

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

LOCAL

THE Elkin board of commissioners met at the city hall Monday evening in regular session. Only business of a routine nature was transacted, it was said.

THE Elks of Elkin high school were on the short end of a 14 to 12 score at Mocksville last Thursday afternoon when they met Mocksville high. Friday the Elks will go to Madison for a game with Madison high school.

RALPH FLETCHER, of Boonville and Elkin, died late yesterday afternoon, in the local hospital. Mr. Fletcher is the son of William T. Fletcher, ex-sheriff of Yadkin county, and Mrs. Fletcher, of Boonville. Mr. Fletcher was twice married. He is survived by his last wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Evans Fletcher, one daughter, Nancy, by the last marriage, and four children, Lucille, Carolyn, James and Daphne, by his first marriage. Several brothers and sisters also survive. Mr. Fletcher was admitted to the hospital several days ago for an operation for gallstones. The operation was scheduled for Wednesday morning, but following the administering of the anesthetic, respiratory failure developed, and for almost eight hours the entire staff of the hospital, aided by friends and relatives, worked over the unconscious form in a vain attempt to save him through artificial respiration.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 — President Kallin of Russia assured President Roosevelt today that Russia's sole aim in negotiations with Finland was "consolidation of the reciprocal relations" and "strengthening of friendly co-operation" between the two countries. This was his reply to Mr. Roosevelt's message last week expressing "the earnest hope that the soviet union will make no demands on Finland which are inconsistent with the maintenance and development of amicable and peaceful relations between the two countries, and the independence of each."

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Oct. 17.—Nearly a quarter of a century of imprisonment ended today for Warren K. Billings, associate defendant of Thomas Mooney in the 1916 San Francisco Preparedness day bombing cases. He stepped from the governor's office, a free man, his sentence commuted to time served.

INTERNATIONAL

LONDON, Oct. 17 — Britain made public tonight the "final report" of Sir Neville Henderson on his ambassadorship to Berlin in which he recounted in picturesque phrases the last days of peace, the "tragedy" of Adolf Hitler and sidelihts on "yes men" around the nazi chiefs. The 12,000 word white paper stressed repeatedly that Hitler alone made the decision to go to war, Sir Neville writing that "though he spoke of his artistic tastes and his longing to satisfy them, I derived the impression that the corporal of the last war was even more anxious to prove what he could do as a conquering generalissimo in the next."

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Oct. 17 Prime Minister Refik Saydam, in an official communique tonight, said the negotiations with soviet Russia had failed because the soviet demands were contrary to Turkish security. It was reported reliably that a definite agreement with Britain will be signed in Ankara this week, probably Thursday or Friday. The official communique said the prime minister, in a statement to a parliamentary group of the republican people's party, declared the soviet government had suggested to Turkey proposals entirely different from those previously agreed upon.

LOSS OF ROYAL OAK IS TERMED INEXCUSABLE

Big Battleship Is Sunk by German U-Boat

WAS AT SCAPA FLOW

British Experts Claim Submarine More Deadly Than Nazi Air Force

CRITICISM IS HEARD

London, Oct. 18.—British military experts today rated the submarine torpedo a more deadly weapon than Germany's air force. The loss of at least eight German planes in raids on two British naval bases in the past two days was declared to be out of all proportion to the small amount of damage which communications said was inflicted on British warships.

But there was no attempt to conceal the concern caused by an enemy U-boat's exploit in penetrating the defenses of the famous Scapa Flow naval base last Saturday and sinking the battleship Royal Oak with a salvo of torpedoes.

The London Times called the sinking of the Royal Oak at anchorage "a disturbing incident, providing grave matter for investigation of the naval court of inquiry which is now sitting."

The Daily Express bluntly told its 2,500,000 subscribers, "The Scapa Flow affair is a disgrace. This disaster is inexcusable."

The Express added that Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, "cannot be blamed for it," explaining that "the naval defense plans must have been laid down years ago."

