

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

STATE

RALEIGH, Feb. 11 — With the avowed purpose of taking "the springs out of the rocking chair money" now paid to voluntarily unemployed persons in North Carolina, a joint unemployment compensation committee yesterday set a public hearing for next Tuesday on proposed changes in the present unemployment benefits act and named a subcommittee to study suggested revisions. Committee members quickly adopted the phrase "rocking chair money" in referring to payments made to persons who voluntarily "quit" jobs.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 — Well-informed Senate sources intimated today that the administration would accept Wendell L. Willkie's proposal to restrict the benefits of the aid-to-democracies bill to Great Britain, Greece and China. The Senate foreign relations committee met in executive session this morning and began considering proposed amendments. Supporters of the measure conferred earlier to map their strategy with Chairman Walter F. George (D-Ga.). Willkie, 1940 Republican presidential nominee against President Roosevelt, gave the administration's bill a final push toward enactment at final public hearings yesterday with a statement generally supporting the measure. He predicted that if Britain collapsed because of ineffective aid from the United States, this country would be at war with Germany in 30 to 60 days.

INTERNATIONAL

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 11 — British and "Free French," fighting in the jungles of southern Ethiopia and across the desolate South Libyan desert, reported daring marches yesterday which threatened anew to tear Italy's empire to shreds. "Free French" headquarters in London announced that a motorized column under Colonel Leclerc had completed a march of 600 miles across the desolate Libyan desert and taken several of the oases of the Cyrenaica which dot southeastern Libya and afford Italian forces their chief means of inter-communication.

LONDON, Feb. 11 — A "free Italian" committee appeared in London yesterday, bolstered by facilities of the British ministry of information and pledged to seek the upset of Benito Mussolini and help the British toward victory. Acting with the blessing of the British government, if not, as yet, with its official recognition, the committee issued a manifesto asking the support of "all who are opposed to dictatorship" and "loyal to the cause for which the Allies are fighting." The committee said it sought "to reconquer for Italy her civil liberties" and to redeem her "national honor, so besmirched by the mad dog politics of the Fascists."

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Feb. 12 — Adolf Hitler has moved 25 new divisions of some 400,000 men into Rumania in recent weeks to reinforce his Balkan command in Rumania, military observers reported today, as war-like preparations moved apace throughout southeastern Europe. These informants said an average of 40 trains a day have been passing through Hungary, carrying great quantities of munitions, tanks, guns and other military equipment as well as men.

ATHENS, Greece — This ancient capital had its first night air raid of the war last night. Parachute flares fell from unseen planes, which dropped no bombs here but continued on to Piraeus, the port of Athens, to dump bombs on workers' quarters and into the sea near harbor works. Wounded persons were still being dug from ruins in the western Piraeus district this morning.

YADKINVILLE'S WATER SYSTEM COMPLETE SOON

Engineer Reports Much Progress and Can Be Used Partly By May 1

WORK BEGUN ON TANK

Work is progressing rapidly on Yadkinville's new water and sewer system and those in charge state that part of the system can be used by May 1st, and they expect work to be completed by June 1st.

Most of the fire hydrants have been installed and have been connected up with the well at the high school. They have ordered and are expecting arrival any time, of 1,500 feet of water hose to be used in case of fire. As soon as this arrives it can be used if needed.

Work has begun on the erection of a steel water tank which will hold 100,000 gallons of water. It is being erected west of the home of Dr. J. G. Marler on land leased from T. C. Prim, and will be 104 feet high. The concrete base is now being poured and when this is complete work will begin on the huge water tank, which is expected to start about March 1.

P.-T. A. Hears Dr. Hadley Monday

The Yadkinville Parent-Teacher Association met in the school auditorium here Monday night with Dr. Hadley, head of the Department of Education at Catawba College, as guest speaker.

Devotional was read by Miss Sadie McCall, followed by prayer by Mrs. Paul Price Davis. Principal L. H. Koon introduced the speaker to the association.

