

LATENEWS from the State and Nation

1,000 REBELS REPORTED SLAIN

Madrid, Feb. 23.—Hard-fighting government troops were reported tonight to have captured strategic Pinzaron Hill in the Jarama sector, halted an insurgent drive on Viver, northeast of Valencia, and killed 1,000 men on the Guadalajara front.

THREATS OF NEW STRIKES MADE

A threatened general strike of union shoe workers and new "sit-down" demonstration in plants of other industries overshadowed peace negotiations yesterday in scattered labor disputes.

The general executive board of the United Shoe and Leather Workers' Union announced it had voted to call a general strike effective today in factories in its jurisdiction unless a flat 15 per cent. wage increase was granted immediately. Union leaders said picketing would start at once at plants where the union's demands were refused.

DRY OFFICIAL FIRED AFTER "SPREE"

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 23.—The Tennessee Anti-Saloon League, stern guardian of public morals here for 28 years, fired its elderly field secretary tonight on a charge he staged a two-fisted drinking spree on downtown streets of Union City, Tenn.

The Rev. W. G. Gaston, bailied out of the Union City jail for \$10 was discharged from ranks of the league on the eve of its 28th-anniversary dry laws.

DRY FORCES SHIFT FIGHT

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—The United Dry Forces, defeated in attempts to prevent passage of local option liquor legislation, shifted their battleground tonight to the 81 counties in which special liquor elections may be held in April.

"It is a fight to the finish—no surrender," said Cale K. Burgess, of Raleigh, the organization's vice president and campaign leader, in a letter to drys throughout the state. "If and when county elections are called, we must fight day and night and defeat liquor stores and liquorists."

GRAND JURY FINDS EVERYTHING OKEY

Report Submitted Tuesday
Speaks Highly of Condition of County Home

INMATES ARE SATISFIED

According to the report Tuesday of the grand jury of Surry county superior court, which has been in session since Monday, February 15, a committee of seven visited the county home and found the home to be in excellent condition and all inmates being well cared for. A list of the inmates shows that there are 17 men, 20 women, seven children from one to 13 years of age, and three boys 14 and 15 years of age, all of whom are white. All inmates stated that they were well cared for, and some of them said that they were living in the best home that they had ever had. The report on the county home further showed that there was an ample supply of food and feed stuff on hand, and that the prospects were good for a good crop on the county farm this year. The committee recommended that several fire extinguishers be placed about in the home as a fire protection.

The report further shows that a committee of eight persons visited the county jail and found a total of 42 prisoners, 33 of whom were white men, four white women and five colored men. The prisoners were being well cared for and well fed. The committee recommended that shower baths be installed in the jail.

The report on the court house showed that it was in good condition, except for a few minor repairs, arrangements for which have already been made.

HIGH POINT FILES ANSWER TO SUIT BY YADKIN COUNTY

Denies That Project Would
Render Land Untaxable

CLAIM IS 25 PER CENT

Guilford City Seeking to Construct Hydroelectric Plant on River

INUNDATE 11,000 ACRES

High Point, Feb. 23.—The city of High Point today filed its answer in Guilford superior court to the suit of Yadkin county, members of the county board of commissioners and Miles P. Shore, who is termed a taxpayer of that county, in which the city denies every material allegation set forth by the plaintiffs and then asks that the action of the county and individuals be dismissed.

Yadkin county recently endeavored to enter as a party plaintiff a friendly suit of J. Paul Williamson and entered into by the Duke Power company as a party plaintiff, but the county was denied the privilege of entering this litigation by the court. The county then filed a separate suit in which the plaintiffs asked that this city be permanently enjoined from constructing a hydroelectric plant on the Yadkin river.

High Point's answer to the suit admits that Yadkin county and the city of High Point are municipal corporations and then proceeds to deny the remaining allegations. Denied for lack of information is the allegation that approximately 25 per cent. of the taxable land of the county will be rendered untaxable by the hydroelectric plant.

Yadkin county, with J. Brendle as chairman and B. C. Shore and L. L. Smitherman as members of the county commission board, alleged the project would require the inundation of approximately 11,000 acres of land and that another approximately 4,000 acres of land would be required for building adjoining the dam. They further complained that labor conditions have improved to such an extent that the project cannot now be justified on the basis of giving employment.

HOPE FOR BREAK IN MURDER CASE

No Statement Made as to Findings of FBI Tests of Bloodstains

SEVERAL ARE IN JAIL

Sheriff Walter M. Irvin, of Alleghany county, is said to be hoping for an early break in the assault-murder of Elva Brannock, school girl, whose body was found in the Saddle Mountain section of Alleghany county on February 8.

