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LATENEWS from the State and Nation

TO WAR ON PIRATE SUBS

Geneva, Sept. 14. — War fleets of nine nations headed into the Mediterranean tonight in an offensive against submarine piracy, led by more than 100 British and French fighting ships but without the cooperation of Italy.

Italy refused tonight to join the anti-piracy patrol in a secondary role, demanding full parity with Britain and France. The latter two nations were designated by seven co-operating nations — Turkey, Greece, Russia, Egypt, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Rumania — to bear the brunt of the patrol.

Italy was offered jurisdiction of sea lanes just off her coasts in the patrol plan drafted Saturday, at Nyon, at a conference boycotted both by Premier Mussolini and Reichsfuehrer Hitler, of Germany.

Tonight, with German adherence, Premier Mussolini advised the British and French charge d'affaires that the situation which would result from the patrol plan "seems unacceptable."

NEGRO TO DIE FOR ASSAULT

Marion, Sept. 14. — Mann Smith, negro, was sentenced by Judge Felix Alley today to die in the state's gas chamber October 15 upon conviction of criminally assaulting a 12-year-old white girl. The 15-year-old negro received the sentence calmly.

Strict precautions were taken by a special detachment of state highway patrolmen and sheriff's deputies after Smith was struck on the head in the courtroom last week by Frank Anderson, a plumber.

GOVERNORS FEAR FEDERAL SCHOOL AID

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 14. — Governors of 20 states met in a penthouse overlooking the Atlantic ocean today and spoke their minds about the possibility of Uncle Sam's long arm reaching into the little red schoolhouse.

Most of the governors expressed fear that very thing would happen when the states began accepting from the federal government financial aid for their schools.

FORSYTH MAN GETS DEATH PENALTY

Winston-Salem, Sept. 14. — A superior court jury deliberated 56 minutes late today and condemned James Sermons, 30-year-old negro to death for the murder of a tobacco factory night watchman last November.

Sermons rose steadily to his feet and said, "I'm not guilty. I didn't kill no man," as Judge E. C. Bivens sentenced him to die in North Carolina's gas chamber at Raleigh November 12.

WILLIAMS AND McCOINS TO HOLD ANNUAL MEET

Members of the Williams and McCain families will meet in reunion at the Fish Hatchery, near Roaring Gap, Sunday, September 19. The public is invited to attend and bring a basket lunch.

Surry Officers Are Staging Man Hunt

Wanted on a charge of abusing his family, A. G. Willie, 42, of the Kapps Mill section of Surry county, is being sought by Surry officers.

Charges were sworn out against Willie the first of the week. He was said to have threatened members of his family and otherwise abused them.

Officers were continuing the hunt for the man Wednesday afternoon. Deputy Sheriff W. J. Snow, who has been assisting Sheriff Boyd and other deputies, stated that he has been seen in the vicinity of his home, but that as yet they have been unable to capture him.

CHECKS SALE OF ARMS IN FAR EAST AS RESULT OF WAR

Roosevelt Places Partial Embargo Tuesday

MAY AFFECT WICHITA

Vessels Will Travel at Own Risk, President States in Order

BLOODY BATTLE AHEAD

Washington, Sept. 14. — President Roosevelt invoked tonight a partial embargo on shipments of arms and munitions to the far eastern war zone.

After conferring with Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Joseph Kennedy, chairman of the maritime commission, the chief executive issued a formal statement announcing that no merchant vessels owned by this government would be permitted to transport such articles to China or Japan "until further notice."

The order applies to 37 vessels owned by the government and operated privately under management contracts.

Other American merchant ships carrying arms cargoes to either country, the President said, will do so at their own risk.

His statement was issued a short time after Mr. Roosevelt at his regular press conference had reiterated that he would do everything possible to keep this country out of war.

The action, however, did not formally invoke the neutrality act, which would automatically forbid all exports of implements of war to belligerents in addition to clapping an embargo on all American financial assistance to the warring nations.

The president emphasized that the government's policy with respect to application of the neu-

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1,551 STUDENTS ARE IN SCHOOLS

Enrollment in Local High School is Said Largest In History

220 AT NORTH ELKIN

Fifteen hundred and fifty-one students registered on the opening day of the Elkin, North Elkin and Jonesville schools. Elkin high school, with an enrollment of 178, exceeds all previous enrollments in the history of the school, 90 of this number being in the eighth grade. However the enrollment in the elementary school is slightly off, with only 430 on the opening day.

Jonesville reports 605 in the elementary school for the opening day and 118 in the high school. Prof. L. S. Weaver states that this is under last year but that others are expected to enroll within a few days and parents are urged to send their children as early as possible in order that they may have all of the advantages of the school.

North Elkin, with seven grades, reports 220 on the opening day, which is below the yearly average.

