

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

LOCAL

AT A MEETING of the Elkin Merchants Association here Tuesday, it was decided that local stores would begin staying open each night until 9:00 o'clock starting Friday, December 20, and continuing the practice through Christmas Eve.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Amid intensifying efforts to speed up the defense program, the war department ordered 30 regular army units to new stations today and announced that approximately 20,000 additional reserve officers probably would be called to active duty by next June. Although the army expects to have about 30,000 of its 110,000 eligible reserve officers on active duty by the end of this year, officials said thousands more would be needed to train recruits who will be pouring into the service in ever-increasing numbers when the draft program gets in full swing next month. Thus far, only about 20,000 of the 800,000 draftees to be called by next June have been inducted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Herbert Hoover's plan for feeding the civil population in German-occupied countries was rejected by the British government tonight with an announcement here that it would refuse permission "for the passage of food through the blockade." The statement by the Marquess of Lothian, British ambassador, apparently ended the prospect of any extensive American food relief to German conquered nations, including France. Lord Lothian however, expressed his government's willingness to facilitate the passage through the blockade of "medical supplies destined for distribution in territories occupied by Germany and in unoccupied France by approved bodies."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The busiest Christmas in many years and possibly in the history of the country, from a business point of view, is being ushered in on the wings of the national defense program. The background is war and the purpose in preparedness to fight, but the nation's factories are humming, and money jingles in the pockets of hundreds of thousands who a few months ago were jobless. The New York Times index of business has passed the highest point in history. The national income stands at 76 billion dollars, the best level of a decade, and is headed up to 80 and perhaps to 90 billions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—An inventor exhibited a rocket motor at New York university today which, he said, may revolutionize warplane speeds and give the United States world air supremacy. The army has accepted the device as a subject for further experimentation. The engineer-inventor, 50-year-old E. B. Myers, of New York, whose work has been supervised by Dr. Alexander Klemin, head of the university's school of aeronautics, said he would "not be surprised" to see an American warplane equipped with such a motor within a year. He talked freely about the possibilities of rocket propulsion for airplanes which would permit much greater speeds and carrying power, but conceded that his motor had not actually been tested in flight.

INTERNATIONAL

ATHENS, GREECE, Dec. 10.—The retreating Italians suffered "heavy blows" along the northern front today, a Greek government spokesman said tonight, and left more prisoners in Greek hands. Over the entire front, the spokesman declared, it was a familiar story: A continued fascist retreat, with rear guard fighting by the Italians "overthrown" as it developed. At Delvino, he said, "large quantities of all kinds of materials" abandoned by the Italians were collected by Greek troops.

Is Executed



General Argentinu, former Premier and War Minister under King Carol of Rumania, has been executed with 64 other ex-government officials accused of responsibility for the slaying of Corneliu Codreanu, Iron Guard leader.

3 SURRY MEN OFF TO ARMY

Are First from This Draft Area to Be Called into Nation's Service

REPLACEMENTS NAMED

Three Surry county young men under the supervision of Surry draft board No. 2, left Dobson Wednesday for Fort Bragg for induction into the United States army as the first draftees from this area. Three other men, it is understood, also left for Fort Bragg from draft area No. 1, which includes Mount Airy, Stewart's Creek and Long Hill townships. The men to leave from this area were Worth Bernard Folger, William Larrick Trevathan and Jesse Floyd Holyfield. Due to the fact that one or more of these men may not be inducted at the induction station at Fort Bragg due to physical, or other reasons, it was pointed out by the draft board, the following men may be required as replacements: Herman Anderson Simpson, Paul Ivan Badgett and John Daniel Bowman. In case any one of these three should be required to report as a replacement, five days notice will be given, it was said.

BEER AND WINE FILL UP JAIL

Thirteen Are Arrested Here as Elkin Police Have a Busy Week-End

ARE FINED BY J. L. HALL

Elkin police had a field day here during the past week-end, locking up a total of 13 men in the new town jail, it was learned from Chief of Police Corbett Wall and Night Policeman J. L. Darnell. Of those locked up, eight were in the jug at one time, it was said, crowding jail facilities to capacity. And of the 13 arrested, the majority were said to have been drunk on wine and beer. According to police, a ten cent glass of wine and a bottle of beer provide a jag that is high, wide and handsome, and this, according to evidence disclosed at the jail, is followed by a hangover containing all the deluxe elements of headache and nausea. Those arrested for drunkenness were kept in jail until they were in condition to be freed, and were then fined by Magistrate J. L. Hall, it was said. No arrests for speeding were made during the past week, police stated.