It said, "These plans should now be revised with energy and dispatch. And thank God Churchill is the man to make a good job of it."

Virtually the entire British press continued to criticize authorities for failing to sound an air raid alarm during the Nazi raid over the Edinburgh area in the Firth of Forth on Monday.

The Express declared, "The government's explanation is totally inadequate."

PLANT EARLY IS SUGGESTED

With Harvesting of Crops Being Completed, Farmers Should Make Plans

OTHER IDEAS GIVEN

With harvesting of crops being completed rapidly, farmers in this section can begin making plans for early planting of their winter cover crops and thereby gain valuable time and secure better results, according to J. E. Trevathan, agronomist, of the Soil Conservation Service in the Surry Work Unit of the Tri-Creek District, Dobson.

Winter legumes when planted early and properly inoculated, it is pointed out, will make good growth before cold weather comes and provide better protection against erosion. Legumes planted late will not make sufficient growth to provide protection during the winter months when that protection is needed most.

Farmers who plan to plant kudzu later can now begin preparing the land. Early preparation of seedbeds for kudzu is of primary importance, it was pointed out, as the broad flat beds after plowing and adding manure must be allowed to settle before they can be planted.

This time of the year, it was further pointed out, is also an excellent time to clean off pasture areas by brushing and grubbing. All pasture areas, according to Trevathan, should be cut to a mowing surface so they can be maintained properly.

REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Surry county representatives who will attend the Social Service conference to be held in Chapel Hill beginning October 24 are: Baussie Marion, county welfare officer; Mrs. Emma Mock, Mrs. James Ashby, and Miss Harriet Gates.

The meeting is to discuss problems of social welfare and service in North Carolina. Many prominent people connected with the welfare work will be present.

BACK OF THE LINES

While the men are away with the army, these pictures from London, Germany and Paris show how war affects those left behind, even down to the animals. Photo at left shows families framed in the entrances to air raid shelters adjoining their homes in Southwest London. Emergency shelters of brick and concrete can be converted into comfortable "living rooms." Photo at right, made somewhere in Germany, pictures a group of German girls from the large cities who help with the harvest on weekends. Photo at bottom, center, made in Paris, makes one wonder what the dogs think about their new-fangled muzzles. Perhaps if the war were left to them there would be peace—and no gas masks!



NIGHT SCHOOL IS UNDER WAY

Adult Classes Are Conducted Under Direction of Mrs. W. W. Whitaker

WOMAN'S CLUB SPONSOR

The adult night school, sponsored by the Woman's Club and directed by Mrs. W. W. Whitaker, began this week. The classes are being conducted through WPA aid. Miss Estelle Cockerham has been appointed as teacher of the classes.

A tentative schedule has been arranged which includes classes on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the CCC camp; Tuesday and Thursday mornings on Chatham Heights; Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in North Elkin and two afternoons each week in Chatham Park. These classes are conducted in private homes. On Friday evening Miss Cockerham will have a class in her home on West Main street.

In the day classes Miss Cockerham is being assisted by Mrs. W. W. Whitaker.

The work here among adult illiterates was begun 12 years ago through the efforts of Mrs. Whitaker, and through this work many who were denied educational advantages in earlier life have advanced to the point where they are able to operate businesses of their own, doing their own correspondence, keeping their accounts, etc., in addition to enjoying the ability to read and write.

The work has been successful mainly through the untiring efforts of Mrs. Whitaker, who, when funds were not available to get paid instructors for the classes, has enlisted the interest of others, willing to teach without compensation other than the opportunity of service.

Federation Of Demonstration Clubs To Meet

The County Federation meeting of the Home Demonstration Clubs will meet Saturday, October 28 at 10:30 a. m. in the Franklin School with the Franklin Club as hostess.

Mr. McCloud, principal of the Franklin School will lead the devotional. Mrs. Paul Brown of Mountain Park and County Chairman will preside during the program. Mrs. Albert Patterson, president of the Franklin Club will welcome the guests.

