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LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. — Ezra Pound, the poet charged with treason, today was pronounced "insane and mentally unfit for trial" by a board of four psychiatrists. The board submitted its report to District court. Pound, for many years an expatriate, was indicted for treason in connection with alleged propaganda broadcasts for Italy after that nation went to war with the United States. He was arrested after the occupation of Italy was completed and flown back here on November 18 to stand trial.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. — The 79th Congress closed its first session today—at 2:11 p. m. in the house and 3:47 p. m. in the senate—with the summation of Speaker Rayburn that "we have a right to be proud of ourselves." The session wrote history in war and peace. But on many important matters which President urged, it did not write laws. On one of these, in fact, the senate was wrangling at the end. This was the proposal to make permanent the fair employment practices committee set up in wartime to police any discrimination against negroes and other minorities.

DETROIT, Dec. 21. — A "pickets holiday" proposal for General Motors strikers during the Christmas period was gathering support through the ranks of the C. I. O.'s united auto workers union today. One big Detroit local announced it was withdrawing its pickets from factory gates on the west side until January 3 and a similar movement was reported from Lansing, Mich., where G. M. also has plants. The auto union, with 175,000 members idle, has been on strike against General Motors for a month.

AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 21. — The government's action in lifting tire rationing on January 1 is "a good thing in an over-all sense," but production in 1946 will not catch up with demand, it was asserted today by R. S. Wilson, vice-president of Goodyear Tire and Rubber company, who is director of special rubber programs for the government during the war. A shortage in passenger tires will continue through 1946, he predicted, on the basis of an estimated production of 50 million casings and a demand of 66 million. Normal replacement demand for 1946 will be 27 million, to which must be added a war-induced shortage of 17 million and an estimated need for 22 million casings on new cars, he said.

INTERNATIONAL

LONDON, Dec. 21. — Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin have cautioned Russian Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov against

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This Is Last Issue Of Paper For This Year

This issue of The Tribune, carrying a Monday, December 24, dateline instead of its customary Thursday date, is the last issue to be published this year. The next issue will appear at the usual time on January 3, 1946.

The publication date was stepped up this week in order to better serve advertisers and subscribers, and at the same time to give The Tribune force some time off for Christmas. The Tribune office will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24, 25 and 26.

KIWANIANS NET TOTAL \$619.00 FOR SCOUT HUT

Christmas Auction Most Successful In History

BLANKETS BRING \$30.00

Cigarettes Sell For \$5.00 Per Pack And Five Pounds Of Sugar For \$17.00

INDUCT OFFICERS JAN. 3

The Elkin Kiwanis Club, staging its annual Christmas auction at the YMCA Thursday evening, netted a record of \$619.00 to go into the club's Boy Scout hut fund which is being sponsored by the group.

With W. M. Allen, N. H. Carpenter and C. N. Myers acting as auctioneers, items donated by club members sold at fancy prices. Several Chatham blankets brought as high as \$30.00 each, while five pounds of sugar was bid in for \$17.00. One carton of cigarettes brought \$50.00, the packages being sold separate at \$5.00 each.

The auction log, traditionally the last article to be sold, was bid in by President T. C. McKnight for \$15.50. Immediately following the meeting J. R. Poindexter offered to add \$40.00 to the price

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BONUS PAID BY FURNITURE CO.

Other Elkin Firms Give Employees Extra Pay; To Have Holidays

STORES CLOSE 2 DAYS

The Elkin Furniture Company, Elkin's second largest industrial firm, has paid all employees a substantial Christmas bonus, it has been learned from M. R. Bailey, superintendent of the plant.

Mr. Bailey stated that many improvements have been made in the plant, and the company is looking forward to the New Year with confidence.

Christmas bonuses have been paid by other Elkin firms, including local stores, and prospects seem bright for a very merry Christmas for all.

The furniture company closed for the Christmas holidays Friday afternoon and will remain closed until Thursday, December 27.

