

LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

FRANCE, NAZIS SIGN PACT

Paris, Dec. 6.—German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop today signed an anti-war pledge with France "ending our long and historic dispute." But he received a sullen reception from the French people who gave him neither cheers nor jeers as he rode along the heavily-guarded boulevards.

Guarded by thousands of mobile guards in shiny helmets who surrounded him wherever he turned, Chancellor Adolf Hitler's "travelling salesman" was spirited into Paris in a roundabout manner that brought his train into the rarely-used Invalides station to thwart any hostile lefts demonstrations.

RUNAWAY TRAIN KILLS TWENTY

Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia, Dec. 6.—With more than 250 men aboard, a mine train ran wild today down a mile of track deep into the Princess Colliery Diggings to splinter finally against a mine wall at 60 miles an hour, killing 20 of its occupants.

Rescue crews hurrying down the narrow passageways to the wreckage picked up the mangled bodies of men who had jumped from the careening train and fell under its wheels or were crushed against the walls. They dug in the wreckage and found more bodies and feared the toll would mount still higher.

TROOPS GUARD FRENCH EMBASSY

Rome, Dec. 6.—Crack carabinieri and troops today were called out to protect the French embassy in Farnese Square against swarms of university students who marched upon it with cries of "Corsica! Tunisia! Djibouti!" after forcing the closing of several French shops.

Premier Benito Mussolini's controlled Fascist press described the new anti-French outburst as a "justifiable" answer to demonstrations against Italy in Tunis and on the French island of Corsica last week-end.

F. D. R. ELATED OVER COMMENT

Washington, Dec. 6.—President Roosevelt returned to Washington today after his tour through the Carolinas yesterday and launched into an accumulation of work that will keep him in the White House until February.

Meeting the press this afternoon, Mr. Roosevelt was in fine spirits and apparently elated over the reaction to his speech at Chapel Hill yesterday which was heard over an international hook-up, bringing comment from all over the world.

ELKIN ORCHESTRA IS TO MAKE BOW

Organization, under Direction of R. G. Cox, to Present Program Tuesday

SINGERS TO BE HEARD

The Elkin orchestra, numbering twenty members, will make its first formal appearance in the elementary school auditorium, Church street, next Tuesday evening at eight. Rehearsals under the direction of its leader, R. Gratz Cox, have been in progress several weeks, and Mr. Cox says an organization has been perfected of which most any town could well be proud.

Considering the fact that this young orchestra started from the beginning, mostly with new instruments, the program that they will give will evidently be in the nature of a surprise. "I have never," Mr. Cox continued, "worked with young people that have displayed more earnestness and industry to bring this organization to pass than has these Elkin youngsters." It is

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Named Chairman



M. Q. Snow, of Elkin, who was named chairman of the Surry county board of commissioners at the new board's first meeting at Dobson Monday. Mr. Snow, who has served as a member of the board for several terms, is considered well qualified for the chairmanship. During his years of service to the county as a commissioner he has established an enviable reputation which is well deserved.

COUNTY OFFICIALS SWORN IN MONDAY

M. Q. Snow, of Elkin, Heads Commissioners As Chairman of Board

PROJECT IS AUTHORIZED

As a result of the recent general election, held November 8, duly elected county officials were formally sworn into office at Dobson Monday morning.

Officers taking the oath were Frank Llewellyn, of Dobson, clerk of superior court; Dr. R. E. Smith, Mount Airy, coroner; Golden Baker, Shoals, surveyor; Harvey Boyd, Mount Airy, sheriff. Sheriff Boyd and Dr. R. E. Smith will hold office for the next four years. An amendment to the state constitution passed in the general election, was held constitutional by the attorney-general last week. It lengthened the term of office of the coroner and sheriff from two to four years.

M. Q. Snow, of Elkin; R. P. Jones, of Mt. Airy, and Sam Smith of Pilot Mountain were also sworn into office as the board of county commissioners. M. Q. Snow was elected as chairman of the board. Sam Smith was elected as vice chairman. The board of commissioners then held their regular session, R. A. Freeman being appointed as the attorney for the county board.

