

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—American submarines have blown some 27,000 more tons of Japanese shipping to the bottom of the Pacific — sinking five ships and damaging two others in the latest blow against the Jap supply lines — the navy disclosed today. Continuing their battle of attrition, the underseas raiders sank one destroyer, one 9,000-ton tanker and three cargo ships totaling 16,300 tons. Damaged were a 12,000-ton cargo ship, which was believed to have gone to the bottom, and a 6,000-ton cargo vessel. The actions occurred "in the Pacific and the far east" — some perhaps in Japan's own front yard — and were independent of operations in the Solomon islands. Since Pearl Harbor, American submarines alone have sunk 98 Jap ships, probably sunk 22 more and damaged 28 for a total of 148.

BOSTON, Dec. 1. — A ban was clamped tonight on all amusement and dancing in 1,161 Boston night clubs, hotels and restaurants as an aftermath of the Coconut Grove fire disaster, while separate city and state probes produced testimony that the night club was of "tinderbox construction" and that flames had raced like lightning through draperies that "looked like gauze." While scores of funerals of fire victims were held throughout New England, there were these developments: 1. The death toll of the Saturday night blaze was revised downward by the Boston committee on public safety from 484 to 460, but a number known to be dead were not named on the committee's list and unofficial compilations indicated the final cost in human life would approach 500. 2. Gov. Leverett Saltonstall told members of the Boston licensing commission to "act first and let someone question your authority later." The commission promptly banned dancing and floor shows in all night spots until they could be re-inspected. At least one night club was closed completely.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 1. — Three little words — "fill 'er up" — disappeared from the national language today as the west, still kicking and screaming, joined the east in gasoline rationing. They'll probably be replaced by "gimme four," since four gallons likely will be the average purchase of the average motorist who'll give up his ration coupons with all the reluctance of the Russians giving up streets in Stalingrad. Unlike the east, which was forced into gas rationing months ago by a shortage, the oil producing west started off with car tanks full, not to mention a jug and a few beer bottles filled and tucked away in the garage — just for an emergency.

INTERNATIONAL

LONDON, Dec. 1. — The Italian military situation, steadily deteriorating under allied blows and internal dissension, has sent Premier Benito Mussolini to bed seriously ill of heart disease, it was reported today. The reports of Mussolini's illness were unconfirmed but came from usually trustworthy continental sources. They said he had been confined to bed for two weeks. Although the nature of his ailment was not disclosed, it has been reported intermittently for several years that he was suffering from chronic heart disease. Should illness or death remove Mussolini from active leadership of the fascist government at this time, observers believed Italy might collapse under the growing political and military drives now directed against her.

Germans Open To Rear Attack From Red Foes

FORTIFIED HILL CAPTURED BY SOVIET FORCES

Battle Results in Biggest Victory of Week

DUEL ON LIBYA FRONT Advance Forces of British Are Driving Into the German Lines

RAIDS MADE ON TUNIS

Moscow Dec. 2.—Russian shock troops, taking a fortified hill in the Stalingrad area by storm, have made the Germans in the city open to attack from behind, dispatches from the front said today.

Dispatches and the noon communique reported the capture of a German operational base southwest of Stalingrad, an important fortified point northwest of it and a fortified township on the Rzhev-Vyazma railroad on the central front.

But the capture of the hill before Stalingrad seemed the big victory of the day and one of the biggest of the week.

The hill dominates the railroad station at which the Germans had detained troops and supplies for transport by truck into the city proper.

For 2½ months they had fortified it against Russian attack, building trench systems and artillery emplacements to protect its southern and southeastern approaches.

The Red army shock troops took it in face of desperate resistance. The Germans, determined to get it back, detached 75 tanks and an entire infantry division but they gave it up after seven desperate counterattacks which left the hill dotted with German dead.

Cairo, Dec. 2.—British and German artillery duelled on Aghelia line in Libya today as the British eighth army massed for a renewal of its drive through Libya toward Tunisia, 475 miles to the west.

Advanced forces of the British eighth army were thrusting into the German lines, anchored on the Gulf of Sirte, feeling out their strength and disposition of the

VOLUNTEERS IN SALE NAMED

Will Canvass Town Friday to Sell 1942 Christmas Seals

ALL ARE URGED TO BUY

Volunteer workers to canvass the town on Friday to sell Christmas seals for the prevention of tuberculosis have been announced by Mrs. E. F. McNeer, chairman of the seal sale here.