The sheriff declined to issue any statement on findings, if any, as a result of the questioning of Connie Wright, 28, now being held in Wilkes county jail on liquor charges by federal officers, other than that he did not attach much importance to the detention of Wright as far as the girl's murder is concerned.

No statement as to the findings by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at Washington, D. C., on tests made of blood found on garments worn by the slain girl, and on clothing worn by Paul Edwards, being held for investigation in connection with the murder, has been forthcoming.

Tri-County Tournament To Begin Here Friday

A meeting in which paring of teams and a schedule for the Tri-County Basketball tournament to be staged here beginning Friday, is being worked out, was being held here late Wednesday afternoon as the Tribune went to press.

The tournament, open to high school basketball teams of Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes counties, is the first ever to be staged here, and will be played in the new Elkin gymnasium, located off Elk Spur street at the community playground.

The new gym, which is a monument to the perseverance of Elkin business men, civic organizations,

From Snow Grave



Carson City, Neb.—Mrs. Maude La Near, 19, and her daughter, Donna, 2, pictured after being rescued from a snow-buried automobile after 15 days without food or heat. The husband went for aid and perished.

ELK THEATRE TO OPEN HERE MONDAY

New Building Is Equipped With Most Modern of Sound Equipment

IS INDIRECTLY LIGHTED

The Elk Theatre, a new and modern picture house just constructed and equipped here by Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Reeves, will open next Monday evening at 7 o'clock with "Sea Devils," starring Victor McLaglen, Preston Foster and Ida Lupino, as the first attraction. This theatre, upon which finishing touches are now being put, is modern in every way, possessing the best of lighting, acoustics, sound equipment and seating facilities. It is of attractive appearance, both on the outside and inside.

The motion picture equipment now in the process of installation is the RCA Photophone High Fidelity Sound system, the equipment being as near perfect as electrical and movie engineers have been able to make it. The theatre is equipped with upholstered seats, Modernistic type decoration, including indirect lighting, features the inside of the theatre with beauty the keynote and harmony the result. There are no columns to obstruct the view of anyone, and thanks to the sloping of the floor, everyone will be able to have an unobstructed view of the screen.

The opening photoplay, "Sea Devils," is a brand new picture, and its showing here will mark its premier in North Carolina. Following a two-day run, "Sea Devils" will give way to "Come and Get It," with Edward Arnold, Joel McCrea and Frances Farmer, which will be shown Wednesday and Thursday.

The new theatre building also will house the offices of its owner, Dr. Reeves, who is an optometrist. Entrance is by stairway opening adjacent to the theatre lobby.

BIRTHDAY DINNER IN HONOR M. A. SOUTHARD

A birthday dinner in celebration of the 90th birthday of M. A. Southard, of Elkin, will be held at the Southard home Sunday, at which Mrs. Southard will also be honored. Everyone has been extended a cordial invitation to attend.

Tri-County Tournament To Begin Here Friday

school students and Uncle Sam, is receiving finishing touches and will be in readiness for the opening play of the tourney Friday, which will serve as a dedication of the new plant.

Of adequate size and construction, the gym possesses an excellent hardwood floor, showers, and other necessities, and answers a long-felt need of the local school.

Everyone is urged to buy tickets good for the entire series of games, which are now on sale, and make the tournament a success. Games will be played Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Handsome trophies will be awarded the winner and runner up.

Buck Freeman Is Chosen to Head Security Office

Although no formal announcement has been made by the Social Security board as to the opening of its district office in Winston-Salem, it has been stated by an authoritative source that it had approved the appointment of J. N. "Buck" Freeman, formerly of Elkin, as manager of the office of that city.

Mr. Freeman was prosecuting attorney of the Elkin recorders court for several years prior to the abolishing of the court by an act of the state legislature, and has many friends here and in Dobson, his native home. He is a brother of R. C. Freeman here. For the past several years he has held a position in Washington, D. C.

NURSES GUESTS OF ELKIN KIWANIANS

Are Entertained At Meeting Of Club At Hotel Elkin Thursday Evening

PROGRAM IS PRESENTED

The nurses of Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital were the guests of the Elkin Kiwanis club at the weekly meeting held at Hotel Elkin last Thursday night.

Thomas Shugart was in charge of the program for the evening, turning it over to Mrs. Dorothy Callahan, superintendent of nurses. Mrs. Callahan introduced each nurse.

