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LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

LOCAL
ODELL RIDDLE, 21, of North Wilkesboro, received first aid treatment for a dislocated shoulder at Hugh Chatham hospital here Wednesday afternoon. Hospital attaches said the injury was the result of an automobile wreck, details of which could not be learned.

TWO MORE grass fires in which local firemen had to be called out to bring the blaze under control, have occurred here within the past two days, bringing to six the number of minor alarms answered by the department during the past week. Four of these fires were grass fires, and all caused by carelessness, firemen said, warning that if fires must be set, permission should be secured and adequate help provided to keep the blaze under control.

NATIONAL
WASHINGTON, March 20—Last-minute pressure by civic organizations to expand the government's food stamp system threatened today to push congressional economy plans further out of kilter. With the Senate debating the farm appropriation bill—already swollen \$201,940,049 over budget estimates—economy advocates said there was a growing demand for an additional \$28,000,000 to finance distribution of food to needy families through the stamp plan. It now operates in about 50 cities, but applications have come in from 700 others.

MT. CLEMENS, Mich., Mar. 20—A mother who said she was tired of caring for so many children related to sheriff's officers today how she arranged a soft bed inside a stove, placed her youngest born baby on it and cremated him in oil. The mother, Mrs. Vivian Mathews, 38, of near Urtica, was held in the Macomb county jail here and Assistant Prosecutor Wilbur Held said a first-degree murder warrant would be issued. Mrs. Mathews told officers she had been worn to the breaking point caring for her three children. Last night, she said, she felt she could endure it no longer. She placed a baby's blanket inside the stove and covered it with a fluffy layer of feathers taken from a pillow. She soaked the material with oil. Then, taking 8-week-old Howard from his crib, she placed him on the oil-soaked nest and applied a match.

INTERNATIONAL
LONDON, Mar. 20—The British government is "so satisfied with relations with the United States" that it is directing no special questions to America concerning the significance of Sumner Welles' European tour but is "relying on their courtesy to keep us informed." Foreign Undersecretary E. A. Butler told the House of Commons today.

MOSCOW, Mar. 20—Soviet Russia has turned thumbs down on any defensive alliance among Scandinavian states and Finland on the ground that it would be "aimed at the U. S. S. R." and in conflict with the Russian-Finnish peace treaty. The official Russian news agency, Tass, announced today that it was authorized to publish this as the Russian government's position.

GENOA, Italy, Mar. 20—Sumner Welles, fact-finder for President Roosevelt, sailed for the United States today on the Conte Di Savoia, winding up his strenuous tour of European capitals. Welles' train from Rome arrived at 6:30 a. m. (12:30 a. m. e. s. t.). After four hours at a hotel, where he joined Mrs. Welles, the American undersecretary of state went aboard ship. He was accompanied by the Secretary of Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano, who presented him to a delegation of Genoese officials, assembled to bid him farewell.

FRANCE MINUS GOVERNMENT AS OFFICIALS QUIT

Daladier and Cabinet Resign Posts

LACK OF CONFIDENCE

Premier May Form a New, Belligerent Government Following Conference

SITUATION IS DISCUSSED

Paris, March 20—Premier Edouard Daladier and his cabinet resigned today because a majority of the Chamber of Deputies refused to vote confidence in his manner of conducting the war, but President Albert Lebrun called him in for a 40-minute conference and was believed to have asked him to form a new government.

The President had accepted the cabinet's resignation, leaving France momentarily without a government in one of its most perilous times, and a communique issued after his conference with Daladier announced only that they had "met and discussed the situation."

The crisis was precipitated by dissension over Daladier's failure to take the initiative in the war away from Germany and Russia and send the allied forces into some real action, but underlying it was a tug-of-war between right wing and socialist members of Parliament that had been going on for two years, ever since Daladier got in power on the break-up of the Popular Front and maintained himself by playing one side against the other.

However, there was a deep-seated dissatisfaction over the "passive war" the Allies have conducted and the newspaper L'Intransigent said today that the chamber, in refusing to vote confidence in Daladier's government, had "interpreted the nation's wishes."

"The vote was not against any particular ministry or man," the newspaper said. "The significance of the vote was more profound. The two houses (of Parliament) pronounced themselves on the war in its entirety and its principle. There can be no jockeying or substitution of Peter for Paul. What the nation and parliamentary representation demand is a veritable renewal of methods—a war government to make and win war."

SURRY COUNTY MAN IS KILLED

Reece Sprinkle Meets Instant Death When Struck by Hit-and-Run Driver

NEAR PILOT MOUNTAIN

Reece Sprinkle, 23, of Pilot Mountain, Route 1, was instantly killed Saturday night about 7:30 on the Elkin-Pilot Mountain highway, three miles from Pilot Mountain. Young Sprinkle, together with his brother, Claude Sprinkle, and Roy Cox, were en route to Pilot Mountain, when he was hit by an unidentified automobile.

