

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, March 24—Nearly 500,000 recapped tires will be made available next month for limited numbers of taxi drivers, defense workers, traveling salesmen and certain other civilians, the office of price administration announced today. The April supply will represent the first release of tires for passenger cars other than those listed as eligible under rationing program for new tires. In addition to 470,317 recapped tires, the April quota will release 101,636 new tires for passenger cars. For trucks, 275,523 new tires and 246,442 recapped tires will be made available.

WASHINGTON, March 24—The navy reported tonight that the United States destroyers Pillsbury and Edsall have been missing since early March in waters around Java and must be presumed lost. Each ship had a normal complement of about 145 officers and men. "The next of kin of the personnel of the Pillsbury and Edsall have been informed," the navy said.

WASHINGTON, March 24—The A. F. L. and C. I. O. tonight bowed to demands from President Roosevelt and War Production Chieflain Donald M. Nelson for elimination of costly double pay in arms industries. The two organizations acted simultaneously after the President had reaffirmed his stand in support of retaining the 40-hour work week and Nelson had pledged the house naval affairs committee that he would ask for legislation unless labor waived within 30 days double pay for Sunday and holiday work.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 24—Brig.-Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national selective service director, said here today in an interview that registrants in their 30's, and even in their 20's, would not be drafted at once if they have dependents. But, he added, "The day is coming when we'll all have to do something." Hershey said figures for manpower have been projected through 1943 and 1944, but that the course of the war would in a large measure be the index of how large the army might be. "At present," he said, "men in their thirties with dependents and even men in their twenties who have dependents do not need to be afraid that they will be drafted."

WASHINGTON, March 24—A furious renewal of the battle of the Philippines was reported today by the war department, with the Japanese launching a major air assault against Corregidor and Bataan and American-Filipino troops springing a successful attack on an enemy motor column at Zamboanga on the southern island of Mindanao. The Japanese losses in the Mindanao fighting were heavy, the department said, but the attacking troops lost only one soldier.

INTERNATIONAL

"FLYING TIGER" pilots of the American volunteer group smashed 40 Japanese planes at the Thailand airport of Chiang-mai Tuesday in a dawn attack which caught the Japanese by surprise, it was announced at Kunming, China. Dropping down from the sky at 7 a. m., the U. S. airmen caught the Japanese pilots as they were running to the cockpits of their planes and pumped 3,500 rounds of ammunition into both grounded planes and personnel. Seven Japanese planes were seen bursting into flames, and the remainder of the planes were riddled with machine-gun bursts, dispatches said. Most of the Japanese pilots were reported killed.

NAVY DESTROYS TWO JAP BASES

WORTH M. GRAY DIES SUDDENLY OF PARALYSIS

Prominent Citizen Passes on Wednesday

FIRST ATTACK TUESDAY
Had Served Surry County as Register of Deeds for Six Years

FUNERAL RITES TODAY

Worth Minish Gray, 51, prominent Elkin citizen, died in the local hospital Wednesday morning about 2:30 o'clock, following a brief critical illness. Mr. Gray had suffered from a heart ailment for several years, but was able to attend to business. He was stricken with paralysis shortly before noon Tuesday and a second stroke followed about midnight, which resulted in his death.

Mr. Gray was a lifelong resident of Elkin and was prominently identified with the civic and business life of the city and county. He was a son of the late H. F. Gray and Mrs. Mary Minish Gray, and was a member of one of the oldest families in this section. He served for three terms as Surry county register of deeds, an office which he capably filled. He was engaged in business here for a number of years, being owner and manager of the E. & D. Metal company, and had varied other business interests. He was a member of the Methodist church and of the Masonic and Junior Order fraternities.

His only brother, George Gray, was the only Elkin boy to die on the battlefield in the first World War.

He is survived by his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Willard Grier, and two sisters, Misses Jennie and Auba Gray.

Funeral services will be held this morning (Thursday) at 11 o'clock at the Hayes-Speas funeral home on West Main street. The rites will be in charge of Rev. Herman F. Duncan, pastor of the deceased, assisted by Rev. L. B. Abernethy, a former pastor, and Rev. O. V. Caudill, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The body will lay in state at the funeral home for one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in the family plot in Hollywood cemetery.

All business houses of the city will close from 11 until 11:30 o'clock this morning as a mark of respect to the passing of Mr. Gray.

