

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

LOCAL
ADVOCATING five-dollar automobile license tags and other reductions in state taxes to be made possible through greater economy in government, Tom Cooper, mayor of Wilmington, brought his sound truck to Elkin Monday afternoon in his campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. In his talk, Cooper hit at the sales tax as "an abominable tax on poverty." Other planks in his platform upon which he touched included better secondary roads; a better educational system with adequate pay, a retirement fund and sick leave for teachers; cooperation between capital and labor; a broad farm program and home rules for counties, cities and towns without interference from Raleigh.

STATE
MAY 22 — As a safeguard against a possible "fifth column" attack in the United States, supported by an attempted invasion from without in the event Germany should defeat the Allies, Colonel John D. Langston, of Goldsboro, today proposed the immediate inauguration of a Home Guard composed of volunteer World War Veterans. Colonel Langston was a key figure in the nation's mobilization during the last World War. While admitting the possibility of an eventual attack on one or both of the Americas by one, or a combination of several, of the dictatorships, the Goldsboro man—who will again be one of the key figures in the nation's mobilization scheme if war comes—expressed the belief that a "fifth column" assault from within, is perhaps the greatest potential threat to the security of the United States.

NATIONAL
WASHINGTON, May 22 — After two administration victories, the House fight over next year's relief funds boiled down today to relatively minor restrictions on how the WPA shall spend \$975,650,000 for the eight months beginning July 1. Democrats shouted down Tuesday a Republican attempt to decentralize the WPA by making direct grants to communities, and also defeated 144 to 54 a proposal that the fund be boosted to \$2,232,000 for the full twelve-month period beginning July 1.

WASHINGTON, May 22 — Alf M. Landon, arriving for a White House conference, waves aside all questions today pertaining to talk of a coalition cabinet under President Roosevelt. "I'm not going to discuss anything until after the White House conference," declared the 1936 Republican nominee. The Kansas was met at the Union Station by Republican members of the congressional delegation. His arrival came in the midst of uncertainty whether a coalition cabinet was an administration goal, and amid Republican assertions that Mr. Roosevelt was consulting Republicans as a "smokescreen for a third term candidacy."

INTERNATIONAL
BERLIN, May 22—The high command said today that German troops were slowly squeezing allied armies trapped in Northern France and Belgium by driving northward from the River Somme, but that fierce resistance had been encountered on the historic World War battlefields of Flanders. Germans predicted that the German breakthrough to the channel soon would destroy allied armies of perhaps 1,000,000 men in the north, but the high command communique issued at Adolf Hitler's headquarters in the field indicated that a desperate and perhaps a long struggle was ahead for control of the channel ports from which an attack could be launched on England.

Voters of County Go To Polls Saturday To Name Candidates

POLLS HERE TO BE LOCATED IN NEW CITY HALL

Will Open at 7:00 A.M. and Close at 7:00 P.M.

PRIMARY HOURS ONLY

Democrats to Select Nominee for Governor Out of Field of Seven

MANY OTHERS IN RACE

Politics will vie in interest with the European war here Saturday as Democrats and Republicans go to the polls to select candidates for November's general election.

Polls here will be located in the fire department at the City Hall, and will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. This practice is followed in the primary only, the polls to open and close at sunrise and sunset, respectively, in the general election.

The Democrats are going to have to do the most deciding Saturday, they having seven candidates making the race for the nomination for governor and four for lieutenant-governor. The Republicans have three candidates for governor and two for lieutenant-governor.

In the county race the Republicans have four candidates for commissioner. The Democratic candidates for commissioner face no opposition among themselves. Of major interest here is the Democratic contest for the house of representatives, in which Henry Dobson, of Elkin, is opposed by two other candidates, Ben F. Jarrell and Martin Bennett, both of Mount Airy. Mr. Dobson has served two terms in the legislature as against his opponents' none and is considered well qualified to again represent the county.

Democratic candidates for the nomination for governor are A. J. Maxwell, J. M. Broughton, Arthur Simmons, L. Lee Gravely, Paul Grady, Thomas E. Cooper, and W. P. Horton. Republicans are John R. Hoffman, George M. Prichard and Robert H. McNeill.

Seeking the nomination for lieutenant-governor are, Democratic, R. L. Harris, L. A. Martin, W. E. Smith and Dan Tompkins; Republican, J. Forest Witten and H. B. Leavitt.

