

## Police Report No Headway In Theft Of Cars

### Believe Theft Ring Operating In This Area

No trace has been found of three automobiles which have been stolen here during recent weeks, leading local police to believe that the thefts were the work of an organized ring of car thieves, it was learned Wednesday from Chief of Police Corbett Wall.

The first automobile to be stolen was taken on the night of October 18 from a parking place on West Main street near the Lawrence Cleaners building. The car, a black Ford tudor, the property of Walter C. Metz, of Elkin, was spirited away while Mrs. Metz was attending a movie theatre.

Wednesday night of last week two other automobiles were stolen. One, a 1941 Ford Coupe belonging to G. E. Twinning, of South Carolina, was taken from its parking place in front of Hotel Elkin. The other, a black 1940 Ford, property of Mrs. Bertha Call, of Ronda, was taken from its parking place near the Chatham Manufacturing Company, where Mrs. Call is employed.

One thing which leads police to suspect the thieves of being connected with an organized gang was the manner in which the Twinning car was taken. It was said that the owner, who had had his car stolen once before in Richmond, Va., had locked the steering wheel and all the doors to his car, and had then disconnected some wires to the motor. However, all these precautions were of no avail.

## MASONS STAGE LADIES' NIGHT

Local Lodge Entertains At Banquet Meeting Tuesday Night At YMCA

### J. S. HIATT SPEAKER

The wives of Elkin Masons were delightfully entertained by their husbands at a banquet at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday evening when more than fifty couples met to observe ladies' night.

The ladies, before joining the gentlemen who were entering the dining hall from an opposite direction, were presented red and white carnations by Glenn York and Jack Caudell, members of the program committee.

The dinner session was featured with an interesting and humorous address by Rev. J. S. Hiatt, former presiding elder of the Methodist church in this district, who used as his topic, "Taffy and Epitaphy."

W. J. Graham, chairman of the program committee, presided over the meeting and gave a hearty welcome to the Masons and their wives attending.

C. O. Garland, present Master of the local lodge, was introduced by Mr. Graham, who, in turn, introduced the speaker.

A highlight of the program was a duet by Mrs. Ben Adair and Mrs. Maurice Bumgarner, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Dwayne Irwin.

Bingo was enjoyed by the ladies, with Mrs. James Amburn and Mrs. E. E. Shore, Jr., winning prizes.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Weaver, of Elkin, were honor guests. Past Masters of the Elkin Lodge who were present and recognized were: M. C. Whitener, Glenn York, Roy Barker, A. D. Harmon, A. O. Bryan, Hugh Royall, Abe Harris, O. E. Boles, H. D. Woodruff, R. L. Reinhardt, and Louis Weatherman.

## Winners Named In Popularity Contest

Rosette Boles of Route 1, Elkin, and Joe Golden, of State Road, were declared winners in the recent popularity contest held at Mountain Park school recently.

**LATE NEWS IN BRIEF**

- From the State and Nation

**STATE**  
RALEIGH, Oct. 30. — North Carolina's highway speed limit will become 50 miles per hour beginning tomorrow. The council of state recently adopted the new speed limit to replace the old wartime limit of 35 miles per hour.

**NATIONAL**  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 30. — President Truman tonight announced a new government wage-price policy and stated that industry as a whole can afford to pay higher wages within the present price structure. At the same time he warned labor to be "reasonable" in its demands. He told the nation in a radio broadcast that labor "has a stern responsibility to see that demands for wage increases are reasonable." At the same time he issued an executive order authorizing Judge John C. Collet, stabilization administrator, to put into effect a basically changed government wage policy liberalizing provisions governing wage increases which previously required government approval. Mr. Truman outlined several reasons for his belief "that industry as a whole can afford substantial wage increases without price increases."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30. — Congressional concern over nation-wide strikes took positive form today when the house military affairs committee approved a bill to repeal the strike vote and plant seizure provisions of the Smith-Connally law and tighten the statutory ban against union political activity. The measure also would impose stiff penalties against a union which struck while it had a contract containing a no-strike agreement. The union would be liable for damages in federal District court and also would lose its rights as bargaining agent for one year. An employer would be relieved of his obligations under the contract.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30. — Amid praise from sympathetic senators, the army today unveiled its detailed charts for a single cabinet department with authority over land, sea and air forces. Sensitive to strong navy opposition to any "merger" of the navy and war departments, the army spokesman quickly assured legislators "this is not a proposal to merge the army, navy, and air force into a single service." Instead, Lt. Gen. J. Lawton Collins described the proposal as one that would "guarantee adequate autonomy" for the navy, the marines and navy air units, as well as the air forces and the army. All would be placed under a single civilian "secretary of the armed forces."