Pallbearers will be Joe Bivins, Hugh A. Royall, W. A. Neaves, M. Q. Snow, C. S. Foster, R. J. Barker, Dixie Graham and Alex Chatham, Sr.

Hold Business Class At High School Here

An evening class in shorthand and typing is beginning at the high school, under the instruction of Miss Faye Overcash, of the high school faculty. Classes will be held each Monday and Thursday evening from 6:30 until 9 o'clock. The course is open to anyone desiring to enroll.

REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR!

Chatham Girls Win First Game In Tournament

The Chatham girls' basketball team won their first game in the A. A. U. tournament in St. Joseph, Mo., Tuesday night from girls' team from the Denver, Colo., Industrial Bank by a score of 34-17. The local girls played again Wednesday night at 10:15 against a team from Des Moines, Iowa. The Elkin team, winners of the Southern Textile tournament and North and South Carolina A. A. U. tournament, left Friday of last week to participate in the national event. They have won 25 out of 30 games played this season.

ADRIFT 34 DAYS This photo, taken at Pearl Harbor and approved by the U. S. navy, shows members of a navy patrol land plane who drifted a thousand miles in 34 days, after their plane made a forced landing at sea. They are sitting in a rubber life raft as they answer the queries of newsmen. They are, left to right, Pilot Harold Dixon of La Mesa, Calif.; Bombardier Tony Pastulas of Youngstown, Ohio; and Radioman Gene Aldrich of Sikeston, Mo.



No More Cuffs On Wool Pants After March 30

All men who are planning to buy a new suit in which to stroll in the Easter parade had better buy it on or before March 30 provided they are interested in having cuffs on their pants.

Under an order by the War Production Board, it will be illegal for any merchant to put cuffs on any pair of pants of woolen material after that date. The trouser legs will have to be finished plain, and any extra cloth that may be unrequired for plain bottoms must be cut off for reprocessing.

It doesn't matter, according to the ruling, when the suit was received by the merchant, there'll just be no more cuffs after the date specified, and this applies to suits which have been purchased on the lay-away plan. If the are not cuffed by March 30, no cuffs. A severe penalty is provided for all retailers who violate this ruling.

DRAFTEES ARE RECLASSIFIED

List Is Announced By Surry County Draft Board Number 2

SOME CHANGES MADE

Draft registrants who have been reclassified by Surry county draft board number 2 include: William Waller Mills from 3-A to 1-B; Joel Steadman Moore from 1-A to 3-A; Tom Daniel Lewis from 4-F to 3-A; Daniel Smith Collins to 2-A from 3-A; Arthur Russell Plaster to 3-A from 1-A; Henry Reavis Meinung, Jr., from 1-A to 3-A; Garland Walter Morrison from 1-A to 3-A; Lonnie Levi Brooks from 1-A to 4-F; Lester Fayt Woodrain from 1-A to 1-B, remediable to 1-A.

Those on the local board who remain in 3-A following reclassification are: Ralph Raymond O'Neal, Zimmie Edgar Garne, Ernest Daniel Poteat, Thelma Preston Vestal, Ralph Junior Chappell, Porter Gordon Cockerham, Fred Thomas Lankford, Byron Franklin Transou, Floyd Lewellyn Dalton, John Brady Felts, Jr., Arlin Paul Flippin, John Benjamin Shore, Fred Calvin Reece, Clarence Fred Poindexter, Frank Leonard Smoot, Willie Edward Jordon, James Walter Minnish, Charlie Clarence Johnson, Everette Lincoln Hodges, Amner Willis Beasley, Howard Cladie Booze, Ernest Lee Moser. Carl Garvey Golden was continued in class 1-A.

AUTO DEALER FACES CHARGE

Hubert Logan, of Yadkinville, Arrested on Federal Count

DETAILS ARE UNKNOWN

Hubert Logan, Yadkinville auto dealer and business man, who has handled the Ford line for many years, was arrested Saturday by a Deputy U. S. Marshal on a federal charge of conspiracy to violate the internal revenue law. The capias was issued by federal authorities after the grand jury at Rockingham found a true bill against Logan March 2. He gave \$500 bond, signed by his brother, Howard Logan, for his appearance at federal court in Salisbury April 20.

