

## LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

### LOCAL

A LONG garage shed at the Elkin CCC camp was blown down Wednesday afternoon during a severe rain and wind storm, accompanied by hail, which also did considerable other damage about town. A car which was parked under the CCC shed was slightly damaged when the building collapsed. The high wind also blew down the camp flag pole. In town a number of trees were uprooted, gardens flattened out, and many residents reported they were kept busy "bailing out" their homes as the rain was forced under the doors. Some damage to telephone and power lines was reported. During the storm the rainfall was .61 inches, to bring to a total 3.05 inches since the intense heat of last week was broken with a rain which began late Monday afternoon and continued until Tuesday afternoon.

### NATIONAL

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30—President Roosevelt last night rejected the idea that the United States has been defeated in its efforts to maintain "liberal trade principles" and asserted that if it adopted "totalitarian control" over foreign trade it would be taking a step toward economic dictatorship. He called for "the closest possible economic co-operation with other countries, particularly with those of the Western Hemisphere," and said that course would safeguard the progress made under the trade agreement program.

NEW YORK, July 30—Alfred E. Smith, the Democratic presidential candidate a dozen years ago who took his first famous walk out of his party's convention in 1936, declared himself today for Wendell L. Willkie, the Republican standard bearer in this year's election. In a formal statement, the former governor of New York declared that "in my opinion, the recent so-called Democratic convention in Chicago sounded the death knell of the Democratic party."

### INTERNATIONAL

BERLIN, July 30—A note of reluctant admiration for Britain's stout resistance appeared today in the German press even while Nazi bombers renewed their deadly attacks on the island empire and the high command reported fresh destruction of British merchant shipping and men of war. Adolf Hitler's own Voelkischer Beobachter, which has published many a vitriolic attack on the British, conceded that the invasion "will be anything but a pleasant stroll through the countryside." "Englishmen and Scotsmen are not cowardly," said the paper, "and no doubt will defend themselves courageously."

BERN, Switzerland, July 31—(Wednesday)—Italian fighting planes and German-trained Italian troops were reported today to be massed alongside Nazi blitzkrieg forces for a part in the invasion of England. Italian sources in Switzerland said that plane-load after plane-load of parachute troops, veterans of battles in Ethiopia and Spain, have flown across France to take-off bases from the Bay of Biscay to the low countries facing the English channel and North sea.

LONDON, July 30—Great Britain yesterday drastically tightened her "strangulation" blockade of the axis powers by extending contraband control to the imports and exports of all Europe, including shipments from the United States, South America and the Far East. "We must now control not only shipping approaching the Mediterranean and the North Sea but all shipping crossing the Atlantic." It was stated by Minister of Economic Warfare Hugh Dalton who announced the contraband control extension before the House of Commons.

## SEEK VIEW OF ROOSEVELT ON CONSCRIPTION

Senator Byrnes to Take Problem to President

### REPUBLICANS OPPOSED

Some Democrats Also Feel That Draft Plan Is Not Yet Needed

### TO SEEK COMPROMISE

Washington, July 31—Sentiment for substantial modification of the selective compulsory military training bill increased today as Senate administration leaders sought the advice of President Roosevelt.

Senator James F. Byrnes (D-SC), one of the President's closest congressional advisors, indicated a willingness to carry the controversial issue to the Chief Executive after new deal supporters urged the step and Republicans demanded that the President state his views on the pending bill.

Mr. Roosevelt said at his press conference late yesterday that he still adheres to his earlier endorsement of the principle of compulsory military service, but sees no reason why he should go into details of the measure now before Congress.

Senator George W. Norris (Ind-Neb.), usually a loyal supporter of new deal policies but a foe of the draft bill, was one of those who urged Byrnes to take the lead in promoting a compromise. He and others who normally side with the administration were reported to feel that the President's request for authority to call out the National Guard for a year of intensive training is "more than sufficient for the nation's defense needs."

In its present form, the draft measure would require some 42,000,000 men between the ages of 18 and 64 to register for some form of military duty. Those between 18 and 45 would be liable for actual military service and the others would be drafted into "home defense units."

### HILLSBORO PASTOR IS ASSISTING IN REVIVAL

Rev. F. W. Frye of West Hillsboro, who is assisting Rev. Richard Day in a revival meeting at Poplar Springs Baptist church, will preach Sunday evening, August 3, at 7:45, at Swan Creek Baptist church.

