

## LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

### DEATH TOLL SHOWS DECLINE

Raleigh, April 18—Highway accidents this year meant death for 177 persons in North Carolina through March, compared with 179 through March in 1938, the highway safety division said today.

Total accidents this year were 1,635 through last month, nine per cent. less than the 1,809 recorded for the period in 1938, and total injuries were 1,485, off 15 per cent. from the 1,747 last year.

In March, 60 persons were killed in the state, four less than for March a year ago, and 489 injuries were received in 522 motor vehicle accidents last month. In March, 1938, 544 injuries resulted from 592 accidents.

### TRADE TREATIES HELP RESIST NAZIS

Washington, April 18—Secretary of State Cordell Hull declared tonight that necessary economic weapons for nations wishing to resist the pressure of international trade methods practiced by Germany and Italy may be found in the administration's reciprocal trade treaties program.

His views, regarded as a new invitation for wider participation in the reciprocal plan, were contained in a special statement in which he said that Commerce Department figures indicated that the United States has been far more successful than Germany in restoring its commerce with trade-agreement countries.

### BENES AIDS IN CZECH MOVEMENT

Chicago, April 18—Dr. Eduard Benes, former president of Czechoslovakia, tonight accepted leadership of an international movement to restore the independence of his homeland.

The erstwhile head of the European state now dominated by Nazi Germany assumed the role at the behest of many of his countrymen scattered throughout the world.

His decision was announced after conferences attended by representatives of 1,500,000 Americans of Czech and Slovak descent, and friends and officials of the Czechoslovakian republic.

### PRISON POPULATION SHOWS INCREASE

Raleigh, April 18—The population of North Carolina's state-operated prisons increased 195 during March, Oscar Pitts, state superintendent of prisons, announced today.

On March 1 the prison division was supervising 9,678 prisoners. On April 1 the total was 9,873.

Nineteen prisoners escaped during the month, and 24 were recaptured.

Inmates on April 1 included 5,913 Negro men, 3,728 white men, 176 Negro women and 56 white women.

### TOWN TAX OFFICE IS NOW IN NEW CITY HALL

The town tax office, until yesterday located in the Greenwood building on West Market street, is now in its new building on East Market, the transfer into the new City Hall having been made Wednesday afternoon.

Work on the municipal building was practically complete with the task of putting down a sidewalk on the west side of Court street finished yesterday.

### TO HOLD REVIVAL AT ELKIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Beginning June 18, a two weeks revival service will be held at the First Baptist church in this city, according to Rev. Eph Whisenant, pastor of the church. Dr. J. R. Jester, who served for 13 years as pastor of the First Baptist church in Winston-Salem, and who is now in evangelistic work, will assist in the meeting.

### Crowns Queen

Senator Alben W. Barkley, of Kentucky, crowned Miss Peggy Townsend Queen of the annual Cherry Blossom Festival on the polo grounds in Potomac Park, Washington, D. C. Photo shows Senator Barkley kissing the queen after the coronation ceremonies.



### STUDENTS ARE HOSTS MONDAY

Home Economics Class of High School Here Entertains Mothers

### DRESSES ARE MODELED

Students of the Home Economics department of the local high school entertained their mothers at a tea at the high school Monday afternoon from 4:30 until 5:30. Prior to the tea the students modeled various garments made in the class room before the guests. During the fashion show winners were selected to attend the second annual county-wide fashion show at Mt. Airy on Tuesday.

The show was presented by Miss Mary Holland, home economics instructor.

Students winning in the various groups were: Cotton dresses: Annie Lee Cothren, Louise Eidsen, Margaret Daye, Dorothy Masten, Pearl Hinson and Peggy Royall; linen dresses: Clyde Myers and Kalee Walker; shorts: Constance Greenwood and Madeline Myers; smocks: Mable Davis; house coats: Mary Crater and Dorothy Murphy; woolen dresses: Nan Johnson and Geraldine Couch; woolen skirts: Louise Laffoon and Betty Gambill; slippers: Mary Felts; pajamas: Rosamond Neaves; evening dresses: Geraldine Couch.

All of the winners, accompanied by their instructor and a number of mothers, attended the county-wide show in Mount Airy on Tuesday. The following Elkin girls won in the county: Cotton dresses, first place, Louise Eidsen; second place, Margaret Daye; house coats, Dorothy Murphy, second place; evening dresses, Geraldine Couch, second place. Mount Airy won the loving cup in the county show and Elkin tied for second place. Nine schools of the county participated in the contest. Following the show the visitors were entertained at a tea by the Mt. Airy group.

