

## U. S. Acts Swiftly To Complete Trade Of Old Destroyers

### LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

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#### STATE

RALEIGH, Sept. 4.—Lieutenant Colonel Joseph LeT. Lancaster, recently with the 14th Infantry at Fort William D. Davis in the Panama Canal Zone, yesterday assumed his duties as assistant professor of military science and executive officer in the military department. Byron S. Clapp, of Siler City, and Marshall L. Shepherd, of Raleigh, first lieutenants in the officer reserve corps, also joined the faculty as instructors in the military department.

#### NATIONAL

ABOARD President Roosevelt's Train to Washington, Sept. 3.—President Roosevelt saw a naval ordnance plant at South Charleston, W. Va., turning red-hot steel ingots into armor yesterday and then indicated he would be off soon on perhaps half a dozen more trips to projects vital to national defense.

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Sept. 3.—Although declaring "the country will undoubtedly approve" of the administration's trade of destroyers for naval base rights in British possessions, Wendell L. Willkie said yesterday it was regrettable President Roosevelt "did not deem it necessary" to obtain prior congressional approval or permit public discussion.

COLUMBIA, La., Sept. 4.—Vernice Williams, 16-year-old daughter of five desperate Arkansas convicts, came out of a swamp near Bellevue today and attempted to make a deal with a posse of more than 1,000 men who had the fugitives surrounded. Spokesmen for the posse refused to bargain, however, and the girl, covered by the rifles of the desperadoes, went back into the woods. Special Deputy Sheriff Ed Drake said he had been unable to learn what the deal was, but he presumed it had to do with the convicts' safety if they turned over the two girls and the boy they are holding.

#### INTERNATIONAL

ROME, Sept. 4.—The United States-British destroyers-naval bases deal involves the United States in the European conflict, Virginia Gayda, close to the foreign office, wrote in the authoritative Giornale D'Italia today. "This deal increasingly involves the United States in the European war, which does not concern them," Gayda wrote. "It is a hard blow to the pride of the British navy and constitutes an unexpected admission of losses suffered." Responsible informants said meanwhile that Italy and Germany intend to give "serious consideration" to the Washington-London arrangement. They declined to indicate what action might be taken.

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—A foreign office spokesman, commenting on the British-United States destroyers-naval bases deal, quoted the Bible today, "He sold his birthright for a mess of pottage." "Germany notes that Britain has sold important parts of her empire for 50 old destroyers," the spokesman said. "We see in this the beginning of the liquidation of the British Empire." Authorized quarters said that America's transfer of the destroyers had come too late to affect the outcome of the war. It was threatened that in return to the Washington-London deal Germany would bring out her

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## DEFENSE BASES ARE SECURED FROM BRITISH

50 Over-age Warships to Go to England

### F.D.R. ANNOUNCES MOVE

Congress, Caught Napping, Reacts with Both Applause and Dismay

### TWO BASES SAID GIFTS

Washington, Sept. 4.—The United States acted with great dispatch today to complete its historic swap of 50 overage destroyers for important defense base sites in six British possessions on this side of the Atlantic.

At Boston American crews were at work on the first group of eight ships, getting them in shape for transfer to the Royal Navy at a Canadian port on Friday, or immediately thereafter.

Another flotilla of 6 of the 1,200-ton class destroyers were reported to have left Hampton Roads, Va., headed north for Boston.

In other unnamed ports along the Atlantic coast, the remainder of the vessels involved in the great international transaction were being made ready with all speed for delivery in the early future.

Meanwhile, a 10-man commission of army and navy officers were already at sea on the cruiser, U. S. S. St. Louis, bound for Bermuda and a series of conferences with British officials there on the base site this country will acquire in the great sound of the resort islands.

The Bermuda base and another base in Newfoundland would be in addition to the six acquired in the destroyer swap. The right to bases in these two possessions was granted by the British as an outright gift, but their acquisition was naturally linked with the broader program.

Conferences on the other bases were expected to be arranged shortly. A 7-man navy board will meet with British officials to decide on the exact locations for the projected naval and air bases which President Roosevelt told reporters were needed to keep any enemy from our front door. The other base sites are in the Bahamas, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Trinidad, Antigua, and British Guiana.

The announcement of the destroyer-base deal as a fait accompli took the capital completely by surprise yesterday.

Congress reacted with both applause and dismay, but the expression disregarded party lines. Discussion quickly centered on whether the deal presaged another request for appropriations to augment the already swollen defense budget. Equipment will have to be supplied for the bases and in some cases it may be found desirable to extend the base confines by purchasing adjacent private property.

