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LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

STATE

THREE North Carolina Democrats, Thurmond Chatham, of Winston-Salem; W. B. Kiker, of Reidsville, and Miss Carrie McLean, of Charlotte, Tuesday night authorized publication of statements pledging their support to Wendell Willkie under the banner of Democrats-for-Willkie movement, according to J. Paul Leonard, secretary of state headquarters. Mr. Chatham, who is president of the Chatham Manufacturing company and a member of the state board of conservation and development issued a significant statement, which read in part as follows: "I think Wendell Willkie is best equipped to lead us thru the present world crisis, knows more about sound business A. B. C.'s, and that his practical experience will mean more jobs in private industry, more stable farm prices and more production in America."

NATIONAL

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Among the 1,107,000 New York men who will register tomorrow in the nation's first peacetime conscription is Francis Warren Pershing, only son of Gen. John J. Pershing, who commanded the A.E.F. in the world war. Young Pershing, who is 31, said he was willing to do anything — including kitchen police—if and when he is called for duty. "There's no reason in the world why I shouldn't be called up," he said. "And there certainly is no reason for me to get a good job out of it."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—The possibility of further aid to Great Britain or other powers arose tonight when President Roosevelt set up an agency to requisition a large supply of war materials now tied up by legal complications. Any of these supplies which are not needed for United States defense may be sold to friendly powers, the President said. There were indications that some machine tools, included in the materials in question, might be released to soviet Russia, which is now displaying irritation with Hitler's incursions into Rumania.

INTERNATIONAL

LONDON, Oct. 15—A two-hour rain of bombs which turned a German synthetic oil plant at Politz, near Stettin, into a giant blowtorch was described today by British aviators returning from a series of night attacks on Germany. Oil storage plants at Magdeburg, Bohlen and Hanover also were pounded according to Britain's "master plan" for systematic destruction of Germany's chief oil centers, the air ministry reported, and Berlin was subjected to an hour and a half of bombing. The raid on Politz produced an inferno, returning fliers reported, with giant chimney stacks toppling, flames sweeping a mile square area, smoke streaking for six miles over the horizon, and blazing oil tanks setting a glare which fliers said must have been seen in Berlin, 85 miles to the southwest.

MOSCOW, Oct. 15—Soviet Russia disclosed today that Germany did not tell her in advance of plans to send troops to Rumania or even why such forces were sent to the nazi-dominated kingdom on Russia's border. The Russians employed a familiar form to indicate their official reaction to Germany's thrust through the Balkans to the Black Sea. Tass, the official Russian news agency, published a denial of a report carried by a Danish newspaper, Politiken, that the soviet government was "timely informed that German troops would be sent to Rumania and that the Kremlin was informed of the aims and number of troops sent to Rumania." "Tass is authorized to state that this report * * * does not correspond to the facts."

IN BLACK AND WHITE : : : BY BROWNING

ELKS WIN GAME HERE 19 TO 7

Team Is Preparing for Final Home Game With Madison High School

AT ATHLETIC FIELD

With the scalp of Cramerton Hi tucked safely away under their belt by a score of 19 to 7, the Elks of Elkin high school are preparing to meet Madison high school here Friday in their final home game.

Playing on fairly even terms during the first quarter, the Elks opened up in the second quarter to score when Shugart carried the ball over from the seven-yard line after it had been put in scoring position by Sparks.

The second score came in the third period when Shugart again scored on a wide end run.

The final touchdown of the game came in the fourth period after Cramerton had put over a score in the third period. The ball was carried over by Colhard after an off center smash from the four-yard line.

REA PLANS SERIES OF THREE MEETINGS

A series of three meetings is planned by the REA for next week, it was anounced Wednesday by the Dobson office. The first of the meetings will be held on Monday, October 21, at Westfield at 7:30 in the evening, and the next meeting will be on October 22, at 7:30 in the evening at East Bend. The last meeting will be on Wednesday, October 23, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at Dobson. All prospective customers to be served by the electric lines now being erected throughout this section are urged to attend, as it is hoped to get wiring contracts signed at these meetings. Two representatives from the REA in Washington will be present at the meetings to explain the details of the project.