PARKING LIMIT SET FOR MARKET, BRIDGE

Beginning next Monday, local police will start checking cars on Market street from the Pilgrim church to the new bridge, and on North Bridge street from the hotel to the square, Corbett Wall, chief of police, said Wednesday. Acting under instructions from Mayor J. R. Poindexter, Chief Wall said that a two-hour parking limit would be in effect on these two streets. The parking limit on Main street is one hour. The first silver money was struck in the U. S. in 1792.

DR. T. R. WHITE PASSES AWAY HERE MONDAY

Prominent Elkin Dentist Dies in Local Hospital

WORLD WAR VETERAN

Pneumonia and Heart and Kidney Ailments Are Cause of Death

LAST RITES TUESDAY

Dr. Thomas Roy White, 43, prominent Elkin dentist and son of the late George Thomas White and Mrs. Mary McCollis White, of Yadkin county, passed away at the local hospital early Monday morning, following an illness of a few days from pneumonia and pleurisy, complicated by a heart and kidney ailment.

Dr. White was a veteran of the World War, having enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps in 1918. He was honorably discharged from service at the close of the war and immediately afterward entered Southern Dental College, Atlanta, where he was graduated in 1923. Since that time he has practiced dentistry here. He joined St. Paul Methodist church in Yadkin county, in early boyhood and later moved his membership to the Elkin Methodist church.

In 1927 he was married to Miss Mary Thomasson, who survives him, with four children, G. T., Jocelyn, Selwyn and Lelon. He also survived by four sisters, Mrs. W. F. Reese, of Elkin; Mrs. V. F. Couch, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Addie Jennings, of Mount Airy, and Mrs. W. G. Brown, of Burlington; three brothers, W. F. and N. D. White, of Hamptonville, and Charles S. White, of Fort Worth, Texas, and his stepmother.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. Paul church. The rites were in charge of the pastor, Rev. S. G. Brawley, assisted by Prof. Z. H. Dixon, of this city, former teacher of the deceased. Interment was in the family plot in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Jack Allred, Z. Johnson, Ray Shore, Tuttle Allen, Homer Allen, Brac Madison Dewey Allred and Lum Shore all of Yadkin county, and honorary pallbearers were: Dr. M. O. Fox, Dr. E. G. Click, Dr. H. J. Johnson, Hugh Royall, Dr. L. C. Couch, Dr. J. W. Jolley, Dr. J. G. Abernethy, Dr. W. R. Wellborn, F. W. Graham, W. M. Gray, M. Q. Snow, Parks Hampton, Dr. M. A. Royall, Dr. I. S. Gambill, O. Bivins and Dr. R. B. Harrell, all of this city.

STATE ROAD WOMAN PASSES AWAY HERE

Mrs. Carlina Viola West, 53, died in the local hospital last week, following a lengthy illness. She was well known here, having been an employee of Chatham Manufacturing company for a number of years and also having served as housekeeper for several families in Elkin and Roaring Gap. She made her home with her sister, Mrs. Clay Burchette, and Mr. Burchette, at State Road. In addition to her sister she is survived by two nephews and three nieces. She was a devout member of East Elkin Baptist church.

Funeral services were held Friday from Pleasant Ridge Baptist church. The rites were in charge of Rev. J. L. Powers, pastor of the deceased, assisted by Rev. Grant Cothren.

INCOME

Cash income from American farm marketings and government payments in October totaled \$1,125,000 as compared with \$908,000,000 in September and \$1,042,000,000 in October of last year.

Aid For Greece Sought By Organization Here

Cooperating with similar groups in the county and nation, an organization was begun here Tuesday to give aid to the civilian population of Greece. People are asked to contribute to the aid of Greece and the Greek people in their fight against Italy and the totalitarian allies. Mrs. Gavin Dorch, Jr., was named chairman of the group and Mrs. Ruth Byrd Crater, secretary and treasurer.

