

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

LOCAL

"DIB" LEWIS, of State Road, charged with reckless driving and intoxication, following the wreck of his car Sunday afternoon when it was in collision with another car operated by Lonnie Shaw, of Yadkinville, is being held under bond after having spent Sunday night in the Elkin jail. Both cars were badly damaged, and a young woman, Miss Pauline Lashley, occupying the Lewis car, sustained minor injuries. The wreck occurred on highway 21 near Grassy Creek Farm.

STATE

RALEIGH, Feb. 13 — Kenneth A. Kirby, pharmacist connected with the state highway and public works commission, today confirmed reports that he was considering being a candidate for insurance commissioner in the Democratic primary in May. The incumbent is Dan Boney, who is seeking re-nomination.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13—A bill providing \$966,772,878 for the navy—a record peacetime appropriation despite a slash of \$11,699,699 below President Roosevelt's recommendations—started through the house today amid warnings that to guard its wealth the United States must have greater naval power than any other nation. While cutting deeply into estimates for ship construction, ordnance and naval aircraft, the appropriations committee urged that the projected battleships and new cruisers be restudied with a view to making them the most powerful in the world.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 — Joseph P. Kennedy flatly refused tonight to enter the presidential race, declaring that his job of ambassador to England in these times of strife "involves matters so precious to the American people" that his energies should not be diverted. Only a short time before, friends of the Bostonian had announced that a slate of delegates pledged to him would be entered in the Massachusetts Democratic presidential primary April 30.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 — Voting 49 to 27, the senate today approved legislation to make possible additional loans of \$20,000,000 each to Finland and China. The bill, passed over the protest of a group which heatedly contended that the action was an "entering wedge" for later loans to Great Britain and France, now goes to the house.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13—William Solomon, an influential Tammany district leader, and Charles H. Mullens, a Republican assistant deputy state comptroller, were arrested today on an indictment accusing them of having extorted \$34,833 for negotiating \$750,000 in state contracts for the Burland Printing company, incorporated. They were taken into custody in the office of District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey when they arrived there with counsel, at the prosecution's request. Both pleaded innocent to a seven-count indictment, specifically charging bribery, extortion and taking unlawful fees, and bail for each was fixed at \$10,000.

INTERNATIONAL

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Feb. 13 — Turkey pushed military preparations in concert with the armies of her French and British allies today. Australian troops, the vanguard of 30,000 Australian and New Zealand soldiers who landed in Egypt yesterday, began arriving in Palestine. Reliable quarters reported that British and French officers, with the aid of Turkish military authorities, have made a thorough survey of roads, railroads, food supplies and other conditions in readiness for the contingency of a movement of British-French forces into Turkey.

WIND UNROOFS SCHOOL BUILDING

FINNS ASK FOR IMMEDIATE AID AS FIGHT RAGES

Battle Surpasses in Intensity World War Fights

SAVAGE ATTACKS MADE

Russia Claims to Have Captured 23 More Finnish Ports Tuesday

THOUSANDS ARE KILLED

Helsinki, Feb. 13—Finland's supreme command late tonight declared that the 13-day struggle in the red-brown snows of the Mannerheim line "surpasses in intensity even the most strenuous battles of the world war" and proclaimed Finnish resistance still unbroken, but called on the "civilized nations of the world" for quick help.

The statement of the military headquarters climaxed announcement of Finnish counter-attacks which, it was stated, had resulted in the capture of all strategic ports occupied by the Russians during the furious struggle. With it, too, came the news of new and savage attacks by Russian bombers on cities behind the lines.

The center of Porvoo, pleasant little seat of Finnish culture near Helsinki, was gutted by flames from incendiary and explosive bombs. Twenty-eight were buildings burning in the town's business district. Other towns bombed included Lahti, Heinola, Sortavala and Viipuri, the latter two in the war zone.

