

Washington News

Washington, D. C.—Washington observers believe that relations between a De Gaulle-headed French government and the United States and Britain will be far more turbulent than relations with other postwar French governments.

However, since the war, France has degenerated into a weak state, as far as the major democracies are concerned, and there are some who believe that De Gaulle can bring order and direction to the traditional American ally. That remains to be seen, although it is generally conceded that France, under its postwar governments, has been of little aid to the western democracies.

Critics of the De Gaulle forces point out that the famed World

War II hero has colonial aspirations for France, that he is sure to hold to his "empire" and conservative views, and that this might cause widespread trouble in Africa, especially.

What seemed to rally forces around the General was the suspicion that the Paris government was gradually being maneuvered into a position in which Algeria would be lost, as have been other French possessions in Africa. De Gaulle, like Churchill in this one particular at least, does not wish to preside over the liquidation of the French empire.

But as far as his dealings with the United States are concerned, they are likely to be turbulent. No other leader among the allied nations, shares De Gaulle's illu-

sions about the power and grandeur of France. A proud, highly patriotic Frenchman, De Gaulle has always been extremely difficult in negotiations with American and British officials.

Even President Eisenhower had bad moments with the General during the closing stages of World War II—once having to cut off supplies to the French, after they refused to obey the Supreme Commander.

Many Democrats are now urging their leaders to come out forcefully for tax cuts, now that President Eisenhower has announced his opposition to big cuts at this time. Democrats have long been inclined in this direction, but their leadership in the House and Senate has cooperated with the Administration in not making the tax issue a political football—up to now.

Some Democrats are angered because they say fellow Texan Bob Anderson, Secretary of the Treasury, has been getting too much cooperation from his Texas colleagues (of the other party) on Capitol Hill, Sam Rayburn and Lyndon Johnson.

They see a great opportunity now—to oppose the Administration's tax policy and make a clear-cut issue for the November elections. It is going to be difficult to restrain them.

Thus chances are good that the political truce which has been in force between the parties on the tax question will be shattered soon—if indeed it is not already shattered by the time you read this.

Republican Congressmen and Senators are on the spot because their own Administration is opposing a major tax cut, and to support one, they will have to buck their own party leadership. It may cost the G. O. P. votes, unless business is picking up by November and the average voter realizes that tax cuts now will mean a huge deficit, and higher taxes, at some later date.

Wildlife Club Serves Chicken

The Watauga County Wildlife Club will hold its annual chicken dinner at Valle Crucis school on Monday, June 9 at 6:45 p. m.

This is ladies night and all members are requested to bring their wives and guests.

The club is sponsoring a fishing contest and is contributing \$10 first prizes to members that register the biggest large mouth bass, the biggest small mouth bass, the biggest brown trout, the biggest speckled trout, and the biggest rainbow trout. This contest ends June 30.

The 1958 North Carolina Corn Production Contest offers a total of \$200 in cash awards to participants.

Items Of Interest At Farm Agent's Office

By L. E. TUCKWILLER

Mr. M. H. Kolbe, Extension Fruit Specialist, will assist with a strawberry meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2:00 p. m., at Mrs. Ester Watson's, Deep Gap.

Mrs. Watson has two varieties of strawberries growing side by side. Mr. Kolbe will:

1. Describe the characteristic of each variety.
2. Point out disease and insect pests.
3. Show how to grade and pack the berries.
4. Discuss the marketing program.

Everyone interested in strawberries is invited to attend. Mrs.

Watson lives just off Highway 421, on first dirt road to right after you pass the old Deep Gap school going east.

LIVESTOCK, FORAGE CROP FIELD DAY

There will be a Livestock and Forage Crop Field Day at the Upper Mountain Experiment Station at Laurel Springs on Tuesday, June 10.

The program will consist of visits to the alfalfa variety and fertilizer test plots, also the orchard grass variety test plots, grazing trails, trefoll plots, and livestock barns. In case of rain the program will be held inside the building.

Foscoe News Items

The Ladies Aid Society met last Thursday and mowed on the church yard. Attendance has not been good at the recent meetings because the Ladies are busy at home with spring chores.

The Foscoe Community Club will meet Friday night at 7:30 p. m. in the basement of the Christian Church. The better mailbox post campaign is on. Varden Shook, operator of a local grocery store, has already put up his new mailbox post which is a very good improvement over the old ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Wagener and children of Johnson City, Tenn., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Coffey.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gosnell of Spartanburg, S. C. spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Gosnell's mother, Mrs. Berta Mae Fox. Larry Snipes, Mrs. Gosnell's 8-year-old son, who makes his home with his grandmother Fox, is spending three weeks with his mother in Spartanburg.

Miss Betty Sue Fox of Lees-McKee College is spending four weeks at home before returning to Banner Elk to work at Pinnacle Inn this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Creed Taylor and children, Ned, Mark, Terry, and Jody, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kincaid on Grand Boulevard in Boone Saturday night.

Week end visitors in the home of Mrs. Herbert Wagner of Foscoe were Mr. Lucy Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Biggs and daughter Margaret of Princeton, W. Va. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Biggs and children and Mrs. Herman Garrett of Hickory, N. C.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cole over the Memorial Day week end were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley B. Williams and daughter Kim, Mr. Williams has just re-

turned from Florida State University where he has been working on his Ph. D. degree and teaching Sociology. The Williams are enroute to Lincoln Memorial University where he will continue his duties as associate professor of Sociology.

Mr. Wade Wagner of Memphis, Tennessee was also a week end visitor at the Coles.

The ball game Sunday afternoon at Foscoe was between Bamboo and Foscoe. This was their second game of the season and Foscoe won both of them. The team went to Bethel Saturday and the score was 28 to 4 in favor of Foscoe. We wish to welcome Johnny Hollars and Clyde Greene of Boone to our team.

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN

Dallas—Mrs. Annie Mae Moore, 54, tripped at a curb and money from her purse rolled out of reach into a storm sewer.

Policemen H. A. Amos and H. Remese couldn't lift the heavy steel grating. Undaunted, they hunted up a 3-foot stick, tipped it with chewing gum, and fished out \$1.20 in coins for Mrs. Moore.

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