

# Alexander Writes Ike On Girard Case

Dear Mr. President:

I sincerely feel that the decision of the Department of Defense in ruling that Serviceman William S. Girard is to be turned over to the Japanese Courts for trial is one of the most dangerous precedents of this Administration in further weakening the prestige of America throughout the entire world.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have written to the President on this subject, which is self-explanatory. Of course, you may use this in any way you deem appropriate.

HUGH ALEXANDER, Member of Congress

(Enclosure)

My dear Mr. President:

The decision of the Department of Defense to surrender Serviceman William S. Girard for trial in the Japanese Courts comes as a shock to my constituents and me. Especially is this true since this decision overrules the United States Far Eastern Commander and the American Representative on the Joint United States-Japanese Committee which considered the case. These two representatives who have firsthand information as to

the situation and are charged with the responsibility of making recommendations in such cases, have apparently been passed over and overruled.

This will have the effect, in my opinion, of further reducing the prestige of American soldiers and citizens scattered throughout the world.

No wonder, with decisions such as this, the mothers of the boys in our military service are alarmed, dismayed and bewildered in the knowledge that their sons are sent overseas and are subjected to the jurisdiction of foreign tribunals, as Serviceman Girard has been, while carrying out his orders and his duty in the service of his country.

I hope, Mr. President, before it is too late, that you will reconsider your approval of the decision of the Department of Defense in setting a precedent which provides for trials by foreign courts of American servicemen while performing the duties assigned to them.

Respectfully,  
HUGH ALEXANDER, M. C.

# Tobacco Measurement Information Released

Reporters are now in the field determining Burley tobacco performance. Cooperation of Burley growers in assisting these reporters is being greatly appreciated.

It is the intention of the department to do as accurate a job as possible, as the future of the tobacco program largely depends upon the kind of performance job that is done.

All tobacco on the farm including tobacco for home use (Bull Face, Homespun, etc.) must be measured and will be included in the acreage for the farm.

Excess acreage notices are now being prepared for mailing and will be mailed promptly from now on until performance is completed.

Any producer whose farm is in excess of his allotment must file for a remeasurement of the acreage or the disposition of excess acreage within 10 days from the date of mailing in order to receive price support loans on all the tobacco harvested on the farm.

Marketings of excess tobacco will be subject to a penalty of 48 cents per pound.

Disposition of all excess tobacco will be made as soon as possible after performance is completed. Disposition of excess acreage shall be made in continuous areas of uniform length and width which will easily compute. Areas connected with a one-row width do not qualify. Areas of 0.01 acre to 0.05 acre shall be in one place, and areas above 0.05 acre shall be disposed of in areas of 0.03 acre or larger. The cost of disposition is \$4.00 per farm which will be paid at the time the request is filed at the county office.

A producer requesting remeasurement of the measured acreage must deposit \$6.00 with the county office manager, which amount will be refunded only if the producer is found within his allotment, or reduces the farm acreage five-tenths (.05) acre, or the acreage is claimed too small and the remeasurement increases the total farm acreage as much as five-tenths (0.5) acre. Only one remeasurement will be allowed. Disposition may be made at the time of remeasurement at \$1.00 per tenth, or fractional part thereof.

# Harris Resigns Chamber Position

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merce, their year is on the basis of the calendar year and while there was no definite statement as to the period, I assume the intention was to continue me as manager until the close of the year. It is now necessary for me to tender my resignation as manager of the Chamber of Commerce, effective as soon after July 1 as practical but not later than September 15, 1957.

"A little more than 9 years ago, when I retired, I was elected secretary of the Chamber of Commerce without salary with the idea of giving 8 or 10 hours a week but the work has developed to a point where the last few years I have given some 50 to 70 hours a week and now other business prevents my giving anything like that amount of time. I will, if you wish, continue casual supervision on an expense basis until some other arrangement can be made.

"My first suggestion would be, if Horn in the West is to continue and I hope that it is, that a combination be worked out to consolidate the manager of the Chamber of Commerce and the promotion director of the Horn and that such adjustments as secretarial help, office expense, and so forth, be made as necessary. If a good membership campaign were conducted each year I am satisfied it could be financed.