Local stores, with the exception of drug stores, will close Monday afternoon at the usual hour and remain closed Tuesday and Wednesday, reopening Thursday morning. Drug stores will be closed all day Christmas day but will be open Wednesday as usual.

WEATHER ISN'T SO PROMISING

Forecasters Hint At Possible Snow And Colder Weather To Come

NOTHING'S GUARANTEED

Although winter has just begun officially, it has been with Elkin and this section for quite some time, staging an exhibition of snow and intense cold very seldom encountered at this time of the year.

The Tribune has misplaced its weather bureau somewhere or other, but indications are that more bad weather is in prospect for the Christmas holidays, and forecasters are outdoing themselves in muttering through their long gray beards about freezing rains and snow which may come provided this and that high pressure area behave like they should.

Forecast for the next few days indicate rain turning to snow and colder. However, weather forecasts as passed along by this paper are not guaranteed. Still, it looks like a white Christmas, one way or the other.

Merry Christmas To One And All!



This year, for the first time since Christmas, 1940, Santa Claus ascends his throne under skies no longer darkened by war. In homes both here and throughout the land, boys who only a short year ago were fighting in all parts of the world, will be home with their families and friends. Others who have not yet returned are no longer threatened with the dangers of war. And so, for everyone Christmas 1945, should be the brightest and happiest ever!

TIRES TO BE RATION FREE

Go Off The Restricted List At Midnight, December 31, O P A Announces

MAY STILL BE SCARCE

Automobile tires will be ration-free January 1, the OPA has announced, leaving sugar the only commodity to be restricted.

As good as it is the news about tires, OPA officials warn that it may be some time before there will be enough to allow all motorists to get a complete new set.

Total production next year is expected to be about 66,000,000 passenger car tires, or 13,000,000 more than ever produced in this country in a single year. However, as of now the supply is not enough to meet all possible requests, and as a result the ban of spares for new cars will continue.

In addition, OPA is asking tire dealers to do everything possible to take of the hardship cases first and to distribute tires to a maximum number of motorists.

During the remainder of December, motorists who hold tire purchase certificates should turn them in to dealers so they can be supplied before rationing ends. Hereafter no additional certificates will be issued except in emergency cases.

WILKES MAN IS KILLED MONDAY

Robert F. Souther Dies From Shotgun Charge Fired Into Face

Robert F. Souther, 42-year-old World War II veteran, was instantly killed by his brother, James, at James Souther's home in Lovelace township, Wilkes county, last Monday evening at 6:00 o'clock.

Souther was killed by a shotgun charge in the face fired from

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Stores Here To Start Closing Half Day Jan. 2

A majority of Elkin stores and other business firms will close each Wednesday afternoon, beginning Wednesday, January 2, 1946, until the middle of September.

The Elkin Merchants Association, in calling attention to the afternoon closing, stated that local merchants had decided upon this policy in order to give their salespeople and other employees some time off each week for rest and recreation. Store clerks, it was pointed out, work exceedingly long hours, and it is felt the half-day off each week will prove beneficial to them.

PRESIDENT OF UNION PACIFIC

Cousin Of Local Man And Woman Is Native Of Mount Airy

WORKED HIS WAY UP

George F. Ashby, formerly of Mount Airy, and a cousin of Mrs. H. B. Holcomb and Charles G. Ashby, of this city, has recently been named as president of the Union Pacific railroad company to succeed William M. Jeffers whose resignation becomes effective February 1.

The new president of the company, a sixty-year-old son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Whit Ashby, of Mount Airy, before being named to his present position was executive vice-president of the Union Pacific, and has been with the company 34 years.

Before entering the railroad service in January, 1906, Mr. Ashby was employed as bookkeeper for a mercantile company in Mount Airy. He joined Union Pacific's engineering department in 1911. He and his wife, the former Miss Nell Ross, of Greensboro, and one daughter, are making their home in Omaha, Nebraska.

