

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

STATE

RALEIGH, Feb. 13. — Governor Cherry today in a pointed statement on teacher salary requests, a problem that looms large on the legislative horizon and has brought deluge of telegraphic and other messages to the executive desk, said that to meet the requests the legislature would have to provide expenditures of "approximately \$12,000,000 in excess of estimated revenues." Tackling the knotty problem at a press conference today the executive cited a few salient facts, notably: 1 — That if his recommended school program is adopted by the legislature, almost \$89,000,000 will be spent during the next biennium to pay school teachers and other school expenses, a sum \$10,000,000 in excess of the allocation to schools during the current biennium.

NATIONAL

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 13.—At least four men were killed and seven were unaccounted for after an explosion and fire aboard a navy oil barge loading gasoline at the Gulf Oil corporation plant at south Norfolk late today. The explosion occurred at 5:30 p. m., and a moment later the entire ship was enveloped in flames. Fireboats from the Norfolk navy yard directly across the Elizabeth river sped to the scene and extinguished the flames after a 45-minute battle. A navy yard spokesman said tonight that the oil barge carried a crew of 16, that four men were on liberty. Four bodies were found aboard the vessel and one man, who was blown overboard, was rescued and taken to a nearby coast guard dispensary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.

Loss of the Ommaney Bay, an escort carrier, and the Long, a mine sweeper, by enemy action in the Philippines was announced tonight by the navy. The number of casualties was not disclosed but commanders of both ships were saved. Next of kin have been informed. The Ommaney Bay was the 10th U. S. aircraft carrier and the fifth of the "baby flattops" class sunk in this war. The two losses brought the total of warships sunk to 209.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.

President Roosevelt drove hard bargains at the big three-Crimea conference to rid the world of power politics and fashion the keystone of the proposed world peace organization. This was revealed today by War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes soon after his return from the Crimea parley. He also said that military plans by the big three call for mighty new blows involving an unprecedented number of men. He hinted that the biggest blows will be struck during March, saying that "more men will be in combat in March than ever before."

PLANS CLEARED FOR ABATTOIR; JOB IS PUSHED

Work On Modern Structure Is Progressing

TO COST OVER \$23,000.00

Plant, Which Will Be Located In Jonesville, To Serve Section

APPROVED BY THE WPB

The construction of an abattoir for Elkin, which was started sometime ago, is progressing rapidly, and it is hoped that necessary equipment may be installed and the plant ready for operation within the next 60 days. Construction has been delayed due to the difficulty in securing equipment, but this has now been allocated.

The War Production Board has approved the plans and specifications, it was said.

Ivory Johnson, of Jonesville, is owner of the new plant, which will serve this entire section. Cost, when completed, will be something over \$23,000, and it will be modern in every way, including a refrigeration system and storage room with a capacity of 125 slaughtered animals.

The plant is located in Jonesville slightly over 200 yards off the Booneville highway near the home of W. I. Shugart.

RESIGNS JOB AS WATER OFFICIAL

J. R. Windsor, With Local Water Plant Since 1915, Replaced By Saylor

SAW MUCH OF GROWTH

J. R. Windsor, superintendent of the Elkin Water Department here since 1915, has resigned his position as of last Saturday, and has been replaced by Joe Saylor, of Elkin, it was learned from Dixie Graham, city clerk, Wednesday morning.

Mr. Graham said that Mr. Saylor will serve as superintendent of the water department. He is an experienced electrician but has had no experience as a water man other than that gained while employed with the Dick Reynolds estate at Devotion, it was said.

Mr. Windsor, when contacted by The Tribune Wednesday, said he had no statement to make at this time.

Under the management of Mr. Windsor and the supervision of the late T. M. Lillard, the Elkin water department has grown from a small filtering plant to its present imposing size, which is said to be ample to care for the needs of the town for many years to come. State chemists have often stated that Elkin's water supply was among the best in the state.

Another employee of the plant, Charlie Harris, colored, who has been with the water department for 23 years and is considered highly efficient in that business, has also resigned, it was learned.

KIWANIANS TO SEE PICTURE

Movie of Construction of Locomotive To Be Exhibited At Meeting

Representatives of the Norfolk & Railway Company from Roanoke and Winston-Salem will present a color picture in sound here this evening (Thursday), at the meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis Club, showing the successive stages of the construction of a modern, streamlined, coal-burning locomotive. The picture is said to have created a great deal of interest wherever exhibited and the club is fortunate in obtaining it here.

At last week's meeting Lieut. A. A. Wilson, officer in command of the Prisoner of War Camp at Winston-Salem, was guest speaker. Lieut. Wilson stated that there is no coddling of prisoners, or fraternizing with them, and that the government is simply living up to the agreement signed by most of the world powers at the Geneva convention.