**INTERNATIONAL**  
CHUNGKING, Oct. 30. — Gunfire rattled on in 11 provinces of disjointed China today, while central government and Chinese communists spokesmen in Chungking conceded that the violence-pro-

## Ritchie Is Named Chaplain of Squad

The Elkin Emergency Squad met last Thursday night at the City Hall.

Due to the fact that the organization's chaplain, Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, has been transferred by the Methodist conference to another field, Rev. Ralph Ritchie, pastor of the Elkin Presbyterian Church was elected to succeed Dr. Stokes.

During the meeting an interesting talk was made to the members by Rev. Mr. Ritchie.

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## Post Office Thief Is Nabbed Quickly

Robbery Here Nets Culprit Total of \$140

Henry Louis Denney, 15-year-old negro boy, was arrested here last Thursday by Chief of Police Corbett Wall on a charge of breaking into the Elkin post office and stealing cash in the amount of \$140.20.

Denney, said to have been on parole for a similar offense at Mooresville, his home, after having served 14 months of his sentence, was carried to Albemarle by Federal officers, where he will face trial in juvenile court.

The youth entered the post office here, according to Postmaster F. W. Graham, by breaking a hole in a pane of glass in a rear window, through which he reached to unlock the window. The money, which represented box rents and key deposits, was in a lock box which was prized open.

The negro was arrested after he had taken a large amount of

## RATION BOARD GUEST OF CLUB

Kiwanians Hosts To Members of Wartime Agency And Their Helpers

Members of the Elkin ration board and local price panels were guests of the Elkin Kiwanians Club at its meeting at the YMCA last Thursday evening.

T. C. McKnight, president of the club; G. L. Hill, C. N. Myers, W. M. Allen and several other Kiwanians assured the ration board members that the community as a whole appreciated their efforts to serve on the board in a fair and impartial manner. Short talks were made by Chairman of the Board W. C. Cox, W. W. Whitaker and Thomas Ring, on behalf of the board.

Miss Grace Davis, guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Leary, entertained the meeting with several solos, accompanied by Mrs. Ben Adair. Rev. Ralph Ritchie led the club in a lively group singing. At the meeting this evening (Thursday), Kiwanians will see color movies of the Duke-Alabama "Sugar Bowl" game of last New Year's Day.

## SHOE RATIONING BROUGHT TO END

No Longer Necessary To Have Ration Stamp; Was Begun February 8, 1943

### OUTPUT IS INCREASING

The end of another wartime emergency measure—rationing of shoes—came Tuesday night at 12:01 a. m.

Wednesday morning it was okay to walk into any store and purchase a pair of shoes without worrying about a shoe stamp, provided, of course, one could find the shoe he or she wanted.

Local merchants, while having a fair stock of shoes as a whole, have felt the pinch of wartime shortages and cannot supply their customers in all cases with the style and size shoe desired. However, due to substantial increase in shoe production since V-J Day, it is hoped that shoe stocks will soon return to normal.

Shoe rationing began on February 8, 1943, when civilians were limited to three pairs each per year. This quota was later reduced.

Chester Bowles, OPA administrator, has announced that the outlook for November and December is for 29 million pairs of shoes each month. This, he said, would be equal to the pre-war demand.

