

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

Urges Military Training For Nation's Youth

Truman Seeks To Keep Nation Ready For War

Washington, Oct. 23. — President Truman asked Congress today to order universal military training for 18, 19, and 20-year-old men to guard America's security in an era of lightning-speed war and to help keep world peace.

The President, in a personally delivered message to a joint session of the senate and house, warned that the United States "never again" could count on the "luxury of time" in which to arm.

Mr. Truman requested that the nation's youth be required to train one year for war, in time of peace, in his first Capitol Hill appearance in behalf of legislation since he took office.

"In any future war, the heart of the United States would be the enemy's first target," the President declared.

"Our geographical security is now gone—gone with the advent of the robot bomb, the rocket, aircraft carriers, and modern airborne armies.

"The surest guaranty that no nation will dare again to attack us is to remain strong in the only kind of strength an aggressor understands—military power."

He said that "even the atomic bomb would have been useless to us unless we had developed a strong army, navy, and air force with which to beat off the attacks of our foe, and then fight our way to its points within striking distance of the heart of the enemy."

Mr. Truman recommended one year of compulsory military training of a citizen's reserve force subject to active service only by call of Congress in time of war or some war-bred emergency.

This great force, he said, would include training in the national guard and college units covering every phase of military preparedness, science, manufacture, and transport.

The chief executive asserted that the system would be "a constant bulwark in support of our ideals of government."

"It would constitute the backbone of defense against any possible future act of aggression," he said.

The President declared that the nation's determination to remain powerful "denotes no lack of faith in the united nations organization."

"On the contrary," he explained, "with all the might we have, we intend to back our obligations and commitments under the united nations charter."

"Indeed, the sincerity of our intention to support the organization will be judged partly by our willingness to maintain the power with which to assist other peace-loving nations to enforce its authority."

Report On War Fund Drive To Be Made Soon

Due to the absence from town of T. C. McKnight, chairman of the local National War Fund drive, Wednesday, no figures or other information as to the progress of the drive were available here Wednesday afternoon, but a report is expected for next week's issue.

The drive has been under way here since last Thursday and it is hoped Elkin's quota of \$9,500 may be raised within a short time.

In Surry county, the rural areas have raised about one-half their quotas, it was learned, and are expected to go over the top soon. However, the drive appears to be going slowly in towns, it was said.

It has been pointed out that the need for the National War Fund is still acute to provide entertainment and other morale boosting agencies for American men still overseas, and to provide help for the peoples of liberated countries.



NIMITZ DAY — Admiral Chester W. Nimitz waves to the crowds of New Yorkers, as his automobile moves up lower Broadway, at the beginning of "Nimitz Day." Earlier the Pacific naval commander told congress that the navy played a most vital part in defeat of Japan.

May End Rationing Of Shoes By Nov. 1

To Cut Butter Ration, Maybe End Tire Rationing Shortly

Washington, Oct. 24. — Tentative plans call for an end of shoe rationing either Oct. 28 or Nov. 1, it was learned today.

Government officials also have considered the possibility of terminating the program earlier if these plans became generally known.

These are other developments and prospects on the rationing front:

1. OPA has decided to cut butter ration values from 12 points a pound to eight. It will announce this tomorrow.

2. Passenger tire rationing may be ended late in December.

3. Truck tires are slated to come off the list by late November.

Choice of a date for ending shoe rationing is expected to be made today or tomorrow by OPA and War Production Board officials.

"At this time," said one official who asked anonymity, "discussions definitely have boiled down to picking one of two dates. This could change, but it doesn't seem likely."

Oct. 28—next Sunday—is advocated by those who feel that termination of the program over the week-end would give dealers

a chance to get ready for unrationed buying.

Those who favor Nov. 1 believe it would be a good idea to wind up the program at the start of a calendar month.

In either case, present plans call for no announcement until the eve of the effective date.

"PEP PARADE" PROVES GOOD

Large Crowd Enjoys Home Talent Play Presented At State Tuesday Evening

FINAL SHOW THIS P. M.

A representative crowd attended the opening performance of "Pep Parade" at the State theatre Tuesday night in which local talent presented a musical comedy under the auspices of the Lucy Hanes Chatham club for the benefit of the club's welfare work.

The audience seemed to thoroughly enjoy the show, which was well directed and well acted, and an even larger crowd is expected to attend the final performance at the State this evening (Thursday).

The cast was well chosen and each one fits his or her respective role. Parts were fairly divided so that each person appearing had an opportunity to "shine."

Taking part were E. E. (Buck) Shore, Erlene Mayberry, Dorothy Sumner, Dorothy Hinshaw, Idella Benson, Red Eller, Mamie Dyer, Edna Bumgarner, James Freeman and Roxie Bowen.

The musical numbers and choruses were clever and gaily costumed.

