

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

LOCAL
AN EXTENSION of time in which to buy city license plates has been granted by Dixie Graham, city tax collector, due to the severity of the weather during the past week, it was learned Wednesday morning. However, within the near future a deadline will be set and all motorists here who have not purchased their tag will be faced with arrest, it was said.

STATE
CONCORD, Jan. 6 — One person is dead and three others, including two policemen, are in the Cabarrus hospital as the result of a one-man shooting circus staged in a Kannapolis rooming house about midnight last night by 30-year-old Crowell Winecoff, of the towel city. Winecoff succumbed this afternoon at 5 o'clock in the hospital to wounds received in the battle with officers.

NATIONAL
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 — The Dies committee offices issued a statement tonight saying that a witness had admitted at a secret committee session that he forged letters purporting to connect Chairman Dies, Democrat, Texas, with the Silver Shirt legion. The statement said the witness was a Washington man and that his testimony was given during the afternoon.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 — Senator George (D), Ga., demanding today that President Roosevelt state his position on a third term, warned that continued silence would be "disastrous" to the party. The Georgia senator, who survived the President's efforts to "purge" him in the 1938 elections, told reporters: "The time has arrived when the people of the United States should not be required to proceed in darkness any further in their selection of delegates to political conventions. Both from the standpoint of the conservatives and the new dealers, his delay in making his intentions known is harmful."
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 — President Roosevelt proposed to Congress today that the government build 50 hospitals in impoverished communities throughout the country with an appropriation of \$7,500,000 to \$10,000,000. The President, represented at the White House as being "very sentimental" about it, advanced the plan on his 58th birthday, which found him in robust health himself. Dr. Ross T. McIntire said he was in as "perfect condition as any man his age could be."

INTERNATIONAL
HELSINKI, Jan. 30 — Italian volunteer airmen flying stream-lined Savoia-Marchetti bombers were reported tonight to have bombed the big Russian naval base of Kronstadt and scored direct hits on several Russian warships, buildings and airplane hangars. Tonight's military communique announced that the Finnish air force had bombed "a certain harbor and vessels lying there" and well informed quarters said the harbor was the vital Soviet base at the eastern end of the Gulf of Finland.
PARIS, Jan. 30 — The Polish government in exile tonight published a memorandum charging Germany with executing 18,000 Polish leaders and persecuting members of the Catholic Church in German-occupied Poland in an attempt to exterminate Polish language and culture. The document said that immediately after the German occupation a number of intellectual leaders, doctors, lawyers and merchants were shot and that members of the League of Silesian Insurgents, who fought the Germans from 1919 to 1921, were "literally massacred."

HITLER TELLS NAZIS ALLIES TO GET FIGHT

Makes Talk on Anniversary of Rise to Power

THRONG HEARS HIM

Scorns Chamberlain and Daladier; Says They Are Responsible for War

BOASTS OF NAZI ARMY

Berlin, Jan. 30.—Adolf Hitler, his voice shrill with emotion and knife-sharp with bitter irony, predicted ominously tonight before a vast Sport Palast mass meeting that England and France alike will get "the fight" he said they asked for, and voiced his utmost confidence that Germany would win the war.

It was the seventh anniversary of his elevation to chancellor. His speech, the first formal one he had made since November 8, when he barely escaped death in the Munich beer hall explosion, was announced to the world only a few hours before he went to the platform, and the place in which he was speaking was known outside Germany only when the radio broadcast began to come over loud-speakers.

A wildly enthusiastic throng, however, was there to hear him pronounce the determination of the German people and its leadership unshakable; its army the greatest in the world; its position safe "from the rear" because of its alliance with Russia and bulwarked by unchanged, "close friendship" with Italy.

"Old Mr. Chamberlain with his Bible," Premier Daladier of France and "French generals" and Winston Churchill, British first lord of the admiralty were the personalities upon which Hitler's scorn fell successively.

"England and France" alike were charged by the Fuehrer with an avid desire to bring up Germany into bits, to "pulverize" it, and, without penalty, Hitler promised "England and France" retribution.

His voice quivered, then rose to a high pitch as he told how Germany's enemies at home had gotten the war which "they wanted." Then he threatened: "In 1939 the western powers dropped the mask and sent Germany a declaration of war despite all our attempts at an understanding. Today they admit an understanding with Poland might have been possible but they didn't want it. They wanted war. I can only tell England and France, 'They'll get their fight!'"

