

**LATE NEWS IN BRIEF**  
From the State and Nation

## STALINGRAD CONTINUES TO HOLD

### State-Wide Blackout Tuesday

#### COOPERATION IS ASKED BY ELKIN DEFENSE CHIEF

Test Will Come At An Unspecified Hour

#### MAY BE FIRST OF MANY

All Persons Warned to Extinguish Lights, Get Off Of Streets

#### SERVICE IS EXPLAINED

A state-wide test blackout has been called by state defense authorities for Tuesday, September 29, sometime between the hours of 7:00 p. m. and 12:00 midnight. The local Defense Council and its staff met Monday at the Elkin Y. M. C. A. to discuss plans for the event, and were told by Coordinator J. W. L. Benson that although Elkin's record in previous tests has been good, it is hoped next Tuesday's test will be as near perfect as possible. This, he said, will depend upon the citizens of Elkin and this section as well as upon the members of the local defense organization.

Following Tuesday's state-wide test—the first to be called in which all counties are to take part—similar test will probably be called by the army without preliminary notice, it was said. All persons, at the sound of the alarm, which will be a series of blasts on the Elkin fire siren and the steam siren at the Chatham Manufacturing Company over a period of two minutes time, should immediately extinguish all lights in the home. Those who are on the streets should seek cover, while motorists should extinguish their headlights, park their cars at the curb—but not so as to obstruct a fire hydrant—and seek the nearest cover. Under no condition should anyone use their telephone unless in case of emergency, or unless it should ring. In the latter case it should be answered.

The all-clear signal will sound at the end of the test and will be long, steady blasts of the two sirens. During Monday's meeting Roy Kane discussed and explained the Citizens' Service Corps of the Civilian Defense Service. This program is part of the Civilian Mobilization program and takes in quite a few different phases of service opportunities to the community. This subject was discussed at the defense meeting held in Raleigh last Thursday, which was attended by Mr. Kane, of the local defense office, and Tom Roth, of the Chatham Manufacturing Co.

**WASTING TIME** The idea was to scare the U. S. internees. That's why Japanese military press officer Matsuda paraded the prisoners and read to them the news of the fall of Singapore. Nobody fainted. All knew that the U. S. would come out at the bell for the next round. This is one of the photos published in "Freedom," Jap propaganda magazine published in Shanghai in the English language.



#### Chatham Fair To Open Here Today At 1 P. M.

#### Overseas Gifts Should Be Mailed By November 1st

Christmas packages and cards for members of the United States armed forces serving outside of the United States should be mailed before the first of November, according to an announcement by the post office department. A later mailing date will not insure delivery before Christmas.

Packages should be securely wrapped and should be limited to eleven pounds in weight and not more than 42 inches in length and girth combined. The War and Navy departments request that packages not be larger than an ordinary shoe box and not over six pounds in weight. This will conserve valuable space if gifts are limited to this size and weight.

Relatives and friends of men in foreign service are requested to comply with these regulations in order to facilitate the handling of Christmas mail.

#### DRAFTEE HELD FOR ARMY MEN

Fred Chilton in Hospital After 10-Days of Wandering In Woods

#### FOUND ON STREET HERE

Local police, who are holding draftee Fred Chilton, 33-year-old Surry county man, in the hospital here following his arrest on Main street Sunday morning about 3:00 o'clock, have been advised by officials of Surry draft board No. 1 at Mount Airy, that army officials will call for the young man shortly.

Carried to the local hospital after being taken by Night Policeman Tom Lewis, Chilton was in a drunken condition and hospital attaches pumped his stomach out in the belief he had taken poison. Later carried to jail, arrangements were made to send him to a Mount Airy hospital, but admission was refused, it was said, and he was sent back to the local hospital. Police said Wednesday that the young man's condition was much better and that he appears to be all right.

Chilton, who is the son of a prosperous Surry family and is said to own considerable property

#### POLICE ARREST WILKES MAN IN CAFE ROBBERY

Iredell Gentry Confesses to Taking Money

#### IS HELD IN LOCAL JAIL

Admits He Took \$248.45 From Eat-Quick Lunch, Chief Wall Says

#### NABBED IN MOVIE HERE

Iredell Gentry, Wilkes county youth, confessed to Chief of Police Corbett Wall Wednesday afternoon that he entered and robbed the Eat-Quick Lunch, local cafe, of \$248.45 in cash Tuesday night. Gentry was placed in jail to await hearing for breaking and entering, and larceny.

