

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

STATE

SALISBURY, Feb. 6 — Dr. Forest Witten, of Salisbury, today announced that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of North Carolina, subject to the party's primary. Dr. Witten's announcement comes as the first since the Republican party recently declared its intention of holding a statewide primary for the nomination of candidates. Another candidate expected to announce presently is John B. Hoffman, Burlington attorney, who is a native of Guilford county. Already there are six candidates in the field for the Democratic nomination.

RALEIGH, Feb. 6 — Willis Smith, Raleigh attorney, announced tonight he would not be a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in the May primary. He was the fifth to withdraw from the race after having been mentioned as a possible candidate. In a formal statement he said he had "reached the conclusion that I should not at this time abandon my business and professional contacts and neglect my personal associations to enter this race."

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 — Vice-President Garner cast his first vote in the senate in almost six years today and thereby helped economy advocates win a half-line victory. Garner struck his blow for lower expenditures by breaking a 34-34 tie on the first of a series of proposed amendments stripping \$1,178,739 from the amount the house had voted for the civil aeronautics authority.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 — Earl Browder, the American communist leader under a four-year federal prison sentence, was overwhelmingly defeated for Congress today in a special election in which for two reasons he had no right to vote. The winner was M. Michael Edelstein, a Tammany Democrat who pledged support of the new deal and was described by other party leaders as having the blessing of President Roosevelt.

INTERNATIONAL

PARIS, Feb. 6 — A campaign for widespread allied military aid for Finland gained momentum in the French parliament today as the shipment through France of 50 carloads of Italian-made airplanes for the Finnish army was disclosed. Premier Daladier's own radical-socialist party called upon the government to give Finland all the help needed to "fight and win" her war against Russia. The definite defeat of the soviet aggression against Finland "will hurt our enemies in their military power as well as in prestige," a radical-socialist resolution declared. This coincided with similar demands in the French press.

HELSINKI, Feb. 6 — Guided by the snow-reflected glare of hundreds of campfires, Finnish warplanes tonight bombed massive red army infantry concentrations before the Mannerheim line after repelling soviet tanks and manpower which broke five times in futile assault against a single Finnish base.

Joseph Tucker

Joseph Tucker, 88, died at the home of a son, M. M. Tucker, near Cana, early Friday morning after a two-day illness. Mr. Tucker had lived in Winston-Salem until 10 years ago when he joined his son in Yadkin. One other son, George Tucker, and three grandchildren survive. He was a member of the Junior Order and of Wauhtown Baptist church. The funeral was held at the church Saturday afternoon and burial was in the church cemetery. Rev. J. F. Carter conducted the services.

JUDGE BOBBITT WILL PRESIDE AT FEB. COURT

Small Docket Will Greet New Judge Here February 26

JURY DRAWN MONDAY

Judge William H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, will preside over the February term of Yadkin criminal court which convenes here February 26. The docket for the term is composed of the more serious offenses, but the docket is not large. Solicitor A. E. Hall will prosecute the docket.

A jury was drawn Monday for the term and they are as follows: G. A. Dixon, W. L. Denney, J. J. Holcomb, W. I. Vanhoy, Leo M. Davis, C. B. Benton, A. L. Burgess, E. E. York, L. A. Ruppard, George H. Murphy, H. S. Bell, W. M. Taylor, Miles C. Dobbins, Hubert A. Logan, Worth Rockett, H. S. Wagoner, I. S. Calloway, Ed Comer, Clint Hauser, W. T. Fletcher, Jr., H. A. Stallings, Paul L. Flemings, Bauldin Horne, J. D. Melton, W. C. Messick, Henry Dinkins, Kye Johnson, J. H. Madison, J. P. Nicks, Cyrus Todd, A. R. Adams, Marshall Smitherman, J. H. Cranfill, J. S. Mauldin, A. V. Shore and J. E. Irvin.

SPARTA HAS BIG FIRE LOSS

Blaze Destroys Church, Motor Company, Cafe and Pool Room

DAMAGE OVER \$25,000.00

Fire which for a time threatened the business section, last Thursday night destroyed three business buildings and the Baptist church at Sparta, doing damage estimated at over \$25,000.

The blaze raged for two hours before finally being brought under control at 10:30 o'clock.

Firms suffering loss in the blaze were the Alleghany Motor Company, the Greenland Cafe and a pool room.

The blaze started in the basement of the motor company and quickly spread next door to the cafe, pool room and church.