GHOST RETURNS

No one ever thought they would see the liner America on the high seas again after she was consigned to a graveyard in a Virginia port. But here she is again, going into drydock in New York before being commissioned as a U. S. Army transport. The ship was formerly the Hamburg-American liner "Amerika." She was seized during the last World War and used as a transport.



School Holidays To Begin on December 18-20

Elkin high school will close for the Christmas holidays on December 18 and reopen on January 2, 1941, according to a statement Tuesday by J. Mark McAdams, superintendent of schools.

The elementary school will close on December 20 and reopen on December 30, in order to make up the week of school lost at the beginning of the session when the school building was under repair.

FOOTBALL TEAM GUEST OF CLUB

Letters and Stars Are Presented Outstanding Players by Coach

WELCOMED BY WEAVER

Members of the high school football squad were guests of the Kiwanis club at their weekly dinner meeting Thursday at Hotel Elkin. The visitors were welcomed by L. S. Weaver, president of the club. Hugh Holcomb, captain of the squad, was introduced by J. Mark McAdams, superintendent of the school, and Bobby Chatham, team manager, introduced members of the team.

Letters and stars were presented outstanding players by Coach J. S. Bumgarner. Letter men are: Eldon Burgess, Tom Whatley, George Stockton, Monroe Freeman, Gaither Burch, Clifford Atwood and Fred Baker. Stars were awarded Charlie Fox, Max Sparks, Russell Johnson, Donnie Harris, Hugh Holcomb, Reece Shugart, Joe Windsor, and manager, Bobby Chatham. The letter men elected Joe Windsor and Max Sparks as co-captains of the 1941 team.

Coach Bumgarner, who will be married during the Christmas holidays, was given a Chatham blanket by members of the team.

Jimmy Parks, president of the Reidsville Kiwanis club, was a guest of the club. Members of the first and second line players, who have turned in an excellent record during the season are: First eleven: Sparks, Holcomb, Harris, D. Whatley, Fox, Johnson, Burgess, Windsor, J. Stockton, Freeman, Shugart; second team: Windsor, C. Burch, Transou, Cockerham, Baker, Atwood, Daye, McNeill, Norman, Eddinger, Mills, Harris, B.

Masons Name New Officers Of Lodge Here

At a meeting of the Elkin Masonic Lodge held here Tuesday evening, officers to serve during the year 1941 were elected, it was announced Wednesday.

New officers are: Worshipful Master, M. C. Whitener; Senior Warden, A. O. Bryan; Junior Warden, Zeslie Reinhardt; Treasurer, E. F. Harris, and Secretary, French G. Graham. Mr. Whitener succeeds Hugh Royall; Mr. Bryan succeeds himself; Mr. Reinhardt succeeds O. E. Boles, and Mr. Harris and Mr. Graham succeed themselves. Other officers of the lodge will be appointed by the Worshipful Master, it was said.

THURMOND CHATHAM IS TO BE N. Y. SPEAKER

Thurmond Chatham, president of the Chatham Manufacturing Company, of Elkin, will preside at one of the sessions of the Congress of American Industry in New York Friday morning of this week, it has been announced by the National Association of Manufacturers, sponsors of the congress. The congress will be concluded Friday night at which time William S. Knudsen and Dr. Will Durant will be the feature speakers at the annual banquet of the congress.

Two Crack Italian Divisions Trapped By British Troops

Turnip Weighing Three Pounds Is Sent to Tribune

Although as yet no freak country hams have been sent in to the editor of The Tribune Freak Department, an exceedingly large turnip was brought to The Tribune Tuesday by H. E. Beamer, of Elkin, route 1.

A notation which accompanied the turnip contained the information that it was "from old land." The scales showed it to weigh three pounds. The turnip was nicely shaped and of smooth texture. However, no one should visit The Tribune to see it because the editor of the Freak Department had it for dinner today. Somewhere there must be a freak ham!

TOMMIES ARE ON THE MARCH IN NEW FIGHT

English Attacking Series of Italian Forts

ITALIANS MAY ESCAPE

London Calls Upon R. A. F. to Patrol Atlantic Sea Lanes for Raiders

ARE TO COMBAT SUBS

London, Dec. 11.—British forces have trapped parts of two crack Italian divisions in the Egyptian desert and have hopes of surrounding the entire divisions, numbering perhaps 30,000 men, military informants said today. The chance of the Italians to escape encirclement depends on the extent of their motorization—the speed with which they are able to withdraw—provided the British are able to hold their new positions, it was said.