(Russia's nightly military communique announced that 23 more Finnish ports were captured Tuesday, for a total of 84 of these positions taken in the last five days. The same communique insisted the Finnish counterattacks, although conducted by large forces, had been thrown back with heavy losses, and that the Russian actions are "developing successfully.")

Detailing the tremendous scope of the fighting on the Karelian isthmus for the first time, the high command said:

"The series of battles may be called something like the 'Somme miracle,' comparable to the Somme and Verdun, but nevertheless, despite the fact that the soviet men are falling by the thousands and tens of thousands, that's why we need help in all forms—men, material, especially airplanes."

SEEK BETTER MAIL SERVICE

Propose Route from Elkin to Mount Airy via New Bus Line

WOULD SAVE MUCH TIME

An effort is being made by F. W. Graham, Elkin postmaster, to secure more expeditious mail service between Elkin, Dobson and Mount Airy, via the Salisbury-Mount Airy Bus company, operated by E. O. Woodie, of North Wilkesboro.

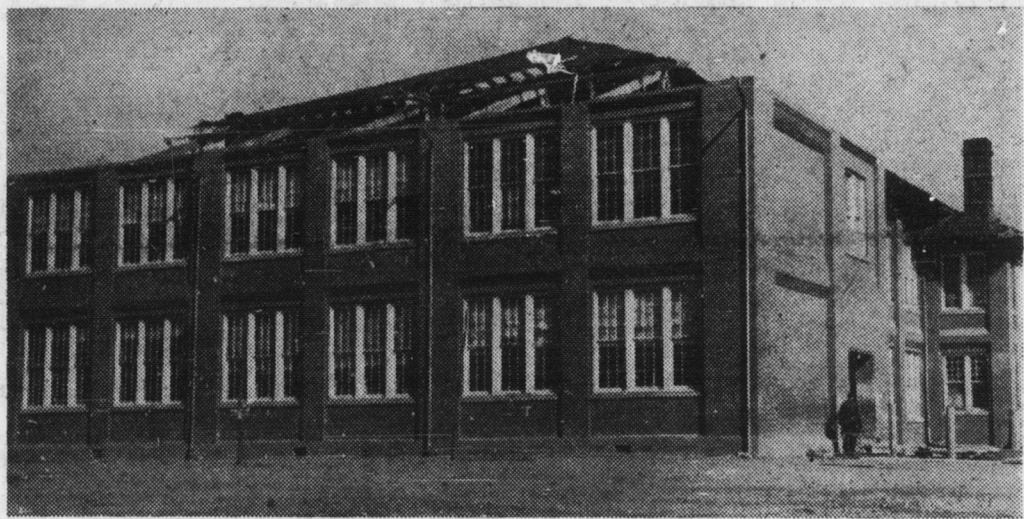
Mr. Graham recently wrote Mr. Woodie and asked if he would be interested in bidding on a mail messenger route from Elkin to Mount Airy, providing the approval of the postoffice department can be secured. Mr. Woodie expressed himself as favoring such a route, Mr. Graham said.

In event the route is approved, it would give Elkin mail service to Dobson and Mount Airy which would leave here at 9:40 a.m. and arrive there at 10:30 a.m. Mail for Elkin would leave Mount Airy at 10:35 a.m. and arrive here at 11:25 a.m. This mail would be limited to 2 pouches of first class mail, one for Dobson and one for Mount Airy, and special delivery and special handling parcel post and weekly newspapers. No collection or mail box delivery would be required.

Mr. Graham also stated that efforts are being made to provide Elkin with additional mail from Winston-Salem, via the Winston-Elkin Motor Express. Such mail would leave Winston-Salem at 11:30 a.m. and arrive here at 1:00 p.m.

These proposed mail services are badly needed here.