Calls for aid were made to Elkin, Galax, Va., and Independence, Va. Hose was sent from Elkin and firemen responded from the other towns.

A recently installed water system was frozen at the time of the fire.

Work Begins Soon On New American Oil Co. Station

Work will begin as soon as weather conditions will permit on the new service station to be erected by the American Oil Co., on the site of the old Logan store building northwest of the court house square.

Roy W. Craft and George Evans, operators of the American company in this section with offices in Winston-Salem, stated that plans are now in the hands of contractors. These plans call for three gas pumps of the latest design from which will be dispensed Amoco gas, Orange American and Artex gas. The company will also carry a complete line of American oils and lubricants, kerosene, etc. A modern wash pit and grease rack with hoist and a line of U. S. tires and tubes. They expect to be open by early spring.

According to present arrangements the station will be operated by Homer Wagoner, of Yadkinville.

Tobacco Market Will Close February 15

The Winston-Salem tobacco market will close for the season on Thursday, Feb. 15, instead of Feb. 9, as was planned at first. The closing date was extended because of the severe weather of the past two weeks which prevented farmers from getting their weed to market.

It appears now that the Winston-Salem market will sell 65,000,000 pounds, an all time record. Sales on the market Tuesday totaled 260,174 pounds which brought an average of \$9.66 per hundred.

Hitler's Friend



FOLKESTONE, England—Miss Unity Mitford being carried to an ambulance to return to the home of her parents, Lord and Lady Robesdale, at High Wycombe. According to an unconfirmed report, she made a suicide attempt for love of Adolf Hitler. Hitler called her the "perfect type of Nordic beauty."

JOINT BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IS 52 YEARS OLD

Mrs. J. G. Huff, 84, and Guy V. Horn, 52, Have Kept Custom Unbroken

TALK OF HAPPY PAST

East Bend, February 6—Mrs. J. G. Huff and Guy V. Horn, of Winston-Salem, kept unbroken their joint birthday celebration which they have enjoyed together for 51 years in succession, as they came together yesterday at the home of Mrs. Huff's son, Mr. Charlie Huff, of this place.

The occasion was the celebration of Mrs. Huff's 84th birthday; Mr. Horn was 52 years old. Mrs. Huff, in talking about the custom she and Mr. Horn had observed down through the more than half a century, said that their first birthday together was on Mr. Horn's first birthday. Every year since, they have celebrated their joint birthdays together. One year they will celebrate the occasion at the home of Mr. Horn; the next year they will gather at the home of Mrs. Huff, at Sanford, or at the home of one of her children in East Bend. Mr. Horn remarked yesterday as they talked of the many happy occasions that they enjoyed together that he never expected to break the custom as long as both of them lived.

Mrs. Huff was jolly and happy as she took part in the day's celebration, and cut the birthday cakes that she helped to make. She is very active for her age and can get a meal's vittles with a speed and efficiency that will rival the achievements of many a younger woman. She loves to talk about her young days, and yesterday vividly recalled some of her most happy times. She well remembered when she was a girl of late teen age, and took part in many of the old time square dances that was the high spot of the social life during the '70's and '80's and farther back. She said she had ridden horseback to many of these old fashioned "Plays" as they were often called then.

Mrs. Huff was born in East Bend and has lived, practically her entire life here. About 15 years ago she moved to Sanford where she now lives most of the time with a son, but dearly loves to come back to her old home-stead and meet old acquaintances, and talk over old times. She is the daughter of Robert J. and Martha Poindexter who had eight other children. Seven of these children are living today. There are five girls and their ages range from 91 down to 76 years. Their ages total 412 years. Mrs. Albert Anderson, of Callahan, N. C., is 91; Mrs. J. G. Huff, of Sanford, is 84; Mrs. L. A. Speas, of Winston-Salem, is 76.

Mrs. Huff said that the Civil War was very vivid in her memory, although she was a girl of only about six years. She particularly recalls the time that the family heard that they would come and carry off everything in the home so she loaded up everything in the way of food and most of the small items of furniture and carried them away into the bluffs overlooking the Yadkin river. The Yankees never came and soon the things were brought back to the home. On another occasion when they thought the Yankees were coming the mother hid all their meat supply by taking up the floor and putting the meat underneath. On top of this she packed cotton bats she bought at the store especially for the purpose. After the enemy had passed on the floor was again removed and the cotton and meat hauled out. To the dismay of the family the meat and cotton had rotted so badly that it couldn't be used.

