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LIEUT. GRAHAM SAID MISSING

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Graham Notified Son Missing Since April 11

THUNDERBOLT PILOT

Second Lieutenant William B. (Billy) Graham, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Graham of this city, has been reported missing in action since April 11, according to a message received by his parents from the War Department on Tuesday evening. No details were given in the message, which stated that further information would be forwarded as soon as received.

Lieut. Graham volunteered for service in January 1943, while a sophomore at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, and received his wings and commission at Aloe Army Air Field, Victoria, Texas, October 4, 1943. He was transferred after his graduation to Dale Mabry Field, Florida, where he was stationed until going overseas in January of this year.

He was in the New Guinea area at the time he was reported missing, and had been there since he had been overseas. He was pilot on a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter plane.

Lieut. Graham is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Graham. A brother, H. P. Graham, Jr., is a former lieutenant in the army, having been honorably discharged several months ago after service in the Alaskan area. His one sister is Mrs. LeGrande Johnson, whose husband, Lieut. Johnson, is in England.

CONVENTION AT DOBSON APR. 29

W. A. Neaves Is Announced As Co-Chairman For Cherry In Surry

HOLD PRECINCT MEET

Democrats of Surry county will meet at Dobson Saturday at 2:00 p. m. to elect a county chairman, one or more vice chairmen, and a secretary to serve for the next two years. Delegates will also be named to represent Surry county at the state convention to be held in Raleigh on May 4.

With the time for filing ended, both parties of the county have a full slate of candidates in the field, with the exception of coroner. Neither party has announced a candidate for that position, but should the need arise, a coroner may be appointed by the county board. None of the county candidates face any opposition within their own parties.

W. A. Neaves, of Elkin, has been appointed as co-chairman of Surry for the Gregg Cherry campaign for governor. Mr. Neaves will serve with W. E. Woodruff, of Mount Airy, whose appointment was announced last week.

At a meeting of Elkin township Democrats, held at the City Hall here Friday evening at 8:00

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RUSSIANS LAUNCH NEW OFFENSIVE

SCHOOL FINALS TO BEGIN HERE SUNDAY, MAY 28

Dr. Stokes To Preach Baccalaureate Sermon

CLASS DAY MAY 29TH

Judge Johnson J. Hayes Will Deliver Commencement Address

AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Plans have been completed for the commencement exercises of the city schools, which will begin on Sunday evening, May 28, with the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. J. L. Stokes, II, pastor of the Methodist church, at 8:30 o'clock at the elementary school auditorium.

Monday morning, May 29, at 10:30 the Class Day exercises will be held.

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of Greensboro and North Wilkesboro, will deliver the commencement address at the graduating exercises on Monday evening, May 29, at 8:30. This program will also be held at the elementary school auditorium.

Members of the senior class are: Nancy Harris, Mable Leep-

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LATE NEWS IN BRIEF From the State and Nation

STATE

HICKORY, April 25.—Uncle Charlie Bagby, veteran Hickory attorney, today voluntarily appeared as counsel for a negro bog charged with stealing money from Bagby's own home. When the negro, a juvenile, tried to act as his own counsel, Uncle Charlie asked court permission to represent the defendant, who was accused by Mrs. Bagby. "In 30-odd years of married life," said Bagby, "this is the first time I've ever had a chance to cross-examine my wife." Asked, after court, how his wife liked it, the lawyer chuckled: "Well, I'm not going home for dinner!"

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The fight of North Carolina milk producers against a feared reduction in the amount of the government subsidy program for southeastern dairymen resulted in success today as government officials announced that the subsidy would be slightly increased for the 11 months starting May 1. The fight to hold the subsidy program was led by Rep. R. L. Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, and the Tar Heel delegation assisted by interested dairy organizations and farm groups. Doughton said economic stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson had informed him the newly adopted schedule involved payments of 65 cents a hundredweight of milk produced for four months and then 90 cents for the next seven months.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, April 25.—A sharp decline in occupational deferments granted to non-fathers during March and a heavy increase in 4-F classifications were reported to the house military committee today by selective service officials. Action of local draft boards in handling occupational deferment requests. Col. Francis V. Keesling, Jr., informed the committee, reflected "the immediate response to