The workers and their districts are: West Elkin: Mrs. Turner Carter, Mrs. John McPhail; Main street and business offices: Mrs. Franklin Folger, Mrs. Sam Neaves; Church street, Mrs. George Royall; Bridge street: Mrs. E. W. McDaniel; Gwyn Avenue: Mrs. H. P. Graham; North Elkin school: Mrs. Leslie Reinhardt; Elkin elementary school: Mrs. Fletcher Harris; Elkin high school: J. Mark McAdams; Hotel Elkin: Mrs. T. R. Sample; Hawthorne Road: Mrs. J. W. L. Benson; Chatham Manufacturing Company, Miss Claudia Austin. Everyone is urged to buy and use Christmas seals. Three-fourths of the money received from the seals remains here to help combat tuberculosis locally and the remaining one-fourth goes to the national association for research and other necessary work in the nation as a whole.

Backs Up Marines



Striding through the sands of Guadalcanal, one of the first U. S. soldiers to land on the strategic islands totes his equipment to new quarters. How many doughboys are fighting in the Solomons alongside the marines who made the first landings is a military secret.

YOUTH HELD ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Sidney Hudspeth, Jr., Charged With Selling Pint Of Booze

SEVERAL CASES TRIED

Sidney Hudspeth, Jr., operator of a filling station on North Bidge street extension here, has been arrested and placed under \$300 bond for appearance in magistrate's court Monday before Magistrate J. L. Hall, on a charge of selling whisky.

According to Chief of Police Corbett Wall, he (Chief Wall), was driving to the station when he saw the young man hand a paper bag to someone in a taxi. Hailing the taxi, he found a paper sack containing a pint of whisky. The person who allegedly bought the whisky is said to have admitted buying it from Hudspeth and paying \$2.00 for it. The taxi driver is also said to have admitted witnessing the transaction.

Told by Chief Wall to be in court this past Monday morning, young Hudspeth failed to appear. He was then arrested and placed under bond for his appearance next Monday.

A search of the filling station a short while after charging Hudspeth with selling whisky failed to disclose any illegal intoxicants, Chief Wall said.

Cases disposed of before Magistrate Hall during the past week are as follows:

Herman Hudspeth, Will Clore and R. C. Wiles, public drunkenness, \$5 and costs.

C. R. Rachael, operating an automobile while intoxicated, bound over to superior court under \$300 bond.

Weldon Campbell, double parking, \$2.00.

Garvie Benton, W. R. Cockerham and Leon Disher, public drunkenness, \$2.50 and costs.

Royall Red Cross Home Service Sec'y

In the list of officers of the Elkin branch of the American Red Cross, the name of George Royall, home service secretary, was erroneously given as Mrs. George Royall.

Persons desiring the services of the home service secretary should get in touch with Mr. Royall.

Associated Charities To Meet Here Friday

A meeting of the Board of Associated Charities will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the city hall.

All members of the board are urged to attend as important business is to be transacted.

'Y' MEMBERSHIP DRIVE TO START HERE ON DEC. 9

OFFICIALS ARE PLEASSED

Say That Y. M. C. A. Has Exerted Wonderful Influence In Town's Life

Groups Are Divided Into Two Divisions

OFFICERS ARE NAMED

Cooperating in the greatest home-to-business-place campaign in the history of Elkin, an army of Y. M. C. A. workers will canvas the Elkin-Jonesville communities on December 9th, 10th and 11th for next year's memberships in the Gilvin Roth Young Men's Christian Association. This army is being organized into two divisions, the "Blues" and the "Reds," and considerable boasting has already been heard from the commanding officers of both divisions.

The Y. M. C. A. is one of the most valuable assets any community can have. The moral and physical training, and various recreational activities to be found at the "Y" are of more lasting value to young and old than can be found anywhere outside of the churches.

R. W. Harris, president, and T. C. McKnight, general secretary, as well as other officials of the Y. M. C. A., are much pleased with the manner in which the whole community has taken advantage of the various facilities at the "Y" since it opened last spring. They feel confident the results of this campaign will indicate the whole-hearted approval of the majority of the citizens of a bigger and better Elkin and Jonesville.