Dr. Hadley spoke of education in a democracy as contrasted with that under Hitler's domination. "The democratic ideals now upheld in our country are due to the democracy that is taught in our schools," he said. He spoke of the need of twelve grades in North Carolina public school systems. Teachers must necessarily hold a high place in the community because parents entrust their choicest possessions to them, he stated.

During a business session, it was suggested that the P.-T. A. sponsor a group attendance to the Finley William A. Capella choir concert at R. J. Reynolds high school auditorium, in Winston-Salem, on February 28.

Funeral Is Held For Mrs. McBride

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at Macedonia Moravian church, Davie county, for Mrs. Emma Tucker McBride, 79, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Wooten, at Lone Hickory, early Monday morning. She died as a result of a paralytic stroke. Rev. S. M. Brewer conducted the funeral rites and burial was in the church cemetery.

Born in Davie county, August 25, 1861, Mrs. McBride had spent her life in Davie and Yadkin counties. She was the widow of the late W. G. McBride, and a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tucker.

Deputies Destroy A Blockade Still

Deputy Sheriffs Julius Adams and F. E. Hurt captured and destroyed a blockade distillery outfit last week, one mile north of Harvey Peoples' filling station, six miles east of town.

No one was present and no liquor was found, but about 500 gallons of beer was poured out, according to the officers.

With DuPont



Ralph Wall, above, a native of East Bend, has accepted a position with DuPont rayon plant at Richmond, Va. Mr. Wall graduated in Textile Manufacturing from State College last December.

Third Draft Quota May Get Ten Non-Volunteers

Unless several Yadkin county men become patriotic and join the army within the next week, ten men who don't especially want to be drafted are going to have to do their year for Uncle Sam. Although the third quota of men will leave next Thursday morning for Fort Bragg, until now the selective service act has been filled by volunteers.

The local draft office has issued the names of the following 16 men to leave Thursday, Feb. 20. The first six are volunteers: Fred Pendry Williams, Louis LeRoy Settle, James Ralph Grimes, Major Marvin Simmons, Joe Edward Smitherman, and Thomas Benbow Lane; Draftees are: Rufus Junior Bryant, Edgar Benton Norman, Bennett Eilja Phillips, Johnnie Henry Hollman, Anderson Joe Mathews, Luther Monroe Flynn, Foster Kinneth Brown, Roger Wesley Kimmer, Clyde Everett Reece, and Rufus John Wilmoth.

Former Yadkin Lady Dies in High Point

Mrs. Maybelle Baity Marshall, native of Courtney, died at her High Point home Friday night. She had been an invalid for 18 years and confined to her home for 10 years.

She was a daughter of the late J. W. D. Baity and Mrs. Baity of Courtney. She was married to J. N. Marshall November 29, 1922. She was a graduate of ASTC at Boone, and taught in the Yadkin county schools for a number of years. She was a member of Green Street Baptist church, High Point.

The funeral was held at Cross Roads Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after the body had lain in state for one hour preceding the funeral. Interment was in the church cemetery. Rev. J. N. S. Hopkins, of High Point, was in charge.

Survivors include the husband, of High Point; the mother, Mrs. J. W. D. Baity; one brother, Ernest B. Baity, Winston-Salem; three sisters, Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, Cool Springs, Mrs. W. T. Pollard, Durham, and Mrs. D. H. Craver, Burchville.

Funeral on Tuesday For John S. Long

Funeral services were held at Center Methodist church Tuesday afternoon, for John S. Long, aged 89 years, 3 months and 16 days, who died at his home in the Long's school house section at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. He had been ill for several years and confined to his home for five years. Rev. J. H. Green, the pastor, Rev. L. Speer and Rev. W. T. Crissman, conducted the services. Burial was in the church graveyard.

