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LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

CHICAGO, Dec. 30—Traffic deaths may reach a record high of almost 40,000 in the United States this year. The national safety council reported tonight that 35,690 Americans were injured fatally in motor vehicle accidents during the first 11 months of 1941. The total was almost 1,200 greater than the toll for the entire year of 1940 and was only 3,953 below the unsurpassed total of 39,642 recorded in 1937. "If the December toll this year is more than six per cent higher than last year," the council reckoned, "1941 will bring a new all-time high of almost 40,000 traffic deaths."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30—The navy announced officially tonight that it suspected the presence of Japanese craft in Alaskan waters, uncomfortably close to Kodiak island where a naval air station is under construction. A navy communique tersely mentioned a suspicion that Japanese "vessels" were in the vicinity and said that merchant ships had been warned. The "vessels" presumably were submarines. There was some speculation as to whether undersea craft might have transferred their operations from the California coast, scene of recent sinkings, to the great Alaskan peninsula that juts out far into the Pacific toward Japan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30—President Roosevelt disclosed today that all previous war production plans have been scrapped in favor of a program which by 1943 will cost 50 per cent of the national income. He ordered the so-called "victory" and "all-out" programs discarded, he told a press conference, after Japan's sneak attack on Hawaii, December 7. Those plans called for expenditure of 27 per cent of the national income. Now, the President declared, he hopes to put the nation on such a vast production scale that one half of the national income will be pouring into armaments in the fiscal year 1943.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30—Plans for an OPM-automobile industry conference January 5 on conversion of plant facilities to war production and on the status of passenger car output "after January 31" were announced tonight amid indications that civilian auto production may be halted entirely during February.

INTERNATIONAL

OTTAWA, Dec. 30—Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Britain, stirring Canada's parliament to roars of approval, today delivered a fighting speech in which he asserted that "now the tide has turned against the Huns." He contrasted the position of the allies, linked together in a fighting mass supported by a rising mountain of weapons, with that of "the men of Vichy" who surrendered and made a separate peace with Adolf Hitler and now live miserably "from day to day" on a single guarantee—"Hitler's good faith, which biteth like the adder and stingeth like the asp." "Hitler and his nazis have sown to the wind," Churchill said. "Let them reap the whirlwind."

Local Defense Group Discusses Plans At Meet Here Monday

On Program



J. Maryon (Spike) Saunders, District Governor of Kiwanis clubs in North and South Carolina, will take part in ceremonies installing 1942 officers of the Elkin Kiwanis club at its first meeting of the year here Friday night. Saunders is University of North Carolina alumni secretary and assumes his district Kiwanis office January 1. W. M. Allen, local attorney, is lieutenant governor of the 3rd Kiwanis Division, embracing clubs in North Wilkesboro, Mt. Airy, Salisbury, Lexington, High Point, Greensboro, Asheboro, Reidsville and Elkin. In Friday night's meeting Allen will turn over the gavel as president of the local Kiwanis club to David G. Smith, 1942 president. Governor Saunders will charge the new officers. The meeting will be observed as ladies' night.

ELKIN SQUIRE IS ABANDONED

Prisoner Departs While Jail Papers Are Being Filled Out By Hall

OTHER CASES ARE TRIED

Walter Eldridge, of State Road, tried before Magistrate J. L. Hall here on a charge of abandonment and non-support, was bound over to superior court when probable cause was found. Eldridge couldn't make bond, so while Justice Hall was filling out necessary papers to get him into the county jail, he up and abandoned Mr. Hall, a deputy sheriff and a police officer by leaving the building and departing hastily without even the formality of a goodbye.

But despite the fact that parting is such sweet sorrow, Eldridge wasn't gone long, being nabbed near the water works a few minutes later. When he again departed, he was wearing handcuffs and headed for the county jail.

Other cases tried by Magistrate Hall during the past week follow:

Henderson Macemore, public drunkenness, \$1.00 and the costs.

Alberta Boles, colored, public drunkenness, \$1.00 and the costs.

David P. Allison, public drunkenness, \$1.00 and the costs.

Ethel Vestal, trespass, 30 days, suspended for one year upon condition of good behavior, and payment of the costs.

"Keep 'em Flying!" Buy U. S. Government Bonds and Stamps.

On OPM Committee



Thurmond Chatham, of Elkin, president of the Chatham Manufacturing Company, has been appointed by the Office of Production Management to a woolen and worsted manufacturers industry advisory committee, it was learned Tuesday.