### SURRY PRINCIPALS HOLD FIRST MEET

Principals of Surry county public schools met recently in Dobson at the office of John W. Comer, superintendent of education, where plans were discussed for the opening of Surry schools.

The first county-wide meeting of teachers of Surry will be held at Dobson Friday afternoon, September 13, and the first meeting of the Surry School Masters club, composed of principals of white schools, will be held at Franklin school on the evening of September 18, it has been announced.

### 2 COUPLES OBTAIN MARRIAGE LICENSE

Only two couples obtained marriage license from the office of Kermit Lawrence, Surry county register of deeds, during the past week. They were: Arkdell Pruitt to Nancy Jane Meredith, both of Mount Airy, and Enar Willard Sorensen, of Oakland, Calif., to Lucy Bordurant, of Mount Airy.

### Hits At Dictators



"The Great Dictator," Hollywood style, climaxes a rousing speech with a left-handed salute. Charlie Chaplin, famous comedian, pictured above, portrays the title role in the picture, believed to be a travesty on dictators. The double cross appears to be the insignia of Chaplin's party.

## BUILD STEPS TO OLD BRIDGE

Will Enable Pedestrians to Cross River Without Going Out of Way

### CODIFYING ORDINANCES

At Monday's meeting of the Elkin board of commissioners, permission was granted for the erection of steps leading up to the end of the old Yadkin river bridge so that pedestrians will be able to cross the river without having to walk far out of their way via the Hugh Chatham bridge.

J. C. Dobbins appeared before the board seeking the permission, stating that the lumber necessary for erection of the steps will be furnished by the state highway commission, and that their construction will cost the town nothing.

It was also learned following the meeting that a Mr. Franklin, of the State League of Municipalities, is here to compile a list of all town ordinances. Once these ordinances are codified, all old ordinances that do not apply to present day conditions, will be repealed. Mr. Franklin is also preparing a building code and zoning ordinance for the town, it was said.

## Jurors Are Drawn For Surry County Session of Court

The monthly meeting of the Surry County Board of Commissioners was held Monday morning in Dobson. Only routine business matters were disposed of and the civil court jury list was drawn. The persons listed below will serve for the regular term of civil court which will get under way on Monday morning, September 23:

Cyrus H. Scott, Pinacle; W. B. Edmonds, Dobson; P. B. Nelson, Pilot Mountain; Hubert Harris, Thurmond; H. G. Harris, Elkin; F. A. Stanley, Elkin; R. F. D.; O. L. Morefield, Pilot Mountain; W. A. Nixon, Pinacle; C. A. McNeill, Elkin; T. N. Atkins, Mount Airy; R. F. D.; L. G. Taylor and J. W. Beasley, both of Pilot Mountain; Sterlin Lowe, Low Gap; Robert C. Thacker, Oscar R. Merritt, A. M. Smith and J. E. Venable, all of Mount Airy.

The regular term of criminal court is scheduled to begin on Monday morning, September 16.

### RONDA, PLEASANT HILL SCHOOLS ARE NOW OPEN

Ronda and Pleasant Hill schools opened Monday, September 2, for the 1940-41 terms, with the majority of other Wilkes county schools. Ten schools of the county were unable to open due to the condition of roads and bridges following the flood of August 14.

The Ronda school had an enrollment of more than 500 on the opening day. Students who live across the river from Ronda are being brought by bus through Elkin, since the bridge at Ronda has not been replaced since it was washed away by the flood.

In most every religion known to man we find a trinity.

## FEAR OF NEW FLOOD IS FELT HERE FRIDAY

Several Merchants Move from River Bottom

### RUMOR IS RAMPANT

Chatham Manufacturing Co. Removes Wool, Cotton from "Old Mill"

### WESTERN N. C. FLOODED

Alarmed by a Yadkin river that was rising at the rate of about a foot an hour last Friday afternoon following record rains at Boone and reports of bad floods in the western part of the state, Elkin business men in the river bottom began moving out Friday night as reports came from North Wilkesboro to expect a worse flood than that of August 14.

A heavy rain early Friday morning started the Yadkin on a surge that carried the water out of the banks in many places by Saturday morning. Newspaper and radio reports stated that floods had struck Asheville and other towns in the western part of the state, and that heavy rains were falling at Boone and Blowing Rock.

Fearful that these rains in the Boone section would come roaring down the Yadkin valley, local citizens began to watch the river as early as noon Friday. Observation showed the water to be rising, and by mid-afternoon a great amount of drift was observed, including lumber and other wreckage left by the receding waters of the last flood.