It was ordered by the board that the county subscribe to the institute of government. It was also ordered that R. C. Wood, of Mountain Park, be exempt from paying a peddler's tax.

John Comer, county school superintendent, appeared before the board and asked that they appropriate \$2,000, which would be matched by \$30,000 of WPA money for repairing and to put into first class condition all the school buildings in Surry county. Mr. Comer stated that this money would be spent in the next six months and would employ about forty men for that time. He also pointed out that about twenty of our present school buildings were in a run down condition and that sooner or later the county would have to spend a great deal more than the sum now represented unless they took advantage of this WPA offer. After due consideration by the board it was approved and work will start within the next two weeks.

Frank Folger was appointed by Governor Hoey as tax supervisor for Surry county for two more years. Governor Hoey praised Mr. Folger for his past record.

TO HOLD MEETING OF DISABLED WAR VETS

A county-wide meeting of all disabled war veterans of this section will be held at the Dixie Cafe, in Boonville, next Wednesday night, December 14.

The purpose of the meeting, according to Lorenza Witaker, who is in charge, is to explain to the veterans that there are certain jobs now open in Washington to which they are entitled and have a possibility of obtaining. A full attendance is requested.

FARMERS TO VOTE ON TOBACCO QUOTA SATURDAY, DEC. 10

Polls to Open at 9 a.m. and Close at 5 p.m.

IS IMPORTANT MATTER

All Farmers Engaged in Growing Tobacco in 1938 Eligible to Vote

VOTING PLACES LISTED

All farmers who were engaged in the production of tobacco in 1938 are eligible to vote in the referendum on Saturday, December 10, to determine whether tobacco quotas will be in effect in 1939.

According to a statement by J. W. Crawford, Surry county farm agent, the polls will be open at 9:00 a. m. and close at 5:00 p. m. Mr. Crawford also stated that he hopes all of the farmers of Surry county will go to the polls on election day.

The voting places for the various townships are as follows: Bryan township, Mountain Park School; Dobson township, Dobson Court Room; Eldora township, Eldora School; Elkin township, North Elkin School; Franklin township, Blevins Store; Long Hill, Needham's Service Station; Marsh, Little Richmond School; Mount Airy, Franklin School; Pilot Mountain, Pilot Mountain School; Rockford township, Copeland School; Siloam township, Siloam School; Stewart's Creek township, Pine Ridge; Westfield township, Cooke's School; Shoals township, Shoals school.

RUM-RUNNER IS GIVEN 5 YEARS

Was Driver of Car Which Figured in Wreck Killing Boonville Constable

TRIED ON LIQUOR COUNT

John Davis, driver of the liquor car being chased by Boonville Constable Arthur Mathews when he was killed October 22, near East Bend, was tried in federal court at Wilkesboro last week and sentenced to five years in Alanta federal prison. The two girls with Davis at the time will be tried later in Greensboro.

He was charged with transporting non-taxpaid liquor, and in passing sentence Judge Hayes said the limit for that crime was five years and he was giving him that. Judge Hayes also said that there was no charge in federal court against Davis in connection with Mathews' death except the liquor charge.

One of the witnesses at the hearing was Wade Johnson, who was with Mathews when he was killed. Johnson testified to the race of the two cars and stated on the witness stand that Mathews shot only one time on the entire ride and that was about a mile from where the wreck occurred and that he did not shoot down the tires of the Davis car.

License Issued

A marriage license has been issued by the Surry county register of deeds to J. S. Lewis and Miss Lela McDowell, both of Mt. Airy.

