

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The destroyer which exploded and sank at the entrance to New York harbor yesterday, with an undetermined number of casualties, was identified by the navy tonight as the new, 1700-ton U. S. S. Turner. It also disclosed that the destroyer which was torpedoed and sunk in the Atlantic Christmas eve was the 1090-ton Leary, an old world war I four-stacker type. Loss of this vessel was announced Monday. A total of 152 enlisted men and two officers survived the Turner disaster, the navy said. It added that the vessel carried a "normal complement." This is usually about 230 men.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The Associated Press learned tonight that Pinehurst, N. C., had been mentioned as a possible site of an international monetary conference to consider postwar reconstruction and trade. It was also learned that the treasury had sent invitations to the conference to 44 nations. Specifically, the conferees will consider tentative treasury proposals for an \$8,000,000,000 currency stabilization fund and a \$10,000,000,000 world bank for reconstruction and development. Officials said enough acceptances had been received to assure success of the conference, but added that no date had yet been set. The conference is expected to be held in some other locality than Washington, and in this connection the North Carolina resort town has been mentioned as a possible site.

INTERNATIONAL

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Wednesday, Jan. 5.—United States Marines crushed a Japanese counter-attack at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Monday, killing 203 enemy troops, a communique from Gen Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced today. Fighter planes of the south Pacific command of Adm. William F. Halsey, making another sweep over the big enemy naval base of Rabaul Sunday, shot down 11 intercepting enemy aircraft, it also was disclosed.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The mightiest daylight aerial armada of American and British warplanes ever dispatched, numbering 3,000 or more, today hammered Adolf Hitler's European fortress from northwest Germany to the French invasion coast. Spearheading the great air assault was one of the greatest forces of United States heavy bombers ever sent out, numbering probably between 600 and 800 Liberators and Flying Fortresses escorted by some 500 fighters. The fleet of heavy bombers hit important targets in northwestern Germany. Stockholm dispatches from Copenhagen said that the American bombers had raided Denmark "extensively" and that it was possible Norway also had been attacked. Crews of 10 Liberators were interned in Denmark, and a Liberator made a forced landing in Sweden, these reports said.

ALGIERS, Jan. 4.—American Flying Fortresses, soaring above storms that slowed ground action to a snail's pace, were disclosed today to have wrecked the sprawling rail yards at Turin and a vital ball bearing plant at Villa Perosa in northern Italy. The twin assault, spearheading a renewed air offensive which also struck hard at the Germans in Jugoslavia yesterday, coincided with the capture by Eighth army Indian troops of a strategic height overlooking enemy lines on the Adriatic sector of the Italian front. Edging their way forward under driving sleet, the Indians also came astride a secondary road to within two miles of Tollo, a heavily fortified point blocking the way to the big port of Pescara, eight miles to the north.

To Run Again



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JOHN FOLGER TO RUN AGAIN

5th District Representative Will Again Seek Seat In Congress

FREEMAN MAY CONTEST

John H. Folger, of Mount Airy, representative from the Fifth Congressional District, has disclosed that he will definitely be a candidate for renomination to Congress in the coming Democratic primary.

It has also been learned that J. N. (Buck) Freeman, also a native of Surry county, and former manager of the Winston-Salem Social Security Board office, is considering throwing his hat into the ring for the same office.

When contacted at his home in Mt. Airy, Mr. Folger said that with winning the war the country's No. 1 problem, he did not care to talk politics now, but added that "as far as I am concerned I'm going to run again."

He also stated that he thought the first consideration of everyone should be to "pay attention to the best way to manage the war," and hinted that he would like to see any campaigning in his district postponed until nearer the primary date in May.

Mr. Freeman declined to comment on reports that he is planning to become a candidate, but it is believed he is seriously considering it.

Mayor George W. Coan, Jr., of Winston-Salem, is also said to be considering seeking the Fifth District congressional nomination.

Forsyth's Last Vet. Of Civil War Dies

David Settle Reid, 96, Forsyth county's last Civil War veteran, and father of D. S. Reid, Jr., of this city, passed away at his home near Winston-Salem Thursday afternoon of last week. Mr. Reid was a prominent merchant for many years, retiring sometime ago.

He entered the Civil War at the age of 17 and was at the close of the war a lieutenant-colonel in the infantry.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. J. H. Gooch, of Stem.

BACK THE ATTACK — WITH WAR BONDS!

Postal Receipts Here In 1943 Total \$34,061.48

Postal receipts at the Elkin post office for the year 1943 established an all-time record, Postmaster F. W. Graham announced Wednesday.

Total receipts for the year amounted to \$34,061.48, a gain of \$6,377.21, or 23 per cent over receipts in 1942, which was in itself a record year.

