

ALLIED ASSAULT GROWING IN FURY

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, April 18. — The house military affairs committee today killed legislation which would have forced 4-F draft registrants in non-essential industries into labor battalions for assignment to war jobs. Manpower officials have contended that the siphoning into essential industries of men physically disqualified for military service would go a long way toward alleviating the manpower shortage. Committee members, however, decided at an executive session that no legislation affecting manpower should be offered at this time. They argued that government agencies have ample authority to deal with the problem and that it is up to them to proceed without awaiting legislative sanction.

WASHINGTON, April 18. — American submarines, striking relentlessly against Japan's far-Pacific supply lines, have blasted 15 more enemy vessels to the bottom to raise their toll to 682 Jap ships sunk or damaged since Pearl Harbor, the navy revealed today. The latest bag — 11 cargo vessels, three tankers and an auxiliary repair ship — brought to 1,371 the number of enemy warships and merchantmen sunk by the torpedoes, shells and bombs of the United States fleet. Another 86 have been listed as probably sunk and 1,142 more as damaged. Submarines alone, have sent 532 to the bottom, probably sinking 36 more and damaging still another 114.

The stir over the correspondence between Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Representative Miller, Republican, Nebraska, was carried a step further on Tuesday when Miller assumed full responsibility for making it public and again called for the officer's presidential nomination by the GOP. "I take full responsibility for my act and ask that criticisms for it be directed entirely at me," said the first term Congressman in a statement inserted in the Congressional Record. Representative Bulwinkle, Democrat, North Carolina, had questioned the propriety of publishing the exchange. "I did this on my own initiative," Miller explained. "I did not consult the general." MacArthur in a statement Sunday denied any intent to criticize the administration in his two replies to Miller's letters and said he had not sought nor would he seek the Presidency.

INTERNATIONAL

LONDON, April 18. — The British advised the French people by radio today to store up as much food as possible in preparation for the allied invasion from the west because "the time is getting short," and the Germans told troops of the vaunted "Atlantic wall" to prepare for "zero hour." The worldwide guessing game on the invasion date intensified sharply in the wake of Britain's sudden extension of censorship to the traditionally immune diplomatic pouches, but the answer remained a priceless military secret guarded by the allied command alone. Upon only one point did there appear to be agreement: that the unprecedented British step quarantining the world's diplomats here meant that as "D-day" itself approaches the allies will invoke every measure possible to safeguard the lives and preserve the element of surprise even at the risk of bruising the feelings of individual countries.

Swimming Pool Here Under Construction Gilvin Roth Y.M.C.A.

\$25,000 GIVEN BY CHATHAM; TO BE SIZE 40 X 96

Located On West Side of The Gymnasium

PROJECT IS APPROVED

To Be of Concrete and Tile Construction and Completely Modern

PLAN FILTER PLANT

T. C. McKnight, general secretary of the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A. has announced that construction has already begun on a modern swimming pool to be constructed on the west side of the Y. M. C. A. building, with its completion expected by July 1.

This addition to the Y. M. C. A. property was made possible by a gift of \$25,000 from the Chatham Manufacturing Company to the Y. M. C. A. organization, to be used for this purpose.

According to Mr. McKnight, the pool will be 40 feet wide by 96 feet in length, inside measurement, and will be thoroughly modern in every way with reinforced concrete construction, lined with tile. It will have complete filtering and chlorinating equipment. Plans and specifications have already been approved by the State Board of Health.

Present shower facilities of the Y. M. C. A. will be used by patrons of the swimming pool.

Cafes and Hotels Are Given Ratings

The following ratings for Elkin cafes and other eating establishments have been released by the board of health. Ratings, in the order in which they appear on the report, follow:

Bon-Ton Grill, A; Smithy's, B; Turner Drug Co., B; Abernethy's, B; Elk Pharmacy, B; Home Hotel Dining Room, C; Atlantic Cafe, C; Eat Quick Lunch, C; Victory Cafe, C; Dutch Castle, C.