Officers who investigated the accident were informed by the companions of the dead youth that the car which killed the young man was traveling in the direction of Pilot Mountain and that when the accident occurred the driver did not stop but speeded up his car and left the scene without making an effort to determine what had happened.

Following a two-day investigation Sheriff Harvey S. Boyd Tuesday ordered three men held for investigation in the death of young Sprinkle, and charges of manslaughter and hit and run driving were placed against the trio, Kyle Taylor, 31, power plant operator, Sam Heath, 25, brother-in-law of Taylor, and Burgie Arington, 27, hosiery mill worker, of the Buck Shoals community of Yadkin county. Officers started the investigation Sunday and found an automobile burned in the woods near Taylor's home. They immediately linked the car with the case and arrested Taylor, Heath and Arington. They are being held in Mt. Airy jail. No date for a hearing has been set.

Surviving the youth are the parents, four brothers and three sisters.

State Head Of Legion To Be Speaker Here



JUNE ROSE

June Rose, of Greenville, state commander of the American Legion, will visit Elkin on March 29, as guest of the George Gray Post, according to an announcement by F. W. Graham, post commander. This is the first official visit by Mr. Rose to this section.

A supper meeting is being planned in honor of Mr. Rose, the meeting to be held at Camp Hancock at 6 o'clock in the evening. Members of the local Legion Auxiliary unit and members of the Legion from Mount Airy, Winston-Salem, North Wilkesboro and Sparta, have been invited as guests of the local post for the meeting. Following the supper, which will be served by the camp, Commander Rose will address the group.

All members of the local post and the auxiliary are invited to attend. Legionnaires planning to attend are requested to notify H. B. Holcomb and Auxiliary members are asked to notify Mrs. T. W. Church. Reservations should be made not later than Tuesday of next week.

ELKIN WOMAN HURT IN CRASH

Miss Claudia Austin Receives Painful Injuries When Auto Skids

CRASHES INTO BANK

Miss Claudia Austin of this city, suffered a severely sprained ankle and bruises of a lesser nature Thursday afternoon when her car went out of control on the Elkin-Winston-Salem highway, near East Bend. Miss Austin was en route to Winston-Salem to attend the funeral of a friend and was traveling alone at the time of the accident.

Rendered temporarily unconscious by the accident, Miss Austin is not positive just what happened, but it is believed that the car skidded on the slippery pavement, went out of control and crashed into a bank.

Miss Austin was taken to Winston-Salem for examination, where X-rays revealed that she suffered no broken bones. She returned here the same day and is resting comfortably as could be expected, although she will be confined to her room for several days yet. Her car was extensively damaged.

Men Are Named To Serve On Election Boards

The state board of elections Saturday named county boards of elections for each of the 100 counties in the state. Following are the boards named to serve in Surry, Yadkin, Wilkes and Alleghany counties. The first two named in each case are Democrats, the third Republican: Alleghany: Amos Wagoner, Sparta; Jess Moxley, Sparta; Thomas W. Landreth, Piney Creek. Surry: Robert A. Freeman, Dobson; P. G. Lowe, Low Gap; W. M. Jackson, Dobson. Wilkes: E. P. Inscore, North Wilkesboro; C. C. Staley, Crickett; J. C. Grayson, North Wilkesboro. Yadkin: Troy W. Martin, East Bend; Fred Brandon, Yadkinville; C. G. Graves, Yadkinville.

POLITICAL POT IN COUNTY IS STARTING BOIL

Surry Democrats Change Old System TO SELECT IN PRIMARY

Henry Dobson Is Expected to Be Candidate for State Legislature

FOLGER IS UNOPPOSED

Interest is growing in the approaching Democratic primary which will see choice of candidates for various Surry county offices, although approximately a month remains before the final date for candidates to file their names in the race for nominations.

The final filing date is April 13, with the primary itself coming on the last Saturday in May.

In Surry this year Democrats will change over from their old party convention method of nominating, and will choose candidates in the primary along with the vote on state officers.

The sheriff and clerk of court posts do not come up for election this year, since Sheriff Harvey Boyd and Clerk of Court Frank T. Lewellyn were elected in 1938 to serve four-year terms. Registrar of Deeds Kermit Lawrence, however, will be up for re-election this year, and although he has not announced, he is expected to be a candidate.

Other county offices coming up in the primary include the posts of coroner, surveyor and that of legislator. Dr. R. E. Smith, of Mt. Airy, and Golden Baker, of Shoals, present coroner and surveyor respectively, are expected to run again.

