

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—President Roosevelt's 1942-1943 production program on war materials forecasts an accomplishment "none of us thought possible," Wendell Willkie said yesterday. "Such production of tanks, airplanes, ships and guns is magnificent," Willkie said, "but can't be brought about by the President's present organization and administrative methods. I hope he reorganizes his government and policies to make this accomplishment possible."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—President Roosevelt's personal report to Congress on the state of the Union at war today won the unanimous approval of legislators who hailed it as a "fighting speech" that the axis powers cannot misunderstand. Republican and Democratic congressmen who had punctuated the President's half-hour remarks with repeated and vociferous applause described the address in terms such as superb . . . magnificent . . . a gem." The sentiment of all was expressed in the words of Senator Allen J. Ellender (D), La.: "It was a real, fighting speech that should make the axis partners quake in their boots."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Congress cleared the way last night for swift passage of legislation authorizing sizeable increases in men and materials for the navy and marine corps. The House naval affairs committee led the way, giving approval to an \$845,000,000 authorization to expand facilities for building warships and guns. The measure is designed to accelerate the two-ocean fleet program. It raises to \$2,230,000,000 the recent expansion in naval shipyard and ordnance production. The committee also approved a measure to increase the emergency authorized strength of the navy from 300,000 to 500,000 men and the marine corps from 60,000 to 104,000. It already has Senate approval.

INTERNATIONAL

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov formally charged yesterday, radio Moscow announced, that German authorities had perpetrated massacres, villainy and bestial outrages in Soviet territories they have occupied and he warned that the war can only end with the complete annihilation of the Nazi armies. "The Soviet Union will never forget, never forgive," he said.

SINGAPORE, Jan. 7.—Japanese invaders have captured Kuantan, fortified town and air base on the east coast of Malaya 175 miles from Singapore, but British imperials virtually have annihilated the latest Japanese landing parties on the steamy, West Coast swamps, it was announced yesterday. There were unconfirmed reports that British imperials were undertaking local offensives, some of which achieved satisfactory results, and there was a slight improvement in the general Malaya situation as the imperials grew accustomed to Japanese tactics and became more adept with their own weapons, but the immediate outlook was not promising.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Russia's midwinter offensive, gaining momentum by the hour, has swept the demoralized Germans out of 572 towns and villages and drenched the battlefields with the blood of 10,000 German dead in five days ending Monday midnight, the Moscow radio announced last night in a special "victory" communique. The figures covered the first five days of January and the communique said that the Soviet offensive continued in full force today, with several more localities being recaptured. It also reported that two more German ships were sunk in the Barents sea, in the far north.

Tire Rationing Now In Force; Surry To Get Only 34 Tires

RATION BOARDS FOR SURRY ARE NOW IN ACTION

Cox, Whitaker and Ring Make Up Local Group

GET 100 TRUCK TIRES

New Allotment Will Be Made Each Month for Vital Services

MAY RETREAD TIRES

The fact that America is at war has been brought home to the people of Elkin, Surry and the nation in a manner which comes close home with the government ban on the sale of new automobile tires.

The nation is now rationed as to tires and tubes for both automobiles and trucks, with precious few tires being available for those persons who are not on the restricted list, and none at all for the private citizen.

The Surry county quota for January amounts to only 34 passenger car tires, and even those who can buy new tires due to the vital nature of their services must apply to a local rationing board and prove to the satisfaction of the board that a new tire is really needed. Other motorists may have their old tires retreaded or recapped, or else park the old bus for the duration when present tires wear out.

Three tire rationing boards for Surry county have been set up, the members having been nominated by George K. Snow, chairman of the Surry county defense council; R. P. Jones, county commissioner, and Fred Lewellyn, deputy clerk of superior court. The men nominated were appointed by Governor Broughton.

The local board, which will serve Elkin, Bryan, Marsh and Rockford townships, is made up of W. Cone Cox, chairman; W. W. Whitaker and J. Tom Ring.

The Mount Airy board is made up of W. M. Johnson, chairman; O. K. Merritt and Wade C. Moody. The third board, which serves Pilot Mountain, Long Hill, Eldora, Shoals, Siloam and Dobson, is made up of J. P. Fulk, chairman; Tom Allen and Dr. P. B. Folger.

Surry's quota of tires and tubes for January is as follows: 34 passenger car tires and 28 tubes, 100 truck tires and 84 truck tubes.

Regulations provide that purchase certificates for new tires may not be issued unless an applicant certifies that tires or tubes sought will be mounted on vehicles used by physicians, visiting nurses or veterinarians; ambulances; vehicles used exclusively for police or fire fighting work or for necessary public services; vehicles with a capacity of 10 or more passengers, operated exclusively for carrying passengers such as public buses and school buses; trucks used for the delivery of ice and coal; farm tractors or other farm implements—except automobiles or trucks; industrial, mining and construction equipment—except automobiles and trucks—for which tires are essential for operation.

There's always a bright side—the price of 1941 calendars has dropped.

Hawaii Evacuees



As soon as the liners carrying Hawaii evacuees docked in San Francisco the small sons and daughters of U. S. fighting men kept their belated rendezvous with Santa Claus. Shown is year-and-a-half-old Johnny Albert with a volunteer service worker.

