

## LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

### LOCAL

**TOMORROW, March 1,** marks the deadline in which Elkin motorists may purchase town license tags, and all car or truck owners who have failed to buy their tags on or after that date, will be cited to court, Dixie Graham, city tax collector, has announced. Jonesville motorists also will find themselves facing the same situation if they have failed to buy their Jonesville town tags, Hugh Madison, chief of police, has announced.

**PROPOSALS** by the Central Electric and Telephone Co., which serves Elkin and Jonesville, that they be allowed to make some increases and some decreases in rates of the Elkin exchange have been taken under advisement by the State Utilities Commission, at Raleigh, following a recent hearing. The firm would raise its business and residential rates in the amounts of 25 and 50 cents a month, and would discontinue the 25 cents monthly fee for handsets, and set a \$2.50 fee for installation.

### STATE

**HAMLET, Feb. 27** — Bryant Thompson, Hamlet business man, has announced his candidacy for governor in the Democratic primary. Thompson said he favored repeal of the state sales tax, desired to see North Carolina bone dry, and advocated diversion of state highway funds to meet the needs of the state.

### NATIONAL

**SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27** — Waterways, turned to torrents by cloudbursts and melting snow, drove as many as 3,000 persons from their homes today in a score or more northern California cities. Almost nine inches of rain fell in 24 hours at several points. The storm, in its third day, left river conditions critical. More rain was in prospect, and flood conditions equalling the ravages of December, 1937, were predicted by the weather bureau.

**ABOARD U. S. Lang at Sea, Feb. 27**—President Roosevelt said today that doubling the present number of planes and guns defending the Panama Canal was necessary for the long range defense of the vital link between the Atlantic and Pacific. Such a long range program contemplates defense operations extending, if necessary, throughout Central America and as far south as Ecuador, Columbia and Venezuela, he told reporters at a press conference aboard the cruiser Tuscaloosa after he had completed a thorough inspection of canal defenses and had started the homeward voyage to the United States.

### INTERNATIONAL

**LONDON, Feb. 27**—Winston Churchill, seasoned warden of Britain's sea-power, disclosed today that Germany had damaged the British battleships Nelson and Barham, warned of even greater German attacks on "the sea-power by which we live," and then announced to a cheering house of commons that Britain's five new 35,000-ton battleships would shortly join the grand fleet. He also said the Nelson and Barham, both apparently crippled in December, soon would be at sea again.

**BERLIN, Feb. 27**—The impression grew today that Adolf Hitler would give Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles, due in Berlin Friday, a comprehensive exposition of Germany's claims to a dominant position in central and south-eastern Europe as well as demands for return of her colonies. Arrangements for Welles' visit were confirmed by Alexander Kirk, American charge d'affaires, in a visit to the foreign office. According to present plans, Welles will go into a huddle Friday with Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, who is recovering from grippe, and probably will see Hitler Saturday.

## M. M. Mayberry Passes Away Saturday Night



MARVIN M. MAYBERRY

Marvin McNeely Mayberry, 44, of Jonesville and Elkin, died Saturday night in the local hospital only a few hours after he was admitted. Mr. Mayberry had been in declining health for a number of years suffering from the effects of overseas service with the American Expeditionary Forces during the world war. During this time he had been a patient at Walter

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## SEWER SYSTEM BEING PLANNED

Jonesville Water Project Is Now Before WPA Officials, Mayor Says

WOULD COST \$134,000.00

Plans have been tentatively drawn for the construction of an extensive water and sewer system for the Town of Jonesville, and if they go through Elkin's neighbor town may soon have the funds necessary to carry out the project, it has been learned.

Present plans, according to Mayor Z. B. Martin, have been approved by the state board of health. According to the first estimates, the entire job would cost approximately \$134,000, of which Jonesville would contribute the sponsor's share of \$50,000.

The application for the project is now before WPA officials. In about two weeks Mayor Martin expects a decision, which, if favorable, will see plans proceed.