Mr. Long was born in this section and had spent his life here. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Long. His wife, Mary Jane Long, died November 16, 1940. He was a member of Center church for 50 years. The body was carried to the home of a son, D. L. Long, Monday afternoon, and remained there until the funeral hour.

Survivors include one son, Daniel Lee Long, two daughters, Mrs. Wiley Reavis and Mrs. J. B. Gough, Yadkinville, route 2.

TEACHERS MAY GET PAY BOOST

12th Grade Thought Also Likely Through Increased State Funds

TO SUBMIT ESTIMATES

Raleigh — Revision of revenue estimates upward may provide sufficient funds for a 12th grade and a ninth increment in teachers' pay, an informed member of the appropriations committee said yesterday.

Boosts in yield anticipated from the revenue bill as it now stands, the legislator added, would make possible "some increase" in the appropriations recommended by the budget commission.

Provision for a 12th grade would cost \$250,000 the first year and \$750,000 the second year of the biennium. Funds for a ninth pay raise to be paid to teachers with nine or more years' experience would depend on the size of the increment. Teachers asked \$661,464 for a ninth increment to make the top salary for teachers \$133 a month. Their pay now becomes stationary after the eighth year.

Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell has promised to submit his revised estimates shortly, the appropriations committee was told yesterday as it began item-by-item consideration of the spending measure. Public hearings on requested increases in appropriations were concluded last week.

Senate Chairman Lumpkin of Franklin announced to the committee that Governor Broughton had urged the committee to "pick out the essential things first" in a tentative approval of items in the appropriations bill, and then pare or increase funds to meet Maxwell's new estimates on what the revenue bill will produce during 1941-43.

The appropriations committee will probably report the spending measure out after "seven to nine days," Lumpkin estimated.

Tentative approval was given to appropriations for the next legislature, the judiciary and 12 state administrative agencies at the first day's meeting in executive session.

Angell Named To Supervise Forsyth NYA

Guy Angell, of Yadkinville, has been appointed supervisor of national youth administration activities in Forsyth county.

This appointment will place Angell in charge of the NYA program in three counties. He has been supervisor in Davie and Yadkin counties for the past six months.

Angell will assume his new duties next Monday. His headquarters will be in the city hall basement, room seven, Winston-Salem.

Red Cross Meeting Here February 21

There will be a membership meeting of the Yadkin County Branch of the American Red Cross at the court house in Yadkinville, Friday evening, Feb. 21, at 7:30, at which time a special executive committee for the county will be elected.

Mrs. M. W. Mackie, chairman of the branch, and W. E. Rutledge, treasurer, wish to extend an invitation to all members of the Red Cross in the county to attend this meeting and take a part in its proceedings.

Mrs. Mackie has tendered her resignation as branch chairman and it is hoped to fill this vacancy at that time also.

Minstrel Show

On Friday night, February 14, the grammar grades of Courtney school will give a Minstrel Show, entitled "The Newsboys" and Bootblacks' Minstrel Show." The entire cast includes about eighty children. Some of the leading characters are:

Interlocutor, Johnson Allen; Endmen: Rastus Lee — Carlyle Booe; Horatio Jackson — Roger Badgett; Rufus White — Billy Wood; Smokey Joe — Jerry Miller; Pinkey Hampton — Ray Jolley; Mose Johnson — Jimmy Hanes; Soloists: Kashin Karry — Thurmond Reavis; Rags Beeswax — James Pilcher.

Also several choruses, dances and plenty of good jokes. Admission 10c.

A Prayer in the Desert



CAIRO, Egypt . . . This photo, passed by the British Censors and just received here via clipper plane, shows a group of British soldiers, who were besieging the Libyan city of Bardia, kneeling in the desert at sunrise. Even the war was stopped just long enough for a prayer.

FARMERS WILL SAVE MILLIONS

Result of Drastic Cuts Made in the Price of Fertilizer; to Boost Purchases

N. C. IS BIGGEST USER

Farmers of Yadkin county and North Carolina, will have an extra two and a half million dollars in their pockets this spring—maybe more—as a result of drastic cuts made in the price of fertilizer, it has been estimated by a reliable source.

