

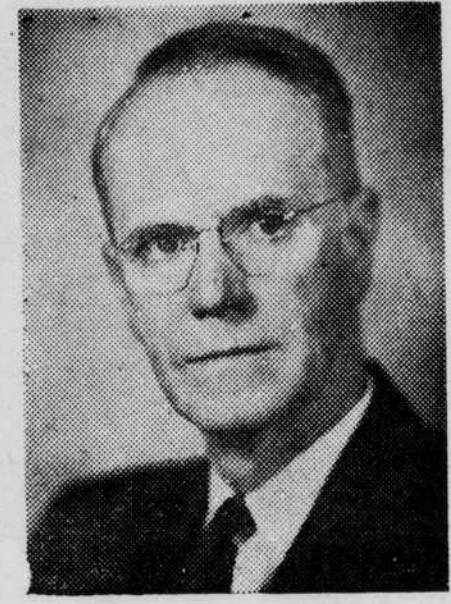
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APPOINTMENTS The Western North Carolina Conference last week returned Rev. Herman F. Duncan, top, left, for a fourth year as pastor of the Elkin Methodist Church, and also returned Rev. A. C. Gibbs, top right, as superintendent of the Elkin district of the church. Rev. Grover C. Graham, lower left, was returned to the Jonesville charge. Rev. W. M. Smith, lower right, will succeed Rev. L. B. Abernethy here as chairman of the board of directors of Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital, and Golden Cross secretary.



BATTLE OF SOUTH PACIFIC IS RAGING OVER WIDE AREA

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27. — Economic stabilization Director James F. Byrnes, with the approval of President Roosevelt, tonight froze all salaries and wages and made provision for their control by the treasury and the war labor board. Salaries of less than \$5,000 were frozen as of today. Salaries of more than \$5,000 were frozen as of October 3, the date Mr. Roosevelt set up the office of economic stabilization.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27. — All "necessary" workers on the nation's livestock, poultry, and dairy farms will be frozen in their present occupations, war manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt announced tonight. Formal directives will be issued soon, probably tomorrow. McNutt said the program is imperative to "alleviate a shortage of essential farm workers which is threatening the dairy, livestock and poultry production necessary to full prosecution of the war."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27. — Paul C. Smith, noted newspaper editor and government war information official, gave up his navy lieutenant commander rank today to become a marine buck private because he feels he should learn something "a hell of a lot of people have got to learn to win this war... how to use a bayonet." "There's nothing wrong with being a lieutenant commander," he said, "except that I couldn't run a destroyer which is what lieutenant commanders are supposed to do." Smith, 33 and on leave as editor and general manager of the San Francisco Chronicle, also resigned as chief of the news bureau of the office of war information.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27. — President Roosevelt, commenting on Wendell L. Willkie's statement that the Chinese and other Asiatics question whether the Atlantic charter applies to them, reiterated today that "the Atlantic charter applies to all humanity." Willkie made the statement in his speech reporting on his recent world tour — a speech in which the 1940 Republican presidential nominee renewed his demands for a second front and criticized allied conduct of the war and certain phases of foreign policy. Mr. Roosevelt, asked for press conference comment, replied that he wanted to paraphrase an old cigarette advertisement — there's not a controversy in a carload of speeches.

INTERNATIONAL

TOKYO, Oct. 27. — (Japanese Broadcasts Recorded in New York) — Japanese imperial headquarters asserted today that a great naval battle was fought in the southern Pacific north of the Santa Cruz islands Monday, in which four enemy aircraft carriers, a battleship and an unidentified vessel were sunk, five other enemy warships damaged and 200 planes shot down. Domei news agency reported. Domei said that the engagement, which imperial headquarters called the "battle of the southern Pacific," was continuing. The Santa Cruz islands, under British mandate, lie about 350 miles east of Guadalcanal island in the Solomons.