By nightfall it had begun to rain here and the river continued to rise. Telephone calls to North Wilkesboro disclosed a steady rise there, and those in the river bottoms were advised to move out.

Rather than to take a chance of getting caught, as was the case of many on August 14, several firms moved to higher ground. The Chatham Manufacturing Co., with an eye to the welfare of their raw stocks stored in the "old mill," began moving wool and cotton to another warehouse.

By midnight it was apparent the river was not going to get far out of its banks, and advices from North Wilkesboro stated the river had reached a standstill there.

Saturday morning the water was out in the low bottoms, but began to go down before noon, doing no damage.

## ARCH D. MC COIN PASSES FRIDAY

Well-Known Resident North Elkin Succumbs After Critical Illness

### FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY

Arch D. McCoin, 64, well known resident of North Elkin, died at his home late Friday following a critical illness of two weeks. Mr. McCoin was a son of the late Jesse and Mrs. Margaret Rigby McCoin, and a member of long standing of the Grassy Creek Methodist church.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock from the Grassy Creek church. The rites were in charge of Rev. Dwight B. Mullis, pastor of the deceased, assisted by Rev. E. G. Jordan and Rev. R. E. Adams. Interment was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Collins McCoin, two daughters and two sons, Mrs. Raymond Johnson, Miss Ruby McCoin and Ralph McCoin, of Elkin, and Russell McCoin, of Radford, Va.; one grandchild, one brother, Jesse McCoin, of State Road, and eight sisters, Mrs. S. J. Burcham, Mrs. C. W. Simmons, Elkin; Mrs. W. H. Hayes, Mrs. William Adams, Mrs. Mary McCoin, Mrs. A. L. Lewis, State Road; Mrs. Elizabeth Wilcox, Mount Airy, and Mrs. A. G. Crissman, Vass.

### JONESVILLE SCHOOL IS TO OPEN MONDAY

The Jonesville school will open on Monday morning, September 9, at 9:30, along with other schools of Yadkin county, according to L. S. Weaver, principal of the school. There will be no formal opening due to the fact that the school auditorium has been made into class rooms to accommodate the increased attendance.

## Elkin Fair To Begin Tuesday With Many Bigger And Better Features, Contests Scheduled

**BOMBER DOWNED** British officers examine wreckage of a huge German bomber which crashed into houses of an English town after being shot down by British anti-aircraft guns. The huge craft did almost as much damage itself as one of its bombs would have.



### \$25 Per Month Pay for School Teacher in 1909

School teachers have been underpaid a long time, especially during the past 10 or 12 years, what with depressions and things, but in case any of them should get to feeling extra low about their profession's wage scale, the following information, obtained from a postcard written to a Surry county man in 1909, informing him that he had been appointed a school committeeman, should do much to point out that matters have been worse.

J. H. Dixon, of Mountain Park, received the card, dated July 16, 1909, from the late J. H. Allen, father of Attorney W. M. Allen, and at that time Surry superintendent of schools. The card read as follows:

"You have been appointed one of the school committeemen in district No. 8, Dobson township. Please qualify at once. The amt. estimated for your district this year is \$100. Try to have a four months' school."

There! How would you like to teach school for \$25.00 per month as in the "good old days!"

## DOBSON MAN IS WRECK VICTIM

W. E. Reid Dead, Wife and Daughter Seriously Injured in Crash

W. E. Reid, 52, of Dobson, was instantly killed in an automobile accident Monday night near Danville, Va. According to J. H. Farmer, Virginia state policeman, the accident occurred when a car driven by Edward N. Hall, who with Miss Margaret Jones, of Clover, Va., was also killed in the accident, attempted to pass a gasoline tank truck, sideswiped it and was thrown in the path of the Reid car.

Mrs. Reid and her daughter, Miss Eugenia Reid, were also injured in the accident, and J. L. Jones, father of Miss Jones. They are in a Danville hospital for treatment. Mrs. Reid suffered a broken leg and internal injuries, the extent of which has not been determined. Miss Reid suffered severe bruises and one of her legs was broken both above and below the knee, and other injuries. Neither of them can be moved from the hospital.

Mr. Reid was one of the most prominent merchants of the county. He had for many years operated a large store and undertaking establishment in Dobson.

Funeral services for Mr. Reid will be held this afternoon (Thursday) at 2 o'clock from the Dobson Methodist church.

