

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

STATE

MANTEO, Dec. 17.—W. J. Tate, assistant postmaster at Kitty Hawk when Wilbur and Orville Wright made their first successful flight in a heavier-than-air craft 37 years ago today, urged Americans today to bestir themselves to obtain the Wrights' original plane for display in a museum in this country. In a statement on the 37th anniversary of the flight, Tate said this country wanted the plane, now in Kensington museum in England, "but I doubt if it will ever come." "Orville Wright has said that there is but one place for it, the Nation museum at Washington," Tate said. "If it does not come back during his lifetime it will never come, and he will never agree for it to come until certain things are done by the Smithsonian institute along the line of certain corrections of statements emanating from that institution which were calculated to deprive his brother and himself of being the true discoverers of flight."

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Contracts have been let for 40 more destroyers than the navy originally contemplated for its two-ocean fleet, Secretary Knox announced today, swelling the total of such vessels planned to 365. Contracts for constructing the 40 ships and for expansion of facilities to build them totalled \$261,684,875. The navy originally intended to build 325 destroyers. The expansion, officials said, was made possible by utilization of tonnages already authorized by Congress but initially earmarked for other categories of fighting ships. Details of the tonnage transfers were not disclosed.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—A blast that left almost no two bricks joined by mortar, not timbers by spikes, killed 12 men, women and children of five families in an old downtown tenement before dawn today. Included among the dead was a baby born to Mrs. Lillian Schmetzer, 42, while she lay buried in wreckage. Mrs. Schmetzer, her husband, Frank, and four other children in the family also perished. A dozen other persons, saved because they lived on upper floors of the three-story building and came down on top of the rubble instead of under it, were injured, none seriously. A 12-year-old child was missing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Britain's pleas for "financial assistance" from America is to be met with loans from our future production of military equipment and munitions and merchant shipping, rather than the advance of money or credits, under a program revealed today by President Roosevelt to help that nation win the war. The materials would change hands on a lease or mortgage basis to be repaid in kind after the war. Under the plan, planes and guns, for example, would be leased to the British. After the war, if they were still in good condition, the British would be expected to give them back. If they had been destroyed, the British would be obligated to furnish this country with equivalent weapons. The President likened it to a man lending a neighbor a hose to put out a fire in his house.

MIAMI, FLA. Dec. 17.—The Duke of Windsor said last night he would accept the British ambassadorship if it were offered him. His statement was made at a press conference aboard the yacht Southern Cross, shortly before he sailed for the Bahamas after a week in Miami, where his American-born duchess underwent a major dental operation. "I have not been offered the job," the duke said, "but if it were offered to me, I certainly would accept it. I thought it would best serve the interests of our two countries."

Passes Away



C. N. Bodenheimer, prominent Elkin man and former postmaster, passed away Saturday night. He was well known in Yadkin county, and had many friends here.

Yadkin Plans Three Classes For Defense Training

Yadkin county will begin three defense training classes Monday, December 30, to train young men in auto and truck mechanics, elementary electricity, carpentry, and wood working, according to an announcement by Fred C. Hobson Wednesday.

North Carolina has had an allotment of several thousand dollars to finance such classes, which were begun basically as an advance class for preparing men in the above-mentioned fields for possible future army service. However, the 120 hour classes may be an asset to many persons in securing positions elsewhere.

In Yadkinville, a class for automobile and practical mechanic will be taught by Phil Long, with the course in charge of E. B. Cheek. This will be in the county garage. In Boonville, a class for elementary electricity, with H. B. Gentry as instructor, and J. R. Walker in charge of the course. This will be held in the agricultural building of Boonville school. In Courtney a class will start in automobile and practical mechanics, with Watt Wishon as instructor. F. S. Smith will be in charge, and it will be taught at Mr. Wishon's garage.