Each quarter of the past year saw a gain over the corresponding quarter in 1942, with the quarter ending in June showing the greatest single gain. Receipts for the four quarters were as follows: March, \$7,105.69; June, \$7,805.80; September, \$8,490.86, and December, \$10,661.43.

D. G. SMITH IS NAMED TO HEAD WAR LOAN HERE

Fourth Bond Drive To Start January 18th

YOKLEY CO. CHAIRMAN

Surry County Quota Has Been Set At Approximately \$1,500,000

\$126,000,000 FOR N. C.

D. G. Smith, of this city, has been appointed local chairman of the Fourth War Loan Drive, which will start January 18 and continue through February 15, it was announced Tuesday.

J. F. Yokley, of Mount Airy, will again act as county chairman.

The Surry county quota for the drive has been announced as approximately \$1,500,000, which is slightly smaller than the last War Loan Drive, which saw a quota of \$1,736,000 oversubscribed by approximately half a million dollars.

No local quota has been designated, the Elkin district, which includes Bryan and Marsh townships, to sell all the bonds it can, while other sections of the county will do the same. All sales of bonds from January 1 until the drive is ended, will count on the quota.

The state quota has been set at \$126,000,000, Clarence T. Leinbach, of Winston-Salem, chairman of the State War Finance committee, has announced. Although over-all objective for the state is less than was the Third War Loan goal, quota for series "E" bond sales (\$25 to \$1,000), has been raised by almost \$10,000,000. Series "E" bonds are the type bought by most individuals.

Plans for the local district drive are now being mapped out.

JONESVILLE MAN PASSES TUESDAY

Alexander McCullick Jennings Dies Following Illness of Three Months

LAST RITES THURSDAY

Alexander McCullick Jennings, 82, operator of the Riverside Milling Company in Jonesville, passed away Tuesday night following an illness of three months. Mr. Jennings had been in declining health for the past five years.

He was a native of Grayson county, Virginia, but had resided in Jonesville for the past fifteen years. He was twice married, first to Miss Celia A. Carico, who died in 1907, and after her death he was married to Miss Annie M. Wood, who survives. Also surviving are the following sons and daughters of the first marriage: Fielden H. Jennings, Lewisville; Charlie A. Jennings and Grover C. Jennings, Galax, Va.; Claude H. Jennings, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Dora B. Mickey, Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Lona M. Beesaul, Galax, Virginia, and two sons of the second marriage, William P. Jennings of Winston-Salem and Clyde A. Jennings of this city. He is also survived by three brothers, Houston Jennings and Martin Jennings, Galax, Virginia and Thomas Jennings, Ophir, Colorado; 29 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church for thirty years and prior to the onset of his illness served as deacon in the church and as clerk of the Zion association.

The funeral will be held this morning (Thursday) at 11 o'clock from Old State Road Primitive Baptist church, in charge of Elder Jesse Dunbar, of Mount Airy. Interment will be in the church cemetery. The family requests no flowers.

Two Cases Tried Before Hall Here

Two cases were tried before Magistrate J. L. Hall in magistrate's court during the past week. They were: Winford Neal, operating an automobile while intoxicated, bound over to superior court; Arthur Norman, speeding, \$10.00 and costs.

To Head Drive



D. G. Smith, of Elkin, has been named to head the Fourth War Loan Drive here, it was announced Tuesday. Surry county's quota has been announced at approximately \$1,500,000. The local district headed by Mr. Smith includes Elkin, Bryan and Marsh townships.

CLUB TO INDUCT NEW OFFICIALS

Kiwanis To Stage Annual Ladies' Night Banquet At YMCA This P. M.

HEAR OF BLOOD BANK

The 21st annual ladies' night and installation of officers meeting of the local Kiwanis club will be held here this evening at 7:00 o'clock at the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A.

Kiwanian Jeff Bates, Governor of the Carolinas Kiwanis District, will install the officers for 1944, and will be introduced by Past Lieutenant-Governor Marion Allen, of the local club.

New officers for the year, recently elected, are Gariand Johnson, president, who will succeed President Raymond Harris; Carl Poindexter, vice-president, who will succeed Gariand Johnson, who served as vice-president during 1943, and Julius Hall, secretary-treasurer, who succeeds himself.

Directors to be installed will be Marion Allen, J. W. L. Benson, G. L. Hill, J. F. Lowrance, T. C. McKnight, E. S. Spainhour and D. G. Smith.

In addition to the installation ceremony a musical program has been arranged.