It is understood that witnesses appearing before the grand jury were operators of the alcohol tax unit who had been working on the case for several months, out of the Asheville office.

Details of the charges against Logan could not be learned, but it is said to involve the selling of cars to rum-runners, some of which, it is said, were sold in names of non-existent persons. Another rumor is to the effect that cars were sold to bootleggers who paid cash for them, but a mortgage was held on the cars by Logan as an eventual protection to the bootlegger.

Mr. Logan has been engaged in the automobile business in Yadkinville for about 20 years, first with his father, the late J. A. Logan, and his brother, the late Carl Logan. Later he and his brother operated the business for several years, but for the past few years he has operated the Hubert Logan Motor Co., alone.

Rev. Paul Forsythe Is New Boonville Pastor

Rev. Paul Forsythe has been called to the Boonville Baptist church as a full time pastor. He will assume his duties Sunday, March 28. Rev. Forsythe comes to Boonville from Gates county, where he has served several churches for the past three years. This is the first time the Boonville church has had a full time pastor.

Flames Do Small Damage Tuesday

Flames which destroyed the week's wash caused Elkin firemen to hurry to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eidson, on Elk Spur street, about 8:15 Tuesday evening. The blaze originated in the basement and destroyed a quantity of clothing before being extinguished. It was not learned definitely how the fire originated.

LOCAL CITIZENS URGED TO TAKE FIRST AID HERE

First Group of Civil Defense Men Complete Course

NEW CLASSES TO START

Course Compulsory for Wardens, Auxiliary Police and Firemen

HOURS ARE ANNOUNCED

The first contingent of civilian defense volunteers are completing their required 10 hours of training in first aid this week, and the second contingent is scheduled to begin their required 10 hour training next Monday.

Of the first group to complete the required number of hours, many signified their intention of forming advanced classes and taking the full 20 hour course. These classes will begin the same date.

It has been pointed out that the first aid classes are not only open to civil defense workers, but to any other interested citizen who desires to enroll, and every able bodied person is urged to take at least the elementary course, so that, in event the war should ever come to Elkin, many citizens will be able to give emergency treatment to the wounded in their own homes.

It has been observed that a number of civil defense members failed to take the first aid course during the opening classes, while others started the course but dropped out. These persons, unless they take the course, cannot qualify as air raid wardens, auxiliary firemen or auxiliary police, and will have to be replaced by men willing to make this extra effort to aid in the protection of their town and home.

Schedule of classes to begin Monday follows:

Beginners: At Chatham Manufacturing Company Mondays and Thursdays, classes from 1:45 p. m. to 3:45 p. m.; 4:15 p. m. to 6:15 p. m.; 9:45 p. m. to 11:45 p. m.

Beginners: At Elkin high school Mondays and Thursdays, 7:15 p. m. to 9:15 p. m. For persons continuing 20 hour course: Tuesdays and Fridays at Chatham Manufacturing Company, 1:45 p. m. to 3:45 p. m.; 4:15 p. m. to 6:15 p. m.; 9:45 p. m. to 11:45 p. m.

At Elkin high school, Mondays and Thursdays, 7:15 p. m. to 9:15 p. m. All persons intending to serve with the civil defense corps are urged to enroll in one of the classes.

SUGAR HOLIDAY BEGINS APRIL 28

Will Be Withheld from Sale Period of One Week Over Nation

PREPARE FOR RATIONING

All sugar sales here and in the nation as a whole will be halted at midnight April 27 for approximately one week, government officials have announced after designating six days in April and May for the nation-wide sugar rationing registration.

It was announced that sugar would be off the market on April 28 and would not be available to buyers again until about May 5. It was explained that the ban was ordered as a step preparatory to sales under rationing, which will go into effect as soon as the moratorium ends.

Every person in the United States—approximately 131,000,000—will be involved in the registration, which is the biggest in the history of the nation.

It was reported that it had not been determined whether the weekly individual ration would be a half pound or three quarters of a pound.

A Texas cowboy carved his name on the back of a turtle. Twenty years later he found the same reptile still alive.

U. S. Fleet Smashes Enemy Fortifications On Important Islands



Prime Minister Churchill has pledged dominion status for India following the war, and announced that his ranking aid, Sir Stafford Cripps (above) would go to India as an emissary. Cripps is popular in India for his known sympathy for the Indian national cause.