Approximately $200 in electric appliances will be given away absolutely free at the meetings and the major free prize offered is a wiring job in the amount of $30.

BAPTIST SERVICES ANNOUNCED HERE

Sunday at the morning hour of worship at the First Baptist church at 11 o'clock the pastor, Rev. Stephen Morrisett, will use as his sermon subject, "Be Still and Know That I Am God," and at the evening service at 7:30 the sermon subject will be "What Is the Kingdom of God?"

The church extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend the regular worship periods and the church school at 9:45 on Sunday morning.

Mexico In Deal With Japs As "Oil Lands" Concession Granted

One Spokesman States He Does Not Believe the Prime Interest of the Concessionaries Is Oil; Diplomatic and Foreign Business Quarters Greatly Interested in Disclosure of Agreement

Mexico City, Oct. 16.—Mexico has granted to a Japanese-controlled company a huge "exploratory oil land" concession on the Guilf of Mexico, 425 miles from the Texas border and 1,300 airline miles from the Atlantic entrance to the Panama Canal, and is considering the sale to Japan of 20,000 tons of scrap metal, now embargoed by the United States, it was disclosed today.

Diplomatic and foreign business quarters were greatly interested in the disclosure, partly because the land is on the Gulf, from where any eventual oil would have to be sent through the Panama Canal to Japan, and partly because other foreign oil interests have explored the concession area and decided that, as regards oil, it was not promising.

"I do not believe the primary interest of the concessionaries is oil," an American businessman commented.

It was made known that the ministry of economics had signed an agreement Sept. 13 allowing the Veracruzana Petroleum Co., five-year exploratory rights to a 250,000-acre tract of state land in Vera Cruz between Japala, the state capital, and the Gulf coast village of Misantla.

The Veracruzana Company is controlled by La Laguna Company, more than 51 per cent. of the stock in which is Japanese owned.

F.D.R. IN TALK TO THE NATION

In Early Morning Broadcast Says Draft Is Answer to Policy of Force

DEFENSE PREPARATION

Washington, Oct. 16—President Roosevelt today told the estimated 16,404,000 young men who are registering for the nation's first peacetime draft that their cause is to save democracy and peace from those "who have dared to threaten the whole world with war."

In an unprecedented early morning radio address—an hour after registration began — the President said that the program upon which the nation has embarked was one "obviously of defense preparation and of defensive preparation only," but that "the duty of this day has been imposed upon us from without."

"Those who have dared to threaten the whole world with war—those who have created the name and deed of total war—have imposed upon us and upon all free peoples the necessity of preparation for total defense," he said.

Selective compulsory military service, he said, in effect, is America's answer.

"Today's registration for training and service," he said, "is the keystone in the arch of our national defense . . .

"To the 16,000,000 young men

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AID GIVEN 361 FOLKS IN AREA

Now Receiving Monthly Payments of Old Age and Survivors Insurance

CHILDREN ARE HELPED

A statement issued today by James N. Freeman, manager of the Winston-Salem office of the Social Security Board, shows 361 persons in this area are now receiving monthly payments of old-age and survivors insurance. This figure represents the number of men, women and children in the counties of Davie, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin, who have been awarded monthly payments of old-age and survivors insurance during the nine months since monthly benefits became payable (January 1, 1940.) Among those listed are 38 widows, 137 children, 162 retired wage earners, and 24 wives of retired wage earners.