Miss Addie Houston, Home Demonstration Agent of Guilford County will speak to the group on her trip to England last summer to the meeting of the County Women of the World.

A short skit "The Demonstration Club" will be given by the White Plains Club. Mrs. Gaston Christian and Mrs. Madge Badgett will be in charge of the music.

Two Steam Pressure Cookers will be awarded the clubs having done the most out-standing work during the year. A gavel will be given the club having the largest percent on miles traveled.

Lunch will be served in the school lunch room.

A London firm sells 4,000,000 axes every day when the thermometer stands at 77 degrees.



Boonville Fair To Be Held On October 27-28

Preparations are being completed for the Boonville Agricultural Fair, to be held at Boonville on October 27 and 28.

Exhibits of flowers, farm crops, poultry, fruits, needlework, culinary and preserving may be entered on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. The livestock show will be held on Saturday, October 28, which will include dairy cattle, horses, mules and saddle horses. Also, there will be a dog show held on October 28. The dog show will include pointers, setters, hounds, collies and terriers.

Superintendents of the different departments are as follows: Culinary, Miss Merlia Speer; Preserving, Mrs. Nellie Speer Dobbins; Needlework, Mrs. George Williams; Fruit, Clay Hobson; Flowers, Mrs. F. M. Woodhouse; Poultry, Curtis Hobson; Farm Crops, A. S. Speer; Dairy Cattle, J. Lee Campbell; Draft Horses, Mules and Saddle Horses, W. W. Reece; Field Day, Delmar Mock; Exhibit Contest, Harold Stinson; Tobacco, Carrol Miller; Dogs, Aubrie Snow.

BUS HEARING IS UNDER WAY

Woodie Seeks Franchise for Line Between Mt. Airy and Salisbury

FRANCHISE IS OPPOSED

E. O. Woodie, of Wilkesboro, presented testimony to the utilities commission at Raleigh Tuesday supporting his application for a franchise to operate a bus line from Mount Airy to Salisbury.

Further hearings in the case were held Wednesday.

Woodie and other witnesses told Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne that the line was needed and would not hurt the business of other bus lines. The application is being opposed by the Queen City Coach Company, the Atlantic Greyhound line and the Carolina Coach Co.

The proposed line would operate by way of Dobson, Elkin, Boonville, Yadkinville and Mocksville. At the present time there is no bus facilities between Elkin and Surry's county seat, Dobson, and Mount Airy.

The natives of West Africa eat salt in lumps as Americans eat sugar.

ROBERTSON IS KIWANIS GUEST

Collector of Internal Revenue Makes Talk Before the Club Here

VISITORS ARE PRESENT

A talk by C. H. Robertson, of Greensboro, collector of internal revenue, featured the program of the Elkin Kiwanis club at Hotel Elkin last Thursday evening.

Mr. Robertson, rather than discussing taxation, discussed the tobacco situation that exists in the south, and the European war. He stated that he is strongly in favor of crop control in both tobacco and cotton.

In discussing the war, he made it clear that he is in favor of repealing the present arms embargo act. He favors aiding the Allies with arms and supplies rather than taking a chance of them being faced with defeat and this country having to go into the war as a result.

The program was arranged by Kiwanian Franklin Folger, J. S. Atkinson, deputy collector of revenue, a native of Elkin, introduced the speaker.

Among the visitors attending the session were H. Turner Poindecker, of San Pedro, Calif., guest of his father, James R. Poindecker; Henry C. Dobson, guest of Hugh Royall; Dr. John Jolley, guest of Dr. C. L. Haywood; Eugene Hall, guest of Julius Hall; French Graham, guest of Franklin Folger, Jr., and Alan Browning, Jr., guest of H. F. Laffoon.