The classes will open to men between 17 and 24 years of age, with a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 in each class. The classes will be taught 5 nights a week, 3 hours long, for 8 weeks, a total of 120 hours. At the completion of the course certificates will be awarded. This is equal to one full course in high school. There will be no cost to the trainees.

FLAT ROCK

The W. M. U. of Flat Rock Baptist church met Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Montgomery Arnold, with 15 members and one visitor present. Seventeen members of the Sunbeam band were also present.

The meeting opened with the hymn, "Joy to The World," with the devotional period by Mrs. Ellen Johnson. The program topic, "Christmas in the East" was presented by Mrs. W. N. Ireland, assisted by Mesdames Claude Williams, Joe Paris and Sanford Steelman. Special music was rendered by Miss Gerry Weaver. Following the discussion of the program the Sunbeams gave a Christmas playlet, directed by Mrs. Joe Paris.

During a brief business session the president, Mrs. Claude Williams, presided.

Refreshments were served during a pleasant social hour and Christmas gifts were exchanged between members.

All Yadkin Schools To Close on Friday

All Yadkin county schools will close Friday for the Christmas holidays, according to an announcement by Fred C. Hobson, superintendent of schools. Most of these schools will close for a week's time, and will resume December 30.

World's Smallest Passenger Station In Yadkinville

Yadkinville comes first in many things, we have learned as the years go by, and now we have found another one. Yadkinville has the smallest passenger station in the world. It is so small, in fact, that we predict that more than half the people here have never seen it and probably couldn't find it if they tried, although Yadkinville has a modern passenger and freight service daily.

Two large passenger buses, mostly the latest models, go west and two east each day, as well as two north and two south daily. Four express trucks pass here each day regularly and four to eight on an irregular schedule.

And yet we have the smallest station in the world. And where is it, you ask. Well, it is nailed on a power pole in front of the Yadkin Cafe. It is four by 10 inches in size and contains the one word, "stop"—that is, when one desiring the bus to stop pulls the cord and makes it say "Stop." Some passenger station, don't you think? Well, it's there and you can see it any day without it costing you a cent. It is just a silent sentinel of a world in a hurry about it.

But there is little wonder it is so small, when the facts are brought out. The little Yadkinville station has never had one line of newspaper advertising, and how could you expect the little 4 by 10 to grow without some assistance from somewhere. So far as is known it is the only passenger station in the world that never had a line of advertising—no schedule, no nothing.

There it stands, day by day. If a would-be passenger pulls the cord it says "stop," otherwise it says nothing, just holds its position as a hustling, bustling world passes by its front door 24 hours daily.

BOONVILLE

Mrs. C. A. Martin, who has been living in East Virginia near Amelia Courthouse for the past few years returned here last Friday to make her home. Mr. Martin will return a little later. Before moving to East Virginia they made their home here for several years. Mr. Martin farmed and worked at the carpenter's trade.

Miss Sadie Felming visited Mrs. E. E. Hood at Summerfield.

Mrs. Posie Lyon visited her husband at Fredericksburg, Virginia recently. Mr. Lyon is employed by Bowers Construction Company in building a bridge across the Rappahannock River.

Rev. Raymond E. Connell made a business trip to Winston-Salem Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coram and Allen Jessup spent the week-end in Boone.

Miss Ruby Winkler had as her guests last Saturday her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winkler of Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mathis of Booneville and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cockerham of Concord were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Stinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Williams, of Booneville, Misses Edith, Lois and Vernel Jester, Miss Sallie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Rockett and Tet Jester, of Union Cross, were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams.

The Teachers' Club Meets At Booneville

The Booneville Teachers' Club met at the home of Mrs. J. M. Speas Monday night. Practically all lady teachers in the Booneville school were present.

Mrs. Watt Deal was club hostess for the night.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Robert Galtner, Ralph Coram, Allen Jessup, Misses Ruby Winkler, Ruby Hinshaw, Sadie Fleming, Frances Thomas, Amanda Hallman, Bertha Hine, Martha Speas, Mrs. Anita Reece, and Mrs. Albert Martin, and Miss Katherine Jones.