Sgt. Ray C. Wall Slightly Wounded

Sgt. Ray C. Wall was slightly wounded in Belgium on January 28, according to an official War Department telegram to his father, Gailther A. C. Wall of Elkin, Rt. 1.

ROUND UP TIME FOR THE NAZIS



Official U. S. Signal Corps Photo

ROD, REEL CLUB TO BE FORMED

Committee Will Meet At Gilvin Roth YMCA Monday For That Purpose

HAVE MANY FEATURES

A meeting of a special committee to organize a rod and gun club here will meet Monday evening, February 19, at 8 o'clock at the YMCA. The committee is made up of W. J. Graham, T. G. Harris, Herbert Cochran, Dr. Seth Beale, Sam Boose and Glenn Lewis.

The purpose of the club will be to provide range facilities where citizens of the community can learn how to handle firearms safely and accurately and to provide an opportunity for citizens to win the regular army qualification badges and national rifle association badges as "marksmen," "sharpshooters" and "experts." The club, when organized, also plans to hold local rifle and pistol matches under the sanction of the national rifle association while members will also be eligible to participate in state, district and national competitions. All activities of the club when organized will be in direct contribution to the national war effort.

Incorporated into the club organization in addition to the target shooting and competition will be the subject of hunting and fishing. A committee of local sportsmen interested in hunting and fishing and conservation will make a specific study of the local game situation. Consideration will be given to the stocking and preserving of certain local areas with game birds and fish.

Membership in the organization will be open to any desirable citizen who is 18 or more years of age.

Plans have been made to invite a representative of the state rifle association to attend this organization meeting and speak to the group.

All citizens of Elkin who are interested in its proposed organization are urged to attend the meeting.

CYCLE SOLDIER IS DECORATED

Sgt. Luther W. Gray Awarded Bronze Star For Meritorious Combat Service

IS ON ITALIAN FRONT

Sgt. Luther W. Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Gray of Cycle, has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat on the First Army front in Italy.

Section chief in an anti-aircraft artillery unit fighting under II Corps, Gray directed his gun crew in the emplacement and removal of its gun without injury to his men or damage to his equipment, while under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire.

During the attempted crossing of the Rapido river and subsequently in the setting up of a gun position on the forward slope of a hill facing Monte Cassino, and while under direct enemy observation and sporadic artillery fire, he skillfully directed the erection of installation, carrying out a hazardous mission without loss of personnel.

Now, Therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, and President of the American National Red Cross, do hereby designate the month of March, 1945, as Red Cross Month, confident in the readiness of the people to respond to the utmost of their ability in support of this organization built by their generous contributions in the past and dedicated to their services in this hour of increasing need.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this nineteenth day of January in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-ninth.

By the President: FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.
JOSEPH C. GREW, Acting Secretary of State.

Reds Push On Toward Dresden As Japanese Run Amok In Manila

Red Cross Campaign Is To Start Here March 6

Plans For War Fund Drive Being Completed By Elkin Branch Heads

Plans for the local Red Cross campaign, which opens on March 6th, are being completed by officials of the Elkin Branch. Mrs. J. O. Bivins is chairman of the Elkin chapter and the following have also been appointed: Mrs. A. O. Bryan, chairman of the campaign committee; C. J. Hyslop, controller; Miss Bettie Allen, treasurer; Miss Ophelia Paul, assistant treasurer, and J. H. Beeson, director of home service.

SCOUTS ISSUE PROCLAMATION

Take Over Affairs Of Town For Hour Friday In Observance Of Week

FEBRUARY 9 CIVIC DAY

Elkin Boy Scouts, in observance of National Boy Scout Week, last Friday afternoon took over the government of the town for an hour.

During their brief tenure of office, the mayor and board of commissioners issued the following proclamation:

"WHEREAS this is the thirty-fifth Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, and

"WHEREAS the Boy Scouts of America has proven itself as one of the best character building organizations in the world, and

"WHEREAS members of the Elkin-Yadkin District of the Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts of America, have so faithfully followed the principles of Scouting, and

"WHEREAS their leadership has proven a valuable asset to this community,

"BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ketchel Adams, Mayor, do hereby, February 9th, 1945, as Civic Day, on which a number of our Scouts will serve as leaders of our city."

The proclamation was signed by Ketchel Adams, Mayor; John E. Beeson, mayor-protem, and the following Scouts acting as commissioners: Bobby Tubert, Eugene Phillips, Daniel Collins and Charles Hanks.