ACREAGE FOR SURRY GIVEN

Farmers Are Allotted Quota of 11,858 Acres for 1940 Tobacco Crop

17,000 ACRES IN 1939

Surry county tobacco farmers have been allotted a total of 11,858 acres for the 1940 crop, it has been revealed by County Farm Agent R. R. Smithwick. They planted an estimated total of 17,000 acres of flue-cured tobacco during 1939.

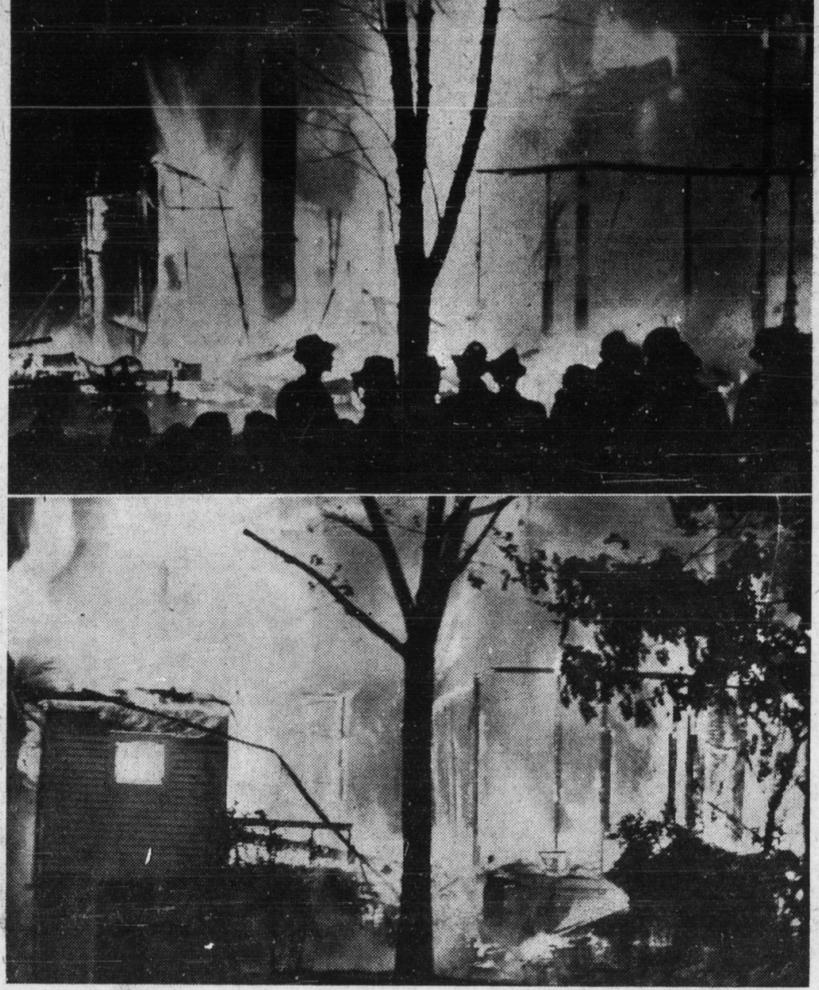
A little figuring shows that the allotment of 11,858 acres for 1940 represents a cut of approximately 30 per cent. on the amount actually grown in Surry county last year. However, the actual cut from the 1939 base acreage averages only about 12 per cent. for each farmer.

The base acreage allotted to the Surry farmers in 1939 under the agricultural program of the federal government was only 13,435 acres, and the farmers went far above the allotment when they planted 17,000 acres. The allotments for 1940 have been figured on that basis of the 13,435 acres that should have been planted last year and not on the larger acreage that were actually planted.

The 1940 cuts in acreage have been graduated according to the size of the farms, with the larger growers receiving larger cuts than the small farmers. Mr. Smithwick, in announcing the mailing of individual allotments, stated that they are being sent out in order to give farmers time to sow their plant beds in proportion to their allotments.

FLAMES DESTROY DWELLING

Aided by zero weather which temporarily put fire hydrants out of business, flames Saturday night totally destroyed the home and furnishings of the J. S. Russell family on Gwyn avenue. Top photo was made from the street after the building had fallen in, showing a portion of the large crowd of spectators which gathered to watch the fire despite the severity of the weather. Bottom photo was made from the rear as the blaze rapidly consumed the structure and seared nearby trees.—(Tribune Photos.)