Ratings for local hotels, dining rooms not including, were announced as follows: Home Hotel, B; Hotel Elkin, B.

The State Road Cafe, State Road, was given a rating of B, as was the Kenlin Hotel dining room, of Dobson. The Kenlin Hotel, dining room not included, was also given a rating of B.

Surry Selectees Go To Camp Croft 13th

Selective service registrants who were called for pre-induction examination on April 13, have been released by Local Board No. 2, in Dobson.

Two of the registrants listed, Raymond Johnson of Rusk, and Claude E. Fincham of Elkin, failed to report. Selective service officials state that these men must present reason immediately to the local board for their failure to report, or be reported to the District Attorney.

In the group which left on Thursday Robert Horton Transou, of this city, was leader and assistant leaders were Lester Holloway, William E. Davis, Raymond Parker and John W. Denny, Jr.

The call included: John Buford Hayes, Rt. 1, Elkin; John Benjamin Shore, Rt. 1, Siloam; Lester C. Holloway, Elkin (volunteer); Paul B. Johnson, Rt. 4, Mount Airy; John Walter Lowery, Rt. 1, Aaratt (vol.);

Cherry Manager



Gregg Cherry headquarters in Raleigh have announced that W. F. Woodruff, above prominent Mount Airy business man, has been named manager of the Surry county campaign for Gregg Cherry, Democratic candidate for governor. Mr. Woodruff plans to open a county Cherry-for-Governor campaign headquarters at an early date and will direct a vigorous campaign.

MANY MEN ARE RECLASSIFIED

Large Number Are Placed In Over 38-Year Age Group By Board No. 2

NUMBER ARE PUT IN 1-A

A large number of men have been reclassified by the Surry county draft board No. 2, with a majority of them being taken from class 3-A-H (over 38) and being put in class 1-A-H (available for military service if not for fact over 38 years old). A number of men were also put in Class 1-A (available for military service).

The list follows: From Class 3-A-H to 1-A-H: Virgil W. Luffman, David C. Whitt, Treely G. Blevins, Oliver C. Caudle, Carl S. Marshall, John W. Edmonds, Harvey R. Cummings, Roy T. Stone, Cletus B. Welborn, James E. Lawrence, Benjamin H. Thompson, William F. Harris, Claude Oliver, Canie Lawson, John W. Wolfe, Frank R.

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COUNTY-WIDE CONVENTION ON APRIL 29

Democrats To Map Plans For Campaign

PRECINCT MEETINGS

Elkin Township Democrats To Hold Mass Meeting Friday Evening

TO SELECT DELEGATES

Plans for the approaching 1944 political campaign in Surry county will be mapped in a series of meetings scheduled between the present time and April 29, with the first meetings to be precinct gatherings on Saturday, April 22, followed by the county-wide convention at Dobson on Saturday, April 29. Meetings will begin at 2 o'clock.

Both the precinct meetings and the county meeting were scheduled by R. C. Lewellyn, chairman of the Surry county Democratic executive committee. He has called on the party leaders in all of the county's 18 precincts to attend the precinct meetings and help with the plans for the county gathering.

Mr. Lewellyn has asked party members throughout the county to elect precinct committees of at least five members with at least two additional members taken from the ranks of service men.

Each precinct is asked to select a delegation to attend the county-wide meeting at Dobson, which will feature the election of a county chairman, along with one or more vice-chairmen and a secretary to serve for the next two years. Delegates will also be named to represent Surry at the state convention at Raleigh on May 4.

Elkin's precinct meeting will be held at the City Hall here on Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. W. M. Allen, chairman of the Elkin township executive committee said Wednesday. Everyone is urged to attend.

PRISONERS ARE ALL CAPTURED

Men Who Made Break From Yadkin Prison Camp Are Quickly Rounded Up

DOBBINS ONE OF GROUP

All eight of the white prisoners who escaped from the State prison camp near Enon, Yadkin county, Tuesday, have been recaptured.