WIND PLAYS HAVOC Despite the fact that high winds ripped a part of the roof off the Elkin elementary school shortly after noon Wednesday, not one child of the 475 in the building at the time was injured. Top photo shows wreckage of the roof where the wind left it, lying upon the ground where but short minutes earlier long lines of children had marched into the school building. Bottom photo is a rear view of the building showing where roof was torn loose. These pictures were made just a few minutes after the blow and while frightened children were being safely hurried from the building by their teachers.—(Tribune Photos.)



Lives of 475 Pupils In Jeopardy As Huge Timbers Fly In Wind

Must Not Park Cars in Front Of Fire Station

People who attend services at the local Methodist church, especially on Sundays, are asked not to park their cars in front of the fire department.

Parking in the restricted zone has been noted many times during the past, Dixie Graham, city tax collector, said Wednesday, pointing out that it is strictly against the law and represents a hazard to the safety of the community. "Should a fire break out while a car was parked in front of the fire station, it would delay firemen in getting the truck to the scene. In case a car parked there was locked, it would be impossible to get the truck out of the building," he said.

The no-parking area is plainly marked and there is no excuse for such parking, he pointed out.

CHILDREN ARE HURRIED FROM DANGER SCENE

Teachers Do Heroic Job in Looking After Charges

NO ONE IS INJURED

Live Wires Add to Menace as Flying Timbers Break Down Line

NO SCHOOL THURSDAY

The lives of 475 school children were placed in jeopardy here Wednesday shortly after noon when a high wind lifted a part of the roof covering the elementary school and crashed it to the ground at a spot where but short minutes before long lines of children had been drawn up to march back to classrooms from dinner recess.

The fact that all children were in the building when the roof was torn loose, accounts for the fact that no one was injured.

So great was the fury of the wind that a large section of roof was blown completely over the school building to land on the far side of Church street. The school flagpole, evidently struck by the flying timbers, was flattened out upon the ground.

A near panic among the children when the roof, with a mighty tearing of timbers, mingled with the roar of the wind, lifted upward and departed with a noise heard in the downtown district.

This reporter, among the first to reach the scene, found live wires down in the street; children milling about the front school yard; teachers, police and Duke Power Company linemen attempting to keep everyone away from the hot wires. Many of the children were in tears; their teachers, with faces pale from worry, were endeavoring to check upon their charges and to hurry them safely away from the scene. Inside the building your reporter found other frightened children as teachers endeavored to march them from the building in an orderly way. And over all was the roar of the wind as it swept from out the northwest with chilling fury.

On the third floor the classrooms to the rear of the auditorium suffered the brunt of damage, being left with but their ceilings overhead. The floors and desks and the hall outside were covered with small particles of brick and plaster. The wind, blowing with steady force, caused the entire rear of the building to quiver as if the upstairs walls might be blown in. Children's books were scattered about the room.

Due to the foresight of their teachers, Mrs. Fred Harris and Miss Ola Angel, the children were not in these rooms when the blow occurred. Miss Angel said that right after school convened following the noon lunch hour, the building began to make "funny noises," and fearful of the

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OFFICERS MAKE LIQUOR RAIDS

Two Men Are Placed Under Bond When Quantity of Whisky Is Found

SIX PLACES SEARCHED

A quantity of bonded liquor, gin and rum was taken in this vicinity last Saturday evening when officers made a series of raids, it has been learned from local police.

Only two of the six places visited by the officers yielded liquor. One was the Dutch Castle, located on North Bridge street extension, which is operated by Theodore Mayberry. Nineteen pints of bonded whisky and gin, and a quart of rum, were found there, officers said.

The other successful raid was at the home of John Smith, on the old shoe factory road. Here 11 pints of whisky were taken.

Both Smith and Mayberry were placed under bond.

A second raid was made at the Smith home Tuesday afternoon when police received a report that a new supply of whisky had been received there. However, the second search yielded nothing at the home, although Officer Corbett Wall found a half gallon of whisky hidden under a stump some distance from the house. The liquor had evidently been there for years, Mr. Wall said, the cork stopper having almost rotted away. Smith denied that the find was on his property.