The colonels and majors of the "Blues" and "Blues," with their team-mates, follow:

Town of Elkin: Blues—E. S. Spainhour, colonel; Mrs. A. O. Bryan, major; Captains: Mrs. R. W. Harris, Mrs. R. C. Freeman, Mrs. L. W. Laxton, Mrs. Eugene Spainhour, Mrs. Tom Roth, Miss Pauline Masten, Mrs. James Atwell, D. G. Smith, Rev. Stephen Morrisett and E. C. James, with three additional not yet named.

Blues—George Royall, colonel; Mrs. Franklin Folger, major; Captains: Mrs. Howard Hatch, Mrs. George Royall, J. Mark McAdams, Mrs. E. W. McDaniel, Mrs. D. G. Smith, Mrs. Carl Myers, Mrs. Paul Price, Mrs. Van Dillon, Jr., Mrs. T. R. Sample, Mrs. Noah Darnell, Mrs. Lester Holloway, Mrs. John Sagar and Mrs. C. C. Weaver, Jr.

Chatham Manufacturing Co.: Blues—W. E. Burcham, colonel; Clifton Leary, major; Captains: Howard Hatch, Van Dillon, Jr., Beach Bell, F. C. Walls, Noah

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YADKIN HOME ROBBED FRIDAY

Thief Enters Home of Marvin Sparks and Takes Number Of Articles

GOODS ARE RECOVERED

While he and his family were away, the home of Marvin Sparks, three miles west of Boonville, was robbed Friday night of a number of articles of wearing apparel and other things. The thief entered the home by breaking a window.

Deputy Sheriff F. E. Hurt, of Boonville, arrested Albert Brown Monday, charging him with the robbery. He confessed and carried Mr. Hurt to a number of places where he had left his booty. Among the articles taken from the home was a pistol, a \$40.00 suit, pair \$5.00 shoes, an Elgin watch. The watch was found in an Elkin jewelry shop for repairs, pants were found in an Elkin dry cleaning establishment, where he had left them to be cut down to fit himself. Other articles were found in a tobacco barn, but all were recovered.

Brown is in the Yadkinville jail in default of \$500 bond set by Magistrate T. A. Chipman of Boonville.

The people of Boonville and that section are loud in their praise of Deputy Hurt for his work in unraveling the case and recovering all the stolen property.

To Operate Lime Mine As Long As Limestone There, Governor Says

SUPPLY LINK Since General Eisenhower's zero hour struck in North Africa, many splendid victories, the aftermath of that historic landing, have taken place. Nearly all of North Africa is now in Allied hands. In this photo British and American soldiers form a chain from landing barge to dry land, and pass containers of fuel from hand to hand during landing operations on the shores of North Africa.



Register For Kerosene, Fuel Oil Friday

People who were unable to register for their kerosene rations at the last registration can register Friday, December 4, from 4 to 6 p. m. at the following places:

Elkin elementary school, North Elkin school, and Jonesville school.

The time in which kerosene and fuel oil can be purchased without ration coupons will expire December 10, and everyone who has not registered should do so this Friday, it was said.

Ration coupons will be mailed to the registrants promptly after the registration Friday.

STATE FUEL OIL PERIODS

Ration Coupons Divided Into Five Thermal Periods; Unit Now 10 Gallons

NO. 1 NOW IN EFFECT

OPA officials have announced the periods in which the various coupons for fuel oil to be used for heating of homes and water heating, will be good.

The coupons are divided into five thermal periods. However, they are good for dates extending beyond the end of the thermal period since many consumers presumably had so much oil on hand that they could not purchase the amount of the No. 1 coupons by the end of thermal period because of lack of storage space.

The valid periods are as follows:

- Number 1—Up to and including December 19, 1942.
- Number 2—From December 6, 1942 to January 16, 1943.
- Number 3—From January 3, 1943, to February 19, 1943.
- Number 4—From February 6, 1943, to March 20, 1943.
- Number 5—From March 7, 1943, to September 30, 1943.

It was explained that there will be a period when both the No. 1 and 2 coupons will be valid; one when both the No. 2 and 3 coupons will be valid, etc.