One feature of the program was a tap dance by Ralph Lawrence, which was followed by Miss Ruth Flynn, who read the following "Essay on Man," taken from the Saturday Evening Post, and written by J. A. Lockwood.

Essay on Man
Man is what woman marries. Man has two feet, two hands, and sometimes two wives, but never more than one collar button or one idea at a time.

Generally speaking, any man may be put into any one of three classes—namely, husbands, bachelors and widowers.

The last-named class is but a temporary state, for the man in question soon becomes a member of either one of the first two classes. That is due largely to a peculiarity of the species known as inconstancy.

Husbands are of three varieties: Prizes, surprises and consolation prizes. There is also the booby, considered by some to be of the first variety, but soon found to be one of the lesser members of the second.

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BOONVILLE MAN IS TAKEN BY DEATH

A. C. Frazier, 56, died at his home near Boonville Wednesday, Feb. 17. He was a well known farmer of that section.

He was a native of this county and had spent his life near Boonville. He was unmarried. He is survived by two brothers, T. J. Frazier of Boonville and Will Frazier of New Providence, Iowa; one sister, Mrs. Florence Gerry of Eldora, Iowa.

Funeral services were held at Boonville Baptist church Saturday by Rev. J. P. Davis and Rev. R. L. Speer. Interment was in the church cemetery.

FRANKLIN PINNIX, 82, PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

William Franklin Pinnix, 80, died suddenly from a heart attack at his home three miles west of Brooks Cross Roads Sunday morning.

Mr. Pinnix was a native of that section. He was married to Miss Laura Shore, who survives him, together with the following children: Floyd Pinnix of Iowa; Lee and Milo Pinnix and Mrs. Leona Wiles of Hamptonville; and Spencer Pinnix of Cycle.

Funeral services were held at Asbury Methodist church Monday afternoon at two o'clock, in charge of Rev. H. H. Cash. Interment was in the church cemetery.

DEPUTY COLLECTOR AT HOTEL ELKIN MONDAY

A state and federal deputy collector of revenue will be at Hotel Elkin all day Monday, March 1, to assist those who wish aid in filing their state and federal income tax returns.

Sparks Fly As Motor Production Is Resumed



Flint, Mich.—Sparks started flying in the Fisher plant here, Feb. 13th, as the first automobile workers went back on the job, bringing to a close the 44-day strike declared to be the most paralyzing industrial tie-up this nation has ever experienced. General Motors workers by the thousands returned to their jobs the week of February 15.

BANQUET IS HELD BY BARBERS HERE

J. I. Cockerham, Owner of Hotel Barber Shop, Acts As Toastmaster

OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS

A banquet was held Tuesday evening at Hotel Elkin for barbers of Elkin. Covers were placed for twenty-three. J. I. Cockerham of the Hotel Barber shop acted as toastmaster of the evening. Rev. J. L. Powers offered the invocation.

Out-of-town guests were F. L. Goble, of Winston-Salem, member of the state legislative committee and of the state educational committee and past president of the state Master Barbers; W. M. Stamper, of Winston-Salem, President of Master Barbers of Winston-Salem and owner of the Robert E. Lee Barber shop, and Dan Murphy, also of Winston-Salem, manager and science instructor of the Winston-Salem Barber school. Each of the guests made a brief talk. The program was interspersed with vocal and string music.

THOMPSON GREENWOOD HEAD OF COMMITTEE

Thompson Greenwood, son of Mrs. Maude M. Greenwood of Jonesville, was last week named chairman of the Public relations committee for the Southeastern Arts association. The organization, which is composed of all the outstanding artists and art students in the southeastern part of the United States, will hold its annual convention in Raleigh on April 8, 9, 10. Plans for the meeting were mapped at a conference of officials here last week. Mr. Greenwood is a recent graduate of Wake Forest College, where he was prominent in the publication activities of that school. He is now a member of the English department of the Raleigh City Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Bell announce the birth of a daughter, Nancy Penelope, at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, February 21, 1937.

Negro Veniremen Released From Duty at Dobson

Four Negroes were called for jury duty in superior court at Dobson Tuesday to set a new precedent for Surry county since reconstruction days. The colored veniremen were summoned under special instructions from Presiding Judge Frank S. Hill for the trial of the Mattin assault case in which Tom Mattin, 24-year-old Mount Airy Negro, is charged with a capital crime.

As the four Negroes, part of a special venire of thirty men from the lower part of the county, were sworn in, some of the court attendants apparently maintained their poise with difficulty. All four of the colored men were released by the state's challengers during selection of the jury which consumed around two hours.