All of the teachers state that they expect the enrollment to increase within a short time to normalcy.

MOUNTAIN PARK TO OPEN 20TH

Vocational Department for Boys Being Added to School This Year

EXPECT GOOD YEAR

Mountain Park School will open Monday, September 20. All students are urged to be present the opening day so that the number of free and rental books may be determined with as little delay as possible. The basal books for the elementary grades will be free this year and the supplementary books will be rented by the state for a fee which will be collected at the beginning of the school year. All high school books will be for rent this year.

A vocational department for the boys is being added to the school this year, home economics being added for the girls last year. A. F. Kinzie, a graduate in agriculture from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, has been secured for the new department.

With some of the roads used by busses considerably improved the school is looking forward to a successful year. The athletic program of the school will be handicapped, however, due to lack of gymnasium. It is hoped that one can be built during the year, but it will not be available for use this season.

Twenty-Three Turn Out For Football Practice

Laffoon, Bivins, Harris, Powers, Gray and Gambill.

The first home game of the season will be played here October 1 when Elkin meets Mooresville.

SURRY SUPERIOR COURT IS TO CONVENE MONDAY

A one-week term of criminal court will open at Dobson Monday morning, September 20, at 10:00 a. m., with Judge F. Donald Phillips of Rockingham, presiding, and with Hon. Allen H. Gwyn, of Reidsville prosecuting the docket.

The term will last only one week, and will be for the hearing of criminal cases only.

Queen of Queens



Long Beach, Cal. . . Miss Gwen Stith of San Pedro, was acclaimed winner of the first annual "Queen of Queens" contest held here. The contestants were girls who had previously been chosen "queens" of various events—Radio, Beauty and so on.

American Girl Broadcasting From Italy

An American girl, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Wade, of this city, may now be heard speaking from Rome, Italy, each Friday afternoon from 6:00 to 7:00 p. m., e. s. t., over short wave station 2RO.

The program is known as "The All-American Number," and is made up of talks and musical numbers. It originates in Rome at 1:00 p. m., Italian time.

The conductor of the program, the former Miss Rosebud Wade, is announced as Rosita Gemma Wade, she having married an Italian by name of Gemma in this country before going to Italy to make her home.

Mrs. Gemma is well known here, having repeatedly visited her parents during their residence here.

MIDWAY IS TO BE NEW FEATURE OF 3-DAY FAIR HERE

To Be Brilliantly Lighted at Night

MANY NEW FEATURES

Lee's Riding Devices to Be Here All Next Week; to Arrive Sunday

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN

A brightly lighted midway, featuring tricky games of skill, bingo and Lee's riding devices will greet visitors to Elkin's first three-day fair, to be staged here at the Elkin gymnasium and playground Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

Arrangements have already been made to brightly light the fair grounds, and carpenters and other workmen have been busily engaged for the past week in getting the large gymnasium building ready for entries in the fair. Everything is rounding into shape very satisfactorily, Mrs. Alan Browning, Jr., secretary, said Wednesday, and it is expected the event will be the most successful in its history.

Lee's riding devices, which will be located at the fairgrounds all next week are expected to arrive here late Sunday afternoon, with the fair to swing into action Thursday. A parade of horses and other attractions, to form at Chatham Athletic Field, will officially open the event Thursday.

New features of the fair this year, in addition to the riding devices, include a horse show, for which \$80.00 in cash will be awarded; school track meet and field day, open to the schools of Surry, Yadkin, Wilkes and Alleghany, and including a sack race open to everyone; a "Big Apple" dance contest, which is arousing much interest and drawing many applicants, and School Day, to be observed Friday, September 24, in which all school children of Surry, Yadkin, Wilkes and Alleghany will be admitted to the

TO SHOW BENEFITS SOCIAL SECURITY

Large Booth Will Be on Ex- hibition at the Elkin Fair Next Week

ATTENDANT ON HAND

An exhibit depicting the benefits which the general public will derive from Social Security legislation will be shown at the Elkin Fair when it opens here next Thursday, J. N. Freeman, manager of the Social Security Board's Field Office in Winston-Salem announced yesterday.

In addition to giving a graphic description of the Social Security set-up, there will be an attendant at the exhibit throughout the two days of the fair to explain the legislation and to distribute various enlightening pamphlets.

There will also be a representative of the Social Security Board present at the booth. Manager Freeman explained, who will be prepared to issue account numbers. The purpose of this will be to demonstrate the simplicity of securing the all-important number, he said.

The huge, poster-like exhibit measures 10 feet across and 8 feet in height. Two tables at each side of the booth will contain publications, copies of which may be obtained by any person visiting the fair. All they will need to do is to fill out a request blank which will be on hand. The publications will be mailed to them later, the Social Security manager pointed out.