## Red Cross Room Is Now At City Hall

The Red Cross Sewing Room has moved from its location at the corner of Market and Bridge street, to the offices formerly occupied by the Rationing Board on the second floor of the City Hall.



**FLY STEAKS TO GOVERNOR** — Graham Myers, left, a member of the Elkin Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Henry Dobson, Surry county representative to the General Assembly, are pictured just before taking off for Raleigh from the Elkin airport with several choice steaks for Governor R. Gregg Cherry. The steaks were taken from the grand champ of the recent fat stock show and sale here at which Mr. Myers was the purchaser of the prize animal for the stores he heads. —Photo by Henry Woodruff.

## Plans Mapped Tuesday For Victory War Loan Drive In Elkin Area

## STUDENTS WILL CANVASS TOWN

Results Thus Far of Sale of Athletic Season Tickets Are Disappointing

### URGED TO BACK TEAM

Students of the Elkin high school will canvass the town on Friday of this week to sell season tickets for this year's school athletic program, according to Dr. V. W. Taylor, chairman of the Jaycee Athletic Committee.

One ticket entitles the bearer to see all games played by the local team, including all sports.

Sales so far this year have been disappointing, Dr. Taylor states, and due to the fine spirit of sportsmanship and excellent showing of the football team displayed thus far in the Elkin sports world, better support should be forthcoming.

Dr. Taylor, therefore, asks that citizens of Elkin back the team to the fullest extent by buying a season ticket when called on by the pupils Friday.

## CHATHAM OUT OF THE NAVY

Local Industrialist Is Released To Inactive Duty After Over Three Years

### IS TO DIVIDE TIME

Commander Thurmond Chatham has been released to inactive duty from the Naval Reserve and has returned to his home in Winston-Salem after three and a half years of service, including combat in the Pacific.

Mr. Chatham's first assignment was in the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, Washington, and his last under the office of the Secretary of the Navy. In between these assignments he saw service aboard the cruiser Phoenix in the Southwest Pacific. It was for his service on the Phoenix that he was awarded the Bronze Star.

Concerning his plans for the future, Mr. Chatham was quoted as saying that he would spend part of his time in Washington as president and publisher of the Army and Navy Bulletin, new nationwide weekly journal for the armed forces, particularly for non-regular officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. He will also be active as a leader in the Rons, a new organization for reserve officers in Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

This announcement manifests an earlier expressed interest Mr. Chatham has in the cause of national defense and perpetual preparedness, causes that he believes were "sold short" after the first World War by lapsing interest.



## Miss Powell Is Named To Head Local Campaign

J. F. Yokley, Surry county chairman of the Victory bond drive, and W. L. Glancy, permanent chairman for the drive, both of Mount Airy, met with the local committee on Tuesday of this week at the Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of organizing Elkin and its district, which includes Mountain Park, North Elkin, and Little Richmond.

The overall quota for Surry county in this, the last bond drive, has been set at \$1,045,000, with the E Bond quota being \$454,000, Mr. Yokley said.

Miss Mattie Mae Powell, of the Building and Loan Association, was named as chairman to head the local drive, which, according to Miss Powell, will get under way locally about the twelfth of November.

Raymond Harris, Hubert Parker, and D. G. Smith, members of the local committee who attended the meeting, expressed their beliefs that Elkin would reach its quota this time as it has always done in the past drives.

Neill M. Smith, Surry county farm agent, was named to head the rural areas in the county. Other chairmen named were Herman Coe, Dobson; W. M. Matthews and J. W. Gordon, co-chairmen for the Pilot Mountain district.

## CHERRY ENJOYS TASTY STEAKS

Choice Cuts From Grand Champ of Fat Stock Show Presented Governor

### WRITES HIS THANKS

Governor R. Gregg Cherry, who was a guest of Elkin during the recent fat stock show and sale here, is fully convinced that the finest meat in the world can be raised and is raised, in North Carolina, after being made a gift of several choice steaks taken from the grand champion of the show.