The field manager explained that when a fully insured wage earner, who is 65 years old or more, files claim for his monthly old-age insurance benefits, his wife may also claim monthly benefits when she is 65 years old or more. In addition each of his children under 16 (18 if in school) will receive monthly benefits—except that the benefits for the entire family may not be more than twice the amount of

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J. W. FREEMAN DIES THURSDAY

Jonesville Man Passes at His Home Following Heart Attack

RITES HELD SATURDAY

James Worth Freeman, 61, of Jonesville, died at his home early Thursday morning from a heart attack. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Howard Freeman and was born in Jonesville July 16, 1879.

Survivors include thirteen children, as follows: Six sons, Bill, Carson, James Freeman, of Elkin; Charlie, Frank and Jack Freeman, of Jonesville; seven daughters, Mrs. A. R. Applewhite, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Guy Myers and Mrs. Mick Brown, of Jonesville; Mrs. Leary Rogers, Arlington; Misses Ada, Estelle and Catherine Freeman, of Jonesville; four brothers, E. J., John and Jesse Freeman, of Elkin; Bob Freeman, of Jonesville; four sisters, Mrs. Charlie Sparks, Jonesville; Mrs. C. W. Swaim and Mrs. Spurgeon Benton, Danville, Ill.; Mrs. Pete McGlothian, Yakima, Wash.

Funeral services were held at Swan Creek Baptist church where the deceased had been a member many years, on Saturday afternoon after the body had lain in state from 3 to 4 o'clock. Rev. Rex Windsor, the pastor, and Rev. J. L. Powers conducted the services and burial was in the church graveyard.

DUKE LINEMAN IS PAINFULLY HURT

L. A. Gibson, 32, of Winston-Salem, an employee of Duke Power company, engaged in erecting a line to the new Chatham carbonizing plant here, narrowly missed electrocution Tuesday afternoon when he released a 2,300 voltage live wire from a pole, believing that the wire was dead. His body from the waist up was painfull burned and he suffered bruises as he fell from the pole.

He was rushed to the local hospital by ambulance, where he is resting as comfortably as could be expected.

CHANGE IN LIBRARY HOURS ANNOUNCED

Miss Virginia Price, librarian at the public library here, announces a change in library hours, effective Monday, October 21. Hours in the morning will be from 9 until noon and in the afternoon from 2 until five o'clock.

MORE

During the first eight months of this year, the national income was $2,400,000,000 more than in the same period a year ago, estimates Secretary of Commerce Jones.

Nearly A Thousand Young Men Register Here Under Draft Act

Cupid Breaks One-Day Record In Surry County

Cupid has been busy in Surry county during the past week, 13 couples (and probably not a one of them would admit they're unlucky), having applied for and received marriage license at the office of the register of deeds, at Dobson.

Ten of the wedding permits were obtained during one day, last Saturday, thereby breaking all records for one day's issuance, officials said.

Those who obtained license to wed were:

Ira Bledsoe to Miss Mary Atkins, both of Dobson; Oliver Davis to Miss Treva Corder, both of Dobson; Walter W. Reece, Boonville, to Miss Martha Jones, Dobson; Roy Richard, Erie, Pa., to Miss Thelma Comer, Dobson; Harry Hill to Miss Maude Gunter, both of Ararat; J. Walter Lowery, to Miss Margaret Louise Coone, both of Ararat; Novin Dale Horton, Hillsville, Va., to Miss Freida L. Harmon, Floyd, Va.; Leonard Hayes to Miss Odessa Wright, both of Thomasville; Gordon Proctor, Rural Hall, to Miss Edith M. Mills, Ararat; Henry Wagoner, Wilronghry, Ohio, to Miss Florence Barber, Geneva, Ohio; William Roger Taylor to Miss Patsy Ruth Jones, both of Mount Airy; Isaac Lindsay to Gertrude Thompson, both of Elkin.

Methodists Hold Fourth Quarterly Conference Here

Rev. Herman F. Duncan, pastor of the Methodist church, will preach at the Sunday morning hour of worship at 11 o'clock on "This I Do Know." At the evening service at 7:30 the young people's choir of the church will furnish special music. The sermon subject has not been announced.

