

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

LOCAL
HIS CAR crowded off the road by a speeding motorist, Raymond Smith, night watchman for the Chatham Manufacturing company, received an icy bath Saturday night when his car tumbled down an embankment into Big Elkin creek as he was driving along the Shoe Factory road. Smith, who was uninjured, was said to have driven into the creek rather than meet the approaching car head-on.

STATE
CHAPEL HILL, March 27 — The tide has turned against the new deal, but "it is not strong enough yet," Senator Styles Bridges (R), N. H., told the University of North Carolina Political Union here last night. "Members of Congress still boast of being rubber stamps," declared the senator, himself a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination. "Are the members of Congress elected merely to give legality to the wishes of administration officials, or are they elected to represent the people who sent them to Washington?"

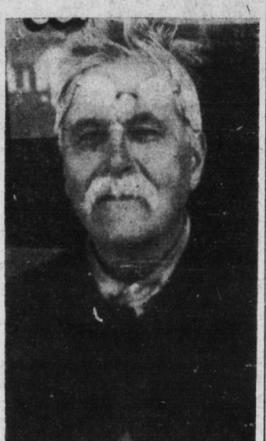
NATIONAL
BALTIMORE, March 27 — Lester Barlow's liquid oxygen-carbon explosive, so powerful an eight-ounce charge sent a 40-foot telephone pole flying skyward, withstood a public trial of shock and fire yesterday and the inventor announced last night he was ready for government tests. He said he would send his proposals for official trials to the Senate military affairs committee today and predicted the first would be held within three weeks. They were ordered after a meeting last week of congressional war and naval committees.

WASHINGTON, March 27 — President Roosevelt's cold was so much better yesterday that he considered leaving late this week for a fortnight's rest at Warm Springs, Ga. Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said the Chief Executive was "all right." The fever which had persisted for two weeks had subsided and Mr. Roosevelt's temperature was back to normal. But his physician, Rear Admiral Ross T. McIntire, still thought it best for the President to remain in his room, away from crowds.

WASHINGTON, March 27 — Possibility of new tax legislation this year appeared more remote last night despite the rout of congressional economy forces by farm bloc leaders who succeeded in tentatively boosting agricultural appropriations for 1941 by about \$300,000,000. Latest to join in pooh-poohing prospects for a new revenue act was Chairman Pat Harrison (D), Miss., of the powerful Senate finance committee, who predicted an emerging from a conference with President Roosevelt that Congress will adjourn by June 1 without enacting a tax measure.

INTERNATIONAL
LONDON, March 27 — Britain's North Sea destroyer and submarine squadrons converged in the rock-bound Skagerrak south of Norway yesterday apparently with the dual purpose of closing the blockade around Germany and luring the German fleet into a naval battle. Outward aim of the naval concentration was to halt Swedish iron ore shipments through the bottleneck between Denmark and the Scandinavian coast, but neutral naval observers believed it might serve a second purpose.
LONDON, March 27 — Jacob Souritz, Soviet ambassador to France, is being relieved of his duties on demand of the French government which accused him of attempting to send a "tactless" telegram to Josef Stalin boasting of Russia's triumph in Finland, a Moscow radio broadcast intercepted last night stated.

Yadkin Man Here For First Time In Two Decades



Prior to Tuesday of last week, J. A. L. Shermer, 74, of Yadkinville, above, hadn't been to Elkin in 22 years. Mr. Shermer, who was here on business, stated he just hadn't had any reason to come, and although he has lived only 17 miles away, he "didn't see any reason for coming without any reason for coming." He said that Elkin has changed so since he was last here that he wouldn't have recognized the town had he not known where he was. An able historian, the Yadkin man can name all 32 presidents of the United States, as well as give their birthplace, date of inauguration, and last words. — (Tribune Photo).

"MISS ELKIN" TO BE NAMED HERE

Loveliest Girl Will Be Crowned Beauty Queen at Lyric Theatre Tonight

WILL GET SCREEN TEST

Theatre goes in this section have a treat in store for them Thursday night when "Miss Elkin" will be selected and crowned on the stage of the Lyric theatre from a group of Elkin and Jonesville's loveliest young ladies.

