

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

STATE

RALEIGH, Feb. 18—The unusually quiet days in the 1941 general assembly now are up against an unprecedented counter-attack, Senator Palmer of Cabarrus revealed today—even before the days have moved to place in the legislative hoppers a reputed liquor referendum bill. The Concord senator, who pronounced himself "very definitely against a referendum bill," said that it was his plan to introduce a measure calling for a no-quarter liquor referendum (on Saturday, June 7) and move its immediate passage with the hope the bill would get a one-way ticket to the table, where he believes it would lie until the session expires.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—The United States served indirect notice on Japan today that if her intentions are peaceful she should express them in deeds, rather than words. This was the reaction of Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state, when he was questioned at his press conference concerning a Japanese spokesman's statement that his country aims at peaceful relations. "In the very critical world situation which exists today," Welles said at a press conference, "the government of the United States is far more interested in the deeds of other nations than in the statements that some of their spokesmen may make."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—A gigantic construction program in connection with establishment of a marine base and marine air station in eastern North Carolina was disclosed today as officials made public a breakdown of figures for the \$40,000,000 undertaking. Chairman Vinson, Democrat, Georgia, of the house naval affairs committee, told the house that the base and air station had been designed to give complete combat training in land and air warfare to a full marine division. (A division comprises approximately 12,000 officers and men.)

INTERNATIONAL

MANY thousands of Australian troops landed at Singapore yesterday (Tuesday) amid fears that Britain might have to face a Japanese thrust in the far east timed to coincide with a German push in Europe. It was the largest and most powerful reinforcement of men, guns and motorized equipment ever to arrive at the great British naval base in a single convoy. The Australians immediately entrained for already-prepared defense stations on the Malayan peninsula opposite which Japanese bombers and troops are stationed in French Indo-China.

SAIGON, French Indo-China, Feb. 18—Japanese navy units in the Gulf of Siam were reported heavily reinforced today and a Dutch authority forecast land and sea blows at Singapore, Britain's far eastern Gibraltar, and at the Netherlands East Indies in the "very near future." Reliable quarters said they considered that the reports of increasing concentration of Japanese warships in southern waters came from authoritative sources, but the Associated Press was unable to confirm them directly. Previously three Japanese cruisers had been reported in these waters, which touch southern Indo-China, Thailand (Siam) and the Malay peninsula.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Feb. 18—Authoritative word that German planes are flying daily over Greek territory came from Greece today coincident with reports that the Nazis have advised Athens to make peace with Italy lest their armies enter the Albanian conflict on Premier Mussolini's side.

OLD LIME ROCK MAY HELP ALL FARMERS HERE

Valuable Deposit in Northern Yadkin Reported Rich in Carbonates

Farmers of Yadkin and adjoining counties may have an opportunity to buy agricultural lime at home at a price at least \$1.00 cheaper than they are now paying for it, and the lime is of a high carbonate content, according to J. L. Stucky, professor of geology at State College.

Yadkin county commissioners took a hand in the matter yesterday afternoon when they met in the court house here with officials of the county agent's office and State College with a view of aiding in the matter. The meeting was attended by Chairman Ray Moore, C. G. Mathis and D. A. Smitherman, county agents of Yadkin, Surry, Wilkes and Davie, and members of the Tri-Creek Soil District and county agent's office.

To See Governor

Principal action at the meeting yesterday afternoon was the appointment of a committee to see Governor J. M. Broughton. This committee will meet again next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Meantime an appointment will be made with the Governor. This committee is composed of the following: Ray T. Moore of the board of commissioners; S. W. Vestal, chairman of the county AAA; county agents from Yadkin, Wilkes, Davie, Stokes and Forsyth counties; Harry Coldwell, master of the state Grange; T. W. Bridges of the Tri-Creek Soil office; O. F. McCreary, district farm agent; John W. Goodman, R. Flake Shaw, and Mr. White of Caswell county.

A thorough examination at three separate times of the samples of lime taken from the old Lime Rock, as it is known in Yadkin county and which is located on the banks of the Yadkin river north of Smithtown in Fall Creek township, shows an analysis of 89.84 per cent. total carbonates when materials such as would be thrown out in mining, would be taken out.