BANQUET HERE GREAT SUCCESS

Merchants and Employees Enjoy Annual Event Held At The YMCA

FRANK JETER SPEAKER

The annual Employer-Employee banquet, sponsored by the Elkin Merchants Association, was held at the Gilvin Roth YMCA Tuesday evening with a large group in attendance.

Highlight of the program, which was held in the gymnasium, was the talk by Frank Jeter, of Raleigh, who spoke on "The Town Window." His talk was highly enjoyed.

C. N. Myers acted as master of ceremonies in a highly entertaining manner and his part of the program was one of the bright spots.

Garland Johnson, treasurer of the association, introduced the speaker. Both the president, G. L. Hill, and the vice-president, E. S. Spahnour, were unable to be present. Mr. Hill is ill and Mr. Spahnour was out of town.

Awarding of attendance prizes was by George E. Royall, and went to Mrs. Ethel Swain, Mrs. Edna Bumgarner and J. Walter Darnell. A gift was also presented to Mrs. Jeter, wife of the speaker, and a vase of flowers was sent to President Hill.

Report on the year's activities of the association was presented by Mrs. Willie Mae Stanley, secretary.

Musical numbers, rendered by a quartet made up of Edna Bumgarner, Allene Shore, Kathaleen Gilliam and Vena Mathis, were highly enjoyed. Mrs. Dwayne Irwin was pianist.

Following the banquet a square dance was held.

CIVILIANS ARE MASSACRED IN KILLING SPREE

Allies On Western Front Are Driving Slowly Ahead

CANADIANS NEAR RHINE

Advance In Face of Raking German Artillery Bombardment

R. A. F. AIDING DRIVE

The Red Army drove toward Dresden Wednesday, supported by a heavy Royal Air Force assault of nearly 300 big bombers which lighted the Saxony capital with fires visible to Soviet vanguards less than 70 miles away.

It was the first R. A. F. attack co-ordinated to support the Russian forces. Whether it was the fruit of joint Allied staff consultations at Yalta was not known.

The Dresden assault struck the network of rail and highway arteries and depots upon which the Wehrmacht is dependent to supply its front line forces now rapidly falling back upon the Saxony capital.

On the Western front shock troops of the Canadian First Army battled through fierce German opposition less than three miles from the Rhineland strongholds of Goch and Calcar Wednesday.

The multi-pronged offensive carried within 28 miles of the Ruhr Valley.

The advance was going ahead slowly in the face of a raking German artillery bombardment that was more than matched by the massed fire of hundreds of Allied field guns moving up in the wake of Gen. H. D. G. Crerar's Canadian, English, Scottish and Welsh riflemen.

In the Philippines the Japanese have run amok in Southern Manila in a wholesale massacre of Filipino civilians trapped inside their lines.

Hundreds of men, women and children already have been slaughtered by the Japanese in their senseless killing spree and the death toll is mounting rapidly.

Civilians who escaped across the Pasig River into the American-held area south of the river is an inferno of flames and gunfire. The Japanese barricaded every street in the area and ordered all civilians indoors. Then they set fire to the buildings and machine-gunned the occupants when they tried to flee.

Eyewitnesses said the Nipponese fired the Catholic refugee center at the College of La Concordia with incendiary grenades, after trying to chain the doors to prevent the refugees from escaping.

Before the Japs occupied the Philippines there were thirty-six thousand two hundred and twelve Boy Scouts in the Islands.

A Cuban candy company recently shipped a ton of candy bars to allied soldiers in Iraq.

Notice To Tribune Readers

The Tribune is this week mailing statements to all subscribers whose subscription dates show February 1, 1945, or earlier.

If your label shows January 1, 1945, or prior to that date, your paper will be discontinued unless the matter is taken care of immediately. We are now on a strictly cash-in-advance basis, due to government regulations, and it is our hope that our subscribers will not make it necessary to remove any names from our list.

If you have a relative in service to whom you are sending The Tribune, please call at our office and let that the subscription is paid in advance. We do not send statements to the boys in service, and in a lot of cases do not know to whom to send subscription statements for their papers.

Your prompt attention to the above will be sincerely appreciated. Thank you. THE TRIBUNE.

At a meeting of the directors of the Elkin-Jonesville Building and Loan Association Tuesday evening, all officers and directors were re-elected to succeed themselves for another year. They are:

J. R. Poindexter, president; F. M. Norman, vice-president; H. P. Graham, 2nd vice-president; Miss Mattie Mae Powell, secretary-treasurer, and the following directors: J. L. Hall, C. S. Foster, E. F. McNeer, S. G. Holcomb, C. N. Myers and Cone Cox.