Pilot Mountain Man Stresses Importance of Crop Control

In the belief that the following letter, written by I. M. Gordon, of Pilot Mountain, concerning the decision tobacco farmers must make December 10 when they vote on the tobacco control question, will be of real interest to farmers, The Tribune is presenting it in full without additional comment:

Mr. Editor:

In my humble opinion the election to be held December 10th on the tobacco control question is, and will prove to be, the most important election for our people that has been or will be held in North Carolina in a long time. The result may, and I believe will, determine whether we, as tobacco growers, are to operate on a dependable plan that will give us financial assurance and

Christmas Lighting Here Gives Elkin Gay Appearance



The photograph above, made after dark, gives an idea of the attractiveness of Elkin's Main street since being decorated with colored Christmas lights and laurel roping. The picture was made from the street near the Pure Oil Service Station, looking east toward the square. The decorations extend from the postoffice east to the new Hugh Chatham Memorial bridge.—(Tribune Photo).

STREET LIGHTS ARE ATTRACTIVE

Many Compliments Heard; Stores Are Well Stocked With Gift Goods

TOWN IS GAILY DRESSED

Much comment has been heard here concerning the attractiveness of Elkin's street decorations, installed the first part of last week and lighted for the first time last Thursday evening.

More elaborate than last year's Christmas lighting, which featured only strings of colored lights along each side of Main street, the present decorations are effective both day and night thanks to the use of evergreen roping. Looping strands across the street, centered by large wreaths, adds much to the attractiveness of the street display.

The Christmas season here opened officially last Friday, which featured a visit by Santa Claus, who came in on the afternoon train. St. Nick was greeted at the depot by numerous children and quite a number of grown-ups. Santa's visit here to open the Christmas season has been a practice for the past five years, the visit being arranged by the Elkin Merchants association.

Elkin stores, the majority of which have completed Christmas decorating, present a gay, attractive appearance, and provide gifts in such quantity and variety that a trip out of town to do Christmas shopping is but a useless waste of time.

Beginning Friday, December 16, local stores will start remaining open evenings until 8:00 o'clock.

BOARD DISCUSSES TRAFFIC SIGNALS

A discussion concerning the installation of four stop-and-go traffic signals at principal street intersections here featured the meeting Monday night of the Elkin board of commissioners.

An estimate as to the cost of such equipment was furnished the board, which tabled the matter for further discussion at their next meeting.

Farmers Not Affected By One-Hour Parking Law Here, Mayor Says

Stores to Remain Open Evenings Starting Dec. 16

In order to give the Christmas shoppers of this city and section ample time in which to make preparations for the visit of St. Nick, Elkin stores will start remaining open evenings until 8:00 o'clock beginning Friday, December 16. Stores will be closed here, Monday, December 26, in observance of Christmas day which this year falls on Sunday.

WOMEN ORGANIZE TO FIGHT TAXES

Mrs. Paul Gwyn Is Named Chairman of Local Unit of Organization

NATION-WIDE CRUSADE

Mrs. Paul Gwyn, of Elkin, today was named chairman of a local unit of the National Consumers Tax Commission as women here moved to join the commission's "nation-wide crusade against taxes that penalize the consumer."

Her appointment was announced from the commission's national headquarters in Chicago through Mrs. Kenneth C. Frazier, national president.

The commission is described as a non-political organization conducting a drive by housewives of the nation against all taxes that

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CRITICISM IS HEARD

Some Merchants Claim New Parking System Reduces Available Space

HOURLY LAW IS ENFORCED

Elkin's new system of parking, which was put into effect December 1, and provides for wheels to curb parking on both sides of the street, has come in for considerable criticism on the part of a number of local merchants, who claim that not only does the new system cut down the available parking space, but that farmers are being kept away from Elkin through fear of being arrested under the one-hour parking law.

This parking law, now being strictly enforced through the efforts of a new policeman recently added to the force here, was passed about a year ago, but aside from an occasional attempt at enforcement, has rested idly in the statute book until lately. However, its strict enforcement now is supposed to react favorably for the farmers and out-of-town people, Mayor J. R. Poindexter told The Tribune Wednesday afternoon.