The theft was discovered by employees of the cafe early Wednesday morning. An investigation by police disclosed that the thief had entered a rear window, which had not been locked and which was barred only by a screen held in place by two nails. He had taken the money from its hiding place under a steam table.

Chief Wall took a part of the window to Mount Airy Wednesday morning to see if it contained finger prints. Upon returning he found that employees of the cafe suspected Gentry, whom they said helped sweep out Tuesday night at closing time and could have known where the money was placed.

Upon investigating further, Chief Wall learned that the young man did not return to his rooming place until early Wednesday

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#### Germans Make Slight Gains In Some Spots But Lose In Others

#### Miss America



Here is Miss Jo-Carroll Dennison, who represented the state of Texas at the Atlantic City beauty contest, and who walked off with the famous title, "Miss America, 1942." She thus opened the door to fame and fortune. Miss Dennison is 18 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall, and weighs a smooth 118 pounds.

#### BELIEVED JAPS REINFORCED IN ISLAND GROUP

Think Supplies Reaching Foe In Guadalcanal

#### U. S. FLIERS BOMB BASES

Yellow Men Anxious to Win Back Airport Now Used By U. S. Airmen

#### 13 ATTACKS ARE MADE

Moscow, Sept. 23. — German troops have seized control of several additional streets within Stalingrad in furious house-to-house fighting, but were staved off in other sectors about the battered city and Red army men recaptured an important road, the Russians said today.

The Nazi gains were reported made by infantry and automatic riflemen operating with the support of more than 100 tanks — a powerful force in any battle arena and probably the greatest ever used in street fighting anywhere.

More than 1,400 invaders were declared killed in the struggle in the northern section of Stalingrad and to the northwest.

Moving westward across the Volga River by night, a Red army detachment struck hard upon Germans who had occupied the houses, buildings and streets in one section and drove them from the positions, field dispatches said.

The army newspaper Red Star said street booths and even overturned automobiles were used as firing points. Hard fighting for street intersections developed, with the Germans in some cases firing from buildings on one corner while Red army men blasted away from behind the opposite side of the street.

Washington, Sept. 23. — American airmen have attacked Japanese bases in the Solomon Islands at least 13 times during the last fortnight, but reinforcements and supplies were believed today to be reaching enemy troops in Guadalcanal.

The air attacks have been designed to hamper enemy attempts to retake the islands captured last

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#### BAPTISTS ARE TO MEET OCT. 2

Annual Association Gathering to Be Held At Little Elkin Church

#### MORRISSETT TO PREACH

The annual Elkin Baptist Association meeting will convene with Little Elkin Baptist church, 4 miles west of Elkin, on Friday, October 2, for a two-day session. All churches in the association are urged to have representatives present.

Rev. Stephen Morrissett, pastor of the First Baptist church in this city, is scheduled to preach the opening sermon. Rev. David Day of the Pleasant Hill Baptist church has been appointed as an alternate.

M. H. Kendall of Mars Hill College will speak on Christian education and Rev. V. H. Harrell of Winston-Salem, will talk on temperance. Other speakers and lay-leaders will also appear on the program.

The meetings will convene at 10 o'clock each morning, with a noon recess, followed by an afternoon session.

#### STATE

BOONE, SEPT. 23.—Doyle Duckett, one of the ten convicts who escaped from Watauga county prison camp Sunday, Sept. 13, surrendered to officers at Marshall Tuesday, it was learned here today. Duckett is from Madison county and is serving a 30-year sentence for second degree murder. This leaves nine of the twelve who escaped during the past six weeks still at large.

#### NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The Navy expects violent Japanese counterattacks on American positions in the Solomon Islands and is preparing accordingly, Secretary Knox said today. Lending emphasis to his report that the navy was on watch, a communique told of dive bomb hits on a Japanese cruiser prowling northwest of American-held Guadalcanal and new American air attacks on enemy bases. Land fighting on Guadalcanal, limited to patrol activity, intensified somewhat Sunday, the communique said, but "our positions remain intact."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The nation tonight received a graphic picture of the course of the war at sea in an official report disclosing an "almost complete" halt in allied ship losses along the Atlantic coast and a five-fold increase in the navy's shipbuilding program. The report, prepared by Chairman Carl Vinson, Democrat, Georgia, of the house naval affairs committee, with cooperation of the navy department, was designed to inform the public as directly as possible, without revealing information to the enemy, how the United Nations compare with the axis in the race for control of the oceans. "Directly or indirectly," he said, "the first fruits of American naval expansion are already influencing the course of the war. At sea we have begun to turn the corner."