At last week's meeting, held at the Y. M. C. A., a report on the response to the Hugh Chatham Hospital's call for blood donors was described as disappointing by I. H. Kolodny, laboratory technician of the hospital, who stated that to date there had been but 22 donors, with a goal of 50 being sought. Of this number, 13 donors were members of the Elkin Emergency Squad, he said.

Mr. Kolodny also explained the process of preparing blood plasma. He said that it is important that the hospital have on hand at all times at least 50 units of plasma in order to be able to meet demands that might occur. He described a number of instances in which the prompt use of plasma had resulted in the saving of lives.

Dr. E. L. Rrice, hospital surgeon, also spoke on the advantages of blood plasma and its use in treatment of the sick and injured.

W. M. Allen, calling attention to the fact that Lieutenant Commander Thurmond Chatham had been suggested by The Tribune as a man well qualified for the cabinet post of secretary of the navy, moved that a resolution be passed by the club endorsing this suggestion. The resolution was passed unanimously.

Surry Court Is To Start January 10th

The January session of Surry county superior court for the trial of criminal cases will get under way at Dobson Monday, January 10, before Judge J. H. Clement, of Walkertown. The term is scheduled for one week only.

Among the cases on docket are several manslaughter charges, and the usual run of assault, reckless driving, drunken driving and petty larceny cases. No cases of major importance to Elkin and this immediate section are listed.

Russians Drive Nazis From Part Of Key Rail Center; Take Fortress

NUMEROUS MEN ARE INDUCTED

Majority Are Divided Between Army and Navy; Only Two to Marines

IN DECEMBER 22 CALL

Selective service registrants in the December 22 draft call who were accepted for duty with the nation's armed forces have been released by the Surry County Board No. 2 in Dobson.

Men accepted for service with the Navy included:

Charlie Claybrook Nolan, Roscoe Eldridge Callaway, Leon Morris Disher, Demous Elbert Bledsoe, Dewitt Porter Freeman, Sidney Carl Patton, Carl Dewitt Henric, Joseph Lincoln Copeland, William Coy Ramey, Daniel Rudy Brown, Roland Washington Stewart, Raymond M. Hodges, Wilford Dennis Moseley, a transfer from Hampton, Va., Marvin A. Mosley, a transfer from Hampton, Va.; Raleigh T. Hawks, a transfer from Bel Air, Md.

Men who were accepted for service with the Army were:

John Campbell McPhail, Henry Grady Isaacs, Arthur Seaton Haney, Cortez Lowery, Raymond Homer Peltz Lawrence C. Bean, Willie Jones Poindexter, Curtis A. Holyfield, John Walter Barker, Albert Chancy, Jr., Bishop Taft Wilson, Wallace Glenn Pardue, Clinard Harrison Norman, Wesley Woodrow Snow, Arlis I. White, Hugh Alden Snow, Raymond Wood, Clifford Dwin Smith.

Tildon Dan Ramey, Colonel Charles Shelton, Otis Andy George, Leo Shadrick Golden, Robert Henry Shelton, John Dee Wilson, Robert Chatham Harris, Paul Ernest (Billy) Butcher, Corbet Walters, Jack Leon Chaney, Joseph Delbert White, Melvin Pike Sullivan, transfer from Stokes County.

Two registrants, James Allen Saylor and Robert Woodrow Belton, were accepted by the Marine Corps.

Following a twenty-one day furlough from the time they report for induction, the registrants will return to camp for the beginning of their military training.

Four Civil War Pensioners Left In Yadkin County

Only four of a long list of civil war pensioners are left in Yadkin county, according to Clerk of Court Lon H. West who makes out the list for the state each month. Three of these are widows of deceased soldiers of that struggle of the 1860's and one is a body servant.

The four widows are: Clementine S. Baily, widow of P. H. Baily; Julia Burcham, widow of G. M. Burcham; Laura J. Davis, widow of Samuel C. Davis. The body servant is Alfred (Tent) Blackburn, who waited on his master, Capt. A. Blackburn.

Each of these now draw \$25.00 per month instead of drawing a larger sum twice each year as formerly.

Chatham Girls In Series With Westing'house

The Chatham girls' basketball team met the Westing'house girls, of Pittsburgh, Pa., in the first of a three game series here Wednesday night, with the two other games scheduled for tonight (Thursday), and Friday night.

The games are being played in the gymnasium of the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A.

The Pittsburgh team offers a fast brand of basketball, and all games are expected to be close with ample thrills for cage fans. Games start at 8:00 p. m.

Elkin Man, in South Pacific, Gets Air Medal



STAFF SERGEANT OSCAR W. STANLEY

Staff Sergeant Oscar W. Stanley of Elkin, route 1, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Stanley, has been awarded the Air Medal by Lt. Gen. George C. Kennedy, commander of the allied air forces in the Southwest Pacific, for meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial fight over the north coast of New Guinea on October 16, 1943.

