varied destinations in the Mediterranean of United States ships, whereas Italian ships usually go only to Italy.
- (4)—Neglect by United States shippers to take full advantage of various British schemes of guarantees that goods carried will not reach Germany.

## S. E. MATTHEWS PASSES SUNDAY

East Bend Man Dies at Home of Dr. W. W. Miles, in Wilkes County

## STITES HELD TUESDAY

Funeral rites were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from Prospect Methodist church for Sanford Eugene Matthews, aged 49, of East Bend, who died Sunday night at the home of Dr. W. W. Miles at Champion in Wilkes county.

The death of Mr. Matthews, who was one of Yadkin county's most prominent citizens, came as a shock to his great host of friends and relatives. Mr. Matthews, accompanied by his daughter, Ruth, who is a student at Greensboro College, had gone to Wilkes county Saturday to visit friends in the vicinity of Mt. Pleasant high school, where he was principal for 12 years. Sunday morning while en route from the home of a friend to the home of Dr. W. W. Miles, also a close friend of the family, Mr. Matthews was stricken with a severe stroke of paralysis. This was a short way from the home of Dr. Miles.

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## LOCAL HOSPITAL IS ON APPROVED LIST

Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital here has been put on the approved list by the North Carolina State Board of Health to make blood tests which are required by the state for the issuance of marriage license, according to an announcement Wednesday by Dr. Chas. L. Haywood, Jr., chief surgeon at the hospital.

## Anthony Gregory Held In Mystery Death Of Mother



ANTHONY GREGORY

Although he is said to have made no confession, Anthony Gregory, 40, of Somers township, Wilkes county, held in connection with the death of his mother January 14, has requested that no one else be prosecuted in connection with the death, Solicitor Avalon E. Hall, of Yadkinville, has announced.

Gregory claims he knows nothing of what happened on the week-end in which his mother met death, either by burns or otherwise. He claims to have been intoxicated during the week-end.

Gregory called Solicitor Hall to his cell in the Wilkes county jail and said he wanted to make a statement. He told the solicitor he wanted to discuss the case and did not want anyone to get in trouble over the affair. He said that if any crime was committed that he did it, but did not recall what happened.

Solicitor Hall directed that the body of Mrs. Canzada Gregory, 75-year-old deaf mute, be exhumed and an autopsy performed to determine the cause of death. This was done and the results of the autopsy were sent to a laboratory for tests. The results of the test will not be known for several days.

Solicitor Hall said he ordered the autopsy to determine whether Mrs. Gregory died of burns or had been killed and then burned. Coroner I. M. Myers said Gregory bitterly opposed the autopsy and quoted him as saying he was willing to take the blame for anything that was done, although he denied killing his mother.

## ALL IS READY FOR BALL HERE

Winston-Salem Orchestra Secured for Round Dance, Chairman States

## ADMISSION ONE DOLLAR

The Birthday Ball for the President, held annually here to raise funds which are used in combating infantile paralysis both at home and throughout the nation, will be held at Hotel Elkin next Tuesday night, January 30.

Plans are practically complete for the event, F. W. Graham, chairman, said Wednesday. An excellent orchestra known as the Broadcasters Orchestra, of Winston-Salem, has been secured to play for the round dance while a good string band will provide music for the square dance.

The square dance will get under way in the Kiwanis room of the hotel at 8:30 o'clock. The round dance, to be staged in the main dining room, will begin at 9:00 o'clock.

Admission this year will be the same as last, a \$1.00 ticket admitting one couple. Ladies attending without escort will be admitted for 50 cents.

Everyone is urged to attend the ball. Proceeds go to aid the local fight against the dread disease, and to national research fund which is daily carrying on the work of combating the disease.

## ASSOCIATED CHARITIES TO MEET JANUARY 26th

A meeting of the board of Associated Charities will be held at the City Hall Friday afternoon, January 26, at 4 o'clock. Each civic, fraternal and religious organization in the town is entitled to have one member on the board.

