

# Brief Review Of State, National And World News During The Past Week

## OPEN DOOR POLICY MAY BE RUSSIA'S

Paris — Russia reportedly left the "door open" Saturday for a settlement of the Berlin dispute as Secretary of State George C. Marshall prepared to leave for Washington to report to President Truman.

J. Daskevich, chief aid to Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky handed to Argentine Foreign Minister Juan A. Bramuglia Russia's reply to a questionnaire on the Berlin currency issue. The replies of the Western powers are expected by tomorrow.

Details of the Soviet answer were not disclosed, but informed sources said it "leaves the door open."

Marshall will leave for the United States this week end to inform President Truman of developments in the United Nations and brief him on the world situation generally.

This will be Marshall's second trip back to Washington since he came to Paris for the opening of the United Nations General Assembly, Sept. 21. Although he may change his mind, American delegation sources do not expect him to return to Paris because the Assembly is now scheduled to close by Dec. 11.

Marshall's future role in American foreign affairs may be decided in his conference with President Truman.

A crowded carrot patch must be thinned if you want a good crop of carrots. The same thing applies to trees.

Total cotton ginnings in the United States up to November 1, amounted to 10,433,000 bales or about 69 per cent of the expected harvest.

## EUROPE WORKING ON ATLANTIC AGREEMENT

London — The Western European Alliance is working away on a rough draft of a North Atlantic defense pact for presentation to Washington before President Truman's State of the Union address.

Reports without official confirmation circulated in diplomatic quarters that the representatives of the five countries—Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg—have accepted a French proposal that the defensive partnership with Canada and the United States should last for 50 years.

Responsible diplomatic officials reported the State Department, in informal exchanges with representatives of the alliance countries, tentatively has set May 1, as a target for the document's final acceptance by Congress.

## TAXICAB DRIVER KILLS WIFE, MOTHER, HIMSELF

Kokomo, Ind. — A Kokomo taxicab driver shot and killed his wife and his mother in a hotel room Saturday and then took his own life, the police reported.

Captain Francis Fisher of the Kokomo Police Department said the bodies of Harold E. Fouse, 32; his wife, Mary, 26 and Fouse's mother, Mrs. Nellie Jackson, about 57, were found in the room shortly after 11: a. m.

Captain Fisher said police were summoned by hotel employees when they heard shots in the room. The officer said it was a case of double murder and suicide. A .38 calibre revolver from which five shots had been fired was lying beside Fouse's body.

The nation has 33 million full time homemakers.

## Officially Opens Christmas Seal Sale



In his bright red pajamas, Francis Louis Lambe, Jr., four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Louis Lambe, of 1206 Books Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina, officially opened the 1948 Christmas Seal Sale by selling the first sheet of seals to the Governor, R. Gregg Cherry.

Governor Cherry officially proclaimed November 22 to December 25 as the period for the 42nd Annual Christmas Seal Sale and urged all North Carolinians to give full support to the campaign.

## 18 Billion Dollar Construction Program Seen For 1949

Washington — A forecast of a materials and labor supply large enough to sustain the building boom and provide \$13,100,000,000 worth of new construction in 1949 was issued by the Producers' Council, Inc.

The national organization of building supply manufacturers issued its forecast as the Government reported these housing developments:

1. The new Federal "yield insurance" program, intended to attract large - scale investors into the moderate - rental housing field, was set in motion by the Federal Housing Administration.

2. The Office of the Housing Expediter, ploughing through complaints of overcharges and other violations on 64,000 priority - built veterans' homes, forecast completion of its job by April. A total of \$15,000,000 in allegedly improper charges is involved.

The Producers' Council said most materials will be "ample" for the \$18,100,000,000 worth of new building and \$7,000,000,000 worth of repair and maintenance work forecast for next year. This would mean a volume of building, of all types, about equal to this year's, with a possible drop in housing construction but an increase in highway and other public works jobs. A Commerce Department industry committee has estimated that this year's dwelling construction will run to 1,200,000 units, including farm homes.

In iron and steel, the council's estimate said, "The outlook is complicated by the unknown extent and character of the defense program." But the report added: "Unless the armament requirement is much over that now anticipated, iron and steel products should be at least as plentiful

## WRIGHTS' FIRST PLANE IS NOW BACK IN U. S.

Bayonne, N. J. — The Wright Brothers' historic plane this week came home to the soil over which it first carried man in sustained flight.

The famous "Kitty Hawk" had been away a long time — 20 years in England — because of an argument. But the return—though amid the gray gloom of a foggy day—was attended by pomp and splendor befitting the queen of the sky that the Kitty Hawk became one day 45 years ago.

The time-renowned craft traveled this time aboard the 13,000-ton carrier Palau, on whose decks, 24 Corsair planes formed a guard of honor.

Another guard of marines and sailors stood by as the plane, packed in three wooden crates, two of which originally were built by Orville Wright, were taken from the ship.

Thus the Kitty Hawk—which first flew over the North Carolina sand dunes—returned to the land of its origin.

Floods on main rivers usually occur during the winter and early spring, but floods on small streams are more likely during the summer.

## BUICK, CADILAC ARE GOING TO COST MORE

Detroit — The Buick and Cadillac divisions of General Motors Corporation announced price increases ranging from \$50 to \$112 on all 1949 model cars.

The increases, general throughout the industry for 1949 models, made the cost of the least expensive Buick, a two-door special sedanette, \$1,665, a boost of \$50 over the previous 1948 price.

Cadillacs ranged in the new price schedule from \$2,840 for the 61 series club coupe to \$5,253 for the seven - passenger 75 Imperial sedan.

Dynaflow transmissions, windshield washers, and dual back-up lights were installed as standard equipment on Roadmaster series Buicks. They were sold as optional equipment on 1948 cars.

The most expensive Buick was priced at \$3,550 for the Roadmaster dynaflow estate wagon, an increase of \$345 over the 1948 price.

## Auction Sat., Of Burnside Estate

The historic Burnside property, owned by Robert G. Lassiter, owner of the Ore Knob property, will be sold at auction November 27, it was announced this week.

During the Civil War this property belonged to the family of Mary Pinckney Hardy MacArthur, mother of General Douglas MacArthur.

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