### MARY FRANCES COMBS TO REPRESENT SURRY

Miss Mary Frances Combs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Combs, a member of the high school freshman class here, won the honor of representing Surry county in the Journal-Sentinel spelling bee in Winston-Salem on April 29. Miss Combs was county winner competing with entrants from other schools in the county in the elimination contest Wednesday afternoon at Dobson.

Miss Combs won last year and represented the county in the tournament, however, she lost in the finals. She is known, respected and feared by other entrants in any spelling group as she can spell and they know it.

### WEAVER RE-APPOINTED JONESVILLE PRINCIPAL

At a recent meeting of the re-appointed Jonesville school board, Professor L. S. Weaver was re-elected to serve his sixth year as principal of the Jonesville school. Announcement of teacher selections will be made at a later date, it was said.

### LINDBERGH IS CALLED BACK FOR U. S. DUTY

Move Made to Insure Air Supremacy

### WORKS WITH AIR CORPS

Noted Flier to Make Survey of Aviation Research Facilities in Nation

### IS RESERVE COLONEL

Washington, April 18—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, world's most famous flier, was called to the colors today in a dramatic move to insure that the United States army shall have world leadership in the development of warplanes.

A few days after expert witnesses had told congressional committees that Germany was building better planes than the United States, the surprise announcement was issued by Secretary of War Woodring that Lindbergh, an air corps reserve officer, had gone on active duty and would make a survey of American aviation research facilities for the army air corps.

The "lone eagle" reported today at the office of the chief of the air corps, Maj. Gen. Henry Arnold. He then departed on an inspection trip of research centers. Later he will make a confidential report to General Arnold.

Besides his world-known experiences as a practical flier, Lindbergh has been in close touch, during his prolonged stay abroad, with the aeronautical accomplishments in Europe. In his capacity as reserve colonel, and as a member of the national advisory committee for aeronautics, he has kept officials here in touch with developments which came under his observation. Lindbergh recently returned to the United States for an indefinite stay.

Apart from Lindbergh's knowledge of planes, it was believed that Woodring was counting on his world renown to dramatize the research problem and thereby facilitate action on it.

Recently colleagues of Lindbergh on the national advisory committee, which is the official body directing government aviation research, had testified on Capitol Hill that Germany had leaped ahead of the United States, largely because of the emphasis it placed on research.

### Traphill Seniors To Present Play Saturday Evening

Members of the senior class of Traphill high school will present a play, "Penny Wise," a comedy in three acts, on Saturday evening in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Preceding the play a district commencement will be held at which time certificates will be awarded seventh grade graduates. Athletic events are also scheduled for the various schools of the district.

Sunday evening, April 23, at 8 o'clock Rev. J. L. A. Bumgarner will deliver the commencement sermon and the graduation exercises will be held Monday evening, April 24, at 8 o'clock. Rev. Watt M. Cooper, pastor of the Presbyterian church at North Wilkesboro, will deliver the commencement address.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend all of the programs.

### HOTEL ELKIN IS SOLD FOR \$45,000

Hotel Elkin, offered for sale at public auction here last Friday afternoon, was bid in by the Investors Service Corp., of Richmond, Va. The bid was \$45,000. W. M. Allen, local attorney, was in charge of the sale, acting as auctioneer. The \$45,000 bid will have to stand for ten days before the sale can be confirmed.

### WIND TAKES ROOF OFF OF HOUSE HERE

The home of Montgomery Lyons, located near the Elkin elementary school building, was unroofed Tuesday afternoon by the wind. Of tin, the roof was rolled up like a carpet. A portion of it was blown several yards from the house.

**FIGHT** Pictured here are members of the Women's Army Corps, of Albania, who were called upon to defend their tiny country against the invasion of Italy. They are pictured during a recent parade in Tirana, the capital.



### Local Man Takes Salesman's Car Through Mistake

E. B. Ogan, Charlotte salesman, was much disturbed here Wednesday about noon when he found his car had been taken from its parking place.

He immediately notified Chief of Police Dixie Graham that the machine had been stolen, and Chief Graham in turn notified Patrolman Lee Phillips, who suggested that the radio station at Salisbury be called so that a report of the theft could be aired. This was done.