Included in the plans will be the selection of a site and the awaiting of other approvals which are necessary in such constructions. A bond election would be called in order to assure the sponsor's share, the mayor said.

The project as planned will include a plant, extensive piping, and modern facilities for both sewerage and water supply.

## 4-County Cage Tourney Ends Wednesday Night

Two games remained to be played Wednesday night shortly after The Tribune went to press, to decide the winners of the Elkin 4-County Basketball Tournament which got under way at the Elkin gymnasium a week ago.

Scheduled to face each other at 7:30 were the Yadkinville and Ronda girls. This game was to be followed by the boys' final which featured the Yadkinville and Boonville boys.

Frank Spencer, sports editor of the Winston-Salem Sentinel was here to award championship trophies to the winners and also the all-tournament awards to the players making this honorary team.

The high school band, under the direction of Allen Dickman was on the program to provide music before and between games. Elkin's excellent boys' team Tuesday night reached the semifinals only to be nosed out 20-18 after showing a lead at the half. The Elkin girls' team was eliminated earlier in the tournament.

Tuesday's games featured Ronda girls vs. Jonesville girls, with Ronda winning 22-10; Yadkinville boys vs. Jonesville boys, Yadkinville winning 22-21; Yadkinville girls vs. West Yadkin girls, Yadkinville winning 30-10, and

## REDS CONTINUE TO BATTER WAY TOWARD VIIPURI

Finns Acknowledge Another Red Success

ARE FIGHTING IN AIR

Every Building and House Reported Ablaze in the Nautsi Area

BATTLE SLOWS DOWN

Helsinki, Feb. 27 — The red army tonight smashed at Viipuri and its environs, an artillery-raked no-man's land cluttered with ruins where more than 80,000 persons once lived, while Finland acknowledged another Russian success above the Arctic circle.

Finland's north Arctic army continued to retreat tonight after reaching Nautsi, eight miles south of its former positions at Jordenfoss.

Every building and house in the Nautsi area was ablaze after a day of heavy fighting.

The battle lessened somewhat this afternoon, after the Finns reached Nautsi, some 75 miles south of the Arctic coast.

There was heavy fighting in the air as well as between the ground forces.

(In Moscow, the red army command early Wednesday reported its forces were continuing to crash through the Finnish fortified zone of the Karelian Isthmus and had captured 13 additional defensive fortifications in yesterday's operations.

(Six Finnish planes were shot down in air battles, the communiqué added.)

## SHORE FINED IN ELECTION CASE

Pleads Technical Violation of Election Laws; Is Fined \$100 and Costs

ONE OTHER CASE LEFT

Pleading technical violation of the law in connection with an indictment against him charging violation of the election laws, Thad W. Shore, Jr., of Boonville, was fined \$100 and the costs, which will amount to about \$350, by Judge William H. Bobbitt in Yadkin county superior court Tuesday.

Shore was alleged to have voted in both Surry and Yadkin county at the last election. A special venire had been summoned from Iredell county to appear in Yadkinville Wednesday morning at 9:00 o'clock to hear the case.

One other case is said to remain to be disposed of as a result of irregularities in the 1938 elections. It is that of J. S. Thomason, charged with wrongfully registering voters in Buck Shoals township.

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## YADKIN COURT IS CHALLENGED

Moves for Dismissal of Client on Grounds Court Is Unconstitutional

A DECISION IS AWAITED

The validity of the Yadkin county criminal court, created by a special act of the last general assembly, was challenged in Yadkin superior court Tuesday when Gaither Key went on trial for violation of the prohibition law.

Otis Reynolds, of Elkin, attorney for Key, moved for dismissal of the charge on the grounds the court, set up last May 1 through special legislation enacted at the 1939 session of the General Assembly, was unconstitutional.