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ELKIN JAYCEES WIN HONORS

Pictured below are members of the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce, who at the state convention in Winston-Salem last week, were awarded first place in the fourth quarter contest for the most outstanding project, winning over Charlotte and Greensboro. Claude Farrell, president of the local organization, was also winner of the distinguished service award as North Carolina's most outstanding young man of the year. Pictured left to right, front row: Alex Biggs, treasurer; Dr. M. O. Fox, second vice-president (holding outstanding project award); Charlie Weaver, and Walter Metz, secretary. Second row: Van Dillon, Jr., H. W. Thompson, E. E. Shore, Ted Brown, Bob Lankford, Herbert Cochrane, Stauber Flynt, and Paul Royall. Third row: Julian Elmore, Glenn Lewis, Homer Edwards, Reece Gilliam, Tom Phillips, John Sagar, and Dr. Seth M. Beale. Back row: Roscoe Poplin, Graham Myers, Vance Byrd, James Shore, Fleet Mathis, Sam Boose, Sam Neaves, Tat Davis, Bill Freeman, Clyde Carroll. Several members were unable to be present when the picture was made. A number of members are now in the armed services.—Photo by T. A. Redmon.



Honor Elkin Jaycees At State Convention

FACES 3 COUNTS FEDERAL COURT

Fred Turner, Yadkin Man, Alleged to Have Injured Soldier In Chase

Fred Turner, of Yadkin county, charged with having run down a highway patrolman and struck a soldier during a chase in which he allegedly was attempting to evade arrest, is to be tried on three charges of violation of the Federal revenue laws in U. S. District Court which convenes Monday at Winston-Salem.

The first alleged violation was on December 6, 1943, when he was arrested near Walkertown on a charge of hauling 84 gallons of non-tax paid whisky. The second charge grew out of events which occurred January 21, this year, when he was arrested on Highway 421 near the Yadkin River bridge. It is alleged he was hauling 90 gallons of liquor, and that in his effort to escape he made an effort to run down Patrolman E. L. Smith, and later ran his car through a convoy of soldiers, striking one of the cars in the convoy and injuring a soldier.

Turner's third and last arrest occurred March 16 when a car driven by him was seized by a Winston-Salem police. He escaped at the time but was later arrested in Wilkes county. He was said to have had 18 gallons of liquor in the car at the time.

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Claude Farrell Distinguished Service Winner

The Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce won high honors at the North Carolina State Junior Chamber of Commerce convention at Winston-Salem last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, by taking first place in the contest for the fourth quarterly award for an outstanding project; winning second place in the best Jaycee publication contest, and by having its president, Claude Farrell, receive the Distinguished Service Award as the outstanding young man of North Carolina for 1943-44.

President Farrell's state honor is similar to that he recently received locally as Elkin's man of the year.

The fourth quarterly award for an outstanding project was won over competition by Greensboro and Charlotte, and was awarded for the part the local Jaycees played in participating in the Annual Farmers' Night program held here in March. Greensboro's entry concerned their collection

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Sugar Registration To Be Held On May 1 And 2

The only registration for canning sugar to be held this year will be staged Monday and Tuesday, May 1-2, Charles Poplin, secretary to the Elkin ration board, has announced.

Places of registration have been announced as follows: ration board office, North Elkin school, Mountain Park school and Little Richmond school. Hours at the local board office for registering have been announced as 9:00 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. on each of the

Business and Professional Men To Meet

A mass meeting of Elkin business and professional men has been called for this morning (Thursday), at 10 o'clock at the City Hall, for discussion of a matter of vital importance to the town. All business and professional men are urged to be present.

AIR ATTACK IS COSTING LIVES

Eleven-Day Period Nets Loss of 2,300 Airmen and 324 Planes

PRELUDE TO INVASION

London—The 11-day-old assault on Hitler's continental fortress, the world's greatest sustained aerial bombardment, has cost the Americans and Britons 2,300 airmen.

It has cost 324 planes, valued at millions of dollars.

The Allied Command considers this loss—slightly more than 1 per cent of over 23,000 attacking aircraft of all types—a reasonable price for the destruction of 700 fighters out of the enemy's precious front line strength, and for damage to Axis air plants, fields, rail junctions and coastal fortifications which may knock months off the war.