A new possibility for the legislature, it has been learned here, is looming in the person of Martin Bennett, of Mt. Airy. Mr. Bennett was in the three-man race before the county convention two years ago, although N. J. Martin, of Dobson, was the final nominee.

Although he has not announced, Henry Dobson, of Elkin, who served the county in the state legislature during the last session of the General Assembly, is expected to again be a candidate this year. Mr. Dobson has served two terms in this office.

Ben Jarrell, of Mount Airy, has announced for the legislature, but has not yet filed as a formal candidate, it is understood.

The state senator for the Surry-Stokes district this year will be chosen from Stokes county, and two candidates have already announced. They are Rev. O. H. Hauser, of Westfield, and W. F. Marshall, of Walnut Cove.

A. D. (Lon) Folger, congressman from the fifth district, will again be a candidate for re-election. At this date he faces no opposition in the primary, no other Democrat having announced for the nomination.

TAX VALUATION SHOWS INCREASE

Gain of \$300,000 Over Last Year Is Noted, Tax Collector Points Out

EXPECT MORE IN 1941

An increase of approximately \$300,000 in property value here has been shown in the 1940 listing over the total for 1939, according to Dixie Graham, city tax collector.

In 1939 the valuation was \$3,157,000 and in 1940 it is expected to reach \$3,450,000. Although tax listing for 1940 is over, the total figures have not been finally computed.

This increase is due in no small measure to the construction of the new plants of Chatham Manufacturing Company, which increased the valuation tremendously.

In 1941 it is expected that another several hundred thousand dollars will be added to the total valuation, due especially to the large number of homes being built and to be built by workers moving here to live while employed at Chatham due also to the large amount of machinery the blanket mills will install which were not included in the 1940 listing.

Cartomancy is the art of telling fortunes with playing cards.

Elkin Man Files For Congress On G. O. P. Ticket



Ottis J. Reynolds, young Elkin attorney pictured above, filed last Saturday as the Republican candidate for Congress from the fifth district. Mr. Reynolds was selected by the district executive committee. He is a native of Columbia and later moved to Roanoke Rapids with his parents where he graduated from high school. After he received his law degree he moved to Elkin where he has practiced his profession for a number of years. He is one of the most active of the younger Republicans in this section of the state.

Plan No Special Easter Services Here Next Sunday

No special Easter services are planned at the local churches for Sunday. A series of evangelistic services have been in progress at the Methodist church for the past week and these will come to a close with the evening service Sunday, Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour of worship new members will be received into the church. The pastor, Rev. Herman F. Duncan, will preach at both services.

At the 11 o'clock hour of worship Sunday morning at the Baptist church, E. C. James will be in charge of the services in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Eph Whisenhunt, who is conducting a revival service at Cherryville. At the evening service at 7:30, Rev. W. W. Lawton, a returned missionary to China, will preach.

The regular morning service will be held at the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock, with the sermon by the pastor, Rev. O. V. Caudill.

At the Pilgrim Mission the regular Sunday services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., with sermons by the pastor, Rev. W. P. Walker.

All churches of the town extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend the church of their faith or preference.

Mrs. W. C. Fields Passes Monday At Virginia Home

Mrs. Josye Jones Fields, 77, of Mouth of Wilson, Va., stepmother of Mrs. E. F. McNeer, of this city, passed away at her home Monday morning following an acute heart attack.

Mrs. Fields was the widow of the late Senator W. C. Fields, and was a direct descendant of Daniel Boone. She was the last surviving member of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jones, of Prather's Creek. She had many friends here, having frequently visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. McNeer here.

She is survived by two sons, Cam and Hoke Fields, of Mouth of Wilson, Va., two step-daughters, Mrs. E. F. McNeer, of this city, and Mrs. Beulah Fields Miller, of Sedgfield, Greensboro, and two stepsons, Will Fields, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Paul Fields, of Alleghany county. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Mouth of Wilson, Va. Those from here attending the service were: Mr. and Mrs. E. F. McNeer, Mrs. E. G. Chick, Mrs. Franklin Folger and Mrs. H. P. Graham. They were accompanied by Mrs. Beulah Fields Miller, of Sedgfield, and Mr. and Mrs. John Reich, of Statesville.

Mighty Air Attack Under Way On Nazi Sylt Island Base

Elkin Stores to Observe Easter Monday Holiday

In observance of Easter Monday, all stores and business houses in the town will be closed with the exception of drug stores and cafes, according to an announcement by Mrs. Franklin Folger, secretary of the Merchants Association. Business will be resumed Tuesday morning as usual.