RUSSELL HOME IS DESTROYED

Firemen Are Handicapped by Zero Weather, Frozen Hydrants

OTHER HOMES DAMAGED

Elkin's first major fire of the year late Saturday night raged unchecked to completely destroy the home of the J. S. Russell family on Gwyn Avenue. Zero weather and frozen fire hydrants combined to hamper firemen in their efforts to control the blaze, forcing them to confine their efforts to protecting adjoining residences which were in imminent danger of burning.

The large, two story, 10-room frame structure burst into flame between 10:30 and 11:00 p. m., and had gained a strong foothold when firemen arrived, and a few minutes later was a seething mass of flame. So rapidly did the blaze spread that only a few articles of furniture could be saved.

The home of Mrs. Anna Graham, located nearby, caught fire and was damaged by the flames, smoke and water. By the time water was made available, firemen could do little but devote their attention to saving the Graham residence. Paint on another nearby residence was blistered by the intense heat.

Despite the bitter weather, a large crowd of spectators was on hand. So great was the excitement, one woman fainted.

Some insurance was carried on the house, it is understood. How the fire originated is not definitely known, although it is believed it caught from a chimney.

MISSION BAND IS TO SERVE CHICKEN SUPPER

The Mission Band of the Church of God, of Jonesville, will serve a chicken supper at the home of Lem Osborne, opposite Dock's Tavern, in Jonesville, Friday, February 2, beginning at 2:00 p. m. Proceeds will be used for the benefit of the church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Should Call Operator When Reporting Fire

Anyone in Elkin or Jonesville should call the central's office in reporting fires, and not call the home of the fire chief, Ted Brown, chief of the Elkin fire department, said Wednesday.

The telephone operators here have instructions to notify all members of the fire department, including the chief, when a blaze is reported, and also sound the fire siren located on top of the telephone building. In this way no time is lost by the firemen in reaching the scene of a fire.

When a call is put through directly to the fire chief, he must either notify other firemen or call back to the operator and have her do it, thus losing valuable minutes.

Chief Brown also warned against the habit of putting ashes into cardboard boxes and wooden barrels, a custom which he said prevailed here, especially in some of the downtown buildings.

Mr. Whisenhunt Begins His 13th Year in Elkin

Sunday will mark the beginning of Rev. Eph Whisenhunt's thirteenth year as pastor of the First Baptist church in this city. At the morning hour of worship he will use as his sermon subject, "The Gospel of the Kingdom" and at the evening service he will use as his subject "The Reservoir of the Heart."

The church extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend the services.

During the years of Mr. Whisenhunt's pastorate the church has enjoyed a splendid growth. The membership of the church has increased substantially and many improvements have been made in the building, both in the interior and outside.

WILKES YOUTH STILL MISSING

Alton Pardue Disappeared After Leaving for Holiday Visit to Parents

FBI AIDING IN SEARCH

No word has been received as to the whereabouts of Alton Pardue, 26, who disappeared on December 19.

His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Pardue, of Roaring River, have stated that there have been no new developments in the investigation of his disappearance. They did say, however, that agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are now assisting in the search for their son.

A body found at Palm Beach, Fla., several days ago, was considered a possible clue, although it has not been definitely identified. The parents have sent pictures to aid in possible identification.

The body, found in a pool, was bound hand and foot and was swollen to such an extent that identification was difficult.

Mr. Pardue had been teaching near Hamlet. He left on December 19 with the announced intention of spending the holidays with his parents, and has not been heard from since that date.

4-H MEMBERS TO STAGE PROGRAM ON SATURDAY

The 4-H Club Achievement Day program, which was to be held in the court house in Dobson, Monday, February 5, will be postponed until Monday, March 4, because of bad weather and a two weeks' court, which begins February 12.

COWS

Dairy cows which receive an adequate ration and have a warm place to bed down can better withstand exposure to cold weather during the day, it has been found by experiments conducted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Mercury Falls To 9 Below Zero Here As Winter Grips South

Schools Are Not To Reopen Until Next Monday A.M.

Due to the bad condition of county roads, plus frozen water systems in a number of school buildings, Surry county and Elkin schools will not reopen until next Monday, it has been announced by John W. Comer, county superintendent of education.

Yadkin county schools will also be closed until next Monday, it has been announced. Schools of both counties closed Tuesday of last week following the snow storm.

YADKIN FREEZES OVER FOR FIRST TIME IN YEARS

Water Systems Burst; Local Plumbers Kept on Run

ACCIDENT IS REPORTED

F. W. Graham Slightly Injured as Car Skids on North Bridge Street

IS COLDEST SINCE 1917

(Picture on Back Page)

King Winter, in all his Arctic might, descended on Elkin last week to send temperatures tumbling to lows not experienced here within almost a quarter of a century.