TOWN IS DIVIDED INTO NUMEROUS RAID DISTRICTS

Wardens and Their Areas Are Announced

EXTRA POLICE LISTED

Will Have Full Authority in Event of Emergency in Section

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

At a meeting held Monday afternoon in the office of J. W. L. Benson, director of the civil defense organization here, plans for local defense were discussed and air raid wardens and their districts, and special police were announced.

Volunteer firemen from Elkin and nearby communities, to serve in case of emergency, were also announced.

Plans for a practice blackout are being formulated, but no date for a blackout has as yet been decided upon, it was said.

A map of the town, showing all sewers and water lines, has been prepared, and the various air raid districts designated upon it.

It was also announced at the meeting that the New Year's dance sponsored by the Jaycees netted \$100 which has been applied on payment of a truck for the Elkin emergency squad, which has been purchased.

Joe Bivins has been named Chief Air Raid Warden, and all district wardens will serve under him. District wardens, in turn, will have assistants under their jurisdiction.

Special police who have been selected, will be under the direction of Chief of Police Corbett Wall, and in event of an emergency, will have full police powers.

Special police, and the areas which they will serve, are as follows:

North Elkin: Dixie Graham, J. L. Darnell, Foley Norman, H. F. Tubert, M. W. Maxwell, Franklin Folger, H. C. Dobson.

West Elkin: L. I. Wade, J. D. Holcomb, E. W. Harris, Hugh Royall, D. G. Myers, L. W. Lax.

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Red Cross War Fund Drive Here Friday

Scheduled to have been staged here Tuesday by a committee of members appointed by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Red Cross drive to raise Elkin's share of a \$50,000,000 fund called for since the nation was plunged into war, has been postponed until Friday, the Jaycees failing to make the drive as planned.

Mrs. Joe Bivins, chairman of the local Red Cross, stated Wednesday that since the failure of the Junior Chamber committee to function she had found it difficult to get anyone to aid her in making the drive, but said she hoped to be able to secure enough cooperation to stage the drive Friday.

In the meantime, voluntary donations may be left at the City Hall or at the Elkin Public Library, Mrs. Bivins said.

The importance of the present drive of the Red Cross was stressed

RATION BOARD NOT ANNOUNCED

Surry Committees Expected to Be Appointed Before January 5th

TO RATION AUTO TIRES

Insofar as could be learned here Wednesday afternoon, members of a committee to have charge of rationing automobile tires have not yet been announced.

George K. Snow, of Mount Airy, head of Surry Civil Defense, is expected to recommend citizens of his choice for this post to Governor Broughton for appointment. However, Mr. Snow was out of town Wednesday afternoon and could not be reached by long distance telephone.

Although the report is not verified, it is believed that three such committees will be formed, one to serve Elkin, Bryan and Marsh townships, another to serve Mount Airy, and a third, made up of one member from Dobson and two from Pilot Mountain, to serve that area. These committees, it is understood, are supposed to begin functioning January 5, and will pass on the merit of all applications for new tires. Committee members will serve without pay.

Bank Closed Today

The Bank of Elkin will be closed today (Thursday), in observance of New Year's day, it was announced Wednesday by bank officials.

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Japs Reported Pushing Closer To Manila; Attempt Planned To Evacuate Wounded Soldiers

N. J. MARTIN DIES FRIDAY

Prominent Surry Man and Former Legislator Passes at His Home

BITES HELD SATURDAY

Newton J. Martin, 64, former Surry county legislator and well known farmer and merchant, passed away at his home four miles northwest of Dobson Friday morning at 6 o'clock, following a long period of ill health. His condition was serious only a short time before his death.

Mr. Martin was a native of Surry county and a son of the late John W. and Mrs. Adella Hamlin Martin. He spent his entire life in his native section where he had wide farming interests and a large general store. He represented Surry county in the lower house of the state legislature for one term.

He is survived by his wife who was Miss Kizzie Bray before her marriage, three brothers, R. V. Martin, of this city; Tom Martin, of Dobson, and John Martin, of Rusk, and one sister, Mrs. Betty Simpson, of Kannapolis.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Salem Fork Baptist church. The rites were in charge of Rev. A. S. Hale, Rev. S. L. Hoffman and Rev. O. H. Hauser. Interment was in the church cemetery.