Funeral Held for T. L. Casstevens

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock for Thomas Lee Casstevens, 74, who died at his home near Mitchell's Chapel church Sunday morning. The services were at Mitchell's Chapel, with Rev. J. H. Green and Rev. R. L. Speer in charge, and burial followed in the church graveyard.

Mr. Casstevens had been in declining health for several months but was serious for only a short time. He spent two months in Florida last winter in the interest of his health. He was a well known farmer and was a member of Mitchell's Chapel church. His wife, Mrs. Alice Melton Casstevens, died in 1936. Surviving are two sons, Walter and Dalton Casstevens, of the home section, between Center and Boonville; two daughters, Mrs. Ellis Swain, of the Knobs church section; and Mrs. G. H. Mills, of Tampa, Fla.; three brothers, Willie Casstevens, of Conrad, Iowa; Wiley Casstevens, Boonville, route 1; and Jim Casstevens, Canton; one sister, Mrs. Dora Shore, Yadkinville, route 1; 15 grandchildren also survive.

Veteran Railway Conductor Dies Saturday Night



Above is Captain A. R. Pleasants, of Winston-Salem, an employee of the Southern Railway for the past 50 years, and conductor on the Winston-Salem-North Wilkesboro run, who passed away suddenly at his home Saturday night. Captain Pleasants completed his run late Saturday afternoon and left the train ill. He did not rally upon his arrival home and grew consistently worse until the end came. The picture above was made at the depot in Elkin, where the deceased was well known by many local people.

REPUBLICANS HOLD MEETING

Many Prominent Members of Party Gather Tuesday at Banquet Here

NEWELL CHIEF SPEAKER

Republicans of Surry county met in banquet session Tuesday evening at Hotel Elkin. Also present were party leaders from Yadkin and Wilkes counties. Prof. Z. H. Dixon of this city offered the invocation and Warren Alberty, county chairman of the Republican party, acted as master of ceremonies.

The feature of the evening was a talk by Jake Newell of Charlotte, state chairman of the Republican executive committee. Mr. Newell made a most interesting talk in which he traced the beginning of freedom and its growth to its present interpretation by Americans.

Ed Stanley of Greensboro, President of the North Carolina Young Republicans Club, Neal Sowers of Statesville, president of the McNeill for governor club, and W. E. Nattress of Statesville, publicity director for Robert H. McNeill, Republican candidate for governor, also spoke briefly during the program.

Republican leaders of the county and visiting counties were introduced during the evening. Approximately 100 were present for the meeting.

HOLD MEETING TO ORGANIZE CHURCH

A meeting of interested residents of the western section of the city was held Sunday evening in Sunset Park, under the leadership of Rev. Grant Cothren, assisted by other ministers, to organize a church for that section. The church will be known as the West Elkin Baptist church. The organization was not completed, but Willis Byrd was named church moderator and C. W. Young, church clerk. It is expected that a building will be erected within the near future.

ARE TO OBSERVE POPPY DAY ON NEXT SATURDAY

Legion Auxiliary Will Make Annual Drive

ARE MADE BY VETS

Money Goes to Aid Disabled Soldiers of World War and Their Families

ALL ARE URGED TO BUY

"Honor the World War dead and aid the war's living victims!" This will be the appeal of the American Legion Auxiliary to the citizens of Elkin on Poppy Day, Saturday, May 25.

The poppy is the individual American's tribute to the men who gave their lives in the nation's service. Everyone can wear this little flower to show that they remember and are grateful to those who died that America's ideals might live. By wearing it they also show their continued devotion to these ideals—the ideals of Americanism.

The poppy comes to us from the World War battle fields, from "between the crosses, row on row," which mark the resting place of our heroic dead. They come by the way of the hospitals and workrooms where the disabled veterans, comrades of the dead, make the symbolic little flowers. They gain added significance from the fact that they serve the living as well as honor the dead.

The men who make the poppies gain from them interesting and helpful employment to fill the bleak hours of illness and convalescence. They gain money to be sent home to needy families. The other disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead, receive from the poppies year-around aid through the Legion and the Auxiliary welfare activities which poppy funds finance.

Everyone who wears a poppy Saturday will be honoring the war dead and aiding the war victims still within the reach of human help.