"Second suggestion is that a separate fund for advertising Boone and Watauga County ought to be worked out and in my judgment the town of Boone and commissioners of Watauga County ought to develop some scheme for advertising. Blowing Rock has a specific tax for that purpose.

"If an arrangement can not be made with the Horn it is quite possible that there might be a young lawyer or other business man who would like to undertake the work on a limited salary basis. Or last, but not least, a good intelligent secretary could take over the work and handle it if committees will accept their responsibility when appointed and carry through on them.

"Some phases of our work have been very gratifying. Soon after I came promotion of industry for this community was very definitely opposed by a considerable portion of the Board, on the basis that this was a tourist and college town and they didn't want industry. I think every intelligent citizen, however, now recognizes that we must have a balanced community and industry is an essential part.

"Nine years ago both organizations were very inadequately financed and almost no money was available for anything. During the last nine years interest has been built up and expenditures have been so carefully controlled that both the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association divisions now have a sizable bank balance. I sincerely hope that condition can be maintained and improved.

"The Watauga Centennial celebration with the presentation of the Echoes of the Blue Ridge, which led to the development of Horn in the West, has tremendously improved the tourist situation.

"The two major plants now established in Boone have added tremendously to our economy and retail sales are now more than double what they were 9 years ago.

"The Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association have been vital agencies in bringing about these important improvements.

"Stanley A. Harris"

# Enrollment Record

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shops of the session will enroll during the second term. Included will be workshops in alcohol and alcoholism, audio-visual, children's literature, guidance, library science, English, music education, and student teaching. A course to be taught during the entire second term, and carrying either three or six quarter hours of credit, is a workshop in the living folk arts of the Appalachian Mountain people. It will be under the joint guidance of Cratis Williams, professor of English, Miss Eulalia Campbell, specialist in children's literature, and Richard Chase, famous author and folklorist.

Many of Appalachian's regular-year faculty are teaching in the summer session. In addition, there has been assembled a very cosmopolitan faculty from every section of the country and representing some of the finest educational institutions who are teaching as visiting members of the faculty.

luncheon guests of Dr. and Mrs. Plemmons in the new home for the president.

# College Trustees In Spring Meet

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ment and salaries; scholarships; The Living Endowment Fund; and other matters involving the administration of the college.

It was expected that all members of the Board would be present for the meeting. They include: William J. Conrad of Winston-Salem, chairman; B. C. Brock of Mocksville, vice chairman; Mrs. Eunice Moore of Taylorsville; Fred N. Colvard of Jefferson; J. R. Hix of North Wilkesboro; L. A. Dysart of Lenoir; Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell of Greensboro; S. P. Jones of Statesville; and W. W. Mast of Valle Crucis.

The members of the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Douglas Redmond, secretary to the Board, the members of the Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund, the officers of the administration of the college have been invited to be

# Few Adults Are Taking Polio Vaccinations

(By DR. MARY B. H. MICHAL, District Health Officer)

So far, few persons over 20 years of age are taking advantage of the poliomyelitis vaccine which is available. Those absolutely unable to pay for this vaccine may get it at the Health Department at the regular polio clinic time, held each Wednesday between the hours of 8:30 and 11 a. m.

With increasing numbers well protected in the age group under 20 years, last year there was a marked increase in the percentage of cases of polio with paralysis in those over 20 years of age.

Between the years 1950 and 1954 an average of 10.6% of the cases

occurred in persons over 20 years of age; in 1955, 14.5%; and in 1956, 21% in this age group. The percentage of deaths is even more significant, as in 1950 to 1954 (which included an epidemic year in North Carolina) 25% of the deaths were in persons over 20 years of age.

In 1955, when there was no epidemic in North Carolina, 9.1% and in 1956, 44.4% of deaths from poliomyelitis occurred in persons over 20 years of age.

There is still time to get two doses before this season's peak. It is distressing to face the season when polio may occur by too little protection too late!