At the present time the unit value of the fuel oil coupons is 10 gallons. However, this figure could either be lowered or upped in the future, depending upon supplies, it was pointed out.

MAKING PLANS FOR BIG DRIVE

Government Seeking to Borrow \$9,000,000,000 From U. S. Citizens

BY END OF DECEMBER

Garland Johnson, vice-president of The Bank of Elkin, and E. W. McDaniel, Elkin business man, attended a meeting of the county Victory Fund committee at Mount Airy Monday night to get information and make plans for the forthcoming Victory Fund drive here in which every potential investor in this section will be canvassed in what will be the largest single operation in history. The United States government in the month of December is asking its citizens for a \$9,000,000,000 loan.

Plans are now under way here for having a rally to stimulate local interest, and committees will soon be announced, Mr. Johnson said.

The purpose of this tremendous drive is not merely to raise money but to raise it in the right places. It is not only to finance urgent war needs, but also to stabilize a national economy threatened by acute inflationary forces.

The task of the prominent bankers, industrialists, and civic leaders identified with the victory

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FARMERS CAN GET ALLOTMENT

If Displeased With Amount Of Gasoline, Should File Appeal With Group

ODT MAKES DECISION

Surry county farmers should go to their ration boards and get gasoline allotments for the first quarter of 1943, A. P. Cobb, Surry farm agent, said Wednesday.

Following this, they should wait for one week, it was said, and keep a record of how much gas they used during the week. Then, if they did not feel they were receiving sufficient gas for their actual needs, they should go to the county agent's office and file an appeal with the transportation committee, of which F. E. Layne, of Dobson, Route 2, is chairman; P. M. Taylor, of White Plains, vice-chairman, and the following men members: John Nixon, Mountain Park; Charles Fulk, Pilot Mountain; Claude Ramey, Route 3, Mount Airy.

Appeals will be sent to the district manager of the ODT, where final decision will be made.

SAYS TALK OF LIMITED WORK IS ERRONEOUS

Local Committee Visits Chief Executive Monday

INVITATION EXTENDED

Both Broughton and Prince Encouraged Over Analysis Of Last Sample

PRINCE GOES TO ARMY

Governor J. M. Broughton and L. Ben Prince, chairman of the state highway and public works commission, Monday told the lime mine committee of the Elkin Kiwanis club that despite reports that the state-owned property at Lime Rock, Yadkin county, would be operated only long enough to get out a few thousand tons of agricultural limestone, this report was erroneous and that the mine would positively be operated as long as lime was available and could be mined at reasonable cost.

The committee, made up of W. M. Allen, J. W. L. Benson and H. F. Laffoon, visited the governor and Chairman Prince at Raleigh Monday, and expressed their appreciation for the fine work which has been done at the mine thus far.

During the conference, both the governor and Mr. Prince revealed that the state did not hope to make any money on the project, and felt that if it could break even it would be doing the farmers of this section a real service.

In discussing the price of the lime, Chairman Prince stated that he was reasonably sure lime could be marketed for around \$1.25 per ton at the mine. He also stated that if after getting into operation it was found the lime could be sold at a lower price, this would be done.

The main saving, of course, will be in transportation as the price at the mine will probably be a slight bit higher than lime coming in from Virginia. However, it was also pointed out that in a

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Three Local Men Are Considered For Job

All Surry county officers who were elected in the November election will be sworn into office next Monday.

Deputy sheriffs, to be appointed by Sheriff-Elect Sam Patterson, will also be sworn in at that time. Among those here being considered for that post are L. I. Wade, E. E. (Buck) Shore, and Sherman Newman.

To Stage Rat Killing Drive Here Friday

A rat killing campaign will be staged in the business section here Friday, it was announced Wednesday, with representatives of the North Carolina Board of Health and the Surry Health Department here to supervise.

The rat poison will be distributed in the business section by sufficient men and trucks to cover the area. However, it was announced that the town would not be able to put out the poison in the residential section, but will have plenty of ready mixed bait available at the rear of the city hall Friday from 8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., for anyone wishing to call for it. Full instructions for putting out the bait will also be available.

It was said the bait is not poisonous to dogs and cats.