D. W. Hobson Celebrates 69th Birthday

D. W. Hobson, prominent farmer of the Richmond Hill section of Yadkin county, celebrated his 69th birthday Sunday among a large number of his immediate kinsmen and their families. The occasion served a double purpose in that it was a reunion for the Hobson family. Mr. Hobson has five sisters and one brother. All were present except one sister, Mrs. Perry Scott, of Shoals, in Surry county. The brother and sisters that were present were: Mrs. Lodiska Matthews, of Lakeview; Mrs. A. C. Stinson, Mrs. J. J. Coram, Mrs. Graham Reice and Mr. Grover Hobson, all of Boonville.

ADDRESS GIVEN BY DR. MILNER

Speaks Before Graduating Class of East Bend High School

DIPLOMAS AWARDED

Dr. Clyde A. Milner, president of Guilford College, delivered the annual commencement address to the graduating class of East Bend high school Saturday at 11 a.m. Dr. Milner chose as his topic "Men of Power."

He told the seniors, as he spoke directly to them, that each one had a part to play in the destiny of the world.

After the address Fred C. Hobson delivered diplomas to the following graduates: Bessie Ruth Blakeley, Patty Rae Bowman, Bessie Lee Coram, Ernestine Doub, Dollie Mae Hutchens, Ellen Martin, Edith Martin, Pauline Martin, Ola Mae Poindexter, Anne Renegar, Jewelle Ring, Mozelle Shore, Irene Speer, Julia Williams, Ellis Creed, Leake Choplin, James Davis, William C. Davis, Carl Douglas, Bruce Frye, Kedric Martin, Kenneth Martin, Billy Matthews, Dale Norman, and Frank Webb.

French Troops Turn On Nazis, Recapture Town of Arras In Fierce Fight In Somme Area

CAROLINA IS TO PLAY CHATHAM

Teams Will Meet Here Saturday; Elkin to Have First Sunday Game

TO FACE ADAMS-MILLIS

The University of North Carolina Tar Heels, co-champions in Big Five baseball with Wake Forest, will come to Elkin Saturday for a contest with the Chatham Blanketeers.

Sunday Adams-Millis, of High Point, will face the Blanketeers here in Elkin's first Sunday ball game! Both games will be called at 3:00 p. m., and will be played in the new Chatham Park.

The Blanketeers, tied for leadership in the Tri-City Amateur League race, will present a strong squad against the Tar Heels.

Carolina captured the third and deciding game of the annual series against Duke Monday, and finished the Big Five race in a tie with the Deacons of Wake Forest. The game will prove a high spot in the opening of the new park for the Chatham team. A dinner and informal dance will be held for the visiting Carolina players after the game.

The Adams-Millis squad is expected to show Chatham a stiff brand of competition in the game Sunday. Starting line-ups for the two games had not been announced Wednesday afternoon.

J. I. MYERS, 82, DIES SUDDENLY

Prominent Wilkes County Man Had Suffered Long Period of Ill Health

HAS SURVIVORS HERE

J. I. Myers, 82, of North Wilkesboro, one of northwestern North Carolina's best known citizens and father of Mrs. Beatrice Myers Phillips and C. N. Myers, of this city, died almost suddenly Thursday about noon at the Wilkes hospital following a long period of ill health.

Mr. Myers was a pioneer merchant and real estate dealer of the Wilkesboro and was very active in the work of the church.

In addition to Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Myers he is survived by his second wife and seven other children, also a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at North Wilkesboro. Many friends of the family from here attended the last rites.

BESSIE COMER NAMED SURRY HEALTH QUEEN

In an official announcement from the office of Mrs. Grace Pope Brown, Surry county home demonstration agent, Wednesday morning, it was learned that Miss Bessie Comer of Elkin, route 1, had been selected as the Surry County Health Queen.

Miss Comer was high scorer among Surry 4-H club girls competing in the contest. She will compete for the title of District Health Queen in Winston-Salem on May 28th.

The selection of the County Health King has not been announced.

To Make Special Red Cross Drive Here on Friday

With the quota for Surry county set at \$1,500 by the American Red Cross for immediate aid to war devastated Europe, a concerted drive will be made here Friday for funds, according to Miss Betty Allen. It is hoped that one-third of the Surry county quota can be raised here. Any contribution, large or small, will be accepted for the work.

Local Man Is President Of State Ass'n



E. E. Hayes, above, of Elkin, was elected president of the North Carolina State Burial Association at the joint convention of that association with the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association at Raleigh last week. Mr. Hayes held the position of vice-president of the association during the past year.