CITIZENS WILL CAST BALLOTS NEXT TUESDAY

To Elect County and Congressional Officials

TO DECIDE AMENDMENT

Polls Here Will Be Located as Usual in Fire Department At City Hall

GAPS IN G. O. P. TICKET

(Ballot on page 3, 1st sec.)

Voters will go to the polls here and throughout the state next Tuesday to select county and congressional officials.

The polls here, with Registrar Hugh A. Royall in charge, will as usual be located at the city hall in the fire department.

On the county ticket, Ralph J. Scott is running for solicitor of the 21st judicial district without Republican opposition, while J. Raymond Smith, Democrat, is opposed by W. M. Jackson, Republican, for the state senate.

Henry C. Dobson, Democrat, is opposed by R. L. Lovelace, Republican, for house of representatives.

For clerk of superior court, Fred Llewellyn, Democrat, is opposed by Warren F. Alberty, For sheriff, S. C. Patterson, Democrat, vs. W. J. Davis, Republican. For coroner, Robert E. Smith, Democrat, is facing C. E. Hutchens, Republican. I. W. Barber, Democratic candidate for surveyor, has no opposition.

In the contest for county commissioners, R. P. Jones, S. M. Smith and M. Q. Snow, Democrats, face only two Republican candidates, A. K. Scott and E. L. Schuyler.

In the state election, Senator Josiah W. Bailey, Democrat, is opposed by Republican Sam J. Morris. In the race for Congress, John H. Folger, Democrat, is opposed by Republican S. Evan Hall.

Walter P. Stacy, Democrat, is a candidate for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and faces no opposition. Michael Schenck, Democrat, candidate for associate justice, also has no Republican opposition.

An educational amendment and a solicitoral amendment will also be decided by the voters Tuesday.

MANUFACTURER DIES THURSDAY

M. A. Briggs, Prominent Elk-in Citizen, Passes After Long Illness

FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY

Murphy Armfield Biggs, 66, prominent Elkin citizen and general manager of Elkin Furniture Company, passed away Thursday morning at his home on West Main street, following a serious illness of two years. Mr. Biggs' condition had been critical for the past several weeks.

He was a native of Fayetteville and a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alex Biggs. He came to Elkin 40 years ago to accept a business position and was married to Miss Willie Click of this city. For several years he was engaged in the real estate business in Winston-Salem, returning here in 1931 as general manager of the Elkin Furniture Company. Under his guidance the furniture plant, one of Elkin's oldest industries, experienced considerable expansion.

He was a member of the Elkin Methodist church of the Masonic fraternity and of the Elkin Kiwanis Club.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Milton Parrott of Key West, Florida, one son, Alex

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Honored



Rev. L. B. Abernethy, above, who Tuesday moved to Charlotte to make his home following his retirement as chairman of the board of directors of the local hospital and secretary of the Golden Cross, is pictured with a beautiful silver service presented to him and Mrs. Abernethy at a dinner in their honor held at Hotel Elkin Monday night by employees of the hospital.—Tribune Photo.

CAGE TOURNEY IS POSTPONED

Transportation Shortage Responsible for Decision of Committee

OFFICERS ARE RENAMED

Directors of the Yadkin Valley High School Conference, meeting here Tuesday, discussed the acute transportation shortage and agreed to postpone the annual Yadkin Valley Conference basketball tournament this winter unless some change is made to work out transportation for players to and from the event.

It was also agreed that some form of curtailment of basketball schedules would be undertaken due to the transportation problem.

The committee approved the playing of 12th grade students in the conference, provided they had not played for four years. It was also ruled that new eighth grade students would not be allowed to play on the varsity.

All officers were re-elected for another year with Sam Gentry, of Mountain Park, president; L. H. Koon, of Dobson, secretary and P. W. Greer, of Mount Pleasant, vice president. President Gentry presided at the meeting.

Soloist To Sing At Elkin Valley Church

Herbert Baker, well-known tenor soloist of Winston-Salem, will sing at Elkin Valley Baptist church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service. Mr. Baker will sing two selections.