PLAN PRACTICE AIR RAID HERE

Alarm to Be Sounded Saturday to Acquaint Folks With Signals

TO USE MILL WHISTLE

A practice air raid warning will be staged in Elkin Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. It was announced Tuesday following a meeting of local defense board members which was held at the Chatham Manufacturing Company.

This practice warning will be for the purpose of acquainting the people of Elkin and Jonesville and closeby communities with the nature of the warning, so that later, when a full practice blackout is staged, citizens will know what is going on.

The whistle of the Chatham Company will be used as the signal, and six complete signals, at intervals of five minutes, will be sounded. The warning signal will consist of 12 intermittent blasts of approximately five seconds each, with about five seconds between each blast. This signal will be sounded every five minutes until six complete warning signals have been sounded.

The all clear signal, which will follow the warning, will consist of a continuous blast lasting one minute.

It was pointed out that the citizens are to observe no practice precautions during Saturday's signal test, other than to listen to it, so that when a practice blackout is staged, they will know what the signal means. The Chatham whistle will be used for all air raid warnings here at the present and in the future.

DOBSON SCHOOL RAZED BY FIRE

Old Structure Burns to the Ground Early Wednesday; Loss Is \$25,000

COVERED BY INSURANCE

The old graded school building in Dobson, a brick veneer structure of approximately 14 rooms, which housed students from the first through the eighth grades, was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning with a loss of approximately \$25,000.

Dobson's high school building, located within 50 feet of the old building, was saved from damage by the Mount Airy fire department which answered a call for help. Two houses belonging to Congressman John Folger were saved when citizens threw water on them to prevent the spread of the blaze.

The fire started about 7:00 (Continued on last page)

P. O. RECEIPTS HERE HIT NEW HIGH IN 1941

Gain of More Than 15 Per Cent Recorded

BOND SALES SKYROCKET

Postal Receipts for Past Year Amount to a Total of \$26,259.30

STAMP SALES ARE BRISK

Postal receipts here hit a new high during the year 1941, it was announced Wednesday by Postmaster F. W. Graham, showing a gain of slightly more than 15 per cent over 1940.

Receipts for each three-month quarter of the year showed a substantial gain over the corresponding quarter of the preceding year. Total receipts for 1941 amounted to \$26,259.30 as compared with \$22,829.58 in 1940. Mr. Graham stated that postal receipts are a reliable business barometer, and that current figures reflect a banner year for local business and industry.

The sale of Defense Bonds at the local postoffice showed a phenomenal increase during December, the postmaster said. More bonds were sold in December than during the entire nine months period from January 1 to October 1 of that year.

It was stated that while the supply of bonds at the postoffice was exhausted temporarily recently, no further shortage is anticipated, and all applications will be handled promptly.

The sale of Defense Savings Stamps has also shown a comparative high increase.

CLUB OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

Governor of Carolinas Kiwanis District in Charge of Ceremonies

OBJECTIVES OUTLINED

Installation of officers and ladies' night featured the meeting here last Friday evening of the Elkin Kiwanis club, which met in the Kiwanis room at Hotel Elkin.

A prominent feature of the program was a talk by Marvon (Spike) Saunders, of Chapel Hill, governor of the Carolinas division, who conducted the installation ceremony which saw David G. Smith take office as president.

W. M. Allen, retiring president, paid tribute to the membership of the club and especially to Julius Hall who has served faithfully and well as secretary-treasurer for several years, and to C. C. Poindexter, who has done an excellent job as program chairman during the past year.

In taking over the reins of office, President Smith stated some of the objectives of the club for the coming year, most important of which will be closer cooperation with farm people of the section. Mr. Smith also announced chairmen of different committees which will serve during the year, these committees to be announced after the next meeting of the board of directors.

The club's new officers, in addition to Mr. Smith, are: Raymond W. Harris, vice-president and Julius L. Hall secretary-treasurer. Directors are: Charles F. Dixon, Stauber S. Flynt, Errol E. Hayes, Harvey F. Laffoon, Carl C. Poindexter, George E. Royall, Eugene S. Spainhour.

Are to Register Civilian Defense Workers in Surry

A registration for civilian national defense workers at the offices of principals of Surry county schools has been requested by the government, it was announced Wednesday by John W. Comer, superintendent of Surry county schools, who stated that the registration would be held on January 12, 13 and 14. Arrangements have been made, Mr. Comer said, for the registration of everyone who will

Jap Attack On Manila Bay Is Repulsed; Landings Blocked In Malaya; Planes Are Downed