The property is known as the Lime Rock Lime Company and is now the property of the state of North Carolina and embraces several acres of land. The early settlers used this limestone for burning into lime and many of the old kilns places are still in evidence. The outcrop consists of a large cliff setting 300 feet back from the river bed and is 800 to 1,000 feet long and 50 to 75 feet high, according to Mr. Stucky's report. The quarry itself, which was opened about 1912, consists of an opening of 75 to 100 feet long and 50 to 70 feet high. It was operated until the flood of 1916, which flooded the mine and it was abandoned.

\$1.00 Cheaper

The quarry contains three varieties of limestone, all about alike chemically. An analysis made by Rodney Piland, of State College, shows three samples analyzed. One of them showed 91.04 per cent. total carbonates, one 93.96 per cent. and one 89.91. Placed together they make an average of 91.63 total carbonates. The farmers of this section are now paying \$2.75 per ton for their agricultural lime. Mr. Stucky estimates that the lime can be ground for \$1.00 to \$1.25 per ton, with something like 50 cents for quarrying, making it cost the farmer not more than \$1.75 per ton.

Professor Stucky estimates that this mine holds about 45,000 tons of lime. He states that around 50 tons per day should be produced by a grinding machine such as should be used in this mine and that it would take about 1,000 working days to mine the deposit. In this work, he says, 250 days a year is about all that could be expected.

All rock which is diverted from the mine as waste material, and which will be crushed, will be used by the highway system on school bus roads of Yadkin and Surry counties, it is learned.

Easiest Way Out

Joe—You look all in today, Bill. What's the trouble?
Bill—Well, I didn't get home until after daylight. I was undressing when my wife woke up and said, "Aren't you getting up pretty early?" So in order to save an argument, I put on my clothes and came down to the plant.

Mr. Curt Myers Is Unusual Man; Father of 14



LEE CURTIS MYERS

Friends meet Mr. Curt Myers. His real name is Lee Curtis Myers, but he has been called "Curt" for short so long he probably wouldn't answer to any other name.

Mr. Myers is 81 years old and lives at Union Grove, on the Yadkin-Iredell line, where the corners of four counties, Yadkin, Iredell, Wilkes and Davie all come close together. He is an unusual man in many respects and is known throughout four counties.

He is the father of 14 children, he told the writer when he visited Yadkinville a short time ago, 11 of whom are living. He doesn't know how many grandchildren he has, but there are many and a number of great-grandchildren. He has two children in New York, one in Washington, one at Crutchfield, one at Union Grove, five at Harmony, and one at home. One son was killed in the world war No. 1 in 1918. One of the sons at Harmony is Dwight Myers, well known physician. The one at Crutchfield is S. K. Myers, a merchant.

Mr. Myers has spent his life within two miles of where he is now living. His wife died last year. He has been a member of Grassy Knobs Baptist church for 54 years.

Helps Churches

Although Mr. Myers never went to school a day in his life, he can figure with most of them. He has contributed in many ways to every church in his community and thinks the church one of the country's greatest institutions and is a regular attendant.

No Liquor

Mr. Myers said when Aus Watts passed his liquor bill he would help him enforce it, and he has not taken a drop since that time, which was 1910. It's against the law to have liquor and breaking the law is not one of his beliefs. He never used tobacco in any way and does not take cold drinks, although, he says, he did drink a ginger ale one time. Personally he would not know the difference between a Coca-Cola and a bottle of champagne. He just don't bother with them—and they don't bother him.

He has been a farmer all his life. At present he owns 2,320 acres of land, 900 of which lies near Richmond, Va., and is valuable.

"I don't owe no man a cent," said Mr. Myers, as he looked out the window of the Register of Deeds' office with a happy gleam in his eyes. That must be a happy feeling. Mr. Myers is a happy man.

He has been Santa Claus to many a young man who wanted an education or wanted to be a doctor or lawyer. A few of them went back on him, he said, but not many, and he is proud of the aid he has given to deserving people.

Mr. Myers is one of the No. 1 citizens of that part of North Carolina and shares the respect of all people.

Wilkesboro Business Man Is Injured

James H. Somers, member of the firm of Yadkin Valley Motor Co., Ford dealers at North Wilkesboro, was critically injured Friday on Highway 115 going toward Statesville, when he attempted to dodge a boy on a bicycle and turned his car over.

He sustained a severe back injury, breaking one vertebrae and fracturing another. He is a patient at Wilkes hospital where he will remain in a cast for six months or more.