The services, which have been in progress at Poplar Springs for the past ten days and which will continue through this week, have resulted in 36 conversions, with 21 being accepted into the church membership by baptism. Sunday morning, August 4, at 10 o'clock a baptismal service will be held near the church.

### CHURCH TO OBSERVE 100th ANNIVERSARY

Olin Methodist church, 15 miles north of Statesville, will observe its 100th anniversary with a homecoming day on Sunday, August 4. An interesting all-day program has been arranged, including special music by soloists and groups of singers. The service will begin at 11 o'clock and dinner will be served, picnic style, on the church grounds. A short program will feature the afternoon session.

All former pastors and members and all friends of the church are invited to attend and bring a picnic dinner.

### SURRY 4-H MEMBERS MAKE GOOD SHOWING

The Surry County members of the 4-H club who attended the annual Short Course at State College in Raleigh last week made a good showing, according to reports.

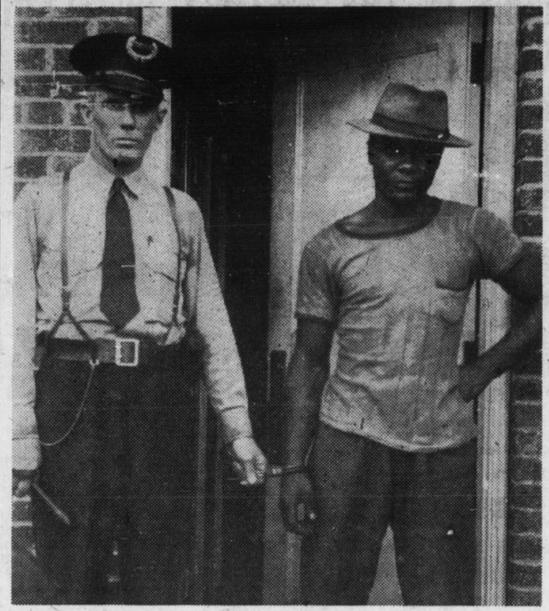
Bessie Collins took part in the Citizenship program in which Col. Harrellson of State College and Secretary of State, Thad Eure were the speakers.

Surry County Queen of Health, Bessie Comer of Elkin, Route 1, and Leslie Myers of Crutchfield, Health King, participated in the Health pageant, which was one of the highlights of the week.

Men are more easily sunburned than women.

## HELD FOR G-MEN

Wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on a charge of car theft, and by North Wilkesboro authorities on suspicion of robbery, James W. Hall, negro, was arrested here last week at the point of a gun by Chief of Police Corbett Wall, who is pictured below with his prisoner just before locking him up. The negro rode a passenger train to Elkin from North Wilkesboro, riding between the mail and baggage cars. He bears the reputation of being a "bad character." Following his arrest he was turned over to Wilkes police.—(Photo by Willie Bell.)



## Bids on School Here Must Be in By 2 P.M. Today

A request was issued Wednesday morning by County Superintendent of Schools John W. Comer, asking that all bids on the Elkin school building be in the superintendent's office at Dobson before 2 o'clock today (Thursday). A joint meeting of the county board of commissioners and the Surry board of education will be held during the afternoon at which time the contract for the building will be let.

## To Make First Mattresses At Dobson Friday

Mrs. Grace Pope Brown, Surry county home demonstration agent, said that the first of the Farm Security mattresses will be made Friday in Dobson. N. Y. A. girls will assist Mrs. Brown in doing this work and the first mattress will go to Nellie Mae Howell, N. Y. A. girl.

Twelve bales of cotton and 1200 yards of ticking have been received for use in the county and more is expected soon. Mrs. Tom Folger is supervising the making of the ticks.

Mrs. Brown said that only Farm Security families would be able to receive help in the mattress making during the week of August 5. The work for low-income farm families will begin as soon as the materials arrive from the Extension department. About 500 mattresses will be made in Surry county.

## CHURCH IS TO HAVE VACATION

### Methodists Will Have No Evening Services During This Month

### MR. FOX IS TO PREACH

Following the annual custom, there will be no evening service on Sundays and no Wednesday evening prayer service at the Methodist church in this city, during the month of August. Sunday school will be held as usual each Sunday morning at 9:45, and the regular morning hour of worship each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday morning, August 4, Rev. H. C. Sprinkle of Mocksville, a former pastor of the church, will preach at the 11 o'clock hour, and Sunday morning, August 11, at 11 o'clock, Rev. E. W. Fox, of Statesville, also a former pastor of the church, will preach. Both Rev. Sprinkle and Rev. Fox are supernumerated ministers of the Methodist conference.