The stage show will be presented in three parts, namely, the Junior King and Queen Revue, Amateur Acts, and the Beauty Pageant. The stage show will be presented immediately after the screen feature "The Honey Moon Is Over," featuring Stuart Erwin and Marjorie Weaver.

The Junior King and Queen Revue will be composed of Elkin's most attractive children between the ages of 3 and 10. The Junior Queen will enter her picture in the state picture contest to compete for the "Little Miss North Carolina" contest.

Due to the demand for little boys by Elkin merchants, the stage show will include a Junior King contest composed of little boys, one of whom will be selected Junior King. This carries only honor.

Amateur acts will be interspersed throughout the program and the winners will be invited to compete for state honors.

The highlight of the program will be the "Miss Elkin" pageant, composed of young ladies especially selected and sponsored by leading merchants, the object of which is to select a young lady to wear the crown of "Miss Elkin," and attend the state beauty pageant which will be held at Blowing Rock. While there the winner will be entertained by the United Cinema Productions at no expense to her, and she will compete for the title "Miss North Carolina." She will also be given a screen test which will be shown on the screen of the Lyric theatre at a later date.

Miss Ruby Crockett, representative of the United Cinema Productions, has been in town for the past week to organize the production. Mrs. Annie Pauls is assisting in the work. Mrs. Franklin Folger will be the musical accompanist.

Judges will be from out of town. First, second and third places will be given.

At the end of 1938, nearly 200 dependents of veterans of the Mexican War were receiving pensions, and one daughter of a veteran of the War of 1812 still receives her \$20 the month.

FARM CHECKS ARE RECEIVED BY SMITHWICK

Total About \$12,000 for Surry Farmers

SENT BY GOVERNMENT

Farm Owners Are Being Notified to Call at County Agent's Office

MUST CALL IN PERSON

Five hundred and fifteen checks have been received by Surry County Agent R. R. Smithwick for payment to 360 Surry farm owners, amounting to approximately \$12,000.

Mr. Smithwick requested that the farmers who are expecting to receive the checks await until notified by his office before calling for them. Those to whom the checks are issued are being notified as fast as possible, it was said, and upon receipt of the notice should call at the county agent's office between 9:00 a. m. and 12:00 noon on Saturdays, and between 9:00 a. m. and 2:00 p. m. on other days. The checks can remain in the Dobson office only 21 days and if not called for within that time must be returned to Washington, Mr. Smithwick said.

DR. ANSCOMBE TO SPEAK HERE

Will Be Second Prominent Speaker to Address Newly Formed Elkin Forum

THURSDAY, APRIL 4th

The second of a series of open forum meetings here will be held Thursday evening, April 4, at the Methodist church at 8 o'clock. Dr. Francis C. Ancombe of the department of history of Salem College, Winston-Salem, will conduct this forum, speaking on "The Relation of Rumanian Oil and North Carolina Tobacco," in which he will compare the dependency of each of the localities on the product produced there. This subject will be of wide interest locally, as this is in the tobacco belt of Piedmont North Carolina. The international phase of the subject will also be discussed. Following Dr. Ancombe's talk, opinions pertaining to the subject will be invited from the audience.

The first of the forum meetings, conducted by Dr. Ralph McDonald several weeks ago, was well attended, and the public is cordially invited to hear Dr. Ancombe.

The forum is sponsored by civic clubs of Elkin, and two other speakers are scheduled for the spring months.

TRIANGULAR DEBATES TO BE HELD FRIDAY

With the hope of going to Chapel Hill on April 18 and 19, Elkin debaters will go to Winston-Salem and Mount Airy Friday to compete with the teams for those towns in the annual triangular debate, competing teams acting as hosts, and each debating on neutral ground.

Hanes high school negative team and Mt. Airy affirmative will debate here at 1:30 Friday afternoon at the Methodist church. The audience attending the debate here is requested to refrain from applause, since the debate is being held in the church.

The subject for debate this year is: Resolved, That the Federal Government Should Own and Operate the Railroads.

Both affirmative and negative debates must be won by the school Friday to entitle the school to send its teams to the finals at Chapel Hill.

REPUBLICANS TO HOLD TOWNSHIP CONVENTION

The Elkin township Republican convention will be held Monday evening, April 1, at 7:30 o'clock in the Junior Order hall here on North Bridge street, for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention which will be held in the courthouse at Dobson on Saturday, April 6. At the time any other business which comes before the convention will be transacted.