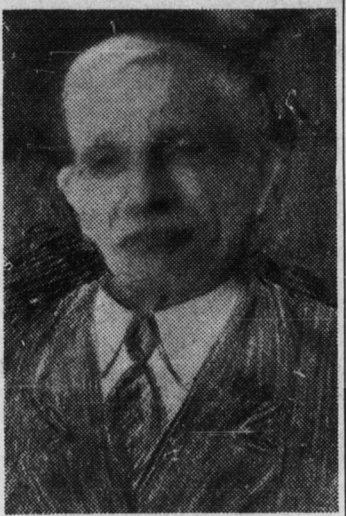
A short time after the motion was made, the grand jury, giving its regular report, commended the county commissioners for setting up the criminal court and praised the court officials for the speedy and efficient manner in which it is being conducted.

Superior Court Judge William H. Bobbitt said he would render a decision on Reynolds' motion for dismissal Wednesday or Thursday.

Key was found guilty of violating the liquor laws in the Yadkin county criminal court several weeks ago and was fined \$25 and taxed the costs by Judge S. C. Williams. Key appealed the case to the superior court.

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## J. C. Triplett Dies Suddenly Monday Morning



JOSEPH C. TRIPLETT

Joseph Carson Triplett, 85, died Monday morning from a sudden heart attack at his home near Jonesville. Mr. Triplett had suffered from a severe heart ailment for the past 20 years and for the past 15 years had been a complete invalid. He was a native of Wilkes county but for the past 30 years had resided near Jonesville, and prior to his decline in health was a successful farmer. He was a member of the Jonesville Methodist church.

He was married to Miss Margaret Susan Greenwood, who died in December 1938. Survivors include eleven children, John T. Triplett, Ronda; Ralph T. Triplett and Misses Stella, Ohna, Lala, and Jettie Triplett, of Elkin and Jonesville; Mrs. D. M. Richardson of Raleigh; Trent Triplett of Jenkins, Ky.; O. E. Triplett of North Wilkesboro, Mrs. O. E. Wolfe and Mrs. O. E. Martin of Jonesville; fifteen grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. John Church of North Wilkesboro and one brother, Charlie Triplett, of Long Beach, Cal.

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon. The rites were in charge of Rev. D. B. Mullis, pastor of the deceased, assisted by Rev. O. V. Caudell, pastor of the Elkin Presbyterian church. Interment was in the family plot in Hollywood cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Fletcher McBride, Romey Pardue, Charles Gilliam, Robey Church, Glenn Williams and J. Paul Gilliam, the latter of Statesville.

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## R. M. CHATHAM PASSES AWAY HERE SUNDAY

Pneumonia Proves Fatal to Elderly Man

WAS ILL FOR LONG TIME

Was a Member of One of Elkin's Most Distinguished Families

RITES HELD TUESDAY

Richard Martin Chatham, 74, a member of one of Elkin's most distinguished families, died early Sunday evening at Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital from pneumonia, which developed following an extended serious illness. Mr. Chatham was a son of the late Alexander Chatham, associate founder of Chatham Manufacturing company, and Mrs. Elizabeth Gwyn Chatham. He was a brother of the late Hugh Gwyn Chatham and an uncle of Thurmond Chatham, president of Chatham Manufacturing company.

In early life he was associated with his father and brothers in the operation of the blanket mill here and later held extensive farming interests in the Valley of Virginia and operated the Elkin Roller Mills, in addition to other interests. He also was on the Surry county highway board before the state took over the control of roads, and on the State penitentiary board during the time Cameron Morrison was governor of North Carolina.

He was probably one of the best known men in Elkin and the surrounding community and his numberless friends were not limited to station in life. He had been retired from active business for many years and it was his custom to mingle with his friends

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## 150 PRESENT AT LOCAL BANQUET

Employees Entertained by Merchants at Annual Get-Together

DR. HALL IS SPEAKER

With one hundred and fifty members of the Merchants Association and their employees present, the annual banquet of the association was held Tuesday evening at last week in the banquet hall at Hotel Elkin.