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SEAL SALE HERE SHOWS BOOST

Total Of \$370.75 Spent Locally In Campaign Against Tuberculosis

MAJORITY WILL REMAIN

The Christmas Seal Sale for this year shows a substantial increase over that of last year, according to Mrs. E. F. McNeer, local chairman of the sale of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association.

Latest figures available show that a total of \$40.74 has been spent locally for Christmas seals, this amount, Mrs. McNeer says, being the largest this city has ever reported.

It was pointed out that three-fourths of this total will remain right here for the benefit of school lunch rooms to provide milk and hot lunches for children, as well as to be used for X-rays for those who are tubercular suspects, with one-fourth to go to National headquarters.

Mrs. McNeer wishes especially to commend the schools for their successful efforts in selling seals. This source, she said, was instrumental to a large extent in boosting the sales here.

The Tribune is in receipt of the following appreciated letter to Mrs. McNeer, from David T. Smith, M. D., president of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association:

"On behalf of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, I wish to express to you our sincere appreciation for the devoted service you have given this Association by your conduct of the annual Christmas Seal Sale for Elkin for the twenty-fifth year—a quarter of a century!

"I realize the vast amount of work this period of service represents, not only in conducting the Seal Sale but also in spending the money given in this way by the people of your community to fight tuberculosis. I feel sure that these citizens, no less than members of this Association, ap-

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Chatham Pays Largest Bonus And Announces 10 Per Cent Pay Raise

FATHERS ARE DRAFT EXEMPT

Navy Announces Further Reductions In Discharge Requirements

TO RELEASE MORE MEN

Washington, Dec. 19. — All fathers were made draft-exempt today and the army and navy announced further reduction in discharge requirements which would make 837,000 more persons eligible for release.

Selective service instructed local draft boards not to induct any more fathers and not to accept on a volunteer basis any father having three or more children.

Fathers of one or two children may continue to volunteer.

When the war ended, the drafting of fathers was restricted to men under 26 and today's order removed that one remaining category from the draft.

Drafting of men with three or more children was halted on November 5.

A telegram sent to state selective service directors said in part: "The term children shall include legitimate or illegitimate children from the date of their conception, children legally adopted, stepchildren, foster children and persons who are supported in good faith by the registrant in a relationship similar to that of parent and children, but shall not include persons 18 years of age or over unless they are physically or mentally handicapped."

On December 31, the army point score will be cut from 55 to 50 for enlisted men and from 73 to 70 for officers. Six hundred thousand men and women will become eligible for separation in that branch.

The navy program will affect 237,000 more persons between now and February 2. Critical scores in the navy drop January 1 to 36 for enlisted men and 43 for officers; to 23 for enlisted WAVES and 29 for WAVE officers. These are one-point reductions from the present scores.

Further one-point reductions go into effect January 15 and February 2 for most enlisted men, and for WAVE personnel on February 2.

The navy's schedule calls for release by February 1 of half the 3,000,000 subject to demobilization,

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CLUB SEEKS TO PROTECT DEER

Surry Wildlife Club Offers \$50 Reward For Conviction Of Hunters

IS NO OPEN SEASON

The Surry County Wild Life club is starting a campaign against the unlawful slaughter and hunting of deer in the county, and is offering a reward of \$50.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone guilty of violating the game laws as it relates to the protection of deer in the county.

Particular complaint is made by the club against the practice of hunting deer at night with a spotlight or other highpowered lights.

The club points out that there is as yet no open season for deer in the county and persons hunting them, either by night or day are violating the law and subject to a fine of \$50. Hunting with lights at night carries a penalty of \$100 fine or imprisonment for 60 days, or both.



PATTON DIES — General George S. Patton, famous American general who led his troops to victory and lasting glory in Europe, died peacefully in his sleep Friday at the 130th Army hospital at Heidelberg, Germany, where he was carried after suffering a broken neck in a motor accident near Mannheim, Germany a week before. Death was attributed to a blood clot which developed gangrene in his lungs and weakened his heart. Mrs. Patton, who was at his side, decided immediately that her husband would be buried in Europe along the route of the powerful Third Army he led to victory, and although the exact place of burial had not been decided upon, it was said the funeral will probably be Monday.