Farmers and others from out-of-town are not subject to arrest under the one-hour parking law, Mayor Poindexter stated. This law applies only to Elkin residents. It is hoped, rather than keep farmers away, the enforcement of the law will provide them more space in which to park their cars due to the fact that local cars will not be allowed to take up all available parking space for long intervals of time.

"Elkin welcomes the farmers," Mayor Poindexter said, "and will offer them every courtesy when they visit Elkin."

4-H CLUB MEETING AT DOBSON MONDAY

The Surry county Four-H Club meeting was held in the Woman's Club building in Dobson, Monday. Miss Peggy Wood, county president, presided over the meeting. The program included songs, team demonstrations, "Table Courtesies" presented by the Mountain Park group, and "Good Grooming," presented by the Westfield group. The main feature was an address by Dr. Ralph Sikes, county health officer.

The clubs of Copeland, Siloam, Pilot Mountain, Mountain Park, Elkin, Beulah, Franklin, Westfield, Little Richmond, and Dobson were represented. Mrs. Brown and Mr. Cobb, county agents, were present.

CHARITIES BOARD TO MEET FRIDAY, 5 P. M.

The Associated Charities Board will meet in the office of W. S. Reihl Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. All co-operating organizations are asked to have their representative present.

ROOSEVELT SAYS LIBERALISM TO CONTINUE MARCH

President Is Given Degree by University

SPEAKS IN GYMNASIUM

Large Throng Hears Chief Executive of Nation in Address at Chapel Hill

COMPARISON IS DRAWN

Chapel Hill, Dec. 5.—President Roosevelt, in his first speech since the congressional elections, declared here today that "liberal" forces must move onward and not wait for the "evolution of future decades" to meet new social and economic needs. Speaking before a student forum of the University of North Carolina, whose liberal teachings he praised, the chief executive made it clear that Republican gains in the new Congress would not deter him from pressing forward with reform measures.

"It is only the unthinking liberals in this world who see nothing but tragedy in the slowing up or temporary stopping of liberal progress," he said.

"It is only the unthinking conservatives who rejoice when a social or economic reform fails to be 100 per cent successful."

At another point, in commenting on the elections, he said pointedly:

"You have read that as a result of balloting last November, the liberal forces in the United States are on their way to the cemetery—yet I ask you to remember that liberal forces in the United States have often been killed and buried—with the inevitable result that in short order they have come to life again with more strength than they had before."

Although he devoted the major part of his 2,500-word address to domestic affairs, the President contrasted the American form of government with "dictatorships."

He warned the latter by impli-

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CAGE TOURNAMENT AT MOUNTAIN PARK

Twenty-four Teams to Participate in Four-county Event; Decorate Gym

WILL AWARD TROPHIES

A basketball tournament to dedicate the recently completed gymnasium at Mountain Park high school, will get under way there Friday, December 9 and end December 14. Games will be played December 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14.

Four counties will be represented, a total of 24 boys' and girls' teams to participate. Schools which will take part are Dobson, White Plains, Copeland, Shoals, Elkin and Mountain Park in Surry county; Jonesville, representing Yadkin county; Ronda, Trap-hill, Mountain View and Roaring River, representing Wilkes county, and Sparta, representing Alleghany county.

Attractive trophies will be awarded first and second place winners in both divisions. Gold basketballs will go to the players named on the all-tournament team.

Ab Crater and H. Mounce, both of Elkin, will act as referees.

KIWANIANS ENTERTAIN THE LADIES AT MEETING

Last Thursday evening was ladies' night at the meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis club, held at Hotel Elkin.

An entertaining program was presented under the direction of Kiwanian E. C. James, which featured contests and a number of prizes for the ladies.

Kiwanian Stacey Weaver made the speech of welcome.

EXPRESSES THANKS TO PEOPLE OF THIS CITY

Mrs. Joe Bivins, chairman of the Red Cross Roll Call here, has expressed the appreciation of the local organization for the liberal response on the part of the people of Elkin. The 1938 Roll Call, only recently completed, resulted in many new members. Mrs. Bivins said, and will aid materially in carrying on the great work of the Red Cross.