Among the men who disarmed a guard, forced him, a foreman, a truck driver and a highway engineer into the woods and tied them up with their own clothes and then escaped in the engineer's car, was Johnny Dobbins, who was convicted along with Harvey (Pee Wee) Pardue for the robbery of the Mrs. Bessie Myers store and filling station near Cycle in December of 1942.

Others in the group included Bynum Robertson, 23, of Winston-Salem, who was serving 6 to 10 years for robbery with firearms; Henry Kennedy, Thomasville, serving 15 years for second degree murder; Howard Saunders, 17, Wilkes county, serving six years for larceny of a truck and assault with a deadly weapon; Kelly Aldridge, Durham, 12 to 15 years for robbery with firearms; Ballard Martin, Hickory, 15 years for attempt to commit rape; Howard Ray, High Point, breaking and entering, and Pink Ogle, 61, Feversville, Tenn., five to seven years for breaking and entering, larceny and receiving. Dobbins is serving a sentence of 10 to 15 years.

Following the capture of the men, highway officials expressed their thanks to law enforcement officials in Forsyth and other counties for helping catch them. They said that cooperation was 100 per cent.

Wins Award



Claude Farrell, president of the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce, was presented the annual Jaycee Award for outstanding citizenship at a meeting of that organization Monday evening at the Y. M. C. A. The award was presented by T. C. McKnight, general secretary of the "Y."

C. H. FARRELL IS MAN OF YEAR

Receives Coveted Junior Chamber Award At Meeting At Y.M.C.A. Monday

OBSERVE LADIES' NIGHT

At a meeting of the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce held at the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A. Monday evening, Claude Farrell, president of the organization and a merchant of Elkin, was presented the annual Jaycee award for outstanding citizenship for the past year. Selection of Mr. Farrell for this honor was made by a committee of three local citizens who are not members of the Junior Chamber.

The award last year was won by Hubert Parker.

Presentation of the medal was made by T. C. McKnight, who paid tribute to the work of Mr. Farrell and the Jaycee organization. Mr. McKnight, incidentally, was the winner of a similar award while a citizen of Kannapolis, before coming here to become general secretary of the local Y. M. C. A.

The meeting was observed as ladies' night, with 100 per cent attendance. Jaycee Paul Royall welcomed the ladies.

Van Dillon was program chairman of the meeting, recognizing Charlie Weaver, the first president of the Junior Chamber, who presented Mr. McKnight.

Homer Edwards recognized Jaycee Roscoe Poplin, who leaves within a few days to enter the navy.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Laffoon.

To Close For Half Day Here Each Wednesday

At a meeting of Elkin merchants held at the City Hall last Friday morning, it was decided to close a majority of Elkin business establishments each Wednesday afternoon beginning Wednesday, May 17 and continuing through September 13.

A majority of the stores and other business houses will close at 12 noon; however two business houses, W. W. Whitaker and Moseley & Reece will not close until 1 p. m. All local beauty shoppes will be closed all day on Wednesdays.

The closing hours will not be observed by drug stores, cafes, and hardware stores. Department stores, ten-cent stores, auto supply stores, garages, jewelry stores, furniture stores, grocery stores, shoe shops, barber shops and service stations, will close.

Continent Hit From Coast To Berlin By Hundreds Of Planes

Elkin Has Four Of Surry's Five Grade A Markets

Of the five meat markets in Surry county receiving a grade "A" rating in the most recent report by the health department, four are located in Elkin.

The local markets to be given the top rating are The Basketeria, Mrs. J. A. Roberts Grocery, Cash & Carry and Smithy's.

Other markets in the county, in addition to C. R. Mosley, of Mount Airy, which was graded "A," received "B" and "C" ratings, including Reid's Market and Hill's Market, both of Dobson, which were rated "B," and State Road Grocery, of State Road, which received a "C" rating.