Boonville W. M. S. Meets

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Boonville Baptist church met in a special meeting at the home of Mrs. Luther Jones Tuesday night. A large number were present and an interesting program was presented.

Methodist Women Meet With Mrs. Fred Key

The Young Women's group of the Boonville Methodist Missionary Society met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Fred Key for the December meeting.

Before the Greeks Got Here



SOMEWHERE IN GREECE . . . It was all plain sailing for these Italian soldiers up to the time this picture was taken. They were advancing into Greece in what they were assured would be merely a parade to Athens. Today, the Greeks have shown their ability to defend their country and to push the invaders back.

Ripple Two Days Earlier Next Week

Because next week is Christmas week, the Ripple will not be printed on Thursday, as usual, but will appear on Tuesday morning. This is done to enable the office force to observe a day or so for Christmas.

The Ripple will appreciate it if all correspondents will have their copy in the office by Saturday of this week. Deadline for all news will be Monday at 5 p.m.

Information Given On Care of Trees

Trees are just as much a crop as cotton or corn, and like these crops should be harvested when mature, according to Ned A. Hood, of the Soil Conservation office in Yadkinville.

Nearly all woodlands are mature trees that dominate the stands, Hood points out. In most cases they have not only ceased growing but are deteriorating in quality and no longer making use of the full capacity of the ground to produce wood. These mature trees usually slow up the growth of the surrounding younger trees considerably. Cutting out mature trees liberates the young trees, allowing them to grow faster.

However, before cutting the trees in a woodland, Hood recommends the drawing up of a woodland plan of cutting that outlines in advance the trees to be harvested. When the wrong trees are cut or the stand is cut too heavily, the woodland is weakened. A good plan of cutting keeps a supply of trees coming along all the time.

HONOR ROLL, THIRD MONTH, WEST YADKIN

The following is the honor roll for the third month of West Yadkin high school, released by W. N. Ireland, principal of the school:

First grade: Ralph Harpe, Billy Gray Johnson, Betty Lou Prevette, Mildred Riley, Joy Lou Turner, Jimmy Wright, Donald Carter, Feimster Hinson, Cynthia Swisher, Max Dickerson, Charles Dickerson, Jo Ann Vanhoy, Lorene Wagoner, June Wood, Peggy Blackwelder, Sybil Holland, Doris Jean Swaim, Bertha Carol Hemric.

Second grade: Betsy Ross Johnson, Marjorie Money, Lutrelle Oliver, Frankie Seagraves, Bobby Jane Shore, Peggy Lou Steelman, Martha Belle Thomasson, Dorothy Jean Wagoner, Evelyn Wall.

Third grade: Dorothy Wood, Allen Oliver, Della Randleman, Rita Brooks, Allen Shore, Rex Johnson, James Steelman, Priscilla Moore, Barbara Ann Ireland, Annie Laura Pate.

Fourth grade: Jerry Boles, Bill Cheek, Ervina Denny, Charles Harris, Harold Wagoner.

Fifth grade: Martin Laster, Joe Pinnix, Tommy Miller, Jr.

Sixth grade: Howard Hall, Claude Burgess Williams.

Eighth grade: Ray Turner.

Tenth grade: Eva Mae Wood.

Eleventh grade: Ruby Pinnix, Leo Wagoner.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our friends and neighbors who were so kind and sympathetic during the tragic illness and sudden death of our daughter, Florence Mason. We especially thank those who contributed the many floral gifts. D. E. MASON AND FAMILY

Baptist Choir Plans Christmas Music

The Yadkinville Baptist church choir, Junior and Senior, will present a vesper service of Christmas music on Sunday evening, December 22, at 7:30.