All Republicans are urged to attend this meeting.

HONEYMOON ISLE Clinton M. Washburn, of St. Petersburg, Fla., recently broadcast an invitation to honeymooners all over the U. S. to make use of his romantic, sub-tropical island in the Gulf of Mexico for a two-weeks honeymoon. Some 2,000 couples sent in requests. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burkeft, who arrived with the first group, are pictured below in front of the thatched hut which they will occupy for two weeks.



Jonesville Mass Meeting to Be Held on April 15

Citizens of Jonesville will hold a mass meeting in the Jonesville Town Hall Monday, April 15, for the purpose of nominating candidates to be voted upon in the town election on May 6th. To be nominated are commissioners and mayor. Officials elected will serve two years.

CHATHAM MEN CLUB GUESTS

Kiwanians Stage "Get Acquainted" Banquet for Winston Officials

WILL BUILD NEW PARK

Officials of the Chatham Manufacturing Company, including those who have recently come to Elkin with the finishing and shipping department now located here, were guests of the Elkin Kiwanis club at a "Get Acquainted" banquet held at Hotel Elkin last Thursday evening.

Stacey Weaver, president of the club, extended a welcome on behalf of the organization, while Mayor J. R. Poindexter welcomed the new officials on behalf of the town. Rev. J. S. Hiatt also made a talk of welcome.

Thurmond Chatham, Albert Butler and Raymond Harris, of the Chatham company, responded, assuring the Kiwanians that they are anxious to do everything for the upbuilding of Elkin. Mr. Chatham extended thanks to The Tribune and the business men of the city for the warm welcome expressed in the Chatham edition of The Tribune, and stated that they were proud to be a part of the community.

Mr. Butler stated that they had let the contract for a new ball park, and that he was sure it would be welcome news that Elkin would have baseball again this year.

The program, which was enjoyed by all present, was in charge of Kiwanian C. C. Poindexter.

Each member of the Chatham organization present was introduced by Program Chairman Poindexter, and each Kiwanian was introduced by President Weaver.

J. E. SMITH DIES ON WEDNESDAY

Deceased Had Been in Ill Health from Heart Ailment for Months

WRITES THIS AFTERNOON

John Edgar Smith, 36, passed away at the local hospital about 7:30 Wednesday morning following an illness from a heart ailment. Mr. Smith had been in declining health for the past two months and his condition had been critical for two weeks.

He was a son of T. A. Smith and the late Mrs. Fannie Smith. For the past four years he had been employed with the Rose Transfer company.

He is survived by his wife, who was before her marriage, Miss Marie Gentry of Winston-Salem, one daughter, Rose Marie, his father, two brothers, Jones and Charlie Smith, and two sisters, Mrs. Arkie Long and Mrs. Mae Burcham, all of Elkin.

Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon (Thursday) at 3 o'clock, at Elkin Valley Baptist church. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

All the Books of the Bible contain no more than 6,654 different words.

Allies Hint Russia Is Now An Enemy As Relations Strained

Thieves Fail to Open Safe; Get Away With 75c

Thieves sometime Saturday night entered the White Swan laundry through a window, bored numerous holes in the door of the office safe, rolled the heavy iron box out to the door of the loading platform, and departed with 75 cents.

John Evans, an employee of the company, discovered the robbery attempt when he went to the plant Sunday. The thieves had taken 75 cents from the office cash register, but had given up opening the safe as a bad job.

A fingerprint expert called from Winston-Salem was unable to find any prints, nor do police have any clues, it was said.

So thoroughly did the robbers bungle the job, White Swan officials had to use a torch to open the safe. It contained approximately \$20.00 in silver.

FIREMEN ARE KEPT ON RUN

Home of John Summitt Is Completely Destroyed Saturday Night

ANSWER MANY ALARMS

Fire of undetermined origin last Saturday night between 7:30 and 8:00 o'clock completely destroyed the frame dwelling of John Summitt, an employee of the Elkin Furniture company, in North Elkin.

The family was not at home at the time of the blaze. The Elkin fire department, in answer to the alarm, was unable to reach the scene of the blaze until too late to save the house due to the fact the dirt road leading by the home was blocked by the cars of curious spectators.