BAPTIST W.M.U. TO MEET HERE

Meeting to Feature Talks by Various Leaders in Missionary Work

WILL HEAR REPORTS

The annual all-day session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Surry Baptist Association will be held today (Thursday) with Elkin Valley church. The meeting will convene at 10 o'clock in the morning. Mrs. C. N. Myers, of the First Baptist church in this city, associational superintendent, and Mrs. Robert Transou, of the Elkin Valley church, young people's leader of the association, will be in charge of the meeting, which will feature talks by Mrs. W. D. Briggs, of Raleigh, corresponding secretary of the State Baptist Convention of the W. M. U., and Mrs. E. C. James, of this city, superintendent of the Wilkesboro division of the Baptist church.

Annual reports from various associational chairmen and other routine business will feature the business session.

Lunch will be served at the church at the noon hour by the members of the Elkin Valley W. M. U. and this will be followed by the afternoon session.

All W. M. U. organizations in the association are requested to have representatives present.

ALLEN F. KINZIE PASSES SUDDENLY

Allen F. Kinzie, 30, died suddenly Friday morning at Salem, Va., following a major operation which he underwent several days ago at a Salem hospital. Mr. Kinzie, a native of Salem, Va., had been a teacher in the Mountain Park high school for a number of years and was well and favorably known locally. He sponsored the organization of the Mountain Park high school band and was active in other matters pertaining to school and community progress. He was an ordained minister and had supplied in numerous pulpits in this section during his residence at Mountain Park.

He is survived by his wife and a small daughter, his mother, Mrs. L. M. Kinzie, of Salem, Va., and several brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Salem. Interment was in the cemetery there.

BRITISH LAUNCH FLANKING DRIVE NEAR CAMBRIA

Weygand Makes Flight Over Battle Area

GERMANS PAY HEAVILY

Losses in Wounded and Killed Estimated at 500,000 Since Invasion

HIT MOTORIZED FORCE

Paris, May 22.—Picked French troops, thrown into the battle of the Somme, have stormed and retaken Arras and, fortifying the south bank of the river, have cut communications of the Germans in the Abbeville area on the English Channel, France asserted today.

Gen. Maxime Weygand, new allied commander-in-chief, gave the order for attack, it was learned, after a dramatic airplane flight over the German lines yesterday and a quick dash to Paris. It was in the manner that Weygand had gone to Warsaw when the Bolshevik army was approaching after the World War, to look at a few battle maps and give the order for an attack which sent the Russians rolling back on Moscow.

(The French censor killed nine words between the news of the airplane flight and the return to Paris.)

As he gave his battle order, British troops, timing their drive with the attack on Arras, smashed into the German flank near Cambrai, in the sector to the southeast.

Premier Paul Reynaud, in a brief unexpected radio speech to the French nation said:

"I have just seen General Weygand. . . . The generalissimo told me: 'I am full of confidence if everyone does his duty with fierce energy.'"

"The civil population must not allow itself to be frightened by German motorized raids. . . . They are paying heavily for their audacity. . . . If we hold one month—and we shall hold for the time necessary—we shall have travelled three-fourths of the road to victory."

Reynaud said that the civil population must remain at work, that any reduction in production weakened France, and that he had given orders to this effect to military as well as civil authorities.

Gen. Weygand issued his battle orders in the customary Weygand manner, after his airplane flight over the German lines.

Well-informed French army sources made estimates which implied that the Germans, as Reynaud had said, were paying a high price for their blitzkrieg. The German losses in wounded and killed were put at perhaps 500,000 since the invasion of Holland, with a probable portion of one killed to seven wounded. It was insisted that the allied losses were but one-fifth those of the Germans.

(In London a well-informed source estimated German casualties in the western front battle at more than 250,000 added to 200,000 in Poland and 25,000 to 30,000 in Scandinavia.)

In the Arras battle, it was asserted, the French troops, plunging into a wild melee that covered miles of the ravaged plains of Picardy, hit the dangerously small motorized forces which the Germans had left to hold the city and quickly knocked them out.

TO PRESENT PLAY AT FALL CREEK SCHOOL

A community play, "Cheerio, My Dearie," will be presented at Fall Creek school auditorium Saturday evening, May 25, at 8 o'clock. The play, the cast of which is composed of students of East Bend high school, was presented early in the spring at East Bend, and is considered one of the outstanding plays ever presented in this vicinity by local talent. A small admission fee will be charged. The public is invited.