Some of the most beautiful of the Christmas anthems, as well as the old Carols, will be sung. Among the songs will be "Hosanna," sung antiphonally by the two choirs; "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," Junior Choir; "O Holy Night," Mrs. R. S. Shore, of Troutman, and Mrs. Gertrude Logan. All solo parts on the program will be rendered by Mrs. Kate Waynick and Mrs. Gertrude Logan.

Between selections by the choir the pastor, Rev. R. L. West, will read scripture passages that tell the Christmas story. Billy Hall will give a Christmas reading.

The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the vesper service.

Gov. Broughton Gets Prize Dog

Tyro Hobson, of near East Bend, who held the winning number and was given the fine setter bird dog given away at the farmers' Christmas party at Winston-Salem Tuesday, sold the dog to Governor-elect J. M. Broughton Monday night.

The male dog was a son of the famous Sports Peerless, dog owned by L. M. Bobbitt, of Winston-Salem, who has more championship titles to his credit than any dog in the United States now, and was given by Mr. Bobbitt as one of the many prizes at the annual Christmas party.

Yadkinville Girl Is Given Honor

Miss Grace Rutledge, Yadkinville girl who is a senior at the University of North Carolina, was last week elected Secretary of the Student Party, composed of 2,500 students of the greater university. She was elected by acclamation and is the first girl in the history of the college to be elected to this position.

Other members of the party are Mitchell Britt, who was elected Chairman for the sixth time, and Phil Carden, publicity chairman. The Student Party represents various campus groups, and its purpose is to unify them in a solid front.

High School Seniors Entertained at Party

The senior class of Yadkinville high school was entertained at a Christmas party last night in the agricultural building of the school. The Christmas motif was carried out in decorations.

Committees consisting of Margaret Wishon, Ollie Styers, Nancy Groce, Ruth Davis, Marie Long and George Hudspeth planned the program and rendered it throughout the evening.

Stockings full of candy and nuts were given to all the class, including many visitors. Approximately fifty guests were present.

TO HOLD SINGING AT MACEDONIA CHURCH

The regular fifth Sunday singing will be held at Macedonia Baptist church, near Ronda, on December 29. The program will begin at 10 o'clock a.m. and continue until late afternoon. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

British Trap Crack Italian Troops In Advance Into Libya

Get the Guns, Boys! The Hunt Is On!

The fact that quail are plentiful in Yadkin county this year was emphasized by Shelly Royall, of Yadkinville, Route 2 (near Long's school house), last week.

"The birds have nearly taken my pea field near the house," Mr. Royall said. "There are about twenty-two birds in the covey, and they stay there practically all the time. Anyone wishing a good hunt can bring their guns and dogs and go to it."

Elkin Once Sold For Sum of \$500, Old Deed Shows

Elkin, Dec. 18 — (Special) — Away back yonder in the year 1869, a certain tract or parcel of land containing six hundred and forty acres more or less, was sold by Richard H. Parks, of Iredell county, to Richard Gwyn, county of Surry, "for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars."

This tract or parcel of land was described in an indenture dated September 28, 1869, as lying on the north side of the Yadkin river. Its boundaries were marked by the usual sourwood tree, black oak, pine tree, etc., to be found in almost any deed to a piece of property.

Five hundred dollars was the price then, and no doubt Richard H. Parks, who was Dr. R. H. Parks, father of J. B. Parks, local man, thought he had sold at a real bargain. And no doubt, too, Mr. Gwyn, who was the great grandfather of Paul Gwyn, also of this city, thought he had

anyway, upon that land that was described as "a certain tract or parcel" away back in 1869, now stands the town of Elkin!

According to J. B. Parks, who has the old deed, the property in question was about one mile square, and was bounded on the south by the Yadkin river and on the west by Big Elkin creek. It takes in where today stands Elkin's business district, the Chatham Manufacturing Company and a large part of the residential section.

And it sold for five hundred dollars.

Funeral Friday for Former Yadkin Lady

Martha Elizabeth Branon, 86, died Wednesday morning at her home in Charlotte after an illness of several months. She was a widow of the late William Henry Branon, of Yadkin county.