REDS SMASH AT SEVASTOPOL ON SEVERAL SIDES

Crush Last Axis Resistance In Crimea

LAST OUTPOST IS TAKEN

Naval Base Is Described As Inferno From Soviet Planes and Guns

MANY NAZIS TRAPPED

London, April 19. — A 2,000-plane American air fleet sent the pre-invasion offensive to smash the Luftwaffe into its second straight day today with a six-pronged attack on Central Germany after 1,000 R. A. F. bombers hit Europe from the French Coast to burning Berlin in possibly the heaviest assault of the war last night.

Up to 1,000 American Flying Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by an equal number of fighters, battled their way through a screen of intercepting German planes at mid-morning to drop their block busters and fire bombs on fighter plane factories at Kassel and five aircraft parks to the southeast and northwest.

Hardly had the formations of American heavyweights returned to their bases, than swarms of American Marauder medium bombers crossed the fogbound Dover Straits and attacked military objectives along the French invasion coast. American, British, New Zealand and Allied fighters escorted and covered the Marauders.

Still other formations of Allied aircraft crossed the southeast coast early this afternoon, bringing the triple-edged offensive designed to cripple German air power, snarl railway communications and wreck coastal defenses in advance of the opening of a western front to its highest pitch of intensity.

Moscow, April 19. — Two Russian Armies stormed Sevastopol

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DROWNING SAID CAUSE OF DEATH

Traphill Man Found Dead Last Thursday With Head In Spring

FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY

Lonnie McGrady, 44, drowned Thursday night near his home in the Traphill community, Wilkes County. I. M. Myers, said after an investigation of his death.

On the basis of information obtained from the wife of the deceased, Coroner Myers came to the conclusion that McGrady died of accidental drowning while in an intoxicated condition. Mrs. McGrady said that her husband left the home Thursday evening, saying that he was going up on the ridge to watch for some people whom he suspected were going to do him harm. He was intoxicated when he left, she said.

Early Friday morning Mrs. McGrady found her husband's body in the spring. The position of the body indicated that he had fallen into the spring and his head was between stones in the back of the spring, according to Coroner Myers.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Jay Conway McGrady, and two brothers, M. D. and J. S. McGrady, of Joynes.

Funeral services were held Sunday at old Roaring River church, near Traphill.

MEETS DEATH IN ACCIDENT

Surry Man Electrocuted At State Road When He Touches Charged Cable

RITEs HELD WEDNESDAY

Walter Andrew Richardson, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Richardson, of State Road, was almost instantly killed on Monday about 6 p. m., when he picked up a wire which had been knocked against a transformer when a frightened horse ran into the guy wire that held a power pole.

The tragedy occurred almost directly in front of the State Road post office. He was brought to the local hospital but was pronounced dead upon arrival.

There were at least two persons said to have witnessed the accident.

The young man was an employee of Elkin Lumber and Manufacturing Company here, having accepted a position with them about three weeks ago. He was a brother of Lewis Richardson, who it will be recalled, shot and killed his sister, Edith, and himself, with the same gun in late October, 1942.

He is survived by his parents; five sisters, Mrs. Sarah Ann Adams, Mrs. Frank Rycroft, Annie Mae and Myrtle Richardson, State Road; Mrs. Lucy Money, Cycle, and one brother, Eugene Richardson, of State Road.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Elkin Valley Baptist church, in charge of Rev. J. L. Powers. Interment was in the church cemetery.

FILING TIME COMES TO END

Democrats and Republicans of Surry Have Candidates In Field

HAVE NO OPPOSITION

Surry county office seekers on both sides of the political fence appeared ready for action and without opposition within their own parties as the time for filing for office ended Saturday at 6:00 o'clock.

Arthur Fulk, of Pilot Mountain, chairman of the Surry board of elections, said Wednesday afternoon that candidates filing in the county were as follows:

Democrats — for board of commissioner: M. Q. Snow, Elkin; S. M. Smith, Pilot Mountain, and R. P. Jones, Mount Airy.

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