He has for several years studied with celebrated teachers and has for sometime been a member of the choir of the First Baptist church in Winston-Salem. Mr. Baker and Mrs. Christophena Sprinkle, formerly of this city, and daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Jordan, sing each Sunday evening from 9:30 until 10 o'clock over radio station WSJS in Winston-Salem. Mrs. Sprinkle has a soprano voice.

The public is cordially invited to attend the service Sunday.

PORK

Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard has called on the nation's farmers to increase the spring pig crop 10 percent and to market hogs 10 pounds heavier than this year.

Large Jap Surface Force Reported 400 Miles Off Solomons

AAA Deadline Is Extended To November 15

G. T. Scott, chairman of the state AAA committee, has announced the extension through November 15 of the time limit for seeding winter legume crops and spreading lime and super-phosphate under the 1942 AAA program.

The time extension was granted after Governor Broughton, farm leaders and farmers, had appealed for such action. Recent heavy rains have delayed the planting of winter legumes. The 1942 AAA year ends on October 31.

WILKES MAN IS FATALLY HURT

Coy Garris Dies Following Injuries Received in Automobile Wreck

OVER EMBANKMENT

Coy Garris, 28, of the Shepherds Cross Roads section of Wilkes county, was fatally injured on the Elkin-North Wilkesboro highway about midnight Saturday when the pick-up truck which he was driving overturned down an embankment.

He was alone at the time of the accident and was enroute to his home from a Virginia defense plant, where he was employed. His body was crushed under the machine. A passing bus driver saw the car lights and called officers to investigate the accident. It is believed that he fell asleep while driving. He stopped here only a short time before the accident and bought a cup of coffee at a cafe.

He is survived by his wife, three children, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Garris, of Shepherds Cross Roads.

PROMINENT MAN OF ELKIN DIES

William Franklin Reece Passes Away Last Wednesday Following Illness

FUNERAL HELD FRIDAY

(Picture on last page, 1st sec.)

William Franklin Reece, 52, passed away late Wednesday night of last week at his home on Bridge street following a critical illness of two years. Mr. Reece was a member of the wholesale grocery firm of Mosely and Reece prior to his retirement on account of his health. He was prominently identified with the business and civic life of the town and was highly esteemed.

For several years he served as a member of the board of deacons of the First Baptist church and chairman of the church finance committee. He was also prominent in lay activities of the church. He was a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

A native of Hamptonville, Yadkin county, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Reece. Prior to coming here in 1921 to reside he was engaged in the mercantile business in Hamptonville.

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U. S. FIGHTERS ATTACK SHIPS OFF HEBRIDES

Islands Contain American Advance Bases

TWO DESTROYERS SUNK

Battle On Guadalcanal Raging Furiously; Jap Break Through Repulsed

REDS BREAK NAZI LINE

Washington, Oct. 28. — The battle of the Solomons, raging furiously on and around Guadalcanal Island where a Japanese break-through was turned back, today has spread hundreds of miles to the east toward America's Pacific communication lines.

American fliers have attacked strong Japanese naval forces north of the New Hebrides and the Fiji Islands on which there are United States advance bases.

The penetration of the American lines on Guadalcanal occurred Sunday night (island time) after a day-long attack on the south side of the airfield. But U. S. Army troops defending that sector chased the enemy back and "regained their positions." Marines defending the western side of the airfield also were engaged in heavy fighting, but the navy reported that they had scored "small gains."

Although the focal point of the battle into which Japan has thrown vast numbers of troops, airplanes and warships is the airfield on Guadalcanal, the fighting extends over hundreds of miles at sea which the enemy continues to dominate.

The last report by the navy in its communique last night showed that the Americans have sunk two Japanese destroyers and damaged three other ships, including a battleship. In addition hits were reported on two cruisers and an aircraft carrier which may have been damaged in previously announced action.