A short while later Traffic Policeman Corbett Wall spotted the salesman's car by the license number. In it was R. C. Freeman, Elkin automobile dealer.

"What are you doing with that car?" the policeman wanted to know.

"I don't know, but I think I must have made a mistake," Mr. Freeman was said to have replied.

And he had. The machine was exactly like the one he had been driving, and Mr. Freeman went merrily home to lunch before it dawned on him he was in the wrong car. But anyway, everything is all right now.

### 4-H CLUB WEEK APRIL 24 TO 29

Will Be Observed by All Surry County Members; to Sell Booster Pins

### PLAN INTENSIVE DRIVE

4-H Club Week will be observed by all 4-H club members in Surry county April 24 through April 29. During that time the various clubs over the county will try to make the people in Surry county more 4-H club conscious than ever before, by explaining the work to everyone when selling the 4-H club booster pin.

The 4-H club organization is an organization for the advancement and development of rural boys and girls and is the largest organization of its kind in the world. The organization has gone far in helping to make rural boys and girls more farm and home conscious. They have learned new ways of doing things and the necessity and value of doing things by the latest and improved methods. They are learning by doing the job themselves.

An intensive drive will be made by all the clubs in the county during the week April 24 through April 29 to sell as many booster pins as possible. The money will go toward helping pay for a 4-H club bus to be used for educational tours by 4-H club members in this county. The bus will also be used to take club members to such places as the state short course, county and state fairs and on other educational tours or any place of interest to 4-H club members.

The public is asked to cooperate and help these rural boys and girls and the 4-H club organization in this county, by purchasing a 4-H club booster pin from any club member in the county. Do your part and help make it possible for these boys and girls to learn by seeing as well as doing. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

A pill-peddler is sometimes called a doctor.

### KIWANIS HEARS GUEST SPEAKER

Agricultural Engineer of Duke Power Co. Gives Illustrated Talk

### PICTURES MODEL FARM

L. L. Ray, of Greensboro, agricultural engineer of the Duke Power Company, was guest speaker at the meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis club, held at Hotel Elkin last Thursday evening. He was presented by Kiwanian D. G. Smith, manager of the local office of the Duke Power Co.

Mr. Ray gave an illustrated talk, picturing with slides the numerous ways in which electric power may be used to advantage on the farm and in the rural home. No longer is there a marked difference in the convenience, comfort and attractiveness of the city home and the rural home where electricity is employed in the numerous uses of lighting, heating, refrigeration and operation of devices of every sort, both in the home and in the dairy and farm activities, the speaker proved to his audience.

The model farm which he pictured, is the farm where electricity is the trained and willing servant, performing a greater volume of service and at a lesser expense than a whole staff of human laborers, in the home, the field, the dairy and in any place where light, heat or power are required.

Earl C. James presided, the business period being featured by routine matters only.

Present at the meeting were Rev. D. B. Mullis, of Jonesville, a guest of Prof. L. S. Weaver; Dan Barbour, guest of D. G. Smith, and Lieutenant-Governor Andrew Casey, of North Wilkesboro, who made a brief talk, and later met with the club board of directors after the meeting had adjourned.

### Religious Census To Be Taken Here By Elkin Churches

Sunday afternoon, April 23, at 2:30 a city-wide religious census will be taken, with all of the churches of the town cooperating. The census is to determine the percentage of the population now attending church services and to stimulate greater church attendance. The census will be inter-denominational.

An inspirational meeting will be held by the workers from the various churches at the Methodist church Friday evening at 7:30 to complete plans for the canvass.

### PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC TO BE HELD HERE APRIL 24

The annual pre-school clinic, for children who will enter school in September of this year, will be held at the elementary school auditorium Monday, April 24, at 9:30. The clinic will be conducted by Dr. R. B. Franklin of the Surry county health department. All mothers having children who will enter school for the first time this fall are urged to bring them to this clinic. Mothers desiring diphtheria vaccine for their children, are also requested to bring them to this clinic.

Mrs. I. C. Yates is chairman of the clinic, which is conducted by the county health department, in cooperation with the local Parent-Teacher association.

## Dictators Continue Activity As "Peace Front" Is Scorned

### Police at Mount Airy Are Seeking Nude Night Rider

Mt. Airy, April 18—An unidentified man, described as wearing only a pair of shoes and dark glasses, is still at large after a six-day search by local police, who sought him in connection with a number of attempted night attacks on local women pedestrians, it was revealed tonight.