Officers making the Saturday raids were Corbett Wall, Luke Darnell, C. S. Foster and Arthur Southard, the latter a deputy sheriff of State Road.

DOLLAR DAYS TO BE HELD

Value-Giving Event Will Be Staged Next Thursday, Friday, Saturday

ALL IS IN READINESS

Elkin merchants are planning a cooperative Dollar Days event here for Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, February 22, 23 and 24. Plans have been under way for weeks and a great variety of unusual values have been assembled for the occasion—values that will be worth coming miles to get.

The Tribune, cooperating with the merchants, will appear one day earlier next week, so that the advertisements of the various stores may reach subscribers one

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DEADLINE SET TO BUY TAGS

Those Failing to Buy City License Plate by March 1, Will Be Cited

COST ONLY \$1.00 EACH

All Elkin car and truck owners who have not purchased a 1940 city license tag on or before March 1, 1940, will be cited to court, Dixie Graham, city tax collector, said Wednesday.

Many motorists have already purchased their tags, Mr. Graham said, but there are many more who haven't. "We are giving everyone an opportunity to buy tags between the present date and March 1. If they fail to do so nothing will remain to be done but to force them to do it."

It is not the desire of the tax office to be compelled to force anyone to buy tags, he said, but it now rests with car owners as to whether or not they will purchase their tags voluntarily.

Tags, which cost only \$1.00, may be bought at the city tax office, or from Corbett Wall, day policeman.

THREE COUNTIES FORM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

John W. Comer, superintendent of Surry county schools, announced Tuesday that an athletic association was formed by the schools of Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes counties, in a meeting held in Elkin Monday afternoon. The purpose of the organization will be to promote cleaner athletics and broaden the scope of physical education. The association will also regulate the tournaments held in the three counties.

Albert Martin, of Boonville, was appointed chairman of the group and E. R. Spruill, of Ronda, was elected secretary of the association.

Appreciates Welcome To Chatham Company

That the welcome to Chatham Manufacturing Company officials and employees expressed through a special edition of The Tribune last week by Elkin merchants, town officials and other citizens, was appreciated, is vouched for in a letter received by The Tribune from Thurmond Chatham, president of the company, last Friday morning. The letter follows:

Winston-Salem, N. C.
February 8, 1940.

Mr. Harvey Laffoon, Editor
Elkin Tribune
Elkin, North Carolina

Dear Harvey:

This morning I was just beginning to start to try to clear my desk of my usual accumulation of mail, when someone brought in the Special Edition of the TRIBUNE. Needless to say, everything else has been neglected since its arrival, and now at 4:30 P. M. I am still head over heels in it.

I wish I had words to express my heartfelt appreciation to you and your associates, to Mayor Poindexter and the other town officials, to the merchants and other business men, and to the whole community, for your generous welcome. Never in my whole life have I seen such a hearty, friendly gesture. Of course, I have become accustomed to the friendly spirit which we at Chatham have always enjoyed in Elkin, but this whole-hearted welcome almost overwhelms us. It certainly sustains our judgment in concentrating our entire business in The Best Little Town in North Carolina—if not in the World.

Many congratulations to each one of you at the TRIBUNE. The layouts, the arrangements of the sections, the cuts, the advertisements, and the whole appearance of the Special Edition looks like the New York Times. You have put out a magnificent issue in our honor and from the bottom of my heart I can only say, "Thank you everybody for the welcome."

Yours sincerely,

THURMOND CHATHAM

Tribune to Be Published Day Early Next Week

Due to the fact the Tribune will appear, one day earlier next week than usual in order that Dollar Days news may reach its subscribers one day in advance, all correspondents are requested to get their news in not later than Monday afternoon.

Merchants planning advertisements in next week's issue are also asked to release their copy at the earliest possible moment. Such cooperation will be sincerely appreciated.

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