For the present the British were reported to be attacking a series of defensive forts in preparation for a drive against the main fascist army in the coastal zone between Sidi Barrani and Sollum, on the Libyan frontier, it was reported.

British attacks on some of these forts, called perimeter camps, around Sidi Barrani, already have succeeded, military informants said.

Fighting was proceeding today, they said, in the neighborhood of the important camp at Maktila 15 miles west of Sidi Barrani. British Empire motorized units had driven a wedge through the Italians south of Sidi Barrani, it was reported, and in that way trapped thousands of men by cutting them off from the main Italian body farther west.

Pockets of Italian troops, still resisting in the remaining desert forts, are now under attack, informants said.

TO PATROL ATLANTIC

London, Dec. 11.—Britain today called upon its young airmen, credited with having saved it from invasion in September, to patrol the Atlantic sea lanes and save it from the threat of starvation at the hands of U-boats, surface raiders and ocean-flying bombing planes.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced yesterday that the admiralty was overtaking operational policy of the Royal Air Force because it was necessary to use bombing and reconnaissance planes to guard merchant ships and convoys.

TO ORGANIZE ASSOCIATION

Hunters and Fishers Group to Be Formulated at Supper at Elkin Gym

LAUGHLIN IS TO SPEAK

A picnic supper and business meeting will be held at the school gymnasium this evening (Thursday), at 7 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a local chapter of the North Carolina Hunters and Fishers Association. All sportsmen and farmers who are interested in the movement are cordially invited to attend. Attorney John L. Laughlin, of Statesville, member-elect of the State Legislature, will be the principal speaker. Similar clubs have been organized in Surry and surrounding counties and membership has proven profitable both to sportsmen and land owners. The purpose of the organization is for the conservation of game in this section.

IS KILLED WHEN STRUCK BY CAR

E. E. Harmon Dies Instantly in Unavoidable Accident Saturday

DRIVER IS EXONERATED

Edward E. (Ed) Harmon, 66, a farmer of the Bethany township of Iredell county, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon when he was struck by a car driven by Miss Florence Harris, of this city. The accident occurred on the Statesville-Turnersburg highway, 4 miles north of Statesville.

Harmon had just alighted from a northbound car and walked behind it into the path of the car driven by Miss Harris, which was going south. C. L. Casey, owner of the car driven by Miss Harris, and who was a passenger in the car, stated that Miss Harris ran into a ditch to avoid hitting the man but the left fender of the car struck him, resulting in head injuries and multiple fractures of both legs.

N. D. Tomlin, Iredell coroner, held an inquest Saturday night, the jury completely exonerating Miss Harris from any blame in connection with Harmon's death. Harmon, who was unmarried, is survived by two brothers and a sister.

FARMER DIES OF GUN WOUND

Will Mathis, of Surry, Third Victim of Shooting Within Past Six Months

OFFICERS HOLD SLAYER

The death of Will Mathis, 50, tenant farmer of near Mount Airy, Friday night, was the third fatal shooting in the county in the last six months. Mathis died from gunshot wounds, allegedly inflicted by Alf Thomas, 55, owner of the farm on which Mathis and his family lived.

The shooting occurred, according to an investigation by Surry officers, about five miles south of Mount Airy when the men were discussing the settlement of their crop. It was several days before Mathis died from the wound and he made a statement to the effect that Thomas drew a gun and shot him while they were settling the crop.

Following the shooting Thomas surrendered to Surry officers. He told officers that he and Mathis both had pistols and that he shot Mathis in self-defense. He also said that he threw both guns into a field beside the road. Thomas was held without bond pending the outcome of Mathis' wounds, and following his death a charge of murder was preferred against him.

The other two fatal shootings in the county were Oscar Underwood and Clifton Burns, the latter a negro. Underwood was shot by Howard Pickett, the shooting taking place at Mount Airy, and Burns was shot by another negro, William Eaton, this shooting occurring in Pilot Mountain.