# Appalachia Synod To Meet At Banner Elk

Baner Elk. — The Appalachia Synod will hold its annual Men's Conference at Pinnacle Inn (Lees-McRae College), Banner Elk, June 21, 22, and 23, according to an announcement made this week by Ned Startzel, president of the Men's Council, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dr. Pricc H. Gwynn, dean, Flora McDonald College, will be the minister consultant. Dr. S. J. Patterson will represent the General Assembly's Men's Work and J. E. Dew, a member of the Assembly's Men's Council, will represent the laymen themselves. A feature of the conference is a 75 voice Men's Chorus under the direction of Paul O. Hudson.

The conference will begin noon Friday, June 21, with pre-conference meetings. Dr. R. A. Brown, minister to Lynn Gardens Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, Tenn., will lead the pre-conference prayer band.

The registration committee, under the chairmanship of C. E. Worley, Asheville, will meet at 1:00 p. m. Other members of the committee are H. C. Harris, Bristol, Tenn.; Trox Montgomery, Johnson City, Tenn.; and Mrs. Jack Hyatt of the Lees-McRae College Staff.

At 2:00 p. m. the Conference Service Committee, the News Bureau members, and the conference photographers will get their instructions from the conference chairman, Dr. Ivan B. Stafford, Men of the Synod vice-president.

At 2:30 p. m. a meeting of Synod's Men's Council, Holston Presbytery Men's Council, the conference consultants and other leaders will be held in the Priscilla White Room of the College Administrative Center.

One new feature of the conference this year is the Fellowship groups. The leaders for these groups, those who will lead the vespers services, and the Sunday School teachers will meet for prayer and discussion of their share in the program at 4:00 p. m. At 4:45, Mr. Hudson will hold the first rehearsal of the Men's Chorus. Registration begins at 2:00 p. m.

# Mrs. Herman Has Fatal Attack

Mrs. Junie Hollars Herman, 66, of Route 1, Vilas was found lying dead in the doorway of the woodhouse about 3:45 on Tuesday, June 11. She had apparently died from a heart attack. Mrs. Herman was the widow of the late Mr. Martin L. Herman.

Funeral services were held on Friday, June 14, at 2:00 at the Holy Cross Episcopal Church at Valle Crucis. Burial was in the church cemetery. The Rev. Mr. Winters conducted the service.

Mrs. Herman was a native and life-long resident of this county. The survivors are four sons, John and George K. of Vilas, Edward of Romulus, Mich., and William of Charlotte; four daughters, Mrs. A. W. Wright of Campings, Md., Mrs. Cannon Ward of Vilas, Mrs. Jack Johnson of Spredd, Ohio, and Mrs. Sanford Owens of Washington, D. C.; one sister, Mrs. Nettie Brown of the state of Maryland; three half brothers, William, Luther and Forest Townsend of Valle Crucis; and three half sisters, Mrs. Lula Straupe of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Margaret McKinney of Little Switzerland and Mrs. Belle Hodges of Valle Crucis.

Red China has warned that the stationing of United States guided missiles on Formosa will not shake its intention to "liberate" the Nationalist Chinese island.



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# Washington News

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Eisenhower's health caused quite a flap in recent days and the stock market reacted with a nervous spasm completely unjustified by the news. Even if the President suffers another heart attack, or is incapacitated—which everyone hopes will not be the case—there is really no reason for the jitters on Wall Street.

The President's term last until 1961 and under the system of government in the United States the administration cannot go out of office before that date. Even if the President were incapacitated, policies of the government would remain about the same and business would be relatively unaffected.

This is true because the Vice President is a loyal supporter of both the foreign and domestic policies of the Eisenhower Administration. In some cases in U. S. history the Vice President has been something of a counterbalance on the presidential ticket and in these instances the Vice President's philosophy has differed radically with those of the Chief Executive.

President Roosevelt had one and possibly two Vice Presidents who might have run the show differently had he been suddenly called upon to take over the reins of administration. But President Truman, who was called upon, carried on the Roosevelt tradition pretty loyally after an initial tendency toward the more conservative.