The latest development seems to be the presence of apparently large enemy surface forces about 400 miles northeast of Guadalcanal—far from the major scene of action. There was no official explanation, but it was pointed out that from the point where those forces were intercepted by American airmen, the Japanese could have struck at Espiritu Santo, an American base in the New Hebrides, or at the Fiji Islands. A short sailing distance to the east are the Samoan Islands, another major American base and key point in the supply line between Hawaii and Australia.

On the Russian front Marshal Semyon Timoshenko's relief army, advancing with 200 tanks along a broad front northwest of Stalingrad, crashed through another strongly fortified point today and killed 500 more Germans.

Local Board Will Not Serve Wilkes

The local rationing board announced last week that two Wilkes county townships would be served by the board here in the fuel rationing program, however that plan has been changed and the local board will not serve any part of Wilkes county, according to a statement issued by the local board Wednesday.

Conference Returns Duncan, Gibbs Here

Successor To Mr. Abernethy Is Appointed

Rev. Herman F. Duncan was returned here as pastor of the Methodist church by the Western North Carolina Methodist conference in session in Charlotte from Monday through Friday of last week. Rev. A. C. Gibbs was also returned as superintendent of the Elkin district of the church.

Rev. L. B. Abernethy, who has resided here for the past 18 years, the first nine as pastor of the local church and the latter nine as chairman of the board of directors at Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital and secretary of the Golden Cross, was retired by the conference. Rev. Abernethy and Mrs. Abernethy, who have endeared themselves to the entire citizenship of the town during their residence here, left Tuesday for Charlotte, where they will make their home at 410 Clement Avenue.

Rev. Abernethy will be succeeded here as chairman of the hospital board and Golden Cross secretary by Rev. W. M. Smith, for the past four years pastor of Burkhead Methodist church in Winston-Salem. Rev. Smith is also past-president of the Forsyth County Methodist Ministers Association. He and his wife will come here today to take up residence in the home vacated by Rev. and Mrs. Abernethy on Hawthorne Road. They have one daughter who is teacher of home economics at the Jamestown high school.

Rev. Grover C. Graham was returned to the Jonesville charge for another year and will continue to serve the churches at Jonesville, Grassy Creek, Ronda and Maple Springs.

Girl Scout Week Is Being Observed Here

Girl Scout Week is being observed by the local troop this week. The early part of the week was devoted to homemaking, community service, including the collection of magazines for the wards at the local hospital, and camping activities.

The latter part of the week will be devoted to preparations for a play to be presented next week by the group, the proceeds to be used to buy a Victory Bond. The title of the play to be given is "Scrap-It."

Coffee Ordered Rationed As Of November 29th

The war has come home to the coffee drinkers.

Price Administrator Leon Henderson Monday ordered nationwide rationing of coffee, effective at midnight on November 28, on the basis of one pound each five weeks—about a cup a day—for all persons who were 15 years of age or over when they registered for sugar supplies on May 4-5.

All retail sales of coffee will be frozen at midnight, November 21, for the week before rationing begins to permit merchants to stock their shelves. In announcing the order, Henderson said there was no reason for anyone to run to the corner grocer and "put the squeeze on him to help a hoarder."

"There is absolutely no excuse for hoarding coffee at this time," he emphasized.

AMENDMENT IS IN SPOTLIGHT

Leaders of Factions in Controversy Agree Upon Compromise

WILL SUPPORT MEASURE

The chief controversial issue of next Tuesday's election has been a proposed constitutional amendment to abolish five existing state school agencies and consolidate control of the state's public school system under a new 15-member board.

Strong opposition to the existing form of amendment arose throughout the state and particularly among educators and school system workers.

Last week-end, Gov. J. M. Broughton, after a series of conferences, announced that leaders of some of the chief factions in the fight had agreed upon a compromise whereby they would support the amendment at the polls and would combine to support in the 1943 legislature and at the general election in 1944 a corrective amendment eliminating what opposition leaders had considered the chief defects of the present proposed amendment.