The Peppette Kiddie Contest in which 72 children under 8 years of age are competing for the title of "Master and Miss Elkin," will be presented from the stage just before the first act of the final showing of the "Pep Parade" this evening. The contest closes at 1:00 p. m. today (Thursday), when the jars will be taken from the various business houses. All children entered will be given war stamps, and the winners will be awarded handsome silver vases now on display at Spahnour's.

At the present date Becky Freeman is leading the girls with Nancy Kay Pardue second and Nancy White third. Charles Crouse is first among the boys with Tommy Osborne second and Charles Atkins third.

Large Number Of Fish Are Caught

Approximately 500 pounds of fish, including sheepsheads, mackerel, blue fish, hog fish, flounders and other varieties, were pulled from the ocean waters off Morehead City Thursday and Friday of last week by a party of fishermen including Max Boyles, Earl Harris and D. G. Woodruff, of Elkin, and Tom Phillips, of Greenville, N. C., and W. R. Harmon, of New Bern, the latter a son-in-law of Mr. Woodruff.

The fish were brought to Elkin and the surplus distributed among friends. And although many of the fish were of large size, "Uncle Dave" Woodruff insisted on telling of "the one that got away."

Benham Man Hurt When Auto Falls

James Walter Childress, 25, was said Wednesday to be improving at the local hospital here from injuries sustained Sunday at a garage near his home when the car, which he had placed on a hoist in order to make repairs, fell on him.

As a result of the accident, Childress, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Childress, of Benham, suffered a fractured vertebrae and was paralyzed from his waist down.

Masons Are To Hold Ladies' Night Meet

The Elkin Masonic Lodge will hold a ladies' night dinner meeting at the Gilvin Roth YMCA here Tuesday evening, October 30, at 6:30 o'clock.

All members and their wives are expected to attend, and a number of special guests have been invited.

All members are asked to notify W. J. (Bill) Graham, chairman of the committee arranging the meeting, not later than October 27 as to whether they expect to attend.

Elks Are To Face North Wilkesboro Here After Walloping Sparta 26-6

Elkin High, fresh from a 26-6 win over Sparta here last Friday afternoon is hard at work in preparation for the game here Friday evening at 3:30 with a strong grid machine from North Wilkesboro.

The North Wilkesboro school has already informed the locals that they are coming "loaded for bear," which will include, in addition to a strong team, the high school band and a large number of the student body.

Local students, in order to counteract the North Wilkesboro

showing of fans, are urging that all citizens of Elkin turn out for the game and bolster the Elks' morale with their support. The Elks don't expect to be outplayed and they don't want to be "outrooted," either, especially on their own home grounds.

In last week's game, the Elks shoved across two touchdowns in the second period and added two more in the final quarter to defeat a stubborn Sparta team which went down fighting.

Sparta drove down the field for

Quota For County In Victory War Loan Is Set At \$1,450,000.00

RESOLUTION IS PASSED AT MEET

Immediate Action To Secure Flood Control Is Asked By Delegation

NEW SURVEY IS ASKED

During a meeting held Wednesday of last week in the courthouse at Wilkesboro, which was attended by citizens of four northwestern North Carolina counties who are vitally interested in flood control in the Yadkin valley, a resolution was passed asking immediate action to secure adequate and complete flood control.

The hearing was called by Lt. Col. J. P. Larsen, of Charleston, S. C., district engineer, pursuant to a request by the Commerce Committee in the U. S. Senate. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to get views of the people on flood control, malaria control, re-creation, fish and wildlife conservation and ground water levels.

Flood control was the principal item considered and many citizens expressed their views relative to the need of flood control and some of the speakers told their opinion as to how it should be brought about.

Those from Elkin and North Wilkesboro, who addressed the meeting stated that they favored flood control, leaving the methods to the army engineers to devise. Those from the upper part of the valley in Wilkes and Caldwell counties reiterated their opposition to a combination flood control and hydroelectric power dam as was eliminated from the flood control bill by Senator Josiah W. Bailey last year. They advocated dry tributary dams and a dry retention dam on the Yadkin if necessary, but much smaller than the proposed hydroelectric dam.

All statements by the citizens presented were recorded by the engineers.

The hearing begun at Wilkesboro Wednesday morning was continued in Lenoir Wednesday night, with many Caldwell county residents and a number from Elkin and the Wilkesboros attending.

There a resolution was passed asking for a new survey for "flood control without inundating populated areas," and which would be for flood control and without hydroelectric power provisions.

Meanwhile, it was learned from Lt. Col. Larsen that a "new survey," such as requested by the Caldwell meeting, has been in progress for weeks and will be completed within a short time.

War Department engineers have been working rapidly on field work and have already made surveys of a number of proposed dam sites, especially on Yadkin tributaries. Commenting on the work, Lt. Col. Larsen said that recommendation would be made for an adequate flood control program which would require the use of as little valuable land as possible.