CHATHAM IS TO ADDRESS GROUP

Will Be Principal Speaker at Meeting of Midwestern Press Association

PROGRAM IS ARRANGED

Thurmond Chatham, president of the Chatham Manufacturing company, of Elkin, will be the principal speaker at the meeting of the Midwestern Press Association when it meets at Elkin Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock at Hotel Elkin.

A division of the North Carolina Press Association, the Midwestern press group is comprised of 25 counties, represented by 52 newspapers. Organized in 1940, the association holds monthly meetings in various towns throughout the territory.

In addition to the talk by Mr. Chatham, another feature of the meeting will be a report by Ed Anderson, publisher of the Skyland Post, of West Jefferson, and president of the association, on the recent state press meeting at Chapel Hill, for the benefit of members who were unable to attend. Several other interesting features have been arranged.

Officials of the Midwestern group, in addition to Mr. Anderson, are O. C. McQuage, of Mocksville, publisher of the Mocksville Enterprise, vice-president, and H. F. Laffoon, publisher of The Tribune, Elkin, secretary.

Thrilling Race Nets Officers Liquor Cargo

Deputy Sheriff W. E. Wishon and Patrolman J. P. Rhyne had a thrilling race yesterday morning, which netted them 60 gallons of white-lightening liquor, a 1938 model Terraplane car and three negroes.

The chase began three miles west of Brooks Cross Roads, and ended two miles south of the main crossing at Courtney and led through Lone Hickory. At Lone Hickory, the officers state, part of a rear wheel ran off, leaving only the hub, but that didn't bother the negroes. Also after turning right at Courtney a tire went down and still the liquor car ran nearly two miles on one hub and one flat tire.

The negroes stated they were from Salisbury. They were turned over to federal officers and placed in jail at Winston-Salem. The 60 gallons of headaches was poured out at the Yadkin jail.

Students Elected to National Beta Club

Seven students at the Yadkinville high school have been elected to their local chapter of the National Beta Club, a non-secret high school service organization designed to recognize and honor superior students. The newly elected students are Jessie Leigh Davis, Kathleen Spillman, Kathryn Brown, Lola Mae Draughn, Calvin Hoots, Robert Bruce, and Willie Adams.

Membership in the Beta Club is based on mentality, character, achievement, and attitude. If there are students who meet the merit requirements for membership, any state-accredited high school may obtain a charter for a chapter, upon application by the administrative head of the local school to the National secretary, Dr. John W. Harris. Central offices are located in Spartanburg, S. C. There are chapters in 15 states, and a student membership of approximately 14,000.

The state council for North Carolina chapters is composed of five prominent educators and state education officials. Sarah Sherrill, of the Mt. Ulla chapter, is state student president of North Carolina clubs.

The sixth annual convention of North Carolina club members will be held on the week-end of April 11-12 at the Charlotte hotel in Charlotte.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness and helpfulness to us during the illness and after the death of our husband and father, Chas. E. Craver. And to those who sent the beautiful floral offerings we extend special thanks.

MRS. C. E. CRAVER AND FAMILY

House "Haunt" Evicted



WASHINGTON, D. C. . . Margaret Russell, (center) who donned a death mask and rose screaming in the gallery of the House of Representatives as a protest against the lease-lend bill, is shown being escorted out by a policewoman and a detective.

SURRY REA IS RUSHING WORK

Ask State Authority for Permission to Construct Additional Lines

MUCH OF LINE BUILT

The Surry, Yadkin, Forsyth, and Stokes Rural Electrification Association is rapidly drawing its construction work to a close, it has been reported by officials the past week.

Most of the lines have been run in Surry, while workmen are now busy building the lines in Stokes, Forsyth, and Yadkin counties.

Two hundred twenty-five miles of line have already been run, or will be completed within the next few weeks. These lines will furnish electricity to close to 1,000 homes, many of which probably never would have received the advantage of electric power had it not been for the REA.

With further expansion in mind, a delegation from this association has asked the state rural electrification authority to approve construction of additional rural lines in its territory. Full details will be submitted within a week or 10 days.

John Austin Tilley, of Pilot Mountain, is president of the corporation. G. T. Dorse, of Lewisville, is vice-president; W. G. Carnog, of Philadelphia, is superintendent of construction; Frank Freeman, of Dobson serves as attorney; Robert Burrus, of Rockford, is co-ordinator; N. P. Bryant, of Yadkinville, is secretary; and S. A. Holder, of Mt. Airy, is treasurer.