COW GOES ON WILD SPREE

Black Angus Chases Numerous Men Up into the Tall Timber

A large Black Angus cow, belonging to John Hudspeth, of this city, last Saturday was the direct cause of more plain and fancy tree climbing than has been witnessed in this section in years. Grown men, who probably would pant after running up a stairway, were said to have literally flown into the tree tops with the speed of birds.

It all came about when a number of beef cattle were being loaded at the Hudspeth farm north of Elkin. One of the cows jumped out of the truck, and no doubt having the wanderlust, proceeded to wander.

Making her way across Big Elk creek, near the site of the old shoe factory, the cow visited the Pleasant Hill community, where she was observed by a motorist who mistook her for a strayed milk cow. He was said to have gotten out of his car to investigate whether or not she needed milking and got knocked 20 feet for his pains.

By this time other citizens had gathered and attempted to catch the cow, but Bossy, by this time quite angry at being pestered so much, had other ideas, and shortly thereafter had her tormentors perched in nearby trees and not daring to come down.

Later the cow made her way to Cool Springs and proceeded to make a stand. It was there she headed for her owner, John Hudspeth, who instead of taking to the tall timber, met her head-on with the business end of a pitchfork.

The peeved bovine was said to have dropped like she had been shot. At last reports she had not yet arisen, although still living.

N. Wilkesboro Cadet Killed in Air Crash

Cadet Malcom (Mack) Rousseau, 21, of North Wilkesboro, was killed in an airplane crash at Foster Field, Texas, relatives in North Wilkesboro have been notified. Cadet Rousseau, in training in the air corps, was killed when the motor of his plane failed on a takeoff.

He was a son of Mrs. Pat Forester Rousseau Ivey, of Myrtle Beach, S. C., and the late Malcom A. Rousseau. The body will be brought to North Wilkesboro for funeral services and interment.

MARCUS, WAKE FEEL WRATH OF HEAVY BOMBERS

Tokyo Given Taste of Black-out Jitters

TWO U. S. PLANES LOST

Military Experts of Opinion That Japanese Will Invade Siberia

ATTACK MAY COME SOON

Shattering blows have been dealt the Japanese by the United States fleet in daring raids on Marcus and Wake Islands, the former only 990 miles southeast of Tokyo, a copyrighted story by United Press Correspondent Joe James Custer, revealed Wednesday.

Planes from a U. S. aircraft carrier dumped 12 tons of high explosives on Marcus Island, it was said, while eight days previously a U. S. Naval force had delivered a crushing blow at installations on Wake Island, which the Japanese had captured from heroic U. S. Marines following the outbreak of the war.

The two raids are believed to have shattered, for some time at least, links in Japan's chain of fortified island bases which extend southeasterly from Tokyo to the Marshall Island, which have also been the scene of a similar crushing blow from the American navy.

The attack on Marcus, the United Press story said, carried the war into Japan's home waters and gave Tokyo and Yokohama their first taste of blackout jitters. It was expected to divert a portion of Japanese material and man power from other vital areas in the southwest Pacific.

Only losses suffered by the Americans were two planes—one in each attack.

Meanwhile from London came the report Wednesday that it is the consensus of military opinion that the advantages to Japan to an invasion of Siberia outweigh the dangers, and that the attack may come soon—before the Nazis launch their drive into western Russia.

Even though Japan is deeply involved in the southern Pacific, military sources point out that the rewards of success in an assault on Siberia and Vladivostok, the U. S. S. R.'s big Pacific port, are too rich for the Japanese general staff to ignore. United States bombers based at Vladivostok would be within easy range not only of Tokyo and Yokohama, but also of Nagasaki, the great Japanese naval base, which is only 665 miles by air.

On the other hand, Vladivostok could be a secondary Japanese base for attacks on Alaska.

County Boards Of Elections Are Named

The state board of elections has appointed county boards of election for the one hundred counties in North Carolina.

The board for Surry is as follows: R. A. Freeman, Dobson; P. G. Lowe, Lowgap, and A. E. Tilley, Mount Airy. Yadkin county: David L. Kelly, Fred J. Brandon and C. G. Reavis, all of Yadkinville.

Wilkes county: James M. Anderson, North Wilkesboro; Homer Brookshire, Wilkesboro, and J. C. Grayson, Wilkesboro. In each case the first two members are Democrats and the third member Republican.