Each Sunday evening during the month the Young Peoples' Division of the church will have their regular worship period at 7:15. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

### POWER TO BE OFF ONE HOUR SUNDAY MORNING

Due to the necessity of doing some work on the electric substation here, power over the entire system will be cut off Sunday morning for one hour, starting at 4:30 o'clock, it has been announced by D. G. Smith, manager of the local branch of the Duke Power Company.

It is hoped by the company that this interruption of service will work no hardship on anyone, the early morning hour having been decided upon with this thought in mind.

### Announce Clinic

A tuberculosis clinic, sponsored by the Surry county health department, will be held in Elkin August 19 through 24.

# Delay In Invasion of England Hinted As Italians Are Told That Early Attack Is Unlikely

## PROCLAMATION

In the interest of the Citizens of Elkin and Surry County, N. C., while traveling or walking on our streets and highways; as a memorial to those who have met with a violent death caused by the wheels of traffic; with a feeling of remorse to those who have been crippled for life by the same causes; as a tribute of thanks to those who are respecting the rights and lives of others by driving and walking safely, and with a plea to every human being in our city, county and state to do his or her part in making the streets and highways of North Carolina safer for everybody, and, therefore, we are preparing to set apart Thursday, August 8th, 1940, to be known and designated as SAFETY DAY to be observed by all of our Citizens, at which time in the afternoon of that day at 2:30 o'clock, P. M., there will be held in the streets of our City a Safety Parade, featuring a driverless safety automobile operated by remote control by Capt. J. J. Lynch, renowned safety crusader and lecturer, showing conclusively that automobiles are at all times safe and cannot have accidents. Therefore, I do urge all of our citizens and those of the surrounding country to attend this safety parade and to hear the Safety Lectures, which Safety Program is sponsored by the Police Department of the City of Elkin in the interest of the Safety of our people.

Submitted this 31st day of July, 1940.  
J. R. POINDEXTER,  
Mayor of Elkin, N. C.

## WOULD WEAKEN FOE BY BOMBS AND BLOCKADE

### Italian Troops Reported Moving to Aid Nazis

### INTENDED TO CONFUSE?

### Lightning Warfare Not Practical in British Case, Editor Writes

### SPANISH PLEA HEARD

Italy was told Wednesday that England probably will not be invaded until the British people are weakened by bombs and blockade. Even as Italian troops were reported moving up to the 800-mile German-held continental coastline to join the Nazi blitzkrieg veterans for the projected assault, Virginia Gayda, Fascist editor, cautioned his countrymen not to expect to attack immediately.

Whether his article, which appeared in Il Giornale d'Italia, actually spoke the mind of Premier Mussolini or was intended merely to confuse the British as to prospects for an immediate assault was a matter of speculation. Gayda nonetheless repeated what British military spokesmen and statesmen have long contended—that an invasion of the British Isles would not be a simple military advance.

That kind of lightning warfare which Germany demonstrated in Poland, Norway, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg and finally in France is not practical in Britain's case, said Gayda.

Instead, he wrote, the tactics of attrition must be used—constant air attacks to demoralize the population and destroy island defenses; attacks on ships bringing supplies to England, and a strong submarine blockade and a weakening of empire defenses in the Mediterranean.

On the other hand the belief that the blow might be struck at any moment was strengthened by reports from Vichy, France, that postal, telephone and telegraph communications had been suspended between German-occupied France and that part which is still free.

A plea which some observers took as an implication that Spain will try to stay out of the war was voiced in the Falangist newspaper Arriba de Madrid—a plea for help from the United States to put Spain back on her feet after her civil war.

### SURRY TO GET SIX NEW SCHOOL BUSES

Surry county school officials were notified Wednesday morning that six new school buses would be allotted to Surry county to replace buses considered unsafe for use.

Also in preparing for school opening, which has been set for September 9, 10,000 books for high school and grammar grades have been issued from the county superintendent's office.

## Law Regulates Distribution of Circulars Here

As a result of numerous complaints on the part of motorists and citizens here, a town ordinance prohibiting the placing of circulars or other advertising matter in cars or on lawns or front porches of homes, will be rigidly enforced from this date on, it was announced Wednesday by Mayor J. R. Poindexter.