"I feel sure this exhibit will serve to clear up many doubtful matters in connection with the enactment of this mammoth social legislation. I urge everyone to visit the booth and take advantage of the free information that will be available," Mr. Freeman declared.

MISS SALLY BUXTON CLAIMED BY DEATH

Miss Sallie C. Buxton, 86, died yesterday morning at eight o'clock near Brannon church, in which section she had spent her entire life. She lived with a nephew, Lee Buxton.

She had been a member of Brannon Friends church for many years. Two nephews and one niece constitute all immediate relatives.

Funeral services will be conducted at Flat Rock Baptist church at two o'clock Thursday afternoon and interment will be in the church cemetery. Rev. Mrs. Milner A. Cox will have charge of the services.

EAST ELKIN CHURCH TO BEGIN REVIVAL

East Elkin Baptist church will begin their annual revival Sunday, September 19. Two services will be held daily, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Music for the services will be in charge of Reece Masten, choir director, who is considered one of the most able in this section. The pastor, Rev. J. L. Powers, will be assisted in the meeting by Rev. L. W. Burrus of Booneville and Rev. J. L. Pardue of Elkin.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

MOUNTAIN PARK WOMAN PASSES

Mrs. Myrtle Hanes Norman Dies Suddenly Monday Afternoon

LAST RITES, TUESDAY

Mrs. Myrtle Hanes Norman, about 50, wife of James S. Norman of Mountain Park, died suddenly late Monday afternoon when she was returning to her home from a Mountain Park store. A heart attack was the cause of her death.

Mrs. Norman was a daughter of the late Esquire and Mrs. Haynes of State Road, and was twice married, first to John Wright and after his death to James Norman, who survives. Several children of the two marriages survive. Among them are Alton and Lennie Wright and Mrs. Alton Southard of the first marriage, and Mrs. Corbett Wall and others of the second marriage. Two brothers, Bramlett Haynes of Chase City, Va., and Judd Haynes of State Road, also survive.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from State Road Primitive Baptist church at two o'clock. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The meadowlark probably would become the American National Bird should the eagle ever be forced to abdicate its throne.

State Deputy Fire Marshal Condemns School Bldg. Here

OTHER BUILDINGS ARE ALSO LISTED AS FIRE MENACES

Authorities Notified by Insur- ance Commissioner

FIRE ESCAPES NEEDED

Auditorium and Four Class Rooms in Elementary School Are Affected

DANGEROUS FOR PUPILS

Four upstairs class rooms, the auditorium, and both the girls' and boys' toilets of the Elkin elementary school building on Church street have been condemned as unsafe to human life following an inspection here several weeks ago by Sherwood Brockwell, North Carolina Deputy Fire Marshal.

Four other Elkin buildings in the business zone were also condemned as unsafe for human habitation. Owners of these four buildings, and John W. Comer, superintendent of Surry county schools and J. Mark McAdams, superintendent of the Elkin schools, have been notified by Dan C. Boney, North Carolina Insurance Commissioner. Copies of the letters were also mailed to W. W. Whitaker, chief of the Elkin Fire Department, and Ted Brown, fireman.

The four downtown buildings to be condemned until suggested changes can be made include the Greenwood building, facing on North Bridge street; the Grier building, North Bridge street; the telephone exchange building on Market street, and the Mayberry building, housing the United Variety Store, on West Main street. Each of these four buildings are three stories high at the rear and house families on the upper floors with the exception of the telephone building, which has sleeping quarters on the upper floor. Each of the buildings must be equipped with iron fire escapes if they are to be used for sleeping purposes.

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HOLCOMB-LONG CLAN IN REUNION

Descendants of Yadkin Pion- ers Gather for Annual Love Feast

MARTIN IS SPEAKER

In a 142 year old church, founded by their ancestors the Holcomb Long families of the present day met last Sunday in their 13th annual reunion. The place was Old Center Methodist church, first founded in 1795, by the first of the pioneers of these families and the third church to be erected on the same spot, beginning with a brush arbor and now a modern country church.

Among the visitors from other sections was noted Dr. Numa R. Holcomb of Oak Grove, Mo., Dr. Hampton Holcomb of Heppburn, Ohio, Mrs. Cora Holcomb Hollingsworth of Mt. Airy and Mrs. W. J. McGill, of Kings Mountain, formerly Miss Minnie Ruth Holcomb of Mt. Airy.

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Martin Speaker

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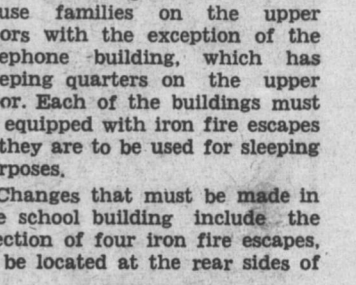
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