W. M. Allen, Elkin attorney, spoke at the hearing for the local delegation.

May Now Buy, Sell And Use Explosives

According to an announcement by Fred T. Llewellyn, Clerk of Superior Court, Dobson, a general license has recently been granted under the Federal Explosives Act whereby any person, who is not otherwise prohibited by law or by regulation or by proclamation of the War Department, can buy, sell, and use explosives and ingredients.

Heretofore persons buying explosives have had to apply for and secure licenses under the Federal Explosives Act, Mr. Llewellyn said.

Hallowe'en Carnival At Mtn. Park Friday

A Hallowe'en carnival will be held in the gymnasium of the Mountain Park high school on Friday night of this week at 7:30, according to Principal B. F. McCann. Several forms of entertainment will be offered for those attending, including bingo, cake walk, "hit the bottle," penny throw, basketball throw, and several others.

Refreshments will be available.

Succeeds Stokes As Pastor Of Local Church

Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, new pastor of the Elkin Methodist Church, who succeeds Dr. J. Lem Stokes II, arrived in Elkin Friday with Mrs. Tuttle and their three children, Elizabeth Jane, 11; Kathleen Allen, 6; and Robert Gregory, Jr., age 4.

Coming here from Sylva, Rev. Mr. Tuttle delivered his first sermon Sunday morning. Son of a former pastor of the Elkin Church who served here as minister from 1909 to 1913, he received his A. B. degree from Duke University in 1928, and following graduation, coached track and taught history three years at Tome Prep School in Maryland. In 1931 he returned to the Duke Divinity School and received his B. D. degree in 1934. Since that time he has been a minister in the Western North Carolina conference.

Mrs. Tuttle is the former Miss Lillian Burton Allen, of Durham. Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock a Union service was held at the Methodist Church with other Elkin churches participating.

ARE TO ATTEND N. C. INSTITUTE

Welfare Workers Of County To Go To Raleigh For 26th Annual Meeting

ON OCTOBER 30 AND 31

Bessie Marion, Superintendent of Surry County welfare department, Mesdames Emma R. Mock and James Ashby, and Miss Jeanne Fleishman, case workers, of the Surry county welfare department will attend the 26th annual Public Welfare Institute for North Carolina Social workers in Raleigh next week. The meetings will be held at the Carolina hotel, on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

The program will include discussions of current developments in dealing with juvenile delinquency, adoptions, and social case work. The work of the Domestic Relations Commission, the Medical Care Commission, the State Veterans' Commission, and the Hospitals board of control as they relate to county welfare situations will be considered.

Dr. Arthur Fink, new head of the Division of Public Welfare and Social work at the University of North Carolina will give the feature address Tuesday night on "Current Developments in Training for Social Work."

The final address on "Social Progress in the Southeast" will be given by President Frank P. Graham, of the University.

On Monday preceding the opening of the Institute Tuesday morning, the N. C. Association of County Superintendents of Public Welfare will hold their annual business meeting and dinner session. Governor Cherry will address the superintendents night meeting on "The State's Responsibility for Public Welfare."

ELKIN LIONS HOLD MEETING

T. C. McKnight Is Guest Speaker At Session Held At Y. M. C. A.

ENROLL NEW MEMBERS

T. C. McKnight, general secretary of the Gilvin Roth YMCA here, was guest speaker at the meeting Tuesday evening of the Elkin Lions Club, which was held at the YMCA.

Mr. McKnight spoke on the responsibility civic clubs have to the youth of their communities, and urged that club members set a good example and work for and with the young people. By their activity, he said, they can weave the right kind of spirit in youth that cannot easily be erased by the passage of time.

New members who have been welcomed into the Lions Club during the past month were announced as follows:

D. C. Dickson, J. S. Elmore, Grey Elmore, Earl Queen, Ernest McCurry, C. A. Lackey, Dr. V. W. Taylor, W. W. Walls, Guy Stinson, Kelly Rose, W. L. Bell, James Stewart, Russell McCain, David Brown, Ralph Triplett, E. T. Reece, J. T. Blackwood, Denver Cockerham, O. K. Richardson, James Atwell, Linville Norman, Dr. James Howard, Charlie Young, Harvey Baker, H. G. Yoeman, Ovid Wilcox, Clyde Baker, James Amburn, George Hart, and Louis Mitchell. R. H. Abernathy had his membership transferred from the Ramsere club.

Maple Springs To Have Special Sale

A sale of articles which have been contributed will be held at the Maple Springs Baptist church Saturday at 3 o'clock. Donations have been made by members and friends of the church and will be sold at this time. The proceeds of the sale will be used to complete the church building.

Local Chairmen To Be Announced Here Next Week

The Victory War Loan, expected to be the final bond campaign of World War II, will get under way throughout the nation next week with a quota of eleven billion dollars.