## REDS UNLEASH FIERCE ATTACK FROM THE AIR

Are Stalled in Flanking Offensive by Finns

## MANY WOMEN KILLED

Russian Planes Bomb Hospitals and Air Raid Shelters; Strafe Citizens

## LOSS OF LIFE IS HEAVY

**Helsinki, Jan. 23**—The Russian army, stalled in a flanking offensive against the Mannerheim line that cost several thousand dead and wounded, today unleashed its worst air attack since the early days of the invasion with many women and children killed, it was officially announced.

Striking at small mid-Finland towns, Russian planes bombed hospitals and air-raid shelters and then swept down and "strafed" fleeing civilians with machine gun fire.

In the little town of Nurmes, east of Iisalmi and on a railroad parallel to the eastern frontier, at least 19 civilians, mostly women and children, were killed and many were wounded when a big aerial bomb scored a square hit on an air-raid shelter.

The chance hit at Nurmes killed more persons than were killed all last week when Russian planes, sweeping over Finland at the rate of 300 to 450 a day, dropped 6,667 bombs. During the week 18 persons were killed and 109 wounded.

Today's air attacks in mid-Finland were worse than any since the aerial bombardment of Helsinki in the first few days of the war.

A bomb hit a hospital in the town of Hevonsalmi above Nurmes near Soumussalmi, killing and wounding a number of persons. Other civilians were killed and wounded by machine-gun strafing of the Red planes, it was announced.

Military officials announced that a stone-wall Finnish defense had repulsed a strong Russian offensive aimed at smashing Finland's Mannerheim line from the rear and that several thousand Russian dead and wounded littered the snowy no-man's-land at a half dozen points.

## COMMITTEES ARE NAMED

Kiwanians Hold Meeting at Hotel Elkin; Directors Meet Each Month

The weekly dinner meeting of the Kiwanis Club at Hotel Elkin Thursday evening featured the appointment of committees for the year by the president, L. Stacey Weaver. It was also decided that the board of directors of the club would meet the first Wednesday evening in each month. Committees appointed were:

Program: D. G. Smith, chairman; Garland Johnson, C. C. Poindexter.

Membership - Attendance and Classification: Franklin Folger, chairman; E. S. Spainhour, E. F. Harris.

Inter-Club Relations and Kiwanis Education: Wilbur Carter, chairman; T. H. Shugart, W. S. Beddingfield.

Boys' and Girls' Work: Errol Hayes, chairman; George Royall, F. M. Norman, W. M. Allen.

Finance: Garland Johnson, chairman; E. W. McDaniel, J. G. Abernethy.

Underprivileged Child: J. Mark McAdams, chairman; Dr. Charles L. Haywood, Jr., I. C. Yates.

Vocational Guidance: Earl C. James, chairman; R. G. Smith, C. N. Myers.

## Schools Are Closed Until Monday Result Of 5-Inch Snow Here



George Royall President Of Merchants Ass'n



GEORGE E. ROYALL

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Elkin Merchants Association, held Wednesday morning at the city hall, George E. Royall was elected president and C. N. Myers vice-president. Mrs. Franklin Folger was re-elected as secretary of the organization.

Mr. Royall will be serving his second term as president, having served in that capacity during 1937.

The directors of the organization are also newly elected, having been named by mail ballot. They are: J. R. Poindexter, Joe Bivins, E. W. McDaniel, G. L. Hill, E. S. Spainhour, Abe Harris, and R. L. Mills.

The directors decided to hold the annual employer-employee banquet for members of the association and their employees at Hotel Elkin on the evening of February 20.

## SIX ARE HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Son of Former Elkin Man is in N. Wilkesboro Hospital With Serious Hurts

## CAR WENT OVER FILL

Charles G. Day, Jr., of North Wilkesboro, is in a critical condition in a North Wilkesboro hospital, and five others are suffering injuries as a result of an accident on the Elkin-North Wilkesboro highway near Roaring River Sunday night.