One arrest was made when a young man drove through the traffic lights while they were on "stop" in an effort to reach the scene. This type of violation of the law, when all lights are on red during an alarm, will not be tolerated, police say.

A grass fire which started in Jonesville Friday afternoon, spread over 500 acres and had reached a heavily wooded section before being brought under control. The local fire department, powerless to cope with a fire of this magnitude, summoned CCC boys, who extinguished the blaze.

Saturday morning the firemen were called to the home of Graham Myers on Elk Spur street to extinguish a grass fire. The department also answered an alarm from the home of Mrs. W. S. Sale Monday night when a chimney caught fire.

TWO ARE INJURED IN CRASH HERE

Russell and Charlie Tucker, of near Elkin, received painful bruises and lacerations here last Saturday afternoon when the car in which they were driving crashed into the end of a concrete wall of the bridge across Big Elkin creek.

Rushed to the local hospital, the two were treated and kept overnight for observation, being dismissed the next day.

The car was badly smashed about the front. It was said that something went wrong with the steering gear, making it impossible to control the machine.

WILKES WOMAN HAS BADLY HURT FOOT

Mrs. Leona Blackburn Lowe, 20, wife of Relin Lowe, of the Roaring River community, suffered a bad injury to her right foot in an accident at her home Monday. It was said a shotgun fell from where it was standing against the wall, and discharged, the load striking her foot just below the ankle. Physicians at a North Wilkesboro hospital said she would probably lose the foot.

ROUTE TO REICH MAY BE BY WAY OF RED RUSSIA

Suggest New European "Crusade" Against Reds

BRITAIN HOLDS SHIPS

France Has All But Broken Off Diplomatic Relations With Moscow

SITUATION IS GRAVE

The allied powers hinted broadly again today that Soviet Russia must be linked with Germany as a common foe.

That the war route to the Reich may lead through Soviet territory has long been a contention of unofficial British and French circles, some of which have urged that Britain lead a new European "crusade" against the Bolsheviks.

That decisions involving the Moscow government may not be long postponed was indicated by these developments:

1. France all but broke off relations with Moscow by demanding and getting the withdrawal of Soviet Ambassador Jacob Souritz on the grounds that he tried to send a telegram to Moscow denouncing the "Anglo-French war mongers" in connection with the end of the war in Finland. It later appeared that the telegram merely was forwarding a resolution adopted by the Russian colony in Paris.

2. Great Britain continued—despite Russian protests—to hold two Soviet steamships at Hong-kong and was reported in dispatches from Shanghai to have seized a third, carrying copper from America.

3. The new French government of Premier Paul Reynaud, who denounced the "Soviet treason" in giving aid to Germany, was being used to strengthen its uncertain political position by stronger action against the Bolsheviks. Forty-four ex-deputies now are on trial in France and their prosecution may be pressed vigorously.

4. Both Paris and London have indicated through official or semi-official sources that the Allies would not hesitate to fight Soviet Russia (as in Finland) if the circumstances warranted and this attitude appears to have been bolstered by recent Nazi efforts to bring Russia and Italy into a bloc with the Reich to drive allied influence from the Balkans.

Those factors—especially the present strain on relations of the Allies with Russia and the allied efforts to cut into Pacific Ocean shipments via Siberia to Germany—might seem to indicate that the Paris and London governments were about to take up arms against the Russians to get to the Nazis by way of Russia. It is obvious that the British and French have taken the attitude that there is now no point in trying to improve relations with Moscow.

TO OPEN BID ON SHORT STRETCH OF ROAD HERE

Among a number of bridge and road projects in this section, bids on which will be opened by the highway department in Raleigh on April 4, is listed a project which provides for grading and structures on 1.69 miles of route 268 between the Wilkes-Surry line and Elkin. This section, it is understood will form a new link in the new route through Elkin which will carry traffic to Ronda and North Wilkesboro. Traffic is now routed over West Main street.

REGULAR SERVICES TO BE HELD BY BAPTISTS

Regular services will be held Sunday morning at the First Baptist church in this city at 11 o'clock. Rev. Eph. Whisenant, pastor of the church, who has been conducting a meeting at Cherryville, will fill the pulpit and will use for his sermon subject "My Church."