Dr. Alonzo C. Hall, professor of American Literature at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, was guest speaker. Mr. Hall, who has a hobby of collecting strange epigraphs from tombstones, read several from his collection of

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## W. W. Whitaker Honored At Dinner Meeting Here

At a dinner meeting of the Elkin Fire Department, held at Hotel Elkin Tuesday evening, W. W. Whitaker, who retired as Elkin fire chief at the close of 1939, was made honorary fire chief, and Ted Brown, who has been acting chief since Mr. Whitaker's retirement, was made chief.

The meeting was attended by members of the fire department and by city officials.

Sherwood Brockwell, state fire marshal and chief of the state volunteer fire department, was speaker. Mr. Brockwell paid glowing tribute to Mr. Whitaker for the work he has done during the years he has been chief of the department. He stated that no city could for long stay ahead of its fire department and that in his opinion the Elkin company was a loyal and efficient group of men.

In the course of his talk Mr. Brockwell stated that every citizen should feel proud of the fact that the State of North Carolina had the lowest fire loss during the past ten years of any of the so-called seven Southern states, and had a lower insurance rate than any of the seven, and attributed a large part of this to the work of Insurance Commis-

## Immediate Action To Be Taken Here To Remodel School

Passes Sunday



Pictured above is Richard M. Chatham, of Elkin, who passed away Sunday following an attack of pneumonia. Funeral services were held Tuesday. The photo pictured above was made a number of years ago, no recent photo being available.

## FORUM COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING

Dr. Ralph McDonald Is to Be First Speaker to Appear Here

JOHNSON IS CHAIRMAN

A meeting of the Forum council, consisting of representatives from the following civic organizations, Woman's Club, Kiwanis Club, Thurmond Chatham Unity Club, Elkin Merchants Association, Parent-Teacher Associations of Elkin and Jonesville, the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary, was held Tuesday afternoon at Hotel Elkin. The Forum is a non-political and non-sectarian organization which will endeavor to bring to Elkin and surrounding community men and women selected on the basis of their ability as speakers, their thorough knowledge of their respective topics for discussion and their civic mindedness, to discuss timely topics of interest to the community and nation.

At the meeting Tuesday the organization of a local forum was completed and Garland Johnson was named chairman. An executive committee composed of F. W. Graham, Mrs. C. A. McNeil, Mrs. Paul Gwyn, Lowell Smith and D. B. Mullis was appointed. Rus-

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## Flake Brown Is Arrested After Shotgun Shells Are Found Hidden

WAS SURRY HDW. LOOT?

Flake Brown, of the Boonville section, was arrested Tuesday by Chief of Police Hugh Madison, of Jonesville, and Policeman J. C. Wall, of Elkin, on a charge of concealing stolen goods, after six boxes of shotgun shells were found hidden over a door, it has been learned.

The shells, together with some guns, were thought to have been stolen from the Surry Hardware company here some weeks ago.

It was said that officers got on Brown's trail when James Bates and Tommie Atkins, arrested in the case, told where the shells could be found. A search warrant was secured and resulted in Brown's arrest.

Atkins, said to be a brother-in-law of Brown, was arrested shortly after the robbery by Elkin's night officer, Luke Darnell.

## Large Egg Is Produced by State Road Hen

Going in for egg production in a big way, a hen belonging to Thurmond Carter, of State Road, last week cackled proudly over an egg, the circumference of which measured 6 3/4 inches by 8 3/4 inches.

The egg, almost as large as a man's fist, was brought to The Tribune, and, if not called for very soon by its owner, will only go down in history as an exceptional egg, but also down the throat of The Tribune's freak department editor.



W. W. WHITAKER

owner Dan C. Boney, a native of Elkin, and who, Mr. Brockwell stated, was ranked as top insurance commissioner of the United States.