It was stated that circulars or such advertising matter which is sent out to homes or business places, must be placed inside the door or not at all. No matter of this kind can be lawfully placed inside parked automobiles.

A fine provided in the ordinance will be invoked in cases of violation of this ordinance, Mayor Poindexter stated.

## SAFETY PARADE HERE THURSDAY

### Driverless Car to Be Operated on Elkin Streets in Safety Crusade

### TOWN IS COOPERATING

Due to the increasing number of highway and street fatalities in the nation as a whole, particularly in the state of North Carolina, Mayor J. R. Poindexter has set aside Thursday, August 8, to be known as Safety Day in Elkin. The Mayor expressed the hope that thousands of people in Elkin and nearby communities would come to Elkin on that day to witness a safety parade and hear safety lectures on the streets at 2:30 p.m. In this parade, the Mayor explained, an automobile, without a driver or a single occupant in the car, will be operated from a control car by Capt. J. J. Lynch, nationally known Safety Crusader. Similar demonstrations have been held in 37 of the 48 states and in foreign countries by Capt. Lynch to prove that if a driverless car can be made to obey traffic laws there is no reason why a similar car can not be operated safely by a driver. The demonstration is being held here with the hope that people will become more safety conscious.

Already the traffic deaths in the nation for the year have reached an alarming total, with the number of people injured in automobile accidents reaching a larger figure, and with the vacation season at hand, thousands of automobiles will crowd the highways, and it is with this in view that special emphasis is being placed on safe driving.

### FRUIT JARS ARE SOUGHT BY SCHOOL

J. Mark McAdams, superintendent of the city schools, requests that anyone in the vicinity of Elkin who has fruit jars which they will not use donate them to be used for canning food for the school lunchroom to be used during the coming school term. The canning will be done by Mrs. Myrtle Sprinkle, who is in charge of the lunchroom.

### HOLD REVIVAL AT OAK RIDGE CHURCH

Evangelist Wade Starling of Goldsboro is conducting a revival meeting at the Oak Ridge Church of God, near State Road. Services are held each evening at 7:30. All people, regardless of denominational affiliations, are invited to attend.

## Local Woman Knows Wife Of GOP Nominee

Mrs. Richard C. Collins, of this city, who was born and reared in Rushville, Ind., and who attended school there, recalls that Mrs. Wendell Willkie, wife of the Republican nominee for president, attended school at Rushville at the same time she did. Mrs. Willkie, the former Miss Edith Wilk, only lived there a short time, according to Mrs. Collins. Her father was a contractor and built the Rush county, Ind., courthouse at Rushville, and during the time of the construction of the building the family resided there.

While Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Willkie were not intimate friends, Mrs. Collins recalls that the former Miss Wilk was a charming young woman.

### SURRY FOLKS ATTEND FARM AND HOME WEEK

Among those from Surry county attending the Farm and Home Week at State College in Raleigh are: Mrs. Grover Wood of Dobson, Mrs. Howard Hardy of Siloam, Mrs. Chris Bunker, Mrs. Morgan Stanley and Miss Rebecca Allen.

Mrs. Chris Bunker will be presented a certificate for attending the annual Farm and Home program for four years. Mrs. Hardy received a similar award last year, which was the first honor of this kind won by a Surry resident.

County Farm Agent, R. R. Smithwick and Assistant agent, A. P. Cobb are also attending the meeting in Raleigh.

Mrs. Paul Brown, president of the County Home Demonstration clubs, will leave today (Thursday) for State College where she will attend the State Meeting of Home Demonstration clubs.

### CAFE RATINGS FOR SECTION ANNOUNCED

Ratings of local cafes have been released by Charles A. Butler, Surry sanitary inspector. Ratings in the order in which they appear in the report, are as follows:

Elkin: Abernethy's Pharmacy, B; Atlantic Cafe, C; Big Nickel Lunch, B; Bon-Ton Grill, A; Hotel Elkin, A; Greenwood Cafe, C; Palace Cafe, A; Riverside Cafe, B; Smithey's Cafe, B.

State Road: Mountain View Service, C; State Road Service, A.

Dobson: Capitol Cafe, C; Hot Lunch, B; Hotel Kenlin, B.

### THURMOND WOMAN DIES HERE FRIDAY

Mrs. Rose Calloway, 18, of Thurmond, died in the local hospital Friday from a brief illness. She is survived by her husband and an infant son.