DOBSON YOUTH DIES OF HURTS

Yancey Simpson, 18, Injured in Auto Accident on Elkin-Dobson Road

Yancey Simpson, 18, of Dobson, was fatally injured in an automobile accident about 9 o'clock Wednesday night of last week on the Dobson-Elkin highway. Three other passengers in the car, Misses Ernestine Callahan, Cassie Simpson and Luther Simpson, all of Dobson, were less seriously injured. Miss Simpson received a broken arm and shoulder and several cuts and bruises. Miss Callahan a brain concussion and lacerations of the scalp and legs, and Luther Simpson, driver of the car, suffered only slight cuts and bruises and shock.

Young Simpson lived until Saturday following the accident. He never regained consciousness. With the exception of Miss Callahan, all of the others injured in the wreck have been dismissed from the hospital.

Little information concerning the accident was available, but according to reports the car got out of control and turned over on the highway because of a defect in the steering apparatus.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED AT DOBSON

Marriage license have been granted to the following by the Register of Deeds, Kermit W. Lawrence:

William Lloyd Widenhour, 30, of Concord and Miss Rebecca Sherrill, 25, of Concord and to Johnson McBride, 17, and Miss Margaret Lackey, 17, both of Mocksville, Route 2.

SAYS ENGLAND IS WINNING WAR OF PROPAGANDA

Many Planes Downed, Chamberlain Tells House

MAKES WEEKLY REPORT

Denies That Battleships Repulse and Hood Had Suffered Damage

ARK ROYAL IS SAFE

London, Oct. 18.—Prime Minister Chamberlain told the House of Commons today that Britain was winning over Germany in the propaganda battle over war issues.

Making his seventh weekly report on progress of the war, Chamberlain also said that, in addition to eight German aircraft known to have been shot down in air battles over the British Isles, "it is believed" that several more "may have failed to reach home."

Total German aircraft taking part in the raids, he said, did not exceed 30 and casualties inflicted by British guns and fighters "exceed 25 per cent, and may have been more."

The prime minister said that since his last rejection of German peace proposals as too vague "there has been no indication from Berlin of the views of the German government upon the issues" and continued:

"German propaganda organs have used all possible ingenuity so to twist foreign comment as to make it somewhat less unfavorable to their own point of view."

"I should doubt whether this effort has had any success outside Germany itself, for it is difficult to conceal the fact that the vast bulk of comment of nearly all shades of political color in neutral countries has shown a full appreciation of the attitude of the Allied governments (Britain and France)."

The prime minister spoke of "fantastic claims by Germany of successful attacks on British war vessels and declared:

"It is not true that the Hood or the Repulse or any other capital ship has suffered the least damage. The same is true of the Ark Royal."

The Hood and Repulse are battle cruisers and the Ark Royal is an aircraft carrier. Britain has denied reports that the Ark Royal was sunk and the Hood and Repulse damaged.

END GOOD REVIVAL AT UNION CROSS

An unusually successful revival meeting closed Sunday at Union Cross Baptist church. The services were held for one week and were in charge of the newly-elected pastor, Rev. C. M. Caudle, of Hays. The meeting resulted in a great spiritual awakening in the community and 33 additions to the church, 32 by baptism and one by letter.

Rev. Caudle brought deep spiritual messages at each service in simple and profound language.

The services each day were widely attended by all denominations in the Union Cross section and the meeting was considered one of the most fruitful held in that section for a number of years.

Baptismal services were held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Dollar Error Is Corrected After Seventeen Years

Years ago a clerk employed in the store of the late R. P. Crater gave a customer a dollar too much change through error. Today—over 17 years later—the dollar has been returned.

Miss Effie Crater, of Elkin, daughter of R. P. Crater, recently received the following letter, which was postmarked Elkin:

Dear Miss Crater: Here is one dollar. When your father had a store one of the clerks gave me two much change. I did not know it at the time.

A Customer.
Mr. Crater, who died 17 years ago, was a partner in the firm of Crater & Sale. At the death of Mr. Sale the name of the store was changed to Crater & Co.