The following men are directors in the organization: Joe Pendry, of East Bend; Wm. T. White, of Dobson; W. L. Smith, of Westfield; J. S. Key, of Mt. Airy; and Henry Doub, of East Bend.

Biblical Play Shows In Twin-City

Winston-Salem, Feb. 19—The original Passion Play, featuring Josef Meier as the portrayal of Christ, will be staged each night this week at Reynolds Memorial Auditorium in Winston-Salem.

The play, which has received the full endorsement of the clergy, re-enacts the last seven days of Christ on earth. Beginning with a prologue, followed by a tableau of the Annunciation, the life and sufferings, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth are reverently brought to life.

Hundreds of participants in the cast, presenting the twenty-two colorful scenes, make this the largest stage show ever presented.

Food Preparation Class Scheduled

Miss Sallie Brooks, Assistant Extension Nutritionist from State College, will hold a Foods Leader school in the Home Economics room at Yadkinville high school next Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 25, at 2 o'clock.

All food leaders of Home Demonstration clubs throughout Yadkin county are urged to attend, together with all other ladies who are interested.

FISH

The fish-planting program of the U. S. Forest Service placed 228,000,000 fish in the streams and lakes of 34 states and Alaska during 1939, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

BRITISH STATE GREEKS ARE TO FIGHT TO END

Believe They Will Not Make Peace With Duce

BRITISH ARE TO AID

Athens Source Says No Pressure Has Been Applied By Germany

MAY BE COMPLICATIONS

British sources reacted strongly Wednesday against any assumption that the Turkish-Bulgarian nonaggression declaration would force Greece to make peace with Italy and belief seemed growing that Greece and Great Britain together were preparing to fight it out if Germany attacked through Bulgaria.

It was forecast here that the Germans might overrun Bulgaria a month or six weeks from now and march to the Greek frontier.

But British informants said that the Greeks had shown their mettle and would not be intimidated easily. They said Britain would give them every bit of help it could.

Well-informed sources in Athens said today that no German pressure had been put on Greece to make peace with Italy and cited a communique of the official news agency, issued last Saturday, that Greece would fight to the end. They said that the Turkish-Bulgarian nonaggression declaration had not altered existing commitments among Balkan nations.

Balkan experts agreed that there might be serious complications to upset German plans within the next few weeks, but generally they expressed doubt that Britain could send to Greece sufficient forces to stop any big-scale German attack on Greece.

Boonville Seniors Hold Class Party

The Boonville high school senior class was entertained at a class party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brown, under the sponsorship of Misses Mole Brown and Marie Finney, and Harold Stinson and Marvin Cave.

An interesting program, consisting of games and contests, was carried out in a Valentine style.

Seniors present were Misses Mole Brown, Marie Finney, Carol Riden, Edna Sue Hudson, Jannie Trivette, Rosa Barber, Irene Gwyn, Filena Parker, Earline Vestal, Marie Coe, Grace Jester, Genthaine Stinson, Allene Boverder; Messrs. Roby Briwn, Harold Stinson, Marvin Cave, Claud Denny, John Shore, Bill Amburn, Lester Tolen, Clay Hobson, Robert Williams, and Carroll Miller. Teachers present were Miss Hayes and Miss Jennings.

After refreshments consisting of pimento cheese sandwiches, angel food cake, pickles, Valentine candies and strawberry smash were served, the Senior Valentine box was opened and Valentines were distributed by class officers.

Plowman and Petty Released on Bond

Alonzo Plowman and Katherine Petty were released on bond Tuesday, after spending two days and nights in jail here on a charge of fornication and adultery and possession of whiskey for the purpose of sale.

Plowman, who is the father of several children, and the Petty girl, about 17, were found in a room together at Plowman's home Sunday night by Sheriff Inscore and deputies. The officers state that Plowman had poured a quantity of whiskey through a hole in the floor and one pint was found in the bed where the girl was. Plowman's Plowman's wife has not been at home recently.

This case has attracted much attention in the eastern part of the county. The couple were tried at the December 1940 term of criminal county court and sentenced to 12 months on the roads. They appealed to superior court and are to be tried next week. Plowman has a long court record and has served a number of terms on the roads.

The women of a tribe in the Philippine Islands file their upper teeth into sharp points and blacken their lower teeth.