Also vivid in her memory was the Confederate training ground just back of where the home of her son, Charlie Huff, now stands. She says that she stood on the upstairs porch of her home many a day and watched the soldiers muster, as they made preparations for joining one of the various Confederate troops. Several old soldiers of this section in gray, tattered and torn uniforms, fought with General Lee down to his surrender at Appomattox.

Mrs. Huff says that she received many greetings and congratulations on her 84th milestone. One lady wished her a thousand more happy birthdays, but as someone else wished her more

Five Generations Gather



Five generations covering a period of 87 years gathered recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Cranfill, near Yadkinville. The group shown above as they gathered for a family dinner are as follows: Seated, John Henry Tucker, 87, of Surry county; standing, left to right, are Mr. Tucker's daughter, Mrs. Lucy Cranfill, the mother of James M. Cranfill who stands by her side; next is Carl Cranfill and his young son, six months old. Another unusual feature of the Cranfill family is that, beginning with Mrs. James Cranfill's mother, Mrs. Caroline Royall, there are also five generations, whose pictures appeared in these columns in 1938. They included those named above and Mrs. G. B. Kiger, her daughter, Mrs. Aline Kiger Shore and small daughter, Freda Gray. To have five generations on both sides of the family is something unusual.—(Yadkin Ripple Photo.)

Tri-County Union Holds Meeting At Jonesville

A meeting of the tri-county union of young people of the Methodist church was held Monday evening with the Jonesville church, with approximately 50 members attending. The union embraces the churches in Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin counties.

The program for the meeting was presented by the Jonesville church and was an open discussion on the promotion of peace. led by Rev. D. B. Mullus, pastor of the Jonesville church, A. B. Scroggs, Eugene Martin and James Taylor.

A recreational period was under the direction of Mrs. A. B. Scroggs and consisted of a number of songs and games. Doughnuts and hot chocolate were served by the Jonesville group.

Sheriffs and Coroners Serving Four-Year Terms

Raleigh, Feb. 6—Sheriffs and coroners in North Carolina's 100 counties are serving four-year terms which will continue until December, 1942, the State Supreme court held in an unanimitous decision.

The ruling, which had been anxiously awaited by political leaders, relieved sheriffs and coroners from the necessity of running for re-election this year.

Death Claims

Miss Melia Davis

East Bend, Feb. 5—Miss Melia Bet Davis, 81, died this morning at 9 o'clock at her home, East Bend, Route 2, after an illness of several months.

Miss Davis was born in Yadkin county, a daughter of Thomas and Minerva Davis. She had been a member of Macedonia Methodist church since childhood.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Lina Randleman and Mrs. Sara Hutchins, both of East Bend.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Macedonia Methodist church, near here. Rev. Joe Conrad and Rev. Bruton Mikles will conduct the services. Burial will be in the church graveyard.

happy birthdays in parting she said, "Just don't wish me a thousand. I don't believe I could stand it."

"But," she added, "I certainly feel pretty good and am enjoying good health now." She has been a member, practically all her life, of Macedonia Methodist church near East Bend. Her life has been filled with usefulness and she can look back with satisfaction over the long journey that she has come, satisfied with the life she has lived and ready to meet the golden sunset of her days.

PATROLMAN DISCHARGED

H. V. Norris Said to Have Admitted Receiving \$50 Bribe

FIRST BLOT ON RECORD

State Highway Patrolman H. V. Norris was discharged from the state highway patrol service last Thursday after his arrest at Mocksville on a charge of accepting a bribe of \$50.00 from a motorist he had arrested on a charge of drunken driving.

Major John Armstrong, in command of the patrol, stated Norris admitted the charge. Armstrong said that it was the first time in the 10-year history of the patrol "that anything like this had happened."

Norris was accused of accepting the bribe from Clyde D. Weatherman, of Yadkinville, the money allegedly changing hands at the Davie-Iredell county line Monday night of last week.

Weatherman had notified authorities of a proposal he had received from the patrolman, and Sheriff L. S. Bowden, of Davie county, and Guy Scott, of the state bureau of investigation, were hiding in the back seat of Weatherman's car when the transaction was completed, according to the sheriff. Before officers had a chance to make a move, the patrolman started his car and drove rapidly away.

Some bills identified as having been used by Weatherman, were found when Norris was arrested, it was said.