Elkin Contributes Total Of \$3,245 To Red Cross

Elkin's contribution to the Surry county quota of \$7,500 for the nation's \$50,000,000 Red Cross War Fund is \$3,245.55 to date, according to Franklin Folger, Jr., secretary of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, who headed the drive in the uptown area. This includes the contributions of the employees of Chatham Manufacturing company, which drive was headed by C. J. Hyslop. The drive in the Chatham company was by voluntary contribution and Mr. Hyslop expressed appreciation for the splendid response, stating that he believed that employees cooperated 100 per cent. Mr. Folger was assisted by various members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and their wives in making the drive, which was begun on Friday of last week and will continue through Jan-

uary 9. Any person who has not been contacted by solicitors may leave their contribution with Mr. Folger at The Bank of Elkin. Thurmond Chatham, president of Chatham Manufacturing company and Surry county chairman of the war fund drive, has explained the importance of the drive, since the contributions will be used to provide aid for the United States armed forces and relief for the civilian population in war zones. This splendid response, coming on the heels of the annual Red Cross Roll Call, which exceeded previous roll call totals by several hundred dollars, brings Elkin's contribution to the American Red Cross since November 11, 1941, to \$4,973.93. Mrs. Joe Bivins, chairman of the Elkin branch, expressed gratification over the success of the local drive.

FOUR HOUR RAID CARRIED OUT BY PLANES OF JAPS

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Mr. Chatham Is Said Considering Joining Navy

Thurmond Chatham, president of the Chatham Manufacturing Company here, is said to be looking into the possibility of volunteering his services with the United States Navy.

Mr. Chatham, who at the present time is suffering a slight illness at his home in Winston-Salem and could not be reached by The Tribune Wednesday afternoon, was reported to have told a Winston-Salem newspaper reporter that he had visited Washington recently to study the possibility of volunteering for navy service, but that as yet nothing definite has been decided. During World War I he served in the navy.

SURRY COURT IS UNDER WAY

Drunken Driving Cases Feature of the First Two Days of Session

JURORS ARE SELECTED

Surry county superior court for trial of criminal cases convened at Dobson Monday before Judge William H. Bobbitt.

The following cases had been disposed of up until Wednesday morning:

I. C. Galyean, violating prohibition laws, \$50 and costs and six months suspended sentence.

Oscar Easter, driving drunk, 60 days.

Charlie Beamer, driving drunk, \$50 and cost and license revoked.

Winton Boyd, assault on female, 12 months.

Hal Templeton, reckless driving, \$50.00 and costs and suspended sentence of 60 days.

Dillard Hicks, reckless driving, \$50 and costs and suspended sentence of 60 days.

Bob Wright, driving drunk, \$75 and costs and license revoked.

Cony Snow, driving drunk, \$50 and costs and license revoked.

Granville McMillion, assault with deadly weapon, eight months.

Monroe Wilmoth, assault with deadly weapon, not guilty.

Jurors who will serve during the court which convenes February 9, follow: Lindsey Holcomb, Coy Smith, George W. Sparger, Jr., G. R. Shelton, V. Wilson Coe, F. P. Ramey, Dan Joyce, J. F. Cockerham, Lonnie Inman, Joe

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NEW COUNTY AGENT NAMED

A. P. Cobb Succeeds R. R. Smithwick to Important Post in Surry

A. W. HUFF ASSISTANT

Connected with the Surry county farm office for the past six years, A. P. Cobb has taken over the job of Surry county farm agent to succeed R. R. Smithwick, who has served in that capacity for the past two years.

Mr. Cobb was elected to the post by the Surry county commissioners at a recess meeting, the appointment coming after Mr. Smithwick had been appointed county agent at large for the State by the N. C. Extension ser-

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Sunday School Is Organized Here

The West Elkin Baptist church, located in Sunset Park, this city, has organized a Sunday school, it was announced Wednesday, with the following officers having been named:

G. E. Stinson, superintendent; Worth Tubert, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Howard Murphy, clerk; Mrs. Thomas Harris, assistant clerk; Mrs. Tessie Stinson, treasurer; Cecil Hooper, teacher of Bible class; Mrs. Worth Tubert, adult boys' teacher; Mrs. Lum Young, adult girls' teacher; Mrs. Annie Smith, juniors' teacher; Mrs. C. M. Holcomb, beginners' teacher.

Preaching services are held at the church every second Sunday at 2:30 and 7:00 p. m. Prayer meeting each Thursday evening at 7:00. The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

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MERCHANTS NAME BOARD

Directors Will Elect President and Vice-President at Meeting

TO BE HELD JANUARY 13

Directors for the Elkin Merchants Association for 1942 were elected last week. The election is made by secret mailed ballot, each member receiving a list of the entire membership with instructions to select nine to serve as directors during the year. The selections are returned to the office of the secretary and tabulated, the nine receiving the highest number of votes to compose the board of directors. Directors are E. W. McDaniel, G. L. Hill, Harry W. Johnson, George Royall, E. S. Spainhour, Joe Bivins, Garland Johnson, J. R. Poindexter and Claude Farrell.

The board of directors will vote on a president and vice-president, these to be selected from the newly elected board. This election will be made on January 13.

Citizens Turn Out for First Aid Class Here

A total of 52 Elkin citizens, including about an equal number of men and women, attended the Red Cross first aid class held at the City Hall here Tuesday evening at 7:30. Similar classes, conducted by Roy Kane, will be held each Tuesday evening, with those attending receiving basic training in first aid.

Persons who did not attend the first meeting of the group Tuesday may volunteer to take this training by attending the meeting next Tuesday. It is understood.