The heavy bomber, on which Sgt. Stanley was waist gunner, was attacked by 15 enemy Zeros from close range. A fierce battle followed, but each man remained at his post while the gunners defended the bomber. Although the bomber was severely damaged, a smooth landing was made at the home base.

Another North Carolinian, Staff Sgt. George M. Speight, of Raleigh, was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster for meritorious service in the same battle in lieu of an additional Air Medal.

YADKIN FARMER TAKEN BY DEATH

J. T. Steelman Dies At His Hamptonville Home After Long Illness

FUNERAL RITES TODAY

John Taylor Steelman, 73, one of Yadkin county's best known farmers, died Tuesday morning at his home at Hamptonville after a long illness. His condition had been critical for several days.

Mr. Steelman was born in Yadkin county, July 9, 1870, a son of Jackson and Martha Brandon Steelman. He spent his entire life in Yadkin county and was a member of Flat Rock Baptist church for a number of years. He was married twice, first to Miss Bettle Mason, who died in 1926. He was married the second time to Miss Bessie Shore.

Surviving are the widow and the following children of the second marriage: Eva, Margaret, Peggy, Bobbie and Martha Steelman, all of Hamptonville. Surviving children of the first marriage are: six sons, Howard, Joe, Ransom and Stanford Steelman of Hamptonville; Brooks Steelman of Winston-Salem and Alfred Steelman of Sanford; one daughter, Mrs. Ethel Arnold of Hamptonville; two brothers, Geo. Steelman of Harmony and Lonnie Steelman of Winston-Salem; five sisters, Mrs. Florence Renegar, Mrs. Lula Renegar, Mrs. Mollie Renegar, Mrs. Rosa Harris and Mrs. Emma Haynes, all of Harmony; 23 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held this morning (Thursday) at 11 o'clock at Flat Rock Baptist church. Rev. E. W. Turner and Rev. Grady White will conduct the services. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Members of the Board of Deacons of Flat Rock church will be pallbearers.

ALLIES CRACK NAZI LINE ON ROAD TO ROME

German High Command Acknowledges Loss

RED DRIVE CONTINUES

U. S. Air Force Swings Bombing Attack Back Over Jittery Balkans

THREE HEIGHTS TAKEN

London, Jan. 5.—German troops have evacuated the eastern section of Berdichev, railway town 25 miles south of Zhitomir that once was German Ukrainian headquarters, the Nazi High Command announced today.

Loss of at least part of Berdichev was acknowledged as Red Army forces smashed down through the middle Ukraine, taking the fortress of Belaya Tserkov 50 miles below Kiev, in a drive seeking to trap more than 500,000 Germans in the Great Dnieper River bend.

German defenders of Berdichev beat back Soviet attacks against other sectors of the town, the German command declared.

Berlin asserted, also that "repeated and strong" Russian attacks had been thrown back south and west of Zhitomir, and that Soviet attempts to retake recent German gains northwest of Vitebsk farther north likewise had failed.

The Berlin radio spoke of fighting of "unabated ferocity," and Moscow dispatches declared the great battle to drive the Nazis from the Dnieper bend had begun, with the enemy fighting desperately to hold his lines of communication.

Allied Headquarters in Algiers, Jan. 5.—Allied Fifth Army troops blasted out another one-mile advance over the mountains of Central Italy and broke into the outer German defenses guarding Cassino and the inland road to Rome, a communique revealed today, while the U. S. 15th Air Force swung its bombing offensive back over the jittery Balkans.

Fighting through deep snowdrifts and continuous enemy fire from well-constructed gun positions, the Allied infantrymen forced their way yard by yard up a 2,300-foot slope northeast of San Vittore and seized three strategic heights over-looking that key German bastion.

Fred Folger Named Acting Co. Attorney

Fred Folger, Mount Airy attorney, was appointed acting county attorney by the Surry board of commissioners at their meeting Monday at Dobson, during the illness of County Attorney Robert A. Freeman, of Dobson.

Mr. Freeman is now in a Richmond, Va., hospital, and his condition is said to be serious. Other business transacted by the commissioners was of a routine nature, it was said.

Elkin Hospital Again Approved By Surgeon Group

The Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital here has again been approved by the American College of Surgeons following the 1943 survey which was concluded in December. It has been announced following a recent meeting of the board of regents of the college.

The American College of Surgeons, representing some 14,000 leading surgeons in the United States and Canada, and other countries, carries on extensive work each year in improving hospital service, and hospitals, to be approved, must meet strict requirements.