W. R. SPAINHOUR DIES SUDDENLY

Former Elkin Resident Was Brother Of E. S. Spainhour Of This City

FEW DETAILS LEARNED

William R. Spainhour, 46, brother of E. S. Spainhour here, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Hickory sometime Friday night or early Saturday morning, The Tribune learned Saturday.

No details concerning the death were available here. Mr. Spainhour was informed early Saturday morning by telephone and immediately left for Hickory. However, it is known that his brother had only recently been dismissed from a hospital following an operation, but it was thought he was getting along satisfactorily.

The Hickory man was an official of the Spainhour Company, with headquarters in Hickory, but for a number of years had made his home here, and was widely known in this section. A native of North Wilkesboro, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spainhour, of North Wilkesboro; his wife and one daughter, of Hickory; four brothers, E. S., of Elkin; Jack E., of Statesville; and L. S. and Roy Spainhour of North Wilkesboro. One sister, Mrs. W. J. Bason, also of North Wilkesboro, survives.

Funeral services, it was learned Saturday afternoon, were to be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Hickory First Presbyterian Church.

Farmers Asked To Call At AAA Office

All Surry farmers interested in signing up for a New Growers Tobacco Allotment for the year 1946, have been asked to call by the AAA office at Dobson before February 1, it has been announced by Hal E. Collins, secretary of the Surry C. A. C. A.

Swindlers are taking billions. The vets saved us; now a patriotic, competent committee in each town must save them.

Increase To Be Effective Week Starting Dec. 28

The largest Christmas bonus ever to be paid by the Chatham Manufacturing Company to its employees, was paid Friday afternoon, and at the same time a 10 per cent increase in pay for all employees, effective with the pay to be received for the week starting December 28, was announced.

It was also announced that increases in per hour rate differentials for employees on the second and third shifts are to be made, and that all employees with five years or more service with the company would be given an extra week's vacation pay in 1946. All employees are now given a one-week's vacation with pay each year.

These announcements, in form of a letter signed by President Albert L. Butler, accompanied each bonus check. The letter also announced that the company is again contributing \$175,000 to the Chatham Pension Trust Fund, making a total in this fund of \$700,000.

The company, upon payment of the Christmas bonus, closed the plant at 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning, and will not resume operations until Wednesday morning at 8:00 o'clock.

The letter which accompanied the bonus checks, follows in full:

"December 21, 1945
"To My Fellow Workers:
"Here is your Christmas bonus. Once again I am proud to say that it is more than ever before.
"This has been a memorable year, and I hope all of us will have a happier Christmas, with our nation at peace again. We can be proud of our war record, because everyone has tried to do his or her part. A lot of us are coming home after service all over the world, and there will be many happy reunions in our family.
"I believe there are few, if any, companies, that can be as proud of their record as we can of ours. We have only to look back a few years to realize how we have grown, and become one of the leaders in our field. We have made constant improvement in our goods, and have had a record of steady work that is hardly equalled anywhere — all of us

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Let's See Now, Whose Cow Is Which And Why?

There were several red faces at Thurmond the other day, all caused by a cow.

It seems that W. E. Hall and his son, Guy, were hauling some wood when they noticed a cow belonging to another son of Mr. Hall's, who lived nearby, had strayed over near their barn. Inasmuch as the son was away at the time, with only his wife at home, they decided they should catch the cow and return it.

A short while later, when they got the wood unloaded, Guy went to look for the cow and found she had departed. Following her tracks in the snow, he trailed her to the home of another neighbor, Kern Wilmoth, where he found her. As he was leading her away Mrs. Wilmoth came out on the porch and remarked as how the cow favored the one she owned somewhat.

It all ended up by Guy taking the cow to the home of his brother only to find that his brother's cow was safe in the barn, and that he had walked off with the Wilmoth cow.