SURRY CO. COURT GRINDS OUT MANY CASES AT DOBSON

Trial of Negro on Capital Charge Under Way

JONESVILLE BOYS TRIED

Fred Shores and Joe Barnette Go to Roads For Term of 18 Months

ONE DIVORCE GRANTED

Surry county superior court, which convened Monday morning at 10:00 a. m. from last week for the hearing of criminal cases, was a busy place Wednesday morning with the trial of Thomas Mattin, negro, of Mount Airy, underway. Mattin was charged with first degree burglary, and attempt at rape and murder. The trial was witnessed by a packed court room.

According to the testimony of Mrs. Vera Spann and of J. W. Jessup, state's witnesses who took up most of the morning session Wednesday with their testimonies in the case, Mattin entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wood, of Mount Airy, just after midnight on last November first, and after brutally beating Mr. Wood, who was sick at that time, and also beating Mrs. Wood into a state of semiconsciousness, attempted to criminally assault her. According to the testimony of the state's witnesses the Wood home was found to be in a serious state of disorder with pools and blotches of blood in almost every room of the house, and on both the front and back porches. Mrs. Wood received two blows on the head, one of which caused a fracture of the skull, and Mrs. Wood was kept in a hospital for two weeks after the assault.

A special venire of men were summoned Tuesday for the hearing of the case and the trial got under way Tuesday. State's witnesses in the case were R. E. Smith, J. J. McCarthy, Henry Wood, Mrs. Henry Wood, Mrs. Bell McHone, Andy Martin, C. E. Monday and J. W. Jessup. The special venire of men were R. P.

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DEBATERS CHOSEN FOR ANNUAL MEET

To Match Speeches With Mount Airy and Wilkesboro on April 2

SEMI-FINALS LAST YEAR

Eliminations for the annual triangular debaters were held Friday morning in the Elkin high school. According to the decisions of the judges, Miss Emma Cooke, Miss Elizabeth Anderson and J. Mark McAdams, all of the school faculty, the following speakers will represent the school at the debates on April 2: Edna Billings and Alice McCoin of the affirmative will go to Wilkesboro to meet Mount Airy negatives; Lesbia Graham and Sammy Gambill on the negative will go to Mount Airy to meet the Wilkesboro affirmative. All the debates in this triangle will be held on neutral grounds.

Last year for the first time in its history, Elkin was represented in Chapel Hill at the state finals, and the teams advanced to the semi-finals. In the event that the local teams win both of their debates the school will again contest in the finals in Chapel Hill on April 22 and 23.

Couple Motors From Ohio to Marry in N. C.

In the office of the register of deeds of Surry county last Saturday at noon Rev. C. W. Russell, pastor of the Dobson Methodist church, heard the vows of a couple who had motored from Oberlin, Ohio, to be married, and who requested that their names be withheld. According to their statements, they were in high school and were too young to secure a marriage license in their own state, the girl being 18, but by consulting the World's Almanac they learned that North Carolina was the nearest place to secure such a license at that age, consequently they made an all-night trip from Oberlin, near the Great Lakes, and presented birth certificates from the principals of their schools to the register of deeds at noon Saturday and were married in his office, returning to Ohio immediately.

STOCKHOLDERS OF ASSOCIATION MEET

Report of Building and Loan Secretary Shows Good Business for Period

DIRECTORS REELECTED

An increase in membership and in shares of stock sold was reported at the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Elkin-Jonesville Building and Loan Association held at Hotel Elkin recently.

The report by Paul Gwyn, secretary-treasurer, disclosed that membership has grown from 362 to 393 during the preceding year, and that shares of stock had shown an increase from 3,395 to 4,486. The association was shown to be in the best financial condition in its history with prospects for the future bright. Seventy-eight loans for building purposes were made during the year.

The board of directors who served during the past year were re-elected by the stockholders. Members are W. C. Cox, C. S. Foster, H. P. Graham, Paul Gwyn, S. G. Holcomb, Mason Lillard, E. F. McNeer, F. M. Norman, and J. S. Poindexter.

Following the meeting of stockholders, the directors met and elected officers: Mason Lillard, president; J. R. Poindexter, vice-president; Paul Gwyn, secretary-treasurer, and W. M. Allen, attorney.

ARE TO HOLD CRIPPLE CLINIC AT MOUNT AIRY

Dr. R. A. Moore, orthopedic surgeon, will hold his regular cripple clinic in the county health office at Mount Airy Friday morning, February 26, from 9 a. m. until 12 m. All crippled children of the county should be taken to Dr. Moore on that date.