Of the 2,300 missing airmen most are believed to be prisoners of war and interned for the duration in neutral Sweden and Switzerland. The Allied Command estimates that a small proportion of the 2,300 was killed or wounded, but this estimate does not include

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PROCEDURE FOR SOLDIER VOTING

Soldier May Apply For Absentee Ballot or Family May Do So

INFORMATION IS GIVEN

The correct procedure for enabling a member of the armed forces to vote in the coming primary and the general election in November, was outlined Wednesday by R. A. Freeman, Jr., chairman of the Surry county board of elections.

Two routes are open to the man or woman in service. The soldier may apply by letter or card to the chairman of his county board of elections or the secretary of state, or an immediate member of his family (husband or wife, brother, sister, parent or child), may sign application blank to the chairman of the county board of elections by mail or in person. Absentee ballots will then be sent to the soldier in question.

Only members of the armed forces may vote by absentee ballot in the primary. Mr. Freeman said. He also stated that the one application for an absentee ballot will be sufficient for both the primary and the general election.

Surry Court Holds Session At Dobson

Surry criminal court convened in Dobson Monday before Judge J. H. Clements, with a calendar showing only three days of mostly run-of-the-mill cases, featuring drunkenness, violations of the prohibition and traffic laws, and assault and battery.

No important cases of any local interest were docketed, and the session was expected to adjourn Wednesday afternoon or Thursday.

Corbett Wall, Elkin chief of police, said Wednesday that a number of minor cases from this section which were originally scheduled for trial, had been called off because the various defendants had since entered the armed forces.

MOVE FORWARD ON WIDE FRONT REPORTS STATE

Are Planning to Drive On Into Germany

AIMS ARE DISCLOSED

Heavy American Bombers Raid Main Nazi Airbase At Brunswick

HIT INVASION COAST

London, April 26.—The Red Army has launched an attack on a broad front in Southern Russia from the Carpathians to the Black Sea, German and Romanian reports said today.

The Red Army intends to drive into Germany in a mighty continuation of its 1944 offensive to finish off Adolf Hitler's legions and bring about the Nazis' capitulation in close collaboration with the Allies, an authoritative Soviet war review said.

The review, broadcast by the Moscow radio, declared that 500,000 Axis troops had been slain or captured and enormous booty swept up in less than two months on the lower Russian front, without counting the Crimea. Since last summer the Red Army has liberated more than 65,000 localities and more than 310,000 square miles of territory, the review added.

London, April 26.—Nearly 500 heavy bombers of the United States Eighth Air Force spearheaded the 10th straight day of the pre-invasion assault on western Europe today with a raid on Brunswick, main German air base guarding the approaches to Berlin.

The Berlin radio said the American bombers sweeping deep into Germany were engaged in violent air battles, and struck in force at Osnabruck as well as Brunswick, 100 miles to the east.

Strong formations of fighter planes flew with the heavy bombers attacking Germany for the third straight day, comprising a task force of well over 1,000 planes.

Hundreds of Allied medium, light and fighter-bombers swarmed across the channel in relays to maintain the assault on the section of Germany's "Atlantic wall" across the rock of the channel.

Thunderbolt, Lightning and Mustang fighters in strong force escorted the big bombers striking at Brunswick, 120 miles west of Berlin in the heart of the region noted for its heavy German fighter opposition.

YMCA SUMMER CAMP PLANNED

Second Annual Camp Season Will Open On June 2 For Boys Group

GIRLS CAMP JUNE 12TH

The second annual Y. M. C. A. summer camp will be held at Silver Pines Camp at Roaring Gap this year, under the sponsorship of the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A. here.

The camp for boys will open on June 2 and continue through June 12. The younger girls session will be held from June 12 to June 19, and the high school girls from June 19 to June 26.

Application blanks may be obtained from the Y. M. C. A. Rates for the ten-day session for boys are \$14.00 and for the one-week session for girls, \$10.00.

A splendid leadership group has been selected for the camp, according to T. C. McKnight, Y. M. C. A. secretary. The Silver Pines camp equipment will be used for the campers, in addition to a supply of boats and kayaks.

TOBACCO Tobacco rows should be ridged at each cultivation so that the plants may continue to develop new roots, say Extension agronomists at State College.