MIDLAND, Ont., Sept. 22.—A picnic to celebrate the completion of a war contract at the Midland Foundry and Machine company came to an abrupt and tragic ending in Georgian bay last night when the party's 75-foot, twin-engine motor launch, Wa-Wi-Net, suddenly listed, righted itself and sank, drowning 25 of the 41 men aboard. Among the missing was Bert Corbeau, foundry superintendent and former National league hockey star, who owned the launch and was believed to have been at the wheel when the unexpected accident happened. Elmer Shaw, of Midland, formerly of Toronto, president of the company, was saved.

#### INTERNATIONAL

LONDON, Sept. 23.—(Wednesday)—Field Marshal Gen. Fedor von Beck, Germany's "most successful" military commander and chief of the southern Nazi armies now assaulting Stalingrad, was reported in Swedish advices today to have been dismissed by Adolf Hitler. The conservative Stockholm newspaper Svenska Dagbladet published reports that Hitler had relieved Von Beck of his command and ordered him back to Berlin two weeks ago, according to dispatches reaching London this morning from the Swedish capital.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—Britain's extensive and continued aerial mine-sowing in enemy waters was explained by some London observers today as an effort to forestall or harass any German attempt to slip the heavy Nazi naval concentration at Kiel into the North sea to join forces with the raider fleet led by the battleship Tirpitz. Both admiralty and air ministry communique have indicated unusual mine-laying activity. Last night, for example, British planes were planting mines in German waters when bad weather held all other RAF forces aground.

#### TO ENTERTAIN DRAFTEES HERE

Over 50 Men to Leave Next Week for Induction Into Army

#### TO BE HELD AT YMCA

Over 50 men from Surry draft area No. 2, will leave Dobson next week for induction into the armed forces of the United States.

A banquet for the men, one of a series which have been sponsored here by local civic organizations, merchants and interested citizens, will be held at the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A. on Monday, September 28, at 7:30 p. m. In addition to the inductees, all other soldiers, sailors or marines who are here on leave on that date, are urged to be present as guests. Ladies are also urged to attend the banquet. Tickets are now on sale.

An excellent program is being prepared for the meeting, and

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### Proclamation

WHEREAS, our Nation is now engaged in an all-out war effort for freedom in its total meaning, and

WHEREAS, this condition demands our best efforts physically, mentally, spiritually and morally, and

WHEREAS, our Government has organized a National Nutrition Program emphasizing the importance of including in our daily diet the protective foods—milk, fruits, vegetables and eggs, and

WHEREAS, one-third of our Nation's hundred and thirty million people are at the present time not eating the right kinds of food, leaving them below the safe line for good health, it is no longer merely a responsibility to ourselves to be physically fit, but a responsibility to our Nation and Government,

NOW THEREFORE, I, J. R. Poindexter, Mayor of Elkin, do hereby proclaim October 5th through 17th as Better Health Weeks to emphasize the importance of proper foods for health and efficiency.

J. R. POINDEXTER, Mayor, City of Elkin.

#### SURRY COURT IS UNDER WAY

Number of Cases of Local Interest Tried Before Judge Gwyn

#### SEVERAL LIQUOR CASES

The September term of Surry criminal court got underway Monday morning with Judge Allen Gwyn presiding. According to officials, the cases of minor offenses were disposed of Monday and Tuesday. Among those of interest in this section were:

Buster Gray, public nuisance and resisting an officer, sentenced to jail for 6 months, suspended sentence for 4 years good behavior.

Herman Royal and Don W. Cockerham, guilty of forcible trespass, prison sentence for 12 months, suspended for 4 years. The defendants are to make full restitution for any property that they may have taken from the prosecuting witness.

Jesse Garris, guilty of malicious injury to property, and public drunkenness, 8 months in jail, sentence of 5 of which is suspended

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#### WEED PRICES AVERAGE \$40

Opening Days Average At Mount Airy Announced At \$43.00

#### WINSTON - SALEM \$42.50

The Old Belt Tobacco Market got under way Tuesday with prices averaging around \$40.00 per hundred pounds for the entire area.

Packed floors greeted the buyers on all markets and the volume of sales, as well as prices, were ahead of the opening day last year on many of the markets.

On Surry's own market, at Mount Airy, sales opened with around 500,000 pounds on the floors of the three warehouses there, and prices held good all day with an average reported at \$43.00 per hundred.

On the Winston-Salem market the opening day's average was announced at \$42.50 per hundred with approximately 1,100,000 pounds sold.