Funeral Sunday for John H. Eddleman

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Forbush Baptist church for John H. Eddleman, 56, who died at his home near Forbush church, Yadkinville, route 2, Friday night after a week's illness with pneumonia. Rev. S. F. Morton, and Rev. B. K. Mason were in charge. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The body lay in state in the church from 1:30 until the hour of the funeral.

Mr. Eddleman was born June 4, 1884, in Yadkin county, a son of the late Peter and Lucy Eaton Eddleman. He was a farmer and was a member of Forbush Baptist church. He was married to Miss Annick Mackie, who survives him with two children, Grady and John H. Eddleman, Jr., of the home section. One brother, I. Frank Eddleman, and a sister, Mrs. Henry Williams, both of Route 2, also survive.

TREES

Farmers of Jackson county have made application through the county agent's office for 188,000 trees to be used in checking erosion and reclaiming worn-out land on their farms.

FUNDS SOUGHT IN YADKIN CO. FOR FINLAND

Mrs. Paul Davis Is Named Chairman of Yadkin Committee for Relief

HOPE FOR DONATIONS

Mrs. Paul P. Davis has been named chairman, and W. E. Rutledge secretary-treasurer, of a committee to seek funds for the relief of the suffering Finnish who are waging a cold war in defense of their little nation and their homes as the brutal Russians try to overrun the nation for apparently no reason at all.

Mrs. Davis has asked the Red Cross Organization in Yadkin county to help her in this drive as there is little time for forming a separate one. The various district chairmen who assisted so willingly in the Red Cross drive are asked to accept funds and where possible to solicit funds which may be forwarded each week to national headquarters to go direct to Finland.

Former President Herbert Hoover is at the head of the Finnish Relief Agency, giving his time for their benefit.

Committees and co-workers of each district are asked to report each week to Mrs. Davis or Mr. Rutledge, sending in all funds on hand, that they may be forwarded immediately where needed. Give the name and amount of each donation.

Those in the county who are asked to join in this work and solicit and receive funds are as follows: Yadkinville, Mrs. Walter Zachary, chairman; committee, Miss Carolyn Pfohl, Mrs. Annie Lee Hinshaw; Courtney, Johnson Steelman, chairman; committee, Mrs. C. N. Baily, Miss Ida Mae Brandon; Fall Creek, D. D. Martin, chairman; committee, Miss Edith Jester, Mrs. Alvis Norman; Booneville, J. R. Walker, chairman; committee, Miss Grace Hayes, Mrs. Ralph Coram; Forbush, Mrs. Jasper Long, chairman; committee, Mrs. T. H. Poindexter, Leslie Todd; Hamptonville, Mrs. H. J. Weaver, chairman; committee, Mrs. Nelson Ireland, Mrs. Spencer Bell; Jonesville, Mrs. Margaret Pickett, chairman; committee, Miss Elizabeth Underwood, Miss Catherine Boles; East Bend, Mrs. G. F. Reeves, chairman; committee, Mrs. Nora Ward, L. H. Todd. The change in the chairman at East Bend is made due to the ill health of Miss Tomlinson.

Chicken Thieves Caught With Goods

Three Yadkin county youths, Harvey and Dale Ashley and Paul Flynn, of the Jonesville community, Knobs Township, were arrested Monday as the result of an alleged raid on the chicken house of Burley Groce, in the same section.

These chicken thieves were picked up by Deputies Jake Brown, F. E. Hunt, and Julius Adams at their homes when it was discovered that the three had sold chickens to S. S. Wagoner and W. A. Moxley, of Oak Ridge, after Groce discovered that he had been robbed of an undetermined number of chickens Saturday, in broad daylight. Deputy Sheriff Brown said that the culprits had a number of the chickens with them when caught.

The two Ashley boys made bond, but Flynn had not made bond late Wednesday, and was still in jail. Brown said that the three would likely be tried next week at the session of county court.

Prisoners Attack Forsyth Sheriff

Sheriff Ernie G. Shore of Forsyth county and a deputy, I. W. Speas, were attacked by four negro prisoners they were carrying to Raleigh prison Tuesday morning. The attack occurred between Durham and Raleigh when one of the negroes caught Sheriff Shore by the neck, causing him to wreck his car and three of the negroes escaped. The one who struck Shore did not get away and one of the escapees was caught.

Neither the sheriff or his deputy was badly injured and the sheriff fired his gun at the fleeing negroes, hitting one of them who left blood stains on the snow.