Savings effected by the two Carolinas and Virginia will amount to an estimated \$5,000,000.

Price cuts per ton ranging from \$2.50 to \$2.80 made in recent weeks are likely to boost purchases of fertilizer in North Carolina, a state that already buys more fertilizer than any other in the Union, it was predicted.

Reduction in price came in the spring quotations and were announced about two weeks before the federal grand jury made its report in Winston-Salem Federal Court Monday. Indictments at that time were brought in against 102 defendants charged with conspiracy to fix prices and restrain competition.

Aged Courtney Lady Claimed by Death

Mrs. J. V. Howell, 75, was was claimed by death at her home at Courtney at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. She had been ill for some time, but her death was unexpected.

She was the wife of J. V. Howell. She was born in Yadkin county, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Baity and had spent her life in the county. She had been a member of Cross Roads Baptist church for many years and a faithful attendant at its services.

Survivors include the husband, two daughters, Mrs. Grover Sherman of Courtney and Mrs. Frank Mackie of Shacktown; one brother, W. A. Baity, of San Antonio, Texas, and four grandchildren.

The funeral services were held at Cross Roads church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, after the body had lain in state from 1:30 until 2. Rev. R. L. West and Rev. E. W. Turner conducted the final services, and burial was in the church graveyard.

Courtney Cash Store Destroyed by Fire

The Courtney Cash Store, at Courtney, was totally destroyed by fire Wednesday night, with a loss of more than \$5,000 to the owner, Newman Baity.

The loss includes the stock of goods which consisted of merchandise, fertilizer, tires, etc., and also of the books and ledgers of the store, and a number of good fixtures. The building belonged to the estate of the late Isaac Baity and was about 50 years old. The loss of the building is not included in the above figures.

Mr. Baity tells The Ripple that he does not know the origin of the fire, which was discovered just before midnight. He does not think it started from the stove or flue and none of the operators of the store had been in it for five hours. The fire started several feet from the stove. Mr. Baity is also confident that he had no enemies who would burn the building.

There was no insurance on the stock of goods or the building.

Elkin Bridge Is Ordered Restored

(Special to The Ripple)

Raleigh, Feb. 12—The state highway and public works commission today ordered the restoration of the upper bridge across the Yadkin river at Elkin, a part of which was destroyed by the flood of last summer.

The approach on the Elkin side was washed away last summer and much inconvenience has been caused to both Yadkin and Surry counties. Work was ordered to begin at once.

Ray T. Moore, chairman of the Yadkin board of commissioners, and Walter Zachary, the commissioners' attorney, appeared at the hearing and, with Elkin citizens, asked the restoration of the approach.

House Committee Turns Down Yadkin Co. Bill

(Special to The Ripple)

Raleigh, Feb. 12—The house elections committee in session this morning turned thumbs down on the bill of Representative Hovey Norman of Yadkin county, which would allow the board of county commissioners to be elected by a county-wide vote instead of by districts as is provided in the Woodhouse bill of 1939.

To veteran legislator Walter (Pete) Murphy of Salisbury, appearing for Yadkin county Republicans, told the committee he voted for the Woodhouse bill in 1939, but since the county had gone 1,200 Republican in the last election, he wanted that law changed, and thought it was right.

LeRoy Martin, Democrat, formerly of Yadkin county, but now with the Wachovia Bank in Raleigh, where he lives, appeared before the committee and urged it to report the bill unfavorably. Why Martin took this stand, and has not lived in the county for many years, was not understood.

Mrs. Mathews Dies At Wilkes Home

Mrs. Justina Wall Mathews, 42, wife of E. M. Mathews, died at North Wilkesboro Sunday morning.