On the evening of October 23, there will be no mid-week prayer service due to the fact that the pastor will be away at the annual church conference in High Point.

At the fourth quarterly conference meeting held at the church on Monday evening of this week by Rev. J. S. Hiatt, of this city, superintendent of the Elkin district, new boards and committees were set up for the work of the church year. Among the new officers elected were E. S. Spainhour and Clifton Leary to the board of stewards of the church. W. A. Neaves was added to the board of trustees of the church and was also reelected as Golden Cross director.

Miss Dorothy Colhard was named as president of the young people's department of the church and Charles G. Ashby was reelected as general superintendent of the church school. Mason Lillard was reelected as district steward and W. S. Reich was named as lay delegate to the annual conference in High Point. Mrs. George Royall was elected as president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the church and H. B. Holcomb was reelected as recording steward.

DR. W. P. FEW, DUKE U. PRESIDENT, DIES

Durham, Oct. 16—Dr. William Preston Few, president of Duke University and its predecessor, Trinity College, died in the university hospital at 7 a.m. today after a brief illness. He was 72.

Death was attributed to a heart attack which he had suffered several days ago. His condition had been critical but he was improving slowly until today and doctors had believed he would recover.

Dr. Few became professor of English at Trinity College in 1896 and has been continuously in the service of the institution, which later became Duke University, ever since. He was formally inaugurated president of Trinity on November 9, 1910.

VOLUNTEERS AID IN BIG JOB WEDNESDAY

Many Out-of-County Men Are Registered

WORK MOVES SMOOTHLY

Chief Registrar Hall Expresses Apreciation for Assistance Given

RUSH IS OVER BY NOON

The nation's young men placed themselves at their country's call for military duty Wednesday morning in the first draft ever conducted with America at peace.

In Elkin, as in other towns and cities all over the country, the registration place at the city hall opened at 7:00 a.m., and was to remain open until 9:00 p.m.

Late Wednesday afternoon Chief Registrar J. L. Hall stated that approximately 800 men had registered, with the total figure expected to reach 900 or a thousand by closing time. Of this number, he estimated 50 or more were men who do not live in the county. Approximately 100 colored men had been registered, he said.

The work of registering the men proceeded at a rapid pace from the start. Plenty of volunteers were on hand to aid in the work of filling out the necessary forms and pocket cards, and by afternoon a great majority of the work had been completed.

Following the end of the registration period, an official count was to be made and the figure phoned to R. A. Freeman, of Dobson, a member of the county draft board. The cards themselves will be carried to Dobson this morning.

Each man who was registered, was given a pocket card containing his name, address and other information, which he was instructed to carry on his person at all times as proof that he has complied with the selective service law.

Mr. Hall stated that the task of registering the men here had run smoothly and expressed appreciation for the generous aid he has received on the part of the numerous assistant registrars.

HIGH SCHOOL TO HAVE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

This year, for the first time, the high school here will have student government. Election of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer will be made today (Thursday) by a vote of the student body.

Candidates for the office of president are Miss Peggy Royall, Miss Emma Charles Foster and Eugene Aldridge; vice-presidential candidates are: Miss Eleanor Hayes, Bobby Harris, Walter Gainer and Bill Donovan. Aspirants to the office of secretary are Miss Mable Davis, Miss Jo Barker, Miss Elizabeth Alexander and Windell Martin, and for the office of treasurer, Worth Graham, Harold Brendle and Joe Harris.

Twenty people were killed in railroad crossing accidents in North Carolina during the first four months of 1940.

Registration Books for Election Open

Registration books for the November 5 election are now open and will remain open until Saturday, November 2, in order that all voters who are not registered, may do so in order to vote.

Books will be at the city hall each Saturday. Those wishing to register on week days may do so by seeing Registrar J. L. Hall at his office in the W. M. Allen building.

Everyone who is not registered is urged to do so on or before November 2.