Mr. Nixon is certainly not one who would change the direction of the government should he be called upon to take over. The Vice President is solidly behind the Eisenhower program and is on record in support of it, down the line. Therefore, the President's recent illness, or future events, should not cause a ripple in the economic picture.

It will be January, 1961, before any radical change in government takes place, and it may not take place then. So the future, for business appraisals is about as certain as it could be for the next three and a half years.

The case of William Girard is a hot one because emotions are mixed up with treaties, a former enemy nation and a court system of which the American know very little. The Illinois soldier killed a Japanese woman accidentally and the President, who had to make the final decision, is said ready to stick by his decision to let the Japanese courts try the American.

At stake, in the President's mind, is the honoring of a 1953 agreement with the Japanese. Moreover, chances are that the GI will be treated as leniently by the Japanese courts as he would by a U. S. military court martial.

The U. S. military court would be under very great pressure if it tried Girard, because any verdict that was a victory to Girard would do great damage to U. S. relations in Japan. And despite the fact that they were our enemies in World War II, they are now our best bet as our strong ally in Asia.

Japanese courts, moreover, have been very lenient in dealing with Americans tried in recent years. They tried hundreds of them and found most of the accused innocent. The Japanese court, if it retains jurisdiction, would be under pressure, to some extent to demonstrate fairness to Girard, after the furor raised, in the United States, and the soldier might come off better in this court than he would in a military one.

Whatever happens, the President is on the spot and will be damned by those who think that no America should be tried by a foreign court. It should be remembered, though, that Japan is now a sovereign nation, and that our forces are staying there under an agreement with, and an invitation from, the Japanese Government.

Just as Americans would expect to try a Japanese soldier who killed an American woman in this country a great many Japanese feel that their court system is fair and that they have the right, under the agreement of 1953, to try Girard. It's one of those cases in which the President can't win. It's just a question of how much he will lose.

# Thailand Native To Visit College

A visitor to the Appalachian State Teachers college campus from June 24 through 28th will be Miss Dusdi Namwongse from Bangkok, Thailand. She is sponsored by the Technical Training Section, Division of International Education of the United States Office of Education.

Miss Dusdi is a teacher of social studies in the Pranakorn Teacher Training School at Bangkok. She is in America studying for one year in social studies in teacher training. She is a graduate of the Rajini School, Traim Udom, and holds the A. B. Degree from Chulalongkorn University at Bangkok. She studied last year at George Peabody College for Teachers at Nashville, Tennessee.

The Pranakorn Teacher Training School, which employs Miss Dusdi, admits students at the eleventh grade level for a two-year course preparatory to elementary school teaching.

At Appalachian, official hostess will be Dr. Isabel Jones, head of the division of primary education in the department of education. Dr. Jones says that Miss Dusdi will visit college classes in the field of elementary education and will participate in class discussions, and she will visit and observe at the Appalachian Elementary School. Assisting Dr. Jones in her hostess duties with Miss Dusdi, will be Mrs. Grace Councill and Mrs. Olympia Kitchen, both members of the department of education faculty at the college in the field of elementary education.

When Miss Dusdi returns to Thailand, she will be assigned to the Pisuoloka Teacher Training School, which is one of the nine rural provincial schools for the training of elementary teachers.

# Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Rivers and Staff:

The Boone Jaycees would like to express appreciation for all the very fine publicity you made available for our recent Beauty Pageant.

We feel that you went out of your way to give us excellent coverage on this event. Again we would like to express our thanks.

JIM WINKLER, President Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce

Although I have been away from North Carolina for many years I am glad that Tweetsie is back in the mountains with a run of her own.

I have many happy memories of Tweetsie, one of the happiest being of the ride from Minneapolis to Boone. I liked everything about it—the curves, the sight of the engine chugging ahead and the freight cars creeping along behind; the brief run down to Pineola through the flats where the ivy bushes grew like a shiny leaved carpet; by the barren looking hill near Shulls Mills where hugh grey rocks gave to the landscape an air of desolation; across the river whose surface mirrored in autumn the peaceful perfection of the high blue sky and the multi-colored mountains.

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