Mr. Day is a son of Charles G. Day, Sr., prominent North Wilkesboro business man and formerly of Elkin. His injuries consisted of a broken left leg and injured kidney.

Others injured were Trent Parks, Miss Mary Scarborough, C. G. Loudermilk, and Misses Madeline Scarborough and Dorothy Davidson.

The accident occurred when the car left the highway and crashed into a tree at the bottom of a 30-foot fill.

## EUGENE ALDRIDGE HEADS ORCHESTRA

Eugene Aldridge was elected president of the high school orchestra at the regular practice Thursday evening. Other officers elected were: David Parks, secretary-treasurer; Miss Laura Evelyn Boger, librarian, and Bobby Harris, assistant librarian.

The orchestra, under the direction of Alvin Dickman, of Courtneymen, is composed of the following members: Harold Brendle, Bobby Harris, Faye Hiatt, Laura Evelyn Boger, Peggy Royall, Margaret Boger, Mrs. Alvin Dickman, Eugene Aldridge, Tom Whately, David Parks, Charles Craver, Ralph Transou, Jimmy James, Bobby McNeill, Jodie Todd, Fred Norman and Herbert Graham.

## WINTER STORM SLICKS ROADS, HALTS TRAFFIC

Snow Starts Falling Here Early Tuesday Morning

## CONVOY TRUCK WRECKS

Two Are Injured as Huge Machine Turns Over Near Burch Tuesday

## INTERRUPTS SCHEDULES

King Winter turned on the snow in Elkin Tuesday morning to spread a five-inch mantle that made streets and highways dangerous for traffic; halted local schools and interrupted train and bus service.

The state as a whole and a large portion of the South felt winter's chill breath as snow fell over a wide area. Atlanta, Ga., reported six inches of snow; Alabama reported falls ranging up to 10 inches, and Greensboro reported 14 inches.

The snow began falling here Tuesday morning shortly after 9:00 o'clock and continued throughout the day. Snow was still falling at midnight Tuesday night.

As a result of the slippery conditions of streets and highways, Elkin's traffic lights were turned off shortly after the fall began due to the fact motorists frequently slid into the intersections while trying to stop for the light.

Although skids were numerous, no serious accidents have been reported locally, although two men were hurt at Burch, on the Elkin-Dobson highway, when a convoy truck, loaded with four new automobiles, overturned down a fill. H. G. Iler, 37, the driver, sustained cuts and bruises, as did a companion whose name was not learned. The cars aboard the convoy were badly smashed up, it was said. The convoy was operated by the Philadelphia-Detroit trucking line.

Due to the condition of highways and county roads, local and county schools were suspended Tuesday afternoon and will not re-open until next Monday. This announcement was made by John W. Comer, county superintendent of schools, Wednesday afternoon.

Greyhound bus service was cancelled Tuesday night, but although running late, service had been resumed Wednesday. A warm sun, plus the highway department, was doing much toward restoring the highway to safety Wednesday afternoon.

Train service here was behind schedule Wednesday, but all trains were running.

The weather forecast was for fair and continued cold today.

## HOLD DRIVER IN ACCIDENT CASE

Foy Shugart Held for Superior Court as Result of Death of Yadkin Man

## BOND OF \$2,000 POSTED

Yadkinville, Jan. 23. (Special.)—Coroner R. B. Long and a jury of six men completed their inquest into the death of Barney Childress, of Boonville, who was killed in an automobile mishap about Christmas, on the Boonville-Crutchfield highway, here Saturday, when the jury was reconvened.

After hearing witnesses the jury found probable cause against Foy Shugart, who was driving the death car, and he was ordered held in \$2,000 bond for superior court. Evidence was given the jury that Shugart was drinking when the accident occurred.

Shugart himself was badly injured and spent several days in a hospital, but has recovered. He made the bond and was released. The jury was composed of W. T. Fletcher, F. E. Hunt, Lon Driver, Lee Hutchens, F. E. Simmons and J. H. Hunter.