Coming on the heels of the severe snow storm which enveloped Elkin, as well as most of the country Tuesday of last week, the intense cold sent the mercury in local thermometers to an unofficial low of 9 below zero, burst water pipes and in other ways played havoc with the normal life of people unaccustomed to such weather.

Damage was done to the front of the building housing the Home Furniture company on West Main street, when the cold caused the breakage of a large plate glass window.

Last Saturday night was said to have been the coldest night, the mercury being reported as low as -9. Others claimed that Sunday night was even colder, although the lowest reported temperature was -8.

As a result of the cold, the Yadkin river was frozen from bank to bank Saturday morning for the first time within 23 years, and by Sunday the ice was reported to be 5 inches thick. Big Elkin creek, due to the fact its water flows more slowly, was frozen to a depth of 7 and one-fourth inches, according to R. L. Lovelace, of this city. Many have been skating on the frozen creek for the past several days.

Water systems that were frozen Saturday morning and thawed by plumbers during the day, were in even worse condition Sunday morning. Plumbers worked all day Sunday with pick, shovel and blowtorch as they attempted to restore water to the many homes whose systems were frozen tight. In many instances pipes burst, causing more inconvenience when the water at last began to flow.

In numerous cases the water

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RAEFORD PRICE FREE OF CHARGE

Is Released by Order of Alexander Sheriff Following Arrest Last Week

NEWMAN YOUTHS HELD

Raeferd Price, of Jonesville, arrested last week and held under bond for Alexander county authorities in connection with an attempted store robbery near Taylorsville, has been cleared of any connection with the case, and released, it was learned by long distance telephone from Sheriff H. L. Mays, of Alexander county. Price was arrested on suspicion, the sheriff stated, but a statement by Graham and Henry Newman, both of Elkin, who were also arrested, cleared him of any guilt or connection.

Graham Newman has been released under \$500 bond, Sheriff Mays said. Henry Newman was still in jail at Taylorsville Wednesday afternoon. Trial of the case is scheduled for next Monday.

The two Newman men were arrested here Tuesday of last week. Alexander county officers claim they were surprised in the act of entering a store.

HANES TO BE SPEAKER HERE

Former Under-Secretary of Treasury Is to Address Kiwanis Club

NEW MEMBERS ON LIST

John W. Hanes, former under-secretary of the United States treasury, who recently resigned his important Washington post, will speak at the meeting of the Kiwanis club at Hotel Elkin this evening. Mr. Hanes' subject will be "Taxation."

The entire membership of the club, as well as a number of guests, are expected to be present to hear Mr. Hanes.

At last Thursday's meeting, an interesting talk was made by Superintendent Evans of the local CCC camp. The speaker was introduced by Lieut. Owen Huff, and spoke of the work of the camp in an agricultural way, citing some of the benefits to the farmers of this section.

During the business session, Stacey Weaver, president of the club, announced two changes in committees, due to the fact that several new members have been added to the club roster. The reception committee is now composed of Jones Holcomb, chairman; Rev. H. F. Duncan, and Rev. O. V. Caudle. The public affairs committee is composed of H. P. Graham, chairman; Dr. R. B. Harrell and Lathan Mills.

Franklin Folger, chairman of the membership committee, announced the addition of several new members, including Lieut. Owen Huff, of the CCC camp; E. C. Boyles, R. H. Lankford, Jr., R. G. Chatham, T. F. Cooley, E. M. Hodel, Sam Neaves, Alex Chatham, Jr., Rev. H. F. Duncan, Rev. O. V. Caudle, R. L. Mills, and Alexander Smith, II. W. A. Neaves and A. O. Bryan, former members, were welcomed back into the club.

The Elkin Boy Scouts are to be guests of the club at an early meeting.

Duncan Succeeds Reich As Head of Charities Group

At a meeting of the Board of Associated Charities Friday afternoon at the city hall, Rev. Herman F. Duncan, pastor of the Methodist church, was elected president to succeed W. S. Reich, who has ably served in this capacity for a number of years. E. S. Spainhour was elected vice-president, and Rev. Eph Whisenhunt was reelected secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Franklin Folger was elected assistant secretary-treasurer and will be in charge of the bundles.

An investigating committee composed of Mrs. W. W. Whitaker, Mrs. T. A. Leeper and H. B. Holcomb was appointed and other routine matters dispatched. A rising vote of thanks was given by the board in recognition of the splendid service of Mr. Reich as president, who is retiring from active work in the association due to ill health.