NEW SYSTEM FOR PRIMARY

Legislature Changes Law in Regards to Registration for Elections

HAVE SEPARATE BOOKS

By W. A. Lucas, Chairman State Board of Elections

One of the far reaching changes in the election laws made by the 1939 General Assembly has to do with the setting up of a new system of registration in primary elections.

Heretofore, only the general election registration book has been used for both primaries and elections. Under the law there will be separate registration books for primaries and elections.

The voter will be entered on the primary registration book of the party of which he is a member and hereafter only the primary registration books will be furnished the registrars for the primaries.

There will be either a complete re-listing of voters or a new registration in each county in the state, as may be determined by the County Board of Elections of each county, at the meeting of such on Saturday, March 23rd.

In those counties in which a new registration is ordered the books will be open during the usual registration period before the May primary.

In the new registration the voter will be registered on the general registration book and also on the appropriate primary registration book in accordance with his party affiliation.

Independents will not be registered on any primary book.

In those counties in which a re-listing of voters instead of a new registration shall be ordered, the Chairman of the County Board of Elections, with such assistance as may be necessary, will begin on April 2nd to transcribe to new general registration, books the names of all persons shown by the poll books to have voted in the elections or primaries of 1936 and 1938.

A list of all names on the old registration books, not shown by the poll books to have voted, will be published or advertised and such as are thus published or advertised will have to appear during the regular registration period and show their right to remain registered. After the names have been re-listed on new registration books, separate primary registration books will be made by the County Election Board Chairman.

A new registration must be held in all precincts where the poll books of 1936 and 1938 cannot be found.

TWO RECEIVE MINOR HURTS IN CAR WRECK

Ivry Johnson, of Jonesville, and Arthur Harmon, of East Elkin, received minor lacerations and bruises Wednesday afternoon when their cars were in collision on the Elkin-Dobson highway about two and one-half miles east of here, the Harmon car turning over down a hill.

Insofar as it could be learned, the Harmon car was sideswiped by the car operated by Johnson.

ROME, MAR. 20—Premier Mussolini called into conference today Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, army chief of staff who is believed to be in direct command of the northern frontier. Nature of the meeting was not disclosed, but an informed source characterized it as "very important."

TONS OF BOMBS DROPPED; RAID IS IN REVENGE

Many British Planes Thought in Action

GERMANS DENY SUCCESS

First Raid Continues for 7 Hours, doing "Extensive Damage"

IS GREATEST OF WAR

Tonder, Denmark March 20.—The British attack on the German base on Sylt Island was resumed today apparently with violence almost equal to the great 7-hour raid of last night and this morning. Indications from the Danish coast, only a few miles from Sylt, were that British bombers were sweeping back and forth over the narrow island in six attacking units.

The sounds of exploding bombs rolled in over Denmark's coastal settlements, leading to belief that many planes were in action, although accurate determination was impossible.

Observers, unable to see clearly, judged the number of attacking units by the successive waves of bomb explosions accompanied by terrific anti-aircraft fire.

FIRST BOMBING

London, March 20.—Royal Air Force planes bombed Germany's heavily fortified Sylt Island air base for seven hours during the night and according to the air ministry, did "most extensive damage."

In the biggest raid of the war and one of the most persistent, the British planes dropped bombs on the long, narrow, North Sea coast island from 8 o'clock last night until 3 o'clock this morning.

The last of the raiding planes returned to base at 6:30 a. m. (12:30 a. m. e. s. t.), 10 hours and 30 minutes after the first bombs were dropped, it was announced.

GERMAN REPORT

Berlin, March 20.—Informed German sources today challenged the British announcement that last night's raid on the German island of Sylt was a big success, but admitted that it lasted from 8 p. m. till 2:40 a. m. (2 p. m. to 8:40 p. m. e. s. t.)

DNB, the official German news agency, described the British announcements as "propaganda action aimed at erasing the prevailing impression that the German raids on Scapa Flow (last Saturday) made not only on neutral countries but also in Great Britain."

The DNB report said that British had made no mention of violating Danish territory and dropping incendiary bombs over that country.

Announce Plans For High School Commencement

Plans for the commencement exercises of the high school were announced Wednesday afternoon. Due to the fact that the school auditorium is not being used at present, due to fire hazards, the exercises will be held in the churches.

Sunday evening, May 12, Rev. J. S. Hatt, superintendent of the Elkin district of the Methodist church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon in the Methodist church.

Thurmond Chatham, president of Chatham Manufacturing company, has accepted an invitation to deliver the literary address to the seniors, and this will be on the evening of May 14, in the First Baptist church.

Plans are underway for an outdoor class day exercise to be held on May 13, details to be worked out later.

There are 31 members in the senior class this year. A fire in a barn popped 15 tons of popcorn stored in the building.