## CLUB ENJOYS GOOD PROGRAM

Talking Motion Picture Will Be Presented at Meeting This Evening

### FLOOD CONTROL SOUGHT

An excellent program, staged under the direction of Kiwanian Jones Holcomb, featured the meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis Club at Hotel Elkin last Thursday evening.

Bubbles Brantley and his Swing Band, a colored orchestra of five pieces, from Jonesville, were the entertainers and presented a program of music that was highly enjoyed by the Kiwanians.

During the business session a motion was made to write congressmen, and the Kiwanis club of North Wilkesboro, urging construction of a dam for flood control above North Wilkesboro.

At this evening's meeting an interesting program will be staged in form of a talking motion picture, "Friction Fighters," which will show how petroleum affects the lives of everyone 24 hours each day.

This program has been arranged by Kiwanian D. G. Smith, and will be presented by G. F. Ball, of Charlotte.

## Faculty Changes In Local Schools Are Announced

Due to misinformation it was stated in last week's Tribune that there were no changes in the local elementary school faculty. There is one new member, Mrs. Lee Neaves, and several changes in class room teachers.

The complete elementary school faculty, with their respective home room is as follows: Mrs. D. C. Martin, Miss Mary Hendren, 1st grade; Miss Blanche Dixon, Miss Ola Angell, 2nd grade; Mrs. Fred Harris, 3rd grade; Miss Ruth Atkinson, 3rd and 4th grade; Miss Minnie Ruth McNeill, 4th grade; Miss Elizabeth Harris, Miss Betty Allen, 5th grade; Mrs. Lee Neaves, Mrs. Fletcher Harris, 6th grade; Miss Josephine Paul, Miss Emma Cooke, 7th grade.

Miss Norma Cawthon, who has been a popular member of the school faculty for a number of years, resigned.

The elementary school will open on Monday, September 16.

### YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO MEET IN YADKIN

A meeting of the Young Democrats Club of Yadkin county will be held in the courthouse in Yadkinville on Saturday afternoon, September 7, at 2 o'clock, to elect delegates to the state convention in Raleigh on September 13-14, and to elect a county chairman, vice-chairman and secretary-treasurer.

## HORSE SHOW TO BE HELD FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>

Valuable Attendance Prize to Be Given

### PLAN MANY CONTESTS

Colored Band to Provide Music on Midway Each Night of Fair

### THOUSANDS EXPECTED

Final plans for the Elkin Fair, which gets under way here next Tuesday, September 10, and continues through Saturday, September 14, are rapidly being whipped into shape with all indications pointing to the best fair yet held.

The exhibition building is being prepared for the reception of exhibits, and the fair grounds, which suffered practically no damage from the recent flood, has been put in excellent shape.

All exhibits must be placed not later than 2:30 Tuesday afternoon, so that the task of judging them may be completed by Tuesday night.

In addition to the Bullock Amusement Enterprises on the midway this year, an excellent five-piece colored band has been obtained to entertain on the midway each day of the fair. This group, known as Bubbles Brantley and his Swing Band, are from Jonesville, and have established a reputation of giving out with a highly entertaining brand of music, both swing and sweet. In addition, to providing music, members of the band will also provide dancing.

To take care of the band, a large platform will be constructed on the midway so that everyone may both see and hear. The band will give two performances each night and in itself will be worth more than the small admission of ten cents which will be charged to the grounds. This small admission also provides entrance to the exhibition hall.

The horse show and parade, heretofore staged on Thursday morning of fair week, will be held Friday afternoon this year. As usual, the parade will form at the Chatham ball park and proceed to the fair grounds where judging will be done. The parade will be led by Bubbles Brantley's band, which will provide stirring music, and will also feature local Boy and Girl Scout troops, and clowns as well as a large array of the finest horses and mules in this section.

The parade is to start at 2:30 o'clock. The horse show will be presented under the direction of L. G.

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## YOUNG DEMOS HOLD MEETING

Archie Carter Is Elected to Succeed George Royall as President

### JOHN FOLGER SPEAKER

A meeting of the Young Democrats Club of Surry county was held at the courthouse in Dobson Friday evening at 8 o'clock, with a splendid attendance. The meeting was for the election of officers and to name delegates to the state convention in Raleigh from September 21-24. George Royall of this city, retiring president, presided over the meeting. Officers elected to serve for next year were: President, Archie Carter, of Mount Airy; first vice-president, Frank Freeman of Dobson; second vice-president, Mrs. Marion Allen of Elkin, and secretary-treasurer, John Lewellyn, of Dobson.

Hon John H. Folger of Mount Airy, addressed the group. All members of the club attending the state meeting in Raleigh will be considered delegates from the Surry club.