Survivors are seven children. They are Davis Branon and Thomas A. Branon, both of Atlanta; Alfred Branon, of Kane, Pa.; Rovy Branon, of Yadkinville and Charlotte; Otis Branon, of Charlotte; Mrs. J. K. Wooters, of Kinston; and Mrs. Charles Helton, of Yadkinville, Route 1.

Funeral services will be held at Harmony Grove Friends church Friday afternoon at 3:30. The body will lie in state from 3 until 3:30. Ministers will be Rev. R. L. West, Rev. E. G. Key and Rev. Mrs. M. A. Cox. Interment will be in the church graveyard.

OFFSET

Government economists predict that higher production costs are likely to offset the increased cash income which farmers expect to receive in 1941 from better prices for certain of their farm products.

DEFENSE

Experts now believe that National defense orders awarded up to November 1 will result in the employment of 4,000,000 persons in this country by the middle of 1941.

Dark Ages

Teacher: "Who can tell me when the Dark Ages were?" Bright Boy: "That must have been the time when they had so many knights."

RICH FASCIST BASE MAY HAVE BEEN CAPTURED

Bardia Is Important Naval and Supply Center

FIGHT FROM SEA, AIR

London, Dec. 18—Two Italian divisions and thousands of Fascist Blackshirt militiamen, "Mussolini's pride," have been bottled up at Bardia, on the Libyan coast, it was reported today.

It was believed here that the announcement of capture of Bardia, an important naval and supply base in Italy's richest colony, might come at any time.

According to reports, British Empire forces have driven beyond Bardia and, in an operation similar to that in which they took Sidi Barrani at the start of their offensive, trapped the entire 62nd Italian Division, which escaped from Egypt intact; the remaining part of the 63rd Division, which left an enormous amount of material on the Egyptian sands; part of a Blackshirt division which fled Sidi Barrani, and numerous miscellaneous units including many tank companies.

Fresh Empire troops were reported to be putting tremendous pressure on the Italians at Bardia and were believed here to have surrounded the defenders on the land side while British warships bombarded the city from the sea and Royal Air Force planes bombed and machinegunned it.

Nancy J. Shore Funeral Is Held

Last rites were held at Charity Baptist church Friday afternoon for Mrs. Nancy Jane Shore, 81, who died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Evans, near Booneville, Thursday morning. She had been seriously ill for three weeks. Rev. Ell Jordan and Rev. Ernest Stinson conducted the services and burial was in the church graveyard.

Mrs. Shore had been married three times. Surviving are two sons, James A. Brown, of Booneville, and Dewey C. Brown, of Richmond, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Annie Childress and Mrs. Arthur Evans, of Booneville; and one sister, Mrs. W. B. Money, of Yadkinville.

Funeral Is Held For Mrs. Willard

Funeral services were conducted at Deep Creek Friends church Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Alma Willard, 71, who died at her home near Deep Creek early Saturday morning. She was the widow of the late Jeff Willard, who died several years ago. She had been ill two weeks. Rev. J. C. Tucker conducted the services and burial was in the church graveyard.

Surviving are three sons, Allen Willard, of Winston-Salem; Roscoe and Raymond Willard, of Yadkinville; four daughters, Mrs. C. T. Boverder and Mrs. Cora Kelly, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Lula Lehman and Mrs. S. W. Parris, of Yadkinville; 20 grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Plans Available for Sewer Systems Here

Citizens who build or have installed their own sewer systems or out-buildings would save a lot of expense and time if they would apply at the county health department at Yadkinville for specifications or plans and requirements for same, according to Mr. A. L. Kinzer, sanitarian.

Mr. Kinzer, who must inspect the systems for the State Department and either approve or condemn them, said that such plans were available for anyone desiring them. He stated that he spends every Thursday in Yadkinville, and that he would gladly assist anyone in mapping out requirements for same.