Graham Myers, whose Cash & Carry Stores, purchased the grand champion calf at 62 cents per pound, flew to Raleigh after the animal was butchered, with the steaks for Governor Cherry, accompanied by Henry Dobson, of Elkin, Surry County representative to the General Assembly.

In a letter to Mr. Myers, the Governor said: "I never had a finer steak than the one I had for supper Monday night of this week, for which I want to thank you all over again. Your gift convinced me all the more that the finest meat in the world can be raised, and is raised, here in North Carolina. I do appreciate your thoughtfulness and wanted you to know how keenly I enjoyed the meat."

The governor didn't forget the little girl, Nancy Gambill, 9, of Sparta, who raised the grand champ. In a letter to her he said: Dear Nancy: Thanks to Mr. Graham Myers, who was the lucky purchaser of your champion calf, I have just had the opportunity of discovering just how fine a fine

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## ELKIN DEFEATS N. WILKESBORO

Will Go To Mocksville Today For Return Game After Winning Friday 31-0

### RATLEDGE TOP SCORER

The Elkin high school Buckin' Elks will go to Mocksville today (Thursday), for a return game with Mocksville after staging a strong offensive attack here last Friday afternoon to whitewash North Wilkesboro 31 to 0. The Mocksville game will begin at 3:30 p. m., and a large number of the high school student body is expected to attend.

In the game with North Wilkesboro, Bob Ratledge toted leather to chalk up four of his team's touchdowns. Two tallies were pushed over in the second period with three more coming in the final period. B. Harris accounted for one touchdown.

Outstanding for Elkin were K. Adams, B. Harris, Bob Ratledge, Shugart, Osborne and York. For North Wilkesboro, Turner, Pardue, Ballard, Rosseau, Winters and Stokes.

## CHATHAM GIVEN SECOND AWARD

Safety Award Is Presented Monday Night At Dinner Meeting of Council

### IS SECOND FOR YEAR

The Chatham Manufacturing company was presented its second safety award of the year from the United States Department of Labor for outstanding safety achievement, on Monday night of this week at a dinner meeting of the Plant Safety Council.

This award, presented by E. G. Padgett, Safety Director of the North Carolina Industrial Commission, Raleigh, to R. W. Harris, Superintendent of the company, was given as a high commendation for the outstanding safety record obtained by the plant for the first six months of this year, as compared with the same period of last year, which showed a 65.2 deduction in loss time accidents over last year's record for the first six months. The first award, which was presented in January, covered the last six-months period of 1944.

C. J. Hyslop, director of the Safety Council, presided over the meeting and introduced the speaker.

## Is He Coming? We Don't Know

The great mystery, "is he or is he ain't" coming to Statesville Friday, in which President Truman is playing the star role, was still a great mystery as far as The Tribune was concerned at press time Wednesday evening.

Although announcements have been issued from Washington stating the President has cancelled all trips, stories in the daily press with Statesville datelines have continued to say that he is still expected, and hope hasn't been abandoned.

Last reports were that Statesville will have a celebration regardless, with War Secretary Robert Patterson, and Secretary of the Treasury Fred Vinson, plus assorted governors, as guests of honor if Mr. Truman doesn't show up.

Many North Carolina farmers are reporting about 30 per cent increases in yields of corn from the use of hybrid seed. The cost of the extra corn in running from 4 to 6 cents a bushel.

## Electric Power To Be Off An Hour Sunday

Electric power in Elkin, Booneville, East Bend and Yadkinville areas will be off Sunday afternoon in order that a number of necessary repairs may be made, it was announced Wednesday by D. G. Smith, manager of the local office.

Mr. Smith said the power would be off locally and in the Booneville and East Bend areas from 2:30 p. m. to 3:30 p. m. In the Yadkinville area it will be off from 2:30 p. m. until 4:00 p. m.

These hours were chosen in the hopes that customers served by the company would suffer a minimum of inconvenience, it was said.