STATE ROAD WOMAN DIES

Mrs. Margaret Caudle Thompson, 80, Passes Thursday

FUNERAL HELD FRIDAY

Mrs. Margaret Caudle Thompson, 80, widow of J. E. Thompson, passed away on Thursday morning of last week at her home at State Road. She had been a faithful member of White Rock Methodist church for more than fifty years.

She is survived by four daughters and four sons, Mrs. Tom Golden, State Road; Mrs. W. H. Norman, Thurmond; Mrs. Ernest Lloyd, Thurmond; Mrs. Hattie Tynes, Fort Benning, Ga.; Coy Thompson, Fort Bragg; Harrison Thompson, Reliance, Tenn.; Joe Thompson, Coal City, West Va.; and Blaine Thompson, Thurmond; two step-sons, Emmerson Thompson, Oak Hill, West Va., and Patterson Thompson, Thurmond; two brothers, Tom Caudle of Hamptonville, and Jesse Caudle of Hinton, West Va.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2 o'clock, in charge of Rev. Mack Roberts, Rev. Claude Thompson and Rev. Foy Thompson. Interment was in the Walker graveyard.

Court to Convene At Dobson Monday

The January term of Surry county criminal court will convene at Dobson Monday, January 5, before Judge William H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte, and will be for one week only.

A one-week civil term originally scheduled to follow the criminal session, has been postponed.

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In War Zone



Russell B. Minish, above, of the 27th Infantry, located at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, was not injured during the Japanese sneak raid on Pearl Harbor. His mother, Mrs. E. C. Minish, of Jonesville, stated that she received a letter from him Christmas day in which he stated that he was okay.

TO RE-EXAMINE DEFERRED MEN

In View of Wartime Conditions May Relax Physical Standards

INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN

Surry county draft board No. 2 has received instructions from Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national director of selective service, to re-examine all deferred registrants in view of wartime conditions.

His statement says that salvage of men for military service depends largely on what can be done to correct remediable defects "and the possible relaxing of current physical standards set by the army."

The local board is informed that the class IV-A classification—predicated on previous military service—was ended with the United States' entry into war.

General Hershey instructs boards to give careful review to the cases of registrants who have been deferred as "necessary" men in industry, business, agriculture and professions, stating that "No man should be classed as a necessary man until it is proven absolutely that he cannot be replaced in his job by someone who is unfitted for military service."

Seal Sale Here Sets An All-Time Record

Mrs. E. F. McNeer, chairman for the local Christmas seal sale for the prevention of tuberculosis, stated Wednesday morning that a total of \$186.11 was received this year from the seal sale, which is an all-time high for Elkin. Of this amount \$46.52 will be sent to national headquarters and the remaining three-fourths will be kept in the local treasury to aid in the prevention of tuberculosis in this immediate section.

Mrs. McNeer expressed her appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation shown by volunteer workers and the public in the seal sale.

U. S. FORCES ARE GREATLY OUTNUMBERED

Japanese Said to Control All Highways

USING DIVE BOMBERS

Great Numbers of Enemy Tanks and Armored Units in Action

COMMUNIQUE IS ISSUED

Manila (3:30 p.m., 1:30 a.m., e.s.t.) Dec. 31—A dramatic attempt to evacuate 300 seriously wounded Americans from Luzon Island on a ship flying the United States and Red Cross flags was announced today by General Douglas MacArthur.

He gave no details of the plan. Greatly outnumbered American and Filipino forces north and south of Manila "are being pushed back" by hordes of Japanese infantry, tanks and dive bombers, General MacArthur grimly acknowledged.

The southern battle line was only 30 minutes from the capital. (The ominous tone of General MacArthur's morning communique and the fact that the Japanese were within 30 minutes driving range of Manila, indicated that perhaps the fall of the open and defenseless capital was imminent.)

General MacArthur's field headquarters communique declared the Japanese dive bombers practically controlled the roads from the air.

(Thus the invaders were in position to make full use of tanks and armored units sent to Luzon Island with great fleets of transports.)

General MacArthur's terse communique, issued at 11 a.m. (9 p.m., e.s.t., Tuesday), said:

"The enemy is driving in great force from both north and south. His dive bombers practically control the roads from the air."

"The Japanese are using great quantities of tanks and armored units."

"Our lines are being pushed back."

(Japanese military spokesmen first had declared their aim was to subdue Manila by January 1, but only Tuesday they changed their schedule to "before January 10.")

Johnson Child Passes Friday

Mary Geneva Johnson, three and one-half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson, died Friday of last week. Funeral services were held at Little Richmond Saturday.

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