The nude night rider, according to reports, has been sighted a number of times as he ran his car to the curb and abandoned it to chase his would-be victim.

This town has been much aroused by the continued attempted attacks by the unknown man, believed to be mentally unbalanced or crazed by alcohol or dope. First report was made to police department on night of April 12. Since that time other previous attempted attacks have come to light. Police have made no statements, but it is known that officers have been assigned duties at strategic points within the city at night. So far the search for the mysterious nude rider has been fruitless.

### GERMAN FLEET TO MANEUVER NEAR BRITISH

Hitler and Mussolini Acting in Close Concert

### HITLER NOW IN BERLIN

Seek to Lure Rumania, Hungary into Camp of the Dictators

### MAY IGNORE PRESIDENT

Berlin, April 18.—Chancellor Adolf Hitler tonight sent his compact but powerful German battle fleet steaming toward Spanish waters for a month of maneuvers almost under the guns of British, French and possibly some Soviet warships massing in the Mediterranean.

At the same time Hitler and Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy, acting in close concert against the Anglo-French "peace front," plunged into negotiations designed to draw Rumania and Hungary solidly into camp of the dictatorships.

Hitler returned unexpectedly to Berlin during the day from Austria, two days in advance of a celebration planned for his 50th birthday on Thursday. The propaganda ministry explained that his return ahead of schedule was due merely to the fact that he had completed his inspection of Austrian military garrisons.

There were strong indications, however, that the Fuehrer had hurried back to Berlin to:

### CO. TEACHERS IN LAST MEET

Is Held in Dobson High School Auditorium Last Friday Afternoon

### FINE PROGRAM STAGED

Teachers of the Surry county public school system met in the final county-wide session of the present term on Friday afternoon in the Dobson high school auditorium, the meeting being featured by a full attendance and a program of particular interest and importance.

J. Sam Gentry, president of the organization, presided, the program opening with selections by the Mountain Park school band, followed by a group of songs by Eloy C. Alexander, teacher of public school music of Pilot Mountain high school. An important feature was a review and an explanation of the new school laws enacted during the recent session of the general assembly in Raleigh by Sen. Fred Folger, chairman of the education committee.

Final reports by chairmen of standing committees for the school year were submitted. M. H. Shore, principal of Pilot Mountain high school, gave a report upon "The Teachers and Public Relations."

A. P. Phillips, principal of Flat Rock school, gave a report upon "Teacher Tenure."

H. S. Broome, principal of White Plains high school, submitted his report upon "The Retirement Fund for Teachers."

M. G. Stanley, principal of Beulah school, submitted his report on "Insurance for Teachers."

J. Mark McAdams, superintendent of Elkin schools, reported upon "Ethics of Teachers."

John W. Comer, superintendent of the county public school system, addressed the teachers, briefly, commending them heartily for the spirit of co-operation manifested during the year and mentioned with gratification the higher certificate rating of the county teaching personnel as a whole this year, indicating more thorough qualification of the teachers, as a whole, for the important work of instructing youth than noted in any previous public school term.

### RAY JOHNSON IS PAROLED BY HOEY

Ray Johnson, sentenced in Yadkin county in February 1938, to five to seven years for second degree murder, was paroled Saturday by Gov. Hoey. Johnson was convicted of killing Avery Hemric in an affray at a Jonesville filling station.

### MISS FOSTER HONORED AT MEREDITH COLLEGE

Miss Mary Elizabeth Foster, of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Foster, and a sophomore at Meredith College, Raleigh, has been elected vice-president of Stringfield Hall for the year 1939-40. Miss Foster will be formally installed into office, together with other student government officials, next week.

Qualifications for nomination to this office are scholastic rating, Christian character, honesty and leadership.

Miss Foster has also been nominated circulation manager for the Twig, the college bi-weekly newspaper for the coming school year.

### TOWN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 1st

The Town of Elkin election, in which voters will elect a mayor and board of commissioners to serve for a two-year term, will be held at the new city hall Monday, May 1.

The balloting will be more or less a formality as there is only one set of candidates to be voted upon, these having been nominated several weeks ago at a town mass meeting held at the elementary school.

Those to be voted upon, all of whom will succeed themselves, are: J. R. Poindexter, for mayor; C. C. Myers, C. C. Poindexter, C. C. Pulp, R. C. Freeman and H. P. Graham, commissioners.