Funeral services were held at Forbush Friends church Monday afternoon, with Rev. C. H. Hutchens and Rev. E. C. Norman in charge. Burial was in the church graveyard.

Survivors include the husband; four children, Coy, Arnold, Bettie Irene and Hope Darnell Mathews; her mother, Mrs. W. Y. Wall, of East Bend; three brothers, Benbow Wall, of Union Cross; Tunie Wall, East Bend, Buford Wall, Richmond, Va.; five sisters, Mrs. Colie Mathews, Mrs. Dicie Hutchens, Mrs. Lola Wooten, Mrs. Eliza Mickie, East Bend; and Mrs. Aggie Mickie, Winston-Salem.

Famous Picture to Show in Yadkin

"Gone With The Wind," the four million dollar motion picture version of Margaret Mitchell's book of the old South, will at last come to Yadkinville.

Contracts have been signed to show the famous motion picture, in its original uncut form, at the local theatre around the first part of April, according to J. E. Shew, manager. Top prices will be 55c, he stated.

EUROPE FEARS NEW BLOW BY AXIS POWERS

Expect Big Scale Military Moves

SPAIN TO ENTER WAR?

Franco Conferring in Secret Meeting With Premier Mussolini

MAY PLAY MAJOR ROLE

Feb. 12—Unconfirmed reports swept through Europe today of imminent big scale diplomatic and military developments—a peace bid by Italy, an attempt to induce Spain to enter the war on the side of the axis powers, and a German invasion of Bulgaria.

It seemed certain only that this week might prove one of great importance in either the diplomatic or military fields, and possibly in both.

Gen. Francisco Franco of Spain and his foreign minister, Ramon Serrano Suner, arrived in Italy today for a secret meeting with Premier Benito Mussolini. It was speculated that Adolf Hitler or German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop also might be present.

But not a word of news concerning the meeting was allowed to be transmitted from Rome.

London believed the conference might have a major effect upon the course of the war. Believing that big developments may come any time, the British were on the alert against axis moves in the Balkans or in the French-Spanish area, and even against the long-awaited frontal attack on the British Isles.

Rumors swept Europe. Some said that Italy might make a bid for peace with Britain. Others suggested that Spain or even France might be drawn into the war on the side of the axis. The Balkans feared a major Nazi invasion of Bulgaria at any moment.

EXEMPTION ON FOOD RESTORED

Action of Assembly Regarded As Victory for Broughton Forces

REBELLION IS QUELLED

Raleigh, Feb. 10—Batteries for the administration pitched the home team out of a hole this afternoon and saved Governor Broughton's pledge to remove the sales tax from the home table en toto as the finance committee closed the inning and reported to the floor tonight substitutes for house bill No. 11 carrying the amendments to the revenue bill. The general assembly was at least a month nearer home than it was three days ago.

The rebellion of last week, which resulted in the rejection of the Vogler amendment, was ended this afternoon when the committee voted, two short of unanimously, to adopt the subcommittee report embodying the identical language of the Vogler amendment, which exempts all foods and food products sold by retail merchants for human consumption from the sales tax.

Senator Sanders, chairman of the subcommittee, made the report, which was signed by all seven members of the subcommittee. Senator O'Berry, who had been one of those instrumental in defeating the Vogler amendment, joined with Senator Sanders in requesting support for the report.

Native of Enon Dies in Winston

John M. Kiger, 39, native of Enon, died suddenly Saturday morning at the W. E. Beck & Co., Winston-Salem, where he had worked since going to Winston. He was a son of the late Lee Kiger, and Ida Reece Kiger, well-known citizens of Enon. The funeral was held Sunday and burial was in Salem cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, formerly Miss Alice Monday; a daughter, Frances; two sisters, Miss Mary Lee Kiger, East Bend; and Mrs. Irving Martin, of Alabama.

Here's to the mouth, the grocer's friend, the orator's pride, the fool's trap, the woman's arsenal, and the dentist's salvation.