The Surry county over-all quota has been announced by J. F. Yokley, of Mount Airy, Surry chairman, as \$1,450,000. The E-Bond quota has been set at \$454,000.

Mr. Yokley stated that local chairmen for the county have not yet been named, but that they will be appointed later this week. He also said that he thought it likely that Surry would easily subscribe its overall quota, but expressed the opinion that the E-Bond quota would perhaps not be as easy to sell, and stressed the fact that all citizens should buy E-Bonds if the county is not to fall down in this department.

In reply to the question of why a Victory Loan is necessary it has been pointed out that the money is needed to pay bills for munitions and materials already delivered and used; to pay the cost of guarding Germany and Japan; to pay for the care of the nation's wounded and disabled; to pay off and provide benefits for eight million or more veterans to be discharged by next July, and to keep the lid on price inflation.

The Victory Loan opens October 28 and will continue through December 8. The eleven billion dollar goal includes a four billion dollar goal for individuals.

Cars Damaged In Collision Here

No one was injured but considerable damage was done to an automobile operated by Laverne Cockerham, of Roaring River, shortly after noon here Wednesday when the car was in a collision with a machine driven by Huie Templeton, Elkin mail carrier at the intersection in front of the Reeves Theatre.

Police stated that no charges had been preferred as yet against either party as far as the accident was concerned, but that Cockerham would be tried on a charge of having no drivers license.

STATE

STATESVILLE, Oct. 23.—Assured by authoritative sources close to President Truman that he will make his trip to Statesville as scheduled November 2, officials in charge of preparing for the "biggest day" in this city's history continued their preparations tonight for the mammoth event. "We have been assured," Senator Hugh G. Mitchell, in charge of the event, said tonight, "that the President will be here and we are going ahead with our plans." In fact, Mitchell said, some of the biggest announcements yet made in the weeks of preparation will be forthcoming within the next few hours.

RALEIGH, Oct. 23. — Official circles around capital square today had their second consecutive day of elation with news from Washington that Brig. Gen. Kenneth C. Royall, of Goldsboro, had been nominated by President Truman as undersecretary of war. General Royall's nomination followed closely on the heels of yesterday's announcement that Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy of the state supreme court had accepted chairmanship of the labor-management conference scheduled to open November 5 in Washington.

NATIONAL

McRAE, Ga., Oct. 23. — The Telfair county draft board took the position tonight that until the nation's strikes stop they will refuse to send any more men up for induction. "We feel," said O. F. McEachin, chairman of the board, "that it is unfair to take 18-year-old youths who are needed on the farms, and are willing to work, and send them into the armed service when the present strike situation continues. It just doesn't add up."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23. — Price Administrator Chester Bowles said today that the end of shoe and tire rationing is "in sight." At the same time, however, he said that supplies of prime meats, fats, oils, and sugar are still "too scarce" to say when they will become ration-free. Agriculture department officials said yesterday that meat, butter, fats and oils would be taken off rationing by January 1—"or earlier."

HOPES THAT serious strikes could be averted in the automobile industry were buoyed Tuesday night by a Ford Motor company statement that it believed "solutions can be found for the problems facing us." The statement attributed to Henry Ford II, president of Ford, came as preparations were being completed by the national labor relations board for a strike vote tomorrow among 325,000 General Motors corporation employees.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 23.—The United States Steel corporation said "no" today to the demand of the C. I. O. united steel workers for a \$2-a-day wage increase — a decision affecting the pocketbooks of an estimated 1,000,000 employees of steel and related industries. The decision was in the form of a letter read to union negotiators by John A. Stephens, vice president of United States Steel, at a hotel room conference.

YADKIN NATIVE DIES SUDDENLY

Calvin Andrew Swain Passes From Apoplectic Stroke Here Sunday Morning

RITES HELD WEDNESDAY

Funeral services for Calvin Andrew Swain, 69, who died suddenly from an apoplectic stroke on Sunday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Albert Burch, in East Elkin, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the Shady Grove Baptist church in Yadkin County. Rev. J. S. Bryant, of North Wilkesboro, Rites 2, was in charge of the rites, with Rev. J. L. Powers, Elkin, assisting.

The deceased, a native of Yadkin county and a son of the late John D. and Margaret Benge Swain, was a farmer of the Roaring River community, where he had resided in recent years. He was born on March 15, 1876, and married Miss Ada Evans on October 22, 1899.

Surviving are his widow, one son and four daughters; Robert Swain, Mrs. Marshall Jordan, Misses Lola and Lillian Swain, Roaring River, and Mrs. Albert Burch, Elkin. Two children are dead. Nine grandchildren, two sisters, and four brothers also survive.

The government has planned a system of 79 national cemeteries for World War dead. There will be one in every State and territory.